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## “WE DID NOT CUT ANY SINGLE JOB IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE”: PREMIER

The fear of public service employees firings and terminations as an economic save was further debunked by Deputy Premier and Minister for Education Dr. the Hon. Natalio Wheatley; who announced that strategic actions by the government have stemmed the ballooning of the public service and saved jobs.

In recent years the size of the public service has been described as an albatross around the government’s neck and successive administrations have searched for ways to remedy the situation that requires a big chunk of the annual budget. No government wanted to make cuts and, with additional hirings, the situation became worst.

This year as the pandemic crippled the tourism sector and uncertainty looms over

the financial services sector as a result of public registers and economic substance matters the topic has gained unprecedented momentum. Calls were made in some quarters of the community for the public service to be trimmed. A request that was brushed off by Premier Fahie as he promised that he would not touch any jobs.

During the budget debate on 15 December Hon. Wheatley declared that an alternative solution to the bloated public service was found. The Deputy Premier said: “We have recurrent expenditure which over the years has grown and grown and it took Honourable Andrew Fahie to come in as Minister of Finance to stop the growth of the recurrent expenditure.”

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# “We Did Not Cut Any Single Job In The Public Service”: Premier from Page 1

Hon. Wheatley said, “I was pleased to see in a presentation that I witnessed through Departments and Ministries meeting led by the Deputy Governor that the growth of the civil service has been arrested. The civil service is not growing as it was before. In fact, it has contracted a bit,” Hon. Wheatley disclosed.

The Deputy Premier said that the ballooning situation has been thwarted by retirements and the taking of a creative approach to the filling of vacant positions. In

some instances, he said that duties were combined.

These strategies Hon. Wheatley explained were tactical methods of curbing the growth of the public service. “The biggest expense in the recurrent is salaries and of course we have an unfunded liability in the pensions which at some point has to be addressed,” he told the House of Assembly.

The Deputy Premier added, “The Minister for Finance came in and made sure that we don’t continue to grow the recurrent and we have done something which has been spoken about for a long time.”

## The Premier’s Promise

In July this year Premier and Minister for Finance Hon. Andrew Fahie explained that the government is trying very hard to work around its COVID 19 pandemic related revenue losses and ensure that no public servant loses their job.

During the 31 July sitting of the House of Assembly, Premier Fahie explained that the global pandemic has resulted in revenue loss in the Territory, and now he said that the government is trying to manage the situation by taking a look at the budget.

Hon. Fahie said that the various accounting and finance persons across the public service were contacted to help the government in its belt-tightening agenda aimed at managing the public service expense: “We are asking all of the public officers to work with us. We made sure that we did not cut any single job in the public service. We are trying to make sure that everyone stays gainfully employed,” the Premier stated.

## BVI Looking into COVID Vaccine Storage

While not mentioning brand names like Pfizer or Moderna Minister for Health and Social Development Hon. Carvin Malone hinted that the Territory might be having both of the two most popular COVID 19 vaccines.

While the Minister did not give full details about the type of vaccine that would be available in the Territory, he pointed out that preparation and storage considerations are being made. “Our British or UK partners have made the offer for the vaccines. We have accepted the offer for the vaccines. Person’s would have a choice of whether or not they would take the vaccine,” Hon. Malone explained.

In alluding to possibilities of the BVI having access to both of the trending vaccines the Health Minister told the House of Assembly on 15 December: “We have also made other arrangements because we have two different sources. One of them requires specific storage capacities and properties so this storage capacity of dry ice and temperature 22 below and 27 below

– some delicate properties that we had to work with and bad enough we had to reserve ourselves in taking the funds that were supposedly going to be granted. Not in grants, not in loans even.”

In a letter to Baroness Sugg dated 27 October Premier and Minister of Finance Hon. Andrew Fahie noted that the possibility of a potential vaccine for COVID-19 is indeed comforting news for everyone who subscribes to the taking of vaccines.

The Premier told the then Overseas Minister, “We must bear in mind that there are persons in our society who, for religious or other beliefs, do not subscribe to the taking of vaccines, and we do have to be respectful of that when the time comes. Notwithstanding this, the people of the Virgin Islands would be grateful and happy to receive supplies of the vaccine when it becomes available, for which I thank the UK Government in advance,” he stated.

The BVI Leader in that correspondence also commented on the special storage requirements

for one of the vaccines: “I note from your letter that one of the potential vaccines would require special storage. I would like the BVI to be in a state of preparedness to receive the vaccines when they become available. I would be grateful to know the specifications of the recommended storage facilities so my Government can begin looking at where we can locate the facility and what resources we would need to put this in place.”

Last month His Excellency Governor Augustus Jaspert assured residents that the vaccine distributed in the Territory will not be different than that which UK citizens are receiving. “I trust that many individuals across the Territory will have been closely following work to develop a vaccine. It is great to see the UK pioneering this work and to have assurances from the UK Government that BVI will receive any COVID-19 vaccine procured by the United Kingdom – it will be the same vaccine as that used in the UK and will be distributed on a completely voluntary basis, overseen by the BVI Government.”



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# Premier Promises to Restore Prospect Reef before the Next Elections

Despite the constitution of a Management Board, and the shared dream that Prospect Reef would be a prime, centrally located, hospitality resort, the property at present is a dilapidated and deplorable eyesore. This present state caused Third District Representative Hon. Julian Fraser to question the plans Government has for the once-thriving hotel during the recently held budget debate.

Hon. Fraser while making his budget contribution on 15 December reported that he was informed that there were still persons working at the property despite the government's denial of this. Most of all, the District Representative remarked that since the 2017 hurricanes the property has remained in shambles with no full plan for its future.

"Prospect Reef is in my District, it is one of two investments that Government has in my District that and

the Ellis Thomas Downs. They have both been decimated by the hurricane and I haven't seen a finger lift to do anything about them. I know there has been discussion and talks in the Premier's Office regarding Prospect Reef."

He said that he hopes that down the line someone will do something about the issues of Prospect Reef.

The Prospect Reef hotel which is a government-owned resort was destroyed by the 2017 hurricanes and remains in a shameful state. Although it was announced last year and even earlier this year that the facility has staff who are on duty and have not been paid since 2017.

However, in the various occasions the matter was raised it was explained that the Board needed to be constituted first to deal with matters relating to the property. The constitution of the Board

was announced following a Cabinet meeting held on 4 March. It was reported that Leader of the Opposition Hon. Marlon Penn's nominated former Minister for Education Lloyd Black as a non-executive Director to the Prospect Reef Management Company Board for one year.

The other members were agreed on at a Cabinet meeting held on 2 October 2019. At that meeting, Cabinet decided to reconstitute the Prospect Reef Management Board by appointing the following persons as members of the Board of Directors for the Prospect Reef Management Company for one year following the Prospect Reef Management Act: Kenisha Sprauve (Chairperson); Directors Ray George, Tamara Maduro, and John Samuel.

During his presentation of the 2020 Budget Address on 19 November Premier Fahie explained that the

Government was keen to see the hotel back in order. Hon. Fahie said, "Your Government will intensify its efforts to bring those properties under the control of the Government, such as Prospect Reef, back into operation."

"An attractive formula is to partner with large international brands that have a global marketing structure already in place and which are synonymous with high-quality service. Invitations for expressions of interest will be going out soon. Your Government commits that reconstruction of a hotel at Prospect Reef must take place during the current term of office. Such a venture, along with the return to service of our major privately-owned local hotels and resorts, will bring us much closer to our desired medium-term room stock target of 5,000 when completed," the Premier said.

# Unemployed Assistance Delay Blamed On Conspiracy

This Christmas will be a very sad one for persons who have been unemployed since March and are still awaiting their promised government assistance. It was reported that there is no definitive date by which these persons can expect to see a check.

The situation, which has become a very sad droop was addressed by the Minister for Labour Hon. Vincent Wheatley during the 15 December Budget debate. Hon. Wheatley, under whose portfolio the distribution falls, announced that the delay is no one's fault.

It should be noted that the applications for the individual stimulus were released from June; and while many received a check, some are still waiting. Hon. Wheatley rebuked public comments that the holdup was caused by the Social Security Board.

He told Legislators: "Some persons had applied for various [types of] financial assistance; some have gotten, some have not. We have to be mindful that there are persons out there who still

need financial assistance, who haven't gotten it," he said.

The Minister said that blames as to who is responsible are unnecessary. "I know it's easy to blame all of us in here; saying it's because of us why they haven't gotten financial assistance. It's not true. There is a process and the process works randomly sometimes. So there is going to be a first and be a last... That's a reality of life, some persons are going to be called last... So we ask for your patience as we work with the Treasury and the other departments to get these checks out," he said.

## Stimulus Fraught With Delays

Since June there have been complaints about the delays associated with the distribution of payments. The situation was even addressed by Premier Fahie during a June sitting of the House of Assembly.

The BVI Leader at that time told Legislators that there seemed to be a deliberate attempt to frustrate the release of a portion of the money that was approved for COVID-19 stimulus,

and he threatened to reveal the names of the persons who are holding up the distribution of the needed funding.

While speaking in the House of Assembly on 26 June the Premier said that he expects the monies to be released and if they are not, he will let the public know who is responsible. In acknowledging that persons have been patiently waiting the Premier said that it is unfair that things are being delayed for no proper reason.

In what can be deemed a call out of the guilty persons, the Premier said: "We want those who have been working behind the scenes to know that you are not in a fight with us, you are in a fight with God when you don't let go the people's money to get to God's children to get the help."

As he further decried what he said was a spiteful holdup Hon. Fahie said: "Sometimes when you see some people drop down they bawl out wickedness from other people when it is their own doing. They run to go and join forces with all kinds of persons so that they can try to stop this government from

getting the monies to get to the people. They have their backdoor meetings when they should be home singing and praying they [are] plotting and planning through the night like Nicodemus. Trying to make sure that we don't get that money, we don't get this, we don't get that although it done passed."

"When they fail they wonder how come – because the God human family in the BVI just like the rest of the world is hurting and they need these funds. It's already approved by the government. A lot of things have already been approved, but I want the people of the Virgin Islands to know that there was some blockage," Hon. Fahie added.

Declaring that he is going to bring the matter public if it is not dealt with, the Premier said: "I am not going to hold back for them anymore and if they don't release our monies to the people this week we [are] coming and start to name them because what they are doing now is beyond understanding. I am not going for any more back meeting. Sometimes when sense doesn't work you got to go to nonsense to get back to sense."

## Statement by Premier and Minister of Finance Honourable Andrew A. Fahie On The Integrity In Public Life Act 2020

22nd December, 2020

My dear Virgin Islands people. Good day and God's Blessings to you and your family in this Holy Christmas Season.

Your elected Virgin Islands Government continues to take initiative and exercise leadership in putting measures in place to strengthen the good governance framework of our Territory.

During my time in Opposition and during the campaign leading up to the February 2019 General Election, I trumpeted the need for long-outstanding legislation to strengthen the accountability of public officials and to guard against misconduct and abuse of office.

My team and I pledged that if given the opportunity, we would ensure that this legislation go from being a discussion to being a reality.

Once such step is the passage of the Integrity In Public Life Act 2020, which is currently a Bill, and recently came before Cabinet for recommendations on 18 December, 2020.

This draft legislation was prepared and submitted to Cabinet on the initiative of the Premier's Office. May I say that it is important to note the role that the Premier's Office and your elected BVI Government is playing in driving the process for our Territory to have this legislation.

**This initiative of the Premier's Office is important for two reasons:**

One, it represents our continued maturity

as a people who have long been in control of our affairs.

Two, it represents our commitment to strengthening governance, which remains important for having a stable economy.

The Integrity in Public Life Bill maintains priority on your Government's Legislative Agenda. In fact, by the First Quarter of 2021 this Bill will be back before Cabinet for final consideration, then before the House of Assembly and then wait for the Assent by the Governor.

Your elected Government believes in promoting and enhancing ethical conduct standards and that is why we are walking the talk and we are driving the initiative to consolidate laws relating to the prevention of corruption and the award, monitoring, and investigating government contracts and prescribed licences.

Your elected BVI Government will continue to put measures in place that will keep us on the path to prosperity and success.

Additionally, the Bill seeks to make provision for a Code of Conduct and declarations of interest for public officers. And may I say that both the Integrity In Public Life Bill and the Code of Conduct are reflective of the best regional and international practices and standards for such legislation.

Cabinet has approved that the Premier's Office will work in collaboration with the Deputy Governor on this particular matter. The Premier's Office

is the lead Department on the work to finalise the Integrity In Public Life Act because the scope of the legislation is wider than Public Officers.

The people of the Virgin Islands have historically subscribed to the Good Governance principles of selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership in the conduct of public affairs.

These principles are reflected in the preamble to our Constitution, the Virgin Islands Constitution Order 2007, which acknowledges that the society of the Virgin Islands is based upon certain moral, and spiritual and democratic values, and that Virgin Islanders have developed themselves and their country based on qualities of honesty, integrity, mutual respect, among other noble principles.

The Constitution also affirms that we, the people of the Virgin Islands, have generally expressed our desire to become a self-governing people and to exercise the highest degree of control over the affairs of our country at this stage of its development. This, according to the Constitution and the United Nations Charter as it relates to decolonisation, requires that we the people of the Virgin Islands must play an active and proactive role in the development and shaping of our institutions.

In the past, attempts have been made since the 1990s to introduce Public Service Integrity Legislation in the Virgin Islands.



*Hon. Andrew A. Fahie*

Prior Virgin Islands Governments have recognised the need for a framework to guide, support and assure that the conduct of public affairs by public officials conforms with the internationally accepted standards of integrity.

We are pushing the Good Governance standards forward. Your elected Government is serious about ensuring that we have the Integrity In Public Life Act and the Code of Conduct in place, and we have taken the initiative to make sure this happens.

The Premier's Office will continue to champion the Integrity In Public Life Act 2020 because the implementation of such legislation will create a victorious Virgin Islands because it will promote transparency.

## Statement by Minister for Health and Social Development Honourable Carvin Malone COVID-19 Situation and Response

17th December, 2020

I extend Seasons Greetings to everyone in the Virgin Islands; throughout the region and the World. I am pleased to bring you the status report on the COVID-19 situation and response in the British Virgin Islands and the decisions of Cabinet following this week's meeting.

Before I begin, I want to acknowledge the hard working public officers; healthcare and public health workers; and our private partners and civic groups who, in their efforts to keep us all safe, continue to work tirelessly and sacrifice immensely even during this holiday season; we owe each one of you a debt of gratitude.

Since the declaration of COVID-19 as a GLOBAL PANDEMIC, your Government, in addition to activating the Health Emergency Operations Council, is being advised by local, regional and international agencies and professionals in the Virgin Islands; the Region; the indeed United Kingdom and other parts of the World.

The decisions made have all focused on saving lives and livelihoods.

The decisions made have all been in the best interest of our Territory.

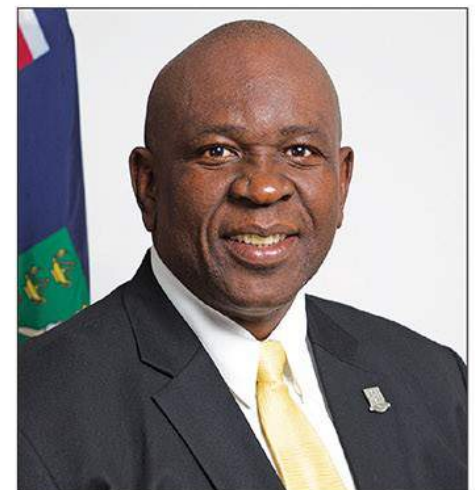
The investments made have all been made to bring us to a state of readiness for the almost inevitable.

Though our decisions although our decisions may not have been popular at times, they were made with your safety at the forefront.

It is clear that we are NOT out of the woods!

The region and the world continue to be challenged with the second and third waves of the COVID-19 virus.

Every day, there are persons entering the Territory whose status is questionable until they complete all the necessary entry protocols. We have no choice! Every single person no matter their status must comply.



*Hon. Carvin Malone*



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# Community Service Hours

Grade 12 students in secondary schools are reminded that community service hours are required for graduation.

The deadline for final submission is January 2021. There will be no extension to the deadline.

Parents and students in

Grade 12 are asked to take note of this and be guided accordingly.



## ZBVI PROGRAM GUIDE

### WHEN LAST HAVE YOU LISTENED?

DAY OF THE WEEK	PROGRAM	TIME
TUESDAYS:	SPEAK OUT BVI	8 – 9:30PM
	HONESTLY SPEAKING	5 – 6PM
WEDNESDAYS	LIVING WELL 24/7	9 – 9:30AM
	HOT SEAT RE-VISITED 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	8 – 9:30PM
	DYAS VOICE (Sports) 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	7 - 8PM
THURSDAYS	UMOJA	8 – 9:30PM
FRIDAYS	BODY & SOUL	7 – 8PM
	THREE D SHOW	8 - 9:30PM
SATURDAYS	CARIBBEAN GOLD <i>feat</i> MORE TALK, LESS MUSIC	7:45 – 9AM
	KNOWLEDGE IS POWER HOUR	10 – 11AM
	LET'S BE REAL	2 – 3PM
	SPORTS TALK	5 – 6:30PM
	A LOOK AT THE COMMUNITY	7 – 8PM
SUNDAYS	OLDIE GOLDIE SHOW	3 – 7PM
WEEKDAYS	SUCCESS JOURNAL	9:15AM, 11:55AM, 4:35PM

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## 2021 Public Holidays

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

Friday, 1st, January	New Year's Day
Monday, 1st March the Birth of (In lieu of Sunday, 7th March)	The Anniversary of Hamilton Lavety Stoutt
Friday, 2nd April	Good Friday
Monday, 5th April	Easter Monday
Monday, 24th May	Whit Monday
Friday, 11th June	Sovereign's Birthday
Monday, 5th July	Virgin Islands Day
Monday, 2nd August Monday	Emancipation
Tuesday, 3rd August Tuesday	Emancipation
Wednesday, 4th August Wednesday	Emancipation
Monday, 18th October Day	Heroes' and Forefathers Day
Monday, 8th November	Commemoration of the Great March of 1949 and the Restoration of the Legislative Council (to be determined)
Monday, 27th December (In lieu of Saturday, 25th December)	Christmas Day
Tuesday 28th December	Boxing Day

## 2021-2022 Academic School Year Registration

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

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

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

Application forms can also be downloaded from the Government's website. Parents are encouraged to pay attention to the registration period and submit application forms for placement on time.



**HAPPY**  
*holidays*  
**Holiday Hours**

**NOON CLOSURE:** Christmas Eve | New Year's Eve

**CLOSED:** Christmas Day | Boxing Day (Dec. 28th\*) | New Year's Day

*\*Observance of Boxing Day: Monday, December 28th*



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## SENIOR FIDUCIARY OFFICER

### December 2020

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2. Perform supervisory responsibilities in accordance with the organisation's needs, policies and applicable laws, including executing, planning, assigning and directing work to Fiduciary Officers, and other junior personnel within the division.
3. Prepare weekly reports and any other ad hoc reports that are requested from time to time by the Head of the Department and Directors.

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- Minimum of 5 years' experience in the Financial Services Industry.
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- A sound knowledge of the BVI Financial Services Industry and the workings of the Registry of Corporate Affairs.
- Proven ability to work under pressure, work independently, to be organised and the ability to supervise a diverse team.
- Strong and proven problem solving, computer and relationship skills.

- Excellent in English verbal, telephone and written communication skills.
- The ability to communicate in Spanish would be a plus.

#### Compensation

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

#### How to Apply

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

## Deputy Governor To Serve As Acting Governor From December 19

Deputy Governor, Mr. David D. Archer, Jr. was sworn in as Acting Governor by His Lordship the Honourable Justice Gerhard Wallbank (Ag.) today Friday, December 18.

Mr. Archer will serve as Acting Governor from Saturday, December 19 until Thursday, January 7, 2021 while His Excellency the Governor Augustus Jaspert is



*His Lordship, the Hon. Justice Gerhard Wallbank (Ag.) administers the oath of office to Deputy Governor, Mr. David D. Archer, Jr. to serve as Acting Governor from Saturday, 19th December, 2020 to Thursday, January 7th, 2021.*

out of the Territory.

Mr. Archer's appointment is in accordance with section 37 (1) (a) of the Virgin Islands Constitution Order, 2007 which states, "During any period when the office of Governor is vacant, or the Governor is absent from the Virgin Islands or is for any other reason unable to perform the functions of his or her office, the Deputy Governor shall, during Her Majesty's pleasure, act in the office of Governor and shall perform the functions of that office accordingly."

## Work Permit Exemption Forms No Longer Accepted

The public is reminded that the Ministry of Natural Resources, Labour and Immigration is still not accepting work permit exemption applications until further notice. This change was made as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Information on any changes will be forthcoming at a later date.



# INCIDENT OF 20th DECEMBER - INDIVIDUAL DENIED ENTRY

STATEMENT BY HONOURABLE VINCENT WHEATLEY  
MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES, LABOUR AND IMMIGRATION ON THE

TUESDAY, 22nd DECEMBER, 2020

Season's Greetings to you the people of the Territory.

On Sunday, 20th December, 2020 a native of the Dominican Republic travelled to the BVI and was subsequently refused entry by Immigration at the Terrance B. Lettsome International Airport. The passenger was then transported to Wyndham Tortola (Lambert Beach Resort) where he was expected to quarantine and await the scheduled departure from the Territory on Monday, 21st December, 2020.

Unfortunately, routine checks of the passenger's room revealed that he had left the room and possibly left the resort. I am aware that this incident has brought a level of unrest and fear to the public, especially considering the possible effects of COVID-19. I would like to reduce those fears by informing you that upon arrival the passenger did undergo the on-arrival PCR testing which I can report was a negative result. While this negative test result may bring some level of relief, the fact that he has broken the law and remains at large is still of great concern for us as a Government as it should be for you as a people.

This passenger has broken several laws set to protect you the people. We will not stand for this! The Immigration Department with the assistance of the Joint Task Force has begun extensive operations to locate the gentleman and enforce all penalties appropriate for this level violation. It is also my hope that you the public will assist in sharing any information you may have pertaining to the whereabouts of the individual, or anyone that you think has information or is harboring him. I take this opportunity to inform the public of the following decisions approved by Cabinet and soon to be passed in the House of Assembly.

Cabinet has considered and

approved the increase of the fine stipulated in Section 20(3) and 20(5)(a) of the Immigration and Passport Act from one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) and twelve (12) months imprisonment to one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) and ten (10) years imprisonment for the following:

for any person who lands or embarks in the Territory and is in contravention of Section 20, and any person being the master or captain of a vessel from which a person lands or embarks in the Territory in contravention of Section 20.

Cabinet has approved the

increase of the fine stipulated in Section 47(2) of the Immigration and Passport Act from three thousand dollars (\$3,000) and two (2) years imprisonment to one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) and ten (10) years imprisonment for:

a person assisting with or making arrangements for a person to enter the Territory illegally and for a person who knowingly harbours an illegal person for a period of more than two (2) days;

Cabinet has also decided that the Chief Immigration

Officer be given the powers to compound offenses and administer penalties for persons in contravention of the Immigration and Passport Act and Regulations.

and Cabinet has further decided that the Chief Immigration Officer be given the powers to administer on-the-spot fines to persons in contravention of the Passport and Immigration Act;

We must continue to show BVILOVE by banding together to safeguard our Territory from persons who seek to break the laws set to protect us all. Let us not shy



*Hon. Vincent Wheatley*

away from being a part of what is right. If you or someone you know has information, please call 468-4705, or 468-9601 immediately.

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## *BVI Welcomes Team From Public Health England*



*Hon. Carvin Malone*

The Ministry of Health and Social Development and BVI Health Services Authority this week welcome a team of experts from Public Health England (PHE) to provide technical support and advice on key health

initiatives.

According to the Minister for Health and Social Development, Honourable Carvin Malone, the Government of the Virgin Islands through the Ministry invited the PHE team consisting of public health experts and epidemiologists. The Governor's Office is facilitating the visit.

Minister Malone said, "The purpose of the visit is for BVI health officials and PHE to jointly assess the Territory's tracing system, laboratory testing capability and emergency preparedness with regard to COVID-19."

While also in the Territory,

the health experts will provide technical assistance in vector control, food and water safety, communicable disease surveillance, and laboratory accreditation, in addition to any specific assistance required with pandemic management.

The PHE team arrived in the Virgin Islands on Monday, December 14 and will stay in the Virgin Islands for one week. Prior to entry and during their stay, they will be subject to COVID-19 entry protocols agreed with the Ministry of Health, which include the same testing regime as anyone entering the Territory.

"The Ministry looks forward to working collaboratively with PHE and the BVI Health Services Authority to ensure a successful and fruitful mission," Minister Malone said.

His Excellency the Governor Augustus J.U. Jaspert said, "I am pleased to welcome colleagues from the UK to BVI and I hope this will be a fruitful visit for both teams. This visit comes at a critical time for the Territory as we re-open and learn to live alongside the threat of COVID-19. Our health teams have done a

fantastic job to date and I hope they can continue to receive any support required from the UK."

The team consists of Dr. Autillia Newton, PHE Consultant Communicable Disease Control and Ms. Helen Green, Public Health Consultant.

The Ministry of Health and Social Development has had a close working relationship with Public Health England for decades. This collaborative support has been even more cemented through this COVID-19 pandemic.

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## BVI High School Class of 1988 Holds Christmas Toy & Aid Drive for COVID-Impacted Families

On Saturday 11 December 2020, ten BVI families were blessed to receive by select members of the 1988 graduating Class of the BVI High School. Lead coordinator of the initiative, Joycelyn Leonard-said, "We decided to run this toy drive for the children of parents that had lost their jobs due to COVID or other reasons. Because Christmas can be such a hard-enough time of year for



disadvantaged persons, and their children, in particular, are affected."

The 1988 Classmates worked together to identify families they knew persons that stood in need of this kind of assistance, and then purchased at least two gifts - one for a boy and one for a girl. If any couldn't purchase gifts personally, then they could donate a minimal \$20 to the cause. Ms Leonard went on, "And I must say, our members really stepped up by sending in more than the two gifts requested. For an informal idea that sprang up spontaneously, I'm really pleased with the response."

Alumni living in various parts of the BVI, and US, managed to



amass nearly 30 gifts for children of the ten families identified... and every gift was put to good use.

Additionally, enough money was raised and \$100 food vouchers were presented to the ten families so they could purchase provisions for their households from Bobby's Supermarket a sponsor..

The Class of 1988 is very close-knit group that works together on various projects of interest to their respective constituents that will benefit the BVI High School, as well as the Territory from which they hail. This Toy Drive was done as a one-off grassroots activity; but the Class members will evaluate whether it's an initiative they will repeat in the future.

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and our Beautiful Virgin Islands  
will become robust and revitalized  
once again.*



# GLOBAL NEWS BRIEF

STORIES SELECTED BY GIORGIO MIGLIAVACCA

**USA** - An emerging coronavirus relief package may not do enough to help restaurants hobbled by the pandemic, many of which have struggled to make ends meet all year — with 100,000 restaurants closed on a permanent or long-term basis, according to a survey from the National Restaurant Association.

Andrew Gerung, the writer behind the restaurant industry newsletter Family Meal, explains why so many restaurants did not get enough help in the first round of relief passed by Congress early in the pandemic.

Nya Marshall, owner of Ivy Kitchen and Cocktails in Detroit, describes the adjustments necessary to run her restaurant this year.

And at least one restaurant-adjacent business is doing well: Auction Factory, which repairs and sells liquidated restaurant equipment. Cleveland-based owner Russell Cross tells NPR his warehouse is full of equipment from shuttered restaurants.

In participating regions, you'll also hear a local news segment that will help you make sense of what's going on in your community. [NPR] **WASHINGTON, (Xinhua)** -- The United States has reported over 400,000 new COVID-19 cases in a single day on Friday, setting a gloomy new world record as the

country is preparing distribution of second COVID-19 vaccine to states.

A total of 403,359 new cases and 2,756 deaths were reported across the country on Friday, according to data updated Saturday by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The new data brought the seven-day average daily case increase to a record-high of 238,923 cases, and the seven-day average daily death increase to over 2,500.

There are a record 114,751 people currently hospitalized with COVID-19, according to latest data of The COVID Tracking Project.

"17 days into December, this month is already the second deadliest of the pandemic," the project tweeted on Friday.

Over 42,500 deaths were reported with COVID-19 across the nation in December so far, according to the project.

The University of Washington's Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, a key COVID-19 model, projects the national daily death toll to continue increasing to a peak of over 3,750 in mid-January. The model projects 562,000 cumulative COVID-19 deaths on April 1 next year, which represents 262,000 additional deaths from Dec. 14 to April 1.

**SANTO DOMINGO** - Authorities at the Cibao International Airport in

Santiago revealed that Dominican pilot Carlos Oquet Acevedo was arrested for transporting weapons for which he did not have the due authorization. The pilot flew into the Cibao international airport from La Isabela International Airport in northern Santo Domingo. The airport reports that Carlos Oquet Acevedo was detained by the Military Security Supervisor of Customs and members of the Specialized Airport Security Corps at the Santiago terminal.

The authorities reported that they occupied six pistols, one revolver, 18 boxes of pellets, 50 pistol magazines and six revolver cases. Also, 10 M16 rifle loaders, three PS90 semi-automatic gun butt plate kits. Also, three red set of M16 rifle, one Glock P80 pistol grip, 15 rifle barrels and four loose spins. Also on board the domestic flight was a PS90 semi-automatic gun. [DR1]

**BERMUDA** - Hopes for a busy last Friday before Christmas for shops and restaurants were dashed yesterday after the lights went out across the island.

Karl Massam, the general manager of restaurant group Yellowfin, said he was "excited" on the way to work at the prospect of a better business day at the end of a dire year for the industry.

But Mr Massam, who runs several restaurants on Front Street, including Port O'Call, said the day would have been "maybe 20 per cent of what we would have done this Friday last year".

The incoming head of the Chamber of Commerce's restaurant division added: "We lost almost 100 per cent of that 20 per cent." Mr

Massam said yesterday would have been "the first day in ten when we would actually have had some lunch business" after Covid-19 restrictions forced the group to cancel most of the Christmas reservations.

Hamilton retailers said the power returned just before 3.30pm – about five hours after generators ground to a halt at Belco. [Royal Gazette]

**LONDON** - UK prime minister Boris Johnson has announced stricter COVID-19 measures in London, the South East and East of England amid concerns about the spread of a new strain of the virus which may be up to 70% more transmissible.

He introduced a fourth tier of coronavirus restrictions in the regions, as well as unveiling tighter plans around households gathering during Christmas.

In a press conference on Saturday, with England's chief medical officer Chris Whitty and chief scientific adviser Sir Patrick Vallance, he said: "Residents must stay at home, with limited exemptions. People must work from home where they can."

It came as the UK had 27,052 new coronavirus cases, and 534 new deaths within 28 days of a positive test. According to government figures there have been a total of nearly two million confirmed cases of coronavirus in the UK and more than 65,000 people have died. [Yahoo Finance]

**USA** - Donald Trump downplayed the severity of a massive cyber-attack on the U.S. government and suggested China may have been responsible -- even as other U.S. officials are convinced Russia was the perpetrator.

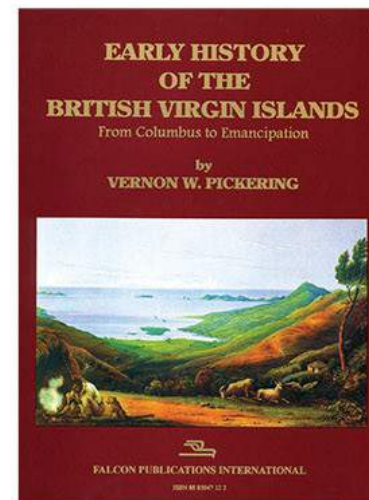
In doing so Saturday on Twitter, the president contradicted assessments from senior officials within his own administration who've blamed Moscow for the intrusion of at least half a dozen federal agencies -- including comments Friday night from Secretary of State Michael Pompeo.

Marco Rubio of Florida, acting chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, rejected Trump's conclusion, calling the hack "the gravest cyber intrusion in our history," and one conducted by "Russian intelligence." [Bloomberg News]

**MOSCOW** - Donald Trump's outgoing administration is planning to close the two remaining US consulates in Russia, the State Department confirmed Saturday, as President-elect Joe Biden prepares to take office amid high tensions with Moscow.

The US will close its consulate in the far eastern city of Vladivostok and suspend operations at its post

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in Yekaterinburg, a department spokesperson told AFP.

The decision followed consultation with Ambassador John Sullivan and was part of "efforts to ensure the safe and secure operation of the U.S. diplomatic mission in the Russian Federation," the spokesperson said.

CNN reported that a State Department letter to Congress this month said the move was a response to "ongoing staffing challenges for the US Mission in Russia in the wake of the 2017 Russian-imposed personnel cap on the US Mission."

The closures would leave the embassy in Moscow as the United States' last diplomatic mission in Russia.

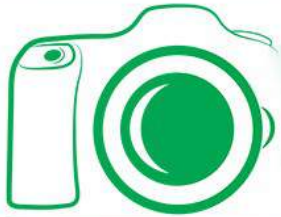
Moscow ordered the closure of the US consulate in St Petersburg in March 2018 during a diplomatic spat sparked by the poisoning of Sergei Skripal on British soil. It was unclear whether the closures would happen before January 20, when President-elect Biden takes office. [Moscow Times]

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# The Sunny Side Up



## Through the Lens of The Sunny Side



(Photo Credit: Ronnielle Frazer/GIS)

*Old Government House Museum Board Member Mrs. Brenda Lettsome-Tye gave tours of the first floor of the newly renovated museum last week during a small ceremony.*

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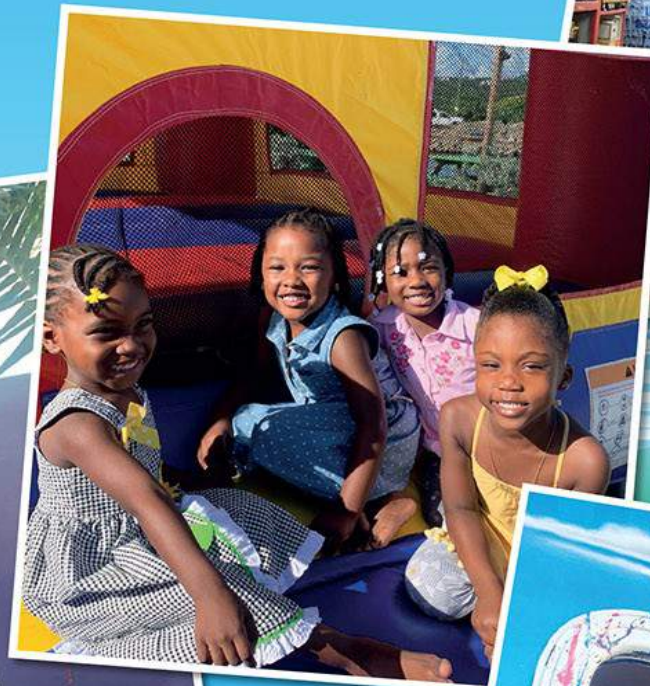
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# Santa At The Bay

The Trellis Bay Market Bar & Grill held its Third Annual Santa At The Bay holiday event last weekend. Organizers of the event described it as an afternoon “spent ... bringing Christmas cheer to our little ones and their families throughout the community.”





## Ladyburd Talks

**Dear Readers:** Christmas is a time to celebrate family, a time to celebrate friends; to show love, to give, to hope, and to appreciate. To enjoy good food, good gifts and good conversation with friends, but most of all to remember the reason for the season.

At Christmas you can share old stories, old memories and old photos while at the same time you can create new stories and memories, too.

We hope that this Christmas will find you healthy and happy as you celebrate Jesus' Birth, as we take this opportunity to wish you a joyous Christmas, and to say "Thank You!" for your support in 2020. We are hoping that you continue to support us in 2021 as we look forward to serving you even better in 2021.



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## Light Bulb Moments

*"For it is in giving that we receive."*

– Francis of Assisi

*"What I like about Christmas is that you can make people forget the past with the present."*

– Don Marquis

*"What is Christmas? It is tenderness for the past, courage for the present, hope for the future."*

– Agnes M. Pahr

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

– Helen Steiner Rice

## Poetry Corner

### Three Wise Men

Three wise men knowing  
not who you are  
Ride across the desert  
following only a star.

Three wise men in honor  
of your birth  
Ride across the desert  
chanting,  
"Peace on Earth".

Three wise men, wise by  
God's own hands  
Ride across the desert  
traveling from  
distant lands.  
Listen baby Jesus,  
sacred gift from Heaven  
handed down to Earth

Three wise men ride  
tonight to see your  
Holy Birth.

## Tickle My Funny Bones

By Delseita



### The cheating Wife

A wife was in bed with her lover when she heard her husband's key in the door. **"Stay where you are,"** she said. **"He's so drunk he won't even notice you're in bed with me."** Sure enough, the husband lurched into bed none the wiser, but a few minutes later, through a drunken haze, he saw six feet sticking out at the end of the bed. He turned to his wife: **"Hey, there are six feet in this bed. There should only be four. What's going on?"** **"Nonsense,"** said the wife. **"You're so drunk you miscounted. Get out of bed and try again. You can see better from over there."** The husband climbed out of bed and counted. **"One, two, three, four. You're right, you know!"**

(Source:

<http://www.jokes4us.com/barjokes/drunkhusbandjoke.html>)

### Something Fast

A woman, shortly before Christmas, told her husband that she would like something able to go from 0 to 100 in more or less 4 seconds ... It goes without saying that she wanted a new car. The husband was a bit of a cheapskate.

So for Christmas, the woman received a scale!

(Source: <http://www.jokes4us.com/holidayjokes/christmasjokes/christmasgiftjokes.html>)

### The Reservation

Did you hear about the St Michael's Primary School nativity play? Two children are dressed as Mary and Joseph, and they are on their way to the inn at Bethlehem. Meanwhile on the other side of the stage, a lad in a shepherd's outfit is on a mobile phone. He is calling the inn to make a reservation.

## PUN INTENDED

**"He told his girlfriend she drew her eyebrows too high. She seemed surprised..."**

(Source: [yourdictionary.com/examples-of-puns.html](http://yourdictionary.com/examples-of-puns.html))

## Old Government House Museum Hours

The Old Government House Museum is now open Monday-Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The admission fee to enter the museum is \$5, with free entry for all Virgin Islands students and for children 12 and younger.

On Thursday, December 24, the museum and gift shop will be open from 9:00 a.m. until noon.

Social distancing measures are being enforced and all visitors are required to wear masks.



## POLICE NEWS

### ARREST BLOTTER

#### DECEMBER 6 TO DECEMBER 19, 2020

##### ARMED WITH AN OFFENSIVE WEAPON

On 06-12-2020 at 0001hrs, Police arrested Albert George Jr., 38, of The Valley Virgin Gorda for Being Armed with an Offensive Weapon, Common Assault and Criminal Damage.

##### DRUNKENNESS WHEN IN CHARGE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE

On 06-12-2020 at 0006hrs, Police arrested and charged Rexford Matthews 49, of Long Look for Drunkenness when in charge of a Motor Vehicle, Driving without a Driver's License, Driving without Due Care and Attention, and Driving when not Covered by Insurance.

##### DRIVING WITHOUT A V.I. DRIVER'S LICENCE

On 07-12-2020 at 0900hrs, Police arrested and charged Allister Lewis, 25, of Sea's Cows Bay for Driving without a V.I. Driver's License.

##### DISORDERLY CONDUCT & DRIVING WITHOUT CRASH HELMET

On 10-12-2020 at 1716hrs, Police arrested and charged Ronald Antoine for Driving without Crash Helmet, Refusing to Give Name, Disorderly Conduct in a Police Station and Resisting Arrest.

##### UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF CANNABIS

On 11-12-2020 at 1408hrs, Police arrested and charged Lyhron Fahie, 29, of the Valley, Virgin Gorda for Unlawful Possession of Cannabis.

##### POSSESSION OFFIREARM WITH INTENT TO ENDANGER LIFE

On 15-12-2020 at 0532hrs, Police arrested and charged Wakeem Guishard, 32, of Carrot Bay for Possession of Firearm with Intent to Endanger Life, Attempted Murder and Common Assault.

##### RAPE

On 15-12-2020 at 19:10hrs, Police arrested and charged a 42-year-old Vincentian national for Rape.

##### COMMON ASSAULT

On 18-12-2020 at 2030hrs, Police arrested and charged Jaimez Stoutt, 30, of Baughers Bay for Common Assault and Threatening Language. He was granted bail in the sum of \$5,000 with one surety for his appearance at the Magistrate's Court on 15-02-2021.



# COMMENTARY

## SOCIAL BILLIONAIRES

By Dickson Igwe



Dickson Igwe

December 7, 2020

Austerity and Trickle-down have failed the world: the wealthy who rule, must do their part to create a better planet

OK. Will billionaires support

the change needed to pull the world from the edge of the social and environmental abyss, in terms of bridging the wealth gap? Or is that asking turkeys to vote for Christmas?

Will billionaires and super wealthy people support the type of systemic change that reduces their own power?

Then, the simple fact is that today, across all geographies, billionaires rule.

Billionaires are not simply the owners of multi billion, and trillion dollar corporations in the USA, Western Europe, and across the world; billionaires are national leaders, and men

who rule whole swathes of the world and its resources, from domains, jurisdictions, and kingdoms in Eurasia, Asia, the Middle East, Africa, and Latin America.

The reality is the billionaire is the super investor, entrepreneur, and power broker. The billionaire controls the world economy in terms of reach, substance, and scope. And most governments are wary of taking on these powerful individuals.

But how do governments and societies get the billionaires on board, especially with

the need to bridge the wealth gap, and fund the clean energy, sustainable economics, and social infrastructure, the world so desperately requires as this COVID 19 pandemic continues its grueling journey of death and destruction? That is a big question.

Austerity and Trickle-down have massively benefitted the 1%. However, unfettered free trade and deregulation have arguably pulled the world to the social and environmental brink, by concentrating wealth and power in a handful of families who today rule the global economy. Pure capitalism places the pursuit of profit above social and environmental concerns.

Now, governments remain powerful organizations, and modern governments possess something billionaires may not be able to control: the masses, and the institutions that drive societies, regions, and social change.

It takes government to act when nonprofits, charitable organizations, and wealthy men and women, are unable to act in concert in the face of calamity. The pandemic is an example of a crisis only governments, acting together, can fight.

Nonprofits backed by billionaires cannot single handedly stop the devastation of a pandemic. The fact is it will take both government and society, and the billionaire class, to solve today's social and environmental problems.

It is in the interest of billionaires and super investors, and their families, to live in a socially equitable world where people

exist in safety and harmony in a pristine habitat.

The problem is billionaires are naturally frugal and acquisitive. It is a tall order indeed to expect these people who exist by killer instinct to suddenly decide to give up a significant percentage of their wealth in taxes.

The wealth of the Billionaire increased by over a trillion dollars in the middle of the present pandemic, and will increase further by the end of the pandemic.

At the lower end of the wealth pyramid the poor and low paid have lost livelihoods, homes, and the incomes that allow struggling folk to lead a sustainable existence.

Massive inequality is simply unsustainable long term.

A look back at history reveals that unsustainable inequality is trigger for social upheaval and even violence.

Governments have the duty to ensure that the inequality where one individual is worth \$200 billion while another sleeps in the freezing cold of a subway in New York ends.

That will only happen when governments act to get billionaires to accept they have to pay higher taxes to help fund a more equitable, and socially and ecologically friendly world.

The super wealthy must understand that inequality may be inevitable, but that massive inequality can have dire repercussions for mankind.

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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

AT  
St. Paul's

Episcopal Anglican Church

Thursday, December 24th: 6:00 p.m. -

Outdoor Festival of Lessons and Carols  
with Holy Eucharist

Friday, December 25th: 8:00 a.m. -

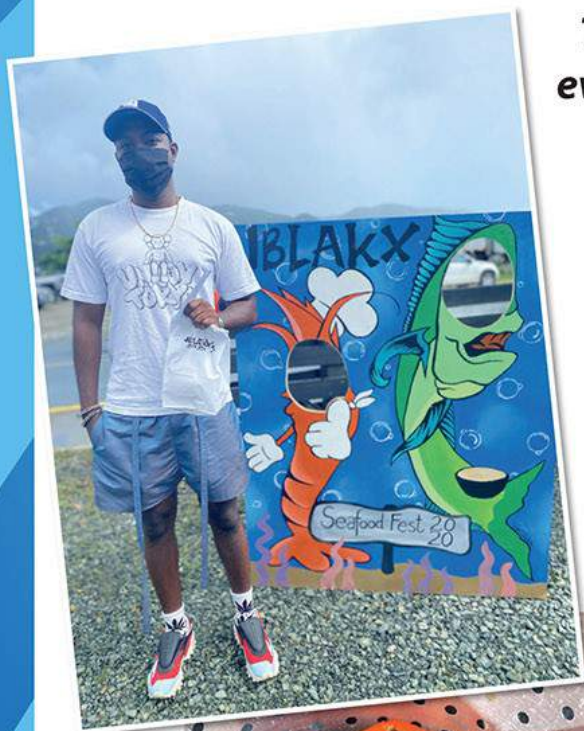
Feast of the Nativity/Christmas Day -  
Holy Eucharist

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

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

# Seafood Fest was a success!

**The J Blakx Second Annual Seafood Fest was a success! This year's event was held on 18 December at the J Blakx food bus and featured the J Blakx team in collaboration with Chef Willo Stoutt.**



# Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



# R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



# The Spats

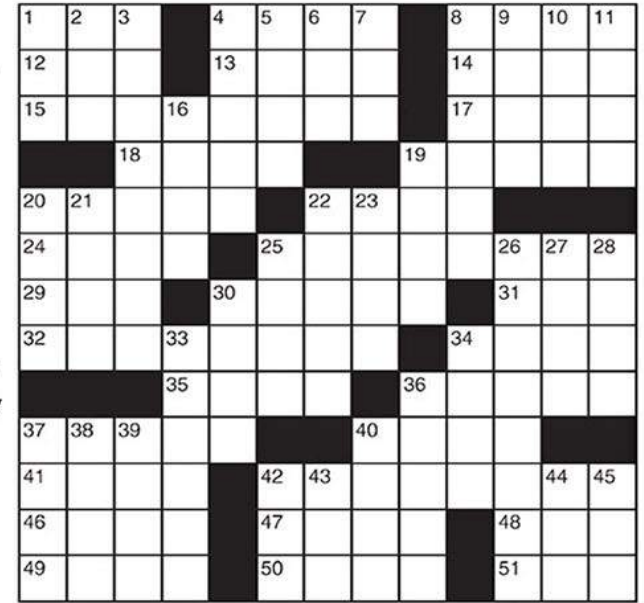
by Jeff Pickering



# King Crossword

## ACROSS

- 1 Doctrine
- 4 Comotions
- 8 Mid-May honorees
- 12 Cattle call
- 13 "Arrivederci"
- 14 "So be it"
- 15 Wordplay specialists
- 17 Hindu royal
- 18 Locate
- 19 Piece of cheesecake?
- 20 Subsequently
- 22 Reedy
- 24 Concoct
- 25 Good news for bargain hunters
- 29 Bard's "always"
- 30 Unrefined
- 31 Id counterpart
- 32 Ruins
- 34 Touch
- 35 Cincinnati team
- 36 Gets up
- 37 - Valley (California ski resort)
- 40 Family member
- 41 Cather's "One of -"
- 42 Expensive seafood
- 46 Platter



- 7 "Mayday!"
- 8 Leatherneck
- 9 Mideast nation
- 10 Options list
- 11 Use scissors
- 16 Gush forth
- 19 Snapshots
- 20 Sleeping, perhaps
- 21 Release
- 22 Cafeteria stack
- 23 Greet the villain
- 25 Motivate
- 26 "- Dictionary"
- 27 Chills and fever
- 28 Deteriorates
- 30 Staff
- 33 In poor taste
- 34 "- She Sweet?"
- 36 Strategic tricks
- 37 Turfs
- 38 Resign
- 39 - Major
- 40 Competent
- 42 Illuminated
- 43 Rhyming tribute
- 44 Tear
- 45 Tofu base

## DOWN

- 1 Mischievous tyke
- 2 Old French coin
- 3 2001 movie, "-", Inc.
- 4 Thespian
- 5 Regimen
- 6 Scull tool

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# Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

## DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

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

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# HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Santa's boots are black. 2. Building is shorter. 3. Brick pattern is different. 4. Car wheel is black. 5. Boy's coat has pocket. 6. Santa's beard is longer.

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Answer

## Weekly SUDOKU

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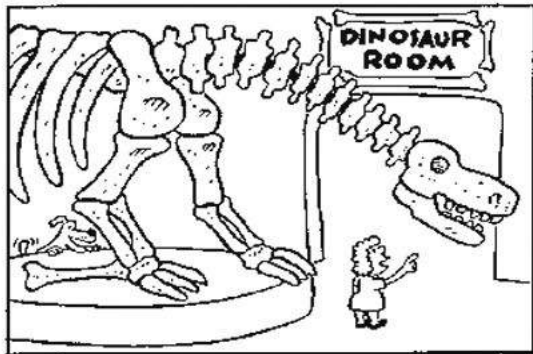
Solution time: 27 mins.

Answers

## King Crossword

Trivia Test Answers  
1. Seven; 2. Cotton; 3. 200; 4. Three; 5. "You Belong With Me" by Taylor Swift; 6. Epistolary; 7. 2 cups; 8. Olympus; 9. About 60%; 10. Asia

MORE READERS: THE ISLAND SUN



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**A BONEYARD BAFFLER!** Sally loves to count the number of bones in the dinosaur room. See it you can dig up the same number as she did.

Answer: Not counting the teeth, Sally found 38 bones.

**A SEATTLE SPRITZER!** What word, in an Oxford English Dictionary, do people in Seattle always pronounce incorrectly?

Answer: That word would be ... "incorrectly."

# Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



Illustrated by David Coulson

## YELLOW JACKET JOUSTING!

Can you identify the "stinging" words asked for in the following questions? (all of the words end in "sting.")

1. What sting has excessive pride?
2. What sting cures hunger?
3. What sting writes for someone else?
4. What sting is found in bakeries?
5. What sting is found in theaters?
6. What sting is found in schools?
7. What sting makes you laugh?
8. What sting leaves you hungry?
9. What sting do farmers love?
10. What sting changes bread?
11. What sting cleans your room?
12. What sting ruins old boats?



Answers: Top to bottom, left to right: dust, dusk, dunk; dune, dank, Danc, dare, dam.

Answers: 1. Boasting, 2. Feasting, 3. Ghosting, 4. Fasting, 5. Casting, 6. Testing, 7. Jesting, 8. Fasting, 9. Harvesting, 10. Toasting, 11. Dusting, 12. Rusting.

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## Reasons for ER Visit

1. Headaches
2. Foreign objects in body
3. Skin infections
4. Back pain
5. Cuts, contusions
6. Upper respiratory infections
7. Broken bones, sprains
8. Toothaches
9. Abdominal pain
10. Chest pain

Source: howstuffworks.com



## Salome's Stars

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Handle a potentially awkward situation by warming up your confidence reserves and letting it radiate freely. Also, expect an old friend to contact you.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) It's not too early for the practical Bovine to begin planning possible changes for 2021. A recent contact can offer some interesting insights.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) A request for an unusual favor should be carefully checked out. Also check the motives behind it. Your generosity should be respected, not exploited.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Party time beckons, but for some Moon Children, so do some workplace challenges. Deal with the second first, then you'll be free to enjoy the fun time.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) A warm response to an earlier request might be a positive indicator of what's ahead. Meanwhile, Cupid could pay a surprise visit to single Leos looking for love.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) How you respond to a proposed change in a project could affect your situation. Be prepared to show how well you would be able to deal with it.

### LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)

The revelation of a secret could cause some changes in how to deal with a workplace matter. It very likely also validates a position you have long held.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) An attempt to get too personal could upset the very private Scorpio. Make it clear that there's a line no one crosses without your permission.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) The savvy Sagittarian might be able to keep a family disagreement from spilling over by getting everyone involved to talk things out.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Be careful not to push people too hard to meet your ideas of what the holiday weekend's preparations should be. Best to make it a cooperative, not a coerced, effort.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) An unexpected request could make you rethink a position you've had for a long time. Meanwhile, plan a family get-together for the weekend.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Someone might find that it was a fluke to try to use your sympathetic nature to get you to accept a situation you're not comfortable with. Good for you.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You like challenges that are both mental and physical, and you enjoy always beating your personal best.

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## Stress-Busting Foods

A few years ago, Dr. Mehmet Oz asked me to create a recipe containing foods that help to naturally reduce stress and to do a cooking demo on "The Dr. Oz Show." I found that the following ingredients have stress-reducing properties:

- **Red, Orange and Yellow Bell Peppers** -- These peppers contain vitamins A and C and folate, which help give you more energy and repair cell damage caused by stress. When under prolonged stress, the body gets depleted of vitamin C, an antioxidant that fights the free radicals that get released when you're stressed. These free radicals have been shown to cause cancer.
- **Turkey** -- An amino acid called L-tryptophan contained in turkey triggers the release of serotonin, which is a feel-good, muscle-relaxing brain chemical. L-tryptophan has a calming effect. Turkey also contains tyrosine, an amino acid that helps your brain produce the neurotransmitters dopamine and norepinephrine. Activating those chemicals helps your brain work faster and be more effective at handling complex mental problems.
- **Spinach** -- Dark green vegetables are powerhouses of vitamins that help replenish our bodies in times of stress. Many dark green vegetables also contain potassium, which is good for our nerves and can calm them.



- **Quinoa and Brown Rice** -- Quinoa is rich in vitamin B, which has a calming effect on the body and helps relieve feelings of stress and anxiety while enhancing your mood. Brown rice is a healthy carbohydrate and boosts serotonin levels, which has a calming, soothing effect. All whole grains contain B vitamins and fiber, and also supply serotonin-producing carbohydrates that do not spike blood sugar levels. When you eat a carbohydrate, your body sends an amino acid called tryptophan into the brain to trigger the manufacture of serotonin, a neurotransmitter that makes you feel tranquil and better able to cope.
- **Low-Fat Cheese, Greek Yogurt** -- The whey and protein in milk products like cheese and yogurt help your nerves stay healthy, stabilize your blood sugar, stops you from feeling those extreme highs and low when you eat sugar, and has been shown to decrease anxiety and frustration. When consumed over a period of time, the calcium in dairy also has been shown to calm muscles and help keep blood pressure in check.
- **Avocado** -- The monounsaturated fats and potassium in avocados help lower blood pressure. Avocados have more potassium than bananas. Monounsaturated fat also helps keep receptors in the brain sensitive to mood-boosting serotonin.
- **Basil** -- A great source of folate, which helps to repair cell damage caused by stress.

This is the healthy, stress-reducing recipe I created for "The Dr. Oz Show." Enjoy and relax!

### STRESS-BUSTING STUFFED BELL PEPPERS

- 8 red, yellow or orange bell peppers, or a mixture of all (about 4 pounds)
  - 2 tablespoon canola or olive oil, divided • 1 medium-sized yellow onion, chopped
  - 4 garlic cloves, peeled and minced • 1 teaspoon salt
  - 1 teaspoon ground black pepper • 1 tablespoon chili powder
  - 1 tablespoon ground cumin
  - 16 ounces fresh Italian turkey sausage, removed from casing, or ground turkey
  - 1 (16 ounce) jar chunky salsa, mild or hot
  - 2 cups fresh baby spinach, rinsed and chopped, or 1 (10-ounce) package chopped spinach, thawed and squeezed to remove moisture
  - 2 cups cooked quinoa or cooked brown rice, or mixture of both
  - 1 cup low-fat Cheddar cheese • 2 large avocados, peeled and pits removed, sliced
  - 1/2 cup low-fat Greek yogurt • 1/4 cup finely chopped fresh basil leaves
1. Heat oven to 375 F. Cut the peppers in half lengthwise, slicing from the stem to the bottoms, leaving the stems intact. Remove the white pithy ribs near stem and down length of inside. Remove the ribs and seeds, and discard. Place the peppers in a shallow 13 x 9-inch baking dish. Drizzle the peppers with 1 tablespoon of the oil. Cover the dish with foil, and bake the peppers 15 to 20 minutes, until they start to soften.
  2. Meanwhile, heat the remaining 1 tablespoon of the oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add the onion, garlic, salt, black pepper, chili powder and cumin; cook until the vegetables are softened, about 3 minutes. Add the sausage or ground turkey, breaking it apart with a fork and cooking until lightly browned, about 5 minutes. Add the salsa and spinach. Cook, stirring occasionally, about 5 minutes. Remove the skillet from the heat. Stir in the cooked quinoa and/or brown rice.
  3. Fill the pepper halves with the turkey mixture. Cover with foil. Bake 20-25 minutes until peppers are tender. Remove foil and sprinkle peppers with cheese. Return to oven; bake, uncovered, until cheese has melted. Top peppers with avocado slices, yogurt and basil. Makes 8 servings, 2 stuffed pepper halves per serving.
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# Caribbean News / Regional News



## End of Year Message From The Secretary-General of The Caribbean Community (CARICOM), Ambassador Irwin LaRocque

*(CARICOM Secretariat, Turkeyen, Greater Georgetown, Guyana - Friday, 18 December 2020) - The holiday season is upon us, amidst what has been the most deadly pandemic in a century. Our Caribbean Community (CARICOM), like the rest of the world, has been battered and bruised by the onslaught of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020.*

However, once again in the face of adversity, the strength of our unity shone forth.

As we relax and reflect during this festive time, we must be thankful that we have been relatively successful in managing the health aspects of the pandemic with 1300 deaths across our Community, a comparatively low figure in the global context. I extend my deepest sympathies to those who lost loved ones and wish a speedy and full recovery to those afflicted by the virus.

We reaped the benefits of a CARICOM-wide public health approach which was adopted from the very outbreak of the virus, even before a pandemic was declared. Thanks to the hard work of the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA), our lead Institution in the sector, other Regional Institutions, the CARICOM Secretariat and health officials across the Community, all under the guidance of the Heads of Government, we were able to avoid the worst effects.

We benefitted from the assistance of a number of countries, with the World

Health Organization (WHO) and the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) also being particularly helpful.

The goal was achieving that delicate balance of ensuring the health and safety of the citizens of the Community on the one hand, while facilitating economic activities on the other. This has not been an easy balancing act.

As we celebrate during the season, it is imperative that we adhere to the health protocols and maintain the discipline that will relieve the pressure on both the health and economic sectors.

The determination of our Governments and peoples not to be throttled by the pandemic was exemplified by the fact that seven Member States and one Associate Member held general elections.

Issues arose in the aftermath of the Elections in Guyana and the Community responded to the invitation to assist in providing a resolution. This further underlined the spirit of Community that is the hallmark of our integration.

Our Heads of Government, Ministerial Councils and officials ensured that other

priority issues apart from the pandemic engaged their attention. Virtual meetings intra-regionally and internationally provided the platform for advancing and protecting the Community's interests.

Enhancing the involvement of the major stakeholders in the CARICOM Single Market and Economy (CSME) received a boost earlier this month when I signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the CARICOM Private Sector Organization Inc. (CPSO). The Organisation joined the Caribbean Congress of Labour (CCL) as an Associate Institution of the Community.

These two Organisations along with the representative body for civil society are important voices to be heard in advancing the integration movement, particularly the CSME. Already the CPSO has put forward proposals to boost food security and for economic recovery post COVID-19.

To facilitate that recovery, we have been seeking support from friendly countries for the international financial policy-making bodies to review their eligibility criteria, which bar access to development assistance, grants and



**Secretary-General of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), Ambassador Irwin LaRocque.**

concessional financing. At the level of Heads of Government and our Foreign Ministers, we have advocated strongly for a Universal Vulnerability Index to be used in determining access.

These financial resources would be invaluable to assist in recovery from the pandemic, and the continuing battle to adapt and mitigate the effects of climate change.

As challenging as 2020 has been, we have not lost the vision of what the future can be, as demonstrated by the unity on which our Community has drawn to manage the pandemic.

There is much to celebrate in this joyous season. Let us make it a truly special and safe holiday season, while looking towards a brighter 2021.

Season's Greetings to all.

## Latin America and the Caribbean Will Have Positive Growth in 2021, but It Will Not Be Enough to Recover Pre-Pandemic Levels of Economic Activity

*In its Preliminary Overview of the Economies of the region, ECLAC forecasts an average contraction of -7.7% for 2020 – the largest in 120 years – and a rebound of 3.7% in 2021.*

The Latin America and the Caribbean region will experience a contraction of -7.7% in 2020 but will have a positive growth rate of 3.7% in 2021, due mainly to a statistical rebound that will nonetheless be insufficient for recovering the economic activity levels seen prior to the coronavirus pandemic (in 2019), ECLAC indicated today in a new report.

ECLAC released its *Preliminary Overview of the Economies of Latin America and the Caribbean 2020* – one of the United Nations organization's flagship annual reports – during a virtual press conference given by its Executive Secretary, Alicia Bárcena.

According to the document by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), in a context of global contraction, Latin America and the Caribbean is the region in the developing world that has been hardest hit by the crisis stemming from COVID-19. In the decade prior to the pandemic, the region was on a low-growth trajectory, and in 2020 it faces an unprecedented combination of negative supply and demand shocks, which is translating into the worst economic crisis in the last 120 years.

Although the significant fiscal and monetary efforts made by countries have served to mitigate the effects of the crisis, the pandemic's economic

and social consequences have been exacerbated by the structural problems that the region has suffered historically. In 2021, ECLAC foresees a positive GDP growth rate that will fundamentally reflect a statistical rebound, but the process of recovering pre-crisis levels of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) will be slow and will not conclude until 2024.

"The growth dynamic in 2021 is subject to high uncertainty related to the risk of renewed outbreaks of the pandemic, the agility with which vaccines are produced and distributed, and the capacity to maintain fiscal and monetary stimulus to support aggregate demand and productive sectors. Making progress on sustainable and inclusive growth necessitates a productive transformation towards environmentally sustainable sectors, which would favor job creation and technological innovation," Alicia Bárcena stated.

The region's weaknesses and structural gaps, its narrow fiscal space, inequality, limited coverage and access to social protection, elevated labor informality, productive heterogeneity and low productivity are central to understanding the extent of the pandemic's effects on the region's economies, their difficulties for implementing policies that would mitigate those effects, and the challenges they face in undertaking a sustainable and inclusive economic reactivation.

Before the pandemic, the region already had low economic growth: 0.3% on average in the 2014-2019 period, with a 0.1% rate notched in 2019. With the arrival of the pandemic, this low economic growth was compounded by negative external shocks and the need to implement policies aimed at confinement, physical distancing and the suspension of productive activities, which meant that the health emergency ended up prompting the worst economic, social and productive crisis that the region has ever lived through. The contraction in economic activity has been accompanied by a significant rise in the unemployment rate, which is forecast at around 10.7% in 2020; a steep fall in labor participation; and a considerable increase in poverty and inequality.

According to the projections released by the United Nations organization, South America is seen contracting by -7.3% in 2020 and growing by 3.7% in 2021; growth in Central America is expected to shrink by -6.5% in the current period and expand by 3.8% next year; while the Caribbean is seen contracting by -7.9% in 2020 and growing by 4.2% in 2021.

ECLAC's document emphasizes that to keep the region from perpetuating its low-growth dynamic, expansionary fiscal and monetary policies are needed along with environmental and industrial

policies, all of which would enable the structural transformations that the region requires and would promote sustainable development.

It also poses the need to prioritize spending on the economic and social reactivation and transformation by fostering employment-intensive and environmentally sustainable investment in strategic sectors; to extend the basic income to people living in situations of poverty; provide financing to Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs); offer incentives for productive development, the digital revolution for sustainability and clean technologies; and universalize social protection systems.

The report contends that beyond national efforts, the region's economic reactivation and transformation will require financing and international cooperation. In this area, it stresses the need to utilize instruments such as the issuance and reallocation of the International Monetary Fund's Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) to strengthen the reserves of the region's countries and regional agreements; include vulnerable middle-income countries in the G20's debt moratorium initiative (DSSI) and also set in motion the debt for climate change adaptation swap in the case of the Caribbean, along with the creation of a resilience fund; and capitalize multilateral, regional and national credit institutions.

# VOA NEWS VOA NEWS VOA NEWS VOA NEWS

## Biden Receives COVID-19 Vaccination

By VOA News December 21, 2020

U.S. President-elect Joe Biden received a COVID-19 vaccination on live television Monday to convince Americans that the inoculation is safe.

"I'm ready," Biden told a nurse at a hospital in Newark, Delaware, before being injected Monday with a vaccine developed by drugmakers Pfizer and BioNTech.

"I'm doing this to demonstrate that people should be prepared when it's available to take the vaccine. There's nothing to worry about," he said.

His wife, Jill Biden, was administered a dose of the vaccine hours earlier at the same hospital, which is near the couple's Delaware home.

Other U.S. leaders received their vaccinations last week, including Vice

President Mike Pence, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell.

U.S. President Donald Trump, who was hospitalized with the coronavirus in October, has not said when he intends to get the vaccination.

Monday also brought the arrival of a vaccine produced by Moderna to sites across the country.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration gave the Moderna vaccine emergency use authorization Friday.

The development significantly boosts U.S. vaccination efforts, with the Moderna vaccine joining the Pfizer-BioNTech one that was approved earlier this month.

The priority for the mass vaccination campaign is front-line

health workers and those in nursing homes, addressing some of the most vulnerable populations before expanding to others.

A federal advisory board said Sunday the next group should be people older than age 75, as well as those working in essential fields such as firefighters, teachers and grocery store employees.

The United States has seen a surge in infections during the past two months, and in the past week has added an average of more than 215,000 new cases each day.

The U.S. leads the world with more than 318,000 COVID-19 deaths, according to Johns Hopkins University, which is tracking the global outbreak.



President-elect Joe Biden receives his first dose of the coronavirus vaccine at ChristianaCare Christiana Hospital in Newark, Del., Monday, Dec. 21, 2020, from nurse practitioner Tabé Mase.

## US Lawmakers Agree on \$900 Billion Coronavirus Aid Package

By VOA News Updated December 21, 2020

**WASHINGTON** - The U.S. House of Representatives and Senate are expected to vote Monday on a \$900 billion coronavirus aid package that would provide assistance for American households and businesses.

The measure comes after weeks of negotiations during which Democratic and Republican leaders clashed over how much government assistance to provide, and whether the focus should be on items such as jobless benefits or keeping open the economy.

It also comes during a surge in COVID-19 infections, with the

United States recording nearly 18 million confirmed cases -- adding more than 200,000 cases per day -- and with the country's death toll standing at more than 317,000 people, according to the Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center.

House and Senate leaders announced Sunday the measure included \$600 direct payments to most people, with the amount phasing out for those with incomes above \$75,000 per year. A previous round of \$1,200 stimulus payments was included in a much larger coronavirus relief bill in March.

The new bill also includes \$284 billion for the Paycheck Protection Program, an initiative meant to help businesses keep workers employed during a period in which the economic pressure of the pandemic may have forced added layoffs.

There is also \$300 per week in unemployment benefits for 11 weeks, as well as \$82 billion for local schools and universities, \$25 billion in rental assistance, \$15 billion for theaters and \$10 billion for child care. There is also \$4 billion to help other countries with vaccination efforts for

COVID-19, the disease caused by the coronavirus.

"There will be another major rescue package for the American people," Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said in a statement Sunday. "As our citizens continue battling the coronavirus this holiday season, they will not be fighting alone."

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer said the relief bill is just a first step.

"It is not the end of the story, it is not the end of the job," Schumer told reporters. "Anyone who thinks

this bill is enough does not know what's going on in America."

President-elect Joe Biden expressed the same stance as he welcomed the announcement of the aid deal, saying in a statement the "work is far from over."

"Immediately, starting in the new year, Congress will need to get to work on support for our COVID-19 plan, for support to struggling families, and investments in jobs and economic recovery. There will be no time to waste," Biden said.

President Donald Trump did not immediately comment on the aid deal.

## US Attorney General: 'No Reason' for Special Counsel on Election, Biden's Son

By Associated Press December 21, 2020

**WASHINGTON** - Outgoing Attorney General William Barr said he saw "no reason" to appoint a special counsel on potential election fraud or the tax investigation into the son of President-elect Joe Biden.

Barr said Monday in his final press conference that the investigation into Hunter Biden's financial dealings was "being handled responsibly and professionally."

"I have not seen a reason to appoint a special counsel and I have

no plan to do so before I leave," he said.

Barr also told The Associated Press in a previous interview that he had seen no evidence of widespread voting fraud, despite President Donald Trump's claims to

the contrary. Trump has continued to push baseless claims even after the Electoral College formalized Biden's victory.

Trump has been weighing whether to push the Justice Department to appoint a special

counsel, which would make it harder for Biden to shut down either investigation. But it's not clear how he would do it without buy-in from Justice officials.

# SPORTS



## SOFTBALL

## Power Outage, Synergy win inaugural Borrows Memorial Softball Tourney titles 10-5

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

Jeremy "Chicken" Penn scattered four hits, Power Outage overcame a 5-1 deficit and Milique Malone hit a crucial 2-run left field homer, as they fended off the charging Pirates 9-7, to win the BVI Softball Association's inaugural George "Shawala" Borrows Memorial Softball Tournament on Saturday night at the E. Walwyn Brewley Softball Park, before a crowd of boisterous fans.

Pirates starting pitcher Rico "Polly" Penn's 2-run homer, gave them the early lead, before increasing it to 5-1, after Power Outage scored in the bottom of the first. Power Outage tied the game at 5-5, chasing Penn, who was relieved by Nicos Penn. Malone scored on a pass ball to make it 6-5 in Power Outage's favor and they went on to lead 9-5. With two outs in their do or die inning, the Pirates last gasp resulted in two runs, making it a 9-7 game.

Power Outage, 9 runs, 8 hits 3 errors 7 left on base. Malone was 3-for-4 with 4 RBI's. Jamal "Lefty" Allen went 2-for-5 with a run batted in.

Pirates 7 runs 6 hits 3 errors and 8 runners stranded.

Tecius "TC" Frett was 3-for-4, scored twice and had 2 RBI's Rico Penn's homer resulted in 2 RBI's.

"This game was a Dog fight," Power Outage Coach Roy Barry told Island Sun Sports. "Just like the Pirates said they were coming out to play and win, and they did come out to play but they

did not win. But, I must say, they're an awesome team, they played their heart out, but tonight, the better team won."

Pirates Captain and Catcher Devon Bedford, congratulated Power Outage on their victory.

"Boy, we didn't get to put the pressure on them that I spoke about to make them come good," he told Island Sun Sports. "If we had gotten that last inning squeezed, you would have seen what I'm talking about. But, it was a good game, two good teams, the best team won."

Despite trailing 5-1, Barry said he expected his team to break out, because they have good offense.

"That's all we did, what we're good at—hit the ball," he said.

Bedford said his pitcher gave up several base runners when they had the four run lead, where Power Outage batted around and scored eight unanswered runs before their final gasp.

"Once people are getting on easy, any little blooper, anything can happen, a run can score," he noted. "Once you're putting on a runner, that's a big advantage."

Ahead of the 2021 season, Bedford said he's encouraged by his team which he is only 75% complete.

"We have a lot more to go," he noted, saying they're looking to go undefeated. "Straight through like the Patriots, we're going big."

Barry said it's an awesome feeling to come out and win, despite struggling sometimes during the tournament.

"We came out and started practicing regularly and it turned out fruitful for us," he noted. "All we have to do is continue practicing and we're going to be great. We have a young player by the name of Milique Malone, once he stays with us, we can go places."

### Synergy downs That's Ya Problem

Synergy overpowered That's Ya Problem for the women's title. Coach Neville "Sheep Smith described his squad as "a young team with a lot of experience."

"They have a lot of energy, just as the team's name Synergy," he noted. "It's kind of hard coaching them because they know the game and sometimes they think they know the game too much and you have to keep them in line—not to talk too much—but talk to keep the game in play, not to talk just for talking sake. But to be honest, I have a really good team, a good pitching staff, so I look forward to coaching them in the regular season."

That's Ya Problem's Coach Jamal "Lefty" Allen said before the game, he told them the team that had the most hits will win the game. "Clearly, Synergy came out strong in the beginning and hit some hard shots—we couldn't stop them—so they got the better half of us tonight," he noted.



Power Outage players line up to greet Milique Malone, center, after his 2-run homer

Smith said while That's Ya Problem have good pitching, he noted that they don't play the game right in terms of if a ball is hit to the outfield, everything was thrown to third base.

"So I told my runners once they got a base hit, try to get two because outfielders were throwing the ball to third base so I just to play the game how I know the game."

Smith said it's a good feeling to win the first title of any kind since Hurricane Irma destroyed the E. Walwyn Brewley Softball Park in 2017.

"The crowd we had here tonight is really, really outstanding and I'm happy to see this kind of crowd," he said. "It's good to be here and win this for Shawala."

## FOOTBALL

## Islanders collect league title after stumbling to the All Stars, 2-0

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

Islanders 13 months extended season because of COVID-19, ended by picking up a \$10,000 cheque and the league champions trophy, after falling to the All Stars, 2-0, on Sunday afternoon in Greenland.

"Definitely an exciting game, even though it was an exhibition game, I would have hoped that we would have come out with the win, nonetheless, the players did the hard work when it mattered most during the season, that's why we're here playing the All Stars team," Islanders Coach Andy Davis told Island Sun Sports. "We played a number of good teams technically, however, we managed to score goals, we managed to win when it mattered and that's important at the end of the day—winning the league and winning the games."

Davis said he's glad that the league that began in Nov 2019 is over, as it definitely showed the resilience of the players, the resilience of the competition committee and the BVI Football

Association and the longing for football in the territory from all the clubs. He noted that during the lockdown and other imposed restrictions, clubs were asking when the sport would restart. He said definitely the eagerness, hunger and excitement is there.

"We're happy it's over and we're excited to start next year," Davis stated.

Davis—whose teams won its eight league title since its 2008 formation—said it was an exciting moment collect the \$10,000 cheque and the winner's trophy, but he was even more excited for the youngsters on the team, so they can get a feel of what it's like winning the national league with a club like Islanders.

"Hopefully, they'll take this pride to next season, so that when the season starts, they can play just as hard."

Davis presented the championship trophy to National Bank of the Virgin Islands Manager, Joy Penn and said the bank has been a longtime

sponsor of the team and it was nice having her there. He said this is just the start as they have a youth and female teams in the works and the bank has been supportive and committed to staying with the club.

"I'm glad that she was here to witness the game and being presented with the trophy," Davis said.

Islanders was formed during the 2008-2009 season and Davis said they've had a lot of hiccups but they have stayed strong, stayed positive and have recruited a number of players and continue to recruit players that will play the brand of football they're looking for, that have helped them to get to the point where they are today.

"Eight titles going strong so we just want to keep it going for as long as we can, so that when old guys like me roll out, we have youngsters coming through and they know what Islanders football is about," he explained. "This title is even sweeter. The majority of core players from 2008



Islanders and All Stars players battle for the ball in the second half

are no longer with the team, but it just shows that the guys we have remaining from then—Ranalie Cain, Noel Issac, they're committed to playing Islanders brand of football, so when we bring in the youngsters, they know exactly what to expect in terms of the determination, how we move the ball, so it definitely all worth it at the end of the day."

Other awards doled out: Most Goals, 20 by the Panthers' Nigel Sanderson; MVP, Sheldon Harry, Islanders; Outstanding Youth Player, Luca Reich, Wolues and Golden Gloves, Lyndell Williams, Sugar Boys.



# SPORTS



Islanders collecting their 8th title in 10 years and presented the trophy to their sponsor, National Bank of the Virgin Islands Manager, Joy Penn



Power Outage beat the Pirates 9-7, for the George "Shawala" Borrows Memorial Softball Tournament Men's crown



Synergy earned the George "Shawala" Borrows Memorial Tournament title with a 10-5 victory over That's Ya Problem



Ritseeniyah Georges, left, Thernia Williams, Javlyn Frett, Kazzel Nape and Winette Lawrence, compete in the Archer Indoor Virtual Championships at HLSCC



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*Sgd. Mag. Iur Andreas Frenes*  
Voluntary Liquidator [81/1]

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(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
(the "Company")  
BVI Business Company No. 2009482  
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 2 December 2020. The voluntary liquidators are *Marc Randall & Mervin Solas* of PO Box 1093, George Town, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands.  
Dated: 2 December 2020

*Marc Randall & Mervin Solas*  
Joint Voluntary Liquidators  
PO Box 1093, Boundary Hall  
Grand Cayman  
KY1-1102  
Cayman Islands  
Contact for Enquiries: marc.randall@maples.com [81/4]

*Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator pursuant to section 204(1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act.*

## JOHANNES LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
(the "Company")  
BVI Business Company No. 2009453  
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 2 December 2020. The voluntary liquidators are *Marc Randall & Mervin Solas* of PO Box 1093, George Town, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands.  
Dated: 2 December 2020

*Marc Randall & Mervin Solas*  
Joint Voluntary Liquidators  
PO Box 1093, Boundary Hall  
Grand Cayman, KY1-1102  
Cayman Islands  
Contact for Enquiries: marc.randall@maples.com [81/5]

*Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator pursuant to section 204(1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act.*

## YSALES GLOBAL, LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
(the "Company")  
BVI Business Company No. 2001259  
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 2 December 2020. The voluntary liquidators are *Marc Randall & Mervin Solas* of PO Box 1093, George Town, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands.  
Dated: 2 December 2020

*Marc Randall & Mervin Solas*  
Joint Voluntary Liquidators  
PO Box 1093, Boundary Hall  
Grand Cayman  
KY1-1102, Cayman Islands  
Contact for Enquiries: marc.randall@maples.com [81/6]

NOTICE  
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT  
**Valpiedra Ltd.**

(the "Company")  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 18th December, 2020; under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidator is:-  
*Danyel Falcon*  
of 40 S.W. 13th Street  
Suite 802  
Miami, Florida, 33130 [81/7]

NOTICE  
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT  
**Wenkins Jesteria Melodies Limited**

(the "Company")  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 11th December, 2020; under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck from the Register. The Liquidator is:-  
*Robin Walsler*  
c/o 600 North Bridge Road  
#12-09/10 Parkview Square  
Singapore, 188778 [81/8]

NOTICE  
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT  
**St James's No 5 Limited**

("the Company")  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 18th December, 2020; under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidator is:-  
*Barbara Panayides*  
of 31 Gladstonos Street  
1095 Nicosia  
Cyprus [81/9]

NOTICE  
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT  
**PROUDVIEW INVESTMENTS LTD.**

(the "Company")  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 14th December, 2020; under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck from the Register. The Liquidator is:-  
*Robin Walsler*  
c/o 600 North Bridge Road  
#12-09/10 Parkview Square  
Singapore, 188778 [81/10]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1479875  
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from December 18, 2020.  
Dated: December 21, 2020  
*(Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela*  
Voluntary Liquidator [81/11]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1792594  
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from December 18, 2020.  
Dated: December 21, 2020  
*(Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela*  
Voluntary Liquidator [81/12]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1764189  
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from December 18, 2020.  
Dated: December 21, 2020  
*(Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela*  
Voluntary Liquidator [81/13]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1572575  
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from December 18, 2020.  
Dated: December 21, 2020  
*(Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela*  
Voluntary Liquidator [81/14]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 50201  
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from December 21, 2020.  
Dated: December 21, 2020  
*(Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela*  
Voluntary Liquidator [81/15]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1684878  
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from December 21, 2020.  
Dated: December 21, 2020  
*(Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela*  
Voluntary Liquidator [81/16]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 545950  
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from December 21, 2020.  
Dated: December 21, 2020  
*(Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela*  
Voluntary Liquidator [81/17]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 188424  
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from December 18, 2020.  
Dated: December 21, 2020  
*(Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela*  
Voluntary Liquidator [81/18]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 239788  
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from December 18, 2020.  
Dated: December 21, 2020  
*(Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela*  
Voluntary Liquidator [81/19]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 588081  
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from December 18, 2020.  
Dated: December 21, 2020  
*(Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela*  
Voluntary Liquidator [81/20]

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

## Alliance Promotion Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 660272  
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on December 18, 2020. 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: December 21, 2020.  
*(Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela*  
Voluntary Liquidator [81/21]

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

## GP Solutions.com Ltd

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1819733  
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on December 18, 2020. The Liquidator is *Stelios Ioakim* with address at 15 Edessas str., 3315, Limassol, Cyprus.  
Dated: December 21, 2020.  
*(Sgd.) Stelios Ioakim*  
Voluntary Liquidator [81/22]

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

**UNITED ASSETS LTD.**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 90976

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from December 18th, 2020.  
Dated: 21st December, 2020  
(Sgd.) *Christian Seifert*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[81/23]

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

**DASTANS LIMITED**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1826337

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from December 18, 2020.  
Dated: December 22, 2020  
(Sgd.) *Anna Grigorieva*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[81/24]

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

**ALURED LTD**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1393551

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from December 18, 2020.  
Dated: December 22, 2020  
(Sgd.) *Stelios Ioakim*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[81/25]

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

**SUPERVISION CAPITAL INC.**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1837677

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from December 18, 2020.  
Dated: December 22, 2020  
(Sgd.) *Angelos Paphitis*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[81/26]

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

**BRISTON INVEST LIMITED**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1062256

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from December 18, 2020.  
Dated: December 22, 2020  
(Sgd.) *Nedim Gorel*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[81/27]

*Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.*  
**SAMIRTON HOLDINGS LTD.**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1024835

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from December 21st 2020.  
Dated: December 21st, 2020  
(Sgd.) *Delio Jose De Leon Mela*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[81/28]

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

**BONIFACCIO LTD.**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1875432

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from December 21st 2020.  
Dated: December 21st, 2020  
(Sgd.) *Marcio Garmatter Barreto*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[81/29]

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

**FARREN MANAGEMENT LIMITED**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 2029123

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from December 21st 2020.  
Dated: December 21st, 2020  
(Sgd.) *Maria Christodoulidou*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[81/30]

**Mark Globe Holdings Corporation**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1864993

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that Mark Globe Holdings Corporation has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 21st December, 2020  
Dated this 21st day of December, 2020  
Sgd. *WANG LI*  
Voluntary Liquidator [81/31]

**FREIGHT AND TRADE INTERNATIONAL LTD**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1608398

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **FREIGHT AND TRADE INTERNATIONAL LTD** has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 21st December, 2020  
Dated this 21st day of December, 2020  
Sgd. *Mrs. LINETH PONCE*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[81/32]

**DELTA-GRAINS LTD.**  
Company No. 1953940  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **DELTA-GRAINS LTD.** has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 18th December, 2020  
Dated this 21st day of December, 2020  
Sgd. *Mrs. LINETH PONCE*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[81/33]

**OUTLAND TRADING COMPANY LTD.**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 2008816

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **OUTLAND TRADING COMPANY LTD.** has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 18th December, 2020  
Dated this 21st day of December, 2020  
Sgd. *Rodrigo Alves Duarte*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[81/34]

**APPOINTMENT LOTUS CAPITAL ENTERPRISES LIMITED**  
("the Company")  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1540578

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that: **Lotus Capital Enterprises Limited** is in voluntary liquidation. The date of commencement of liquidation is 18th December 2020. The liquidator is **Carmine Bailey of Kendall Corporate Services Limited, 87 Main Street, Waterfront Drive, P.O. Box 3169; PMB 198, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**  
Dated 21st December 2020  
*Carmine Bailey*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[81/35]

**STRUCK OFF LIQUIDATOR'S FINAL NOTICE FOUNTAIN GROWTH INC.**  
("the Company")  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1065851

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 17th December 2020.  
Dated 21st December 2020  
*Carmine Bailey*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[81/36]

**LYNCH SERVICES LTD.**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1460111

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1), subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 18th December, 2020 and **Mrs. LINETH PONCE of MMG Tower 23rd Floor Avenida del Pacifico and Avenida Paseo del Mar, Costa del Este, Panama, Republic of Panama,** has been appointed as Sole Liquidator. Dated this 21st day of December, 2020  
Sgd. *Mrs. LINETH PONCE*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[81/37]

**NOTICE OF MERGER Weatherford Drilling International Holdings (BVI) Ltd.**  
(the "Company")

NOTICE IS GIVEN pursuant to Section 104B of the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda that the Company intends to merge with **Sabre Drilling Ltd., a Bermuda Company,** and the surviving company shall continue as a business company in the British Virgin Islands.  
Dated: December 18, 2020 at Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.  
[81/38]

**NOTICE OF MERGER Weatherford Drilling International Holdings (BVI) Ltd.**  
(the "Company")

NOTICE IS GIVEN pursuant to Section 104B of the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda that the Company intends to merge with **Weatherford Pangaea Holdings Ltd., a Bermuda Company,** and the surviving company shall continue as a business company in the British Virgin Islands.  
Dated: December 18, 2020 at Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.  
[81/39]

*Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.*  
**BRABO SOLUTIONS S.A.**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1957680

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on December 22, 2020. The Liquidator is **Antonio Palacio with address at 11 Avenue Princesse Grace, Monaco.**  
Dated: December 23, 2020.  
(Sgd.) *Antonio Palacio*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[81/40]

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

**CSY Capital Limited**  
("the Company")  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 14th day of December, 2020; under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck from the Register. The Liquidator is:-  
*Lee Yin Man*  
of 20th Floor,  
88 Gloucester Road,  
Wanchai, Hong Kong  
[81/41]

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

**Ollie Investments Limited**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1839319

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 11th day of December, 2020. The Liquidator is **Ray A. George, of Long Trench, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**  
Dated this 23rd day of December, 2020  
*Ray A. George*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[81/42]

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

**Stone Edge Investments Ltd.**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1902001

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 16th day of December, 2020. The Liquidator is **Daniel de Berenguer Cesar, of 765, Crandon Blvd, Apt. 605, Biscayne, FL 33149, United States of America.**  
Dated this 23rd day of December, 2020  
*Daniel de Berenguer Cesar*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[81/43]

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

**MANP Consultoria Empressarial e Participações Ltd**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1593508

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 16th day of December, 2020. The Liquidator is **Vital Jorge Lopes, of Rua Adalvia de Toledo 852, CS 2, São Paulo - SP, Brazil 05683-000.**  
Dated this 23rd day of December, 2020  
*Vital Jorge Lopes*  
Voluntary Liquidator [81/44]

# PUBLIC NOTICES

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

**PROBATE DIVISION**

BVIHPB No.2020/0190

**IN THE ESTATE OF EDWIN ALLAN GEORGE, LATE OF  
THE VALLEY,**

**VIRGIN GORDA, VIRGIN ISLANDS, DECEASED**

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Steve Allen George of The Valley, Virgin Gorda, British Virgin Islands for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicant who is, the lawful son of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 28th March, 2018 at Holy Cross Hospital, Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida 33308, USA.

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

Dated this 16th day of December, 2020

*Filed by N. R Samuel & Co, Solicitors for the Administrator whose address for service is 3rd Floor, Chevelle Center, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.*

[82]

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

In the Estate of MARCO ANTONIO TEDESCO, late of Av Atlantica, 3330, apt 702, Centro, Balneario Camboriu – SC - Brazil, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by MARCELO MAFFESSIONI TEDESCO of Av Atlantica, 4370, apt 101, Centro, Balneario Camboriu – SC - Brazil, for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who is the lawful son of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 1st day of June 2016.

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

Dated this 26th day of December 2020.

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

[82]

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

**IN THE ESTATE OF JOÃO INÁCIO PUGA, DECEASED**

In the estate of JOÃO INÁCIO PUGA, late of Rua Janina, 505, Vila de Sao Fernando, Cotia - SP, CEP: 06705-590, Brazil, deceased.

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Suzandaise de Almeida Inácio Puga of Rua Ibiapinópolis, 919, Jardim Paulistano, São Paulo - SP, CEP: 01457-030, Brazil, for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above named deceased who died on the 13th day of March 2020 without revoking a Will bearing the date of the 20th day of February 2020 wherein the applicant is named 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 22nd day of December, 2020

Filed by Suzandaise de Almeida Inácio Puga whose address for service is c/o Harney Westwood & Riegels LP, Craigmuir Chambers, PO Box 71, Road Town Tortola VG1110, British Virgin Islands

[82]

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

**IN THE ESTATE OF NISSIM HARA, DECEASED**

In the estate of NISSIM HARA, late of Rua das Mangabeiras, 135, apto 8B, Santa Cecilia, São Paulo - SP, CEP: 01233-010, Brazil, deceased.

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Raquel Sarue Hara of Rua das Mangabeiras, 135, apto 8B, Santa Cecilia, São Paulo - SP, CEP: 01233-010, Brazil, for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above named deceased who died on the 9th day of January 2020 without revoking a Will bearing the date of the 16th day of April 2013 wherein the applicant is named 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 22nd day of December, 2020

*Filed by Raquel Sarue Hara whose address for service is c/o Harney Westwood & Riegels LP, Craigmuir Chambers, PO Box 71, Road Town Tortola VG1110, British Virgin Islands*

[82]

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

**Speed Cathy Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 17th day of December 2020, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register.

The Liquidator is:-

*XU Xin* of  
No. 15, Xueyuan Road,  
Xueyuan Road, Haidian District,  
Beijing,  
China

[81/45]

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

**Rongxi Holdings Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 17th day of December 2020, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register.

The Liquidator is:-

*GU Yizhe* of  
Suite C, 13F, No. 918,  
Middle Huaihai Road, Huangpu  
District,  
Shanghai,  
China

[81/46]

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

**Wheel Time Holdings Ltd.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 18th day of December 2020, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.

The Liquidator is:-

*CONG Lin* of  
Room 1103, Unit 2,  
Building 14, Huanyuwan,  
Binjiang District, Hangzhou City,  
Zhejiang Province,  
China

[81/47]

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

**SKYLINE CENTURY  
LIMITED**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 17th day of December 2020, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register.

The Liquidator is:-

*SONG Yunxia* of  
No. Wolongxiaoqu, Huizhongli,  
Chaoyang District, Beijing,  
China

[81/48]

# PUBLIC NOTICES

**THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT  
THE VIRGIN ISLANDS  
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
(PROBATE)  
PROBATE NO. BVIHPB 2020**

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

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

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

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

Dated the day of -, 2020.

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

[81]

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

CLAIM NO. BVIHPB2020/

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

**ADVERTISEMENT**

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

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

Dated this 16th day of December 2020

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

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

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

**ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF  
PROBATE**

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

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

DATED this 10th day of December, 2020.

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

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

**PROBATE No. 0184 of 2020**

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

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

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

Dated this 19th day of December 2020.

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

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

**GLORY TULIP LIMITED**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 17th day of December 2020, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register.

The Liquidator is:-  
**SONG Yunxia** of

No. Wolongxiaogu, Huizhongli, Chaoyang District, Beijing, China

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**RP Supply Commercial Holdings Ltd.**

Company No. 1936101

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that RP Supply Commercial Holdings Ltd. is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 22nd December, 2020 and Querube Castillo de Nuñez of Paseo del Mar and Pacific Avenues, Costa del Este, MMG Tower 23rd Floor, Panama City, Republic of Panama, has been appointed as Sole Liquidator.

Dated this 23rd day of December, 2020

**Sgd. QUERUBE CASTILLO DE NUÑEZ**

Voluntary Liquidator

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**GIMPLER BUSINESS LTD.**

Company No. 1852926

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that GIMPLER BUSINESS LTD. is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 22nd December, 2020 and Ramon Ortiz De Taranco of Ruta 8 Km. 17500, Zonamerica, Local 115 A, 91600 Montevideo, Uruguay, has been appointed as Sole Liquidator.

Dated this 23rd day of December, 2020

**Sgd. RAMON ORTIZ DE TARANCO**  
Voluntary Liquidator

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# PUBLIC NOTICES

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

PROBATE NO. BVIHPB 0182 of 2020

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

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

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

Dated 14 December, 2020.

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

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

CLAIM NO. BVIHPB2020/

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

### ADVERTISEMENT

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

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

Dated this 15th day of December 2020

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

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

CLAIM NO. BVIHPB2020/

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

### ADVERTISEMENT

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

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

Dated this 10th day of December 2020

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

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

BVIHPB 2020/0122

In the Estate of: HsIEH, CHIN-YUNG Deceased

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

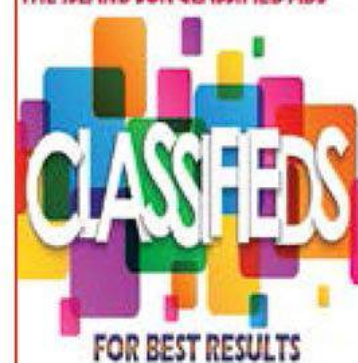
Any persons having any objection to the Grant of Letters of Administration as aforesaid to HsIEH, TSUNG-YEN shall within fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of this notice lodge with the Registry of the High Court in the Territory of the Virgin Islands a proper document setting out the said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

Dated this 17th day of December 2020.

GRANT & Co  
Solicitors for the Intended Administrators

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# OAS accommodation of Guaidó attack on Trinidad and Tobago wrongly allowed but rightly resisted

By Sir Ronald Sanders

Events at the Organization of American States (OAS) continue to reveal that, notwithstanding the efforts by some of its 33 member states, the Organization is the handmaiden of powerful governments which control it through various methods, including coercion. Nothing symbolises this more glaringly than a presumptuous assault on the Government of Trinidad and Tobago by the agent of one small political party, purported to be the Government of Venezuela. The sordid event occurred in the OAS Permanent Council on December 16.

Some background is necessary. For various reasons, linked to the ambitions of political and business elites in certain countries, Juan Guaidó was selected as "Interim President" of Venezuela. The people of Venezuela had no say in Guaidó's selection or in his adornment with the title of "Interim President". Guaidó and his party cannot deliver any basic function of a government. They do not have the capacity to sell a one cent stamp to a Venezuelan, or to respond to governments that need to engage with the authorities in Venezuela.

Factually, Venezuela is not a member of the OAS. On 27 April 2017, the Venezuelan government properly notified the OAS Secretary-General of its withdrawal from the Organization in accordance with its rules. Consequently, the Charter ceased to be in force with respect to Venezuela whose membership of the Organization ended on 27 April 2019.

However, determined to exercise power over Venezuela, in April 2019, 18 governments – some willingly, others out of fear or by coercion – imposed Guaidó's agent as the representative of Venezuela at the Organization, by a bare majority vote. In effect, a small political party was given equal standing with sovereign governments – an unprecedented and alarming event. The other 15 governments rejected this imposition, making clear that they would be bound by no declaration or resolution which is adopted by a majority that included the Guaidó agent. Further, they made it pellucid that no attention would be paid to anything he said in the Organization.

The OAS is a house divided against itself. It is also financially bankrupt, in large part because, despite being regarded by a few member states and the Secretary-General as the 'government' of Venezuela, Guaidó's group has not paid a cent of the \$3.3 million in membership fees for 2019 and 2020. The recording of these monies as due from a country that is not a member of the Organization is another of the fallacies of the OAS.

Against this background, when Guaidó's representative requested - on his own and with none of his patron governments - the placement on the agenda of the Permanent Council of a presentation by himself on "Venezuelan Migration and Its Recent Tragic Consequences", the delegation of Antigua and Barbuda objected. The presumptuousness of the request to place any item on the agenda of the Permanent Council by an agent of one political party in a country, and the precedent it would set, had to be resisted.



The agent's intention was to escalate an attack on Trinidad and Tobago, launched by Guaidó on November 24, regarding the recent deaths of 16 Venezuelans who had left Venezuela illegally in a boat that appeared to have capsized. In a public statement Guaidó stated: "The cruel treatment to which they (Trinidad and Tobago) subject Venezuelans who have been forced to migrate as a result of the dictatorship is painful and inhuman", and then he threatened, "Parliament will initiate an investigation and the world is watching the events in Trinidad and Tobago".

Consequently, Antigua and Barbuda told the Permanent Council that, apart from the fact that Venezuela is not a member of the OAS, "the purported representative of Venezuela is merely the spokesperson for only one of many political parties in Venezuela. Allowing the views and positions of only one political party to be expressed in any forum of the OAS is contrary to natural justice and democratic principles since it denies a similar opportunity to other political parties in Venezuela". Despite the efforts of the Chair to ignore a call for a vote on the matter, one was forced under the evident rules of the Organization.

The Guaidó supporters barely secured a majority of 18, including the vote of Guaidó's agent. Had Guaidó's agent not been allowed to vote (as he should not have) on a matter in which he had a vested interest, the bare majority of 18 would not have been attained. Unfortunately, the representatives of three CARICOM countries - Bahamas, Haiti and Jamaica - were part of the 17 states that supported this abuse. Nonetheless, what was established is that support for the Guaidó farce is weakening as more countries opted to divorce themselves from the obvious abuse.

In his presentation, Guaidó's agent made baseless accusations against Trinidad and Tobago, claiming that "there have been abuses and mistreatment of Venezuelans in Trinidad" and demanding that "Trinidad and Tobago allow access to its territory and provide protection to people coming from Venezuela, observing due process and the principle of non-refoulement".

The Ambassador of Trinidad and Tobago, Anthony Phillips-Spencer, made a dignified and robust response that did not recognize Guaidó's agent, but rejected all his remarks. The Ambassador was clear that the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights had stated that the incident in which 16 Venezuelans had lost their lives had occurred "within Venezuela's jurisdiction". He pointed out that Trinidad and Tobago - a small island State - has compassionately taken the unprecedented step of officially registering and facilitating over 16,000 migrants from Venezuela to live and work in Trinidad and Tobago. This hospitality continues even as our economy faces significant challenges that have affected all of our own people."

There should have been many shamed faces at the end of the Ambassador's response to the remarks by an agent with not one shred of authority to speak for the people and authorities of Venezuela.

This event reflects a perverse OAS no one should want, and which ill-serves the people of the Americas.



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## Christmas is a time of healing and renewed strength

We have seen Christmas in Road Town, and we have Christmas decorations everywhere to remind us that this is that time of the year. A 48-year old tradition continues and a majestic Christmas tree greets us at the Sir Olva Georges Plaza. Supermarkets, public places, and government offices are all decorated with Yule trimmings.

It is a time to be jolly as the song says, but it is also a time to decide what we can do about the many problems that have descended upon us in recent years such as political clientelism, lingering poverty here and there, elderly without a pension, unemployment, health care high costs, the ever-increasing cost of living, and a pervasive sense that our community which once was one for all, all for one, is rapidly becoming a place made up of those who have and those who have not.

Very often we fall prey to the hype that has become the 21st-century materialistic celebration of Christmas. We are all so busy giving and receiving presents, indulging in excessive food and drinks, and making it all as comfy as we can, although sometimes transiently, that we forget the true meaning of Christmas.

First of all, there is the religious meaning of Christmas. Religiously, Christmas is the celebration of the birth of Christ, our Saviour, but in a society that is gradually becoming non-religious, that meaning has faded away.

Then there is the giving, not necessarily to friends or family. When the holiday season comes we get mesmerised by looking at all things shiny, pricey, and fancy as presents for ourselves. We give out little hints about what we want wrapped-up under the Christmas tree. But, quite often, we forget about those without presents under their trees, families that won't sit down to a delicious Christmas dinner.

During a season to be merry, we should spare a thought for those in need and do something about making this Christmas truly special for them. Health, poverty, and financial problems are serious issues and Christmas doesn't make things any different for those already suffering.

Christmas should be a season of great joy. It is a time of God showing His great love for us. It can be a time of healing and renewed strength. Look at Christmas in a new way this year: invite Jesus into your heart. You will then have a "Merry Christmas."

# PUBLIC NOTICES

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

In the estate of ABRAHAM HENDRICKS, late of  
Jost Van Dyke, Virgin Islands, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that MILTON LEONARD of P.O. Box 861, Cruz Bay, St. John, USVI, 00831 and HERBERT MATTHIAS of 4338 Creekview Dr, Hepzibah, Georgia, USA, 30815, being the lawful grandchildren and intended administrators of the estate of ABRAHAM HENDRICKS, deceased (the Deceased), who died on the 19th day of January, 1958 domiciled in the Territory of the Virgin Islands, has applied to the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the Probate Division for Letters of Administration De Bonis Non in the estate of the Deceased.

ANY PERSON having any objection to the grant of Letters of Administration De Bonis Non to the said MILTON LEONARD and HERBERT MATTHIAS, shall within fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of this Notice lodge with the Registry of the High Court in the Territory of the Virgin Islands a proper document setting out the said objections.



Solicitors for the Intended Administrators

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Must be willing to work flexible hours, weekends, holidays, and evenings as required to meet deadline

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

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Wanted: One mature and emphatic person as an in house domestic to assist an elderly couple and for house hold duties. Belonger or BVI Islanders preferred. Contact: 542-2100. [s82]

Big Bamboo is seeking a Full Time Carpenter. Please contact 346-5850 for more details.

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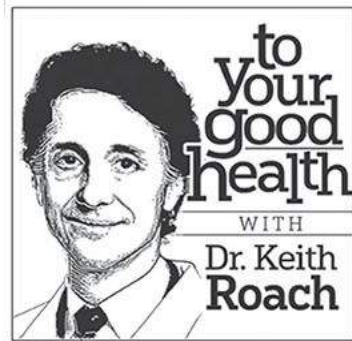
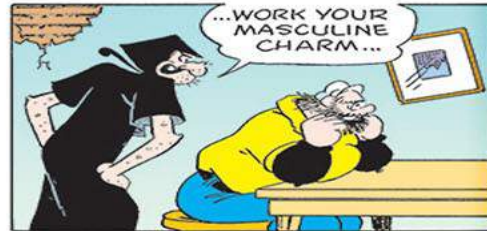
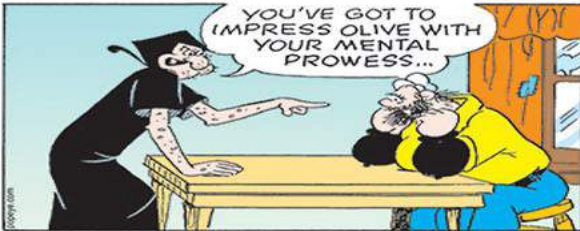


# Happy Holidays

The Spirit of the Christmas Story resides in each of us to spread peace on Earth, happiness, and goodwill to all men, women, and children. In these challenging times, let our lights shine brightly through God as we look forward to a prosperous 2021.



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to your good health WITH Dr. Keith Roach

Learn Right Way to Use a Cane

DEAR DR. ROACH: I have Parkinson's disease, and balance is an issue. I have been using a cane on the right side, my weak leg side. I have seen videos that say a cane should be used on a person's uninjured side. I tilt to the right and catch my balance without cane support in most cases. Which side do you suggest I use for better and faster movement? — J.C.A.

ANSWER: A cane is normally used on the "good" side, the side opposite of the one that needs support. However, I refer every patient with a cane to a physical or occupational therapist, since the cane should be the proper type, the proper height and used in the correct hand. Also, people need to be instructed on how to use it properly. Up to 70% of people with canes don't use them properly, and as such won't get the help they could be getting. Almost half of people will abandon them. A skilled therapist can help you get the most benefit from the cane.

I have read that canes with built-in laser lights can be particularly helpful for people with Parkinson's. This might be something to look into as well. These are valuable for people with "freezing" of gait.

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DEAR DR. ROACH: You put my life into disarray as I read your column on the risk of recurrence with respect to breast cancer! I promptly grabbed my retired pathologist husband,

and he was floored also. He accessed respected medical sites online, and we cannot find any stating that "women with estrogen receptor positive, progesterone receptor positive and HER2 negative tumors are more likely to experience recurrence." What research are you looking at?

I was told by my breast surgeon, oncologist and radiologist that I am in the best possible position with breast cancer. If this is an actual error, you'll have a whole nation of readers and breast cancer survivors in an anxious state and the phones of providers ringing off the hook! Please tell me that this was a misprint. — T.W.

ANSWER: It is not a misprint. The issue is that risk factors for late recurrences are different from overall prognostic findings. Because fortunately late recurrences are relatively rare, they don't have a major effect on overall prognosis, which is where I think you and your husband may be looking. Specifically, triple-negative tumors (ER negative, PR negative, HER-2 negative) have a worse overall prognosis, but survivors have a low risk of recurrence if they get through the first five years.

I am putting some of the original research onto my page at facebook.com/keithroachmd1.

I must note that there are more sophisticated genetic markers that can help predict recurrence. My column lacks space to go into those, but your oncologist can speak to you about them.

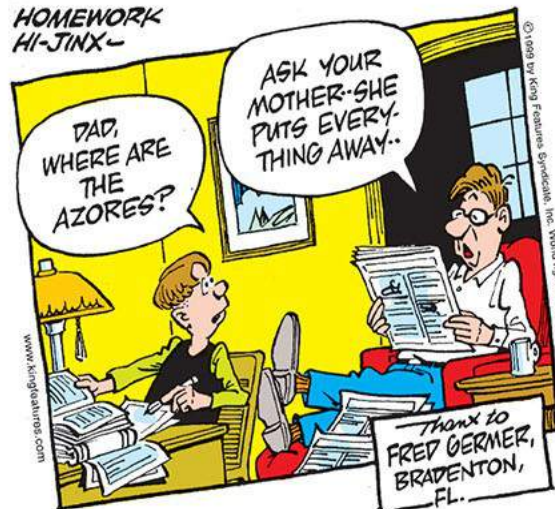
I am sorry your life is in disarray. I don't mean to increase your anxiety. Perhaps it would help if I noted that according to one of the studies I am posting, recurrence rate in the 20 years after diagnosis is only 1.4% per year for ER+ women with no lymph nodes positive for cancer.

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.

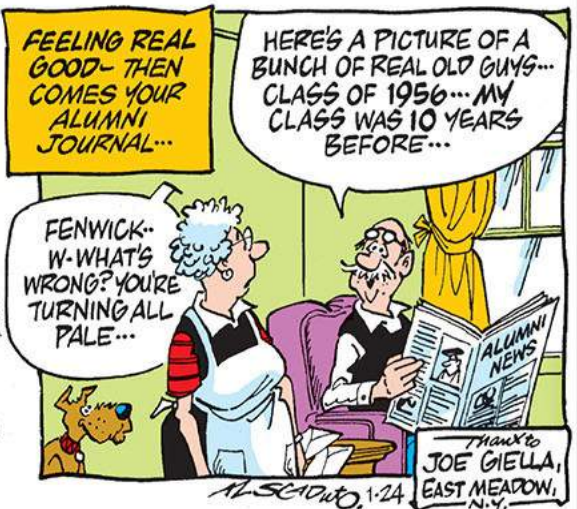
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BY AL SCADUTO



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God."

— LUKE 1:35



"Angel" by Thomas Derrick (1930)

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# HOLLYWOOD

by Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD — Loyal “Jeopardy!” fans were saddened to learn that their favorite host, Alex Trebek, had pancreatic cancer. Alex vowed he would fight as hard as he could to beat it. Bravely he soldiered on, taping episodes of “Jeopardy!” until the last two weeks of his life. On Nov. 8, at the age of 80, he went to host that great big “Jeopardy!” game in the sky. We’ll all miss Alex very much, but he wanted the show to go on. The big question is who can fill his shoes? The answer is **Ken Jennings**, the highest earning American game show contestant of all time.



ABC/Paula Lobo

Ken Jennings

Jennings won 74 consecutive “Jeopardy!” games with the highest average of correct responses per game. He won \$2,520,700 for 74 wins, \$2,000 for placing second in his 75th appearance, \$500,000 second-place prize for the “Jeopardy! Ultimate Tournament of Champions” (2005), \$300,000 second place prize for the IBM Challenge (2011), in which he lost to the Watson Computer, \$100,000 second place prize for the “Jeopardy! Battle of the Decades” (2014), \$100,000 second place prize (his share of his team’s \$300,000 prize) in 2019’s “Jeopardy! All Star Games,” and finally, \$1 million as first-place winner of “Jeopardy! The Greatest of All Time” (2020), for a grand total of \$4,522,700.

Jennings is 46 years old, a graduate of Brigham Young University who has written several books, including “Brainiac: Adventures in the Curious, Competitive, Compulsive World of Trivia Buffs” (2006). He and his wife, Mindy, and their two children, 18-year-old Dylan and 15-year-old Caitlin, live in Seattle. In 2020 he became a consulting producer of “Jeopardy!” and now, beginning Jan. 11, he’ll be what is being called the guest host, the first in a series of “in-house” guest hosts. But this avid comic book and movie geek (how did he ever miss being on “The Big Bang Theory?”) will undoubtedly become the new host of “Jeopardy!” Question:

When will they let us in on this!

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Plans are afoot for releasing films into theaters again. The roll out began slowly but starts to pick up with the pre-Christmas opening of “Monster Hunter,” starring Milla Jovovich and Ron Pearlman. Then things really heat up with the Dec. 25 release of the Civil War drama “News of the World,” starring Tom Hanks, and “Wonder Woman 1984,” starring Gal Gadot and Chris Pine.

January sees the debut of “Pieces of a Woman,” starring Shia LaBeouf, Vanessa Kirby and Ellen Burstyn; and “The 355,” starring Jessica Chastain, Penelope Cruz and Lupita Nyong’o. Also coming in the new year, “I Carry You With Me,” about a gay couple from Mexico seeking a better life in the U.S., starring Armando Espitia and Christian Vasquez.

Are these stars and films enough to force us to give up being lumpy couch potatoes? Stay tuned!

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