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### OPPOSITION ADVOCATES SECOND STIMULUS PLAN

The BVI Government has announced that vaccination progress will help determine the reopening of the Territory's seaports. While Leader of the Opposition Hon. Marlon Penn announced that tourism businesses are barely holding on.

The correlation between the reopening of the ports and the Leader of the Opposition's concern stems from the fact that of the Territory's two economic pillars - tourism is the one that employs a large portion of the local workforce. This pillar, reportedly, accounts for one in every four jobs. However, since March 2020 when the Territory's border officially closed the tourism sector closed as well. This was because the seaports are a major entry point for visitors to the Territory.

Although the Territory's main airport reopened in December many complaints stressed that until the seaports open the tourism arrivals will be sparse.

The government gave an assurance that it is trying to balance lives with livelihood, and explained that concern about COVID19 spread calls for a careful approach. To that end, Minister for Health and Social Development Hon. Carvin Malone has indicated that government is interested at some point to reopen the, but he did not indicate when that will happen. Instead, Hon. Malone said that reopening is contingent on the ongoing vaccination programme.

The Health Minister during the Honestly Speaking radio programme



the correlation between the vaccination campaign and the reopening. He said: "The particular vaccine is one in which once we get to 60 -70, 80% of our population then...we can sit and look

on 18 February alluded to at it in terms of easing some of the restrictions that we would have, the Protocols that we would have and so forth."

> "We have our borders under our control, the more people we get vaccinated the

more and sooner we will be able to move this forward but we must do the vaccine in the particular period in an organized manner," he added.

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# Opposition advocates second stimulus plan

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#### Opposition Leader **Expresses Concern**

Meanwhile, the Leader of the Opposition has called on the government to help those affected by the current stagnation of the tourism situation. Hon. Penn in a Territorial address issued on 22 February explained that the predicament of the tourism sector has been extensive and is causing business casualties: "It is no secret that the tourism sector is under serious strain, with a number of properties either closing or operating at minimal capacity. Just a few weeks ago, we learned that Quito's

to halt the reopening of its newly completed facility. Top of The Baths has also closed, and others are contemplating the same. This coupled with the protracted delay in getting our seaports re-opened, means that many in our community are hurting."

Further advocating for the tourism sector Hon. Penn said: "Historically, our Tourism product has been ranked among the best in the region, with a legacy of excellence from the forward-thinking local pioneers..."

"Tourism is the lifeblood of the Virgin Islands economy. The charter industry contributes over

made the difficult decision \$300m, and land-based tourism, over \$200m to our economy, and along with the cruise industry, tourism as a whole provides over 50% of the jobs available. Tourism offers the greatest scope to drive an immediate economic expansion and it is the sector that offers the most solid, reliable, and realistic prospects for longterm economic growth," he further explained.

#### Stimulus More Suggested

Against the backdrop of a struggling tourism sector Hon. Penn suggested that another round of stimulus be offered to those struggling as a result of the industry's predicament.

backdrop, that he would recommend and support another round of stimulus "i.e. "Stimulus 2.0".

As it relates to how this second round of stimulus will be funded. Hon. Penn explained: "To provide a further stimulus package, the Government should first look to its own reserve funds, including budget reprioritization to free up funding. If requesting financing from the Social Security Board (SSB), a loan with fixed repayment dates and not a "grant" should be negotiated, and this is only after publishing a feasibility status report of the SSB, stimulus 2.0 should be distributed based on sound criteria for

It is against that getting help to those most in need of assistance."

> The Leader of the Opposition further opined that he hopes that the distribution of the second stimulus will be better than the first. "We must learn from the execution challenges of the first stimulus package and put remedies in place to address those challenges, especially the gross delay in getting the stimulus money into the hands of those who need it most. I urge the Government to share with us, the plan for supporting our vulnerable residents and businesses, through Stimulus 2.0."

# **New Legislation to Slash Corruption and Boost** Accountability

A long-awaited Whistle Blower legislation that was called for by former Governors and concerned citizens across the Territory for years is finally heading to the House of Assembly.

Once implemented, the Whistle Blower legislation will serve as protection for public servants who choose to disclose information about dishonest or illegal activities occurring in a government organization. This legislation will ensure that information-sharing public officers do not face any retaliatory action.

Last week it was explained that during the Cabinet meeting of 3 February the Cabinet reviewed and noted the Bill entitled, "Whistleblower Act, 2021". The Cabinet report explained that the "Bill" seeks to make provisions for "the manner in which individuals, may in the public interest, disclose information that relates to unlawful or other illegal conduct or corrupt practices of others."

Furthermore, Cabinet announced that the "Whistleblower Act, 2021" will protect against victimization of persons who make these disclosures, additionally providing a fund to reward individuals who make the disclosures.

It was also stated that Cabinet decided that the Premier's Office would instruct the Attorney General's Chambers to vet and finalize the Bill. Further, it was announced that the Bill would be resubmitted to Cabinet for approval before being introduced in the House of Assembly.

Before the Cabinet's announcement, Premier and Minister of Finance Hon. Andrew A. Fahie issued a statement on 11 February titled "A New Era of Accountability and Prosperity for the BVI" where the intent for the Whistleblower legislation was mentioned.

Hon. Fahie announced: "The Speech from the Throne that was delivered in the House of Assembly on 14 November 2019, were policies, legislation, and the agenda of your Government. Therefore, the commitment in the

Speech from the Throne that legislation such as the Public Service Management Bill, Integrity in Public Life legislation, Whistleblower legislation is on the 2020 Legislative Agenda, is the commitment and initiative of your Government."

During his final press conference, former **Governor Augustus Jaspert** mentioned that he hoped that the suite of good governance legislation would become law. These crucial bills have been requested for more than five years.

# Department of Trade to be Restructured

Major improvements and exciting business developments will be facilitated by the BVI Trade Commission which is expected to spawn business transformation within the Territory. This new trade facilitator was lauded by Junior Minister for Trade and Economic Development Hon. Shereen Flax-Charles during the launch on 23 February.

She explained that the overall plan for the implementation of the Virgin Islands Trade Commission is to restructure and transform the Department of Trade, Investment Promotion. She explained that the transformation would involve the expansion of the Department's portfolio. In fact, the Commission would function as the "One-Stop-Shop" for trade, business, investment, fair competition, and consumer affairs.

In further explaining the transformation process the Junior Minister said: "This is to ensure the effective implementation and administration of the National Trade Policy of the Virgin Islands and all of its legal instruments. The purpose of this transformation is to provide the services required for the development of new industries and the expansion of the business environment, which are vital to the sustainable economic development and growth of the Virgin Islands. With this new structure, we will be able to facilitate trade and economic development in a more, holistic, efficient and sustainable manner."

The Junior Minister further explained that the Virgin Islands Trade Commission will act as an interface between the business community and

the Government: "The agency will seek to reinvent existing services and create new services in order to add value to the business environment, as the Territory develops into a vibrant and robust knowledge-based economy. It will also focus on making the Virgin Islands the physical gateway between the United States, European, African Region and the Caribbean for international trade, in order for the Virgin Islands to succeed in this increasingly export-driven global economy."

Flax-Charles explained that the new agency structure will focus on specific technical areas for the development of the economy. She noted that these areas include Business Development, which focuses on the development and growth of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprise (MSME) businesses in the Territory, through training and assistance programmes. "It also provides a onestop location where entrepreneurs can receive support, assistance, training, and counseling, which can help them start a new business, obtain capital, or expand a product, as well as licensing and regulation of all businesses operating in the Territory".

The most exciting part of the announcement made by the Junior Minister is that of fair trade, which includes Consumer Affairs and Fair Competition. This area has had the most buzz because it focuses on managing the relationships between business to consumer and business to business respectively. Hon. Flax-Charles said that this section of the commission will address consumers' needs through the development of standards and programmes

that would encourage better business practice.

The Trade & Export Development facility falls under the Commission. This area is expected to propel the Virgin Islands into the international arena by focusing on the development of trade and commerce, through the establishment of mechanisms that will allow businesses to trade easily, locally, regionally, and internationally. "Its main objective is to expand the Territory's global market presence and share by preparing local companies and helping them to gain access, as well as to position themselves into the international market. In doing so, your Government will pursue market access with key trading partners through regional, bilateral, and multilateral relationships," the Minister said.

# Fraudsters Pretend to be a BVI Bank: Warning Issued

Fraudsters have targeted the National Bank of the Virgin Islands (NBVI) and both the Bank and the BVI Financial Services Commission (FSC) are alerting the public about the scammers' nefarious attempt.

In a statement issued on 17 February, the British Virgin Islands Financial Services Commission divulged a public notice announcing that a website bearing a name similar to NBVI was created attempting to do business as if it was NBVI. Therefore, the FSC said it considered it necessary to issue this Public Statement.

The statement is geared at protecting customers, creditors, or persons who may have been solicited to conduct business with the fake entity. The Commission said that the notice was to make the general public aware that the entity has never been licensed or regulated by the Commission to carry on any type of financial services business.

According to the FSC services. Such services are the "National Bank of the British Virgin Islands is falsely purporting to be the National Bank of the Virgin Islands Limited, which is a bank licensed and regulated by the FSC. To facilitate its fraudulent enterprise the National Bank Of The British Virgin Islands is using a fraudulent website URL: www.natbvi.com for the purpose of advertising and soliciting customers for banking, payment transaction, and investment

required to be licensed and regulated by the FSC."

The FSC said, "Members of the public are advised to exercise extreme caution if solicited at any time to conduct business with the National Bank Of The British Virgin Islands. The public is invited to provide the FSC with any relevant information on any questionable entities which are purportedly operating in or from within the Territory, and on any improper

activities engaged in by such entities."

In its notification about the deception the National Bank of the Virgin Islands Limited explained that the fraudsters falsely state the official NBVI address and communication channel as their own. "This is a phishing website and has absolutely no connection to NBVI. The website has already been reported in efforts to have it taken down," the management of NBVI explained.

## **Launch of the Virgin Islands Trade Commission**

### Remarks by Premier and Minister of Finance Honourable Andrew A. Fahie, 23rd February, 2021

A Pleasant Good Day and God's Blessings to all the people of these beautiful Virgin Islands and beyond.

Today marks the Dawn of a New Day in the Virgin Islands as we continue to chart our way forward towards realising a long awaited vision. A VISION FOR PROSPERITY – For the Virgin Islands to be developed as a "SMART Economy" that is resilient and sustainable.

Your Government's Vision is to transform the Virgin Islands into a leading economy through entrepreneurship, innovation and local and foreign investment.

When we do this, we create a thriving, vibrant, diversified and innovative, knowledge-based economy, with an attractive business environment that ensures full employment and full participation in global trade; of course, with BVILOVE.

Trade is not an end in itself, but a means to our economic growth and national development.

Therefore, your Government has embraced the concept of sustainable development, an end for which the global community and the entire Caribbean region is striving.

When I speak of sustainability in the development of the BVI, it means meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet theirs.

As such, we focus on the Territory's development through three main pillars: the social pillar, the environmental pillar, and the economic pillar.

By considering these three pillars, we focus on the values and the needs of our people and our planet, while ensuring economic benefits (profits) for our Territory.

Nothing we do is in isolation, of the other, but is strategically

connected to ensure that our development in the present leaves a positive impact for generations to come.

Your Government's Legislative Agenda speaks of empowering the people of the Virgin Islands through a stronger economy, better healthcare, improved social services, good governance, a world class education system, investment in youth development, the sustenance of natural resources and improvements in communication systems and infrastructure.

We are working towards our vision by creating the Institutional Framework required by:

- Developing the National Trade Policy of the Virgin Islands in order to create the appropriate legislative framework for trade and economic development, and
- Establishing the Virgin Islands
   Trade Commission to function
   as a One-Stop Shop that
   will operate as an effective
   facilitator and
   monitor of all matters
   relating to trade,
   business, investment and
   fair trade, which includes,
   consumer affairs
   and fair competition.

Thus far, your Government has been able to bring to the House of Assembly and to have passed by the Members of the House of Assembly, a number of legislative instruments including the Virgin Islands Trade Commission Act, 2020 and the Consumer Protection Act, 2020 to be enacted during disasters and pandemics such as COVID-19 alike.

We have also introduced two additional Bills for their First Reading: the Business Licensing Act and the Virgin Islands Investment Act.

These are just a few of what we have in store, as there are proposed 49-plus legislative instruments that will seek to establish the legislative framework required for creating an attractive environment that will ensure the ease of doing business here in the Territory of the Virgin Islands. But, mainly also to put the people of the Virgin Islands first.

Additionally, to ensure the effective implementation and functionality of these legislative instruments, we have established, and I am pleased to announce, the launch of the Virgin Islands Trade Commission.

I must congratulate all those persons in the Premier's Office, who have worked tirelessly to ensure that this initiative comes to fruition, I also thank all the efforts of members of the past administrations for some of the initiatives that were brought forward for us to get to this point. And for the members of my current Government for working on new initiatives to add to some of them and to make sure that we move this Territory into a new paradigm.

But this Virgin Islands Trade Commission is a Statutory Body, governed by a Board, which will be responsible for all activities related to trade and economic development.

It is expected that the overall restructuring and transition of the Virgin Islands Trade Commission into a fully function statutory body will take a period of between three to five years. Because in addition, remember, we still have plenty more legislations to be passed through the House of Assembly.

During such time, all of the

activities of the functional areas will be coordinated in an effort to ensure the ease of doing business in the Territory of the Virgin Islands, thereby creating an attractive business climate/environment that encourages investment and MSME development.

All of this would be achievable by focusing on our sustainable development goals to ensure our "Sustainable Economic Development for the Future".

This has indeed been a long time coming and I must state clearly that your Government has tackled many issues that have been a long time coming and tackled them with great success, to which we say to God be all the Glory. And this is yet another one and with the coordinated efforts of both public and private sectors, we will be able to make the strides that are necessary towards our vision for our future prosperity.

The future belongs to the prepared, and through these initiatives your Government is preparing you our people and we together as a people, we are preparing for the future.

So in the coming days, there will be a series of events and activities that will help to sensitise you, the people of the Virgin Islands, about the Trade Commission, its structure, services and activities to be undertaken by this agency to ensure our sustainable economic development.

The sustainable development of the Virgin Islands, and with it the social and economic security of our people is one of your Government's highest priorities.

This is a mission that your Government is committed to as we seek to enable and empower all persons in the transformation



Hon. Andrew A. Fahie

of the Virgin Islands into leading regional economy through entrepreneurship, innovation and local and foreign investment.

The launch of the Virgin Islands Trade Commission today is a milestone in our Territory's development. And I must say while this initiative has undergone a transformation through many Permanent Secretaries, I must publicly thank Ms. Lizette George for her efforts in this area from the Premier's Office over the years. And with each milestone you can be reassured that your Government is working for you – and we continue to work for you.

I now look forward to seeing all the necessary steps and activities taken to get the Trade Commission up and running and in full swing, serving and servicing the needs of the people.

I wish to thank all those persons, especially our hard-working public officers, all of them too numerous to mention who have brought us to this monumental and historic occasion, and who continue in dedicated service to our Territory.

I also must at this time thank our Junior Minister for Trade, Honourable Shereen Flax Charles who is tasked with leading the charge to ensure this initiative comes to fruition.

I thank you and may God continue to bless and protect these Virgin Islands and our people. As our best days are not our yesterdays but rather our tomorrows.



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### Inquiry Response Unit established to cooperate with Commission of Inquiry

#### STATEMENT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

22 February, 2021 Following the decision of the former Governor. His Excellency Augustus

J U Jaspert, to institute a Commission of Inquiry "Inquiry"), Government of the Virgin

Islands established the Inquiry Response Unit ('IRU') on 5 February, 2021 to ensure full

cooperation with the Inquiry and facilitation of the Inquiry process, while upholding the legal duties and legitimate interests of the Government.

The IRU, which was established by the Cabinet of the Virgin Islands, and is led by the Right Honourable Sir Geoffrey Cox QC and administered by Withers BVI, will report to the Attorney General. Honourable Dawn J. Smith.

The IRU functions as an independent unit to support the Attorney General's Chambers in ensuring that information is provided to the Inquiry in a systematic, efficient and well-organised way, which is both auditable

and accountable. The IRU will also assist Ministers and public officers to understand their duties in relation to the Inquiry.

The IRU's Mission Statement is as follows:

"To function as an independent unit acting in the public interest to support the work of the Attorney General and the Virgin Islands Government to achieve the fullest possible cooperation with the Commission of Inquiry, advising on coordinating disclosure of documents and information to the Commission, while ensuring the legal duties and legitimate interests of the Virgin Islands Government are upheld."



### THE AM ADVANTAGE

#### ZBVI PROGRAM GUIDE

#### WHEN LAST HAVE YOU LISTENED?

DAY OF THE WEEK	PROGRAM	TIME			
TUESDAYS:	SPEAKOUT BVI	8-930PM			
	HOMESTLY SPEAKING	5- <b>6</b> PM			
WEDNESDAYS	UVINGWELL 24/7	9-9:XIAM			
	HOT SEAT RE-VISITED	8-9:30PM			
	1# & 3 <sup>4</sup> Wednesday				
	DYAS VOICE (Sports)	7-8PM			
	2 <sup>M</sup> & 4 <sup>R</sup> Wednesday				
THURSDAYS	LIMOIA	8-930PM			
FRIDAYS	BOOY & SOUL	7-2PM			
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	TALK, LESS MUSIC				
	KNOWLEDGE IS POWER HOUR	10-11AM			
	LET'S BE REAL	2-3PM			
	SPORTS TALK	5-6:3IPM			
	A LOOK AT THE COMMUNITY	7-2ºM			
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SUNDAYS	OLDIE GOLDIE SHOW	3-7PM			
WEEKDAYS	SUCCESS ACKIRINAL	9:15AM, 11:55AM, 4:35PM			
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# 100 Percent Property Tax Interest Reduction Available

The Government of the Virgin Islands is extending to property owners a 100% reduction on property tax interests accrued for the 2020 tax year and prior years.

The period of relief of interests extends from February 3 to August 31, 2021. Property owners are urged to pay the outstanding principal (tax) forthwith, or agree to a payment plan with the Commissioner of Inland Revenue Mrs. Karen Smith-Aaron within the relief period.

Property tax is due and payable on September 1 and extends to November 30 annually without accruing interests.

For more information regarding the property tax amnesty, contact the Inland Revenue Department at 468-2154.

#### **Staff Accountant**

### Audit & Assurance or Business Solutions & Outsourcing (BSO)



In conjunction with the Audit/BSO manager and other team members, the Staff Accountant gathers evidence based on audit and accounting engagements. In an environment of continuous learning, the Staff Accountant carries out the completion of work projects and assignments under the direct supervision of the Audit/ BSO manager or another more experienced team member.

#### **ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Working with a team, you will have the responsibility for carrying out work relating to audit and accounting engagements.
- Gather all pertinent information for the financial statements that are relevant to areas of the engagement to which you are assigned and gather management/client service letter points.
- Build effective working relationships with client contacts, and respond efficiently and effectively to client requests and suggestions related to the engagement.

#### QUALIFICATIONS

- The successful applicant must be pursuing or intend to pursue a professional designation (ACCA, CPA or international equivalent) and would be eligible for financial support.
- The individual must be at least a High School graduate and possess CXCs in accounting and related business subjects.
- Must have an enthusiastic approach to work, possess excellent communication, analytical and computer skills and the ability to work efficiently with minimum supervision.
- Must have the ability to prioritise and manage multiple tasks and deadlines.
- Must be a belonger or have residency status within the British Virgin Islands.

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# Regional Earthquake And Tsunami Exercise Set For March 11

Virgin Islands residents are invited to improve their readiness for earthquake and tsunami events by joining the regional Caribe Wave exercise taking place on Thursday March 11.

Occurring on the 10-year anniversary of the devastating earthquake and tsunami off the coast of Fukushima, Japan, this year's

exercise is a somber reminder of the dangers that come along with living in a seismically active region such as the Caribbean, said Department of Disaster Management's (DDM) Acting Director Mr. Jasen Penn.

"Thinking back to the devastation experienced by a



Persons evacuating from the Central Administration Complex during the 2017 Caribe Wave exercise. (Credit: GIS)

developed nation like Japan is a reminder that we should do all we can to prepare for the possibility of a major earthquake and tsunami on our shores. Having a plan and knowing what to do in those crucial moments can save your life, or the lives of your family members or colleagues," Mr. Penn said.

DDM's Training Manager Ms. Carishma Hicks said that the recent earthquakes near Puerto Rico and the ongoing eruption in St. Vincent should serve as reminders that the Territory is vulnerable to earthquakes and other seismic hazards, including tsunamis.

Ms. Hicks said, "Tsunami events may be rare, but they have the potential to cause a lot of harm and they can occur without advance warning. We want persons to practice how they would respond to these events so that should the Territory experience an impact, we would not waste any time in getting ourselves and our families to safety."

Ms. Hicks said in addition to

mapping out and practicing evacuation routes, the DDM recommends that persons #BeReady for a possible tsunami by planning assembly points and putting together a small bag of essentials including a firstaid kit, prescription medication, flashlight, important documents and a battery-operated radio to receive the all-clear message from authorities.

The Training Manager added, "Annual exercises are a great opportunity for families and businesses to review their emergency preparations." Virgin Islands schools, businesses, community groups and individuals can register as participants at https://www. surveymonkey.com/r/Caribe21\_

All participants should carry out the Drop, Cover and Hold earthquake safety response. Participants should also consider whether their location is in compliance with

COVID-19 safety protocols when deciding whether or not to carry out an evacuation exercise. Alternatively, participants may exercise their building safety checks, update their home and family plans, or discuss other aspects of their organisation's emergency response plan.

Caribe Wave is held annually in the region since 2009 and uses historical seismic data to generate a test scenario such as last year's exercise, which was based on a 1755 tsunami generated by a magnitude 8.5 earthquake located off the coast of Portugal.

Approximately 74,000 persons have registered to participate in Caribe Wave this year. Participating states besides the Virgin Islands include Haiti, Aruba, United States, Puerto Rico, US Virgin Islands, Mexico, Venezuela, Colombia, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. The exercise is organised by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the United States Geological Survey.

#### MONEY LAUNDERING REPORTING OFFICER

Ouijano & Associates (BVI) Limited is currently seeking a Money Laundering Reporting Officer to add to its Team.

Role and responsibilities:

Advise senior management on relevant rules and standards;

Develop and recommend the policies, rules, procedures and processes that the Licensee should have in place in order to comply with the regulatory standards of the British Virgin Islands including:

Anti-money Laundering and the Combating the Financing of Terrorism

The successful candidate must also:

- · have a broad knowledge of anti-money laundering and terrorist financing matters, including the relevant regional and international treaties (including United Nations Resolutions) relating to the combating of money laundering and terrorist financing;
- · must have a good appreciation and understanding of Virgin Islands laws relating to money laundering and terrorist financing; and
- · must possess the ability to make independent and analytical decisions and not be easily susceptible to undue influence.
- be responsible for ensuring compliance by staff of the relevant person with:
  - o the provisions of these Regulations, Proceeds of Criminal Conduct Act, the Code and any other enactment relating to money laundering and terrorist
  - o the provisions of any internal reporting and manual of compliance procedures relating to money laundering and terrorist financing; and
  - o any additional reporting and related obligations provided in the Code.

The Money Laundering Reporting Officer shall, in addition to the above functions act as the liaison between the relevant person and the Agency in matters relating to compliance with the provisions of the Anti-Money Laundering Regulations, the Proceeds of Criminal Conduct Act, the Code and any other enactment relating to money laundering and terrorist financing.

#### **Qualifications and Experience:**

Relevant qualifications which demonstrates an ability to fully understand the regulatory regime; At least five (5) years relevant experience gained from acting in a compliance role or at a position connected with the financial services business,

Must be highly organized and self-driven and must be able to work under own initiative.

Have the ability to professionally and effectively communicate via oral and written communication with all levels internally and externally

Deadline for applications: 28th February, 2021

Please specify the position and applicant's full name in the email subject line addressed to:

The Managing Director, at tortola@quijano.com

\*All employees must adhere to Quijano BVI's AML/CFT policies. Preference to Virgin Islander or Belonger applicants.

### Governor John Rankin's Statement on Crime

22 February, 2021

As Governor of the British Virgin Islands, I share the concern of all in the community regarding the recent murders that have taken place.

Under the Constitution, the security of these Islands is my responsibility.

I will aim to provide any extra resource necessary to the Police Commissioner to ensure effective investigations into the murders, so that those responsible will be held to account and brought before the courts. This must be the top priority of the RVIPF.

At the same time I have agreed with the Police Commissioner that RVIP officers will be further deployed in tackling organised crime and drugs on these islands.

The RVIPF has already initiated a high-profile operation increasing its presence on the streets day and night. This has already been met with a positive response from many members of the community and has increased information reaching the force.

While the British Virgin Islands remain one of the safest places in the region, the violence and deaths caused by such crime afflicts the whole community.

No effort must be spared in strengthening our security, including our border security, preventing those responsible for such violence and loss of life from continuing their criminal activities. I encourage anyone in the community who has information on those involved in drugs trafficking, illegal firearms and organised

crime to bring it to the attention of the authorities.

This will continue to be my top



His Excellency John James Rankin CMG

priority as Governor and I ask all in BVI to join me in a firm resolve to help ensure an end to the unacceptable events of recent days

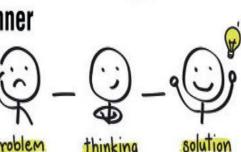


**S** - stop! Calm yourself and your child

T - take a few deep breaths

 $oldsymbol{\mathsf{O}}$  - observe the needs of your child

**P** - proceed in a kind but firm manner



















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#### **CLOSING DATE FOR REGISTRATIONS: 26 MARCH 2021**

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### 'We Recycle' Student Competition Winners Awarded In The BVI

Eighteen student-winners from throughout the British Virgin Islands were recognised and awarded for their participation in the 'We Recycle' Student Competition.

The winners were Courtez Radway, Tiffany Faulkner, Nicholas Smith, Dante Varlack, Ediesha Chinnery, Glenford Palmer, Kaiela Lewis, K'Launi Williams, Ky'Resha Hodge, Chloe-Rose Solomon, Jamaia Cousins, Amoi Blackman, Nazir Cooper, A'Marley Maduro, Denica Dasilva, Tae'Jon Dangleben, Guliana Faulkner and Yonatan Spector.

Awardees were selected from the 124 students who registered during the month of December based on the most collection of glass, plastic and aluminum recyclable waste.

Awards were also given to

students who participated in the Reduce, Reuse and Recycle Video Submissions and a Super Recycler who collected the most recyclables.

Collectively, the 124 participants prevented a total of 42,833.53 pounds of recyclables from being burned which equated to 520,774 glass bottles; 1,337,599 plastic water bottles and 73,619.7 aluminums cans.

Minister for Health and Social Development Honourable Carvin Malone stated at the ceremony hosted at Maria's by the Sea on February 18, that the information collected from the student competition will be used in the Waste Management study that will continue to strengthen legislation for the National Waste Management Strategy.

He explained that the intention has always been to utilise schools and prompt student participation prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, but due to the lockdowns and restrictions there was a delay in the start-up.

Minister Malone however praised the additional support rendered from the Minister of Finance, Minister for Education, and the Minister for Natural Resources for kickstarting the House-to-House Waste Collection system that prompted the enhanced recycling efforts.

"Waste is not anything new anywhere in the world and it is an issue no matter where you are. But we must be able to look at better ways in which we do it [collect waste]... [And] at the end of the day, you [students] are ambassadors for the environment," said Health Minister Honourable Malone. The 18 students were awarded new laptops and tablets to

assist them with their studies.

Remarks were also rendered
by Premier and Minister
of Finance, Honourable



Minister for Health and Social
Development Honourable
Carvin Malone rendering
remarks at the We Recycle
Student Competition Award
Ceremony on February 18, 2021.
(Photo Credit: MHSD)

Andrew A. Fahie; Minister Education, Culture, for Youth Affairs, Fisheries and Agriculture, Dr. the Honourable Natalio D. Wheatley; Minister for Natural Resources, Labour and Immigration, Honourable Vincent O. Wheatley; the acting Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Health and Social Development, Ms. Tasha Bertie; Director of Green VI, Sarah Penny; acting Manager for the Department of Waste Management, Mr. Neville Allen; and Super Recycler Awardee Courtez Radway. The ceremony was chaired by Acting Public Health Communications Specialist Adrianna Soverall and the Territorial Song and Anthem were both rendered by Ms. Deanna Wattley.

The 'We Recycle' Student competition's purpose was to boost the Territory's recycling programme in collaboration with the non-profit organisation Green VI.

The Ministry of Health and Social Development aspires to provide a caring and integrated system of health and social services that facilitates the recovery of human development and quality of life in the British Virgin Islands.

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- 9. Assists Manager in planning and executing projects.
- 11. Accomplishes other tasks as might be required by Manager.

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- 1.. Position will require considerable walking and standing for long periods.
- 2. The ability to lift a minimum of 50 lbs.

#### Required Education and Experience

- 1. Bachelor's Degree in engineering or similar field plus relevant in-service training/certifications
- 2. 5+ years professional experience related to electrical equipment management.
- 3. 2+ years leading a facility or engineering department
- 3. Ability to read, write and communicate in English using traditional and electronic means.
- 5. Strong inter-personal skills, including tact, diplomacy, and presentation.
- 6. Capable of organizing and managing several projects simultaneously.

BVIslanders or Belongers preferred. To apply, send application and resume to Chad James, Director of Human Resources, P.O. Box 211, Road Town, Tortola, BVI or email: cjames@peterisland.net.



# Taxi Operators Stimulus Initiative A Success!

Premier and Minister of Finance, Honourable Andrew A. Fahie, in his statement on Phase Two of the Economic Plan 'Social Protection and Economic Stimulation in COVID-19' mentioned that his Government launched the stimulus package for Taxi Operators who were unable to work due to COVID-19.

"The City Park and Ride Free Shuttle Service initiative is an excellent opportunity for Taxi Operators to take care of themselves and their families," Premier Fahie said.

Minister for Transportation, Works and Utilities and Fifth District Representative, Honourable Kye Rymer recognised the evolution of the initiative.

"First we started with the 'City Park and Ride Shuttle Service' during the 2019 Christmas season. Then the COVID-19 pandemic came to the shores of the BVI. In an effort to assist Taxi Operators we were able to partner with the Social Security Board, through the Premier's Office and offer the stimulus packaged grant," Honourable Rymer said.

Honourable Rymer said that the initiative's grant enabled the other sister islands within the Territory to participate.

"The service has engaged one hundred and twelve (112) operators on Tortola, seventeen (17) on Virgin Gorda, nine (9) on Jost Van Dyke and seven (7) on Anegada. As a result of the stimulus this Government has positively affected the lives of 145 Taxi Operators and their families." Honourable Rymer added.

The stimulus package was made available through a Social Security Grant in the amount of one million dollars (\$1M)) towards, among other things, engaging local taxi operators to provide the shuttle service as well as the quarantine bus service for returning Nationals and Residents.

The COVID-19 Transportation Stimulus Package will come to its end on Friday, February 26. The Park and Ride Service Commenced on June 29, 2020, and to date over fifteen thousand, four hundred and seventy-nine (15,479) passengers participated in the service at an average of over seven hundred (700) passengers weekly.



# Amnesty Of Interest Accrued On Property Tax Granted

he Government of the Virgin Islands is extending to property owners a 100% reduction on property tax interests accrued for the 2020 tax year and prior years. The period of relief of interests extends from February 3 to August 31, 2021. Property owners are urged to pay the outstanding principal forthwith, or agree to a payment plan with the Commissioner of Inland Revenue, Mrs. Karen Smith-Aaron, to liquidate the outstanding principal within the relief period.

It is the Government's intention to implement an amnesty on the interest for Property Tax with the hope that property owners will take full advantage of this opportunity to have their property taxes paid and in compliance with The Property Tax Act (Cap 207).

Mrs. Smith-Aaron is urging property owners to liquidate all outstanding Property Taxes. Property tax is due and payable on September 1 and extends to November 30 annually without accruing interest. Property owners are also reminded that Land Instruments will not be processed at the Inland Revenue Department unless

the Property Tax relating to the parcel is paid to date.

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Government of the Virgin Islands; and applying the tax laws with fairness and integrity in an atmosphere of mutual respect, thus achieving compliance to maintain the economic and social well-being of the Virgin Islands.



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

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

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

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



SANTO DOMINGO - Billionaire contracts were signed for new government offices during the past Medina administration. Diario Libre looks into the deal around the Ministry of Industry & Commerce (MICM) 13-floor building on Av. 27 de Febrero. The newspaper highlights, in its 18 February 2021 report, that no tender was carried out for the deal that is dated 24 January 2017. Then Minister of Industry & Commerce Temístocles Montás signed the deal. Montás has served as interim president of the PLD since 2019.

The purchase operation was for US\$31 million or RD\$1.46 billion at the time. In addition to Montás, also signing for the government was the manager of the Banco de Reservas Simón Lizardo, and the deputy manager for Business Deals, José Manuel Guzmán Ibarra. The contract stipulates the Ministry of Industry & Commerce commits to pay RD\$24 million a month for the financing of the offices.[DR1]

**NEW YORK** - President Biden's Treasury Department is studying ways to speed up the process of adding Harriet Tubman's portrait to the front of the \$20 bill after the Trump administration allowed the Obamaera initiative to lapse, Jen Psaki, the White House press secretary, said on Monday.

The decision to have Ms. Tubman replace Andrew Jackson as the face

of the \$20 note was set in motion in 2016 by the Treasury secretary at the time, Jacob Lew. President Donald J. Trump opposed the idea, and his Treasury secretary, Steven Mnuchin, stopped work on that part of the currency redesign, arguing that adding new security features to the money was a more urgent priority. Mr. Mnuchin said that notes with new imagery could not be put into circulation until 2028 and that a future Treasury secretary would make the call whether to replace Jackson.

The Treasury Department, which Mr. Biden has nominated Janet L. Yellen to lead, plans to accelerate that timeline. [NY Times]

**CUBA** - People wait in line for four hours to buy detergent in Havana. Cuban pharmacies are out of pain medication. There are national bread shortages.

And yet the Cuban government says it is on the brink of an extraordinary scientific achievement: the mass production of a coronavirus vaccine invented on the island.

One of the four vaccines developed by Cuban scientists will enter a final phase of testing next month, a crucial step toward regulatory approval that, if successful, could put the island on the path to inoculate its entire population and begin exports abroad by year's end.

If the vaccine proves safe and effective, it would hand the Cuban

government a significant political victory — and a shot at rescuing the nation from economic ruin. For a country that has for decades touted its sophisticated health care system as evidence of the benefits of socialism, the vaccine also offers a unique public relations opportunity. The vaccine heading for a final phase of trials is called Sovereign 2, in a nod to the pride the island takes in its autonomy, despite decades of hostility from its neighbor to the north.

Already, Cuba is floating the idea of enticing tourists to its shores with the irresistible cocktail of sun, sand and a shot of Sovereign 2.

Vicente Vérez, one of the scientists leading the team that developed the vaccine, has said that the island could offer vaccinations to all foreigners who travel there. "It's not just medicine and humanitarianism; there's a big economic payoff if they can get the virus under control," said Richard Feinberg, a Cuba expert at the University of California San Diego. "It will be not only immediate income, but a boost to the reputation of the Cuban pharmaceutical biotech sector, which will enable them to market other medical products." [San Juan Star]

**ORLANDO** -Two women aged 34 and 44, were stopped by police at the Orlando Convention Centre in Florida after allegedly claiming they were over 65 in online applications for the jab.

Bodycam footage from the incident shows them emerge from a car sporting face shields and face masks before standing in silence as officers chastise them for their "selfishness."

The ruse may have worked

once before they were busted on Wednesday, as health officials revealed the pair were carrying CDC cards confirming they had already had one jab.

The two women, who have not been identified and do not face criminal charges, were called into question when health workers checked their IDs and saw their real ages. [Mirror]

HAITI - Haiti's President Jovenel Moïse has accused the political opposition and wealthy backers of mounting a coup attempt against him, as a dispute over the end date of his current term in office has been accompanied by an upsurge of violence on the streets of the Caribbean country.

In an wide-ranging telephone interview with EL PAÍS, Moïse, 52, hit out at Joseph Mécène, a 72-year-old judge who recently declared himself president, and attacked powerful families who "control the main resources of the country, and who have always installed and removed presidents, using the street to create chaos".

Moïse was elected in 2015 for a five-year term to start the following February, but that poll was voided due to fraud allegations. He was confirmed as president in a subsequent election a year later, but the opposition argues his time is already up and he should have left office.

"My mandate began on February 7, 2017, and ends on February 7, 2022. I will hand power back to its owners—the Haitian people," he said, speaking from his office in the capital. "The corrupt oligarchs who are used to controlling the president, ministers, parliament and judicial system think they can take the presidency, but there is only one way of doing this: through elections." Moïse added that he would not stand again for office in line with the current constitution, which prohibits consecutive terms. [El Pais]

**SWITZERLAND** - Swiss entrepreneurs Jascha Rudolphi and Luca Steffen became millionaires during the first wave of the pandemic by selling coronavirus protective masks.

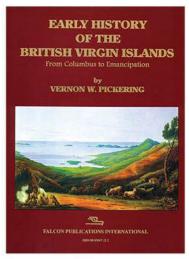
According to Swiss media, each of the two made between 30 and 100 million francs (€27-92M, \$33-111M) as a result.

Rudolphi and Steffen, both 23, imported the masks from abroad and sold them for between CHF8.50 (€7.80, \$9.50) and CHF9.90 (€9.10, \$11.06) through their company Emix.

Similar masks now cost less than one franc at most retailers.

The entrepreneurs have come under fire for selling "unusable, perhaps even fake masks to the federal government for horrific sums" reports Swiss news outlet NZZ. In one such

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example, Emix sold around 700,000 masks from Egyptian manufacturer Chemi Pharma Medical to the Swiss army which were later presumed to be fakes, as the Egyptian company does not manufacture masks.

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The two entrepreneurs are facing potential criminal consequences for their actions. A charge of usury has been opened up by the Zurich public prosecutor's office, while a criminal investigation into Emix is ongoing.

The manufacturers however dispute this claim, pointing out a memo from the German Ministry for Health - another Emix customer - who wrote that ""Overall, Emix offered above-average quality with its deliveries and proved to be professional and fast in cooperation."The men came to Switzerland's attention in June of 2020 when news emerged that they had each purchased limited edition Ferraris worth more than CHF2.5 million (€2.3M, \$2.8M), along with a number of other cars. [The local.ch]



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# The Sung Sule Up

# **Through the Lens of The Sunny Side**



The BVI Health Services Authority All announced that the patients of the Dr. D. Orlando Smith Hospital were blessed with a floral arrangement on February 16th compliments of a very gracious anonymous donor.

The Health Services Authority said that the post Valentine's Day gesture was an effort to brighten the patients' day.

Photo Credit: BVI Health Services Authority

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### **Ladyburd Talks**

Dear Readers: Are you thinking about What to Give up for Lent? (2 of 2)

#### What to give up for Lent:

If you want what to give up for Lent... start here with these ideas of what to give up for Lent.

#### 1. Don't buy anything that you don't NEED.

If you can live without it, you don't need it. Give it up for Lent. Put the money that you would have spent into a jar. You will be surprised at how quickly you build up your savings.

#### 2. Throw Away 40 things for 40 days

Every day, you walk around your house and collect 40 things to donate or throw away... every day, until Lent ends. (Try donating, because you are helping others).

#### 3. 40 Days of home Organization

Donate your unused or unwanted items after you have decluttered & organized your house.

#### 4. No Gossiping.

Give up gossiping for Lent. That means you cannot do any gossiping. None!

#### 5. Work out daily to take care of the body God gave you.

Spend this time focusing on taking care of the body that God gave you. For Lent, commit to doing some kind of workout every single day. You can go on a walk or join a gym,

#### 6. Don't Eat After Dinner

This one is hard, so it really makes you think about Lent

#### 7. Say 3 Nice Things to Your Spouse & Kids Daily You may think this is easy, but try to say things that aren't the normal "Thanks," or "You look nice,"

that aren't the normal "Thanks," or "You look nice," or "Good job." Try to do 3 out-of-the-box things during Lent this year.



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

# Ladyburd's Mail Box delseitaliburd@msn.com

**Dear Ladyburd:** I recently become a Christian, and I am pleased to state that so far it has been going fine. My problem is that everyone in my circle seems to have a problem accepting the fact that I am now a Christian and I have changed. In fact many of my friends make jokes about it, and some family members have turned it into a game, to see if they could get me to do some of the things I used to do, like smoking. Can you give me some advise how to deal with this issue...**Denise** 

Ladyburd: Dear Denise: You have made the right decision. However, once you have decided to walk in the straight and narrow way, there is always going to be someone who won't believe that you are serious, and wants to get in your way, to test you, just to find out if you are for real, but you do not have to prove anything to anyone, but your God. He knows your heart and that is all that matters.

All you need to do is walk the walk and talk the talk.



### Light Bulb Moments

"Nothing in the world can take the place of Persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. The slogan 'Press On' has solved and always will solve the problems of the human race."

—Calvin Coolidge

"Lent is like a long 'retreat' during which we can turn back into ourselves and listen to the voice of God, in order to defeat the temptations of the Evil One."

-Pope! Benedict XVI

"Lent stimulates us to let the Word of God penetrate our life and in this way to know the fundamental truth: Who we are, where we come from, where we must go, what path we must take in life."

—Pope! Benedict XVI



### Thinking

If you think you are beaten, you are If you think you dare not, you don't, If you like to win, but you think you can't It is almost certain you won't.

If you think you'll lose, you're lost For out of the world we find, Success begins with a fellow's will It's all in the state of mind.

If you think you are outclassed, you are You've got to think high to rise, You've got to be sure of yourself before You can ever win a prize.

Life's battles don't always go To the stronger or faster man, But soon or late the man who wins Is the man WHO THINKS HE CAN!

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# Tickle My Funny Bones

By Delseita



### Interesting Defense

A lawyer defending a man accused of burglary tried a creative defense: "My client merely inserted his arm into the window and removed a few trifling articles. His arm is not himself, and I fail to see how you can punish the whole individual for an offense committed by his limb." "Well put," the judge replied. "Using your logic, I sentence the defendant's arm to one year's imprisonment. He can accompany it or not, as he chooses." The defendant smiled. With his lawyer's assistance he detached his artificial limb, laid it on the bench, and walked out.

source: http://www.jokes4us.com/lawyerjokes/ interestingdefensejoke.html

### Bar Compliments

A man walked in to a bar after a long day at work.

As he began to drink his beer, he heard a voice say seductively "You've got great hair!" The man looked around but couldn't see where the voice was coming from, so he went back to his beer. A minute later, he heard the same soft voice say "You're a handsome man!" The man looked around, but still couldn't see where the voice was coming from. When he went back to his beer, the voice said again "What a stud you are!" The man was so baffled by this that he asked the bartender what was going on. The bartender said "Oh, it's the nuts--they're complimentary."

source: http://www.jokes4us.com/barjokes/ barcomplimentsjokes.html

## **PUH INTENDED**

"Doctor, there's a patient on line 1 that says he's invisible." "Well, tell him I can't see him right now..."

## **POLICE NEWS**

# RVIPF 'CLEAN THE STREETS' OPERATION IN PROGRESS

Thursday, February 25

– Four teams of officers from the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force were deployed on Roll and Search as well as on mobile and foot patrols early last week in a 'Clean the Streets' Operation to cover commercial centers and primarily cash-based entities during business hours.

Traffic and drug offenders were the only arrests made so far. However, the teams are providing the needed reassurance to businesses and intelligence support to the officers who work behind the scene.

In continuance of the Joint Task Force working relationship, Customs and Immigration officers will also join in these roll and search operations around the Territory to quell the recent rise in firearm-related incidences.

Acting Deputy Commissioner of Police Jacqueline Vanterpool says that while BVI generally enjoy months where there are no serious incidents, there are always sporadic spells.

"Fortunately we have long periods where gun-related violence is virtually nonexistent. Then we have a brief spell where persons, feeling confident and bold after having acquired a firearm, commit robberies short-term for gain. Frequently, the individuals are either caught or simply stop because there is very long-term profit in such activities," she explained.

She noted that firearms become more dangerous when they fall into the hands of the few who are volatile and unstable which likely played a factor in the recent gunrelated deaths.

"There are individuals with hot-tempers and impulsive in any number of households within our community. A firearm in that mix is a dangerous thing. The sad thing is, the household knows when there is a weapon in the mix and remains silent. If this mindset does not change, we will continue to have these outbreaks. We have to treat firearms like we would any deadly virus. Get it out of the house and out of circulation as soon as possible," she said.

The Acting DCP is inviting the public to join in the RVIPF 'Clean the Streets' Operation to rid the Territory of illegal firearms. "We are asking the public

"We are asking the public to help us to bring an end to this violence. If you know anyone who has or is carrying an illegal firearm or where one is being hidden, help by calling and pointing us in the right direction. We will do the rest," she said.

Persons with information of persons carrying illegal weapons can call the RVIPF Intelligence Unit at 368-9339.

### ARREST BLOTTER

#### February 7 to February 20, 2021

#### CARRYING A FIREARM WITHOUT A LICENCE

On 07-02-2021 at 1647hrs, Police arrested and charged Dabari Jonique Mercer, 26, of Baughers Bay for Carrying Firearm without a Licence and eight counts for Prohibition of Tint on Window of Motor Vehicle.

#### BURGLARY

On 09-02-2021 at 1750hrs, Police arrested and charged Teah King, 23, of Main Street for Burglary and Criminal Damage. Bail was granted in the sum of \$10,000 with a signed surety for her appearance before the Magistrate's Court at 23-02-2021.

#### ARMED WITH AN OFFENSIVE WEAPON

On 09-02-2021 at 1830hrs, Police arrested and charged Sheynela Smith, 27, of Long Trench with Being Armed with An Offensive Weapon and Assault Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm. She was granted bail in the sum of \$5,000 with one signed surety to appear before Magistrate's Court on 07-04-2021 at 0900.

#### THREAT TO KILL

On 15-02-2021 at 0525hrs, Police arrested and charged Sherebe Lettsome, 31, of Long Look. He appeared before the Magistrate's Court and was remanded until 24-03-2021.

#### DRIVING WITHOUT A DRIVER'S LICENSE

On 17-02-2021 at 2100hrs, Police arrested and charged Jevar Travis David Hunt, 24, of Lower Estate for Driving without a Driver's Licence. He was granted bail in the sum of \$1,500 with one signed surety to appear at Magistrate's Court on 01-04-2021 at 0900hrs.

### UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED DRUG

On 19-02-2021 at 2105hrs, Police arrested and charged Lester Mercer, 20, of Baughers Bay, for Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Drug. He was granted bail in the sum of \$2,000 with one signed surety for his appearance at the Magistrate's Court on 01-04-2021 at 0900hrs.

### RECKLESS DRIVING, FAIL TO STOP AT THE SOUND OF SIREN

On 18-02-2021 at 0605, Police arrested and charged Kalisha Martin for Reckless Driving and Failing to Stop at the Sound of a Siren. He was granted bail in the sum of \$1,500 with one signed surety to appear at Magistrate's Court 01-04-2021 at 0900hrs.

#### **BODY FOUND**

Statement: Detective were able to release the name of the person whose body was recovered in the water next to the Sea Cow's Bay Community Centre.

The deceased is Waleid Kachhour, a native of Brazil, who resided in Manuel Reef was 40 years old.

. Kachhour,'s death is being treated as a homicide

MORE READERS: THE ISLAND SUN

## COMMENTARY

# White Men in a world becoming much less white



Dickson Igwe February 19, 2021

Now, the ability to change in a world that is changing by the second is a great human asset. The ability to change is a mark of resilience, even intelligence,

However change gets harder as we grow older.

Assumptions we believed to be near set in stone become wobbly. Structures that appeared to place us in a secure place are suddenly removed.

And for white men over 50 in a world that is moving away from the white power structure that defined western society for hundreds of years, it can be especially disconcerting and difficult.

The black man at the table in the restaurant with a pretty white girlfriend sends a shiver down the spine of the balding white guy who grew up in a world where blacks and whites tended to date within their own race.

The black female commander commanding a platoon of mostly white officers and soldiers is watched especially hard for any flaws in her attitude, skills, or ethic.

Blacks in the organization, suddenly demanding better treatment and aspiring to senior management: that was not the norm in the 1970s and 1080s. Today, the preceding is increasingly the norm. Culture is shifting, even dramatically.

21st Century Man is hands on. He looks after the children equally with the wife or common

law partner. That is a big shift especially for white men who in the 1980s manned the wheels of the western economy and were the primary breadwinners in their households.

Today, globalization and austere economics, with the shift in blue collar type work to Asia from the west, has ripped that bone away. Inequality and offshoring has led to massive job and career insecurity and disenfranchisement of white working men. Blacks have not suffered as much, as the black man has always struggled in an unequal and highly prejudiced workplace.

In the 1980s mainstream culture and media was white. Homosexuality was illegal until 1986. Black actors and newsmen had near zero access to the top of the ladder in western media and entertainment. White men dominated the movie world: The Saint, Magnum PI; Knight Rider; The Equalizer; Indiana Jones; James Bond.

Today, very slowly, blacks are adopting roles in the media that were exclusively for whites.

Old fashioned ideas of masculinity had a hidden narrative that was white and western.

Today, with the reawakening in western culture that seeks to redress old grievances against white domination, those narratives are becoming "uncool." The idea of social diversity in every area of society is the new norm.

Then there are the shifting demographics and migration patterns. Add shifts in global power to the east. The preceding hammers away at Anglo Saxon rule and the white male, as female and black leaders climb the power pyramid.

Today's world is very different to what the world was 30 years ago with the white male having to grapple with this change in his realty and expectations

By Dickson Igwe

everywhere.

Change is confusing for everyone. There is never any certainty in a changing world even for white men.

The white male is being forced to rethink assumptions, recalibrate social interaction, and examine his own behaviors in a world increasingly unforgiving of

racism and bigotry.

Goal posts are shifting.

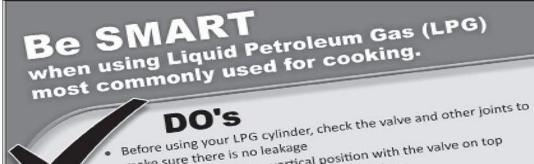
Success is no longer measured by purely material and educational success.

The marginalized minorities are no longer accepting of their "servitude."

As blacks ascend the power ladders once solely manned

by whites it is the white male who now has to adjust to "inconvenient change."

And he is not doing so gladly, from what we have seen in the USA, over the past four years. Connect with Dickson Igwe on Facebook and Twitter



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- Replace rusty cylinders
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- DO NOT ever install your cylinder near any heat source or exposed to sun, rain, dust and heat.
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### IMPORTANT NOTE IN CASE OF LEAKAGE

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





A message from the Department of Disaster Management and Sol



# Last weekend the celebrating of Black History Month

continued in the Territory with the observation of Virgin Gorda African Remembrance Day on Saturday Feb 20th 2021.



#### **Amber Waves** by Dave T. Phipps OK, AT FIRST I THOUGHT MAKING MORE THAN ONE SNOWMAN WAS A GOOD IDEA. NOW I FEEL LIKE THEY'RE PLOTTING AGAINST US.

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by Jeff Pickering GEE... I'D HATE TO SEE WHAT'S ON THE OTHER END.

### Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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#### **HOCUS-FOCUS**

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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  - 5. LITERATURE: In his will, what gift did Albus Dumbledore give to Ron Weasley in the Harry Potter book series?
  - 6. MOVIES: What was the first Disney song to win an Academy Award for best original movie song?
  - 7. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Bermuda?
  - 8. INVENTIONS: Who first invented a successful vaccine for rabies?
  - 9. ASTRONOMY: Which two planets in our solar system do not have moons?
  - 10. MATH: What is the Arabic equivalent of the Roman numerals MDCCCXII?

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7. Hamilton; 8. Louis Pasteur; 9. Venus and Mercury; 10. 1812

- What did the big rose say to the little rose?
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- 3. What is the biggest jewel in the world?
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ball diamond. 4. Bridget. 5. Because they come in packs. Answers: 1. Hiya, bud. 2. The "Mississippi River." 3. A base-



by Charles Barry Townsend

#### ARE YOU IN SHAPE FOR THIS PUZZLE?



Illustrated by David Coulson



#### ODD MAN OUT!

To the right is a list of five words. Can you figure out which word doesn't belong on the list?

some part of your body. (1. Eye. 2. Ear. 4. Rib. 5. Skin.) Answer: Danger. The other words all contain the name of



FIND THE SEVEN WORDS! In the word square at the D right, we've removed six of the letters to spell out the word E "DEPART." See if you can replace these letters in the squares so that you will have four three-letter words across and three four-letter words down. Time limit: 60 seconds.

Answers: (Across): Let, ere, age, pod. (Down): Leap, ergo, teed.



- 1. COWS to BARN
- 2. GALA to FETE
- 3. DARE to RISK
- 4. SINE to MATH
- 5. NAIL to BOLT

4. SINE, MINE, MITE, MATE, MATH. 5. NAIL, BAIL, BALL, BOLL, BOLT. 1. COWS, CAWS, CARS, BARS, BARN. 2. GALA, GALE, GATE, FATE, FETE. 3. DARE, RARE, RASE, RISE, RISK.

You're a winner if you can finish this puzzle in under five minutes. In this type of puzzle you are given a word that must be changed into another word in a series of moves. During each move, you must change one letter in the previous word so as to form a new word. In our example, we changed MILE to POST in four moves. See if you can change the following five words in four moves.



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Whatever decisions you're faced with this week, rely on your strong Aries instincts, and base them on your honest feelings, not necessarily on what others might expect you to do.

TAURUS (April 30 to May 20) Your sensitive Taurean spirit is pained by what you feel is an unwarranted attack by a miffed colleague. But your sensible self should see it as proof that you must be doing something right.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) More fine-tuning might be in order before you can be absolutely certain that you're on the right track. Someone close to you might offer to help. The weekend favors family get-togethers.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The week continues to be a balancing act 'twixt dreaming and doing. But by week's end, you should have a much better idea of what you actually plan to do and how you plan to do it.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Changing your plans can be risky, but it can also be a necessary move. Recheck your facts before you act. Tense encounters should ease by midweek, and all should be well by the weekend.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You might still be trying to adjust to recent changes. But things should improve considerably as you get to see some positive results. An uneasy personal matter calls for more patience.



- 2. YouTube
- 3. Snapchat
- 4. Facebook
- 5. Twitter
- 6. Facebook Messenger
- 7. Pinterest
- 8. TikTok
- 9. Discord
- 10. Tumblr

Source: Business Insider/MediaPost

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Congratulations. Your good intentions are finally recognized, and long-overdue appreciation should follow. Keep working toward improvements wherever you think they're necessary.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 2) Try to look at your options without prejudging any of them. Learn the facts, and then make your assessments. Spend the weekend enjoying films, plays and musical events.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Someone might want to take advantage of the Sagittarian's sense of fair play. But before you ride off to right what you've been told is a wrong, be sure of your facts.

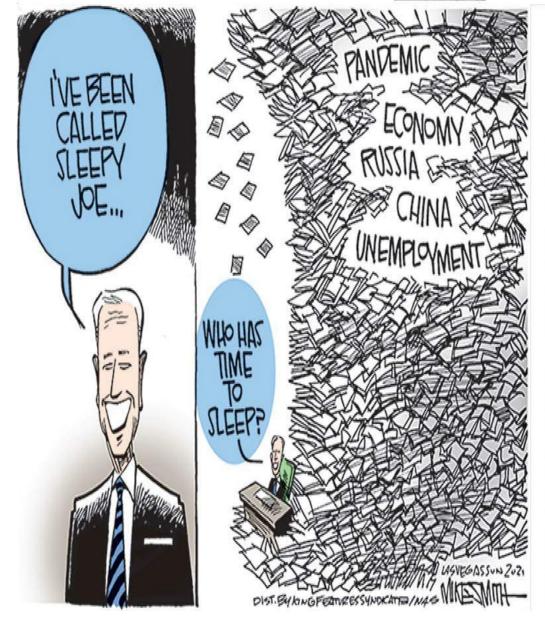
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You might be surprised to learn that not everyone agrees with your ideas. But this can prove to be a good thing. Go over them and see where improvements can be made.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) After taking advice on a number of matters in recent months, expect to be called on to return the gesture. And, by the way, you might be surprised at who makes the request.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Reassure everyone concerned that a change of mind isn't necessarily a change of heart. You might still want to pursue a specific goal, but feel a need to change the way you'll get there.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are able to make room in your heart for others, and that makes you a very special person in their lives.

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# Winter Squash is Healthy addition to any Meal

**Winter squash are prominently displayed** at grocery stores in the fall and winter months, but many shoppers pass them by because they don't know how to make them. Winter squash are easy to prepare and are a healthy addition to any meal.

The Cucurbitaceae family is the Latin name for gourds, pumpkins and squash. The terms Summer and Winter can be deceptive. Summer squash types are on the market all winter; Winter squash types can be found in late summer and fall, as well as winter. This terminology was never meant to confuse -- it just dates to a time when the seasons were more crucial to man's survival than they are now. Vegetables that would keep until December became known as winter vegetables.

**Winter squash are picked when they are fully mature,** and they have a thick, inedible skin. This thick skin provides a protective covering for the squash and allows for a long storage life. Winter squash can be stored for three months or longer in a cool, dry place, preferably in a single layer.

**Every part of the squash plant can be eaten,** including the leaves and tender shoots, which can be cooked in omelets or made into soup. Winter squash are a good source of vitamins A and C, potassium and fiber. One-half cup of cooked winter squash has only 40 calories. Some of the most popular types of winter squash are butternut, spaghetti, acorn squash and Delicata.



- Butternut squash is tan in color and has a long, bell-like shape.
- · Spaghetti squash is oblong or oval in shape and yellow in color.
- Acorn squash is actually shaped like an acorn. It is dark green and has a ridged rind or skin.
- Delicata squash is oblong, ridged, and yellow and green. The skin is soft and edible.

When shopping, look for squash that are heavy for their size, free of soft spots and have a dull sheen (a shiny skin is an indicator the squash is not fully mature).

Once butternut or acorn squash is cooked and cooled, it can be peeled away from the skin, cut into cubes, and used in soups, stews and casseroles along with other vegetables. Butternut or acorn squash can be used interchangeably in recipes.

**Spaghetti squash is the exception. Once it is cooked,** use a fork to peel the flesh away from the skin. It looks just like spaghetti as it peels away. Sauce and serve spaghetti squash like regular noodles.

Delicata squash is the easiest squash to prep and cook because of its soft, edible skin. It contains seeds in the center, but they can be easily removed by scraping them out with a spoon.

**This delicious recipe** for Southwestern Stuffed Butternut Squash is a wonderful side dish or vegetarian entree on a cold winter's day!

# SOUTHWESTERN STUFFED BUTTERNUT SQUASH

- 2 Delicata squash 2 tablespoons vegetable oil 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground black pepper 1 cup cooked rice
- 1/2 tablespoon chili powder 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- · 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper or hot sauce
- · 1 (15-ounce) can black or pinto beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 large bell pepper, seeded and chopped 4 springs cilantro, chopped
- 6 cherry tomatoes chopped 1/2 cup shredded Pepper Jack or Cheddar cheese
- · 1 large avocado, peeled and sliced
- · 4 tablespoons plain Greek yogurt or Mexican crema
- 1. Preheat oven to 350 F.
- Place Delicata squash on a cutting board and use a sharp knife to cut the tips and tails off. Cut the squash in half, then scoop out the seeds and fibrous strands.
- 3. Drizzle the inside of the squash with oil. Use your hands to spread the oil all over the exposed interior so it is well-coated. Sprinkle the squash with 1/2 teaspoon each of the salt and pepper.
- 4. Place squash cut-side down on a large baking sheet. Bake 30 to 40 minutes, until squash is soft when poked with a fork.
- 5. While the squash is baking, prepare the quick rice. Before adding water or broth to the rice, season with the remaining salt and pepper, the chili powder, cumin and cayenne pepper or hot sauce. Mix well and proceed with the directions for preparing the rice.
- 6. When the rice is done, add in the beans, chopped peppers, cilantro and chopped tomatoes. Mix together and heat on low for 3 minutes, stirring once.
- 7. Fill each half of the squash with even amounts of the rice mixture. Top each half of the squash with shredded cheese, then put the stuffed squash back in the oven for about 5 minutes to melt the cheese.
- 8. Remove from oven and top with avocado slices and plain Greek yogurt or Mexican crema, if desired. Serves 4.

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# **Caribbean News / Regional News**

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# JetBlue Airways is set to launch a significant expansion to the Caribbean this summer, Caribbean Journal has learned.



St. Thomas USVI

In July, JetBlue will launch new routes to destinations including Antigua, Puerto Rico, Cartagena, Haiti, Puerto Plata, Saint Lucia and St Thomas, all out of Newark Liberty International Airport.

That includes up to 3 flights per week to Antigua and Saint Lucia; up to 4 flights each week to Cartagena, Port-au-Prince; and St Thomas, US Virgin Islands; up to five flights per week to Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic; and daily flights to Cartagena on the Caribbean coast of Colombia and Aguadilla in Puerto Rico.

The move comes after JetBlue launched the first phase of its new alliance with American Airlines, one that includes a codeshare agreement.

"Our alliance with American opens the door for JetBlue to successfully enter into new markets, introducing more choices and our award-winning service and low fares to more customers," said Scott Laurence, head of revenue and planning, JetBlue. "The alliance is also essential to getting our planes back in the air profitably and crew members working again."

All of the new Caribbean flights will launch on July 1, 2021.

The new routes will go on sale on Feb. 23, according to JetBlue.

It's a major sign of confidence in the future of travel to the Caribbean region, particularly for the second and third quarters of 2021.

### **CARICOM Elections Observation Mission - TCI Elections Free and Fair**

CARICOM Elections Observation Mission to TCI Elections issues Preliminary Report

The CARICOM Elections Observation Mission to the 19 February 2021 General Elections in the Turks and Caicos Islands has concluded that the Elections were free and fair.

The three-member Mission, led by Dr Robert Stephen Mahadeo Surujbally of Guyana, in a Preliminary Statement issued on Saturday, said 'the peacefulness of the elections ... reflected the tranquility of the society of the Turks and Caicos Islands.

The Mission highly commended the 'extensive public health protocols' implemented by the Elections Department to ensure the safety of both voters and election day workers in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. It said that voters and workers observed social distancing and wore masks and the polling stations were sanitized throughout the day.

The Mission found that the voting process at polling stations was smooth and efficient. It noted that the polls opened late, but closed later to ensure the designated amount of time allocated to the voters to exercise their franchise was strictly adhered to. It also felt that more measures could have been put in place to assist the elderly and differently-abled voters, particularly as they were encouraged to visit the polling stations to vote at a specific time of day.

The Mission will prepare a final Report for submission to CARICOM Secretary-General Ambassador Irwin LaRocque. It will also be shared with the Turks and Caicos Islands Government, the Leader of the Opposition and the Elections Department. Dr Surujbally was joined on the Mission by Mr Ian Hughes, HE Ambassador Felix Gregoire and Ms Valique Gomes of the CARICOM Secretariat who provided support.

Statistics to Guide Restart of Tourism in the Caribbean

Madrid, Spain, 18 February 2021 - From the need for enhanced political engagement to developing relevant expertise, the World Tourism Organization, jointly with the Caribbean Tourism Organization, have united their Members in the Caribbean to address the key challenges they face in making effective use of statistics to drive the restart of their tourism sectors.

Over the course of two days, a regional virtual workshop analysed the importance of tourism data for supporting the sector in the present and helping tourism to restart in the Caribbean in a timely and sustainable manner. The workshop brought together around 130 participants from 23 States, including the leaders of National Tourism Administrations, National Statistical Offices, Central Banks and Migration authorities. The high-level status of participants ensures that they will in turn spread UNWTO's technical expertise within

their own countries, empowering more tourism professionals with knowledge of how best to analyse and use data to guide decisions.

Through the sessions, the Caribbean tourism community got a better understanding of the fundamentals of tourism statistics. They were also given an overview of UNWTO's Tourism Satellite Account (TSA) data, as well as guidance on how this can be used to guide decision-making.

Welcoming UNWTO's technical assistance, Neil Walters, Acting Secretary General of the Caribbean Tourism Organization said: "We recognize the importance of data and statistics in the development of COVID-19 recovery programs and comprehensive sustainable tourism strategies. We thank the UNWTO for supporting our efforts at capacity building in tourism statistics analysis and reporting in the Caribbean."

The workshop also emphasized the relevance of tourism statistics, both for informing the sector's response to the COVID-19 pandemic but also, looking ahead, for its role in guiding sustainable development across the Caribbean region. As with every other global region, the crisis has hit the Caribbean hard. According to the latest UNWTO data, Caribbean destinations experienced a 67% fall in international tourist arrivals in 2020 compared to the previous year. Given the reliance of many destinations on the sector, this has placed large numbers of livelihoods and businesses at risk and makes the timely restart of tourism vital.

# Statement by the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) on the Situation in Haiti

The Caribbean Community (CARICOM) continues to monitor very closely, and views with deep concern, developments in Haiti.

The Community urges all stakeholders to be guided by the Constitution, respect for the rule of law and the electoral process and in that regard is heartened by the fact that an electoral timetable has been set.

The Community is also deeply anguished about the security situation including the

actions of armed gangs which threaten the maintenance of law and order in the country and disrupt the lives and livelihoods of its citizens.

The Community encourages all parties to engage in meaningful dialogue in the interest of peace and stability and strongly urges that action be taken to foster a safe environment, a return to normal life and the building of sustainable democratic institutions.

# **VOA NEWS VOA NEWS VOA NEWS**

# Democrats Harden Stance on Adding \$15 Minimum Wage to COVID Relief Bill

By Rob Garver, February 24, 2021

**WASHINGTON** - While Congress debates measures meant to get the pandemic-ravaged U.S. economy back on its feet, one of the initiatives being pressed by President Joe Biden and many Democrats is an increase in the federal minimum wage from its current level of \$7.25 per hour, unchanged since 2009, to \$15 per hour by 2025.

On Monday, activists in eight states and the District of Columbia rallied in support of an effort to attach the minimum wage increase to Biden's \$1.9 trillion economic relief package making its way through Congress. Organizers explicitly tied the increase to the "essential" workers who have been asked to remain on the job during the pandemic.

"Do not call us essential workers and then don't provide the essential things that we need. The time is now," said the Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II, president of Repairers of the Breach, a social justice organization that helped organize the rallies.

Whether the minimum wage increase will make it into the final relief bill hinges on arcane procedural rules in the Senate and a reluctance among some centrist Democrats, including Senators Joe Manchin of West Virginia and Kyrsten Sinema of Arizona, to support the proposal. But whatever happens in the near term, the minimum wage will almost certainly remain a constant source of disagreement in Washington.

#### 'A decent living'

Although the current effort is being tied to pandemic relief, battles over the minimum wage rate -- and even over the very existence of a government-mandated wage floor -- are as old as the law that created it. The Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 codified a number of worker protections, including uniform workweek standards, overtime pay



FILE - Service industry workers hold up signs during a rally in support of the Raise the Wage Act, which includes a \$15 minimum wage for tipped workers, at the National Mall, in Washington, Jan. 25, 2021.

requirements and the minimum wage.

The original purpose of a federal minimum wage was to establish a "floor" below which wages could not fall. Enacted during the Great Depression, the law was meant to address the imbalance of bargaining power between workers and employers at a time when widespread unemployment left job seekers desperate for employment of any kind.

Arguing in favor of the minimum wage in 1933, President Franklin Roosevelt said, "No business which depends for existence on paying less than living wages to its workers has any right to continue in this country. By living wages, I mean more than a bare subsistence level. I mean the wages of a decent living."

From the start, the challenge a federal minimum wage law faced was the conflict between two values that Americans tend to see as foundational to U.S. society -freedom and fairness.

"There's some value to contractual freedom," said economist Stan Veuger, a resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, a conservative think tank in Washington.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 1.6 million workers, or 1.9% of all hourly paid workers, earned wages at or below the federal minimum wage in 2019. That year, 82.3 million people were paid hourly rates, constituting 58.1% of all wage and salary workers in the U.S.

In the U.S., the government can't, with rare exceptions, prevent consenting adults from agreeing to exchange labor for payment. However, Veuger said, proponents of a minimum wage argue that the kind of freedom their opponents imagine workers possess is illusory.

"The argument in favor of the minimum wage ... is that that's not how it really works," he said. "There is a lot more bargaining power or market power on the side of the potential employers."

Supporters of a minimum wage argue that a wage floor simply reallocates the economic gains from an employer-employee relationship, giving the worker a fair share. Opponents argue that what it does is destroy economic gains altogether, by making it too expensive for employers to expand to take advantage of new opportunities.

#### Years of stagnation

The arguments about the existence of a minimum wage in the first place are largely academic at this point in U.S. history, but the question of where that wage should be set remains very real.

The current rate of \$7.25 has not changed since July of 2009, nearly 12 years ago. That's the longest stretch without an increase in the history of the federal minimum wage, though not by much. Congress allowed the wage to remain stagnant from 1981 to 1990, and then from 1997 to 2007.

In the 1980s, the first time Congress allowed the wage to go years without an increase, states and municipalities began enacting their own minimum-wage requirements, frequently much higher than the federal minimum. Currently, nearly 30 states and dozens of cities and counties have mandated wage floors above the federal level.

Advocates point out that over the past 50 years, Congress has not only been slow to raise the federal

minimum wage, but has also made the increases so small that the purchasing power of someone earning it has been sharply reduced.

The numbers can be deceiving at first glance. In 1968, the minimum wage was \$1.60 per hour, which seems like a pittance, but was actually worth slightly more than the equivalent of \$10 today, once inflation is accounted for.

"If you adjust for inflation, it's worth about 18%, less than what it was worth in 2009, when it was last raised, and over 30% less than what it was worth in 1968," said David Cooper, a senior analyst with the Economic Policy Institute, a liberal think tank in Washington.

#### Bad outcomes for all

Allowing the federal minimum wage to stagnate for long periods of time creates bad outcomes for everyone involved. Workers see their purchasing power erode over time, causing economic hardship. But, when Congress is finally moved to act, employers suddenly have to account for sharp upticks in labor costs.

"It would be simpler for businesses to have a minimum wage that was gradually raised every year by some small amount, indexed to prices, or to wages. They could plan for that, and it would be a relatively easy adjustment," Cooper said.

The measure being considered by Congress right now includes a provision to increase the wage by a small amount every year indexed to changes in the median wage. Cooper said this allows the federal wage floor to track standards of living, not just commodity prices.

"If there's sort of broader, economy-wide productivity improvements that are happening, that are leading to higher wages for middle-class workers, the thinking is, 'Shouldn't the lowest-paid worker benefit from those improvements as well?" he added.

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### SOFTBALL

### Defending champs begin title defense 3.5 years after Irma

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

Power Outage and That's Ya Problem, finally began their BVI Softball Association league title defense on Saturday, three years and five months after Hurricane Irma destroyed the territory, including severe damage to the E. Walwyn Brewley Softball Park.

The Astros-Atoms League that honored the Blue Wings' Rufus "Sleepy" Malone and Gertrude Thomas of the Crushers, began with a parade of teams from UP's Cinemax to the E. Walwyn Brewley Softball Park for the opening ceremonies. The league was delayed from a March 21, 2020 start and another attempt, because of the Covid-19 pandemic. Players were able to prepare for the league in the George "Shawala" Borrows Memorial Tournament that ended in December, in honor of the slugger who played his last game in the BVI Softball Association preseason tournament with Storm on August 16, before a Covid-19 pandemic break, then was gunned down in his home on Sept

That's Ya Problem began their title defense with a 13-6 victory over the West End Warriors. Che'Vaunne Richardson was credited with the victory and Daphne Blyden-Smith took the loss. That's Ya Problem's Kaynesha Stoutt was 2-for-4, scored twice and had a run batted in. Brianna

Brewley scored three times on a 1-for-4 day and had an RBI. Kiara Woodley finished 2-for-3 with a run batted in.

The West End Warriors' Denesha Penn went 1-for-3 and finished with 2 RBI's. Tashima Hill doubled twice in three trips to the plate.

Jamal "Lefty" Allen who assists as That's Ya Problem's Coach told Island Sun Sports that they're a team you can't linger with, but they still have a lot of work to do.

"The only issue I had with them is not waiting on the slow balls being pitched," he said. "With that slow ball, they don't wait on it and we all know the result. We also had some errors, but most of the players fought and we came out on top."

Allen said the West End Warriors has been practicing really hard and now they're reaching some of their goals and showing their true potential as they're working out during the week and getting help from Terry "Chino" Chinnery

Then he went in the men's game and Allen fired a 2-hitter and Power Outage crushed the Pirates, 12-2. Rico Penn suffered the loss. Jamalie James tripled in three at bats, scored once and had 2 runs batted in.

"Clearly our team came out and dominated, we put up runs when we needed to, because the games are now being played for seven innings or an hour and a half, whichever comes first," Allen explained. "So the best thing to do is play defense, make sure your team bats behind you and that's what we came out and we did and we were successful."

On Sunday, Thea Cooke allowed 2 hits in Synergy's 12-4 victory over the Lady Hawks in a game that was played under protest by the losers. Riiah Durante took the loss. Marissa Malone was 1-for-3 with a triple and 3 runs batted in, for Synergy. Lady Hawks' Celine Thomas also tripled in two at bats and drove in two.

Renold "Bushman" Corum gave up 11 hits but the Los Macarrecios fended off Storm's charge, 9-6, as he got the victory. Aubrey "Kong" Frett was the losing hurler. No other statistics from the game was provided.

"To be honest, a lot of us couldn't wait for this day to come, even the fans," Allen noted of the first post Hurricane Irma league. "Even fans were asking when it was going to start and for my teams' that won the 2017 championships, it's good to start off with a victory and this is tremendous for us."

There were a series of lead up games after Covid-19 breaks followed by the George "Shawala" Borrows Memorial Tournament and Allen said the



Gertude Thomas, left and Rufus "Sleepy" Malone, were honored during the opening of the Astros-Atoms Softball League

Photo, credit Nia Davies

games helped to keep them in shape for their title defense.

"We all know the struggle here in the BVI is practice," he said. "At least we were able to gel as a team, see live pitches and it really helped us a lot. Even though it was a tournament, most of us took it seriously and did what we had to do and talent shows."

#### NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

### Gumbs twins qualifies for Nationals; Dawson climbs Long Jump ladder

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

In their first competition of the season, New Mexico Jr. College twin brothers Diamante and Djimon Gumbs qualified for March 4-6 Jr. College Indoor National Championships on Tuesday, while Top Notch Track Club's Long Jumper Khybah Dawson, climbed to No. 7 on the BVI All Time List during the Dag Samuels Development Series meet No 5 on Saturday.

Djimon heaved the Shot 15.24m (50'0') to book his ticket while Diamante had a throw of 14.53m (47'8") before uncorking a 16.20m (53'1¾") personal best in the Weight Throw, to make his first nationals trek.

"I'm satisfied with it because this is our first time competing in 10 months," Djimon told Island Sun Sports. "I know I could have gone further because this is my first meet, the thoughts and everything starts to kick in but eventually I pulled myself together and not worried about it because I know I'm in good shape and I'll be ready to go for nationals."

Djimon wasn't a finalist last year and is eyeing a better performance. He said the field isn't strong which improves his changes for a podium finish. "With the vigorous training I'm doing, hopefully, if all goes well, I should be a finalist and top three. Last year really taught me the sky's the limit and it's all in your head if you want to go and get it. Nationals showed me that hard work beats talent. So my mindset from nationals last year has changed a lot. I'm going in there determined to finish my business."

Diamante told Island Sun Sports qualifying for Nationals in the 'Weight Throw means a lot to him. "I didn't get to qualify last year so the fact that I got to qualify, says a lot about the work I've put in, in the gym, on the track and everything, so I'm really proud of myself," he said, nothing that he only manages 14.53m in the Shot Put. "I got my technique right but it was a little too late to fix it. My throws were feeling good, I just didn't have it in me today, but that's okay. I had a season's best so I wasn't really down on myself."

He said he feels that he can get another personal best at Nationals, once he continues to work hard, but its' just for him to be consistent and when he gets to Nationals, leave it all out there...

The Gumbs will join Cloud County Community College's Tashira Edwards who has qualified in the 600m, 4x4 Relay and Distance Medley Relay and South West Baptist's Zara Brown, who will contribute a leg to her team's Distance Medley Relay.

Locally, Khybah Dawson climbed to No. 7 on the BVI's All Time Long Jump list, when he cut the sand at 7.36m (24'1¾") into a -2.6 meters per seconds wind on Saturday, during the fifth Dag Samuels Development Series competition. Dawson who also was third in the 100m in a personal best 10.92 seconds and stopped after clearing 1.80m(5'10¾") in the High Jump to run the 4x100m Relay, upped his best from 7.15m (23'5½").

Jaleel Croal won the 100m in 10.62 seconds into a -0.7 mps wind and was followed by Talent Ex teammate, Mikkel Bassue in 10.82 and Dawson's 10.92, as three athletes dipped under 11.00 seconds. Croal held off charging teammate Wanye Bell to win the 400m in 49.20 to Bell's, 49.32.

Palesa Caesar of Ambassadors Track Club, launched a 13.40m (43'11½") Shot Put personal best. In the process, she pulled Sprint Tech Track Club's Savianna Joseph to a career best of 12.55m (41'2").

Elsewhere, soon to be 15 year old Adaejah Hodge, won a Long Jump/200m season opening double, leaping 5.46m (17'11") and recording 24.28 seconds over the half lap.



Long Jumper Khybah Dawson sails through the air for a 7.36m leap, the No 7 All Time BVI mark PHOTO Cleave M. Farrington

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Dareia Malone poses as Synergy Softball team leads the parade of teams to the E. Walwyn Brewley Softball Park PHOTO: Nia Davies



Kenyatta Grate clears the High Jump bar during Saturday's Dag Samuels Development Series PHOTO Cleave M. Farrington



The Wolues' Noel Maxwell, splits Islanders defenders and beats Afernee Johnson to the ball PHOTO BVIFA



Twin brothers Diamante, left, and Djimon Gumbs, qualified for the Jr. Colleges Indoor Nationals in the Weight Throw and Shot Put respectively



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#### CAPITAL ONE LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 220450 NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)-(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that CAPITAL ONE LIMITED is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 7th day of February, 2021. The Liquidator is Miss Nicola Gillespie c/o Citco B.V.I. Limited, Flemming House, Wickhams Cay,

P.O. Box 662, Road Town, Tortola,

British Virgin Islands, VG1110. Dated 18th day of February, 2021. (Sgd.) Nicola Gillespie

Voluntary Liquidator [89/1]

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

#### RADEĹIKA INVESTMENTS LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No.1936224

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 23,2020.

Dated: January 8,, 2021

(Sgd.) CONSTANTINOS ZACKHEOS Voluntary Liquidator

[89/2]

#### JETCOM GROUP LTD

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1583102 (the Company)

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 of the Company commenced on the 21 January, 2021. The Voluntary liquidator of the is Theodoro De Regibus of Kovil Lane, Royal Road, Mauritius.

Dated 5 February, 2021 Teodoro De Regibus Voluntary Liquidator

#### **TARBiE Group Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1576654 (the Company)

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 of the Company commenced on the 21 January, 2021. The Voluntary liquidator of the is Theodoro De Regibus of Kovil Lane, Royal Road, Mauritius,

Dated 5 February, 2021 Teodoro De Regibus

Voluntary Liquidator

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act. 2004

#### BLANCO PROPERTIES LIMITED

(the Company).

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1803266

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on February 12, 2021. The Liquidator is Trevor P. Nagai of Cidel Place, Lower Collymore Rock, St. Michael, Barbados. Dated: February 15, 2021.

(Sgd.) Revor P. Nagai Voluntary Liquidator

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

#### ZXZ GROUP LTD

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1990403

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 19 January, 2021. The Liquidator is Liao Jing of Room 101, Block 1, No. 5, Dongguan Xi Xiang, Tinghu District, Yancheng City, Jiangsu Province, China.

Dated 19 February, 2021 (Sgd.) Liao Jing

Voluntary Liquidator(s) 189/61

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

#### FENGYA GROUP LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 2015658

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 19 January, 2021. The Liquidator is Liao Jing of Room 101, Block 1, No. 5, Dongguan Xi Xiang, Tinghu District, Yancheng City, Jiangsu Province, China.

Dated 19 February, 2021 (Sgd.) Liao Jing Voluntary Liquidator(s)

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

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#### FANGXIAOBO GROUP LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 2015678

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 19 January, 2021. The Liquidator is Liao Jing of Room 101, Block 1, No. Dongguan Xi Xiang, Tinghu District. Yancheng City, Jiangsu Province,

Dated 19 February, 2021 (Sgd.) Liao Jing Voluntary Liquidator(s)

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

#### HELFOVEN COMPANY LTD

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 56900

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 29 January, 2021. The Liquidator is Harry J. Thompson of Harbour House, P.O. Box 4428, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated 19 February, 2021 (Sgd.) Harry J. Thompson Voluntary Liquidator(s)

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

#### **Tigerfire Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1489193

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 29 January, 2021. The Liquidator is Christopher S. Mckenzie of Arawak Chambers, Mandar House, 3rd Floor, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated 19 February, 2021 (Sgd.) Christopher S. Mckenzie Voluntary Liquidator(s) [89/10]

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

#### **Artarius Investments Limited** (In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1873888

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 10 February, 2021. The Liquidator is Harry J. Thompson of Harbour House, P.O. Box 4428, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands. Dated 19 February, 2021 (Sgd.) Harry J. Thompson

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act. Shanghai Electric Power **Finance Limited** 

Voluntary Liquidator(s)

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1881818

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 11 February, 2021.

Dated 19 February, 2021

(Sgd.) GAO Cuihua Voluntary Liquidator

[89/12]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

#### Moravia Consultants Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 661174

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 10 February, 2021.

Dated 19 February, 2021

(Sgd.) Harry J. Thompson Voluntary Liquidator

[89/13]

#### **DEZAN SHIRA &** ASSOCIATES CORP.

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company Number 1518727

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, Subsection (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 19th day of February, 2021. The Liquidator is Brian Jackson of Mandar House 3rd Floor, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated this 19th day of February, 2021 Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson Voluntary Liquidator

[89/14]

#### **Delray Finance Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company Number 1786294

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, Subsection (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 19th day of February, 2021. The Liquidator is Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated this 19th day of February, 2021 Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson Voluntary Liquidator [89/15]

#### DOTWORTH FINANCE LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company Number 1598592

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, Subsection (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 19th day of February, 2021. The Liquidator is John Greenwood of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands. Dated this 19th day of February, 2021

Sgd. John Greenwood

John Greenwood Voluntary Liquidator [89/16]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act. NASHTON FINANCIAL

> (In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1007833

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

(Sgd.) Fernando Menendez Montes Voluntary Liquidator [89/17]

#### NOBLE TEND LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company Number 348490

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, Subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from the 18th day of February, 2021. Dated this 19th day of February, 2021

Sgd. Kwok Wai Ming Kwok Wai Ming Voluntary Liquidator

[89/18]

NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004) Wheel Time Holdings Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 9th day of February 2021 under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the

The Liquidator is:-

CONG Lin of

Room1103, Unit 2, Building 14, Huanyuwan, Binjiang District, Hangzhou City, Zhejiang Province,

[89/19]

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

#### SpeedComm Ltd

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 11th day of February 2021 under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register.

The Liquidator is:-

LU Dongqiang of

Group 8 of Quanwu,

Baisui Village, Yaolin Town,

Tonglu County, Zhejiang Province,

China

[89/20]

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

#### UMore Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the
11th day of February 2021 under the
terms of Part XII of the BVI Business
Companies Act the Company has
been dissolved and struck off from the
Register.

The Liquidator is:-LU Dongqiang of Group 8 of Quanwu, Baisui Village, Yaolin Town, Tonglu County, Zhejiang Province,

[89/21]

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

#### Smart Manufacturing Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the
11 th day of February 2021 under the
terms of Part XII of the BVI Business
Companies Act the Company has
been dissolved and struck off from the
Register. The Liquidator is:-

LU Dongqiang of Group 8 of Quanwu, Baisui Village, Yaolin Town, Tonglu County, Zhejiang Province, China

[89/22]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 11th day of February 2021 under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register.

The Liquidator is:-LU Dongqiang of Group 8 of Quanwu, Baisui Village, Yaolin Town, Tonglu County, Zhejiang Province, China [89/23]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 11th day of February 2021 under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register.

The Liquidator is:-LU Dongqiang of Group 8 of Quanwu, Baisui Village, Yaolin Town, Tonglu County, Zhejiang Province, China [89/24] Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act. 2004

#### Five One Eight International Business Co., Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 2017071

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 17th February, 2021.

Dated: 19th day of February, 2021 (Sgd.) Zhang Yun Voluntary Liquidator

[89/25]

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

#### ShallowDeer Holdings Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 16th day of February 2021, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidator is:-

ZHOU Qi of

Room 10, 8/F, Block B, Building 9, Shenzhenwan Science& Technology Ecological Park, No.3609, Baishi Road, Nanshi District, Shenzhen City, Guangdong,

China [89/26]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 16th day of February 2021, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidator is:-

GU Dapeng of

No. 1, Group 4, Lingqing Village, Rucheng Town, Rugao City,

Jiangsu Province,

China

[89/27]

# NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004) Daemon Legend Holdings Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 16th day of February 2021, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.

The Liquidator is:-

XU Yulin of

Room 1102, No. 50,

Lane 676, Wanhangdu Road,

Jingán District, Shanghai,

China

[89/28]

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

#### PeachEarth Holdings Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 16th day of February 2021, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidator is:-

ZHOU Oi of

Room 10, 8/F, Block B,

Building 9, Shenzhenwan Science& Technology Ecological Park, No.3609, Baishi Road, Nanshi District,

Shenzhen City, Guangdong,

China

[89/29]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on
the 16th day of February 2021,
under the terms of Part XII of the
BVI Business Companies Act the
Company has commenced the
process of liquidation.

The Liquidator is:-

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

China [89/30]

#### NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT

#### (NO. 16 OF 2004) Feng Hai Holdings Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 16th day of February 2021, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.

The Liquidator is:-ZHU Xuan of No. 10 Lifana

No. 10, Lifang, Xushangyuan Village, Yunshan Community, Lanxi City, Jinhua,

Lanxi City, Jinhua Zhejiang, China

[89/31]

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

### Provence International Investment Services S.A.

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1984219

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 19th February, 2021. The liquidator is Angelo Galli of 34,

Chemin de

Tirelonge, 1213 Onex, Switzerland. Dated: February 19, 2021 (Sgd.) Angelo Galli Voluntary Liquidator [89/32] Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act. 2004 HERMES CONSULTING LTD.

> (In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 429678

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 19th February, 2021. The liquidator is Angelo Galli of 34, Chemin de Tirelonge, 1213 Onex, Switzerland.

Dated: February 19, 2021 (Sgd.) Angelo Galli Voluntary Liquidator

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

#### **Estial Investments Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on February 9, 2021. The Liquidator is Daria Sapetka with address at 12, Krasnohvardiysky Avenue, Apt. 10, Donetsk, Ukraine.

Dated: February 9, 2021. (Sgd.) Daria Sapetka Voluntary Liquidator

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI

## Business Company Act. FREELAND INVESTMENTS LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to
Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI
Business Companies Act, 2004 that the
Company is in voluntary liquidation.
The voluntary liquidation commenced
on February 10, 2021. The Liquidator
is Martin Alonso Perez Perez with
address at Rio Abajo, 14, Edificio
Paola Ap. 1, Panama City, Republic
of Panama.

Dated: February 10, 2021. (Sgd.) Martin Alonso Perez Perez Voluntary Liquidator [89/35]

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

Pozos Colorados Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on February 12, 2021. The Liquidator is Kevin Brown with address at 86 Moo17, Mae Nawang, Mae Ai, 50280 Chiang Mai, Thailand.

Dated: February 12, 2021. (Sgd.) Kevin Brown Voluntary Liquidator [89/36] Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act. OUARTO AMIGO

#### COMPANY LTD

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to
Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI
Business Companies Act, 2004 that the
Company is in voluntary liquidation.
The voluntary liquidation commenced
on February 2, 2021. The Liquidator
is SUZANNE MARIE MEYER
FERREIRA with address at Rua
Boa Esperança do Sul nr. 139, City of
São Paulo, State of São Paulo, Postal
Code 05608-030, Brazil.
Dated: Echypary 2, 2021.

Dated: February 2, 2021. (Sgd.) SUZANNE MARIE MEYER

FERREIRA Voluntary Liquidator [89/37]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act. Velenia Holdings Limited (In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on February 9, 2021. The Liquidator is Daria Sapetka with address at 12, Krasnohvardiysky Avenue, Apt. 10, Donetsk, Ukraine.

Dated: February 9, 2021. (Sgd.) Daria Sapetka Voluntary Liquidator

[89/38]

#### DAVUELTA FINANCE LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1668992

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 22nd February, 2021

Dated 22nd February, 2021 Sgd. Dr. Markus Summer Voluntary Liquidator [89/39]

#### KELANI HOLDING S.A.

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1677702

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 22nd February, 2021

Dated 22nd February, 2021 Sgd. Dr. Markus Summer

*Sgd. Dr. Markus Summer* Voluntary Liquidator

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#### LIMOS ASSOCIATED INC.

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 170926

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 22nd February, 2021

Dated 22nd February, 2021

Sgd. Mag. Iur. Bianca Lenz Voluntary Liquidator

#### ATROPA SERVICES S.A.

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1673409

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 22nd February, 2021 Dated 22nd February, 2021

Sgd. Dr. Markus Summer Voluntary Liquidator [89/42]

#### ARUNDEL INVESTMENT **GROUP LIMITED**

Company No. 1705257 (In Voluntary Liquidation) NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that ARUNDEL INVESTMENT GROUP LIMITED has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 18th February, 2021

Dated this 19th day of February, 2021 Sgd. Mrs. LINETH PONCE Voluntary Liquidator [89/43]

#### D-Veda International Ltd.

Company No. 1538071 (In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that D-Veda International Ltd. has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 18th February, 2021

Dated this 19th day of February, 2021 Sgd. LOU LEI

Voluntary Liquidator

#### ADVALE PROPERTIES LIMITED

Company No. 1023385 (In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act. 2004 that ADVALE PROPERTIES LIMITED has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 18th February, 2021

Dated this 19th day of February, 2021

Sgd. Mrs. LINETH PONCE

Voluntary Liquidator

[89/45]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the RVI Rusiness Company Act. MIKAEL INTERNATIONAL LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1866956

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on February 22nd, 2021. The Liquidator is Brendy Escalona with an address at Fifty Street Plaza 2000 Bldg. Floor 19th, Panama City.

Dated: February 22nd, 2021 (Sgd.) Brendy Escalona Voluntary Liquidator [89/46]

#### **BREMONHILL SERVICES** LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 397517 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 17th February, 2021 and LINETH PONCE of MMG Tower, 23rd Floor, Avenida del Pacifico with Avenida Paseo de Mar, Costa del Este, Panama, Republic of Panama has been appointed as Sole Liquidator.

Dated this 22nd day of February, 2021 Sgd. LINETH PONCE

Voluntary Liquidator

[89/47]

#### RIVIERA REAL **INVESTMENTS &** EOUITIES LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1557183

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 17th February, 2021 and Mr. Gian-Reto Agramunt of Rue de Candolle 17, 1205 Geneva, Switzerland has been appointed as Sole Liquidator.

Dated this 22nd day of February, 2021 Sgd. Mr. Gian-Reto Agramunt Voluntary Liquidator

#### GRAYLING ESTATE LTD.

Company No. 1761741 (In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that GRAYLING ESTATE LTD., is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 22nd February,2021 and Charoulla Lesta, of 205 Christodoulou Chatzipavlou, Louloupis Court, 2nd Floor, Flat 201, P.C. 3036 Limassol Cyprus has been appointed as the Sole Liquidator.

Dated this 22nd day of February, 2021 Sgd. Charoulla Lesta Voluntary Liquidator

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

#### **HUMILITY MOUNTAIN** LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation) NOTICE is hereby given that on the 19th day of February 2021, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidator is:-

ZHAN Yaxi of

Room 201, No. 53, Lane 3899, Shangnan Road, Pudong New Area,

Shanghai, [89/50]

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

#### Info-Tech Financial Holding Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 22nd day of February 2021, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidator is:-

WU Kening of No. 15, Lu Chang Street, Xicheng District, Beijing,

[89/51]

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

#### **Boxin Hippocampus Holdings** Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 18th day of February 2021 under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register.

The Liquidator is:-GU Yizhe of Suite C, 13F, No. 918, Middle Huaihai Road, Huangpu District, Shanghai, China [89/52]

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

**Boxin Pisces Holdings Limited** (In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 18th day of February 2021 under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register.

The Liquidator is:-GU Yizhe of

Suite C. 13F No. 918 Middle Huaihai Road,

Huangpu District, Shanghai, China

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

#### MARNERY LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1931580

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on February 22nd, 2021. The Liquidator is Delio Jose De Leon Mela with an address at 5ft Floor, Bloc Office Hub, Santa Maria Business District, Panama, Republic of Panama.

Dated: February 23rd, 2021 (Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela Voluntary Liquidator

#### Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act. GOLDMINGTON LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1656881

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from February 19, 2021. Dated: February 23, 2021

(Sgd.) Sandra Maria Guevara Pinar Voluntary Liquidator

[89/55]

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

> (In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 283283

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on February 22, 2021 The Liquidator is Delio Jose De Leon Mela with address at Bloc Office Hub, Fifth Floor, Santa Maria Business District, Panama City, Republic of Panama.

Dated: February 23, 2021. (Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela Voluntary Liquidator [89/56]

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

Kalumin Enterprises Limited (In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1858606

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on February 19, 2021 The Liquidator is Martha Dimitriou with address at 68 Nikou Georgiou. 4630, Limassol, Cyprus.

Dated: February 23, 2021. (Sgd.) Martha Dimitriou Voluntary Liquidator [89/57]

under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.

#### EDGWARE MANAGEMENT LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1868228

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on February 18, 2021. The Liquidator is Alon Shine with address at 11 Hasadnaot St., Herzliya Pituach, Sea View Building, P.O.B.: 2052, ZIP 4612001 Israel.

Dated: February 23, 2021. (Sgd.) Alon Shine

Voluntary Liquidator

[89/58]

Steeple Offshore Limited (In Voluntary Liquidation) Company Number 1852197

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, Subsection (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 23rd day of February, 2021. The Liquidator is Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands. Dated this 23rd day of February, 2021 Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson Voluntary Liquidator [89/59]

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

Honor Voyage Tech Limited (In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1938616

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 20th February, 2021. The liquidator is JIE Jun of No. 29, Group 7, Zhongzui Village, Lishi Town, Luxian County, Sichuan Province, Dated: 23rd February, 2021

#### Nymen International Corp.

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1976660

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 23rd February 2021

Dated 23rd February, 2021 Sgd. Dr. Andreas Karapatakis

Voluntary Liquidator

(Sgd.) JIE Jun

Liquidator

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#### AVA GLOBAL PRIVATE LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1991867

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 18th February 2021.

Sgd. Vaibhav Jain Voluntary Liquidator [89/62]

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

#### GEMATRIA GLOBAL PRIVATE LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1991831

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 18th February 2021.

Sgd. Vaibhav Jain Voluntary Liquidator [89/63]

#### DAKLA HOLDING LIMITED

Company No. 1971606 (In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that DAKLA HOLDING LIMITED, has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 23rd February, 2021.

Dated this 23rd day of February, 2021 Sgd. CHARALAMBOS MEIVATSIS Voluntary Liquidator [89/64]

#### Delander Investments S.A.

Company No. 1580293 (In Voluntary Liquidation NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that Delandder Investments S.A., has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 23rd February, 2021. Dated this 23rd day of February, 2021 Sgd. RAMON ORTIZ DE TARANCO Voluntary Liquidator

#### Karamea Partners Limited

Company No. 1777053 (In Voluntary Liquidation) NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that Karamea Partners Limited, has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 23rd February, 2021.

Dated this 23rd day of February, 2021 Sgd. QUERUBE CASTILLO DE NUÑEZ Voluntary Liquidator

#### SALVEUR LIMITED

Company No. 1886017 (In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that SALVEUR LIMITED, is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 23rd February,2021 and Querube C. De Nunez, of MMG Tower, 23rd Floor, Avenida del Pacifico with Avenida Paseo del Mar, Costa del Este, Panama City, Republic of Panama has been appointed as the Sole Liquidator.

Dated this 24th day of February, 2021 Sgd. Querube C. De Nunez Voluntary Liquidator

#### RTK ESCO LIMITED

Company No. 1067504 (In Voluntary Liquidation) NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that RTK ESCO LIMITE. is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 23rd February, 2021 and RAMÓN ORTÍZ DE TARANCO of Ruta 8 km. 17500, Zonamerica, Local 115 A, 91600 Montevideo, Uruguay, has been appointed as Sole Liquidator. Dated this 23rd February, 2021. Sgd. RAMÓN ORTÍZ DE TARANCO Voluntary Liquidator

#### ROLOGE CORP.

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Company No. 1846701 (In Voluntary Liquidation)

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

#### ROBINSON PARTICIPATION CORP.

Company No. 1379070 (In Voluntary Liquidation) NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that ROBINSON PARTICIPATION CORP. is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 23rd February, 2021 and Mrs. Querube C. De Nuñez of MMG Tower, Paseo del Mar Avenue, Costa del Este, Panama City, Republic of Panama been appointed as the Sole Liquidator. Dated this 24th day of February, 2021 Sgd. Mrs. Querube C. De Nuñez

Voluntary Liquidator

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#### LANORI ENTERPRISES INC.

Company No. 205738 (In Voluntary Liquidation) NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that LANORI ENTERPRISES INC. is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 23rd February, 2021 and Mrs. Querube C. De Nuñez of MMG Tower, Paseo del Mar Avenue, Costa del Este, Panama City, Republic of Panama been appointed as the Sole Liquidator.

Dated this 24th day of February, 2021 Sed. Mrs. Ouerube C. De Nuñez. Voluntary Liquidator [89/71]

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

#### CROUSTON MANAGEMENT LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1826887

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on February 24, 2021. The Liquidator is Delio José De León Mela with an address at Bloc Office Hub, Fifth Floor, Santa Maria Business District, Panama, Republic of Panama, Dated: February 25, 2021 (Sgd.) Delio José De León Mela Voluntary Liquidator

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation) NOTICE is hereby given that on the 18th day of February 2021 under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register.

The Liquidator is:-WANG Fengwei of Room 501, Unit 1, Building 68, No. 5 Jingfang Community, Jianggan District.

Hangzhou City, China

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

ChiYuan Ltd. (In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 18th day of February 2021 under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register.

The Liquidator is:-WANG Fengwei of Room 501, Unit 1, Building 68, No. 5 Jingfang Community, Jianggan District,

Hangzhou City,

China [89/74]

#### NOTICE

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

#### InnoCommunication Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 18th day of February 2021 under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register.

The Liquidator is:-WANG Fengwei of Room 501, Unit 1, Building 68, No. 5 Jingfang Community, Jianggan

District. Hangzhou City,

China [89/75]

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

AdvanceComm Ltd. (In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 18th day of February 2021 under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register.

The Liquidator is:-WANG Fengwei of

Room 501, Unit 1, Building 68,

No. 5 Jingfang Community, Jianggan

Hangzhou City, China

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

LuckyBoon Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 18th day of February 2021 under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register.

The Liquidator is:-WANG Fengwei of Room 501, Unit 1, Building 68, No. 5 Jingfang Community, Jianggan

Hangzhou City, China

District,

[89/77]

#### NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT

#### (NO. 16 OF 2004) BRIGHT CELEBRITY LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation) NOTICE is hereby given that on the 18th day of February 2021 under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register.

The Liquidator is:-SONG Yunxia of

No. 221, Wolongxiaoqu, Huizhongli, Chaoyang District,

[89/78]

#### BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004) FABULOUS LEGEND LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 18th day of February 2021 under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the

The Liquidator is:-

SONG Yunxia of No. 221, Wolongxiaoqu,

Huizhongli, Chaoyang District,

China

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#### BONCALE ASSOCIATED

S.A.

Company No. 133612

(In Voluntary Liquidation) NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that BONCALE ASSOCIATED S.A., is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 24th February,2021 and Mrs. LINETH PONCE, of MMG Tower, 23rd Floor, Avenida del Pacifico with Avenida Paseo del Mar, Costa del Este, Panama City, Panama, Republic of Panama has been appointed as the Sole Liquidator. Dated this 24th day of February, 2021 Sgd. Mrs. LINETH PONCE Voluntary Liquidator

#### SOLARAT CORPORATION

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1534133

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)-(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that SOLARAT CORPORATION is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 23rd day of February, 2021. The Liquidator is Miss Nicola Gillespie c/o Citco B.V.I. Limited, Flemming House, Wickhams Cay, P.O. Box 662, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110.

Dated 23rd day of February, 2021. (Sgd.) Nicola Gillespie [89/81] Voluntary Liquidator

#### BONAVENTURE, INC.

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 17650

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)-(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that BONAVENTURE, INC. is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 19th day of February, 2021. The Liquidator is Mrs. Claire Thomson c/o Citco B.V.I. Limited, Flemming House, Wickhams Cay, P.O. Box 662, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands,

Dated 19th day of February, 2021. (Sgd.) Claire Thomson

Voluntary Liquidator [89/82]

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

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

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

ANY PERSONS having any objections to the Grant of Letters of Administration to the said JEANETTE AURELIA ALVARES-CORREA also known as JEANETTE AURELIA ALVAREZ-CORREA also known as JEANETTE AURELIA SMITH also known as VICKI CORREA and DAVID ALEXANDER ALVAREZ-CORREA shall within fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of this Notice lodge with the Registry of the High Court in the Territory of the Virgin Islands a proper document setting out the said objections.

Dated the 18th day of February, 2021

HARNEY WESTWOOD & RIEGELS LP Solicitors for the Intended Administrator

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

PROBATE NO.OF 2021

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

#### FORM P16: ADVERTISEMENT (RESEALING)

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

Filed by: Conyers Dill & Pearman

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

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

IN THE ESTATE OF LUIZ DIEDERICHSEN VILLARES, DECEASED

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

ANY PERSONS having any objections to the Grant of Letters of Administration to the said MARCELO RATTO VILLARES shall within fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of this Notice lodge with the Registry of the High Court in the Territory of the Virgin Islands a proper document setting out the said objections.

Dated the 18th day of February, 2021

HARNEY WESTWOOD & RIEGELS LP Solicitors for the Intended Administrator

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

IN THE ESTATE OF ARMIDA PONCE ENRILE SIGUION-REYNA, DECEASED

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to section 28 of the Trustee Ordinance of the Laws of the Virgin Islands Revised Edition 1991 (Cap 303) that any person having a claim against or an interest in the estate of ARMIDA PONCE ENRILE SIGUION-REYNA, late of No 7 Tangile Road, North Forbes Park, Makati City, Metro Manila, Philippines who died on the 11th day of February 2019 (the Deceased), is hereby required to send particulars in writing of his or her claim or interest to Harney Westwood & Riegels LP of Craigmuir Chambers, P. O. Box 71 Road Town, Tortola British Virgin Islands (Attention: Matthew Howson), the Solicitors acting for Monica Siguion Reyna Villonco, the Administrator of the Deceased's estate, and to send such particulars not later than the 11th day of March 2021 after which date the said Administrator will distribute the estate among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interests of which she has had notice and will not, in respect to the property so distributed, be liable to any person of whose claim she shall not then have notice.

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# REAL ESTATE

Property for Sale at Leverick Bay, Virgin Gorda: a hurricane destroyed home, being a two (2) bedroom, two (2) bathroom main dwelling house and a one (1) bedroom, one (1) bathroom studio/garage more particularly described in the Land Register as Parcel 41 Block 5345B Virgin Gorda Central Registration Section), measuring approximately 0.868 acres. Asking Price US\$350,000.00. Contact Coldwell Banker Real Estate BVI on (284) 495 3000 or chris@coldwellbankerbvi.com.

Property for Sale at Parker's Estate Trunk Bay, Tortola: a four (4) bedroom, four (4) bathroom furnished dwelling house with pool more particularly described in the Land Register as Parcel 81 Block 2940B East Central Registration Section, measuring approximately 1.276 acres. Asking Price US\$2,600,000.00. Contact Coldwell Banker Real Estate

BVI on (284) 495 3000 or

chris@coldwellbankerbvi.com.

Land for Sale at Little Dix, Virgin Gorda: Registration Section: Virgin Gorda South, Block: 4741B Parcel: 13, approximately 1.106 acres. Asking Price US\$1,100,000.00. Contact Coldwell Banker Real Estate BVI on (284) 495 3000 or chris@coldwellbankerbvi.com. [\$92]



# Caribbean people at risk of prolonging COVID-19 to their detriment

By Sir Ronald Sanders

People in the Caribbean, who refuse to take vaccinations to counter the Coronavirus, will

cause the COVID-19 pandemic to remain longer in the region, endangering lives, livelihoods, and entire economies.

Whatever genuine fears may exist, these people must be educated about the value of the vaccine to their own health and they must be encouraged by all influential agencies to take it.

If they need convincing, they should look at the experience of other countries where more than 139 million people have taken the vaccine and not one of them has died from it.

The Churches, whose leaders have been preaching against the vaccine, are doing neither their followers nor their countries any good. Similarly, the representatives of trade unions, who argue that their members have the right not to take vaccines, might consider enlightening them about the benefits of the vaccine to their individual wellbeing, their families, the wider community, and the businesses from which they derive a living.

At the rate at which vaccines are currently available and being rolled out in the world, the Caribbean will be behind Britain and the U.S. in controlling the virus by at least a year. If a significant number of people remain unvaccinated, the delay will be even longer.

Caribbean countries cannot afford a year, let alone a more extended period, to suppress the virus. Many economies are already in dire straits, poverty is expanding, unemployment is rising, economies are declining, hospitals are besieged, and many more people are dying.

This is why at a meeting of the Permanent Council of the Organisation of American States (OAS) on 17 February, all independent CARICOM countries joined Antigua and Barbuda in promoting adoption of a resolution calling for equitable distribution of COVID-19 vaccines globally.

Action is necessary to get vaccines into Caribbean countries so that at least 80 per cent of the people can be inoculated to build 'herd immunity'. This is achieved when a large part of the population is immune to the disease. If enough people are resistant to the coronavirus, it will have nowhere to go and it will peter out.

Right now, every country in the Caribbean is way behind developed countries with which they interact for tourism, trade in goods and other commercial and social activity. For example, at the time of writing (February 18), Britain has inoculated 23.7 per cent of its population with the first dose of the vaccine; the U.S 12.3 per cent; Canada 3.48 per cent; and many of the countries in the European Union almost 3 per cent. No country in the Caribbean has vaccinated more than 0.9 per cent of their populations.

The main reason for this is that rich countries, representing only 16 per cent of the world's population have bought, and are hoarding, 60 per

cent of the available vaccine candidates. This means that 40 per cent is left for 84 per cent of the global population, including the Caribbean.

This situation demands urgent attention if the

Caribbean is to survive the already devastating effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. That is why the Antigua and Barbuda initiative at the OAS was strongly and fully supported by other CARICOM nations. It is also why the resolution received full support at the OAS. Twenty-nine of the Organization's 34 member states, including the

Caribbean, are among the over 100 nations that have vaccinated less than 1 per cent of their people.

The Caribbean needs greater access to vaccines and at an affordable price. Hence, the donation of 570,000 doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine by India to CARICOM countries is a great relief. The rollout has started in a few countries. But, there are not sufficient stocks to accelerate the inoculation programme to get all CARICOM countries to at least 80 per cent of their populations.

The main vaccine manufacturers have to be urged to ramp-up their production at an affordable price. Concentrating on selling only to the rich nations will not eliminate the global pandemic. A research study, sponsored by the U.S. National Bureau of Economic Research in Massachusetts, shows that even if wealthy countries are fully vaccinated by the end of this year, but poor countries remain largely shut out, "the global economy would suffer losses exceeding \$9 trillion, a sum greater than the annual output of Japan and Germany combined".

What should worry every citizen and resident of Caribbean countries is that their economies have already declined so significantly that, even if there is recovery later in 2021 or in 2022, it will not be sufficient to return them to 2019 levels.

Foreign direct investment in the Caribbean declined last year by more than 50 per cent. With many economies across the region in a state of prolonged inactivity, the downward investment trend for 2021 is even more precipitous. The year 2022 is unlikely to get any better unless each country gets the virus under control.

The populations of Caribbean countries, amounting to 20 million people, are competing with 450 million people in Latin America and another 360 million in the U.S. and Canada to achieve 80 per cent inoculations. They are also competing against 7 billion people globally. They cannot afford to leave themselves behind – they must get themselves inoculated.

Leaders and influencers in every sector – the Churches, the trade unions and the media – have to support Caribbean governments that have tried their best with scarce and reduced financial resources to manage the coronavirus and now to inoculate against it.

No Caribbean country can afford to be a year behind the nations with which they interact for their livelihood and development.



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### MADE IN BVI CAN BECOME THE 3rd PILLAR OF OUR ECONOMY

on request.

The Made in... mark is a country of origin label indicating the product is "all or virtually all" made in a given country. The label is usually regulated by special laws or guidelines.

When was the last time you saw a product marked or labeled MADE IN THE BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS? Most likely you never saw such a mark or label. That is because we import a lot of what we sell. Most of our souvenirs are made elsewhere - West Indies, Taiwan, Hong Kong, China. The same is true for most of the spices and condiments we sell -- they are not from the BVI.

Some of our restaurants put Tabasco on their tables and we have heard tourists expressing disappointment that in a place like the BVI we do not have a locally made hot sauce to offer to our visitors. Talking with an informed person we learned that some of the condiments sold here are not produced in Tortola, they are imported and bottled or packed in the BVI.

Very often consumers buy spaghetti or olive oil assuming they are from Italy simply because the packaging displays an Italian flag and the brand has an Italianate resemblance. When you look closer you see: packed in the USA, produce of Spain or Tunisia bottled in the USA...and similar descriptions.

In the BVI we rarely see anything labeled or marked with the name of the country of origin. Tourists look at these items with great skepticism and abstain from buying because they see the same type of souvenirs all over the Caribbean.

We have a true abundance of seafood that can be canned and sold locally and even exported. The same could be said of indigenous spices and fruits. Some of them would be ideal to make BVI mints and lollies. How about Tortola cookies?

Attractively packaged sweets and cookies made in the BVI would sell fast. Imitations of our guavaberry liqueur are sold in neighbouring islands, yet we do very little to produce and market our unique and delicious guavaberry.

We are constantly looking for the third pillar of our economy, but we fail to realise it's here...under our nose. MADE IN BVI is the third pillar that will create jobs, reduce our import deficit, and strengthen our economy. It will also be ideal for young entrepreneurs and small businesses. The demand for authentic MADE IN BVI is robust and healthy but we fail to capitalise on it: what a shame!

The next BVI success story is there staring at us. The time has come for our government to adopt proper legislation to regulate, incentivise, promote and sustain MADE IN BVI manufacturers.

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

IN THE ESTATE OF NIGEL HOWARD HUTCHINGS DECEASED

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by A N N E FRANÇOISE HUTCHINGS of Avenue de Béthusy 42, 1012 Lausanne, Switzerland the intended Administrator of the Estate of the deceased who died on the 15th day of September 2020, domiciled in Switzerland has applied to the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the Probate Division for a Grant of Letters of Administration in the Estate of the said NIGEL HOWARD HUTCHINGS, deceased.

ANY PERSONS having any objections to the Grant of Letters of Administration to the said ANNE-FRANÇOISE HUTCHINGS shall within fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of this Notice lodge with the Registry of the High Court in the Territory of the Virgin Islands a proper document setting out the said objections. Dated the 11th day of February, 2021

HARNEY WESTWOOD & RIEGELS LP Solicitors for the Intended Administrator

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

BVIHPB 2021/ 0025

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY ALICE BLYDEN, LATE OF CHARLOTTE AMALIE, ST. THOMAS, USVI, DECEASED, INTESTATE

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by CHARLES ERNEST RYMER of Brewers Bay, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, the lawful son of the deceased, MARY ALICE BLYDEN, late of Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, USVI, to the High Court of Justice in the British Virgin Islands, in the Probate Division, 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 24th January, 2007. ANY PERSON, having any objections 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 25th day of February 2021.

Filed by DenJen Law, Legal Representatives for the Applicant 30 DeCastro Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

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

BVIHPB 2021/0026

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF REGINALD NATHANIEL CALLWOOD, LATE OF ST. JOHN, UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS, DECEASED, INTESTATE

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by LYNELL YVONNE CALLWOOD, Night Auditor of P.O. Box 693, Cruz Bay, St. John, USVI, LEMUEL LORENZO CALLWOOD, Musician of P.O. Box 756, Cruz Bay, St. John, USVI and LLEWELYN ANTONIO CALLWOOD, Taxi Driver of P.O. Box 2244, St. John, USVI, the lawful children of the deceased, REGINALD NATHANIEL CALLWOOD, to the High Court of Justice in the British Virgin Islands, in the Probate Division for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicants who are the lawful daughter and sons of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 8th day of July, 2019.

**ANY PERSON**, having any objections 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 25th day of February 2021.

Filed by DenJen Law, Legal Representatives of the Applicant 30 DeCastro Street, 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 FRANCOISE CHAMPLONG ABRY LATE OF AVENIDA AURELIO MIROQUESADA 576-DPTO. L L02, SAN ISIDRO, LIMA 27 – PERU, DECEASED

#### ADVERTISEMENT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Sybille Maya Mrdjenovic Champlong of [], Lima, Peru for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who is the daughter of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate at Hospital Av. Javier Prado Este No. 1010 of 202 in Lima, Peru on 17 May 2020.

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

Dated this 24th day of February 2021

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 VIRGIN ISLANDS

BVIHPB2020/0095

In the estate of ODAIR MARTINI, late of Carlos Queiroz Telles avenue, 100, Apartment 191, São Paulo, Brazil, deceased

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to section 28 of the Trustee Ordinance of the Laws of the Virgin Islands Revised Edition 1991 (Cap 303) that any person having a claim against or an interest in the estate of ODAIR MARTINI, late of Carlos Queiroz Telles avenue, 100, Apartment 191, São Paulo, Brazil who died on the 20th day of September, 2017 domiciled in São Paulo, Brazil (the Deceased), is hereby required to send particulars in writing of his/her claim or interest to O'Neal Webster of 2nd Floor Commerce House, 181 Main Street, P.O. Box 961 Road Town, Tortola British Virgin Islands (Attention: Jenelle Archer, Managing Associate). the Solicitors acting for ALKA SILVIA KIELING MARTINI, the Administratrix of the Deceased's estate, and to send such particulars no later than Thursday April 08, 2021 after which date the said Administratrix will distribute the estate among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interests of which she has had notice and will not in respect to the property so distributed, be liable to any person of whose claim she shall not then have notice.



Solicitors for the Administratrix

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

PROBATE NO. BVIHPB 0020 of 2021

IN THE ESTATE OF HING-TOI HEUNG, DECEASED Late of Hong Kong, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by LAI SZE MAK of Tsimshatsui, Hong Kong for a Grant of Probate who is the person entitled to administer the estate of HING-TOI HEUNG, the deceased having died leaving a will, on the 15 October 2019.

ANY PERSON having an objection to the grant of Letters of Probate 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 25 February, 2021.

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

#### THIRD SCHEDULE

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

Pamela & Job Trumpet - Parcel 99, Block 3439B Joan & Brathley Dawson - Parcel 139, Block 3439B Joliann P. Penn - Parcel 122, Block 3438B

I hereby give you Notice that I am employed by Virgin Island Surveying Services Limited, to survey Parcels 140, Block 3439B, Long Look Registration Section, situate on the island of Tortola which adjoin lands, said to belong to you or to be in your possession. I shall commence the survey at 8.30am on Thursday, the 5th day of March 2021, at which time you are requested to attend by yourself or your agent as you may think fit at the survey site. In the meantime, I shall make such traverses, as I may deem requisite. You must bring any Surveys and other papers referring to your land in order to protect your interest therein.

Dated this 24th day of February, 2021

Sgd. Marc Downing

Licensed Surveyor Tel. 346-1137

Email: vissltd@gmail.com

#### THIRD SCHEDULE

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

To:

Ray George - Parcel 222, Block 2939B **Island Property Development Limited - Parcel 223** & 225, Block 2939B

Ron Corant - Parcel 226, Block 2939B Shirley Company Limited - Parcel 233, Block 2939B

I hereby give you Notice that I am employed by Virgin Island Surveying Services Limited, to survey Parcels 119 & 227, Block 2939B, East Central Registration Section, situate on the island of Tortola which adjoin lands, said to belong to you or to be in your possession. I shall commence the survey at 10.00am on Thursday, the 5th day of March 2021, at which time you are requested to attend by yourself or your agent as you may think fit at the survey site. In the meantime, I shall make such traverses, as I may deem requisite. You must bring any Surveys and other papers referring to your land in order to protect your interest therein.

Dated this 24th day of February, 2021

Sgd. Marc Downing

Licensed Surveyor

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THIRD SCHEDULE The Land Surveyors Ordinance, 1970 Notice of Intention to Survey To: Lilt Inc. - Parcel 57, Block 2235B

Und & Don Donovan -Parcel 71, Block 2235B William Young III & IV and Judith Young -Parcel 28, Block 2235B Barbara Connor -Parcel 72, Block 2235B

I hereby give you Notice that I am employed by Virgin Island Surveying Services Limited, to survey Parcels 58, Block 2235B, West End Registration Section, situate on the island of Tortola which adjoin lands, said to belong to you or to be in your possession. I shall commence the survey at 1.00pm on Thursday, the 5th day of March 2021, at which time you are requested to attend by yourself or your agent as you may think fit at the survey site. In the meantime, I shall make such traverses, as I may deem requisite. You must bring any Surveys and other papers referring to your land in order to protect your interest therein.

Dated this 24th day of February, 2021

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

#### Tulmul (PTC) Ltd

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1902754

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 23rd February, 2021. Dated: 25th February, 2021.

(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan Voluntary Liquidator

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#### KLYCE INTERNATIONAL

INC.

Company No. 1861951 (In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that KLYCE INTERNATIONAL INC. is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 25th February, 2021 and Mrs. Querube C. De Nuñez of MMG Tower, Paseo del Mar Avenue, Costa del Este, Panama City, Republic of Panama been appointed as the Sole Liquidator. Dated this 25th day of February, 2021 Sgd. Mrs. Querube C. De Nuñez Voluntary Liquidator

#### GRUPO CAPYNSA, INC.

Company No. 1879203 (In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that GRUPO CAPYNSA, INC., is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 24th February, 2021 and Ernesto Lewis Obiols of 2 Ave. B 13-68 Zona 16 Condominio Bosques De Kanajuyu Casa 6, Guatemala, has been appointed as Sole Liquidator. Dated this 25th February 2021.

Sgd. ERNESTO LEWIS OBIOLS Voluntary Liquidator

[89/85]

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

#### RABEYS LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 22nd day of February, 2021, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidators is: -

Andreas Petrou

Of Lakedaimonias 15 Strovolos, Nicosia

Cyprus

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#### JARBIN CORP.

Company No. 1950573

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that JARBIN CORP., has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 24th February 2021.

Dated this 25th day of February, 2021.

Sgd. QUERUBE CASTILLO DE

NUÑEZ

Voluntary Liquidator

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NOTICE

BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)

#### FOURNAS LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 23rd day of February, 2021, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidators is: -

#### Andreas Petrou

Of 2 Romanou Street,

Tlais Tower, Office 601 Nicosia.

Cyprus

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

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#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION BY PRESCRIPTION

SECTION 135 OF THE REGISTERED LAND ACT CAP 229 OF THE 1991 EDITION OF THE REVISED LAWS OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

REGISTRATION SECTION

Long Look

BLOCK

PARCEL

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

#### Parcel 75 is registered to:

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

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

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

Dated this 15th day of February 2021.

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

To: Rose Hedrington

Executor of the Will of Edmund Hedrington (deceased)

Hope Estate, Tortola, VG1110

Virgin Islands

e: Maximea & Co. PO Box 4696 Road Town, Tortola, VG1110 Virgin Islands

> Tel: Lands Unit: [284) 468-2017, Survey Unit: [284) 468-4321 [Email: Lands Unit: landregistration@gov.vg, Survey Unit: landandsurveydept@gov.vg | Website: www.bvi.gov.vg



Jasmin Bar seeks the following employees Bartenders, Waitresses and 1 cook. Must have

three years experience and can serve the public well. Please call 341-4075 for more information.[s90]

Doris Christopher is seeking a Gardener / Handyman to work around her properties. Experience a must to get the job done to the best of your ability. Please call 499-3132 for more information.[s90]

A growing IT Company is look for a Cisco certified IT Network Manager to service our clients in the BVI. The applicant must have at minimum a Cisco certification such as CCNA, CCNP preferred and other industry certification of MCSE along with a Master's Degree in Information Technology. Excellent knowledge of OSPF, EIGRP and RIVv2. Please send all written applications to mail@microantix.com.

Belongers strongly preferred. [\$90]

BVI QUICK STITCH is seeking a Full Time Tailor. Please call 542-2210 for further details. [s90]

Elvin Smith Construction seeks the following 2 Masons, 2 Carpenters and 1 Labourer. All applicants should have at lease 3 years experience and must do the job at the best of their ability. Please Call 546-1500 for more information. [s90]

A highly commercial business professional needed. They must have a track record of over 10+ years of business development and sales generation. A detailed understanding of property is required as well as marketing, contracts and negotiations. The candidate needs to have strong communications skills and attention to detail. Must be willing to work weekends and holidays and have own car. Belongers preferred. Please send a covering letter and a CV to PO Box 3253, Road Town, Tortola. [s90]

Pierre Maintenance Services require the services of Two Maintenance Personnel.

Please have at lease three years experience and know what you are about when are on the job. For further information please call 341-3868.

### Report Side Effects Of The COVID-19 Vaccine To BVI Health Ministry

Persons who received their first dose of
the Oxford AstraZeneca Vaccine
to combat the COVID-19 disease
are asked to report any side effects
to the Ministry of Health and Social Development
by calling 468-9850
or by emailing covid19vaccine@gov.vg.

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# Reopening of the Seaports (Road Town Jetty) to International Ferry Operations

STATEMENT FROM BVI PORTS
AUTHORITY

The BVI Ports Authority wishes to inform the public that the 1st March, 2021 reopening of the Road Town Jetty to incoming visitors has been deferred to 15th April, 2021 for the following reasons:

i. that islands within the region have reported increased numbers of COVID-19 cases;

ii. the increased possibility of the introduction of variant strains from international travelers;

iii. due to the demands of the roll-out of the vaccines and the need to ensure a large percent of the local population is vaccinated, the health personnel normally needed to assist in monitoring procedures at the entry portal is significantly stretched and as such the efficiency to monitor the opening is challenged; and

iv. to enhance the customer experience through further infrastructural improvements at the Road Town Jetty and other ports of entry in light of COVID-19 health and safety protocols.

The BVI Ports Authority apologises for any inconvenience caused to residents, industry partners and our visitors.

We want everyone to experience an authentic BVILOVE welcome from the moment they begin their journey to our islands and throughout the

entire entry process at our seaports.

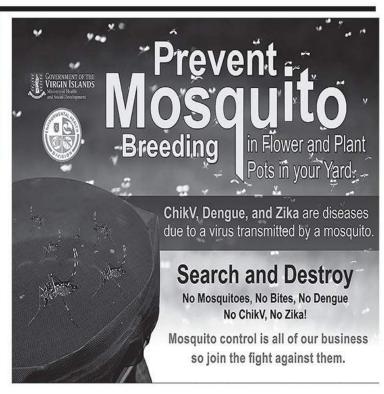
ABOUT THE BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS PORTS AUTHORITY

The BVI Ports Authority is the managing authority for all official Sea Ports within the British Virgin Islands inclusive of the 60ft wide, 1,312 ft. long cruise pier that can berth ships up to a maximum tonnage of 180,000 GRT. The BVIPA is responsible for the welcoming and safe arrival of seafaring passengers, as well as the reception, handling and security of cargo and sea based trade.

For more information please visit www.bviports. org



Meridian Construction
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for at least 5 years. Successful
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self-motivated and prepared to
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writing to The Manager, P.O.
Box 978, Road Town, Tortola
or email hr@meridianbvi.com.
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### 49th BVI Spring Regatta Postponed Until 2022

Tortola, British Virgin Islands – February 24, 2021: The 49th BVI Spring Regatta and Sailing Festival, which was scheduled for March 29 to April 4, 2021, has been postponed until 2022 following deep consideration by all entities involved. The BVI Spring Regatta Committee, after discussions with the BVI Government Ministry of Health, concluded that the postponement was in the best interest for the safety of all participants, volunteers and the wider BVI



community.

Following in the steps of many of the major Caribbean regattas that have also been postponed, the Spring Regatta was anticipating offering world class racing and camaraderie for all participants.

"As much as we would have loved to welcome everyone back to the BVI, the most important factors are health and safety for all," Judy Petz, Regatta Director, stated. "Our international participants understand the situation and are already planning for the BVI Spring Regatta and Sailing Festival in March 2022."

The postponement of the event is a financial blow to the nonprofit entity which organizes this internationally respected sailing event, as well as to the BVI community, which typically enjoys a positive economic impact from the BVI Spring Regatta and Sailing Festival of approximately \$4 million each year. This loss to the local economy these past two years due to the pandemic has been devastating, particularly to the yachting sector.

The Regatta Committee would also like to thank all of our sponsors during these unpredictable times. Their continued support enables us to move forward and take the event to an even higher level of racing and participation. The Committee would also like to extend a 'thank you' to the participants who had planned to attend.

"We hope that as COVID-19 vaccination programs progress and international travel restrictions are lifted, that it will become safer for people to travel and participate in events like ours," Petz continued. We look forward to making next year a terrific event, one that all of our participants, sponsors and the community can look forward to."

The 2022 BVI Spring Regatta & Sailing Festival is scheduled for March 28- April 3, 2022.

For full details on the BVI Spring Regatta & Sailing Festival at: www.bvispringregatta.org

# How Formerly Enslaved Man Became 1st Black US Congressman in 1870 By Chris Simkins (VOA) the years he was there," someone who can be that," Donaldson said. Carolina, there

WASHINGTON - Lorna she said. Rainey can only imagine what it was like for her great-grandfather to walk into the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., 151 years ago.

Lorna Rainey was just 3 years old when her greataunt began sharing stories about Joseph Rainey's incredible place in history. "It just fascinated me to



Portrait of the first African-American Congressman, Joseph H. Rainey. Oil on canvas, Simmie Knox, 2004, Collection of U.S. House of Representatives

Against a backdrop of what many would consider insurmountable odds, Joseph Hayne Rainey, born enslaved, entered the Capitol building as the first African American member of the U.S House Representatives December 1870.

"I often think about what it must have felt like for him that very first day he walked into the Capitol into the assembly. And he was the only one, the only Black man," Rainev told VOA. "My greatgrandfather was prepared to be in Congress. He had a steel core but became a very moving figure through

know he rose from slavery, and 38 years later, he was elected a congressman. How can that be?" Rainey said. "You know, there was something inside of him that said, 'I'm not going to quit, and once I get to Washington, just watch what I'm going to do.""

Even as America celebrates Black History Month, which ends next week, the individual accomplishments of African Americans like Joseph Rainey are often overlooked. Now, his service to the country is beginning to receive greater recognition.

"Joseph Rainey

described as the founding father of our nation,' said Bobby Donaldson, history professor at the University of South Carolina. "He literally helped to rebuild this country in the aftermath of the Civil War and helped to envision a nation following emancipation during extraordinary Reconstruction," Donaldson told VOA.

#### Early life

Joseph Rainey was born in 1832 in Georgetown, South Carolina. His father used his earnings as a barber to buy the family's freedom in the 1840s. The younger Rainey became a barber, as well, catering to a clientele of white southerners.

During the Civil War, he was drafted by the Confederacy to do hard labor but escaped to Bermuda, where he and his wife started a business.

"Some of his abolitionist friends, and probably former barbershop customers, helped spirit him out of Charleston and get him to Bermuda," Lorna Rainey told VOA.

Hergreat-grandfather returned to South Carolina in 1866 to launch his political career. Records suggest he was determined to help rebuild the country after the war.

A Republican, he was elected to the South Carolina legislature and helped craft a new state constitution that defended the equality of citizens.

"One of the things that was a direct result of the 1868 constitution was the notion of free public education for all And Joseph citizens. Rainey helped to shape

that," Donaldson said. As a U.S. representative, Joseph Rainey championed civil rights, education and economic opportunity for all. He served nine years and inspired the political careers of some 15 African Americans who served in Congress during the 10year Reconstruction period after the Civil War.

He was an early advocate of two pivotal civil landmark rights protections to the United States Constitution — the 14th Amendment, which gave full citizenship (and equal protection of the laws) to all people born in America, including former African slaves; and the 15th Amendment, which federal prohibited the government and states from denying a citizen the right to vote based on "race, color, or previous condition of servitude."

"Rainey was trying to navigate around very obvious obstacles of white supremacy and racial injustice, even though he is one of the most powerful and most popular African-Americans in the country," Donaldson noted.

#### Changing times

Rainey's political career ended after he lost reelection in 1878.

In the late 19th century, repressive "Jim Crow" laws were enacted across the U.S. South by state legislatures controlled white Democrats. The ordinances enforced racial segregation, and disenfranchised and took away political gains made African Americans during Reconstruction.

"His Black supporters prevented from voting for him," Donaldson "In VOA.

Carolina, there was an effort by white Democrats to intimidate Black voters by violent means."

In his farewell address to fellow lawmakers in 1879, Rainey warned of trouble ahead.

"Within a short duration of time, everything he predicted was happening, African Americans across the South lost their positions, lost their land and lost their power to vote," Donaldson said.

#### Keeping the legacy alive

Last year, the U.S. House of Representatives named a Capitol building room after Rainey and paid tribute to him with a portrait that hangs in the halls of Congress.

"There was a deliberate effort by very notable historians to undermine, to marginalize, to erase people like Joseph Rainey from the history books. Now, he's getting the type of attention he rightly deserves," said Donaldson.

"He laid the foundation for generations of Black lawmakers to serve in Congress," said South Carolina Congressman James Clyburn, who as House majority whip is the most powerful African American in the House of Representatives. "I've always worshipped Joseph Rainey."

For her part, Lorna Rainey is producing a documentary about her great-grandfather.

"We must tell the world about his accomplishments," she "I think Joseph said. Rainey's life can inspire people to dig deep within, understand what you want to accomplish, never give up, and never surrender."

# Study: Comet from Edge of **Solar System Killed Dinosaurs**

(Agence France Press/VOA) - Sixty- the sun." six million years ago, a huge celestial object struck off the coast of what is now Mexico, triggering a catastrophic "impact winter" that eventually wiped out three-quarters of life on Earth, including the dinosaurs.

A pair of astronomers at Harvard say they have now resolved long-standing mysteries surrounding the nature and origin of the "Chicxulub impactor."

Their analysis suggests it was a comet that originated in a region of icy debris on the edge of the solar system, that Jupiter was responsible for it crashing into our planet, and that we can expect similar impacts every 250 million to 750 million years.

The duo's paper, published in the journal Scientific Reports this week, pushes back against an older theory that claims the object was a fragment of an asteroid that came from our solar system's Main Belt.

"Jupiter is so important because it's the most massive planet in our solar system," lead author Amir Siraj told AFP.

Jupiter ends up acting as a kind of "pinball machine" that "kicks these orbits that bring them very close to

So-called "long-period comets" come from the Oort cloud, thought to be a giant spherical shell surrounding the solar system like a bubble that is made of icy pieces of debris the size of mountains or larger.

The long-period comets take about 200 years to orbit the sun and are also called sungrazers because of how close they pass.

Because they come from the deep freeze of the outer solar system, comets are icier than asteroids, and are known for the stunning gas and dust trails that they produce as they

But, said Siraj, the evaporative impact of the sun's heat on sungrazers is nothing compared to the massive tidal forces they experience when one side faces our star.

"As a result, these comets experience such a large tidal force that the most massive of them would shatter into about a thousand fragments, each of those fragments large enough to produce a Chicxulub-size impactor, or dinosaur-killing event on Earth."

Siraj and co-author Avi Loeb, a incoming long-period comets into professor of science, developed a statistical model that showed the

probability that long-period comets would hit Earth that is consistent with the age of Chicxulub and other known impactors.

The previous theory about the object being an asteroid produces an expected rate of such events that was off by a factor of about 10 compared to what has been observed, Loeb told AFP.

#### 'A beautiful sight'

Another line of evidence in favor of the comet origin is the composition of Chicxulub — only about a tenth of all asteroids from the Main Belt, which lies between Mars and Jupiter, are made up of carbonaceous chondrite, while most comets have it.

Evidence suggests the Chicxulub crater and other similar craters, such as the Vredefort crater in South Africa that was struck about two billion years ago, and the million-year-old Zhamanshin crater in Kazakhstan, all had carbonaceous chondrite.

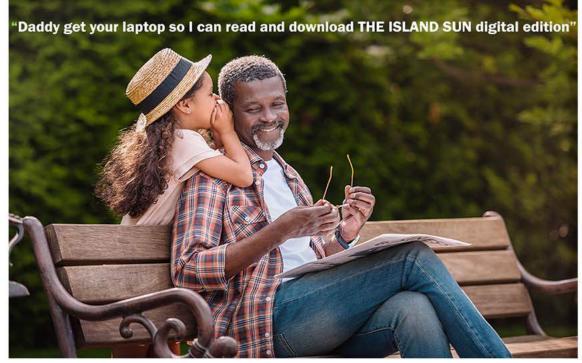
The hypothesis can be tested by further studying these craters, ones on the moon, or even by sending out space probes to take samples from comets.

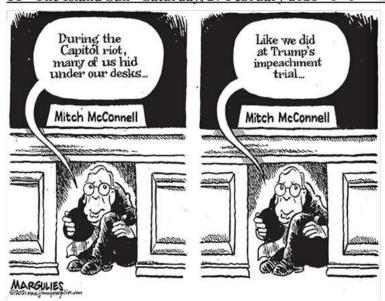
"It must have been a beautiful sight to see this rock approaching 66 million years ago, that was larger than the length of Manhattan Island," said Loeb, "though ideally, we'd like to learn to track such objects and devise ways to deflect them, if necessary."

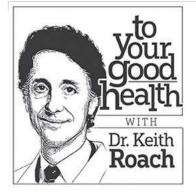
Loeb added he was excited by the prospect of the Vera Rubin Observatory in Chile becoming operational next year.

The telescope might be able to see tidal disruption of long-period comets "and will be extremely important in making forecasts for definitely the next 100 years, to know if anything bad could happen to us," he said.

Though Siraj and Loeb calculated Chicxulub-like impactors would occur once every few hundreds of millions of years, "it's a statistical thing," said Loeb. "You say 'on average; It's every so often,' but you never know when the next one will come."







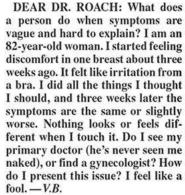
#### CT Scan Unlikely to Miss Advanced Lung Cancer

DEAR DR. ROACH: Is it possible for X-rays and a CT scan to miss advanced lung cancer? My brother worked two days before he died. He went to the hospital, was admitted to hospice and died the next day. I wonder if he knew at least a year ago, but didn't tell anyone. He said his scans showed pneumonia. His son was called to the hospital and spent the day with him until he died. During his last day, my brother told him that he had lung cancer and that it was not diagnosed earlier. — N.W.

ANSWER: I am very sorry about your brother.

Lung cancer, especially early lung cancer, is often missed on a regular chest X-ray. Pneumonia can accompany early lung cancer, and the pneumonia can hide the cancerous mass, but experienced radiologists should be able to see something. Also, experienced clinicians should check an X-ray weeks after a pneumonia to be sure there is no cancer in a person at risk, such as a current or former smoker.

Advanced lung cancer is only very rarely missed on X-ray, and should essentially never be missed on a CT scan. While I can't say it's impossible, it's much more likely that a year ago he was told that he had lung cancer and did not say anything, perhaps to spare his family's feelings, or perhaps he didn't want the sympathy and attention that accompany a diagnosis such as advanced lung cancer.



ANSWER: Both clinicians should be able to appropriately evaluate this concern. You should go to whoever you are more comfortable seeing. What you should not do is ignore it.

In your particular case, it's unlikely that your symptoms are because of something serious. Breast discomfort is common and only rarely due to breast cancer, which is what you must surely be concerned about. You should NEVER stop yourself from seeing your doctor for fear of not being taken seriously.

Primary doctors like me and gynecologists are very familiar with women coming in with breast symptoms, and we take them seriously. Clinicians know how justifiably concerned women are about breast cancer. Most often, a woman can be reassured with a careful history and physical exam; other times, a mammogram or ultrasound may be ordered. You don't want to regret missing that visit to the doctor.

It is often said that the only foolish question is the one that is not asked. This situation is analogous: It would be foolish for you not to go. While the overwhelming likelihood is that you will be reassured, in the unlikely event there is something wrong it's far better to know about it earlier than later.

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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Who is the actor who plays the racist cop on "The Rookie"?
My husband said he once played Superman, but I told him that actor is on another show we watch called "The Witcher." Is it the same per-

A . You're both right! There have been several incarnations of DC Comics' Superman since the Christopher Reeve era, the most recent having starred Henry Cavill in 2013's "Man of Steel," followed by "Batman v Superman" and "Justice League." Cavill, sporting long white hair, is the actor who plays the monster hunter in the hit fanta-sy series "The Witcher" on Netflix. "The Rookie's" Brandon Routh was

cast as Clark Kent/Superman in the 2006 film "Superman Returns," with Kevin Spacey, but it didn't deliver at the box office, so he faded into obscurity for a while. Fortunately, the DC Universe must like him because he went on to play either Superman or The Atom in several CW series like "The Flash" and "Arrow."

In December, Routh, now 41, was cast on the third season of the ABC drama "The Rookie" as an officer with polarizing views and actions. The role is recurring, but it gives him a chance to play against type, the opposite of a superhero.

Are Ryan Reynolds and Blake Lively still married? I never read anything about them anymore.

A. Hopefully, it's a good thing that their lives aren't the subject of gossip magazines anymore. Yes, they're still married and appear to be happily so. They have three children together, and recently posted photos on social media of Blake sledding and Ryan coloring Blake's hair during the pandemic. I'm willing to bet they make it to their 10th wedding anniversary next year.

. My sister and I both love "The Rifleman" show on ME-TV. How many shots does Luke McCain shoot off in the beginning of the show? Can you also tell us about Mark (Luke's son), his real name and if he's gone on to other shows? -M&E of Spokane

"The Rifleman" is a classic A : Western that ran for five seasons from 1958 to 1963. It starred Chuck Connors as a rancher and Johnny Crawford as his young son, Mark. The number of shots that Connors fires during the opening credits appears to my ears to be 13.



Brandon Routh in "Superman Returns"

Crawford is still acting, but not so much these days. He's about to turn 75, and his most recent credit is another Western, a 2019 movie titled "Bill Tilghman and the Outlaws" (aka The Marshal"), which can be rented through Amazon Prime.

Crawford was one of the original Musketeers with the Walt Disney Company before he appeared on "The Rifleman." He subsequently guest-starred on such notable series as "Hawaii Five-O," "Little House on the Prairie" and "Murder, She Wrote." He and his on-screen father Connors remained close friends, and Crawford delivered the eulogy when Connors passed away in 1992.

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

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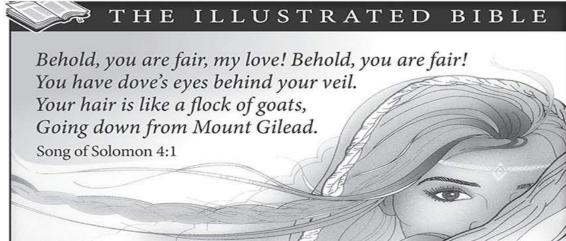


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#### LAFF-A-DAY



"It's from the pickpocket that stole my wallet, dear. He returned your picture.



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# Refreshing Your Relationship: Spend Quiet Time Together

Our lives are so busy that work and family responsibilities preclude very much quiet time with our mates. We are so weary when we finally fall into bed that we seldom take the time to really talk to each other or to nurture that specialness that is ours alone.



Look at your schedule and see where some quiet time together can be stolen from the world. If you needed to arrange an important meeting, you would make time. If you had a child in the hospital, you would most certainly make the time to spend hours there.

The time required doesn't have to be huge. The commitment to make that time does. This is the most important person in your life, not someone to be relegated to a list,

Our lives are so busy that work and somewhere below a business requirement amily responsibilities preclude very and the PTA.

Snatch an hour here and an hour there just to be alone with your love, nurturing the uniqueness of the two of you. Take the kids to their grandparents or get a babysitter. Turn off your blackberry and your cell

phone.

You can use your uninterrupted time to do anything you enjoy. Take a walk, or a drive, and talk about yourselves. Play word games or trivia on the Internet, laughing and communicating with each other as you did when you were dating so long ago. Listen to music that was popular when you met and reminisce about the good old days.

Talk about movies you've seen, books you've read, sports, politics, or national events. Talk about plans for the future and how you see your lives together in a year, five years, ten. Talk about your problems and what you can do together to resolve them.

Plan when your next time together will be and what you are going to do. And do it.

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

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

WHO is coordinating efforts to develop and

evaluate medicines to treat COVID-19.



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# Vitamin and mineral supplements cannot cure COVID-19



# Youthful And Vibrant Skin

Billions are spent each year on cosmetic products that promise to delete wrinkles, lighten age spots, and eliminate itching, flaking, or redness. But the simplest and cheapest way to keep your skin healthy and youthful looking is to stay out of the sun.

Sunlight is a major cause of wrinkles, dryness, and age spots. Your skin does change with age. For instance, you sweat less which leads to increased dryness. Aging skin becomes thinner and loses fat, so it looks less plump and smooth. Underlying structures, veins and bones in particular, become more prominent. Your skin can also take longer to recover when injured. These changes can be drastically delayed by staying out of the sun. Although nothing can totally undo sun damage, the skin sometimes can restore itself. So, it's never too late to protect yourself from the harmful results of the sun.



#### 5 Ways to Slow the Aging Process:

- 1. Wear protective clothing. A hat with a wide brim shades your neck, ears, eyes, and head. Look for sunglasses with a label saying the glasses block 99 to 100 percent of the sun's rays. Wear loose, lightweight, long-sleeved shirts and long pants or long skirts when in the sun.
- 2. Check your skin often. Look for changes in the size, shape, color, or feel of birthmarks, moles, and spots. If you find any changes that worry you, see a doctor. The American Academy of Dermatology suggests that older, fair-skinned people have a yearly skin check by a doctor as part of a regular physical exam.
- 3. Avoid artificial tanning. Don't use sunlamps and tanning beds, as well as tanning pills and tanning makeup. Tanning pills have a color additive that turns your skin orange after you take them. The FDA has approved this color additive for coloring foods but not for tanning the skin. The large amount of color additive in tanning pills may be harmful. Tanning make-up products are not suntan lotions and will not protect your skin from the sun.
- 4. Use sunscreen. Sunscreens are rated in strength according to a sun protection factor (SPF), which ranges from 2 to 30 or higher. A higher number means longer protection. Buy products with an SPF number of 15 or higher. Also look for products whose label says: broad spectrum (meaning they protect against both types of harmful sun rays(UVA and UVB) and water resistant (meaning they stay on your skin longer, even if you get wet or sweat a lot). Remember to reapply the lotion as needed.
- 5. Stay out of the sun. Avoid the sun between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. This is when the sun?s UV rays are strongest. Don?t be fooled by cloudy skies. Harmful rays pass through clouds. UV radiation also can pass through water, so don't assume you?re safe if you?re in the water and feeling cool.

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