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## INCREASE OF TRADE LICENCE FEES GENERATES CRITICISM

The members of the Jost Van Dyke community are not very supportive of the increase in trade licence fees that are proposed and were discussed during the airing of the pieces of Trade Legislation: Business Licencing Act, 2020 and the Virgin Islands Investment Act, 2020.

During the meeting held on 25 March, residents of the sister island in addition to the fees, also complained that the new proposals seem less skewed towards Non-Belonger applicants. The observed difference was noted by a concerned resident who made the point to the panel that included Junior Minister of Trade and Investment Hon. Shereen Flax-Charles and Lizette George Senior Policy Analyst in The Premier's Office. The resident pointed out that

the proposed trade licence policy is more costly for Non-Belongers who open businesses in the Territory.

The resident was referring to an announcement that under the newly proposed legislation Non-Belongers who do not wish to give a majority of the ownership of the business to a Belonger will be required to first become a foreign direct investor. Then they will be required to pay as much as \$15,000 for a trade licence. On the other hand, British Virgin Islanders will be required to pay between \$150 and \$1,500.

In explaining the proposed policy Ms. George stated: "Non-Belongers now have to apply as an investor into the Territory and then once you apply as an investor then you are required to pay the minimum of \$1,500."

On the other hand, Junior Minister Hon. Flax-Charles defended the new policy stating that Government has to protect its people: "We have had this question before that everything seems to be in favour of the BVIlander or the Belonger, some people call it protectionism. That is. Where in the world do you go and the government of a country does not protect its citizens. That is standard throughout the majority of the world. At the end of the day we want foreign investors, we embrace them but we still have to make sure we look out for opportunities for our local persons here in the Territory."

### Bad Timing

The change in trade licence fees was most concerning to residents. One man told the panel: "We are a God-fearing



Hon. Shereen Flax-Charles

nation, we believe in the Bible, Ecclesiastes says there are a time and a season for everything under the sun. It is not a time to be talking about raising no fees. If you want to talk about fees it is

time to talk to reduce fees. While I know these fees are too low they can be raised eventually but there is a time for everything."

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# INCREASE OF TRADE LICENCE FEES...

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"Why now you propose raising fees? We are in the middle of such hard times, why you would even think about...why not when the borders open when we are doing good why now?" he further asked.

In explaining the decision to increase the fees Ms. George told the gathering: "The original Act has a list of businesses with categories but no fees. Those categories were developed since 1989 which was about 40 years ago. The world has evolved, actually, the world evolves every day so what we did, we looked at how the international arena looks economic activities," she added.

The Senior Analyst further stated that the fees that are currently being charged are small in comparison to elsewhere. "We found that over the years the nominal fees that we have been charging all over Overseas Territories are way in advance of us in terms of their fees, so we were really on the back end as it relates to the licencing fees. Actually, we have raised the fees but the fees are still not as close as those of other Overseas Territories because it would not have been the right thing to do and that is why we decided to keep it where it is," she said.

However, this explanation was not satisfactory to one member of the community

who pleaded: "Why do we have to look at other countries with them increasing their fees. Just now it sounds like we are probably going to have to pay more on our land taxes and our property taxes - is that what we're coming to?...I know it has gone into effect for goodness sake has mercy on us, have mercy on the people please."

Meanwhile Junior Minister Hon. Flax-Charles pointed out: "When it comes to the fees that will be a phased process as well and we haven't raised it to a point where it cannot be affordable because a trade licence now is normally \$100 for the initial license for Belonger...The fees are going to change for everybody, the old holders and the new

holders." However, the Trade officials emphasized that there is going to be a phased approach."

The Legislator further noted that the two bills that were being presented were read in the House of Assembly once with a second and third reading scheduled to come up very soon. "That is why we are here today to get your suggestions, recommendations and anything that you might not be happy, about inclusive of the fees."

The Junior Minister said that during the Committee stage the suggestions, views, and recommendations of the people will be ventilated. "Those will be looked at and changed, or they might stay

the same, or we might adjust something. The suggestion that you had for the two years are things we can look at and consider. Have no fear this is why we are here it is a public consultation."

Hon. Flax-Charles also noted that the changes will not be across the board. "There are certain categories that may not be increased to that degree; for instance, if you are running a boutique the fees are normally a \$100 per licence so we have heard you and we are going to take that back and we are going to compile all of your suggestions, your concerns and for sure we will take them into consideration. We know that we are going through a rough time right now with COVID and nobody wants to hear anything right now about a rise in price. We understand your concern."

## Outcry At New Ports Authority Fees Increases

Despite the business and extended community's complaints that the recently implemented fees by BVI Ports Authority will cause price increases around the Territory, Oleanvine Maynard, Ag. Managing Director of the BVI Ports Authority announced on 29 March that the fees are necessary and are here to stay.

The issue with the new fees hit the hilt last December as members of the community exclaimed that some were a 100 per cent increase from the old fees. Many announced that the timing was poor. Even the BVICCHA tried to argue for alterations of the fees.

As desperate as the cries for the halting of the fees were, the Managing Director announced on JTV this week that the fees are necessary.

Ms Maynard announced: "First of all these fees were laid on the table of the House of Assembly in December and automatically they came into effect. We heard the cry of the public and management decided to let us work with our stakeholders; because we are all going through difficult periods. So, we gave a grace period initially for the fees to be implemented. That was not satisfactory so we had to go back to the drawing board again. This time we have decided to do a phased approach. Even though all the fees have been implemented in December; we have decided to phase some of them in, so that we could lessen the burden on the community."

As it relates to the public outcry Maynard assured

that the BVI Ports Authority has been paying attention. She announced, "We are listening, we are the BVI Ports Authority...and we are sympathetic to our business community, but the BVI Ports Authority is also a business and in order for us to keep the BVI moving ... we too had to increase our fees a bit...These fees are not that exorbitant as the public has led you to believe."

When asked if the Ports Authority consulted the business community or sought feedback from those who would be most affected the Ag. Managing Director said that they did somewhat. "We did have representation from some of the stakeholders with regards to the fees so we took that into account and of

course, we know social media is there, that plays a big part on and influence some of the decisions we made."

Maynard admitted that the Authority did not do as much educating on the matter as it should, "The BVI Ports Authority must take the responsibility that we didn't educate the public as we should have before these fees were implemented. We take that responsibility... These fees should have been implemented from January..."

She said that the Ports Authority has since commenced an education drive to help stakeholders understand more about the new fees: "We hear what you are saying in terms of a delay, but it is also very crucial for us there at the Ports to continue

with the implementation of the fees. We have to meet our Triple I (International standards) requirements, with that we have to do some remedial works at the ports in order to be in compliance with the shipping industry. We have to do a lot of improvements to the port. We have to have a certain amount of security officers, so all of these things entail money in order to get them done."

In further justifying the fees increases the Ag Managing Director said, "For 25 years since the fees have been implemented, we never changed one cent in terms of the shipping fees until 2021, but consistently we have seen the prices in the supermarkets increasing gradually...the Port was constant. Finally, we decided we needed some more finance in the kitty."

# Flow To Double Internet Speed To Meet The BVI Needs

It was a situation of promises made, promises kept as Country Manager of FLOW BVI, Ravindra Maywahlall announced that FLOW has transformed its internet service to meet demands and will be offering new broadband plans with two times more speed.

Maywahlall while speaking at a Media Breakfast on 25 March said that when he became Country Manager he made a promise to address the loud cry of residents for more speed. He said that as

such he is happy that Flow was also introducing its Quadplay bundle.

He explained that this bundle is significant because it means that FLOW is the first BVI telecommunications service provider to offer family plan bundles. Maywahlall mentioned, "As of today, you are capable of getting gigabyte widths in the BVI. We have learnt our lessons from the storm...Our networks are built with more resiliency...We are also about to introduce the Quadplay

bundle...Giving customers 120GB of data from \$70 per line for up to four lines."

In noting how significant the announcement is the Country Manager said: "To the best of my knowledge, gigabyte internet is only being offered in Barbados, so this will put us on the forefront and as a market leader where broadband technology and speeds are concerned."

As it relates to why FLOW can offer this service at this time the Manager said, "This year alone, we are investing \$1.5 million. From 2018 to

now, that is closer to \$15 million. It's not just the fiber you see on the poles; we have to upgrade our core infrastructure and the various exchanges around the Territory."

While speaking in the House of Assembly on 9 March Premier and Minister for Finance Hon. Andrew Fahie lamented the need for the Territory to have faster internet. Hon. Fahie said: "The next gold mine for us with the economy and improvements to [the] economy and other revenue streams that will come to our Territory, most of them will significantly

depend on a very effective internet system."

In response to whether this new release by FLOW addresses this need the FLOW Country Manager announced that it does. He said, "Our parent company started a European project to introduce gigabyte broadband there, so I just thought it would be at the forefront to facilitate the vision of the BVI government as to the new economies that they are looking to bring on board where reliable internet connectivity and speeds will be paramount."

# Review Of 2010 Labour Code Gets Green Light From Cabinet

The government is making plans to upgrade the Territory's Labour Code. The disclosure was made in the notes from a regional Cabinet meeting.

According to the notes, Cabinet agrees to the review of the 2010 Labour Code. It was mentioned that the aim is to modernise and bring the Code more in line with the

current BVI Labour Market and industry standards.

Towards this initiative it was mentioned that Cabinet decided that the Government engage Michele Tiraboschi, as a consultant, to work on a collaborative basis with the Attorney General's Chambers to undertake the review of the Labour Code, 2010, effective 24 March.

Additionally, the consultant is expected to provide the Ministry of Natural Resources, Labour and Immigration with other deliverables.

These deliverables include: a draft revised and simplified Labour Code for the Virgin Islands; as well as draft Labour Regulations for construction and marine Industries; and a National

Organisation Health and Safety regulation according to the International Labour Organization standards.

Further Cabinet approved the payment of \$24,000.00 for the works to be provided on the Labour Code review. Cabinet also decided that Part X (Work Permits) of the Labour Code, 2010 shall not apply to consultants engaged by the Government of the Virgin Islands and statutory bodies established

by it for the duration of their engagement in The Virgin Islands.

The 2010 Labour Code was passed on 27 May 2010, in the House of Assembly, marking 35 years after the 1975 Code was passed. The legislation was described by the then Minister for Natural Resources and Labour Hon. Omar W. Hodge as a fair balance between the interests of employers, employees, and the Territory.



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# Vanterpool Group Acquires Pussers British West Indies Ltd.



*Hon. Mark Vanterpool*

March 29th, 2021  
Road Town, Tortola, BVI

Mr & Mrs Mark Vanterpool, founders of the One Mart Supermarket group, last week acquired iconic British Virgin Islands (BVI) hospitality and retail brand - Pussers British West Indies Limited.

Pussers - a conglomerate in the restaurant, merchandise, and apparel industries, was founded over forty years ago by entrepreneur and Vietnam War Pilot Mr Charles

Tobias, MBE. It started as a four-stool bar in the heart of Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands - the Territory's capital.

Today Pussers owns and operates, or licenses, restaurants, bars, and retail stores at several locations across the British Virgin Islands and in the United States.

There is also a strong brand awareness and a Pusser's presence in Canada, the UK, European and Australian

boating centers. Pusser's is a lifestyle brand with a focus on the boating and sailing market. As Tobias likes to say, "You can eat it, drink it and wear it"! The Pusser's line of apparel is eclectic, traditional, comfortable, and functional. The brand has a solid following in the US and worldwide sailing markets. The Pusser's Landings are a combination of a restaurant and bar with an attached Pusser's Co. Store. The brand is well-known for its Painkiller, which it promoted with great success in many of the world's renowned bars and watering holes. In 2020, the prestigious Drinks International publication listed the Painkiller as Number 22 of the world's top 100 cocktails. Pusser's also owns the trademark for Painkiller Bars, which are intended for opening in key US locations. The Pussers Rum operation was spun off and sold in 2014 due to specific laws in the US which prohibit the simultaneous ownership of a bar and spirits products.

## **Mr. Mark Vanterpool commented:**

"Although some of my investment advisors thought I was crazy to be buying a restaurant business in the middle of the CoVID-19 pandemic, I have immense confidence in the history and culinary traditions, often synonymous with the British Virgin Islands, that

Pussers has developed over the past four decades. We are looking forward to building on the legacy and foundation laid by Mr Charles Tobias and the Pussers Team by focussing even more on one of my greatest passions - Service. Service is at the heart of every establishment in our group of companies.

We are pleased to join with Tobias' former management to ensure that the Pussers hard working employees are fully compensated with the full benefits due to them.

We extend our deep condolences to the family of Kert Tennikait, General Manager and CFO of Pussers who suddenly passed last week. He was a quiet, giant of a man who loved our BVI, and one of the great humanitarians to have passed our way."

## **Mr. Tobias said:**

"Pussers has faced major challenges over the past few years, and was heavily dependent on a strong BVI visitor base. Consequently, the company was severely impacted by the recession, then by Hurricanes Irma and Maria, and more recently, the CoVID-19 pandemic. With virtually no visitor traffic, the past 12 months have been exceptionally challenging for our business, especially for our staff of over 100 employees as it has been for so many persons employed

in the hospitality industry, not only in the BVI, but around the world. We were exceptionally pleased that the Vanterpool Group not only purchased the company, which as part of the arrangement, covers all severance owed to our employees. Almost of all our team members have been facing extremely difficult financial hardship over the past year. Their severance cheques, I'm sure, will be a welcomed relief."

Tobias continued, "My wife Joanna and I, our former Chief Financial Officer and General Manager Mr. Kert Tennikait, who suddenly and sadly passed away from a heart attack last week, and the whole Pussers team will continue to be solidly behind the continued growth and development of the worldwide Pussers Brand.

As we now pass the baton forward to the Vanterpool Group, I have no doubt that Mark Vanterpool will take the Pusser's opportunity to a whole new level."

The One Mart Supermarket group is one of the leading companies in the BVI food and beverage provisioning sector. The Vanterpool group also owns the OM Holdings International Inc and several other growing service businesses.



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## MESSAGE FROM MINISTER OF NATURAL RESOURCES, LABOUR AND IMMIGRATION HONOURABLE VINCENT O. WHEATLEY

## ON THE PASSING OF MR. PETR KELLNER

30 March, 2021

*Good day everyone.*

I am extremely saddened to hear of the passing of Mr. Petr Kellner. Mr. Kellner was a very private individual but his love for these Virgin Islands, especially Virgin

Gorda, was well known. This love shown was manifested following the devastating hurricanes of 2017 when he jumpstarted recovery efforts by making funds available to start the clean-up process.

After a meeting with Premier Smith and Governor Jaspert in 2017,

Mr. Kellner took the recovery of Virgin Gorda as a personal project. He brought in building materials, generators, refrigerators, ice and whatever else was needed and donated to the people of Virgin Gorda. It was through his efforts that many homes got repaired and

lives restored.

Mr. Kellner was a very humble, quiet and unassuming person. If you did not know who he was, you were very likely to bypass him as a regular tourist. Just last week he was seen relaxing at Bay 6 enjoying a cup of coffee. He was the owner of the Sugar Cane Restaurant and the soon to be opened Saba Rock Resort.

In one of our conversations, he explained that he bought Saba Rock Resort to ensure that locals always had a place to go in the North Sound area. This was the character of the man I knew. I held Mr. Kellner in high esteem as he not only spoke of the love he had for these islands but also demonstrated it in deeds, without fanfare. He was looking forward to retiring in the Virgin Islands at some point in time and making the BVI his permanent home.

The people of these Islands and in particular, the Ninth District



*Hon. Vincent O. Wheatley*  
Community, has lost a friend that has shown his love for these islands when we were at our lowest and most vulnerable. Mr. Kellner was also a significant stakeholder in the tourism industry and was willing to assist whenever called upon. He will truly be missed.

On behalf of myself and the people of Virgin Gorda I send sincere condolences to his family and friends.

May his soul Rest in Peace



## THE AM ADVANTAGE

## ZBVI PROGRAM GUIDE

## WHEN LAST HAVE YOU LISTENED?

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

## 2021 Public Holidays

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

Friday, 2nd April	Good Friday
Monday, 5th April	Easter Monday
Monday, 24th May	Whit Monday
Friday, 11th June	Sovereign's Birthday
Monday, 5th July	Virgin Islands Day
Monday, 2nd August	Emancipation Monday
Tuesday, 3rd August	Emancipation Tuesday
Wednesday, 4th August	Emancipation Wednesday
Monday, 18th October	Heroes' and Forefathers Day
Monday, 8th November	Commemoration of the Great March of 1949 and the Restoration of the Legislative Council (to be determined)
Monday, 27th December (In lieu of Saturday, 25th December)	Christmas Day
Tuesday 28th December (In lieu of Sunday, 26th December)	Boxing Day



# PRESS RELEASE

22 MARCH 2021

## DISCONTINUATION OF PASSBOOK SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

On behalf of the National Bank of the Virgin Islands ("NBVI" or the "Bank"), you are hereby advised of the following update for your information and guidance:

### PASSBOOK SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Effective **1st July 2021**, the Bank will discontinue its Passbook Savings account type to ensure that we are able to maintain our customer service standards and to afford our customers better access to technological advances within the banking industry. Despite best efforts over the years, the Bank is no longer able to adequately service this account type, due to highly specialized equipment and related requirements.

On or before **1st July 2021**, all holders of NBVI Passbook Savings Accounts will be required to convert their existing account(s) to one or more of the following account types (subject to terms and conditions), as currently offered within the Bank's deposit suite:

- Statement Savings Account
- Elite Savings Account
- Silver Senior Savings Account
- Personal Chequing Account
- Business Chequing Account
- Certificate of Deposit

### DEFAULT ACTION

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MANAGEMENT

# Consultations On Sustainable Development Plan Moves Forward

The Government of the Virgin Islands is engaging stakeholders in a series of public consultations on a National Sustainable Development Plan (NSDP) for the British Virgin Islands.

Premier and Minister

of Finance, Honourable Andrew A. Fahie officially launched the public consultations on March 12 in collaboration with the United Nations (UN) Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC).

Premier Fahie stated that the Government is establishing a National Sustainable Development Plan to ensure that it fulfills its commitment to citizens and to engage at the regional and international levels more effectively.

Premier Fahie said, "The

alignment of national development priorities with the Sustainable Development Goals is an indication of our national ownership of the global agenda and will help to meet international monitoring and evaluation standards, as well as allow us to be accountable to the people of these Virgin Islands."

The Premier, while explaining the overarching goal of preparing a development plan, stated that it is his Government's goal to strengthen the resilience of the society to withstand future hurricanes, pandemics and any other crisis that may come; and to secure the Territory's future prosperity through sustainability.

"We believe the best way to achieve this is to pursue the sustainable development of these islands we all love and call home," Premier Fahie said, adding, "In order to do so, we must have a long-term plan. We have resolved that such a plan should position us to achieve the sustainable development goals that are the global standard for humanity."

UN ECLAC is providing support to the development of the plan through the addition of a Lead Consultant, Dr. June Soomer, who is the former Secretary General of the Association of Caribbean States (ACS).

In her remarks at the launch of public consultations, Dr. Soomer said that the National Sustainable Development Plan will integrate and coordinate the economic, environment, physical and social elements of the sustainable development planning process among all of the agencies and institutions of Government.

The consultant added, "The 17 sustainable development



*Hon. Andrew A. Fahie*

goals have been adopted globally and it is very good that this country has stepped forward as an Associate Member of ECLAC to put its plan in place. The plan will come from the people, not from ECLAC. This means the process will require intensive consultations."

Dr. Soomer is supported by a local team including Recovery and Development Cooperation Specialist in the Premier's Office, Ms. Patlian Johnson and Economist in the Minister of Finance, Mr. Emery Pemberton.

Public consultations are presently taking place with the Public Sector and will then move on to other stakeholders, including,

*Members of the House of Assembly*

*Deputy Governor*

*The Private Sector including the construction, tourism, real estate, and large businesses as well as small businesses*

*Civil Society including women's organisations and service clubs*

*Schools and youth groups  
Community-based organisations*

A schedule of consultations will be published and the public is strongly encouraged to participate.

## ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT - EASTER WEEKEND NOTIFICATION

Today as Minister of Health, I will give an update of COVID-19 test results; the receipt and administration of additional AstraZeneca vaccines; the decision of Cabinet to reduce crowd sizes for all events, and the strong, very strong advice to consider the cancellation of this weekend's group or crowd activities and to **observe ALL HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOLS.**

The number of active positive cases is now reported at 13 and this

figure continues to slowly climb as the hard working



*Hon. Carvin Malone*

Public Health team conduct their contact tracing exercises. While no drastic actions are required at this time, it is prudent to allow the mass

testings scheduled for the 6th through the 8th of April to be completed and avoid any inadvertent spread of the virus.

Our sea borders are on schedule to reopen on Thursday 15th April and all efforts are aimed at maintaining as safe a territory as possible. I am in contact with Health agencies and Health Ministers throughout the region and the common theme is **VIGILANCE. Remember DO NOT PROCRASTINATE--- VACCINATE.**





# Richard Branson's Moskito Island to Launch

By Joe Pike

Caribbean Journal recently learned that Moskito Island, billionaire Richard Branson's private oasis in the British Virgin

Clive McCoy, director of tourism at The British Virgin Islands Tourist Board & Film Commission, told CJ.

Several additional luxury villa estates will be joining the Virgin Limited Edition portfolio throughout the year and beyond,

a water sports center, a Beach House, an infinity pool and bar, a tennis pavilion and dining outlets.

As travelers think about safe travel options, we're pleased that Moskito Island, among others in the region, are now open to offer exquisite travel experiences within the British Virgin Islands," said McCoy.

Before landing in the BVI, it is mandatory that all guests have a certified negative RT-PCR COVID-19 test result from within five days of arrival, as well as proof of travel insurance that includes comprehensive medical coverage.

In addition, all travelers must apply for a "BVI Gateway Traveler Authorization Certificate" within five days of travel to the BVI and must complete the application at least 48 hours prior to arrival with the uploading of the PCR COVID-19 test result.

Applications can be found at

[www.bvigateway.com](http://www.bvigateway.com).

[bviasa.com](http://bviasa.com).

Upon arriving at the airport, travelers will be directed to the BVI's new "Welcome Centre" for an additional RT-PCR test.

All guests are required to activate a contact tracing system on their phones, which require either data or WiFi connectivity, and wear a government-issued wristband monitoring device, in addition to being given an appointment for their day four RT-PCR test.

All arriving visitors are required to quarantine for four days at their hotel, resort, villa or docked vessel (for charter guests), with another RT-PCR test administered on the fourth day.

If negative, guests will be allowed to move around the BVI freely while still following the government's current social distancing and safety measures. Anyone who tests positive upon arrival must continue to quarantine at their respective location for a minimum of 14 days.



Islands (BVI), will launch this spring.

"Moskito Island's reopening is one of several in the Gorda Sound corridor, which is seeing a major rejuvenation this year,"

Located on 125-acres, just two miles from sister island, Necker, Moskito is currently home to the 11-room Branson Estate, which is the first of the estates to become available for rent.

alongside the nearby Necker Island, which Branson has owned for decades.

Accompanying the 10 individual luxury villa estates is a recreational area that includes

## Flow Launches 100mbps Broadband Speeds Introduces New Family Mobile Plans

Road Town, Tortola, Tuesday March 30, 2021 - Flow customers in the British Virgin Islands (BVI) can now enjoy entry level broadband speeds starting at 100mbps. The telecommunications provider has enhanced its broadband

services in response to the increasing demands and needs of the public with the introduction of new speeds as high as 1Gbps now available to customers. The new speeds have placed the BVI on par with some of the fastest

internet speeds currently available in the Caribbean.

The announcement was made by Country Manager, Ravindra Maywahlall during a media event on Thursday, March 25, 2021.

Maywahlall said, "Flow continues to be the leader and innovator for telecommunications services in the BVI. We were the first provider in the market to offer LTE, Broadband Services and Fiber to customers' homes. This has allowed us to offer faster internet speeds enhancing our customers' experience and keeping them connected to what matters most." The company understands that customers have had to adjust

their ways of living, working and learning because of the COVID-19 pandemic as such they put measures in place to provide more reliable and faster internet connectivity. "In addition, Flow is the first telecommunications provider to offer customers a 'One-Stop-Shop' experience with quad play bundles of mobile, broadband, TV and home-phone services with its new Family Bundle Plan" said Maywahlall.

The Country Manager explained that families can all share mobile voice minutes and data on the same mobile plan. He said, "Once added to their home fixed broadband services, customers can

get up to 120GB of data and 7100 minutes starting at \$70 per person, and shared among four (4) persons, which is a tremendous value and tied to some amazing handset deals as well."

Awareness activities for the new plans will be ongoing and include radio interviews and customer giveaways. For more information about the new broadband speeds, bundles and Family Postpaid Mobile Plans, or to sign up for services, customers can visit the Flow website at [discoverflow.co](http://discoverflow.co). They can also WhatsApp Message the virtual Retail Store at 544-4444 or contact the regional Customer Care Centre at 1800-804-2994.



## Establishments That Sell Liquor To Close On Good Friday

The Office of the Deputy Governor is reminding the public that according to Section 42(1) of the Liquor Licence Ordinance, Cap 106, all premises, not including hotels and clubs, on which intoxicating liquors are sold, exposed, or kept for sale by retail

shall not be opened on Good Friday, April 2.

Section 42 (2) states, "Any person who fails to comply shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) and for any subsequent offense two hundred dollars (\$200.00)."

Additionally, Section 52 states that any licenced person on whose licence two convictions for offences committed are recorded and convicted,

the Licencing Magistrate may have the licence of such person forfeited and disqualified for a term not exceeding five (5) years from the date of the third conviction. The premises in respect of which the licence was granted will be disqualified from receiving any licence for a term not exceeding two (2) years from the date of the third conviction.

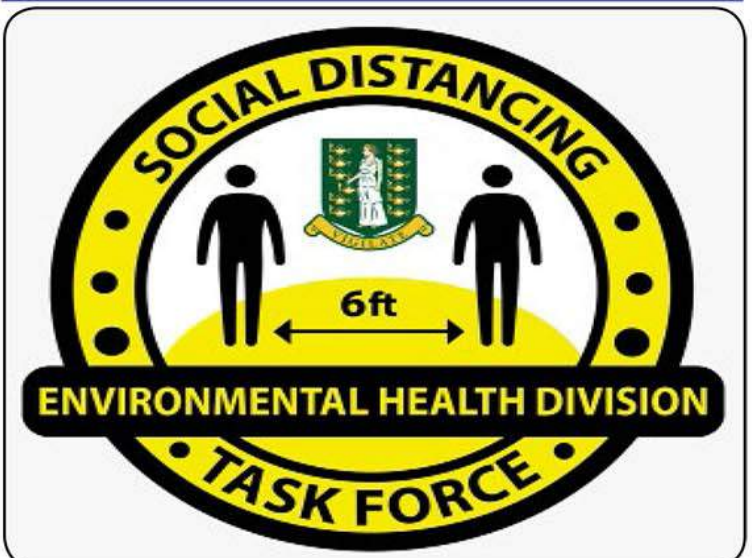
*The public is asked to be guided accordingly.*

### Ralph T. O'Neal Central Administration Complex Closed To Events

The public is notified that effective Tuesday, March 30, facilities such as the breezeway, conference rooms and grounds of the Ralph T. O'Neal Central Administration Complex will be closed to events. The purpose of the closure is to facilitate renovation works. Any inconvenience caused is regretted.

### School Closed For The Easter Break

Students, teachers, parents and guardians are notified that public schools will be closed from Thursday, April 1 to **Friday, April 16 for the Easter break.** Public schools will reopen for the Trinity Term **on Monday, April 19.**



**Pablo's Place** is searching for the following positions. To do so please submit resumes and proof of qualifications to [pabloresplacrestaurant@gmail.com](mailto:pabloresplacrestaurant@gmail.com):

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**Ambitious Prep Cook** to assist in the preparation of delicious dishes in the kitchen. Will be responsible for routine kitchen tasks such as setting up workstations and ingredients, so that food can be prepared according to recipes. Duties as outlined below but no limited to:

Prepare cooking ingredients by washing and chopping vegetables, cutting meat etc.

Undertake basic cooking duties such as reducing sauces, parboiling food etc.

Prepare simple dishes such as salads, entrees etc.

Perform other kitchen duties as assigned.

**Restaurant allrounder** is responsible for serving food and drinks to customers. Will act as the support for the Manager by ensuring operations run smoothly, helping wherever required. Must be able to interact with people regularly and in a friendly demeanor with a positive attitude, and strong customer service skills.

- **Preparing and serving food and drinks.**
- **Taking orders from customers and advising on daily specials or allergens.**
- **Operating a point-of-sale system**
- **Cash handling and banking.**
- **Clearing up used dishes and cutlery from tables and wiping them down, ready to reset.**
- **Taking dirty plates and cutlery to the kitchen for washing.**
- **Washing plates, cutlery, and utensils.**
- **Cleaning coffee grinders, coffee machines, blenders, and equipment.**
- **Refilling drink fridges**
- **Cleaning and maintaining service area to food safety standards.**

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Advise and guide guests through food, wine, beer, and mixology menus.

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Work with other staff as a team.

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## 'BE YOUth Centre' To Provide Space For BVI Youth To Grow

Young persons from across the Virgin Islands will have a space to share, grow and create in a safe and innovative environment with the launch of a Be YOUth Centre on April 9.

The centre will be launched by the Department of Youth Affairs and Sports and will offer development programmes including resume' writing, team building, interviewing skills, time management, graphic design, production, trade skill workshops, and other fields related to young people.



Director of Youth Affairs and Sports, Mrs. Brenda Lettsome-Tye said, "The Be YOUth Centre will be a key resource for our youth and will be the first of a series of youth centres that we hope to open throughout the entire Virgin Islands including our sister islands."

The centre will be accessible to registered persons between the ages of 15 to 29. Registration forms are located on the department's page on the Government's website or by using the link <http://bvi.gov.vg/services/be-youth-centre>

Additionally, registered Be YOUth Centre users will be able to access the core services for a monthly fee of \$10 a month. They include:

**Cyber Café with free WiFi**

**The Professional Job Search**

**Big Thinkers Innovation and ICT**

**The Teacher is In: School Support**

**Technical Vocational Introductory Courses**

**Entrepreneurship Training**

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# GLOBAL NEWS BRIEF

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**SAN JUAN** – Puerto Rico Resident Commissioner Jenniffer González said that the landmark \$1.9 trillion Covid-19 relief bill approved by Congress contains measures presented by her that will specifically benefit the island, including expanded access to the federal Child Tax Credit (CTC) and the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC).

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (H.R. 1319), which President Biden said he would sign on Friday, provides direct economic stimulus aid to families consisting of \$1,400 per person for those earning below \$80,000 a year.

The CTC and EITC measures would provide \$1.6 billion annually to parents and workers in Puerto Rico, González said in a press release.

The CTC would be expanded this year to \$3,000 per child and \$3,600 for each child younger than 6 years of age, including residents of Puerto Rico. For subsequent years, the CTC would apply to the first and second children of residents of Puerto Rico in the same way that it applies to three or more minor dependents.

"This should mean approximately \$5 billion in refundable credits for residents of Puerto Rico over the next 5 years," the resident commissioner said.

The stimulus package also makes the EITC applicable to the island this

year as for up to \$600 million per year, she said.

Moreover, the federal legislation provides billions in direct grants to Puerto Rico for Covid-19 relief, González said. The commonwealth will receive an estimated at \$2.4 billion and municipalities up to \$1.9 billion to protect first responders, frontline health workers, and other providers of vital services.

The island's Nutritional Assistance Program (NAP) was assigned an estimated \$970 million in additional funds. [Caribbean Business]

**BERMUDA** – Premier David Burt today warned that Government may be reporting triple digit Covid cases for the first time tomorrow.

Speaking on the Shirley Dill show on Ocean 89 this morning, the Premier warned that the number of cases over the next few days "will be staggering".

"It is likely on Monday that we'll be reporting triple digit cases for the first time.

"They will look very staggering, but that's because we're casting a very wide net... this is very transmissible, so one person, if they are positive, is spreading it to a number of people far more than what we were seeing in our previous outbreaks."

The Premier said the new cases are from the UK B.1.1.7 variant which is highly transmissible and

is driving the outbreak. He added that new outbreak is widespread but hospitalisations are expected to be lower as many people already vaccinated. [Royal Gazette]

**SANTO DOMINGO** – The Ministry of Tourism issued Resolution DJ-007/2021 with special regulations for the industry during the Easter Week, the peak time for domestic tourism. The Ministry says that hotels are reporting 70% occupancy and is concerned this could result in a spike in Covid-19 cases in the country.

Most Dominican hotels have reopened, and several that had been closed are reopening for the Easter holiday to cater to the increased demand. The Ministry orders a maximum occupancy of 80%. The Resolution applies to tourism businesses and beaches from 1 April to 5 April at 7am. To date, resorts have operated under special protocols that enable restaurants to stay open beyond the general curfew hours. The Resolution seeks to restrict agglomerations for the Easter Week to reduce the risk of crowds at the hotels spreading Covid-19. [DR1]

**HAVANA TIMES** – Russian tourists seeking sun and beaches will begin arriving in larger numbers as of April 1st. The official Cubadebate website reports today that while flights from other tourist markets remain highly limited the expansion of flights from Moscow to Varadero is about to begin.

Cuba is experiencing an unprecedented uptick of Covid-19 cases. More positive cases are reported in February and March 2021, than the entire preceding year.

However, the government believes they can keep things under control by isolating the visitors at State owned tourist resorts.

The same occurs at the Cayo Coco hotels to the north of Ciego de Avila province.

The tourists must present a certified PCR negative test taken 72 hours before the flight and then they will be subjected to another exam in Cuba.

Gaviota, the military corporation chain of hotels around the country, many under foreign company management, will benefit from the increased Russian tourism. The visitors won't be staying at private rentals known as casa particulares.

**ROME** – Premier Mario Draghi said Friday that the EU's tighter rules on the exportation of COVID-19 vaccines outside the bloc will not lead to a blanket ban on exports to the UK.

"The ban should be applied, above all, to companies that do not respect the pacts," Draghi told a news conference. He said a "total block" of vaccines to UK would "interrupt production of the vaccine as well as triggering political tension. We must not get to that point and we will not," he added.

Draghi said that Italy had been the first country in the EU to raise the issue of putting restrictions on the export of COVID-19 vaccines.

"Now, unfortunately, it is an issue that everyone is focused on," he added.

"The criteria announced by the Commission is, in part, a modification of the previous criteria," Draghi said.

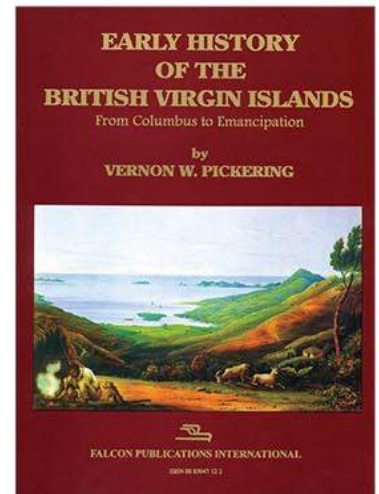
"Beforehand, the only condition for a ban on the exports of a certain vaccine was the failure to respect a contract by a company." [ANSA]

**RUSSIA** – Russia and Myanmar are deepening their defense ties as Moscow's military supplies continue to pour into the country, Russian Deputy Defense Minister Alexander Fomin said Friday at a meeting with the country's commander-in-chief Min Aung Hlaing. Fomin's visit marked the first high-profile visit to Myanmar by a foreign official since the country was rocked by a military coup that deposed its elected leadership in February.

"The Russian Federation adheres to a strategic line to intensify relations between the two countries," Fomin said at the meeting. Russia considers Myanmar a reliable ally and strategic partner in Southeast Asia and the larger Asia-Pacific region, the deputy defense minister added.

Alongside China, Russia has repeatedly shielded Myanmar from

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criticism at the UN over its crackdown on the Muslim minority Rohingya population. Russia has also continued to support Myanmar's junta leadership, calling the coup "purely a domestic affair of the sovereign state."

Reuters reported Friday that Myanmar's security forces have killed over 300 people in attempts to crush opposition to the Feb. 1 coup, citing data from an advocacy group and local media. [Moscow Times]

**AUSTRALIA** – It's those two little words you never want to hear: spider swarm. Thousands upon thousands of spiders took up residence on a farm in New South Wales, Australia.

They were everywhere hoping to escape rising flood waters. The eastern part of Australia has been swamped with extreme weather, causing rivers to flood.

That's caused people and other living things to evacuate. Spiders aren't the only creatures swarming in Australia. Thousands of mice have been stampeding around the same area. [Inside Edition]

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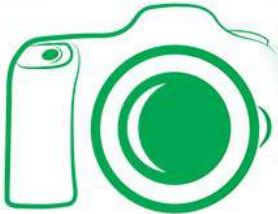
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# The Sunny Side Up



## Through the Lens of The Sunny Side



### **Richard Branson's Moskito Island to Launch in the BVI**

*Caribbean Journal recently learned that Moskito Island, billionaire Richard Branson's private oasis in the British Virgin Islands (BVI), will launch this spring. (More on page 9)*

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# 2021 Financial Services Awards

Persons from the Territory's Financial Services sector were dressed to impress on the night of Sunday 28 March for the 2021 Financial Services Awards.

The event was originally planned as a live and in-person celebration but the team from BVI Finance announced that they had to cancel the in-person format of the event. It was explained that the virtual format was used instead due to evolving circumstance related to COVID-19 Protocols.

The virtual event presented nominees and winners in 13 voted categories only and the Awards for honourees are expected to be considered at a later time.

The 2020 winners are: O'Neal Webster for Best Corporate Social Responsibility, Regulator of the Year Telecommunications Regulatory Commission, Bank of Asia for Tech Savvy Firm of the Year, CIBC First Caribbean Bank for Bank of the Year, Nagico Insurance for Auditor of the Year, Ogier for Compliance Officer of the Year, T'sa James-Hodge of Ogier as Compliance Officer of the Year, Vanessa King of O'Neal Webster as Lawyer of the Year, TMF for Corporate Services Provider of the Year, Ayana Hull of Harneys as Future Leader's Award, KPMG BVI for Accounting Firm of the Year, and Insolvency Practice of the Year





## Ladyburd Talks



**Dear Readers:** You don't have to sit the Easter egg hunt out entirely this year, even though you're a full-on adult practicing social distancing. Easter isn't just for the kids anymore — especially when you put a grown-up spin on the day's festivities. There are plenty of things to do on Easter if you're an adult and a lot of these activities involve getting back in touch with your inner child.

The best thing about being an adult is that you make decisions for yourself now. You can dress yourself in any color on Sunday. You can pass on those spring peas you never really liked. You can even make your own Easter feast without supervision should you so please. And perhaps the best thing about being an adult is the limitless amount of candy you sometimes allow yourself to indulge in.

The possibilities for adult activities on Easter, are endless. And they're pretty much the grown up versions of all the kiddie stuff you loved to partake in around this time of year anyways. All it takes is a creative spin to make your Easter both safe and fun. Whether you're organizing virtual family festivities or gathering your closest friends via Zoom for a pastel and mimosa brunch, there is no shortage of fun on during Easter.

Hide and go seek is no longer just for kids and bored babysitters. Turns out, this age-old Easter game is actually... ageless. While you can't really go on an egg hunt with everyone you want to, you can still plan home-based egg hunts for family members you're quarantined with. Hide eggs in cereal boxes, in book shelves, and behind desks. Let the inner child in you out to play while also keeping it adult.

(Source: <https://www.bustle.com/p/16-things-to-do-on-easter-2020-if-youre-adult-17046612>)



## Ladyburd's Mail Box

delseitaliburd@msn.com

**Dear Ladyburd:** My best friend flirts with my boyfriend every chance she gets, and I do not know how to confront her and tell her to stop it, or to tell her get out of our lives. I don't really want to lose her friendship, but if she continues I'll have to do something very drastic. I badly need some advise as to how I can handle this mess. I am not really the overly jealous type. But this situation does not look normal, I believe something is wrong, because I saw her giving him seductive glances. **Cyndy.**

**Ladyburd:** **Dear Cindy:** Have you done the obvious thing and ask your boyfriend, what is going on. It might not be the way you are thinking, however, it might be, so you should find out from him, he might not tell you the truth, so you will have to read the non-verbal signs (his body language) when you are speaking to him about it, you will know whether he is lying to you or not.

You need to ask him to come clean with you, because you do not want to waste your life with someone who has other interest elsewhere. Speak to him like you mean what you are saying, so that he knows you are serious.



## Light Bulb Moments

*"The very first Easter taught us this: that life never ends and love never dies."*  
— Kate McGahan

*"The great gift of Easter is hope."*  
— Basil Hume

*"Easter is meant to be a symbol of hope, renewal, and new life."*  
— Janine di Giovanni

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*"Easter is the only time of year when it is safe to put all your eggs in one basket."*

## Poetry Corner

### His love

*God sent His Son to take the punishment  
For all the thoughtless, sinful things we do;  
Jesus gave his life because He loves us;  
His love is boundless, sweet, forever true.  
On Easter morn He showed He is our Savior;  
His resurrection proves He is our Lord.*

*That is why we tell you,  
"Happy Easter!"*

*He secured our heavenly reward!"*  
— © —Joanna Fuchs

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*"May your Easter be happy,  
May your day be bright,  
May you enjoy the treats,  
And sweet delights.*

*But remember the meaning,  
Remember God's gift,  
Remember the resurrection,  
May your soul uplift."*

— © Bill Hoeneveld

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*Happy Easter  
"May the glad dawn  
Of Easter morn  
Bring joy to thee.  
May the calm eve  
Of Easter leave  
A peace divine with thee.  
May Easter night  
On thine heart write,  
O Christ, I live for thee!"*  
—Anonymous

## Tickle My Funny Bones

By Delseita



### I am Drawing God

A kindergarten teacher was walking around observing her classroom of children while they were drawing pictures.

As she got to one girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was.

The girl replied, "I'm drawing God."

The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like."

Without looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."

### Is This Love

Two friends are discussing the possibility of love. "I thought I was in love three times," one friend says. "How so?" his friend asks. "Five years ago I deeply cared for a woman who wanted nothing to do with me." "Was that not love?" his friend asks. "No," he replies. "That was obsession. And then two years ago I deeply cared for an attractive woman who didn't understand me." "Was that not love?" "No," he replies. "That was lust. And just last year I met a woman aboard a cruise ship to the Caribbean. She was smart, funny, and a great conversationalist. And everywhere I followed her on that boat, I would get this strange sensation in the pit of my stomach." "Was that not love?" his friend asks. "No," he replies. "That was motion sickness."

### The Silent Treatment

A man and his wife were having some problems at home and were giving each other the silent treatment. Suddenly, the man realized that the next day, he would need his wife to wake him at 5:00 AM for an early morning business flight.

Not wanting to be the first to break the silence (and LOSE), he wrote on a piece of paper, "Please wake me at 5:00 AM."

He left it where he knew she would find it.

The next morning, the man woke up, only to discover it was 9:00 AM and he had missed his flight. Furious, he was about to go and see why his wife hadn't wakened him, when he noticed a piece of paper by the bed. The paper said,

"It is 5:00 AM. Wake up."

## PUN INTENDED

"I'm so egg-cited for Easter..."

# POLICE NEWS

## POLICE SERGEANT BAKKER CALLED TO THE BAR



*Barrister O'Neal Bakker (centre) stands next to newly promoted Chief Inspectors Selwyn Rock and Louis Buckley.*

Friday, March 26 – Police Force gathered yesterday at the Road Town Station to celebrate one of their own as he was called to the Bar of England and

Wales.

Sergeant O'Neal Bakker is now Barrister O'Neal Bakker after his success at England's tough legal requirements to be eligible. He previously acquired a Bachelors and Masters in law.

Both the Commissioner and Deputy Premier Dr. Natalio Wheatley, who was also in attendance, shared their delight at being able to play a part in helping Sergeant Bakker to realise his dream. Hon. Wheatley equally shared his Ministry's support to any within the ranks who wish to advance themselves as the Sergeant has. Former Chief Inspector Verne Browne, a barrister himself, encouraged other officers to prepare themselves for the future in his remarks.

At the ceremony which also included family and friends, O'Neal said it was a bumpy six-year journey to achieving this milestone weathering the hurricanes of 2017, the COVID pandemic and juggling his commitments both to the RVIIPF and at home. He shared his gratitude to the many who encouraged him through the journey particularly his wife and his supervisors, Chief Inspectors Selwyn Rock and Louis Buckley and Inspector Kevin Joseph.

At the ceremony, both Officers Rock and Buckley were also celebrated for their recent promotions as Chief Inspectors.

Bakker is among a select few who has reached this accomplishment as a serving officer of the RVIIPF.



*Barrister O'Neal Bakker and wife Mrs. Bakker (centre) is flanked by the Commissioner of Police Michael Matthews and Deputy Premier Dr. Natalio Wheatley*



*Barrister O'Neal addresses the gathering.*

### MAN CHARGED WITH BURGLARY/CRIMINAL DAMAGE

Monday, March 29 – The RVIIPF Criminal Investigation Department arrested and charged an 18-year-old male of no fixed place of abode with burglary and criminally damaging the CCTV cameras of several establishments within the Road Town area.

Mehki Heskey has confessed so far to five offences, one burglary and four counts of criminal damage. He is charged with removing or damaging CCTV cameras outside of four businesses between McNamara and Pickering Street. He is to be granted police bail to appear before the Magistrate's Court at a later date.

Similarly, Marvin Gumbs also of no fixed place of abode was charged with entering and taking items from at least two motor vehicles in the McNamara area. Gumbs has a number of other matters pending. He was granted police bail for his later appearance at Magistrate's Court.

Police investigations are ongoing into these matters.



# COMMENTARY

## COMMUNITY POWER

By Dickson Igwe



Dickson Igwe

March 26, 2021

Strong and wholesome community is a great tool against adversity: that has been a lesson from the pandemic

The social, economic, and physical health, of BVI Community is hugely dependent upon the cohesiveness and health of the various components and constituencies that make up that community.

Wholesome community is the basis for prevailing against the winds of adversity blowing over the territory at this time: from IRMA, through to the present pandemic, and now a very public investigation of the Virgin Islands Government.

On the other hand, disunity and disharmony make it difficult for agencies to operate, and diminish the very institutions and moral rules meant to protect and drive a strong society. Politicians who thrive on division eventually fall to their own folly.

Hatred, anger, divisiveness, lawlessness, and poverty, are very present and increasing dangers for BVI Community that are the direct result of a weakened community structure.

And the fact is that in the 25 years this Old Boy has lived in paradise he has never seen

a more weakened and besieged BVI Community.

Division is growing between various social groups in the community and has reached the stage where it threatens to tear the community apart, quite literally. Anyone who has failed to observe the seething animosities and fear bubbling just beneath the surface in the BVI is self- deceived.

And cohesion is not helped by "stupid rhetoric" from leaders in the society blaming expats for crime, which is clearly an inaccurate assertion.

IRMA and pandemic has increased poverty, and has placed specific social constituencies in "deprived status."

Social inequality has increased as a result of the preceding crises and the society is today clearly

divided into them versus us. Social classes, and ethnic and racial groups, are today, as far apart as ever before.

Residents during this time of pandemic and economic recession are clearly stressed. Human fragility has been laid bare. There is fear and anger everywhere.

The good thing in the midst of this social crisis is the number of residents engaged in volunteering, and a community that is stepping out to help each other, and those especially in need.

When there is a social crisis persons on the ground must step in to do what government cannot. That is the basis of community: it takes a village.

One great success was the

fact that it was community acting on the advice of various health agencies and the Minister of health that kept the COVID 19 pandemic under control in the BVI and wider Easter Caribbean Community.

It was the example of strong community that adhered to the protocols and stayed indoors, and obeyed the various curfew orders.

The fact is wholesome community is a fortress and refuge in time of trouble.

Belonging to a strong, unified, and compassionate community protects residents against depression, improves the welfare of the elderly, protects children and the vulnerable, helps in the fight against crime, and enables greater awareness of what is taking place- good or

bad- in the neighborhood.

On the other hand the opposite of community means loneliness, division, and social misery. The opposite of community is not knowing how your neighbor fares, or the what, why, when, how, and where, of your own corner of paradise.

The opposite of community is a life of social isolation that will lead to a host of evils, including poor health, and a shorter lifespan.

The best way to live a secure and happy life is to live within a strong, cohesive, and wholesome community.

The BVI is steadily moving away from that place.

Connect with Dickson Igwe on Facebook and Twitter

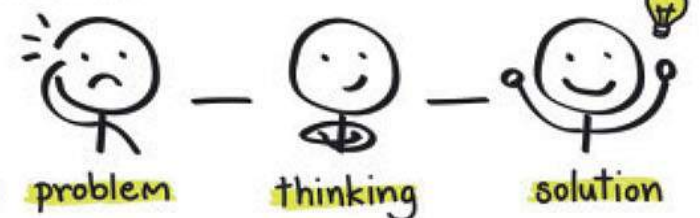
### Before you discipline a child

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

**T** - take a few deep breaths

**O** - observe the needs of your child

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



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

## Virgin Islands residents to receive Toastmasters Honourary Membership



(Road Town, Tortola, Virgin Islands), 28, March, 2021 — Mr. John Lewis (founding member and past Toastmaster in good standing) and Deputy Governor, Mr. David Archer Jr. were both granted Honourary Membership into the Tortola Toastmasters Club of the BVI, on Friday, 26th March, at 5pm at Seven at the Pier in Road Town. They were conferred this honour for their continued support and alignment to Toastmasters' purpose and overall educational goals in the areas of communication and leadership.

The afternoon opened with our Treasurer, Toastmaster Weslene Walters, gracing the occasion with an opening prayer to commemorate this historic moment and our President, Toastmaster Portia Stout welcoming the Honourees, Toastmasters and guests.

This occasion was history in the making as it was the first time in the history of the Tortola Toastmaster's Club, that such an honour was bestowed and we could not have been any more delighted to have both these gentlemen be the first to receive such an honour.

We heard what it meant to be an Honourary Member in the Toastmasters' Club from our Secretary, Toastmaster Patricia Blaize-Adams as she stated that, although as Honourary Members, they are not required to pay dues, will not have any voting rights within the club or hold any office, this honour allows them to continue to attend any of our regular meetings or events to inform, inspire, motivate and encourage the leadership mindset and growth of our Toastmasters.

Vice President Education, Toastmaster Melony James introduced our Honourees and expressed how their individual qualities exemplified the mission and core values of Toastmasters. This was followed by the pinning of each recipient by President Portia Stout as she reiterated, "this is indeed an historic and auspicious occasion".

The highlight of the afternoon was the honourees' responses as they shared their gratitude and sentiments. "It's good to be recognized and it's good to be loved and I am pleased to be recognized as one who contributes, not only to the Toastmasters Club but to this community as a whole", were the words of Honouree Mr. Lewis, who is well known for being a tower and a beacon to the Club. Deputy Governor, Mr. David Archer Jr., a master communicator, followed. After testing the general knowledge of Toastmasters about the Club spoke about hope asking, "so what does hope look like and what does Toastmasters' embody?" He answered stating, "not just the ability to speak publicly but the ability to inspire, provide hope, show confidence and create new and amazing leaders".

The mission of Toastmasters is to provide a supportive and positive learning experience in which members are empowered to develop communication and leadership skills, resulting in greater self-confidence and personal growth. The Toastmasters International motto is "Where Leaders are Made" and these were stated by our Sergeant At Arms, Toastmaster Hector Cruz Jr. as he recited the mission of Toastmasters.

The event ended with our Vice President Membership, Toastmaster Linda Maglorie giving the Vote of Thanks.

The honour of becoming an Honourary Member of the Tortola Toastmasters Club can be conferred upon persons from within the

community who aligns with our Toastmasters' educational goals and purpose or any past Toastmaster in good standing, who is no longer able to attend meetings on a regular basis but who commits to the leadership growth of Toastmasters.

The Tortola Toastmasters Club meets every 1st, 3rd, and 5th Tuesday of the month at 6 pm (GMT -4) via ZOOM. Due to the current pandemic protocols, the club is currently not having face to face general meetings as members are committed to staying safe as we all navigate through this new normal.

**Anyone wishing to join us, our meeting information is as follows:-**

**Meeting ID:** 542 445 4411

**Passcode:** Toast2021

Feel free to keep in touch with the Tortola Toastmasters Club of the BVI via the following media

**Toastmasters Websites:**

<https://tortola.toastmastersclubs.org> or <https://www.toastmasters.org>

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<https://www.facebook.com/TortolaToastmastersClub/>

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The 2020/2021 Executive Committee includes:

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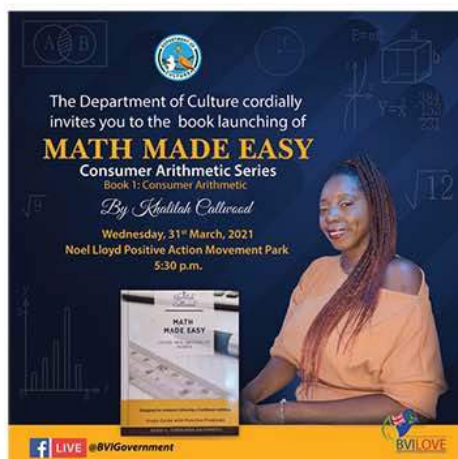
**Secretary** Patricia Blaize-Adams

**Treasurer** Weslene Walters

**Sergeant at Arms** Hector A Cruz Jr.

**Immediate Past President** Ernard George

## Local Educator, Ms. Khalilah Callwood launched her first book titled, Math Made Easy: Consumer Arithmetic Series - Book 1 on March 31.



'Consumer Arithmetic' is the first printed edition of the compilation of the various subtopic associated with Consumer Math.

"Math Made Easy is a study guide with practice problems to help students prepare to take the CXC Mathematics exam, and individuals alike to improve their skills in math," Ms. Callwood said.

The author said the series is easy to understand and contains various topics in math. The subtopics are as follows:

- Wages & Salaries
- Appreciation & Depreciation

- Interest: Simple vs Compound
- Income Tax
- Hire Purchase
- Utility Bills

Ms. Callwood said she wrote the book during the 24 hour lockdown as a means to help students during their online sessions.

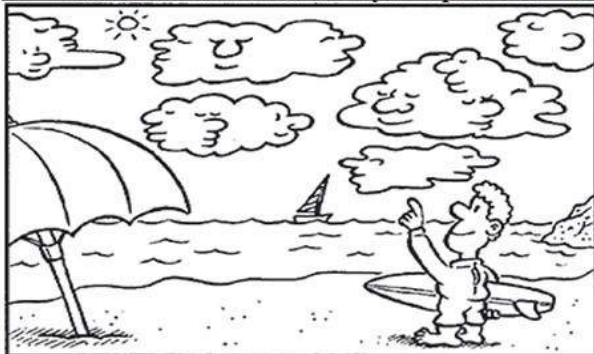
"It seemed like the most appropriate time to write this book. Also I know firsthand how challenging it can be at times to find material readily available in a single text to supplement various concepts that are being taught in the classroom." Ms. Callwood explained.

The book will be launched on, March 31 at Noel Lloyd Positive Action Movement Park at 5:30 p.m.in collaboration with the Department of Culture.

Persons wishing to purchase "Math Made Easy: Consumer Arithmetic Series Book 1" can contact the department at 468-4374 or on Amazon.com <https://amzn.to/3rCthS0>

The Department of Culture is committed to helping local authors publicise their book and is encouraging authors to contact them for assistance.





# Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

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**HEADS IN THE CLOUDS!** With a little imagination, you should be able to pick out at least 15 people who have their heads in the clouds.

**TIME OUT!** One night, during a storm, lightning struck the Town Hall clock, sending the face of the clock to the ground, where it broke into three pieces. On examination, it was noted that the numbers on each piece added up to 26. Can you figure out how the face of the clock was broken?

Answer: Piece 1 had the numbers 11, 12, 1, 2. Piece 2 had 9, 10, 3, 4. Piece 3 had 5, 6, 7, 8.

**YOUR AGE IS!** Did you know that you can tell how old a person is just by knowing what their shoe size is? Here's how:

1. Have the person write down his or her shoe size (forget half sizes).
2. Tell him to multiply the size by 2.
3. Have him add 5 to the result.
4. Next, he must multiply the sum by 50.
5. Now tell him to add the "magic number" 1748 to the product.
6. Finally, tell him to subtract the year of his birth from the previous sum.



You now ask him what number he is left with. You'll find that the last two digits will be the person's age on his birthday this year. (Each year the magic number is increased by 1. This year, 1998 is 1748; next year, 1999 is 1749, etc.)

# Top Ten

## CHRISTIAN COUNTRIES\*

1. United States
2. Russia
3. China
4. India
5. Japan
6. South Korea
7. France
8. United Kingdom
9. Brazil
10. Pakistan



\*Largest Christian population  
Source: Pew Research Center

### FIND THE BIG WORDS

Using the definitions and anagrams below, you must find the seven eight-letter words that fit into the framework pictured on the left.

The letters in the two anagram words, for each definition, must be unscrambled and used to form the word asked for.

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| <b>Definitions:</b>  | <b>Anagrams:</b> |
| 1. Fellow member     | meat + tame      |
| 2. Liquids separator | nits + rare      |
| 3. Cashew casing     | shun + tell      |
| 4. Appreciative      | gulf+ tear       |
| 5. People mover      | rove + tale      |
| 6. Easily broken     | date+ lice       |
| 7. Large animal      | neat + help      |

Time limit: 2 min. each.

1. Teammate, 2. Strainer, 3. Nutshell, 4. Grateful, 5. Elevator, 6. Delicate, 7. Elephant.



## Salome's Stars

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Regarding your upcoming challenges, the Aries Lamb should very quickly size things up and allow you to make the best possible use of whatever resources you have on hand. Good luck.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) You rarely blame others for missteps that worked against you. But this time you need to lay out all the facts and insist that everyone acknowledge his or her share of the mistakes. Then start again.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) You might want to start making vacation plans. And don't be surprised by unexpected family demands. Maintain control. Be open to suggestions, but don't get bogged down by them.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Work with both your Moon Child and Crab aspects this week to keep both your creative and your practical sides balanced. Your intuition sharpens, giving you greater insight by the middle of the week.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) The Big Cat finally should have all the information needed to move on with a project. If not, maybe you'll want to give everything a new and more thorough check before trying to move on.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Too much emotional pain caused by someone you can't win over as a friend? Then stop trying to do so. You have other things you need to work on this week. Go to it, and good luck.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) It's a good time to reassess where and how your strengths can help you build, and where your weaknesses can hinder you. Remember to build on your strongest foundation.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) That personal matter that seemed so hard to deal with should be less confusing now. Don't rush. Let things happen easily, without the risk of creating even more puzzlement.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Change continues to be a strong factor in many important areas. Keep on top of them, and you won't have to worry about losing control. A personal situation takes on a new look.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) A business offer sounds intriguing. But if you don't check it out thoroughly, you could have problems. Take a set of questions with you when you attend your next meeting.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Your self-confidence should be coming back. That's good news. But it might be a bit over the top right now, so best to let it settle down before you start making expensive decisions.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Your life, your decisions. Good enough. But be sure you have all the facts you need to put into the decision-maker mixing bowl and hope it will come out as it should.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You find much of your creativity with new people who give you much to think about.

## THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE



*For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit...*

1 PETER 3: 17, 18

"The Crucifixion" by Johann Gottfried Flegel (1873)



## Spring Onions Flavor the Season

**There's nothing like the intense flavor (or the smell) of an onion.** Wild onions were among the first foods that mankind gathered and ate and are one of the first signs of spring. Onions are in the allium family, along with garlic and shallots. Spring onions are one of my favorite varieties. Spring onions are also called green onions, young onions, pencil onion and scallions. Scallions aren't as fully ripened as a green onion and should not have a bulb. Spring onions are the milder, first stage of a mature onion. If left in the ground to grow, they'll form into an onion bulb.

**Larger, older, spring onions may have limp or faded stalks and a stronger flavor than the smaller ones.** Spring onions should be small and thin, with a firm base at the root tip and crisp, bright green leaves. Select spring onions that are not fully developed with a white bulb end and long green stalks. The flavor of the leaves is milder than the root end. Spring onions will keep for five to seven days when wrapped in plastic and stored in the refrigerator.



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**Spring onions are a great source of vitamin A,** vitamin C, iron, calcium and fiber. They also contain a substance that prevents the formation of blood clots. Eating onions also helps to lower blood pressure and cholesterol levels.

**To prepare spring onions, cut off the roots and peel away the outer layer to remove any lingering dirt.** Next, rinse the leaves, spreading them gently with your fingers to get at the dirt in the crevices. Both parts are edible. Although the white bulb is most often listed as part of recipes, the green leaves should also be incorporated in the recipes and as a garnish.

**You also can use the leaves to add a wonderful burst of green color,** to tie up appetizers into a package or to use as a frilly, edible garnish. To curl the ends, cut off the roots and all but about 3 inches of the green tops. Slice the tops lengthwise down from the green end into the white section. Put the leaves in cold water and chill for several hours to curl them.

**While spring onions are best served raw,** they're also delicious grilled or sauteed. Spring onions should be added during the final stages of a recipe for maximum flavor.

**This Spring Onion Pesto is the perfect way to flavor couscous or orzo pasta,** to tuck under the skin of chicken, or to place on fish or pork before grilling or baking.

## SPRING ONION PESTO

- 6 green onions, root ends removed, white bulbs and tops chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, peeled
- 2 tablespoons lemon zest
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/2 cup olive oil

Using a food processor or a blender, finely grind the spring onions, garlic and lemon zest. Add the lemon juice, salt and pepper. Slowly drizzle in olive oil until everything is well-combined and creamy. Make up to 24 hours before using. Place the pesto in an air-tight container and refrigerate.

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## Caribbean News / Regional News

# CTO And George Washington University Team Up To Produce COVID-19 Recovery Toolkit And Dashboard For Caribbean Tourism

~ *The practical tools and resources will support tourism industry leaders as they navigate the recovery process* ~

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados (29 March, 2021) - As the region's tourism industry looks to recover from the devastating impact of COVID-19, the Caribbean Tourism Organization (CTO) has teamed up with one of its allied members to make available practical tools and resources to support tourism industry leaders as they navigate the recovery process.

The CTO has partnered with the George Washington University International Institute of Tourism Studies (GW IITS) to develop a recovery toolkit to provide a useful guide for small and medium-sized tourism enterprises as they plan for their reopening, and a dashboard for ministries and destination management organisations to capture and report on key recovery metrics.

"The global pandemic has accelerated the importance of sound digital strategies for destinations and tourism enterprises.

Consumers are increasingly turning to digital channels, as they have been more isolated and less mobile over the past several months," said Seleni Matus, executive director of the GW IITS. "With time spent online increasing, consumers have more time to look for travel inspiration. Tourism businesses that have established a strong digital presence are better positioned to remain top of mind as tourism begins to rebound."

The toolkit covers areas such as the effective use of social media, use of online promotion platforms, how to optimise existing online presence and how to use online travel agencies effectively. It was designed to allow the small and medium tourism enterprises (SMTEs) to combine various solutions to ensure their businesses are ready when tourism returns to their destinations.

On the other hand, the dashboard comes with an associated guide that includes a number of data sources that CTO member governments can refer to, several of which are free to access. It is designed to support anyone who works within the travel and tourism industry, including businesses and tourism planners, in making strategic decisions more effectively.

"In the Caribbean, where we are heavily reliant on tourism revenues, the COVID-19 pandemic is having a deep and sustained impact on our economies, lives and well-being. As the region continues through this extended recovery process, it is important for our member countries and tourism stakeholders to equip themselves with the tools they need to meet the challenge ahead," said Faye Gill, the CTO's director of membership services, who has worked

closely with GW IITS in the production of these resources.

The collaboration between the CTO and GW IITS is an extension of an engagement with CTO member countries Belize and Grenada, which saw GWU Master of Tourism Administration and MBA students working with the government and private sector in both countries to produce customised solutions to support COVID recovery.

Two informational webinars have been organised to sensitise governments, as well as the SMTEs, on how to optimise the implementation and use of each resource. One of these workshops, entitled, Digital Toolkit for Tourism Enterprise Recovery, will be held on Tuesday 12 April at 11:00 a.m. and is open to SMTEs and other stakeholders in CTO member countries. Registration is required for this free event.

## USVI Welcomes Increased Summer Airlift

American Airlines announces additional flights to the Territory.

St. Thomas gains more Dallas flights while seats to St. Croix are up by almost 20 percent this summer.

DALLAS, Texas (March 29, 2021) - Following a meeting with American Airlines in Dallas, Texas on Friday, U.S. Virgin Islands Commissioner of Tourism Joseph Boschulte announced that the nation's largest carrier will expand its service to the Territory to meet increased demand for summertime travel.

Beginning on June 3, 2021, passengers in Dallas or connecting from Western and Midwestern cities will have not one but two daily flights from which to choose when traveling to St. Thomas, while Charlotte, North Carolina-based travelers will benefit from three flights per day, up from twice a day.

The airline will also increase daily flights from Miami International Airport (MIA) to

Cyril E. King Airport (STT) on St. Thomas. Up to four daily departures will be available in April and May from the key south Florida airport before the schedule is adjusted to three daily flights in June, July and August.

Daily service to St. Thomas from the New York tri-state area, out of John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK), which continues to be an exceptionally strong market for the Territory, as well as from Philadelphia to St. Thomas, will meet the travel needs of visitors and members of the large U.S. Virgin Islands diaspora who reside in the Northeast and mid-Atlantic regions of the country.

"The Department of Tourism is extremely pleased by the increase of summer airlift into the Territory," said U.S. Virgin Islands Commissioner of Tourism Joseph Boschulte, who expressed confidence that demand for experiences in the USVI will continue to grow as mainland-based travelers, including the increasing number of those who have been vaccinated, regain confidence in travel.

American will serve St. Croix's Henry E. Rohlsen Airport (STX) from Miami with at least two daily flights, and summer travelers from Charlotte will continue to enjoy daily flights to the "Big Island". Overall, St. Croix has experienced an increase of 19 percent in weekly seats year-over-year from 2020 to 2021.

"We are grateful to our partners at American Airlines for supporting our lifeblood industry by enhancing service to our islands with these additional flights, as they represent critical opportunities to help stimulate the economy of the U.S. Virgin Islands," said Commissioner Boschulte, who addressed meeting planners, travel agents and media representatives at a travel industry luncheon in Dallas on Friday.

This summer the Territory also will welcome new flights (four days a week) from the New York tri-state area when JetBlue Airways begins service between Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR) and St. Thomas. The new service is a result of a new



**Commissioner of Tourism  
Joseph Boschulte in Dallas on Friday**

codeshare Northeast Alliance with American Airlines, which will see JetBlue add more than a dozen new markets in greater New York City.

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# 14 Demonstrators Killed in Myanmar Protests

By VOA News, Updated March 29, 2021



**Mourners make the three-finger salute as they attend the funeral of a protester, who died amid a crackdown by security forces on demonstrations against the military coup, in Taunggyi in Myanmar's Shan state on March 29, 2021.**

Myanmar security forces killed 14 people Monday during demonstrations in towns across the country following the deadliest weekend since the February military coup, according to the Assistance Association for Political Prisoners (AAPP).

The group, which has been monitoring the violence, said Monday's toll brings the total number of deaths since the February 1 coup to at least 510.

Eight of the deaths that took place Monday occurred in Myanmar's main city, Yangon, according to AAPP.

Protests took place Monday throughout the country, including in Sagaing Region, where hundreds of mourners lined the street to pay tribute to a

20-year-old nursing student who was shot and killed Sunday while helping provide aid to injured protesters.

The United Nations say Myanmar's security forces killed at least 107 people Saturday as the regime staged a major show of might for Armed Forces Day, which commemorates the start of local resistance to the Japanese occupation during World War II. AAPP puts Saturday's death toll at 141.

"What has happened on the national day of armed forces was horrendous," U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said at a news conference Monday.

"It is absolutely unacceptable to see violence against people at such high levels. So many people

killed, and such a stubborn refusal to accept the need to liberate all political prisoners and to make the country go back to a serious democratic transition," he said.

Also Monday, the United States suspended a trade agreement with Myanmar, also known as Burma, until democracy is restored in the country.

"The United States supports the people of Burma in their efforts to restore a democratically elected government," U.S. Trade Representative Katherine Tai said in a statement.

Tai said the military's killing of peaceful protesters "has shocked the conscience of the international community."

The announcement does not stop trade between the

United States and Myanmar, but it suspends a 2013 Trade and Investment Framework Agreement that laid out ways to boost business between the two countries.

Tai said the United States would also consider Myanmar's participation in the Generalized System of Preferences program, which reduces U.S. tariffs and provides other special trade access for some developing countries.

The United States had already imposed economic sanctions on Myanmar following the February 1 coup.

"We condemn this abhorrent violence against the Burmese people," White House press secretary Jen Psaki said Monday.

Defense chiefs from a dozen countries, including the United States, issued a rare joint statement Saturday condemning Myanmar's use of lethal force against unarmed people.

"A professional military follows international standards for conduct and is responsible for protecting — not harming — the people it serves," the statement said.

The statement was backed by defense chiefs from Australia, Britain, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, South Korea and New Zealand.

"It's terrible," U.S. President Joe Biden told reporters Sunday of the violence in Myanmar. "It's absolutely outrageous. Based on the reporting I've gotten, an awful lot of people have been killed. Totally unnecessary."

Myanmar's security forces further escalated violence Sunday by opening fire on a funeral in Bago, near the commercial capital of Yangon. The funeral was held for 20-year-old Thae Maung Maung, who was one of the protesters killed on Saturday.

Former de facto leader Aung San Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy (NLD) led Myanmar since its first open democratic election in 2015, but Myanmar's military contested last November's election results, claiming widespread electoral fraud, largely without evidence.

On February 1, the military removed the NLD government, detaining Suu Kyi and President Win Myint. Martial law has been imposed in townships across Myanmar.

# SPORTS



## LONG JUMP

### Malone leaps into Tokyo Olympic Games with big jump

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

Chantel Malone broke the 7.00m Long Jump barrier for the first time in her career and in the process, qualified for the Tokyo Olympic Games on Saturday. Malone cut the sand at 7.08m, (23'2¾") to win the Florida International "Pro Addition" event and improved on her 6.90m (22'7¾") jump from last year, while becoming only the 2nd CAC woman over 7.00m.

After fouling her first jump, she also had leaps of 6.83m on her second attempt and 6.91m on her final try before passing, for the best series of her career.

"Once I hit that 6.83 mark, that was the goal really to go in and get that (Olympic) qualifying mark out the way," she noted of the 6.82m target, then fouled her third jump as her teammate hit the 7.00m mark. "Once I saw her hit 7, I knew there was no way I was walking out of that competition without hitting seven. When Coach said 7.08, I kinda wanted to shed a tear and I'm not one to show emotion but I was like 'finally.' But I knew, 7 meters is no longer a barrier in my mind, that's the major difference in comparison to how I felt two years ago vs how I feel now."

Malone said that she's in a confident place and how she's executing and she's excited to see how the rest of the season goes.

"I went into the competition with a mindset of just executing and not just jumping far," Malone, now ranked No 2 in the World told Island Sun Sports. "It was from a place of executing and that's what I did."

Along with her Coach Dwight Phillips, a 2004 Athens Olympic Games champ and four times IAAF World Championships Long Jumper, Malone said they have been working on her being technically sound. She's faster, stronger and definitely more technically sounder than she has ever been. She explained that if she goes out and foul two jumps, she can go on the third jump, take her foot off the gas but be technically efficient to hit the qualifying mark on that one jump. Therefore, her focus has been on executing rather than gutting it out.

"I know what I've been doing in practice and I'm really in a good place. I'm healthy and I wasn't worrying about hitting the mark and I think that's the difference how I would be in the past vs now," she pointed out. "I'm in a place knowing what I can do, so it became easier to do that rather than pressing or wondering if I could do it."

Malone said Phillips—who coached to the Pan Am Games gold—has been able to communicate what she sees in her head in a way that makes her understand. She said while she has had talented knowledgeable coaches, she wasn't able to transfer it to the track. Phillips, she said, is able to take things apart and put them back piece by piece and that way, she's able to grasp things in a way that she couldn't grasp them before.

"Maybe because he was an athlete and understands some of my blockages, that has been the

difference," she noted. "He has experience in the field and we have good dynamics, so it's just been easy for me to put it out there."

Malone joins Shot Putter Eldred Henry and 400m Hurdler Kyron McMaster as the territory's three Olympic Games qualifiers so far. All three are ranked in the Top 100 athletes in their respective event on the World Athletics All Time List. McMaster's 47.54 seconds in the 400m Hurdles is No 19, Malone's 7.08m (23'2¾") Long Jump is in a 3-way tie for No 40 and Henry's 21.47m (70'5¼") Shot Put, is in a 5-way tie for No 83.

Malone said qualifying for Tokyo takes a load off her shoulder, now she can focus on fine tuning, staying healthy and building on the things she has been doing.

#### Other athletes

Deya Erickson was 2nd in the 87th Prairie View Relays 100m Hurdles in 13.83 seconds, while Ashley Kelly was 3rd in the 100m in 11.85 seconds (+1.3) and 3rd in the 200m in 24.19 (+2.5).

After winning the Douglas County Long Jump with a leap of 18'5½", Aadaejah Hodge, 15, won the 400m in a personal best of 55.11 seconds—a mark that's 10th on the BVI All Time List. She also won the 200m in 23.99 seconds, becoming the Territory's 10th athlete to break the 24.00 barrier.

Northwestern State Sophomore Akira Phillip, settled for 11th in the 93rd Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays Javelin throw with a heave of 38.92m (127'8"). At the



Chantel Malone soars to new Long Jump heights, climbing from No 126 to =No 40 on the World All Time List

same meet, UTEP Freshman Josh Hill, climbed to No. 7 on the BVI All Time 400m list with his personal best of 47.55 seconds.

Clemson Sr. Lakeisha "Mimi" Warner, was 6th in the Florida State University Relays 400m Hurdles in 1:02.82. New Mexico Jr. College Sophomore Djimon Gumbs earned his 2nd Shot Put victory, after tossing the ball, 15.71m (51'6"), in the New Mexico Spring Open.

## TENNIS

### Martin and Bowen tops U14 Tennis tourney

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

Kshwan Martin was a straight set winner over Eric Joseph while Malaika Bowen needed three sets to get past Kamaria Wheatley, during Sunday's LJD VI Block 14 and Under Tennis Tournament held at the Long Look Tennis and Education Center. The pair won the Sablas Law Tennis Hamper at the end of November.

Martin, who had a bye to the final, was a 4-0, 4-0 winner over Joseph for the Boys title.

"It was good," Martin told Island Sun Sports of his matches. "This is my friend so I won't go hard on him. My knee was hurting bad, but I still pulled it off and won. My friends were telling me I'm going to lose the tournament but guess who won? Me."

Martin, who beat Joseph in November said he noticed that Joseph's slices got better. "His service, forehand and backhand also got better," he said.

Joseph advanced to meet Martin in the round robin format, after opening with a 4-0, 4-2 victory over Courtney Lindsay and a 4-2, 4-2 triumph against Kimathi Wheatley, said he was hitting some good shots and his serve was good. Wheatley needed three sets to overcome Lindsay, 1-4, 4-2 and 7-4.

"I was trying to move Kshwan around and win a game," Joseph said.

Coach and Tournament Director Carol Mitchell said Martin is a good player and noticed he dominates during training sessions and created the round robin format with the three other players.

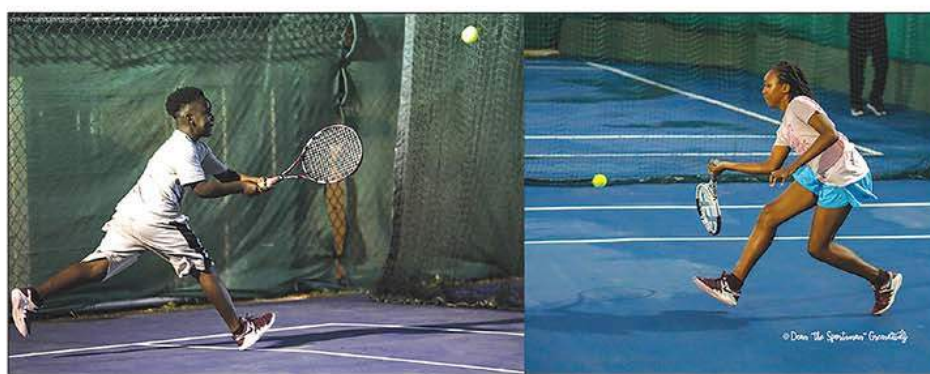
"I had to let them play and then have an opportunity to come up against him," she said. "What can I say? Kshawn was too hot to stop. He played an amazing match."

In the Girls match, Bowen needed three sets to overhaul Kamaria Wheatley, 4-0, 1-4 and 7-4.

Bowen said she faltered in the second set because she was popping up the ball and it was going out and also hitting the ball into the net.

"But when we had a break, my Mom told me it isn't over till it's over and I can still win," she noted. "So I did what I had to do, had confidence in myself and then boom, I won."

Bowen said Wheatley was hitting a lot of drop shots so she had a harder time adjusting. "As I was running back, she would drop the ball short and I would run forward to try and get the ball," she said. "Kami has a good follow through, she moves us a lot so you have to be on your feet and ready to move."



Kshawn Martin, left and Malaika Bowen, captured the 14 and Under Tennis Titles

After winning the second set, Wheatley said during the water break, she sat and thought about what she wanted to do.

"I was thinking I didn't want what happened last time to happen again and I think at love five, then I game back 4-6 but unfortunately I lost and Malaika won and I'm happy for her but I wish I would have won, but things happen for a reason," Wheatley said. "I need to believe in myself more—everyone keeps telling me that—it's not really easy for me, but I did believe in

myself a little more, that's one thing I did different to last time."

Mitchel said both Bowen and Wheatley have a good rivalry going.

"It was an awesome tournament with good support from the parents," Mitchell told Island Sun Sports. "I am so proud of all the players. Everyone played their best. I've seen improvements in their serves, ground strokes, improved positioning on the court and overall, they have all done their best."



# SPORTS



*The BVI Mountain Bike Club kicked off its season Sunday on Beef Islands, with Sam Talbot winning the first race*



*That's Ya Problem's 1st Baseman Tyalia "Tweety Bird" Nibbs-Henley, traps the ball before tagging out Lady Hawks' Shanica "Flower" Forbes*



*Eric Joseph keeps his eyes on the ball as he goes for a backhand against Kimathi Wheatley in the LJD VI Block 14 & Under Tournament*



*A Panthers and an Islanders player going for a header during Sunday's Super 6 match, Islanders won, 1-0*



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# PUBLIC NOTICES

**The BVI Business Companies Act  
Advertisement of Liquidator's  
Appointment Section 204(1)(b)  
Tele-International Ventures  
Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
BC No. 466517  
(the "Company")  
NOTICE is hereby given in accordance with Section 204(1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the above mentioned company has commenced liquidation and dissolution as of March 25, 2021. Mr. Ryan Geluk of BDO Limited, Sea Meadow House, Tobacco Wharf, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, has been appointed liquidator.  
**Ryan Geluk**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[94/1]

**SANWA (INT'L) TRADING  
LIMITED**

Company No. 1385528  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that SANWA (INT'L) TRADING LIMITED is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 25th March, 2021 and LI LEI of ROOM 203, NO.9, LANE 800 NORTH LONG CHUAN ROAD, SHANGHAI, CHINA has been appointed as Sole Liquidator.  
Dated this: 26th day of March, 2021.  
**Sgd. LI LEI**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[94/2]

**GRAND 9PEAK INVESTMENT  
MANAGEMENT LIMITED**

Company No. 1611741  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that GRAND 9PEAK INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LIMITED is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 25th March, 2021 and Wu Xin of No. 101, Unit 8, Building 54, Yangqiao Jiaomen Dongli, Fengtai District, Beijing, China has been appointed as Sole Liquidator.  
Dated this: 26th day of March, 2021.  
**Sgd. Wu Xin**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[94/3]

**ROBINSON  
PARTICIPATION CORP.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1379070  
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 25th March, 2021  
Dated 25th March, 2021  
**Sgd. Querube C. De Nuñez**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[94/4]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1895444  
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is In Voluntary Liquidation. The Voluntary Liquidation commenced on the 25 day of March 2021. The Liquidator is **Ray A. George, of Long Trench, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**  
Dated this 25 day of March 2021  
**(Sgd.) Ray A. George**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[94/5]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1694118  
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 March 25, 2021.  
Dated: March 26, 2021  
**(Sgd.) Yuliya Agafonova**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[94/6]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1983137  
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 March 25, 2021.  
Dated: March 26, 2021  
**(Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[94/7]

**Final Notice of Dissolution under the  
BVI Business Company Act.  
DEVENEY  
INTERNATIONAL S.A.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 318840  
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 March 25, 2021.  
Dated: March 26, 2021  
**(Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[94/8]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1627701  
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 March 25, 2021.  
Dated: March 26, 2021  
**(Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[94/9]

**HAPS福德 LIMITED**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 670602  
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 March 25, 2021.  
Dated: March 26, 2021  
**(Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[94/10]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 222612  
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 March 25, 2021.  
Dated: March 26, 2021  
**(Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[94/11]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1431085  
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 March 25, 2021.  
Dated: March 26, 2021  
**(Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[94/12]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 560492  
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 March 25, 2021.  
Dated: March 26, 2021  
**(Sgd.) Yap Choo Sim**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[94/13]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1759226  
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 March 25, 2021.  
Dated: March 26, 2021  
**(Sgd.) Irina Chinalieva**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[94/14]

**Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator  
under Section 204 of the BVI  
Business Company Act.  
Jianshu-Guwei Holding  
Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1904370  
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 23rd of March, 2021. The liquidator is **LI Bin of No. 006, Xingji Village, Lutai Town, Huaiyang County, Henan Province, China.**  
Dated: 26th March, 2021  
**(Sgd.) LI Bin**  
Liquidator  
[94/15]

**Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator  
under Section 204 of the BVI  
Business Company Act.  
Jianshu-Linli Holding Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1904369  
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 23rd of March, 2021. The liquidator is **LI Bin of No. 006, Xingji Village, Lutai Town, Huaiyang County, Henan Province, China.**  
Dated: 26th March, 2021.  
**(Sgd.) LI Bin**  
Liquidator  
[94/16]

**Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator  
under Section 204 of the BVI  
Business Company Act.  
Jianshu-Zhaobo Holding  
Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1904374  
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 23rd of March, 2021. The liquidator is **LI Bin of No. 006, Xingji Village, Lutai Town, Huaiyang County, Henan Province, China.**  
Dated: 26th March, 2021.  
**(Sgd.) LI Bin**  
Liquidator  
[94/17]

**CHINA-FORTUNE  
INTERNATIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT CO., LTD**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company Number 670872  
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 25th day of March, 2021. The Liquidator is **WEI Jianzhong of Rooms 1001-03, 10/F., Wing On Kowloon Centre, 345 Nathan Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong.** Dated this 26th day of March, 2021  
**Sgd. WEI Jianzhong**

**WEI Jianzhong**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[94/18]

**DEZAN SHIRA &  
ASSOCIATES GROUP  
LIMITED**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company Number 1937585  
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 25th day of March, 2021. The Liquidator is **Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.** Dated this 26th day of March, 2021  
**Sgd. Brian Jackson**

**Brian Jackson**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[94/19]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1644409  
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 March 25th 2021.  
Dated: March 26th, 2021  
**(Sgd.) Mr R Rahul Raj**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[94/20]

**Final Notice of Dissolution under the  
BVI Business Company Act.  
FAITH YIELD GROUP LTD.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 428512  
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 March 25th 2021.  
Dated: March 26th, 2021  
**(Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[94/21]

# PUBLIC NOTICES

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

**LyraSummers Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1941446

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 18th day of March, 2021. The liquidator is LIU, Beini of No. 34, Lane 1179, Yan'an West Road, Changning District, Shanghai, China. (Sgd.) LIU, Beini  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[94/22]

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

**PMDOG Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1941444

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 18th day of March, 2021. The liquidator is LIU, Beini of No. 34, Lane 1179, Yan'an West Road, Changning District, Shanghai, China. Dated: 18th day of March 2021 (Sgd.) LIU, Beini  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[94/23]

**THIMPHU INVESTMENTS LIMITED**

Company No. 1060654

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that THIMPHU INVESTMENTS LIMITED is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 18th March, 2021 and Querube C. De Nuñez of MMG Tower, Ave. Paseo del Mar, Costa del Este, Panama City, Rep. of Panama been appointed as the Sole Liquidator. Dated this 18th day of March, 2021 (Sgd.) Querube C. De Nuñez  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[94/24]

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

**PERFECTWOOD HOLDING LIMITED**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1795713

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 9th March, 2021. The Liquidator is Elias Neocleous, of 195 Makarios III Avenue, Limassol, 3030, Cyprus. Dated this 9th March, 2021

Sgd. Elias Neocleous

Voluntary Liquidator

[94/25]

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

**ARAGON EXPORT 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 25 March 2021. The Liquidator is Mrs. Fatima Vereysi Padilla Sanchez with address at Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Dated: 25th March 2021.

(Sgd.) Mrs. Fatima Vereysi Padilla Sanchez

Voluntary Liquidator

[94/26]

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

**BERESFORD INVESTMENT GROUP INC.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 25 March 2021. The Liquidator is Mrs. Fatima Vereysi Padilla Sanchez with address at Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Dated: 25th March 2021. (Sgd.) Mrs. Fatima Vereysi Padilla Sanchez

Voluntary Liquidator

[94/27]

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

**AVIA INVESTMENTS SERVICES LTD.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 29 March 2021. The Liquidator is Mrs. Miriam Noemi Mejia de Oliva with address at 4 Calle 7-73 zona 9, Guatemala, Guatemala. Dated: 29th March 2021.

(Sgd.) Mrs. Miriam Noemi Mejia de Oliva

Voluntary Liquidator

[94/28]

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

**Oman World Investment Holdings Ltd.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1836025

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 26th day of March, 2021. Dated: 29th March, 2021

(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan

Philippa O'Sullivan

Liquidator

[94/29]

**FANGYUAN INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT CO., LIMITED**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company Number 1648649

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 29th day of March, 2021. The Liquidator is LIN XIUSHUANG of Room 9-606, Group A, Longyuan, No. 120, Ju Yuan One Road, Cangshan District, Fuzhou, Fujian, China. Dated this 29th day of March, 2021

Sgd. LIN XIUSHUANG

LIN XIUSHUANG

Voluntary Liquidator

[94/30]

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

**SAVOY MARKETING LTD.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1050808

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 March 26, 2021. The Liquidator is Stelios Ioakim with address at 29, Edessas Street Limassol, 3115, Limassol, Cyprus. Dated: March 29, 2021.

(Sgd.) Stelios Ioakim

Voluntary Liquidator

[94/31]

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

**HEMERA TRADING LTD.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 597575

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 March 26, 2021. The Liquidator is Phani Schiza Antoniou with address at 16 Krinon street, 3110, Limassol, Cyprus. Dated: March 29, 2021.

(Sgd.) Phani Schiza Antoniou

Voluntary Liquidator

[94/32]

**CAPITAL MARKETS INC.**

Company No. 29447

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that CAPITAL MARKETS INC., has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 22nd March, 2021. Dated this 25th day of March, 2021.

Sgd. QUERUBE CASTILLO DE NUÑEZ

Voluntary Liquidator

[94/33]

**KAISER VENTURES LIMITED**

Company No. 492892

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that KAISER VENTURES LIMITED is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 29th March, 2021 and Dr. Oliver Nesensohn of Landstrasse 33, 9490 Vaduz, Principality of Liechtenstein been appointed as the Sole Liquidator.

Dated this 29th day of March, 2021

Sgd. Dr. Oliver Nesensohn

Voluntary Liquidator [94/34]

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

**BARTLEN Inc.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1028037

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 day of March, 2021. Dated: 29th March, 2021

(Sgd.) Perilo Andrei

Perilo Andrei

Liquidator

[94/35]

**MORRISON INVESTMENTS HOLDING CORPORATION LTD.**

Company No. 211173

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that MORRISON INVESTMENTS HOLDING CORPORATION LTD. is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 25th March, 2021 and Mr. Raul Eduardo Molina Rivera of F&F Tower, 32nd Floor, Suite 32D, 50th and 56th Streets, Bella Vista, Panama City, Republic of Panama been appointed as the Sole Liquidator.

Dated this 25th day of March, 2021

Sgd. Mr. Raul Eduardo Molina Rivera

Voluntary Liquidator

[94/36]

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

**MONACO COSMETIC CONSULTING LTD.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1714876

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 March 29th, 2021. The Liquidator is Delio Jose De Leon Mela with an address at 5th Floor, Bloc Office Hub, Santa Maria Business District, Panama, Republic of Panama. Dated: March 30th, 2021

(Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela

Voluntary Liquidator

[94/37]

**MERCURE INVESTMENTS LTD.**

Company No. 1497849

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that MERCURE INVESTMENTS LTD. is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 29th March, 2021 and STEVEN H. HAGEN of 201 South Biscayne Boulevard, Suite 800, Miami, FL 33131, USA, has been appointed as Sole Liquidator.

Dated this 30th day of March 2021

Sgd. STEVEN H. HAGEN

Voluntary Liquidator

[94/38]

**BASAL FINANCE INC.**

Company No. 1739053

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that BASAL FINANCE INC. is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 29th March, 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 30th day of March 2021

Sgd. RAMÓN ORTÍZ DE TARANCO

Voluntary Liquidator

[94/39]

**Grange International Business Limited**

Company No. 1653640

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that Grange International Business Limited, is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 26th March, 2021 and ANDREAS KRYFTIS of MARKOU DRAKOU, 2660 KOKKINOTRIMITHIA, NICOSIA, CYPRUS, has been appointed as Sole Liquidator.

Dated this 30th day of March 2021

Sgd. ANDREAS KRYFTIS

Voluntary Liquidator

[94/40]

*The BVI Business Companies Act Advertisement of Liquidator's Appointment Section 204(1)(b)*

**Tele-Ventures Parent Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

BC No. 677419

(the "Company")

NOTICE is hereby given in accordance with Section 204(1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the above mentioned company has commenced liquidation and dissolution as of March 29, 2021. Mr. Ryan Geluk of BDO Limited, Sea Meadow House, Tobacco Wharf, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, has been appointed liquidator.

Ryan Geluk

Voluntary Liquidator

[94/41]

# PUBLIC NOTICES

**Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004**  
**AMISERVICE GROUP LIMITED**  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 ("the Company")  
 BVI Business Company No: 1725752  
 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 11th March, 2021.  
 (Sgd.) *Joseph Hadjijoseph*  
 Liquidator  
 [94/42]

**Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004**  
**PRESTIGE DEVELOPERS LIMITED**  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 ("the Company")  
 BVI Business Company No: 1725667  
 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 11th March, 2021.  
 (Sgd.) *Joseph Hadjijoseph*  
 Liquidator  
 [94/43]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act. 2004  
**NETALK INTERNATIONAL LIMITED**  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 Company No: 1868642  
 NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 17th day of March, 2021. The liquidator is *Christiana Blakki* of 65 Prodromou, P. C. 2063, Nicosia, Republic of Cyprus.  
 Dated: 17th day of March, 2021.  
 (Sgd.) *Christiana Blakki*  
 Liquidator  
 [94/44]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act. 2004  
**LABEL TRADING LTD.**  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 Company No: 284539  
 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 11th day of March, 2021. The liquidator is *Philippa O'Sullivan* of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.  
 Dated: 11th day of March, 2021  
 (Sgd.) *Philippa O'Sullivan*  
 Liquidator  
 [94/45]

APPOINTMENT  
**BRITISH OIL & GAS EXPLORATION LTD**  
 ("the Company")  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 Company No. 1026736  
 NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that: **British Oil & Gas Exploration Ltd** is in voluntary liquidation. The date of commencement of liquidation is 29th March 2021. The liquidator is *Carmine Bailey* of Kendall Corporate Services Limited, 2nd Floor Abbott Building, 87 Main Street, Waterfront Drive, P.O. Box 3169; PMB198, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.  
 Dated 30th March 2021  
*Carmine Bailey*  
 Voluntary Liquidator  
 [94/46]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.  
**ZULLMA CORPORATION**  
 (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 March 29, 2021. The Liquidator is **ALBERTA CONCEPCION**, with address at Cumbres del Norte, 4th Street, after Maria Henriquez School, House No. 641, Las Cumbres, Panama District, Republic of Panama.  
 Dated: March 29, 2021.  
 (Sgd.) *ALBERTA CONCEPCION*  
 Voluntary Liquidator  
 [94/47]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.  
**MIRABELLE SERVICES LTD.**  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on March 29, 2021. The Liquidator is **EMMANUEL CARBALLEDA TABOADA**, with address at San Francisco, Paitilla, The Point, #8B, Panama Republic of Panama.  
 Dated: March 29, 2021.  
 (Sgd.) *EMMANUEL CARBALLEDA TABOADA*  
 Voluntary Liquidator [94/48]

204 of the BVI Business Company Act.  
**NAGER BUSINESS INC.**  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on March 29, 2021. The Liquidator is **ALBERTA CONCEPCION**, with address at Cumbres del Norte, 4th Street, after Maria Henriquez School, House No. 641, Las Cumbres, Panama District, Republic of Panama.  
 Dated: March 29, 2021.  
 (Sgd.) *ALBERTA CONCEPCION*  
 Voluntary Liquidator  
 [94/49]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.  
**Nevian Japan Investments 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 March 22, 2021. The Liquidator is **Aline Choucair**, with address at Beirut 250, A. Sami El-Solh, Manhattan Building.  
 Dated: March 22, 2021.  
 (Sgd.) *Aline Choucair*  
 Voluntary Liquidator  
 [94/50]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.  
**NEVIAN OIL 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 March 22, 2021. The Liquidator is **Aline Choucair**, with address at Beirut 250, A. Sami El-Solh, Manhattan Building.  
 Dated: March 22, 2021.  
 (Sgd.) *Aline Choucair*  
 Voluntary Liquidator  
 [94/51]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.  
**NEVIAN PARTNERS I 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 March 24, 2021. The Liquidator is **Aline Choucair**, with address at Beirut 250, A. Sami El-Solh, Manhattan Building.  
 Dated: March 24, 2021.  
 (Sgd.) *Aline Choucair*  
 Voluntary Liquidator  
 [94/52]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.  
**STRONGEST NETWORK CORPORATION**  
 (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 March 29, 2021. The Liquidator is **ALBERTA CONCEPCION**, with address at Cumbres del Norte, 4th Street, after Maria Henriquez School, House No. 641, Las Cumbres, Panama District, Republic of Panama.  
 Dated: March 29, 2021.  
 (Sgd.) *ALBERTA CONCEPCION*  
 Voluntary Liquidator  
 [94/53]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.  
**Tshwane Investments 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 March 18, 2021. The Liquidator is **PAOLO FEDERICO FORTUNATTO**, with address at CL MIAMI 2081, MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY.  
 Dated: March 18, 2021.  
 (Sgd.) *PAOLO FEDERICO FORTUNATTO*  
 Voluntary Liquidator  
 [94/54]

Notice of Appointment of a Voluntary Liquidator under Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Company Act, 2004.  
**Aureole Investments Ltd.**  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 Company No. 1782585  
 NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in Voluntary Liquidation. The Voluntary Liquidation commenced on the 30 day of March 2021. The Liquidator is **Ray A. George**, of Long Trench, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.  
 Dated this 30 day of March 2021  
 (Sgd.) *Ray A. George*  
 By: *Ray A. George*  
 Voluntary Liquidator [94/55]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act. 2004  
**Sidereal Holdings Inc.**  
 (the "Company")  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 Company No. 1725374  
 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 March 22, 2021. The Liquidator is **Meade Malone** of Geneva Place, 2nd Floor, 333 Waterfront Drive, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.  
 Dated: March 29, 2021.  
 (Sgd.) *Meade Malone*  
 Liquidator [94/56]

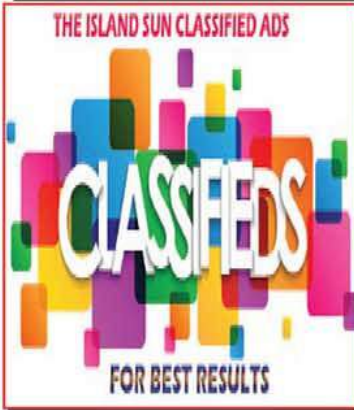
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**Kingsworld (2007) Limited**  
 (the "Company")  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 Company No. 1408506  
 NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on March 29, 2021. The Liquidator is **Meade Malone** of Geneva Place, 2nd Floor, 333 Waterfront Drive, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.  
 Dated: March 30, 2021.  
 (Sgd.) *Meade Malone*  
 Liquidator  
 [94/57]

**MAYDEX CORPORATION**  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 Company No. 234439  
 NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, (1) (b) of the BVI Companies Act, 2004 that **MAYDEX CORPORATION** is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 26th day of March, 2021. The Voluntary Liquidator is **Miss Nicola Gillespie c/o Citco B.V.I. Limited, Flemming House, Wickhams Cay, P/O/ Box 626, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands VG12110**  
 Dated 26th day of March, 2021.  
 Sgd. *Nicola Gillespie*  
 Voluntary Liquidator  
 [94/58]

**ASIAN HONOUR LIMITED**  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 Company Number 231982  
 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 31st day of March, 2021. The Liquidator is **Kwok Wai Ming** of Suite 1606-7, 16/F., China United Centre, 28 Marble Road, North Point, Hong Kong.  
 Dated this 1st day of April, 2021  
 Sgd. *Kwok Wai Ming*  
 Kwok Wai Ming  
 Voluntary Liquidator [94/59]

**NEW ATLANTIS WORLD LIMITED**  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 Company Number 1593690  
 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 31st day of March, 2021. The Liquidator is **YAMASAKI Saburo** of 2/F., No. 172, Tsing Chuen Wai Road, Tuen Mun, N.T., Hong Kong.  
 Dated this 1st day of April, 2021  
 Sgd. *YAMASAKI Saburo*  
 YAMASAKI Saburo  
 Voluntary Liquidator [94/60]

**UNION BASE LIMITED**  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 Company Number 1856109  
 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 31st day of March, 2021. The Liquidator is **Kwok Wai Ming** of Suite 1606-7, 16/F., China United Centre, 28 Marble Road, North Point, Hong Kong.  
 Dated this 1st day of April, 2021  
 Sgd. *Kwok Wai Ming*  
 Kwok Wai Ming  
 Voluntary Liquidator  
 [94/61]



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[s94]

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

In the Estate of LILLIAN WONG KWOK aka WONG KWOK LILLIAN aka KWOK LILLIAN WONG aka KWOK WONG LAN YING late of 205 Castenada Avenue, San Francisco, California, United States of America ("USA"), deceased

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by MINETTE ANNE KWOK (in the Will called MINETTE ANN KWOK OKIMOTO) of 249 Castenada Avenue, San Francisco, California, CA 94116-1446, USA and MONICE JANE KWOK (in the Will called MONICE JANE KWOK YAMADA) of 6161 Colgate Ct, Sacramento, California, CA, 95831, USA, for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above named deceased who died on the 21st day of July 2015 wherein the applicants are the second named executors, the first named executor MAN HIM KWOK aka BARTHOLOMEW M. H. KWOK having died on the 26th day of April 1995.

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

Dated this 26th day of March 2021.

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

171 Main Street  
Road Town, Tortola  
British Virgin Islands, VG 1110  
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### PROBATE NO. BVIHP-0050 OF 2021 IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS (PROBATE)

In the Estate of JUBILO NOE SPIGUEL, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that ROBERTO SPIGUEL of Av. Lajeado, 1256, Bl a Ap 00601-Petropolis, Porto Alegre, RS Brazil the Executor of the Last Will and Testament of the late JUBILO NOE SPIGUEL who died on the 28th day of December, 2019 at Hospital Irmandade da Santa Casa de Misericordia, Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil has applied to the High Court of Justice in the Probate Division for a Grant of Probate in the estate of the said deceased.

Any person having any objections to the Grant of Probate to the said ROBERTO SPIGUEL shall within fourteen days from the date of the second publication of this notice lodge with the Registry of the High Court of Justice in the Territory of the Virgin Islands a proper document setting out the objections.

Dated this 22nd day of March, 2021.

*Signed: Reisa L Singh, SABALS Law, Solicitors for the Executor*  
*Filed by Sabals Law, Solicitors for the Executor whose address for service is 87 Main Street, 2nd Floor, Abbott Building, Waterfront Drive, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.*

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HCCW 440/2020

### IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION COURT OF FIRST INSTANCE COMPANIES (WINDING-UP) PROCEEDINGS NO.440 OF 2020

IN THE MATTER of FLORESCENT HOLDINGS LIMITED  
(○○○○○○○○)

and

IN THE MATTER of the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance, Chapter 32 of the Laws of Hong Kong

NOTICE is hereby given that a petition for the winding up of the above-named company by the High Court of Hong Kong was, on the 28th day of December 2020, presented to the said Court by Wealthy Land Investments Group Limited whose registered office is situate at 3rd Floor, J & C Building, P.O. Box 933, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110, British Virgin Islands AND that said petition is directed to be heard before the Court at 3:00 p.m. on the 28th day of April 2021; and any creditor or contributory of the said company desirous to support or oppose the making of an order on the said petition may appear at the time of hearing by himself or his Counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the petition will be furnished to any creditor or contributory of the said company requiring the same by the undersigned on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

ZM Lawyers  
Solicitors for the Petitioner  
20th Floor, Central 88,  
Nos. 88-98 Des Voeux Road Central,  
Hong Kong  
Ref: ZML/ZT/LW/1038-004

NOTE- Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said petition must serve on or send by post to the above-named, notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person, or, if a firm, the name and address of the firm, and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their solicitor (if any), and must be served, or if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above-named not later than 6:00 p.m. on the 27th day of April 2021.  
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### THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE ESTATE OF EAV YIN, DECEASED

In the estate of EAV YIN, late of No. 58 Black's Link, Hong Kong, deceased.

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Lam Kim Phung of 58 Black's Link, Hong Kong, for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above named deceased who died on the 4th day of September 2020 without revoking a Will bearing the date of the 4th day of June 2012 wherein the applicant is named sole executrix.

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

Dated the 30th day of March, 2021

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

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# PUBLIC NOTICES

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

IN THE ESTATE OF YANG XIANG BO, DECEASED

TAKE NOTICE that Huang Xue Rong of House 20, Las Pinadas, 33 Shouson Hill Road, Hong Kong, the widow and intended Administrator of the Estate of the Deceased who died on the 2nd day of June 2020 domiciled in Hong Kong, 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 YANG XIANG BO, deceased.

ANY PERSONS having any objections to the Grant of Letters of Administration to the said Huang Xue Rong of House 20, Las Pinadas, 33 Shouson Hill Road, Hong Kong 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 30th day of March, 2021

*Harney Westwood & Riegels LP*  
Solicitors for the Administrators

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

PROBATE NO. 0059 OF 2021

In the Estate of LO TAK HUNG late of Flat A, 29th Floor, No. 1 Ho Man Tin Hill, 1 Ho Man Tin Hill Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by LO YAM YIN SAMUEL of Flat A, 27th Floor, No.1 Ho Man Tin Hill, 1 Ho Man Tin Hill Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong for an Application for Grant of Letters of Administration of the above name deceased who died intestate on the 17th day of October 2020.

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

Dated this 24th March 2021.

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

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

IN THE ESTATE OF LINO FERRARI, DECEASED

In the estate of LINO FERRARI, late of Avenida Antônio Almeida Leite, 956, CEP: 19907-000, Ourinhos, SP, Brazil, deceased.

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Thiago Ferrari Fantinatti of Alameda Lorena, 1220 CA, Parque Trianon, CEP: 19910-467, Ourinhos – SP, Brazil, for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above named deceased who died on the 29th day of December 2020 without revoking a Will bearing the date of the 17th day of March 2019 wherein the applicant is named sole executor.

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

Dated the 30th day of March, 2021

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

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

BVIHPB 2021/ 0045

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF EVERTON ALVERSON MCMASTER, LATE OF BAUGHER'S BAY, TORTOLA, BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS, DECEASED, INTESTATE

### PUBLIC NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that MERLE MARILYN ANSELM MCMASTER, Waitress, currently residing at Baughers Bay Tortola, British Virgin Islands, the lawful wife and Intended Administrator of the estate of the deceased, EVERTON ALVERSON MCMASTER, who died on the 6th of November, 2020, has applied to the High Court of Justice in the British Virgin Islands, in the Probate Division for a Grant of Letters of Administration in the estate of the said deceased.

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 March 2021.

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

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# No, the idea of CARICOM is not dead

By Sir Ronald Sanders

A commentary, published on March 8 by Camillo Gonsalves, a Minister of the Government of St Vincent and the Grenadines, was headlined "Every Island for itself". The first line was unequivocal in stating that "The idea of CARICOM died on December 16, 2020".

Camillo Gonsalves is a Caribbean man, and an integrationist. Only deep frustration could have occasioned his decision to publish the commentary on his blogsite. In the event, his remarks prompted a series of questions to me from Johnson Johnrose, a Caribbean journalist of known repute. I reproduce below the questions he posed and my answers.

Q. Do you agree that the idea of CARICOM - the principle of solidarity, the ethos of all for one, and one for all - has died? Why?

A. The 'idea' of CARICOM is not dead. The 'dream' of a more perfect union is not lost. The idea and the dream are too basic to our future for them to be abandoned. CARICOM as a whole is extremely rich in natural and human resources, but individual member countries are weak and vulnerable. In the international community, individual countries have little or no bargaining power; only when they act collectively do they have any strength. Fourteen votes collectively have a modicum of power; one vote, backed by no military might or economic clout, is by itself of little value.

Q. What's your greatest concern about the future of the movement?

A. That only the demands of survival, resulting from disaster, will cause leaders of the individual countries to recognize that the 'sovereignty' to which they cling is only exercised against each other; it is meaningless in the global power theatre where powerful countries and regions dictate their relationships. Leaders should see the disaster looming in Climate Change and its threats to the very existence of islands and mainland territories with low lying coasts, to agriculture, to tourism, and to human habitats. Lack of individual capacity is evident in each country's inability to respond robustly to pandemics, such as COVID-19. None of them has large enough populations or enough money to compete with richer nations that have bought the available vaccines, depriving the rest of the world.

Q. CARICOM has endured a lot of internal strife but has managed to survive, could it be that the issue of Venezuela's sovereignty will be what destroys the movement?

It is not Venezuela per se that has caused division and conflicting positions in CARICOM. The real cause is dependency. Some CARICOM countries depended on Venezuela for oil and ran up a large debt in deferred payments; others depend on the US and Canada for aid, markets, and help with borrowing. When CARICOM countries recognize that they could be less dependent on external forces and less obliged if they pool their



resources and their sovereignty, they will be more independent in their decisions and action. This same argument applies to the cruise ship industry and to foreign airlines which play them off against each other, resulting in less revenues to each of them and greater advantage to the airlines and cruise operators.

Q. Why didn't Antigua and Barbuda join Trinidad and Tobago in seek boycotting the OAS until Guaido is removed?

Trinidad and Tobago has not boycotted the OAS 'until Guaido's representative is removed'. Trinidad and Tobago is an active member of the OAS. Eleven of the 14 independent countries of CARICOM at the OAS do not recognize Guaido or his representative's legitimacy in the OAS. These 11 countries, including Antigua and Barbuda, do not recognize Guaido's representative or his vote or participation in any decision making in the OAS. Jamaica, the Bahamas and Haiti do deal with Guaido's representative - this latter point was what motivated Gonsalves' blog.

Q. How do you feel about CARICOM's current path?

A. It is not good for the autonomy of individual states in the international community. Such autonomy as they enjoy is being eroded. Economically, unless the leadership - at both the political and business levels - acknowledge that their markets are puny and their production minuscule in global terms, and that integrating their markets and production would strengthen each of them as integral parts of a larger, more competitive unit (in terms of raising money on better term and bargaining for better terms of trade) the current path will weaken each of them still further.

Perhaps the truth is that they all know that, ultimately, they need CARICOM which is why none have left it, and none have chosen to destroy it. It may well be that those who encourage the notion of their own vehicle, keep the engine of the CARICOM bus running because they know that they will need to board it to drive to salvation.

I understand Camillo Gonsalves frustration. I share it. But I also know that we cannot pronounce CARICOM dead. Its lifeblood continues to pump in the veins of Caribbean people everywhere who long for a single region in which they can travel freely on one passport, move to jobs, set up businesses anywhere in the region, just like the people of the 50 states of the United States do.

The imperatives of survival rest not in separateness but in togetherness where the bounty of the region is shared by all in a truly integrated single area., and where standing together in the international community gives the Caribbean solid meaning. This does not mean giving up national identity; it means recognizing that we can also benefit from a Caribbean identity - just as people from Texas are Texans and Americans; and people from Italy are Italians and Europeans, so too we can be Jamaicans, Barbadians, Antiguan and yet be Caribbean.



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128 years have elapsed since that historical heart surgery and one would expect that the progress made by modern society and by medical science would make heart surgery something available to all who need it. Yet, only 8 percent of the world population can afford heart surgery. For example, each year two million Indians require heart surgery, but according to The Economist fewer than 110,000 can afford it; "the rest suffer or perish gradually".

Dr. Devi Shetty, a famous Indian surgeon, told The Guardian: "The first heart surgery was done well over a century ago. One 128 years later only a small fraction of the world's population can afford it. There must be something wrong with that."

Of course, there is something wrong, drastically wrong we would say. Dr. Shetty touched on a truly sensitive spot: "almost everywhere in the world, health care is linked to affluence. I hope that India will become the first country in the world that will dissociate both." We hope he succeeds and then shows the world how they can become civilised, not the bunch of barbarians and money worshippers they are now.

Everyone you talk to, when the words health care and surgery surface in a conversation, the next word is "money".

Dr. Shetty's hospital started a micro-insurance scheme 16 years ago. Participants pay ten rupees per month (25 cents US\$). This contribution is topped up by a government subsidy of five rupees. The result is that people can be insured for heart surgery that would cost up to \$60,000 in the Western world.

"The poor are willing to pay, as long as they can afford to pay a small amount in installments. That's how our insurance policy works. The farmers pay whenever they sell their products and earn money from it," Shetty said.

"The potential for this kind of low-cost model is tremendous. Several state governments in India are now adopting our micro-health insurance model. Politicians are clever, they realise that one of the best ways to protect their votes is by providing health insurance," he commented.

There is something to learn from what this wise Indian surgeon has said and done. Innovative thinking can bring health care to the uninsured - and they are many, worldwide and in the British Virgin Islands too.

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

In the Estate of CHEUNG, EVELYN YIN TAN also known as CHEUNG EVELYN YIN TAN also known as AMIDIEU DU CLOS CHEUNG EVELYN YIN TAN late of Flat 11B, Hollywood Heights, 6 Old Peak Road, Hong Kong, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by CHEUNG LIK CHING, DAVID also known as CHEUNG LIK CHING DAVID of Flat B, 21st Floor, Hollywood Heights, 6 Old Peak Road, Hong Kong, for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above named deceased who died on the 12th day of February 2016 wherein-the applicant is the named sole executor.


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

Dated this 24th day of March 2021.

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

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

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

BVILR/PRE/05/2021

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

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Jost Van Dyke	1440B	27

The Registrar of Lands hereby gives NOTICE that Maximea & Co. Law Chambers, Road Town, Tortola, Virgin Islands, Legal Practitioners, on the behalf of WAYSON VANSON HATCHETT, of Great Harbour, Jost Van Dyke, British Virgin Islands have applied to be registered as proprietors by Prescription for Parcel 27 Block 1440B, Jost Van Dyke Registration Section; and have filed affidavits in support of his application.

**Parcel 27 is registered to:**

- Agatha Hatchett 1/5<sup>th</sup> Share
- Adina Nee Hatchett 1/5<sup>th</sup> Share
- Miriam Nee Hatchett 1/5<sup>th</sup> Share
- Norma Naomi Hendricks Bair, Vivian Idalia DeWindt and Jonathan Van Dyke Hendricks Jr. 1/5<sup>th</sup> Share
- Josefa Ivanna Patrick, Palmira Dolorita Hatchett and Hoson B. Hatchett, as Personal Representatives of Ivan Hatchett 1/5<sup>th</sup> Share

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 WAYSON VANSON HATCHETT being registered as proprietor of the aforementioned parcel should submit proper document to the Registrar of Lands no later than 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021.

Dated this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March 2021.

Natalie Stevens-George  
 Administrative Officer  
 for Chief Registrar of Lands

To: Agatha Hatchett  
 Adina Nee Hatchett  
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## BVIPA Announces International Ferry Schedule

The British Virgin Islands Ports Authority (BVIPA) would like to inform the public of the new international ferry passenger schedule at Road Town Jetty and that the seaport option will go live on bvgateway.bviaa.com on 8 April 2021.

There will be only one daily round trip ferry service for this initial period. Ferry passengers arriving and departing the British Virgin Islands must reserve a ticket with the scheduled ferry operator through their booking portal. The new international ferry passenger schedule is as follows:

All ferries will depart Road Town, Tortola for Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas at 10:00 a.m.  
 All ferries will depart Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas for Road Town, Tortola at 4:00 p.m.

Monday	Smith's Ferry	<a href="http://www.smithsferry.com">www.smithsferry.com</a>
Tuesday	Road Town Fast Ferry	<a href="http://www.roadtownfastferry.com">www.roadtownfastferry.com</a>
Wednesday	Native Son Ferry	<a href="http://www.nativesonferry.com">www.nativesonferry.com</a>
Thursday	Smith's Ferry	<a href="http://www.smithsferry.com">www.smithsferry.com</a>
Friday	Native Son Ferry	<a href="http://www.nativesonferry.com">www.nativesonferry.com</a>
Saturday	Road Town Fast Ferry	<a href="http://www.roadtownfastferry.com">www.roadtownfastferry.com</a>
Sunday	(Ferry operators will alternate)	



# PUBLIC NOTICES

"NEW"

**FORM "A"**

To: The Licensing Magistrate  
**And**

The Officer in Charge of Police  
**I, DOMINGO RICHARDS** dba  
**RICHARD'S CORNER RESTAURANT**  
& BAR now residing at **FLEMMING**  
**STREET, ROAD TOWN, TORTOLA,**  
in the Territory of the Virgin Islands do  
hereby give notice that it is my intention  
to apply to the Licensing Magistrate at the  
Special Sitting of the Magistrate's Court to  
be held at Road Town, Tortola, on the 1st  
day June, 2021 for **RESTAURANT AND**  
**BAR** Licence to sell intoxicating liquor  
at my premises situated at **FLEMMING**  
**STREET, ROAD TOWN, TORTOLA,**  
in the territory of the Virgin Islands  
and registered Parcel Number 155 of  
Block 2837E of the **ROAD TOWN**  
Registration Section in the Land  
Registry of the Virgin Island  
Dated 22nd day of March, 2021.

Signed *Domingo Richards*

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**EXCEL SUCCESS LIMITED**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company Number 443258

**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  
31st day of March, 2021.

Dated this 1st day of April, 2021

*Sgd. Kwok Wai Ming*

*Kwok Wai Ming*

Voluntary Liquidator

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**SAFETY FIRST**

**BE CAREFUL**

**BE AWARE**

**BE SAFE**

## Businesses On Sister Islands To Receive Quarterly Visits

Businesses on the Sister Islands can expect to receive more visits from officials of the Department of Labour and Workforce Development's Labour Protection and Labour Relations Units.

The visits are part of an initiative by the Minister for Natural Resources, Labour and Immigration, Honourable Vincent O. Wheatley, where officers from the department are now mandated to visit the Sister Islands of Jost Van Dyke and Anegada at least once per quarter.

Earlier this month, officials visited the two sister islands and conducted inspections, addressed disputes that

were lodged and recorded complaints voiced by the residents.

Honourable Wheatley said, "Over the years our Sister Islands have been neglected in these areas due to limited financial resources. The time taken to visit Jost Van Dyke and Anegada further exposed the desperate need for regular visits."

Deputy Labour Commissioner, Mrs. Michelle McLean said that the initiative was indeed a step in the right direction and every effort will be made to ensure that there are further visits.

Mrs. McLean said, "Businesses on these islands continue to feel the full

impact of the pandemic as they are mostly dependent on tourism and with minimal tourist interactions, business owners continue to struggle. Most of the concerns voiced by the employers were relative to their staff and the end of the layoff period."

The Department of Labour and Workforce Development's mission is to promote good labour/management practices at workplaces to ensure stable and harmonious labour relations between employers and employees, to improve the utilisation of human resources by providing a range of employment service to meet



*Hon. Vincent O. Wheatley*

wages, working conditions, safety, health and welfare of workers, both in the private and public sectors, through enforcement of the British Virgin Islands Labour Laws.

## RDA LAUNCHES GRIEVANCE REDRESS SYSTEM (GRS)

31 March, 2021 – The Recovery and Development Agency today, 31 March, launched its Grievance Redress System (GRS) to ensure projects are completed in an efficient and effective manner with community and stakeholder feedback playing a prominent role. Members of the public such as individuals, groups, organisations and communities can now lodge a grievance or a complaint regarding work of the RDA involving its staff, externally hired consultants and contractors. Director of Programme Strategy at the RDA Mr. Neil Smith said, "Today, the RDA officially launches the GRS system. The RDA firmly believes this level of engagement with the public is essential and lessons learnt will be incorporated in future projects and thus improve

the overall planning and management of projects".

The GRS will ensure public projects are completed in an efficient and effective manner with community and stakeholder feedback playing a prominent role. This approach enables opinions, grievances and complaints to be raised and addressed throughout the project life cycle.

The internal but independent review and decision-making process is the hallmark of the system. Complainants can be assured that any grievance made will be thoroughly reviewed and additional information will be sought from various relevant sources including additional discourse with the complainant. The decision will be based on possibly rectifying any differences or discrepancies between what happened and what should have happened taking into consideration any cost, quality and time

implications for the project and the interests of other stakeholders.

Central to the launch is the GRS E-Handbook, which is easy to follow and provides guidance on how the GRS system works including how to lodge a complaint or grievance, an explanation of the decision making process and possible outcomes, identification of the persons involved in the process and their roles, timelines and the appeals process.

The RDA is dedicated to a timely review and decision-making process and complainants will be provided with a unique complaint number, to be used when following up with the RDA, and a decision within 30 days from receipt of the grievance. The GRS also includes an appeals process. Persons who are not in agreement or satisfied with a decision can

submit a case for appeal within 15 days of receiving the initial decision.

The GRS is a requirement under the RDA Act 2018 where Section 5(1)(s) states, "The functions of the Agency shall be to establish public grievance redress systems through online and offline options."

Further information on the GRS system, including the e-Handbook and the complaint form is available on the RDA's website at <https://bvirecovery.vg/grs/>. For additional information contact the RDA's Community Liaison Officer at email [patlian.johnson@bvirecovery.vg](mailto:patlian.johnson@bvirecovery.vg) or mobile: 345-3383.

The Recovery and Development Agency (RDA) is committed to transparency and accountability and a participatory approach to project delivery.

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# REPUBLIC BANK (BVI) LIMITED

(FORMERLY SCOTIABANK (BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS) LIMITED)

Summary Consolidated Financial Statements, September 30, 2020



## REPUBLIC BANK (BVI) LIMITED

Summary Consolidated Statement of Financial Position  
As at September 30, 2020

Expressed in thousands of United States dollars (\$'000)

	September 30, 2020	October 31, 2019
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	19,423	4,896
Statutory Deposit with Financial Services Commission	500	500
Due from affiliated banks	60,000	260,804
Due from other banks	102,934	10,913
Loans and advances to customers	280,801	288,961
Property and equipment	3,550	2,461
Right-of-use assets	1,642	-
Other assets	1,984	123
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>470,834</b>	<b>568,738</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>		
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Deposits from banks	583	43,796
Deposits from customers	392,520	443,047
Lease liabilities	1,855	-
Other liabilities	3,295	2,613
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>398,253</b>	<b>489,456</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Share capital	16,000	16,000
Retained earnings	56,281	63,282
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>72,281</b>	<b>79,282</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>470,834</b>	<b>568,738</b>

These summary consolidated financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on March 30, 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

Richard Ramsey, Chairman

Melissa Zankle, Corporate Secretary

## REPUBLIC BANK (BVI) LIMITED

Summary Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income  
For the period ended September 30, 2020

Expressed in thousands of United States dollars (\$'000) except where otherwise stated

	Eleven Months Ended September 30, 2020	Year Ended October 31, 2019
Interest income calculated using the effective interest method	18,029	25,607
Interest expense	(1,668)	(3,488)
<b>Net interest income</b>	<b>16,361</b>	<b>22,119</b>
Other income	5,634	7,499
<b>Net interest and other income</b>	<b>21,995</b>	<b>29,618</b>
Credit loss expense on financial assets	(5,319)	(3,576)
<b>Non-interest expenses</b>	<b>(3,006)</b>	<b>(3,189)</b>
Personnel expenses	(503)	(94)
Depreciation	(5,582)	(8,138)
Other expenses	(9,091)	(11,421)
<b>Total non-interest expenses</b>	<b>(9,091)</b>	<b>(11,421)</b>
<b>Profit for the period/ year, being total comprehensive income</b>	<b>7,585</b>	<b>14,621</b>
<b>Earnings per share (expressed in \$ per share)</b>		
Basic and diluted	\$0.47	\$0.91

## REPUBLIC BANK (BVI) LIMITED

Summary Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity  
For the period ended September 30, 2020

Expressed in thousands of United States dollars (\$'000)

	Share capital	Retained earnings	Total equity
Balance at November 1, 2018	16,000	79,340	95,340
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	14,621	14,621
Cumulative effect of adopting IFRS 9	-	(5,645)	(5,645)
Dividends paid	-	(25,000)	(25,000)
Employee Benefit Adjustment	-	(34)	(34)
<b>Balance at October 31, 2019</b>	<b>16,000</b>	<b>63,282</b>	<b>79,282</b>
Share capital			
Retained earnings			
Total equity			
Balance at November 1, 2019	16,000	63,282	79,282
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	7,585	7,585
Dividends paid	-	(14,000)	(14,000)
Employee Benefit Adjustment	-	(586)	(586)
<b>Balance at September 30, 2020</b>	<b>16,000</b>	<b>56,281</b>	<b>72,281</b>

## REPUBLIC BANK (BVI) LIMITED

Summary Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows  
For the period ended September 30, 2020

Expressed in thousands of United States dollars (\$'000)

	Eleven Months Ended September 30, 2020	Year Ended October 31, 2019
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>	<b>7,585</b>	<b>14,621</b>
Total comprehensive income for the period/ year	7,585	14,621
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation	503	94
Credit loss expense on financial assets	5,319	3,576
Loss on disposal of property and equipment	-	559
Exchange and other adjustments on Right-of-Use Asset	(199)	-
<b>Changes in operating assets and liabilities:</b>		
Employee Benefit	(586)	(34)
Decrease in loans and advances to customers	2,841	8,713
Decrease in deposits from customers	(50,527)	(27,978)
(Increase)/decrease in other assets	(1,863)	874
Increase in other liabilities	1,182	270
(Increase)/Decrease in due from/to banks	(4,718)	19,777
<b>Cash (used in)/ provided by operating activities</b>	<b>(40,461)</b>	<b>20,472</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>	<b>(1,296)</b>	<b>(2,156)</b>
Cash flows from investing activities	(1,296)	(2,156)
Additions to property and equipment	(1,296)	(2,156)
<b>Cash used in investing activities</b>	<b>(1,296)</b>	<b>(2,156)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>	<b>(14,115)</b>	<b>(25,000)</b>
Repayment of principal portions of lease liabilities	(115)	-
Dividends paid to shareholders	(14,000)	(25,000)
<b>Cash used in financing activities</b>	<b>(14,115)</b>	<b>(25,000)</b>
<b>Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>(55,872)</b>	<b>(6,684)</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period/ year</b>	<b>178,229</b>	<b>184,913</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of period/ year</b>	<b>122,357</b>	<b>178,229</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of period/ year are represented by:</b>		
Cash on hand	19,423	4,896
Due from affiliated banks	-	162,420
Due from other banks	102,934	10,913
	122,357	178,229
<b>Supplemental information:</b>		
Interest received during the period/ year	12,744	21,341
Interest paid during the period/ year	2,043	3,916



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### Independent Auditors' Report on the Summary Consolidated Financial Statements

#### Opinion

The summary consolidated financial statements, which comprise the summary consolidated statement of financial position as at September 30, 2020, the summary consolidated statement of comprehensive income, changes in shareholders' equity and cash flows for the period then ended, are derived from the audited consolidated financial statements of Republic Bank (BVI) Limited and its subsidiary (the "Group") for the period ended September 30, 2020.

In our opinion, the accompanying summary consolidated financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited consolidated financial statements, in accordance with section 17C(3) of the Banks and Trust Companies Act, 1990 (as amended).

#### Summary Consolidated Financial Statements

The summary consolidated financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as is applied in the preparation of the audited consolidated financial statements of the Group. Reading the summary consolidated financial statements and our report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited consolidated financial statements and our report thereon.

#### The Audited Consolidated Financial Statements and Our Report Thereon

We expressed an unqualified audit opinion on the audited consolidated financial statements in our report dated March 20, 2021.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Summary Consolidated Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of the summary consolidated financial statements in accordance with section 17C(3) of the Banks and Trust Companies Act, 1990 (as amended).

#### Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary consolidated financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited consolidated financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with International Standard on Auditing (ISA) 810 (Revised), "Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements."

KPMG (BVI) LIMITED

March 20, 2021

KPMG (BVI) Limited, a British Virgin Islands company limited by shares and a member firm of the KPMG global organization of independent member firms affiliated with KPMG International Limited, a private English company limited by guarantee.

THIS INFORMATION IS AN EXTRACT OF THE STATEMENT PAGES FROM THE FULL CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS WITHIN THE MEANING OF SECTION 17C(3) OF THE BANK AND TRUST COMPANIES ACT 1990 (AS AMENDED). THE FULL CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS MAY BE INSPECTED ON REQUEST AT THE REPUBLIC BANK (BVI) LIMITED OFFICE IN ROAD TOWN, TORTOLA, BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS.

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# Italy Expels Two Russian Diplomats Accused of Espionage



*Captain Walter Biot*

ROME - VOA - Italy says it expelled two Russian diplomats and arrested an Italian navy captain Tuesday for their alleged involvement in espionage.

The diplomats were expelled Wednesday, according to news reports.

Italian police say the captain and a Russian Embassy official were arrested in a parking lot in Rome and were accused of "serious crimes tied to spying and state security."

Reuters reported that an Italian police official told them the captain was named Walter Biot and that he was accused of passing information in exchange for \$5,900.

Italian news agency Ansa reported that some of the documents seized were NATO documents.

Italian police said the arrests were the result of a lengthy investigation by national security and military officials.

After the arrests, Italy summoned the Russian ambassador, and two Russian officials allegedly involved in the incident were expelled.

Italian Foreign Minister Luigi Di Maio characterized the incident as "extremely grave," Reuters reported.

"During the convocation of the Russian ambassador

to Italy at the Foreign Ministry, we let him know about the strong protest of the Italian government and notified the immediate expulsion of the two Russian officials involved in this extremely grave affair," the minister's Facebook post said, according to CNN.

Biot, 54, was reportedly working at the defense ministry in a department charged with developing national security policy and maintaining relations with Italy's allies, Reuters reported.

According to Reuters, Russian news agencies said the two expelled officials worked in the embassy's military attaché office. They did not say if the person arrested in the parking lot was

one of those expelled.

Russian news agency Interfax reported that a Russian politician said it would reciprocate for the expulsions.

But a Kremlin spokesman downplayed the incident.

"At the moment, we do not have information about the reasons and circumstances of this detention," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said, according to CNN. "But in any case, we hope that the very positive and constructive character of Russian-Italian relations will be preserved."

Both Bulgaria and the Netherlands have expelled Russian officials over spying allegations in recent months.

## NATO dossiers

The ANSA news agency, quoting investigative sources, named the navy officer as Walter Biot, and said he worked in the military policy unit within the office of the Chief of the Defense Staff.

That unit handled "all confidential and classified documents," including NATO dossiers, the Corriere della Sera newspaper said.

It also reported that Biot received 5,000 euros (\$5,860) in cash from his Russian contact.

A NATO official referred queries to Italian authorities, saying: "We don't comment on intelligence issues."

The navy captain took pictures of secret documents on his computer screen and passed the files onto a pen drive which police confiscated, according to the AGI news agency.

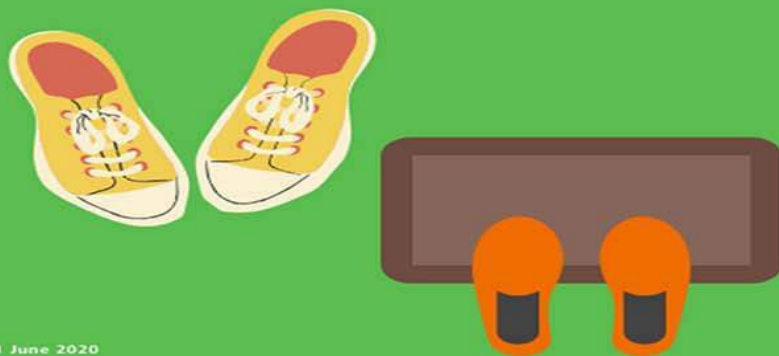
In London, Britain's Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab expressed "solidarity" with Italy and condemned "Russia's malign and destabilising activity that is designed to undermine our NATO ally."

## Embassy 'regret'

Police said the suspected spy was discovered after long investigations led by Italy's domestic intelligence agency AISI, with support from the Chief of the Defense Staff.

Moscow is currently embroiled in a series of rows with the West, most recently over the jailing of Kremlin critic Alexei Navalny, a move that triggered EU sanctions against senior Russian officials. But Italy is one of the countries within the European Union and NATO with the warmest relations with Russia. Former prime minister Silvio Berlusconi is a friend of Russian President Vladimir Putin. [The Moscow Times]

## Can shoes spread the COVID-19 virus?



The likelihood of COVID-19 being spread on shoes and infecting individuals is very low.

As a precautionary measure, particularly in homes where infants and small children crawl or play on floors, consider leaving your shoes at the entrance of your home. This will help prevent contact with dirt or any waste that could be carried on the soles of shoes.

11 June 2020

#Coronavirus

#COVID19



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# EU Backs Off Sparking Vaccine War



European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and former European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker - CDE News photo-

By Jamie Dettmer - VOA -

BRUSSELS - The European Union's heads of state and government decided at a virtual summit Thursday to withhold explicit approval for a ban on vaccine exports proposed by the bloc's president, Ursula von der Leyen, opting instead to preserve "global supply chains" and avoid sparking a vaccine war.

Von der Leyen highlighted to summiteers the large vaccine shipments sent across the English Channel, amounting to a large proportion of the coronavirus shots administered in Britain. She noted EU plants had exported 77 million doses internationally since December 1, in addition to delivering 88 million doses within the EU's 27 countries.

She urged the EU's national leaders to support regulations the European Commission introduced midweek allowing for a vaccine export ban amid a severe shortfall of doses in the EU.

She was backed by French President Emmanuel Macron in the video meeting, who said, "We must block all exports for as long as some drug companies don't respect their commitments with Europeans."

Leaders of Spain and Italy also demanded vaccine export curbs, arguing for a halt to shipments to countries with more successful inoculation programs or lower rates of coronavirus infections.

But the Netherlands, Ireland, Belgium and Sweden expressed strong opposition to an export ban, which has been the subject of negotiations between Brussels and Britain, and they managed to get wording introduced into the post-summit statement to emphasize "the importance of global supply chains."

The statement also urged companies such as the British-Swedish firm AstraZeneca, which has failed to deliver timely supplies to the EU and has been the focus of European frustration, to "ensure predictability of their vaccine production and respect contractual delivery deadlines."

The EU and Britain have been tussling for weeks over shortfalls in deliveries to the bloc from AstraZeneca. The dispute also has drawn in Australia. A shipment of 250,000 doses of AstraZeneca's vaccine destined for Australia was blocked earlier this month by the EU.

Later Friday, though, the EU's internal market commissioner Thierry Breton appeared to undercut what the heads of government and state agreed upon just hours before. He warned vaccines manufactured in the EU by AstraZeneca would have to remain in Europe until the company meets its commitments.

## Frustration across Europe

The mood in European capitals is turning sour over a vaccine rollout that has created controversy and has been plagued by missteps. Locals complain they can't see the light at the end of the pandemic tunnel. Coronavirus infections are rising rapidly across the continent, in contrast to Britain and America, where much quicker and better resourced rollouts are seeing a significant drop in the rate of confirmed cases and deaths.

Much of the frustration among member states is being directed at von der Leyen, who was the driving force behind persuading member states to sign on to a vaccine procurement and distribution program managed by the authorities in Brussels.

She and EC commissioners argued a bloc-wide approach would alleviate the risk of vaccine rivalry between member states as they scrambled to place procurement orders and would advertise the strengths of the EU, which in turn would help garner public support for greater political integration. But it hasn't turned out that way. The threat of an export ban still remains, though, EU officials said. EU leaders turned up the heat Friday on AstraZeneca, insisting the company must "catch up" on vaccine deliveries and honor its commitments to the EU. The bloc's officials say the company exported 21 million doses manufactured in the EU, largely in Belgium, to Britain. They say

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

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

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

FACT:  
Vitamin and  
mineral supplements  
cannot cure COVID-19



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the EU is not getting its fair share of doses.

But British officials counter they did a better job in negotiating and arranging supply chains than their counterparts in Brussels and signed initial contracts three months before the slow-moving EC inked deals. Britain has administered 46 shots for every 100 people, compared to the EU's 14 per 100. Ahead of Thursday's summit, Britain sought to reduce tensions by offering in talks to share doses soon to be produced at an AstraZeneca vaccine plant in the Netherlands, run by a subcontractor.

But the failure by the EU national leaders to back von der Leyen and her commissioners is being seen in Brussels as a serious blow to the leadership of the former German defense minister, a close ally of the French president, amid mounting signs some member states are starting to lose faith in her judgment.

### Rare intervention

Hours before the summit got under way, her predecessor as the EC president, Jean-Claude Juncker, warned that von der Leyen's plan could trigger a "stupid" vaccine war. In a highly unusual intervention, Juncker said the bloc would risk "major reputational damage" if it sought to block shipments of vaccine made by companies in the EU.

"This cannot be dealt with in a war atmosphere. I don't like that. This has to

be dealt with in an intense dialogue between the European Commission and the British government. We are not in war, and we are not enemies. We are allies," he said in a BBC interview. His intervention added to rising fears among some of the member states that an export ban would backfire, leading to retaliation by countries impacted by the curbs, and tarnish the reputation of the bloc, raising questions about its commitment to rules-based order.

Mark Rutte, the Dutch prime minister, noted during the summit that Pfizer's vaccine production in Belgium was dependent on ingredients sent by British factories. Ireland's leader pointed out that Pfizer received more than 200 ingredients from 19 countries to be able to manufacture its vaccine in European plants.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel shifted her position and also belatedly withheld backing for an export ban, saying the EU needs to "act in a politically reasonable fashion."

Earlier in the summit, Merkel and her Austrian counterpart, Sebastian Kurz, squabbled over the EU's distribution of vaccine between member states. Five central European and Baltic countries, led by Kurz, are complaining of unequal treatment and they raised strong objections over the apportionment of vaccines during an ill-tempered exchange.

Kurz insisted that his

country should receive extra doses. Merkel shot back that Austria had previously agreed to a formula that gave each member state an equal chance to purchase a share of vaccines but failed to order enough. The summit agreed to shift apportionment of vaccine away from a steering committee to the ambassadors of member states in Brussels, a recipe, some analysts say, for further political dispute.

### Anxious public

But the overall problem of vaccine procurement remains — EU leaders have acknowledged they were slow in ordering and failed to order enough doses from a broader range of vaccine developers. "We are in a race against time between the third wave and the vaccine rollout across Europe," French President Macron told reporters. "And this battle for vaccines is the battle we must win in coming weeks and months." Public pressure is mounting on European governments to speed up the vaccine rollout. A pan-Europe poll released Thursday showed that just 36 percent of Europeans believe the EU has played an effective role in battling the pandemic.

The poll, conducted for the International Republican Institute, a U.S. NGO, in partnership with European parliamentary groups, found high levels of alarm over the spread of the virus, with 93 percent of respondents in Spain saying they are very anxious over the continued spread.

# Credit card debt elimination

So you have decided to go for credit card debt elimination and are wondering on what the methods for credit card debt elimination are. As they say, let's take the bull by its horns and lay it all flat on the ground. There are generally 2 recommendations that are most common for credit card debt elimination: controlling the expenditures and consolidating debt. Let's check both of these credit card debt elimination recommendations and check the list of things that you can do for achieving credit card debt elimination using these recommendations:



1. Control your urge to spend: The first thing to do for credit card debt elimination is to control your expenditures. Here we are talking about the payments you make using your credit card. Remember that the main reason being your getting into credit card debt is uncontrolled

expenditures using your credit card. So if you are really serious about credit card debt elimination, this is one thing that will help in credit card debt elimination by preventing accumulation of further debt. Here is what you can do to control your expenditures:

a. You need to stay away from attractive offers that are put-up by various shops and stores. Don't buy anything that you don't really-really need. After all you are looking for credit card debt elimination not supplementation.

b. Leave your credit card at home. If you really-really need something, then you can fetch your credit card from your house. This will prevent you from yielding to the too-attractive-to-resist sale offers (that are actually there all the year round). This credit card debt elimination technique, again, works on the principal of 'prevention is better than cure'. This will prevent unplanned expenses from happening.

c. Prepare a monthly budget and stick to it. This is really a very important credit card debt elimination measure. This budget will form the basis of your credit card debt elimination plan. So if you deviate from your budget, your credit card debt elimination plan will go for a toss.

2. Debt consolidation: Debt consolidation or moving from high APR credit cards to a low APR one is generally the first step (the first reactive step) for credit card debt elimination. Here are a few things that you need to do:

a. Do not go for the first balance offer you come across. Analyse various offers and choose the one that best suits you. This will be an important thing on you credit card debt elimination plan. Initial APR, Initial APR period and standard Apr, all need to be considered.

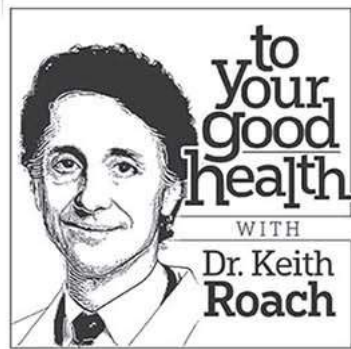
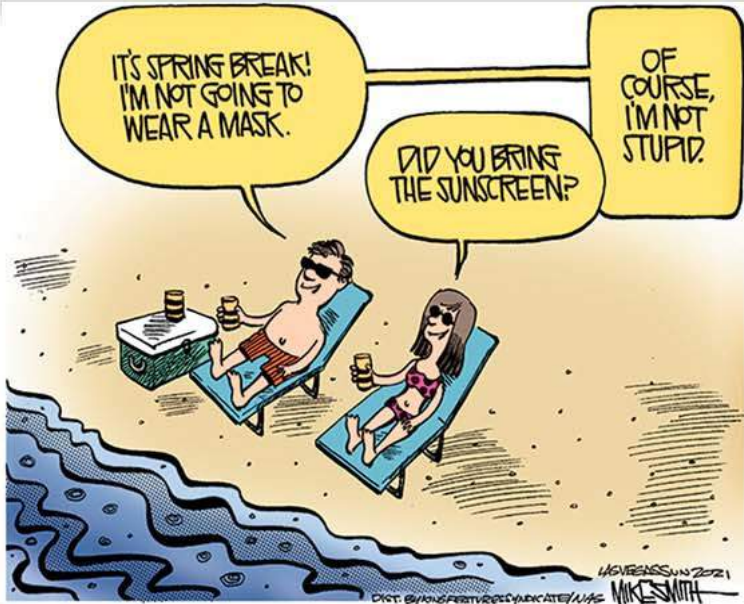
b. Read the fine print on the balance transfer offer and check the terms and conditions on these. These might affect your overall credit card debt elimination plan.

c. Compare other benefits e.g. rebates, reward points, etc, before you actually decide to go for one of the offers.

Credit card debt elimination is about proper planning and discipline. So make your credit card debt elimination plan and stick to it.

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Strategies to Reduce Risk of Colon Cancer

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am 70 years old. I seem to be getting more polyps (which are removed). In the past five years, I have gone from one diverticulum to extensive diverticulosis throughout my entire colon. I try to have a high-fiber diet and use psyllium in my oatmeal daily. What more can I do? Eliminate red meat entirely and go vegan? — J.D.

ANSWER: Polyps in the colon confer a higher risk of colon cancer, and the more polyps a person has, the more frequently they should be screened, preferably with colonoscopy. There are some lifestyle changes most people can make to reduce the risk of polyps and of colon cancer.

Regular exercise and eating plenty of fruits and vegetables are clearly shown to reduce colon cancer risk. Fiber has long been thought to be protective, but the results of trials have been contradictory.

Among the many other possible protections to colon cancer, aspirin probably has the most benefit, but aspirin has other risks as well. People at high risk for colon cancer should discuss the use of aspirin with their doctors.

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DEAR DR. ROACH: My husband and I are both 72 and of normal weight. I have fought high cholesterol and triglycerides for many years and have taken various statins for a long time. My triglycerides still trend high, but my other numbers are now normal.

My husband eats a ton of processed

meats, all the fat he wants and drinks three to five beers per day. His lipid panel results came back today, and his total cholesterol is 167, his LDL is 90, his HDL is 71, and his triglycerides are 29! He has never been on statin drugs. His only med is lisinopril for slightly high blood pressure.

What I am concerned about is a CT scan done as part of a study we participated in. My husband's results have mentioned calcification of heart arteries over the years, and the most recent says he has "SEVERE calcification of coronary arteries." I want him to go to a cardiologist, but his family doc says that this is not a problem and as long as he keeps his blood pressure low, he can live a long time with this. He is satisfied with that answer.

I'm really anxious to hear your thoughts about him needing to see a specialist. I hope you will be able to shed some light on the calcification and the reason why it happens with such good cholesterol readings. — D.B.

ANSWER: There are several important lessons in your story.

The most important is that a poor diet increases the risk for heart disease even in a person with normal or good cholesterol results. Of people with a heart attack, 21% had cholesterol levels that would not trigger treatment with a statin drug. I suspect, but can't be sure, that your husband has blockages in his coronary arteries; the severe calcification of the coronary arteries is an indicator that it is very likely.

I would add my recommendation to yours that your husband see a cardiologist. He has a LOT of work to do at improving his diet, he is drinking more alcohol than recommended and because of the coronary artery calcification, I suspect his new cardiologist would be strongly considering medication treatment to reduce heart disease risk.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual questions, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to [ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu](mailto:ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu).

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celebrity extra

by Dana Jackson

Q. I was watching the Netflix documentary "The Last Blockbuster;" and it brought back a lot of good memories. One of the actors interviewed was Eric Close. I hadn't seen him in anything in years. Wasn't he on a police drama? — E.M.

A. Eric Close has been a regular on several prime-time shows, but you're probably thinking of "Without a Trace," where he played an FBI agent. It was a CBS mystery drama that ran from 2002 to 2009 and starred Close alongside Anthony LaPaglia and Poppy Montgomery.

He next appeared as attorney Travis Tanner for four seasons on the USA Network series "Suits" and then starred opposite Connie Britton on ABC's "Nashville." Close most recently appeared in the Hallmark movie "A Christmas Love Story."

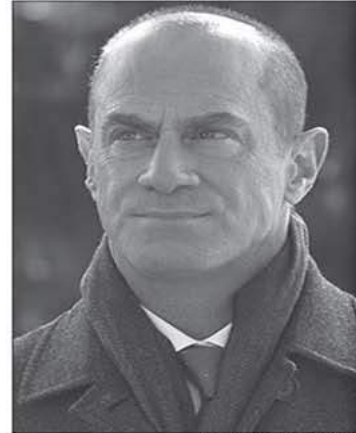
"The Last Blockbuster" is about, as the title suggests, the last remaining Blockbuster Video store. It's located in Bend, Oregon, and is run by general manager Sandi Harding, who is featured in the documentary. Other celebrities featured include comedic actors Paul Scheer ("The League"), who used to work at Blockbuster and has the pictures to prove it, and director Kevin Smith.

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Q. I was watching a classic episode of "The Office" recently where Jim and Pam go to Michael and Jan's condo for dinner. Who is the woman who played Dwight's former babysitter, whom he brought to the party? It was driving me crazy because I know I've seen her in tons of movies over the years. — D.E.

A. She's character actress Beth Grant. If the name doesn't ring a bell, you'd surely recognize her from such critically acclaimed movies as "Rain Man," where she memorably played the farm woman who answered the door to Tom Cruise, and later played the pageant official in "Little Miss Sunshine." She was a regular on the TV comedy "The Mindy Project," which starred Mindy Kaling, who played Kelly in "The Office."

If you want to scroll through the long list of her many, many credits, go to IMDb.com and search under Beth Grant.



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Christopher Meloni

She's quite an accomplished actress!

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Q. I'm so happy that Chris Meloni is returning to "Law & Order: SVU." When will those episodes air? — B.S.

A. It's been a decade since Meloni left the hit show after contract negotiations fell through. He recently told "People" magazine that he felt he would never return, but for reasons he says are personal, he's had a change of heart. Meloni will now head up a new "Law & Order" franchise, "Law & Order: Organized Crime." On April 1 on NBC, Meloni will return home to "SVU" for a special episode opposite his former co-star and friend Mariska Hargitay, followed by the premiere of "Organized Crime."

In the newest "L&O" spinoff, Meloni will reprise his role as Elliot Stabler, who returns to the NYPD to take on the city's most powerful organized crime syndicates. Tamara Taylor ("Bones") and Dylan McDermott ("American Horror Story") round out the cast.

Send me your questions at [NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com](mailto:NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com), or write me at KFWS, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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## Do You Have Good Friends?

Friends are a gift of God. If we have good friends, we should assume that God has showered us with His unlimited grace. What does a good friend mean? What are the differences between ordinary friends and good friends?

What is friendship? Let us begin our enquiry by asking about what is friendship? Can it be defined? What is the relationship of friendship? What qualities does this relationship have? When two persons share common interests, care for each other, enjoy being together and help each other, they are called as friends. Is this a correct definition? It broadly covers the areas of friendship.

For being a good friend, we should share more of these qualities. Is that right? Say, you share some interests with your friend, and there are few things that interest you, but are of no interest to your friend. Does this make your friendship ordinary? Sit back and count your good friends. Now count the interests that you share and those that you don't. Is there any mathematical formula? Can one be a good friend, even if one shares very few interests? Provided of course, that our qualities are in plenty?

What about caring for each other? Many a times, we find that friends are careless in their relationship, but when it comes to crunch situations, they

come forward with all their might and show tremendous care. Does this imply, that even if a friend is not much caring on a day-to-day basis, he/she can still be a good friend, if there is a strong affinity that brings them together?

Let us talk of enjoying each other's company. Does this mean that good friends avoid others? Are they always found together? What if they don't meet each other for a month? This relationship is indefinable. Isn't it? Because being a good friend of someone may mean that we care for each other deeply, but need not show it always. We are ready to help whenever the need arises. That even if we are not together all the time, we love being together. We defend each other whenever any external threat arises. The last test is the final test of good friendship. Friends may remain away for a long period and continue

with their life, but when the need arises, they are together. They share a bond that ties them together. They have shared so much with each other that the past always carries itself in the future.

Friendship means that we like each other. We have shared some great moments together. We value and respect each other. Unless there is a bond of hearts and emotions, no outward sign can make a friendship good.

# THE EX FACTOR

Organising a party can be a stressful affair, organising catering, venue, entertainments etc. coupled with the stress of formulating a strategy that will get all of your 'fashionably' late friends to the venue at roughly the same time is often more of a trial than we expect (I have cryptic little numbers marked in my address book next to certain names which allow me to keep tabs on roughly how late each friend is likely to be. Hence, if the party begins at 8 o'clock sharp, Rita gets told 7, Rick 7.30 and Pam, who is known for a certain excess enthusiasm, 8.15). Even with the best laid plans, you can still be reasonably sure that at any medium sized social event, a portion of your friends will show up late and drunk; another contingent will show up too early, proceed to empty the bar of house gin and be busy acting like foaming degenerates by the time your respectable aunt from Colchester arrives (on time) and still more will set out from their respective homes only to be distracted by shiny things, delayed by clueless minicab drivers, arrested, press-ganged into the navy or otherwise waylaid in fantastic and barely believable ways. Meanwhile

the caterers 'forget' to provide a vegetarian option, the venue's lighting develops an unexpected fault leaving the party to continue by the light of candles and/or neon strip lights and the band shows up minutes before the venue closes with a two stringed guitar and a dented sousaphone.

You can probably tell by now that I've organised some 'interesting' parties in the past but, kidding aside, the aforementioned stresses pale into insignificance when compared to the tortuous process of drawing up the guest list. Now, this doesn't seem like it ought to be the most stressful aspect of a social event or even in the top five, but start to factor in past and present relationships between your friends and a can of worms (or more likely a bucket) starts to creak open. Of course, the easiest solution is to simply ignore all concerns of social politics and trust that your friends are mature enough to deal with things amongst themselves; if you do this, you're either extremely lucky or a fool!

Picture this scenario: Jim and Jane, both good friends of yours, were seeing each other for two years; they

split up four months ago because Jim experienced some 'commitment issues' over moving in with Jane. Jim is now going out with Jenny, who happened to be looking for a flat when they got together about a month ago. Jenny moved in with Jim temporarily while she looked for a new place, and has been there ever since. Meanwhile Jane has started casually seeing John, another good friend who you've all known for years. Jane has 'issues' with Jim, and has quite publicly expressed her desire to scratch Jenny's eyes out with a rake. Jim resents the fact that his old friend John is dating his former lover and John is thoroughly bemused by the whole affair.

Now, I don't know about you but my head's spinning just looking at that last paragraph, and the last thing I feel like doing is worrying about whether to invite Jim and Jenny, Jane and John, Jenny and John or just invite all four in the vain hope that they'll somehow sort it in civil fashion amongst themselves (yeah, right!). And so, dear reader, I shall leave you to sort out this mess. E-mails to: crazyAdeleloona@broadbandfraud.com.

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