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PRESENCE OF ROYAL NAVY CRITICISED BY PREMIER

The invitation to have HMS Medway - a UK Naval vessel - patrol the waters of the Territory has resulted in a major political issue that resulted in Premier and Minister for Finance Hon. Andrew Fahie penning a letter to Baroness Sugg CBE, the United Kingdom's Minister for Overseas Territories and Sustainable Development at the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO), with further threats to report the matter to the United Nations.

The Premier's response was prompted by His Excellency Governor Augustus Jaspert decision to invite the vessel to patrol the Territory's waters following recent reports of correlation between illegal smuggling and a COVID 19 spike.

Nonetheless this move by the Governor was viewed by the Government as undermining of its authority considering Hon. Fahie's previous announcement that he was against the UK Navy intervening to help keep the borders protected. In fact, last month the Premier admitted that his government turned down the offer for UK border patrol. The Premier during a press conference stated that he was satisfied that the joint task force currently securing the borders was sufficient.

However, the Governor did not seem to agree and since border security falls under his portfolio Mr. Jaspert announced on 25 September that the UK Navy will be here to watch the borders at no charge to the BVI.

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Presence of Royal Navy Criticised by Premier

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The Governor, while announcing that the UK vessel HMS Medway will be here, spoke highly of the work that the currently in place Joint Task Force has been doing to man the borders. "A great deal of hard work has already gone into tackling this challenge. In March, we took decisive action to close the borders in response to COVID-19 and set up the Joint Task Force - made up of officers from the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force, the Immigration Department, and Her Majesty's Customs. Officers have worked 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, with limited resources and under intense pressure. Their work has been commendable and has resulted in a number of illegal entries detected and countless more deterred."

Her Majesty's Representative in this Territory said that his decision was pushed by the fact that over recent weeks the BVI recorded its highest number of COVID-19 cases yet. He said that although it is unknown how the recent spike of cases started, the risks and consequences of just one or two illegal entries to the Territory is well known. Therefore, the Governor said that as the BVI begins to relax internal restrictions, work needs to be done to ensure there is no hampering of the progress being made to prevent individuals from other islands and migrants slipping in illegally through the back door.

"As your Governor, it is my constitutional responsibility to protect the people of the BVI and ensure the security of these islands. That is why I made an offer of UK security sup-

port earlier in the year, alongside the medical, technical and other support being provided by the UK. I was disappointed that the offer of security support was not accepted at the time, as I felt it was a missed opportunity to enhance our local capability and protect our community from external risks. I have continually pressed this as a priority with colleagues. Now, in light of recent events and subsequent consequences, I feel I must do all in my power to protect the people of the British Virgin Islands and to support our dedicated law enforcement teams," he explained.

A BV Islander told The Island Sun that if the UK offer would have been accepted from day one we would not have had infiltrations of drug smugglers, people smugglers and other criminals - as a result we had to "endure" repeated lockdowns which were described as "calamitous for the private sector and BVI citizens."

Premier Peeved

In a letter sent to Baroness Sugg on 25 September by the Premier, which was allegedly leaked to the media and partially published revealed Hon. Fahie was peeved by the Governor's statement on the matter.

The Premier is quoted stating, "I am writing to express my dissatisfaction and outrage with the hijacking of the Territory's sea border protection by your Governor on the basis of a grossly inaccurate and exaggerated misrepresentation of the true state and extent of the capabilities of the BVI's resources and the threat that the Territory faces during COVID-19."

The BVI Leader accused the Governor of attempting to sow discord

between the people and government. Further the Premier said that the decision was one that was spoken to before and was turned down. Hon. Fahie wrote: "Governor Jaspert's intention to deliberately bulldoze the elected Government is pellucidly clear as he has issued a public statement at 6 pm local time today, 25 September 2020, informing the public that the UK Government would be providing various things which my Government and I have not asked for and which we advised him of our objection to in the format in which he is proceeding to act. He has further, and yet again, made statements aimed at injuring the relationship between the people of the Virgin Islands and their democratically elected Government, and conducted himself in a manner that jeopardises the relationship between the BVI Government and the UK Government."

The Premier then proceeded to accuse the UK government of imperialistic behavior. He stated, "Your Governor's imperialistic, rough-shod behaviour in this matter is offensive and insulting to my Government and I, as well as to the aspirations of the people of the Virgin Islands who are struggling to realize the centuries-old dream of their enslaved ancestors to one day be fully free of the grip of the British, as encapsulated in Article 73 of the United Nations Charter."

The BVI commentator said that "the Governor had the authority to do what he did, and the move was in the best interest of this Territory."

Strained Relationship and UN Complaint

Over the last few months there have been rumors that the Governor and

the Government were not seeing eye-to-eye. However, despite various tongue in cheek comments both entities have been sure to avoid the appearance of conflict. However, this downplaying seemed to have been through out the door as the Premier in his letter to the Baroness spoke of a tense National Security Council meeting where the Governor reportedly became 'adamant' and 'aggressive'.

Hon. Fahie said that the government's contention is that Governor Jaspert exaggerated the reason for the UK's intervention by making the situation appear more serious and dire that it was. "To describe the BVI situation as exasperated and our resources as stretched, as Governor Jaspert has done in his NSC paper, is an exaggeration and grossly misrepresents the state of affairs on the ground. To use this fabricated case to create justification for UK interventions is dishonest. To suggest that the UK Military and Government must swoop in and rescue the BVI people is highly insulting, considering that neither the BVI border protection nor our public health situations are out of control. The evidence is that these are being well managed by the Government of the Virgin Islands and our people," Hon. Fahie explained.

The Premier said that noting the mentioned exaggeration he requested that the Governor amend his report but the Governor refused. "When asked to amend his NSC paper to more accurately reflect the state of the Territory's affairs and needs, and to keep the UK involvement within the scope of what was requested, Governor Jaspert was adamant that

he would not. The meeting ended with the NSC not agreeing to the structure of Governor's paper following an extended session in which Governor Jaspert's demeanour became quite aggressive."

Further the Premier said that he was not informed of the Governor decision prior to the public announcement as was actually made aware by facebook notification, "Around 6pm this evening, I was advised via a facebook post of a public statement issued by the Governor in which he announced that the HMS Medway would be in the vicinity of the BVI for the month of October and that he is working to put in place a package for permanent border surveillance in spite of the wishes of the BVI people that they would like to do this on their own. The Governor, yet again, went on to state to the public that my Government has declined and resisted the UK's offer to assist in border protection, even though the records show that I have consistently stated that there is a role for the UK and that I have been asking Governor Jaspert for months to provide me with the details of the UK offer, which request he has consistently ignored."

Additionally, Hon. Fahie also threatened to report the matter to the United Nations.

Public opinion is divided but a segment of the population and business sector has expressed in various forms that "there is a lot the Royal Navy can do to clean our waters, it is needed at this point in time and... other times".

Minister Reviews CXC CSEC Results

Despite the school and education disruptions caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic the Territory's did well and scored high grades at this year's CXC CSEC sittings.

Sharing the results in the House of Assembly on 28 September Minister for Education Dr. the Hon. Natalio Wheatley said that he was pleased with the students performance. While lauding the results the Education Minister declared, "Given the fluid nature of the COVID-19 pandemic and its implications, our students persevered through many psychological, social and emotional challenges. This pandemic forced our students to deal with great uncertainty, adapt to new

learning conditions and adopt new studying practices."

The presence of COVID-19 was visible in the 2020 result statistics as the Minister noted that the BVI recorded ungraded and absenteeism as a result. He noted, "The Ministry of Education recognises this high number of absenteeism and ungraded results and aims to put further measures in place for students, parents and examination centres to reduce these occurrences and significantly improve in these areas for the next sitting."

However, this absenteeism and ungraded notation was not listed as a major block dot when compared

to 2019. In bringing this point across Hon. Wheatley pointed out, "The rate of absenteeism or ungraded results was similar to that of 2019. Of the 1,489 examinations registered for the July/August sitting, only 1,325 grades were awarded. This means that 164 exam entries were not sat or graded. The modification in the SBA moderation processes due to the COVID-19 pandemic affected the ungraded results."

It was noted that this year saw changes in the administration of the exams. For instance, there was a change in the format and scheduling of the CXC exams components. Students received grades reflecting

School Based Assessment scores and the Paper 1 (Multiple Choice) examination in the majority of subjects. The delayed scheduling of exams to July/August meant that students sat exams well beyond the usual end of the school year, deeper into our hurricane season and even as the students engaged in the annual emancipation holiday activities. Usually, the Territory would have had CXC exams administered for CPEA, CSEC and CAPE, but this year, due to COVID-19, the Ministry made a decision to cancel CPEA examinations.

For 2020 a total of 358 candidates registered for one or more subjects for the CSEC examinations, as com-

pared with 375 candidates in 2019. Of this total, 280 were students attending public secondary schools, 71 were from private secondary schools and seven were private independent candidates.

A total of 27 CSEC subjects were written by candidates, as compared with 28 CSEC subjects in 2019. The subjects with the highest number of entries were English A (232), Mathematics (226), Electronic Document Preparation and Management (175), Human and Social Biology (142) and Principles of Business (117).

Of the 358 students who wrote the examinations, 15 students passed a total of 8 subjects, 20 students passed a total of 7 subjects and 22 students passed a total of 6 subjects.

NHI Anomalies "Cannot Continue": Hon Fraser

It has been described as a Russian roulette situation for residents who need to go abroad for treatment using NHI; and Opposition Member and Third District Representative Hon. Julian Fraser has called on the government and Minister for Natural Resources and Labour Hon. Vincent Wheatley to fix the problem because a number of persons who need overseas treatment are denied by NHI.

Hon. Fraser while speaking in the House of Assembly on 29 September decried the fact that many of the private health insurance policies that existed prior to NHI coming on stream were cancelled because the National Health Insurance was made mandatory.

According to Hon. Fraser even the Government of the Virgin Islands got rid of its private health coverage to facilitate NHI offers and now Hon. Fraser stated that NHI has become a 'monster': "Anybody in this Territory who wants to pretend that we don't have issues with NHI is a hypocrite; either a hypocrite, Mr.

Speaker, or they are living in la la land. Before NHI we had private health care; as a government we had Atlantic Southern. One time we had Lloyds of London," the Opposition Member declared.

While noting that some persons were forced to give up good insurance for the mandated NHI Hon. Fraser questions the benefits of the trade. He told the House: "You can get care anywhere in the world with the private healthcare that you had, anywhere in the world. Government came up with a plan where it made it mandatory. NHI is mandatory so those companies that were offering this private healthcare, some were copays; some were free – it made no sense to have both because on the one hand one was mandatory and the other one it is voluntary..."

The seasoned Representative openly wondered if things got better with NHI coverage as opposed to private coverage: "Majority of companies got rid of their private insurance and so did government; government got

rid of theirs and moved to NHI. If you want to go overseas for treatment – it is almost a no no. what you have to go through... The majority of Virgin Islanders if they want to go overseas for treatment it is almost a no no. Many times you get rejected from the NHI itself and when you do get acceptance to go abroad you are going there on a wing and a prayer... This thing is a monster and it has problems – has to be addressed."

In noting that some areas of NHI were left undone, the Opposition Member recalled the early days of the NHI and suggestions that were expected to be used to solve problems. "When NHI was about to be born we had discussions, questions were asked. Some answers were given ...others were to be looked at and considered. You would have thought that you would have heard what the outcome was."

Unemployed Persons Burdened

Hon. Fraser, in further lamenting that there were areas within the NHI that were supposed to be

tweaked, noted that one such area was the accommodating of unemployed persons. Unfortunately the legislator said that this was never done and now persons who are without work are forced to pay their contributions and the employers contribution even though they have no income coming in.

"If you don't pay contribution to NHI you end up being delinquent; and if you are delinquent, Mr. Speaker, it means that you don't get any coverage and if you were to take ill during that period of delinquency you're on your own. These anomalies cannot continue because what they are doing they continue robbing the poor guy. You got a number of people out there that are delinquent, a number of them for a lot of money."

Meanwhile, Hon. Fraser emphasized that he was not against the NHI. In fact, he stated that he was one of the biggest supporters: "Don't get me wrong, I am a proponent of NHI,



Hon. Julian Fraser

I believe it is necessary because I remember what happened before NHI when a number of people didn't have any insurance at all, none whatsoever and the only recourse that they had was to resort to government for some assistance; so I am a proponent of NHI but it must work properly in order for me to support it. These are kinks that need to be straightened out."

"We have a Lot to Consider": Deputy Premier

Deputy Premier and Minister for Education Culture, Youth Affairs, Agriculture and Fisheries Hon. Natalio Wheatley has downplayed the requests made for the government to present its plan for the Territory's recovery from COVID 19 and its alleged decision not to meet with stakeholders in the tourism sector. As it relates to both claims Hon. Wheatley said that those criticizing have ulterior motives and that government has done both things.

The Deputy Premier's comment comes as at least two members of the Opposition criticized the government for moving forward with the naming of a reopening date without meeting with tourism stakeholders to apprise them of what would be required for their incoming tourists.

One of the persons complaining that the stakeholders

were not involved was Leader of the Opposition Hon. Marlon Penn who spoke in various occasions that he believed that the government should have consulted with the business community about the plans for the next tourism season.

The other person raising concern is Second District Hon. Melvin Mitch Turnbull who during the 29 September sitting of the House of Assembly told legislators that his District is dependent on tourism and stakeholders in his areas are clueless about the reopening plans because of limited information.

The Opposition Member said, "My question is, 'what is the plan?' What is the plan for the businesses as we prepare to reopen this border? The industry meeting needs to happen, so everybody can understand what goal they are

working towards to get themselves back into business because it would be a shame for us to reopen this territory looking the way it is."

However, Hon. Wheatley in later comments in that sitting of the House suggested that there are some insincere requests for a plan and stakeholder consultation. He told the House, "One of the things the political opportunists say is that the government doesn't have a plan: that's one of the things that is popular, and Mr. Speaker, I wish I would have said something earlier because when you don't respond to these things sometimes they become gospel."

Hon. Wheatley said that the comments that are being made about the Government not having a plan is a swipe at the senior civil servants who have presented plans to the Government: "Mr.

Speaker, in government one thing that you can always find is a plan, but sometimes we don't have the will to execute the plan but you go on the shelves in any of these ministries, you go find a bunch of plans, because, Mr. Speaker, we have technical persons. They are professionals, you think that they would come to Cabinet and advise Cabinet and they have not put a plan together? It is almost an insult to their intelligence. The persons who out there are saying we don't have a plan they might be thinking that they making the government look bad but it is actually like a condemnation on our senior civil servants who are the ones who put these plans together," Hon. Wheatley announced.

The Minister said that the comments are disingenuous and that the persons asking for the

plans are just looking for areas to criticize.

As it relates to the Opposition's concern that there was no consultation with the private sector in relations to the reopening, Hon. Wheatley said, "Mr. Speaker, we speak about consultation. I don't know (if) there is a government in history that has consulted more than this particular administration; and now that we have Zoom it is even worse. We have the videoconferencing. There was a time when this government was jumping from one Zoom call to another with different stakeholders. Don't say that we haven't consulted the various groups because we have. Now, it doesn't mean that we will take every little bit of advice because we have a lot to consider."

Statement by Deputy Premier and Minister for Education, Culture, Youth Affairs, Fisheries and Agriculture Hon. Natalio D. Wheatley

At The fourteenth Sitting of the Second Session of the Fourth House of Assembly, Monday, September 28, 2020

2020 CXC CSEC and Cape Results

Today, I am pleased to present to you a synopsis of the Territory's performance in the 2020 CXC Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC) examinations and CXC Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examinations (CAPE). Given the fluid nature of the COVID-19 pandemic and its implications, our students persevered through many psychological, social and emotional challenges. This pandemic forced our students to deal with great uncertainty, adapt to new learning conditions and adopt new studying practices.

This year saw the change in the format and scheduling of the CXC exams components. Students received grades based on School Based Assessment scores and the Paper 1 (Multiple Choice) examination in the majority of subjects. The delayed scheduling of exams to July/August meant that students sat exams well beyond the usual end of the school year, deeper into our hurricane season and even as we engaged in our emancipation holiday activities. Usually, the Territory would have had CXC exams administered for CPEA, CSEC and CAPE, but this year, due to COVID-19 again, we made a difficult, but necessary decision, to cancel CPEA examinations.

As your Minister for Education, I offer sincere congratulations to all our students who have been successful and commend those who have contributed to their success.

Exam Registration & Passes

This year, a total of 358 candidates registered for one or more subjects for the CSEC examinations, as compared with 375 candidates in 2019. Of this total, 280 were students attending public secondary schools, 71 were from private secondary schools and 7 were private independent candidates.

A total of 27 CSEC subjects were written by candidates, as compared with 28 CSEC subjects in 2019. The subjects with the highest number of entries were English A (232), Mathematics (226), Electronic Document Preparation and

Management (175), Human and Social Biology (142) and Principles of Business (117).

We were able to accommodate one transfer student from Guyana and one student from the Cayman Islands, who had to sit exams locally due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

All centres continued to employ the E-testing modality, which allowed for a more efficient administration of the exams, especially under COVID-19 conditions. Grades I, II and III were earned in 78% of the subjects entered. There were a total of 9 subjects with 100% passes; these are:

- Agricultural Science (Double Award);
- Agricultural Science (Single Award);
- Visual Arts;
- Physical Education and Sport; this shows an increase of 1.1% in 2019
- Food, Nutrition and Health;
- Family and Resource Management;
- Technical Drawing;
- Industrial Technology (Mechanical);
- Information Technology.

Subjects with passes from 90% to 99.99% are:

- Electronic Document Preparation and Management (98.8%) – 0.7% higher than 2019
- Integrated Science (94.7%)
- English A (91.4%)
- Overall, 15.6 % of all subject entries were Grade I passes, 30% were Grade II passes and 32.6% were Grade III passes.
- Mathematics and English A (English Language)

Two hundred and seventeen (217) students sat the Mathematics exam, with 113 or 52% receiving Grades I, II or III passes; this 52% has been identified as the regional average in CSEC Mathematics by the CXC Registrar General and Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Wayne Wesley, in his remarks at the launching ceremony of the 2020 results. Thirteen students or 6% of the students received Grade I passes in Mathematics, territory-wide.

One hundred and ninety-eight students sat the English A exam, with 181 or 91.4% receiving Grades I, II or III passes with 45 students or 23% of the students receiving Grade I passes in English A.

Top Performing Students

Of the 358 students who wrote the examinations, 15 students passed a total of 8 subjects, 20 students passed a total of 7 subjects and 22 students passed a total of 6 subjects.

I would like to recognize the following students for their achievements in this year's exams:

Bregado Flax Educational Centre

- Nicholous Kanhai – 8 subjects with 5 Grade I passes
- Keishon Gardener – 8 subjects with 2 Grade I passes
- Shonari Winter – 7 subjects with 7 Grade I passes
- Rennisha Rodgers – 8 subjects with 6 Grade I passes
- Kristin Abraham – 8 subjects with 5 Grade I passes
- Kaeli Alphonso – 8 subjects with 5 Grade I passes
- Michaela Potter – 8 subjects with 4 Grade I passes
- Celeste Waterman – 7 subjects with 4 Grade I passes
- Jinnella Davis – 8 subjects with 5 Grade I passes
- Roiley Christopher – 7 subjects with 2 Grade I passes

BVI Seventh-Day Adventist School

- Kayla Manning – 8 subjects with 4 Grade I passes
- Roequan Hemerding – 8 subjects with 3 Grade I passes
- Matthew Murray – 8 subjects with 3 Grade I passes
- La Tisha Brown – 7 subjects with 3 Grade I passes

St. George's Secondary School

- Iain Smith – 8 subjects with 7 Grade I passes
- Chad Willock – 8 subjects with 4 Grade I passes
- Olivia Freeman – 8 subjects with 3 Grade I passes
- Nyasha Yadram – 8 subjects with 2 Grade I passes



Dr. The Hon. Natalio D. Wheatley

- Kehaulani McMillan – 8 subjects with 1 Grade I pass

CSEC and CAPE Combination

A total of four dually enrolled students at ESHS and HLSCC passed a combination of CXC CSEC and CAPE subjects at a 100% pass rate. The CAPE subject passed was Biology Unit One.

Absenteeism and Ungraded Results

The rate of absenteeism or ungraded results was similar to that of 2019. Of the 1,489 examinations registered for the July/August sitting, only 1,325 grades were awarded. This means that 164 exam entries were not sat or graded. The modification in the SBA moderation processes due to the COVID-19 pandemic affected the ungraded results.

The Ministry of Education recognises this high number of absenteeism and ungraded results and aims to put further measures in place for students, parents and examination centres to reduce these occurrences and significantly improve in these areas for the next sitting.

In analysing the 2020 CXC results, in the context of our current COVID-19 pandemic, the Ministry of Education recognises the successes of, and challenges faced by our students and educators. At this time, I must recognise and appreciate the efforts of Ministry staff, principals, teachers and parents for their diligence in preparing our students and institutions for the CXC exams.

As I conclude this report, I would like to, once again, extend sincere congratulations to our students who were successful in the CXC CSEC and CAPE examinations. Be encouraged and continue demonstrating Virgin Islands resilience in fulfilling your aspirations, locally, regionally or internationally.



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Decrease In Active Covid-19 Cases As BVI Reports 66 Recoveries

Minister for Health and Social Development Honourable Carvin Malone has reported a significant drop in active cases of COVID-19 with 66 recoveries now confirmed.

Minister Malone further reported that as of September 28, of the 71 total positive

COVID-19 cases recorded, the active cases now stand at 4 and one death. The total number of persons tested for COVID-19 virus stands at 4,841.

Members of the public are urged to continue to report any suspicious activity by dialing 311 and to adhere to

all safety measures such as hand hygiene, cough etiquette, wearing face masks in public, physical distancing and minimising social gatherings.

Persons who are experiencing any symptoms related to COVID-19 are reminded not to visit any

healthcare facility but are encouraged to contact the Medical Hotline at 852-7650 for an assessment and an appointment for COVID-19 testing. Common symptoms include fever, cough, headache, fatigue, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, muscle aches, or difficulty

breathing.

The Government of the Virgin Islands remains committed to keeping the public informed of all significant developments related to COVID-19. For more information on the Territory's COVID-19 response please visit the website www.bvi.gov.vg/Covid-19.



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Input Sought On Recommended Changes To Public Holidays

The Virgin Islands Public Holidays Committee has completed its report with recommendations for the future of public holiday celebrations in the Territory and is now seeking feedback from the public.

Persons can view the report at <https://bvi.gov.vg/content/2020-public-holidays-review-committee-report-0> and submit any comments, suggestions or feedback via email to sherbert@gov.vg or by mail to Public Holidays Review Committee, Office of the Deputy Governor, Burhym Building, DeCastro Street, Wickhams Cay, Tortola.

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Health Ministry Offers Virtual Workshop On Pain Management

The Ministry of Health and Social Development will be hosting the final virtual workshop titled 'Unraveling Pain Management' on October 8 at 7:00 p.m.

The workshop will be facilitated by Mr. Francis Burnett, former head of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States Pharmaceutical Procurement Service. Attendees will be awarded Continuing Medical Credits.

Interested professionals are advised that this final workshop will require a manual and has a pre- and post-test. To register, persons are to email grwheatley-smith or call 468-9850

Chair Of Joint Taskforce Corrects Inaccurate Report

Chair of the Joint Taskforce, Acting Commissioner of Customs, Mr. Wade Smith clarified an inaccuracy reported by BVI Platinum News article titled, Twin-Engine Fast Boat In High Sea Pursuit With Joint Patrol Team Reportedly Released.

Mr. Smith said that the vessel was detained by Her Majesty's Customs and the matter is still under investigation. The vessel may be in breach of a number of legislations including Customs, Immigration and Curfew order.

The Joint Task Force is a collaboration between officers of Her Majesty's Customs, the Immigration Department, and the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force. The Task Force was established to increase surveillance and enforcement on sea and land during this COVID-19 era. This multi-agency approach to law enforcement has taken a zero-tolerance stance to crime on land and sea and seeks to foster safer communities for legal residents.

The officers involved have expressed their commitment to remaining focused on playing their respective roles in keeping the BVI safe during this pandemic and beyond.

The Government of the Virgin Islands continues to take measures to further strengthen the protection of the BVI sea borders as part of the COVID-19 24-hour mitigation strategy under the theme, 'BVILOVE: Partnering and Protecting Our Sea Borders In The New Regular'

VIRTUAL REGIONAL CONCERT OF HOPE AND LOCAL WALK FOR THE CURE TO RAISE CANCER AWARENESS

Bridgetown, Barbados, 28, September 2020 – Caribbean Queen of Soca Alison Hinds, Edwin 'The General' Yearwood, Adrian 'AC' Clarke and Hypa Dawg Lil Rick are the regional soca stars who will be a part of the lineup for the first ever Virtual Walk for the Cure and Concert of Hope which will take place this Sunday, October 4, 2020. A simplified version of the annual CIBC FirstCaribbean Walk for the Cure will take place in Tortola in collaboration with the BVI Cancer Society on Saturday, October 10, 2020.

For the first time in the nine-year history of the largest walk for a cause in the Caribbean, the gathering of thousands in pink to raise awareness of cancer across the region will take a new format this year as Covid-19 has forced regional bank CIBC FirstCaribbean, to take its flagship fundraiser online. The bank, through promoter 4D Entertainment, will be producing the regional event on Sunday, October 4th that will bring together some thirteen popular regional performers and two DJs for a full three hours of entertainment that will also include energetic workout sessions from a number of top fitness coaches.

Regional performers include Mr. Vegas from Jamaica, Mr. Killa from Grenada, Teddyson John from St. Lucia, Ricardo Drue hailing from Antigua, and from the Bahamas Julian Believe. Two performers bringing a different feel to the show will be King James from St.

Maarten and Reinir Lijfrock from the island of Curacao.

Viewers will also get to see two very popular regional soca stars namely past Road March winner Patrice Roberts out of Trinidad and 2019 St. Vincent Soca Monarch Skinny Fabulous. The virtual workout and concert commences at 4p.m. and can be viewed by logging on to Facebook.com/CIBCFIB; Instagram.com/cibcfirstcaribbean; YouTube.com/user/CIBCFirstCaribbean; Caribvision and Zoom.

Donations can still be made to assist with the cause through TicketLinkz.com.

In the BVI, the live walk/run taking place the following week will start from 5:30am from the car park at CIBC FirstCaribbean in Road Town and will be a 5-mile round trip to the well at Sea Cow's Bay. Approval was received from the Minister for Health for the outdoor event which will be a modified version of the regular annual cancer awareness and fundraising event which first took place in 2011.

Participants will be required to stick to their household groups and maintain a 6ft distance

between persons from different households (and to wear a mask if within 6ft). Walkers will set off as soon as they have registered and leave the event on completing the route to avoid clustering. Walkers should bring their own drink to minimize any risk of exposure and spread.

Unlike previous years, tee shirts will not be distributed and there will not be a registration fee although participants are invited to make a donation on the day. Funds will assist the BVI Cancer Society's ongoing work in the community.

Marketing and Communications Officer

BVI Football Association is looking for an experienced person to join the team as:

Marketing and Communications Officer.

The successful candidate will be responsible for the creation and development of strategic marketing communication initiatives to promote the game of football in the BVI. Address marketing strategy, advertising, and traditional public relations tactics in a manner designed to keep the BVIFA's message consistent. Creation and oversight of the BVIFA's website, social media (Instagram, Facebook). Candidate will work closely with various Clubs, MAs and Confederations- CONCACAF, FIFA and CFU, and other stakeholders.

Provide IT support where needed.

Skills required:

- Adobe Creative Suite including Photoshop for graphic and image optimization and creative development.
- Basic working skills in Hypertext Markup Language (HTML)
- Digital sign and software
- Graphic design and/or web video editing and posting.
- Customer relationship
- Microsoft Excel, Word and PowerPoint.
- Strong writing, proofreading and copy-editing skills
- Experience in using web, social media, online tools to advertise, market and promote our brand

Applicant must be flexible to work evenings, weekends and holidays and must be able to work in all locations – Tortola, Virgin Gorda, Anegada and Jost Van Dyke. Must possess a BVI Driver's License.

BVIlander or Belonger preferred. Applicant must send resume and cover letter to general.secretary@bvifootball.com

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Statement by His Excellency the Governor Augustus J.U. Jaspert On Strengthening Our Security

25 September, 2020



*His Excellency the Governor
Augustus J.U. Jaspert*

I would like to provide an update on plans for further UK support that will strengthen the integrity of our borders and improve the security of the people of the British Virgin Islands.

There has been a great deal of discussion on this topic in recent months – not only private discussions in the National Security Council, but also public debate in communities across BVI. We all recognise the challenge at hand, which is to protect and secure our wide sea borders from illegal entries, the smuggling of narcotics and money, and the ongoing threat of COVID-19. We have long

faced vulnerabilities of our waters being abused by a very small minority and the risks of COVID-19 have heightened these vulnerabilities.

A great deal of hard work has already gone into tackling this challenge. In March, we took decisive action to close the borders in response to COVID-19 and set up the Joint Task Force - made up of officers from the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force, the Immigration Department, and Her Majesty's Customs. Officers have worked 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, with limited resources and under intense pressure. Their work has been commendable and has resulted in a number of illegal entries detected and countless more deterred. On behalf of the people of BVI, I would like to say thank you to our law enforcement officers for their work. I am also grateful for the National Security Council's support to the Joint Task Force.

It is now almost six months since those border restrictions were introduced and it is important that we take stock. During this time, the National Security Council, my team

and I have stayed in close contact with the Joint Task Force to understand the evolving challenge and their needs. This has heightened over recent weeks, as BVI has recorded its highest number of COVID-19 cases yet. We cannot know for certain how the recent spike of cases started, but we are well aware of the risks and consequences of just one or two illegal entries to the Territory. Our health teams continue to do excellent work to tackle the virus and I am thankful to the entire community for playing their part by complying with the restrictions and curfews in place. As we start to relax internal restrictions, we need to ensure we are not hampering the progress we make by letting COVID-19 slip in illegally through the back door.

As your Governor, it is my constitutional responsibility to protect the people of BVI and ensure the security of these islands. That is why I made an offer of UK security support earlier in the year, alongside the medical, technical and other support being provided by the UK. I was disappointed that the offer of security support was not

accepted at the time, as I felt it was a missed opportunity to enhance our local capability and protect our community from external risks. I have continually pressed this as a priority with colleagues. Now, in light of recent events and subsequent consequences, I feel I must do all in my power to protect the people of the British Virgin Islands and to support our dedicated law enforcement teams.

To tackle the immediate threats to our border security, I am pleased to announce that HMS Medway will shortly return to our waters to offer additional support with surveillance and act as a deterrent. HMS Medway is a British Royal Navy patrol ship, designed for counter-piracy, anti-smuggling, fishery protection and border patrol. She will stay in our vicinity until the end of October and work alongside the RVI Police Force and other members of the Joint Task Force to support patrols and temporary radar arrangements in place. This support will be fully funded by the UK Government, and contributes to ongoing efforts by our regional and international partners to tackle smuggling in this region. The crew will not come on to land and will not meet Joint Task Force officers face-to-face in order to avoid any risks of transmitting the virus.

In addition to this, I am currently preparing a further offer of UK support designed to further build local skills and capability here in BVI. My Office and I have listened to voices not only in the Joint Task Force, but also to those in the community too. I know that people want BVI to be able to take care of its own affairs as much as possible. I understand and fully support this. Therefore, I am working to develop a package of support that will enhance our local

capabilities and put in place more permanent surveillance systems to improve security and curb illegal smuggling. I will withhold from disclosing the full details, out of respect for National Security Council members, until plans are discussed and agreed.

What I will say for now, is that we need to send a clear message to those involved in illegal activities and smuggling across our borders that it will not be tolerated. For every illegal landing on our shore, the risk of COVID-19 re-infecting our community returns. As long as our borders are porous, lives are in danger. I am not prepared to take that risk. Only those who benefit from illegal entries and illegal activities stand to gain from porous borders.

I also believe that the return of HMS Medway and offers of further security support from the UK sends a clear message of the UK's unwavering commitment to the people of BVI and to building capability of these islands for the future.

I hope that, by working in partnership, we can get things right this time around and secure our borders for the long term. As I have stated in many discussions, security is crucial to our COVID-19 response. If we can stop new cases from entering BVI illegally, we can control this virus and keep case numbers down. That means internal restrictions can continue to be eased and further lockdowns avoided, as I am fully aware of the huge impact this has on individuals and businesses. It is vital we learn from our mistakes and give the Joint Task Force the support and investment it needs. I look forward to further discussions with the National Security Council and will endeavour to keep the people of BVI informed on this important matter.



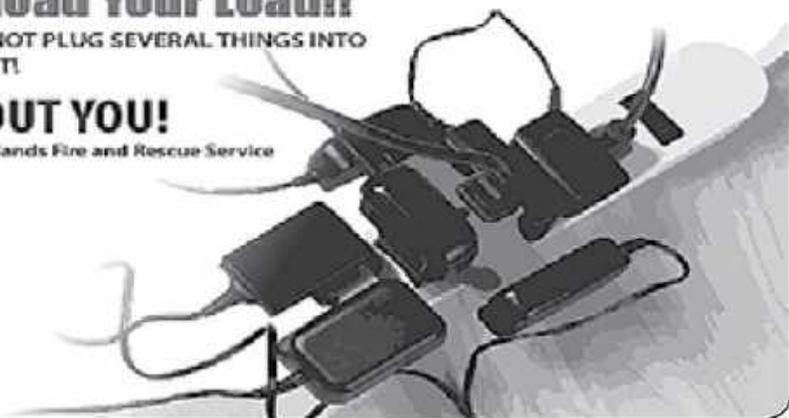
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A Message from the Virgin Islands Fire and Rescue Service



Government Signs Contract For Sporting Facility On Virgin Gorda

The Government of the Virgin Islands has signed a contract for \$100,000 with AGS

with support from the Recovery and Development Agency (RDA) the Government is

has committed additional resources to an additional phase two of works for this

funding to make the addition of the extra works under phase two possible."

this month the successful contractor for the Supply of Sporting Equipment for the arena.



Construction for work on Phase II of the Jeffrey Caines Sports Arena in Virgin Gorda.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Education, Culture, Youth Affairs, Fisheries and Agriculture, Dr. the Honourable Natalio D. Wheatley said that

making good progress on the reconstruction of the main building of the facility and the basketball court which was damaged during the hurricanes of 2017.

Honourable Wheatley said, "Your Government

facility. We would also like to thank Unite BVI for their kind donation of \$50,000 to supplement the Government's

The contract includes the following scope of works:

1. Construction of a perimeter chain link fencing.
2. Construction of concrete base for the placement of bleachers.
3. The supply and installation of car park lighting.
4. The renovation of the bathroom facilities to include a new roof, tiles, painting, external doors and frame, ceiling lights.

Additionally, No Limit Construction was earlier

The contractor will be responsible for supplying a multi-purpose score board, backboard and ring; team benches, a scorer's table, a complete outdoor volleyball system, aluminum bleachers, court lights, poles and recyclable garbage bins valued at \$54,000.

The Ministry of Education, Culture, Youth Affairs, Fisheries and Agriculture, is responsible for all sporting and recreation and is committed to providing high quality facilities in order to enrich the lives of all residents of these Virgin Islands.

Territory - Wide Free Shuttle Service Resumes

The Territory-wide free shuttle service has resumed and is now available on Tortola, Jost Van Dyke, Virgin Gorda and Anegada.

Minister for Transportation, Works and Utilities, Honourable Kye Rymer said the service was introduced to assist taxi operators who have been unable to work due to the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.



The initiative is also part of Phase Two of the Government of the Virgin Islands' Economic Response Plan. Persons can visit the government's website for routes at www.bvigov.vg

Health and safety measures in this 'new regular' will be maintained and patrons are reminded that, 'No Mask, No Service'.

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COMMENTARY

The Great Capitalist Hypocrisy

By Dickson Igwe



Dickson Igwe

September 25, 2020

Capitalism has always sat on the shoulder of the poor and underprivileged. That is nothing new.

Now do not be deceived by the idea of pure capitalism. It does not exist. It is the old cock and bull tale, that capitalism is solely market driven; that free capitalist societies survive without the help of big government, and public spending.

Globally, government support for the private sector is ubiquitous. There would be no private sector without government. The pandemic is a great example.

Without government intervention societies would have fallen apart in the light of COVID 19.

Tax holidays, subsidies to producers, grants to pioneer and infant industries, and a whole plethora of "pork" given to businesses and industries in wealthy developed societies are the reason why businesses appear to thrive and prosper. Without this government support, most business in the west would cease to exist.

In August 2020, American Airlines stated to Congress, Senate, and Executive that if the corporation was not granted \$25 billion it would have to furlough 33 000 employees. That cash was given in the form of stimulus money.

Make no mistake, without the trillions of dollars in cash offered to hundreds of thousands of businesses in the west over the period of the COVID 19 pandemic, the western economy would have collapsed.

Citizens of western developed countries received help from their governments to a great extent, with governments paying most of their salaries, and offering businesses grants and cheap loans to remain

solvent.

British Economist John Maynard Keynes stated that a clever way, in which government could offer help in an economic depression, was to pay a set of jobless workers to dig a hole, and then another set to refill that hole.

Keynes reasoned this was an excellent way to revive a sagging economy that was approaching the proverbial abyss.

Keynes's brilliant theory was this. As long as a worker in the market performs a task, and gets remuneration, and the conditions of a transaction are met, then that will generate activity and economic growth, as long as the worker gets paid. For example a Red Cross worker may volunteer and get no pay, and that will mean good is done, but it will not impact the economy in terms of stats and metrics that are everything. However, if that Red Cross worker gets paid, then that becomes an economic transaction, and the economy grows as the pay adds to GDP. Economics is a mystery.

Barack Obama's bail out of companies that employed large numbers of people that were too

big to fail was Keynes's idea, but exponentially greater. Between 2008 and 2009 Obama shelled out over \$700 billion to keep the western capitalist system standing in the storm of the Great Financial Collapse and Recession driven by bad debt, mortgages under water, and Sub Prime Mortgages.

These US Presidents saved the US economy from collapse, saved millions of jobs, and drove economic recovery.

Then the USA and the European Union provide billions in subsidy to their agricultural sectors. A 2018 report described how the US government granted \$20 billion as direct subsidy to over 2 million farms producing corn, soybean, wheat, cotton, and rice for the USA.

Simply put, these subsidies are offered to farmers to supplement their incomes. In effect, this manages the supply of agricultural products to ensure profitability to farm owners, and influence demand and supply for rich countries.

On the other side of the coin, this is blatant trade protection that drives down the true price of food and agricultural products in poor countries of the south, forcing

these countries to become net importers of food.

This is a key reason agriculture in the south is on crutches, and why developing countries are net importers of food. Cheap western farm products are subsidized by western governments who in turn dump their excess produce on poorer countries keeping those countries in food dependency on richer countries in the north.

The entire capitalist system of the west is dependent upon government spending and subsidy. If there was no CIA, MI5, Military, Police, spending on works and infrastructure, and national research and development, then Facebook, Google, Boeing, Air Bus, and Rolls Royce, could not exist.

So the next time some finance official from a rich northern country appears on the doorstep pontificating on our corrupt ways, and how irresponsibly we manage our scarce resources, give the middle finger, and put them back on the private jet back to where they came from.

Dickson Igwe is on Facebook and Twitter

Nearly 10, 000 Persons Receiving Treatment For Hypertension

Senior Medical Officer Dr. Shaun Ramroop has said that according to statistics from the National Health Insurance, there are between 5,000 and 10,000 people being treated locally for hypertension which is a major risk factor for cardiovascular disease.

Dr. Ramroop while commenting on the Territory's observance of World Heart Day today is

encouraging residents to love their heart by making lifestyle changes that would lower their vulnerability to cardiovascular diseases.

Dr. Ramroop explained that cardiovascular disease occurs when blood vessels leading to the heart and brain are affected by high blood pressure, diabetes and high cholesterol.

"The disease process occurs

when those blood vessels get blocked. When they get blocked, blood supply maybe cut off to the heart or brain which can result in a heart attack or stroke," he said.

The Senior Medical Officer also noted that persons should be especially vigilant for high blood pressure and hypertension because it is the root cause of most cardiovascular issues and can go virtually undetected.

"Anyone who is over the age of 40 should have their blood pressure checked once a year. If you are at risk or have a family history you should start in your 30s. If you have any history of having problems with your kidney, chest pain, shortness of breath, or weakness or numbness of the body seek medical intervention immediately," Dr.

Ramroop advised.

He added that care is available at all of the health centres associated with the BVI Health Services Authority. "We provide screening for high blood pressure, treatment, follow up and dietician services," He said.

World Heart Day is being observed under the theme "Use Heart to Beat Cardiovascular Disease". The day is observed to remind persons, communities, countries and the world at large about the risk of cardiovascular disease.

Dr. Ramroop further added that despite the seriousness of cardiovascular diseases, the community needs to know that they are preventable. Simple lifestyle changes he said

including diet and exercise, consuming at least one pound of fruits and vegetables daily, drinking plenty of water, avoiding tobacco use and limiting alcohol use can reduce or prevent the effects of cardiovascular diseases.

Persons can learn more about cardiovascular diseases and what they can do to lower their risk by tuning into the BVIHSA report featuring Dr. Ramroop on ZBVI on October 6 and 8 at 9:00 a.m.

The BVI Health Services Authority is committed to delivering excellent, compassionate, client-centered healthcare across the Territory.



Director of Island Operations – Scrub Island Resort, Spa & Marina – British Virgin Islands

Hotel: Scrub Island Resort, Spa & Marina (www.scrubisland.com)

Location: Scrub Island, British Virgin Islands

Property Management Company: Mainsail BVI Limited (subsidiary of Mainsail Lodging & Development of Tampa, Florida)

Job Category: Executive Committee

Brand: Autograph Collection

Schedule: Full-time

Relocation: Yes

Housing: Allowance Provided

Position Type: Management

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Located on its own private island in the pristine waters of the British Virgin Islands, Scrub Island Resort, Spa & Marina is a mixed use development including a full resort and residential / real estate component.

JOB SUMMARY

The Director of Island Operations essential functions are to ensure proper operation and maintenance of the physical aspects of Scrub Island in its entirety. The Director is responsible for supporting the company goals of guest satisfaction, cost control and profitability. S/He is also responsible for overseeing the preventative maintenance program, ensuring that all guest units/suites and public space meet standards. S/He also oversees the maintenance of roads, boats, docks, marina and mechanical plant operations including wastewater and water desalination operations. The Director ensures compliance with all requirements from the Fire Department and maintains up to date all Federal/State or Local governing agents' certifications, as well as meets Marriott franchise life safety requirements.

CANDIDATE PROFILE

Education & Experience:

- At least 10 years of progressive experience in luxury resort island operations.
- College degree and/ or certifications in engineering related trades.
- Hotel Executive Committee level experience required.
- Current certification pertaining to trade requirements (i.e. HVAC, pool operation, electrical), property specific.
- Experience with wastewater treatment and water desalination facility management preferred.
- Current certification and licensing to operate and repair the hotels boilers and chillers.
- Must have or ability to acquire a valid driver's license for the applicable state or country.
- Ability and willingness to work flexible hours including weekends, and late nights.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Windows, Excel, Power Point, Outlook and Word.
- Must be able to work with, understand and interpret financial information, hotel operations data, forecasting proficiency and balance sheet management.
- Ability to communicate with guests, staff, management and leadership team, ownership groups.

JOB SPECIFIC TASKS

Approach all encounters with guests and employees in an attentive, friendly, courteous and service oriented manner.

- Maintain high standards of personal appearance and grooming, which include wearing the proper dress code when working.
- Focus the Maintenance Department on their role in contributing to the Guest Service Satisfaction.
- Comply always with Marriott Brand standards and regulations to encourage safe and efficient resort operations.
- Attend weekly staff meetings and provide training on a rotational basis using the steps to effective training.
- Review Maintenance staff's worked hours for payroll compilation and submit through the payroll system to allow Accounting to complete the payroll process. Adhere to budgeted or re-forecasted expense allotments, using proper procedures for all purchases and ensure all necessary items stocked.
- Evaluate and validate the work of all staff and contractors or outside laborers.
- Ensure the Material Safety Data (MSD) sheets are current and easily available
- Coordinate all inspections of the fire safety systems, including extinguishers, smoke alarms, etc., to maintain proper safety standards.
- Ensure that a Preventive Maintenance Program is implemented and administered as required by Marriot Quality Assurance guidelines.
- Maintain files of and be familiar with all operational manuals and warranty agreements for equipment.
- Ensure that pool and spa follow area health codes.
- Establish and maintain key control system.
- Act as emergency contact person for facilities matters. Document and distribute an Emergency Procedures Plan among all Management Staff and in case of an emergency, conduct and execute the Plan with the Supervision of the General Manager of the hotel
- Immediately follow up on any alarms to determine the exact location and cause; determine emergency status and report to the General Manager with findings.
- Carry a mobile telephone always.

Talent Management and Organizational Capacity

Creates a cohesive and high performance management team that continuously strives for positive results and improvement; coaches maintenance department staff by providing specific feedback and holds them accountable for performance; creates learning and development opportunities for employees; creates and effectively executes development plans for both direct reports based on their individual strengths, development needs, and career aspirations; creates succession plans for future job openings; actively supports the staffing process; ensures effective work processes, systems and teamwork are in place to maximize individual and overall division performance.

Employee and Labor Relations

Ensures all employees are treated fairly and with respect; builds rapport with employees by fostering an environment of open communication and spending time with employees on the frontlines; makes self available to employees; celebrates the success of employees in a public way; works with Human Resources to maximize employee engagement and monitor local labor environment to address issues as needed. Understands and ensures compliance with local labor laws.

Company/Brand Policy, Procedures, and Standards Compliance

Ensures property compliance with legal, safety, operations, labor, and Autograph Collection brand standards; conducts both routine and short-notice quality assurance audits with departments; holds employees accountable for safety and sanitation; conducts detailed walk-throughs to ensure public areas, kitchen, and pool areas are well-maintained, safe, and meet or exceed guest expectations; ensures employees are appropriately trained and performing to standard.

Please send resume to : dhazel@mainsailhotels.com



GLOBAL NEWS BRIEF

STORIES SELECTED BY GIORGIO MIGLIAVACCA

USA - Bruce Tomlin, a 63-year-old truck driver from New Mexico, said he was never really a "gun person." Then he saw a video of three white men following and fatally shooting Ahmaud Arbery while he was jogging.

"The man is trying to get away and they're just gunning him down in the street like he was a dog," Tomlin said about watching the video of Arbery. "It's made me hypervigilant. It has made me nervous. I'll even admit to being a little bit scared sometimes."

So he bought a gun. And he's planning on buying more.

"I just feel like in my viewpoint, every Black person in America, especially Black males, needs to have some type of protection with them as often as [they] can, because I think the political climate [is] getting to the point where it's just going to be a lot of violence coming our way," Tomlin said. "I just feel safer now having a gun. And I didn't always feel that way. I've never been the world's biggest fan of guns, but I just don't feel safe without one."

In early June, NPR reached out to Black Americans to ask about their personal experiences in this country. Nearly 500 people responded, some of whom described wanting to buy — or decidedly not wanting to buy — firearms for self-defense in response to the recent fight for racial justice. [NPR]

USA - This week, President Trump expanded a ban on exploratory drilling off the coasts of North Carolina and Virginia, his latest extension of an existing offshore drilling moratorium in the Gulf of Mexico.

The memorandum, which Trump signed Friday, "prevents consideration of this area for any leasing for purposes of exploration, development, or production during the 10-year period beginning on July 1, 2022, and ending on June 30, 2032."

The memo makes clear that the ban on leasing does not apply if it's for "environmental conservation purposes, including the purposes of shore protection, beach nourishment and restoration, wetlands restoration, and habitat protection."

It stands in contrast to the Trump administration's record of supporting oil and gas production and rolling back rules on greenhouse gas emissions.

Trump announced the move at a campaign event in Virginia. But even as he announced the action, Trump immediately indicated a willingness to walk things back. "If you want to have oil rigs out there, just let me know — we'll take it off," he told the crowd. "I can understand that, too." [NPR]

ISRAEL - The Jewish holiday Yom Kippur began on Sunday among tightened rules over social gatherings.

During the holiday, which lasts until Monday evening, hundreds of thousands of people usually go to synagogues to pray.

Netanyahu has urged people to pray outdoors instead due to infection risks, a call that has been echoed by rabbis, the Jerusalem Post reported.

In a message to the nation, Israel's figurehead president, Reuven Rivlin, called on people to light a candle in memory of the more than 1,400 Israelis who have died from COVID-19.

Meanwhile, hundreds of ultra-Orthodox Jews have been ordered to be quarantined in their religious schools during the holiday after they got infected with the virus recently while praying together, the Haaretz newspaper reported.

Israel, with a population of just 9 million, is reporting more than 7,000 new cases a day.

The border crossing between Gaza and Egypt reopened on Sunday, for just three days. The Palestinian enclave has been under lockdown for over one month in order to curb the spread of the novel coronavirus. All those entering Egypt are required to provide evidence that they had tested negative for the virus. (Deutsche Welle)

SWITZERLAND - Swiss voters on Sunday overwhelmingly rejected a proposal to limit the free movement of people and immigration from the European Union.

Final results showed that 61.7% voted against the motion, versus 38.3% who turned out in support.

Sunday's referendum had been initiated by the populist right-wing Swiss People's Party (SVP), which said that current regulations allow for an average of 75,000 EU citizens per year to enter, leading to overpopulation, rising housing costs and a strained welfare system. The government had opposed the initiative.

The head of the EU's executive branch, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, welcomed the outcome of the vote, calling it "a positive signal to continue to consolidate and deepen our relationship."

The result "upholds one of the core pillars of our relationship: the mutual freedom to move, to live and to work in Switzerland and the EU." (Deutsche Welle)

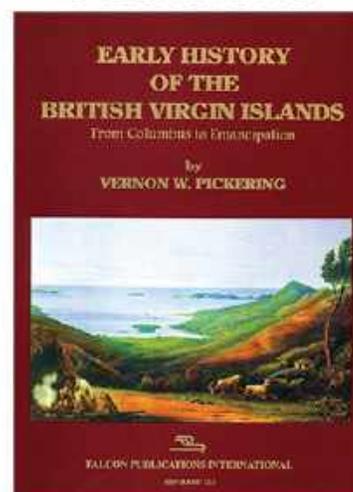
SAN JUAN - Gov. Wanda Vázquez Garced announced Thursday an amendment to the Puerto Rico Ports Authority's (PA) Maritime Rates Regulation (M-1-8) to offer a discount on the docking fee to cruise lines that dock their ships in Puerto Rico under commercially non-operational conditions.

"Given the impact that world tourism has suffered due to Covid-19, many cruise companies have chosen to suspend their commercial operations and safeguard their ships in different ports until it is commercially viable to restart passenger trips, in what is known as lay-up," the governor explained. "For our ports to become a competitive option for the prolonged docking of cruise ships temporarily out of commercial operations, it was necessary to amend this regulation" and offer "attractive special rates for medium and long-term docking."

The amendment to the M-1-8 regulation was approved by the Ports Authority board, which may make changes, effective immediately, to the general fee structure if necessary in case of a temporary increase or an emergency. Originally, the regulation did not take into account the possibility of a fee reduction to encourage cruise ships to lay up at the island's ports. (CaribbeanBusiness)

SANTO DOMINGO - Foreign Minister Roberto Alvarez was the keynote speaker for the first of a series of online talks on relations between the Dominican Republic and Italy organized by the Dominican-Italian Chamber of Commerce and the Embassy of Italy in the Dominican Republic. The name of the talk was: "Foreign and Commercial Policy of the Dominican Republic, in the Current Economic Context Conditioned by Covid-19."

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The chamber of commerce initiative is part of a public and private sector effort to restore relations. Celso Marranzini is the president of the chamber of commerce. During his presentation, Foreign Minister Roberto Alvarez highlighted Dominican foreign policy's new priorities, the importance of foreign direct investment (FDI), established agreements and the challenges brought about by the pandemic. (DR1)

NEW YORK - Donald Trump never had many climate friends — and after this week, the U.S. president looks even more alone. There's a sense that there's been significant movement on climate issues in just the last few days.

China, the biggest polluter on the planet, used the U.N. General Assembly last week to announce it would be carbon-neutral before 2060. That came less than a week after the EU proposed a sharply tightened target for slashing emissions by 2030. (Politico)

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- Kitchen Diva

HireBVI held it's Annual Back to School Distribution Drive on Saturday September 26



Recruitment company HireBVI was able to gift many students with school supplies when it held its annual Back to School Distribution Drive on Saturday September 26 at the Althea Scatliffe Primary School grounds.

HireBVI distributed hundreds of bags filled with school supplies last Saturday. Prior to the hosting of the successful Drive the HireBVI team explained that in consideration of the impacts that COVID-19 has had on the Territory thus far, this year's event was hosted differently.

It was explained that the company recognized its event to allow for all necessary safety and sanitary protocols. The new format saw participants interested in receiving school supplies registering with HireBVI way before the day of the event. On the actual date of the Drive the distribution took the form of a Drive Thru on the Althea Scatliffe School grounds which will commence promptly at 1PM.

This charitable event was held under the theme, "The Future is Now" and featured guest appearances by elementary-aged entrepreneurs, kid-preneurs. Persons attending were encouraged to support these budding kid-preneurs by purchasing their products.





Ladyburd Talks

Dear Readers: If you've ever taken ginger ale for an upset tummy, you understand the health benefits of ginger. Going back more than 2,000 years in China, the herb has been used to treat nausea, upset stomach and help with digestion and diarrhea.

Used in stir fries and Asian cooking, the spicy, pungent underground rhizome of the ginger plant is firm with a striated texture. It may be yellow, white or red, depending on the variety, and is covered with a thin or thick brownish skin, depending on whether the plant was harvested mature or young.

What's ginger good for?

As it turns out, plenty. A 2009 study found ginger supplements when taken alongside anti-vomiting medicine reduced chemotherapy-induced nausea in patients by 40 percent.

"Therapeutically, it's also used for poor circulation and lower back pain. On an emotional level, it can act as a catalyst if you are procrastinating and lack the drive to take action," says Laurie Steelsmith, a licensed naturopathic doctor and author of "Natural Choices for Women's Health."

Studies have shown it can also ease muscle pain, eliminate inflammation, help with painful menstruation and migraines, and may even slow or kill ovarian and colon cancer cells. Here are some other health benefits of ginger:

Nausea and motion sickness: Ginger is well known for its ability to ease nausea, and it's helpful for motion and sea sickness. Women suffering from morning sickness were given beverages with ginger during the first trimester of pregnancy, and when compared with women given a placebo, ginger alleviated the nausea in a large majority of the cases.



[more next week-Source By: Jennifer Nelson-Mother Nature]

Ladyburd's Mail Box

delseitalibur@msn.com

Dear Ladyburd: My room-mate and I can't seem to get along. We have been friends for sometime now, so naturally, I was excited when she recommended that we share apartment. Ladyburd, every thing has been going well, but lately she has been living out of my closet. I have no problem lending her a few of my things when she needs an outfit, because we are pals, she has not purchase any clothes or shoes lately, and this is becoming ridiculous, she does not even take care of them. I told her I do not want her to wear my clothes and she will not listen. Please help!! **Genice**

Ladyburd: Dear Genice: I am going to tell it to you straight up. Yes, she is your friend, but she has no business going into your closet and wearing your clothes, that cannot be right. The first time she asked to wear your clothes, you should have said NO. Now that you are telling her not to wear your clothes, it is going through one ear and coming through the other. The only solution is to get a lock for your closet. She might be upset, but that is her problem, if she feels insulted.

She must have some conscience to know that she cannot be doing that. I am sure if it was you doing the same thing to her, she would not tolerate it. That is why, sometimes it is really not a good idea to live with friends.

You do not have to have a quarrel with her, just do what you have to do, hopefully, she will get the message.



Light Bulb Moments

"Just believe in yourself. Even if you don't, pretend that you do and, at some point, you will!"

- Venus Williams

"Someday, everything will make perfect sense. So for now, laugh at the confusion, smile through the tears, be strong and keep reminding your self that everything happens for a reason."

- John Mayer

"In life, winning and losing will both happen. What is never acceptable is quitting."

- Magic Johnson

Poetry Corner

It's Really Up To You

One word can start a friendship,
One kiss a love affair,
One smile can bring you laughter,
One hug can show you care,
One wave of your hand can say hello,
One tear can make you cry,
One gentle touch can warm a heart,
One dream can make you fly,
One song can bring back memories,
One thought sees brighter days,
One wish can bring colourful rainbows,
One good deed can bring you praise,
One moon can light your darkness,
One star can guide your soul,
One step will start each journey,
One hope to make your goal,
One hand to hold in friendship,
One heart that's kind and true,
One Love...One friend, is all you need,
It's really up to you.

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Source:
<https://www.familyfriendpoems.com/poem/its-really-up-to-you>

Tickle My Funny Bones

By Delseita



Plagiarized Paper

Upon finding a clearly plagiarized paper, I called the student into my office. Pointing to my computer screen, I said, "I found your entire paper online. Do you have anything you want to say about that?" Her angry response: "Well, I paid my sister to write it, but I didn't think she'd plagiarize!"

Guilty Of Annoyance

A defendant isn't happy with how things are going in court, so he gives the judge a hard time. Judge: "Where do you work?" Defendant: "Here and there." Judge: "What do you do for a living?" Defendant: "This and that." Judge: "Take him away." Defendant: "Wait, when will I get out?" Judge: "Sooner or later." Submitted by Pate Ferry, Mesa, Arizona

Question & Answer

Q. How did the eggs leave the highway?
A. They went through the "Eggs-it".

Q. What happened to the egg when he was tickled too much?
A. He cracked up.

Q. Why wouldn't the egg take a hot bath?
A. He didn't want to be hard boiled.

Q. Why couldn't the egg family watch T.V.?
A. Because their cable was scrambled

Q. Why won't eggs go out at night?
A. They don't want to get "beat up".

PUN INTENDED

"When fish are in schools they sometimes take debate"

Source: <https://bestlifeonline.com/bad-funny-puns/>

VACANCY

ASSISTANT MANAGER – PERSONAL BANKING

Applications are invited from persons with suitable qualifications to fill the position of “Assistant Manager – Personal Banking” at Republic Bank Limited, British Virgin Islands (BVI).

The jobholder is responsible for the overall success of the Retail Sales Team by working to meet financial objectives related to the profitable growth and retention of the branch’s personal portfolio.

As the Assistant Manager – Personal Banking you will be accountable for:

- Achieving objectives related to customer service, human resource management and operational effectiveness with a focus on consistently delivering a superior customer experience.
- Ensuring a high level of employee engagement and capability, providing direction to the branch sales team members in a manner consistent with the overall strategy of developing a customer-focused sales culture.
- Achieving success, by embedding and sustaining a variety of fundamental management activities within the branch while selling customized financial solutions that employ a financial planning approach which meets both customers’ needs as well as overall business objectives.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Leading and developing the team to build and strengthen existing and new customer relationships by providing financial advice to personal customers.
- Continuously developing employee skills and knowledge through focused coaching and ensuring the provision of excellent customer service.
- Protecting the bank, the customer and shareholder interest by managing and minimizing the bank’s exposure to risk by ensuring compliance with regulatory activities and guidelines.
- Ensuring the achievement of branch objectives through the negotiation, establishment and monitoring of goals.
- Overseeing the implementation of established bank policies, practices, special initiatives and procedures.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

- Bachelor’s Degree in Business or related field
- Strong experience in leading client relationships in the financial services industry
- Knowledge of businesses, products, operations, systems and organization
- Ability to source and obtain new business through relationship building
- Proven success in attaining individual results and goals.

BEHAVIOURAL COMPETENCIES AND SKILLS

- Excellent Human Resource Management, Coaching, Mentoring, Supervisory/Leadership skills
- Strong Analytical, Organizational, Project Management, Planning and Oral/Written Communication skills

REMUNERATION

Your comprehensive resume and three (3) references should be received no later than **October 7, 2020** to:

**Human Resources Department
Republic Bank (BVI) Limited**

**P.O. Box 434, Road Town
Tortola, VG1110
British Virgin Islands
Email: marcia.creque@rbl.com**

All applications received will be treated with the strictest of confidence. BV Islanders and Belongers will be given preference. We thank all interested applicants, however only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

POLICE NEWS

. UPDATE - EARLY MORNING OPERATION UNVEILS FIREARM AND CASH

Wednesday, September 30 – Four persons have been charged after search warrants were executed at several properties in the Anderson Hill area on Sunday morning.

Hector Gonzalez, 26; Pineda Moises Gonzalez, 27; Franklin Ramirez Garcia, 26 and Jessica Faronas Farinas, 32, all Venezuelan Nationals, residing at Anderson Estate, have been jointly charged for Possession of a Controlled Drug (cocaine, 112 blocks weighing 124.36k), Possession of a Controlled Drug with Intent to Supply, Keeping a Firearm without a Licence, and Landing in the Territory without Permission from an Immigration Officer. They remain in custody pending their appearance at the Magistrate’s Court. Dannys Rodriguez Robles, 59 and Emerais Lopez Leiva, 55, both Venezuelan Nationals, residing at Anderson Estate were both charged for Overstaying Landing Permit. They remain in custody pending their appearance at the Magistrate’s Court.

Previous Release:

Sunday, September 27 - Officers of the RVIPIF, early this morning, assisted by Immigration officers, executed a search warrant at several properties in the Anderson Hill area.

As a result, a loaded firearm, a large quantity of drugs and cash were recovered. Six persons have been arrested and are presently in custody. The investigation is at an early stage and enquiries are ongoing.

RVIPF SEEKS PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

Saturday, September 26 - Detectives from the Major Crime Investigations Team are seeking your assistance in identifying the perpetrator/s responsible for the murders of 23-year-old **Melissa Spence**, native of Trinidad; **Kendoy Penn** of Old Plantation; 46 year old **Julio Pineda Ceasor** of Greenland; and **Nyron Olliverre**, native of Trinidad.

The details are that:

1. On the 21st of September 2004, around 11:00am a construction worker working on a house at Little Bay observed a human body being thrown against the rock at the said bay by waves. The police were contacted and with the assistance of VISAR recovered the body of Trinidad national Melissa Spence with several stab wounds to the body.

2. On the 18th of September 2005, around 1:00am, the victim, Kendoy Penn, was on his way home, driving his vehicle, when an unknown person fired several shots at him which made contact. The victim received life threatening injuries and was then transported by ambulance to the then Peebles hospital where he was treated for gunshot wounds. He remained at the said hospital on life support until the 22nd of September 2005 where he succumbed to his injuries.

3. On the 10th of September 2017, around 2:30pm the victim, Julio Pineda Ceasor, was at his Greenland home with his family when mask men entered his residence making certain demands. The gun men then shot the victim and left the residence. He was subsequently taken to Dr D Orlando Smith hospital where he later succumbed to his injuries.

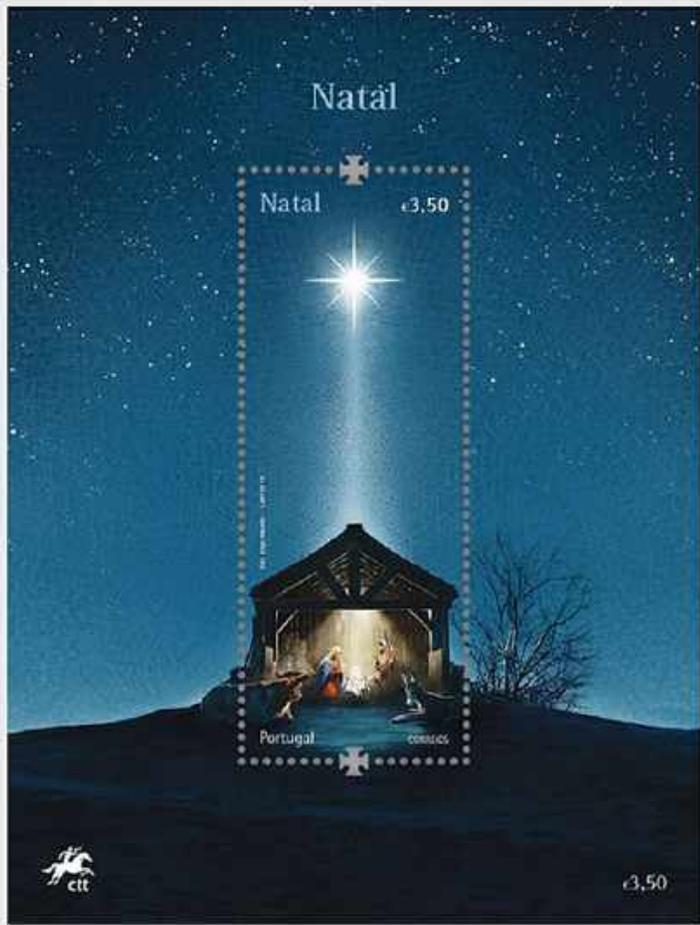
4. On the 12th of September 2014, around 11:15pm the victim, Nyron Olliverre, arrived at his Horse Path residence driving his vehicle when an unknown person fired several shots at him. The victim immediately succumbed to his injuries.

September 2020 marks the 16th, 15th, 3rd, and 6th, year anniversary respectively, of these currently undetected attacks. Detectives of the said unit are still hopeful that members of the community may have crucial information, to assist in identifying those responsible for this senseless murder, to bring some closure to the grieving families.

Anyone with information relating to these crimes are urged to contact Detective Inspector Vernon Larocque; directly on 368-9809 or the Major Crime Investigation Team on 368-5682.

All information will be treated with the strictest confidence.

PORTUGAL, ARMENIA, AND CROATIA WIN 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ASIAGO'S PHILATELIC ART AWARDS



Portugal won the Gio Pomodoro Trophy at the 50th Anniversary of the International Asiago Philatelic Art Award.

By Danilo Bogoni

Jorge Macedo's masterly blend of traditional and contemporary design of the €3.50 Christmas miniature sheet earned Portugal – represented in Asiago by Isabel Fonseca - the Gio Pomodoro Trophy at the 50th Anniversary of the International Asiago Philatelic Art Award. The miniature sheet depicts a star that shines above the little stable when activated by a built-in luminous diode via a mobile phone connection.

The Jury (Raúl Berzosa, Franco Filanci, Gian Antonio Stella, Maurizio Stella, Gaetano Thiene, Luca Vangelli, and Marco Ventura) appreciated “the unusually original creative graphic and technical way the classic Christmas iconography is presented. The outline of the stable occupies the center of the miniature sheet, functioning as a backdrop for a Nativity scene with the ox and donkey in the fore, and a star shining high above and yet shining light on the Holy Family”.

The best tourism promoting

stamps was the Croatian one depicting the Plitvice lakes of the National Park. Extremely inspiring was the decision to pair the close-up views of the majestic waterfalls with their smaller companions. As the Croatian Ambassador to Italy, Jasen Mesić, received the award, he mentioned another stamp bolstering tourism issued in years past by the Croatian Post and featuring a view of Rovinj. In the first version, the name of the city was in Croatian, but this generated legitimate protests from both the Italian Association of Venezia Giulia and Dalmatia and Senator Carlo Giovanardi. The Ambassador thanked the Senator for his documented elucidation, which resulted in the re-issuing of the same stamp with both the Croatian and Italian name: Rovinj and Rovigno. After the end of World War II, the name of an Istria place on a stamp was bilingual. “Stamps, too,” the Ambassador concluded – “can become symbols of peace.”

The “intelligent, simple por-



Croatia won the award for the best tourism promoting stamps was the Croatian one depicting the Plitvice lakes of the National Park.



Lorenzo Carra, Deputy Chairman of the Italian Academy of Philately and Postal History, presents Clemens Monti, Austria's Consul General, the Accademia's award for the most creative stamp of 2019.



Austria won the Most Creative stamp design of 2019 Prize

trayal of a barn swallow in the style of ancient Armenian miniatures, on a background depicting the typical flora of this Caucasian region in an equally terse and artistic style”, expressed a celebration of the environment. Hence, the awarding to the Armenian stamp designed by Ashkhen (Mila) Khandratsyan, winner of the Asiago Environment Prize, for which Armenian Consul Gagik Saruacanian expressed his delight.

This year, too, the awards bestowed by two prestigious Academies were included. Founded in 1555 by a group of 21 citizens

of Vicenza and currently chaired by Gaetano Thiene, who is also President of the Asiago International Philatelic Art Prize, the Accademia Olimpica's choice fell on the Vatican's stamp celebrating the 350th anniversary of the death of Rembrandt van Rijn. Marina Richterová's unusual design was highly appreciated. “Not one of his many self-portraits or one of his famous works, but rather an original drawing – almost an engraving - portraying the artist in his composure as he practices his fine art.” “Five stamps representing Bosnia Herzegovina, Hungary, the Vatican, Serbia and France” – as Gaetano Thiene revealed – “made it to the finals but, in the end, the Accademia Olimpica chose the Vatican's stamp depicting Rembrandt, the son of a Calvinist father and a Catholic mother, who broached religious subjects in a new way for his time and scope of action.”

The Italian Academy of Philately and Postal History, chaired by Franco Filanci and represented in Asiago by the



Armenia Post won the Asiago Prize for best environment protection stamp.



The Vatican's stamp commemorating Rembrandt won the Asiago International Philatelic Art Prize

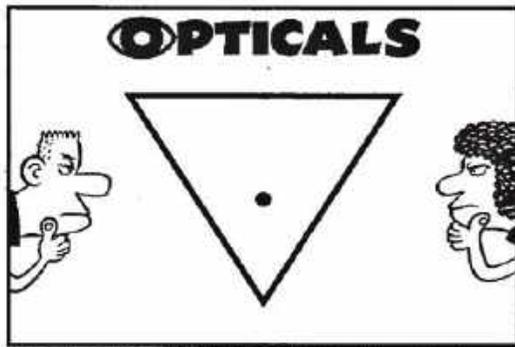
Accademia's deputy chairman Lorenzo Carra, chose an Austrian stamp as the most creative. The reason for this choice lies in the intriguing “question of everyday life emerging from three spectacular photographs taken in 2007 by artist Anna Jermolaewa: Why is it that quarter-to-three or quarter-to-five is a better time than five-minutes-to five? The answer lies in the quite amusing first photograph, where the horizontal hands of a clock conveniently offer greater perching room for more pigeons. This is the photograph Austria selected for its annual series on photographic art, thus highlighting its topicality and original symbolism.” As Franco Filanci pointed out, “art is becoming more and more crucial today”.

Two commemorative postmarks saluted the 50th birthday of the Asiago Awards: the Italian cancellation depicting an owl and the San Marino cancellation signed by Tullio Pericoli.

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OPTICALS
IN THE TRIANGLE ABOVE, is the dot closer to the top line, the bottom point, or the middle?

Answer: The dot is in the middle, halfway between the top line and the bottom point of the triangle.

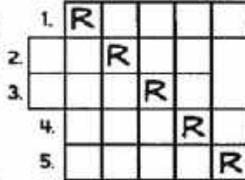
FARMER BROWN'S BARN! Farmer Brown paid 20 workmen \$2,000 to put up a new addition to his barn. Each Master Carpenter made \$300, each Apprentice Carpenter made \$150, and each helper made \$50. How many of each were included in the team of 20 workmen?



Answer: 2 Master Carpenters, 5 Apprentice Carpenters and 13 helpers. (Total salaries came to: \$600 + \$750 + \$650 = \$2,000.)

THE FIVE-LETTER WORD POWER GRID! Each of the five words needed to fill in our "word power grid" contain the same five letters. We give you one of these letters and plenty of hints below.

1. Costs per units of service.
2. Weights to deduct.
3. An intent gaze.
4. Expression of emotion.
5. Type of flower



Answers: 1. Rates, 2. Taxes, 3. Stare, 4. Tears, 5. Aster.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

A PERCEPTION TEST

First, try solving the problem presented on the right. After solving it (?), cut out the paragraph and paste it on a piece of cardboard. On the back of the cardboard, paste the answer given below the paragraph.



AN ODD PARAGRAPH

What is particularly unusual about this paragraph? You won't find many paragraphs similar to it. In all probability you will not find out what is so unusual about it right away, but if you look at it and study it for long, it may dawn on you. If you should find out what is odd or unusual, don't say what it is until I ask you; if you can't find out, look on the back of this paragraph. Don't look at my solution until you fail to find out what is odd about it. I could throw you a hint, but I won't!

Illustrated by David Coulson

Answer: You won't find an "e" in the entire paragraph.

top ten

Lowest State Taxes

1. Alaska
2. Delaware
3. Montana
4. Nevada
5. Wyoming
6. Florida
7. Utah
8. Idaho
9. Colorado
10. Tennessee

Source: Wallet Hub

Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A workplace change doesn't seem to have turned out quite as you'd hoped. Never mind: Just treat yourself to a healthy dollop of that Aries self-confidence, and you'll soon view things differently.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Some of the support you might have hoped for in a difficult situation might not be there. But you have the strength to rely on your own capabilities if you must. Good luck.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A disagreement with a longtime friend can be painful, but it also can be a learning lesson. Insist on a full and complete airing of views. You'll both come away the better for it.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A stalled relationship can be restarted with some give and take on both sides. And while it could take more time than you expect, don't rush it. Be patient, and let it happen naturally.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) An opportunity to move a long-stalled project from concept to construction might be opening up for the Big Cat. Meanwhile, be prepared to spend more time dealing with family matters.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Use your Virgo organizational skills to line up support to help you deal with a sticky workplace problem. A personal matter also might be helped with friendly intervention.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Trying to resolve a workplace problem with a longtime associate can be difficult. Consider bringing in an impartial third party to help you both reach a mutually acceptable solution.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) This is a good time to assess your current career situation. Consider whether you have a chance to move up where you are now, or if you should look elsewhere.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) With education being a dominant part of this week's aspect, one of the things you might want to think about is taking courses to enhance your career opportunities.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You might have a problem trying to stay focused on a matter you'd rather not deal with. But the sooner you do, the sooner it will be resolved and out of the way.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) An unforeseen complication creates a difficult problem. But things get resolved once you use your ability to turn negative situations into positive experiences.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) The Pisces penchant for doing the right thing at the right time helps you deal with a particularly troublesome situation. Consider your best option, and act accordingly.

BORN THIS WEEK: Although you might sometimes seem rigid in your views, your love of justice makes you a trusted friend everyone can rely on.

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- Some adult details made it into the final cut of the PG-rated film "The Santa Clause." In one scene, Tim Allen's character jokes that his wife's number is "1-800-SPANK ME." It turned out, however, that was a real line that you could call and hear some naughty stuff — as many overly curious children found out. The line was removed from future releases of the film.

- According to Hasbro, the tallest Jenga tower ever was 40 levels, plus two additional blocks on top.

- There have been more than 300 different Kit Kat flavors in Japan, including soy sauce, "European cheese" and wasabi. Some of them are limited or regional editions. Because the candy bar's name coincidentally sounds like the Japanese expression "Kitto Katsu," which translates to "You will surely win," it is a popular good-luck gift for students ahead of their university exams.

- Astronauts cannot cry in space, as the tears need gravity to flow. They also lose their sense of smell in space.

- The fingerprints of a koala bear are so indistinguishable from those of humans that they have on occasion been confused at a crime scene.

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Brussels Sprouts Shed Their Bad Reputation

Long before Brussels sprouts became a trendy vegetable, my family, especially, my daughter, Deanna, were huge fans. My mother was raised on a farm and loved to grow all types of green vegetables. She was especially skilled with properly preparing Brussels sprouts and other typically stinky and slimy vegetables -- I'm talking about you, cabbage and okra!

While Brussels sprouts have only recently become popular in America, sprouts have been a culinary mainstay in the southern Netherlands and Northern Europe since the 1600s. They may have been grown in Belgium as early as 1200, and are named for Brussels, its capital.

These tiny members of the cabbage and mustard family also have cancer-fighting phytochemicals, are high in vitamin C and are a reliable source of folate, vitamin A and potassium. Since Brussels sprouts are so good for you, why do so many people despise them?



Photo Credit: Depositphotos

In a web poll taken several years ago, more than 78,000 adults weighed in on the foods they hate. Brussels sprouts finished No. 8 on the list of most hated foods. The comments section overflowed with horror stories about being forced to eat the vegetable as a child.

One thing I noticed about the readers' comments was that the Brussels sprouts they were served were muddy colored, overcooked and smelled bad. When Brussels sprouts are carefully selected, stored and cooked properly, they have a bright color, a crisp texture and a delicious flavor. When selecting the vegetable, look for small, young, vibrant green, tightly compacted sprouts.

Brussels sprouts are delicious boiled or steamed until tender, but still slightly crisp or roasted to bring out their natural sugars. Use sprouts that are all about the same size to ensure they will cook quickly and evenly. As a rule, Brussels sprouts cook in about 6 to 7 minutes. Be careful not to overcook Brussels sprouts because they will release sinigrin, a natural gas with a sulfur-like smell.

This recipe for Hashed Brussels Sprouts is flavorful and delicious. The quick cooking time and the addition of the garlic, onion and mustard complement the sprouts and showcase its flavors in a unique way. Try it, and you're sure to become a Brussels sprouts lover, too!

HASHED BRUSSELS SPROUTS

- 1 tablespoon freshly squeezed lemon juice, plus
 - 1 tablespoon grated lemon zest
 - 1 pound Brussels sprouts
 - 1 tablespoon olive oil
 - 2 tablespoons butter
 - 1/2 medium purple onion, minced
 - 1 garlic clove, minced
 - 1 tablespoon Italian seasoning
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - 1 teaspoon pepper
 - 2 tablespoons vegetable broth or low-sodium chicken broth
 - 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
 - 1/2 teaspoon honey or sugar
1. Using a large bowl, pour in the lemon juice. Cut bottoms off the sprouts, and discard. Halve sprouts lengthwise. Thinly slice sprouts, cutting around and discarding the firm core. Immediately toss sprout slices with lemon juice to separate leaves and retain color.
 2. Heat oil and butter over high heat in a skillet large enough to hold all the sprouts. When oil mixture is hot, but not smoking, add the sprouts, onion, garlic, Italian seasoning, and salt and pepper. Cook until sprouts begin to wilt, but leaves are still green and crisp, about 3 to 4 minutes. Some of the leaves might brown slightly.
 3. Move the sprouts to one side of the pan and mix broth, mustard and honey or sugar together in the pan. Combine mixture with the sprouts and cook, stirring, 2 minutes more. Turn off heat, and stir in lemon zest, reserving a little to sprinkle on top of the dish. Transfer to serving bowl, sprinkle with remaining zest and serve. Serves 4.

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Caribbean News / Regional News

World Tourism Day 2020 Message

by Neil Walters, Acting Secretary General Caribbean Tourism Organization

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados – 25 September 2020 – The Caribbean Tourism Organization (CTO), the region's tourism development agency, joins the global community in celebrating World Tourism Day 2020 under the theme, "Tourism and Rural Development".

This year's international day of observation comes at a time when the global tourism industry is facing a crisis of historic proportion due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Indeed, the true impact of the pandemic may not be known for some time. However, the immediate impact on our region is very evident. Having begun 2020 on course for a new record in tourist arrivals, the closure of airports in March was followed by virtually no travel to the Caribbean in April and May. The result was a 57 per cent decline in arrivals between January and June. This translates into an estimated 50 per cent to 60 per cent fall in visitor spend, which can be seen directly in the form of closed tourism businesses, and across the economic spectrum in the form of significantly reduced revenues in both the public and private sectors. In addition, the International Labour Organization (ILO) estimates that almost half a million Caribbean tourism workers

face the prospect of job losses, reductions in working hours, and loss of incomes as a result of the pandemic.

Several Caribbean countries are considered among the most vulnerable by the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) as international tourism revenues account for the majority of total exports in these states. It also goes without saying that women, youth, and workers in the informal economy have been, and will be, among the hardest hit.

The CTO has recognised that the COVID-19 pandemic forces us to rethink our approach to tourism and to forge closer alignment of tourism and health functions. We also recognised that we need to ensure that on the restart of the sector, the benefits of tourism activity accrue as quickly as possible to all facets of our societies. This means that while the traditional players in tourism restart, we also need to help those businesses which are often away from the coast and beaches, in our rural areas.

To this end, the organisation has forged ahead in its collaboration with the Compete Caribbean Partnership Facility (CCPF) which will be funding community-based tourism projects in some rural areas in Caribbean countries. The lessons learnt can be used

as a blueprint to encourage similar projects across the region and be a catalyst for income generation and development in our rural communities.

Some of the characteristics of rural communities such as population demographics, lower income levels and relatively limited access to technology and infrastructure lead to an increased vulnerability in such areas, to the impacts of crises like the COVID-19 pandemic. Tourism can work hand in hand with other economic sectors in the Caribbean such as agriculture, transportation and culture to empower rural communities.

Bringing people together in such an environment of solidarity and trust, advances the cooperation and collaboration needed to help us move beyond the pandemic. By providing a lifeline to the vulnerable in our societies, we reduce the tug on social services and further enhance the capacity of Caribbean people to play a leading role in their own development. Since the greatest resource in the Caribbean is our people, any investment will result in benefits for generations to come.

While we continue to work diligently on ensuring a safe and healthy environment for our visitors and locals alike, let us



Neil Walters

contemplate the opportunity that this pandemic affords us to tweak our tourism sector, and indeed all other sectors of our economies, to reach a level of sustainability that is resistant to crisis.

We urge our Caribbean people to join the world tourism community in rebuilding this sector and ensuring that starting now, the benefits of tourism consistently spread beyond the traditional coastal and urban bailiwick to areas of our countries often overlooked, but which can be positioned to sustainably diversify the already rich treasures awaiting visitors to our shores.

U.K. Moves to high risk, Cummins outlines new protocols

On Friday, the Ministry of Health and Wellness in conjunction with the Barbados Tourism Marketing Inc. (BTMI) released the country's updated travel protocols which will see the U.K. moving to the High-Risk category effective October 1, 2020.

Minister of Tourism and International Transport, Senator the Hon. Lisa Cummins, spoke to the reason for the change. "We have been closely following the developments in the U.K., particularly the surge in their COVID-19 numbers within the past week which Prime Minister Boris Johnson referred to as a second wave. These large increases are of concern to our public health officials, who have recommended the new classification of the U.K. to the High-Risk category," she said.

Visitors travelling from the U.K.—in addition to the mandatory COVID-19 PCR

test taken at least 72-hours prior to arrival in Barbados—will now also be required to undergo a second COVID-19 PCR test in Barbados, five days after the date of their first accepted test.

Until the second test is taken, visitors from the U.K. will remain in hotels designated by the Ministry of Health and Wellness and their movements will be restricted within that property. They will also be monitored for seven days after arriving in Barbados, including daily temperature checks and reports to their assigned health officer.

"Travel has changed. In light of COVID-19, we all understand that it will not be business as usual and we have to prioritize the health of all parties involved. We welcome all visitors to our shores, however we must ensure that we do

so safely and responsibly. Many of our visitors are traveling to have that mental health break from the challenges of going through this pandemic. We need to ensure that we can welcome them to a Barbados that is able to keep them safe and healthy. I am confident that our protocols, as we continue to revise them in keeping with the fluidity of the situation, accomplish this goal."

Public health gatekeepers

Cummins lauded the work of the Ministry of Health and Wellness, adding that "Since we resumed commercial flights in July, our public health officials have been our gatekeepers, proactively managing the flow of passengers through our airport. And if you examine our track record, you'll see that thanks to our protocols and the round the clock work of our professionals,

we have been able to capture almost all of the COVID-19 cases at the point of entry. This has allowed us to manage our risk and to ensure that anyone impacted by the virus has been isolated from the wider community.

At the same time, our hoteliers have done an exceptional job of ensuring that their properties are able to welcome guests safely. I have toured several properties in the past few weeks and it has been impressive to see how much attention they are paying to sanitisation and keeping people safe while they are enjoying the facilities. It's peace of mind that many people want to have in this environment.

For more details and FAQs on travel to Barbados, visit: www.barbadostravelprotocols.com

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A U.S. federal judge on Tuesday blocked an increase in immigration fees that was due to go into effect this week

The fees were set to go up Friday by an average of about 20% depending on the type of entry being sought.

The halted hikes include a \$50 fee for asylum applications, the first time the United States would have charged such a fee. The cost for applying to be a naturalized citizen was due to increase from \$640 to \$1,170.

Applicants from lower-income households have been able to ask that their fees be

waived, but the new rules that were due to go into effect eliminated certain categories of waiver eligibility, such as showing extreme financial hardship. Some applicants would no longer have been eligible under tighter household income thresholds.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, the agency that processes visas, asylum requests, naturalizations and other applications, reported a

sharp decline in revenues earlier this year due to the coronavirus pandemic and at one point considered furloughing more than half its staff. Unlike most federal agencies, a significant portion of USCIS's funding comes from fees collected.

U.S. District Judge Jeffrey White wrote he based his injunction on several factors. He said the Trump administration did not adequately follow procedures for making new rules, including failing to consider the

impact of the higher fees on low-income applicants.

White also agreed with arguments presented by the plaintiffs, a group of eight non-profit groups that work with low-income immigration applicants, who said the acting heads of the Department of Homeland Security had been improperly elevated to their roles at the time the new rules were issued.

Plaintiffs in other federal immigration cases have made the same argument about Kevin

McAleenan, who was named acting head of the Department of Homeland Security last year before resigning in November, and Chad Wolf, who succeeded him as acting chief.

The defendants argued the appointments were valid. But Judge White ruled the plaintiffs are "likely to succeed" on the claim that neither McAleenan nor Wolf were validly serving as acting Homeland Security secretary.

It was 90 minutes of chaos in a year of upheaval. But did it matter?

President Trump and Joseph R. Biden Jr. appeared onstage together for the first time on Tuesday. It was not exactly a debate.

Shouting, interruptions and often incoherent cross talk filled the air as Mr. Trump purposefully and repeatedly heckled and blurted over his rival and the moderator alike in a 90-minute melee that showcased the president's sense of urgency to upend a race in which polls show him trailing.

Mr. Biden labored to get his points in over Mr. Trump's stream of interjections, turning directly to the camera for refuge from a scrum that hardly represented a contest of ideas. But Mr. Biden did not stumble, contradicting months of questions from the Trump campaign about his mental fitness, and Mr. Trump seemed to do little to bring over voters who were not already part of his base.

The impact on the race of the messy affair — given that 90 percent of voters say they are already decided — is an open question.

From the opening bell, Mr. Trump came out as an aggressor, speaking over Mr. Biden in what seemed to be almost din-by-design: Pull the former vice president, who has run as a statesman promising to restore the soul of America, into a mud-slinging contest.

He bulldozed Mr. Biden and the moderator, Chris Wallace, throughout the evening. But his goal, other than making for a convoluted contest, was less clear. Mr. Trump seemed principally focused on undercutting and disorienting Mr. Biden, rather than on presenting an agenda or a vision for a second term in the White House.

"I've seen better-organized food fights at summer camp,"

said Michael Steel, a Republican strategist. "But Trump needed a clear 'W,' and he didn't get it."

Mr. Biden's own performance was mostly adequate. He swallowed some of his own lines, and Mr. Trump talked over others.

Before the debate, Mr. Wallace had said that, if successful, his job was to be "as invisible as possible." He sometimes managed to recede, though at other times he was caught up in the shout-fest. Rarely did he exert control over the chaos. "If you want to switch seats?" he offered gamely at one point to Mr. Trump.

The performance kept the focus squarely on Mr. Trump — often where he seems to like it — but also where the Biden campaign wants all the attention in a 2020 election the Democrat has cast as a referendum on the current president.

Biden, at his strongest, pivoted to the camera — and away from Trump.

Mr. Biden's visceral dislike of Mr. Trump practically burst through the screen. He told Mr. Trump to shut up. He called him a clown and a liar. He tagged him as a racist. "You're the worst president America has ever had," he said at one point. "Keep yapping, man," he said at another.

But for the most part, Mr. Biden succeeded in avoiding the chum that Mr. Trump was tossing into the debate water. Instead, he kept turning — physically — to face the cameras and address the American people instead of his chattering rival.

"This is not about my family or his family," Mr. Biden said at one point, after Mr. Trump tried to bait him with an attack on his son Hunter. "It's about your family. The American people. He doesn't want to talk about what you need."

The former vice president was strongest and most comfortable on the issues that he has focused on

overwhelmingly in the last six months: the coronavirus pandemic and the resulting economic downturn.

"How well are you doing?" Mr. Biden asked the television audience about the economy, casting Mr. Trump as the candidate of the well-to-do, seizing on the recent report from The New York Times that Mr. Trump had paid only \$750 in federal income taxes in both 2016 and 2017.

Turning to the cameras gave Mr. Biden refuge from the constant stream of words coming from across the stage, and it helped him land some of his more effective and empathetic lines — an area that his advisers see as crucial to his appeal.

When Mr. Trump bragged about his large rallies that are being held against the guidance of many public health officials, Mr. Biden said, "He's not worried about you."

SPORTS



CYCLING

Cyclists burst out the gates following recent COVID-19 lockdown

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

Phillippe Leroy led senior and junior cyclists out the gate in Sunday's BVI Mountain Bike Prison Break Race, in the first sporting action on Tortola, since sports were paused for a month from mid August, because of a COVID-19 spike and spread within the territory.

Leroy covered the course from Trellis Bay, through Little Mountain, out past the Prison, over to Little Dix Hill and down to HLSCC and return in 46 minutes in 33 seconds.

"The race was fun. I waited for people in Little Mountain because I didn't want to cycle all on my own," Leroy told Island Sun Sports. "On the Prison Hill, I didn't go too hard but harder than the others. I didn't want to kill myself on the hill and then went hard on the flat instead. It was fun. It was quick. It was easy."

As the course was being used for the first time, Leroy said he had no idea how long it would take him to complete the 22.5 km circuit and thought it might probably take 55 mins to an hour.

"I felt fine. I didn't go too hard on the prison hill, but you have to go hard on the part by the prison itself because it's very steep, otherwise I went medium hard because I didn't want to go in

the red, so that I couldn't push myself on the flat," Leroy explained. "But it was a lot of fun."

During the lockdown, Leroy planned a 24 hrs virtual ride but missed it and did 17 and did over 10,000m of climbing as well.

"I'm training less now. The most I'm going now is 5, 5½ hrs," he said after his 46 minutes ride. "I try to do that almost every Sunday. I'm going home when I finish here. I'm supposed to do five hours today."

Second place finisher Gareth Thomas, said it was the club's third race since Hurricane Irma in 2017 and it was a tough race with about 15 participants including juniors who did a shorter course. Typically, the race would have two circuits up to the Balsam Ghut Prison.

"We felt that it was too early in the season, considering that people had not been racing aggressively so we decided to put Little Mountain in and then the prison as opposed to two prison circuits," Thomas noted. "The thing is, you go hard. Little Mountain is no joke. You walk around there is hard, you ride around there is tough. I think it surprises people how steep it can be and there's a few fast turns you have to be careful on, so those juniors, they wouldn't be calling it little today, I'm sure."

The race marked the first time Chris Graham was riding hills.

"And they were horrible," Graham who was sixth told Island Sun Sports. "It's worse than I thought but I was ok on the flat, so I caught up there."

Graham said he liked the course, though windy on the ride back to Trellis Bay.

"The first time I ever raced with these guys as well—though I wasn't racing," he said. "It shows how good these guys at the front are. They're elite."

Shicorey Bertie led the Yeppies from the Youth Empowerment Project (YEP), on the junior course.

"Today's race was kinda tough and hard on the second lap, but I made it through without walking too much up the hills," Bertie who was second in the first race said. "I really caught myself coming back. The course was pretty tough but a little better than the last course."

Bertie, who lives in the Sage Mountain area and had been practicing and playing basketball ahead of the race, said Little Mountain was tougher than many hills he ever drove on.

"I used a different bike and it felt different," he said. "I learned that you have to try and keep your



Biff Smith leads Phillippe Leroy as they turn from the bridge to Thomas Land

stamina and pace and it doesn't matter which place you come."

Final results. Men: Phillippe Leroy, 46 minutes and 33 seconds. 2. Gareth Thomas, 52:40. 3. Biff Smith, 52:56. 4. Mark Stephenson, 52:58. 5. Shane Donovan, 58:55. 6. Chris Graham, 59:30. 7. Adrian Dale, 1:10.00. 8. Kay Reddy, 1:12. 9. Jim Cullimore, 1:17. 10. Kem Ketchem, 11. Michael Fay.

Juniors: 1. Shicorey Bertie, 55:13, (2-laps). Other participants; Zavia Golding, Jaroy Daley,

Sherwood Gaymes, Tyreke Bertie, Kijana Callwood, Nathaniel Piontowski and Kimon Lewis.

ATHLETICS

Injuries behind, Virgin Gorda sprinter Caul eyeing a breakout year

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

Sprinter Shaniyah Caul of Virgin Gorda, a Fairleigh Dickerson University senior, is looking for a breakout season after being hampered by a string of injuries.

Caul, a sports administration major, was injured during the 2020 indoor season but was looking for a good year, before COVID-19 wiped out the outdoor season. She told Island Sun Sports that her collegiate career has been a good one and a great learning experience.

"I got injured a lot but you have to have a strong mindset when you get knocked down to get back up and keep trying," Caul said. "I really liked college but didn't like the cold though. I think the adjustment is what got me hurt a lot. I would start running faster later down in February, but since I had to run indoors, I had to be running fast in December for the season that began in January, so I think that change there, is what got me hurt a lot. I just have to keep adjusting and getting my body prepared for where it needs to be for the season."

Since she was hurt indoors, Caul, a 400m specialist, said that she wanted to come back outdoors and show what she could do, but COVID-19 messed that up. She said that she was looking forward to a great season after doing well in 2019. Since she returned to Virgin Gorda, she had been running on the road and on the beach is bit to keep her fitness, since the Valley Recreation Grounds had been closed.

"I did what I could to keep me in shape till the grounds were reopened," said Caul who will return to school in January and is currently taking online classes. While fall training has begun for students at Fairleigh Dickerson and some of her teammates commute, but the training is in sections because of the pandemic. They'll take a break in November then return to school in January, but will be training on their own during the period, to ensure that they keep in shape.

"I like the hot weather and I can get quality training in," she said of being home. "I don't like the cold. At school, sometimes we're outdoors

training, depending on how cold it is because the cold can be a disadvantage to athletes. Training here for me is good because I can train every day."

In 2017, Caul anchored the 4x400m meter relay quartet of Ashley Kelly, Tarika "Tinkerbell" Moses and Beyonce DeFreitas to victory in the OECs Championships, beating host Grenada with a time of 3 minutes 34.76 seconds, to help the BVI win the title. The time broke the 2009 mark of 3:37.62, established by Samantha John, Chantel Malone, Kelly and Dominique Maloney, in Cuba. She said representing the BVI at that level was a good experience for her.

"When that meet came about, I had prom and had to choose between the two and I didn't want to miss my prom," she reflected. "I was like, let me just go. If I didn't go, I wouldn't have been a part of that record setting team. That is one race that I wasn't scared to run as I normally do. I remember going out really hard and I wasn't struggling coming home, which was very good. When they said we broke the record, I was so happy."

Should there be a 2021 season, Caul said she's hoping for a breakout, after injuries slowed her development.

"I'm hoping to show what I can really do," she said. "I'm getting my mind together, getting my body together, in order to prepare to run fast for the upcoming season."



Anchor leg Shaniyah Caul receives the baton from Beyonce DeFreitas

SPORTS



Mark Stephenson, left, Biff Smith, Phillippe Leroy, Gareth Thomas and Shane Donovan, making the turn to go up Little Mountain during Sunday's Prison Break Race



Youth Empowerment Project (YEP) riders: L-R: Jaroy Daley, Nathaniel Piontkowski, Zavia Golding, Shicorey Bertie, Tyreke Bertie and Sherwood Gaymes



A group of Sprint Tech Club athletes pause before going on a One Mile run to warm up as track and training restarts



After completing their One Mile run, athletes continued with stretching and a series of drills



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PUBLIC NOTICES

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

Inforstone Biotherapeutics Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 2026396

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 21st September, 2020.

Dated: 25th September, 2020.

(Sgd.) *HOU Jia* ()

Voluntary Liquidator

[69/1]

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

Minscaaiya Biotherapeutics Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 2026409

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 21st September, 2020.

Dated: 25th September, 2020.

(Sgd.) *MA Yuanhui* ()

Voluntary Liquidator

[69/2]

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

Sky-earth Biotherapeutics Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 2026459

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 21st September, 2020.

Dated: 25th September, 2020.

(Sgd.) *LIU Haiying* ()

Voluntary Liquidator

[69/3]

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

SanRinovo Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 2026382

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 21st September, 2020.

Dated: 25th September, 2020.

(Sgd.) *Sun Minghui* ()

Voluntary Liquidator

[69/4]

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

Gradus Biotherapeutics Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 2026421

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 21st September, 2020.

Dated: 25th September, 2020.

(Sgd.) *DU Yiming* ()

Voluntary Liquidator

[69/5]

ABI VENTURES LTD.

Company No. 1545943

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **ABI VENTURES LTD.**, is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 25th September, 2020 and Mrs. **LINETH PONCE**, of MMG Tower, 23rd Floor, Avenida del Pacifico with Avenida Paseo de Mar, Costa del Este, Panama, Republic of Panama has been appointed as the Sole Liquidator.

Dated this 28th day of September, 2020

Sgd. Mrs. **LINETH PONCE**

Voluntary Liquidator

[69/6]

MINOREL INTERNATIONAL LTD.

Company No. 1529235

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **MINOREL INTERNATIONAL LTD.**, is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 25th September, 2020 and Mrs. **LINETH PONCE**, of MMG Tower, 23rd Floor, Avenida del Pacifico with Avenida Paseo de Mar, Costa del Este, Panama, Republic of Panama has been appointed as the Sole Liquidator.

Dated this 28th day of September, 2020

Sgd. Mrs. **LINETH PONCE**

Voluntary Liquidator

[69/7]

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Liquidator's Final Notice

LANDMARK CAPITAL INVESTMENTS LIMITED

("the Company")

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 686875

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to section (208) (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 21st September 2020.

Dated 28th September 2020

Carmin Bailey

Voluntary Liquidator

[69/8]

APPOINTMENT CONSEIL LEGAL INTERNATIONAL INC.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 243433

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in Voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 28th August, 2020. The liquidator name is Enilda Wason, with domicile at Don Bosco, 3rd Street, Panama City, Republic of Panama.

Sgd. *Enilda Wason*

Voluntary Liquidator

[69/9]

SENECA INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT CORP.

Company No. 1714273

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **SENECA INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT CORP.** is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 26th September, 2020 and **QUERUBE CASTILLO DE NUÑEZ** of Paseo del Mar and Pacific Avenues, Costa del Este, MMG Tower, 23rd Floor, Panama City, Republic of Panama, has been appointed as Sole Liquidator.

Dated this 28th day of September, 2020

Sgd. **QUERUBE CASTILLO DE NUÑEZ**

Voluntary Liquidator

[69/10]

NEON (HONG KONG) LOGISTICS CO., LTD.

Company No. 2007346

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **NEON (HONG KONG) LOGISTICS CO., LTD.**, is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 13th August, 2020 and Cai Hong, of No. 547, Hubin Middle Road, Siming District, Xiamen City, Fujian Province, China has been appointed as the Sole Liquidator.

Dated this 17th day of August, 2020

Sgd. *Cai Hong*

Voluntary Liquidator

[69/11]

BONILTON ENTERPRISES LTD.

Company No. 437971

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **BONILTON ENTERPRISES LTD.**, is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 13th August, 2020 and Mr. **DANIEL BEURER**, of Pont du Centenaire 109, 1228 Plan-Les-Ouates, Switzerland has been appointed as the Sole Liquidator.

Dated this 17th day of August, 2020

Sgd. Mr. **DANIEL BEURER**

Voluntary Liquidator

[69/12]

BENDOL HOLDING LTD.

Company No. 1581251

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **BENDOL HOLDING LTD.**, is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 6th August, 2020 and Mrs. **DANIELA MAYR**, of Biberweg 8, 6923 Luterach, Austria has been appointed as the Sole Liquidator.

Dated this 17th day of August, 2020

Sgd. Mrs. **DANIELA MAYR**

Voluntary Liquidator

[69/13]

LINENBURG TRADING LTD.

Company No. 507963

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **LINENBURG TRADING LTD.**, is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 12th August, 2020 and Mrs. **LINETH PONCE**, of MMG Tower, 23rd Floor, Avenida del Pacifico with Avenida Paseo de Mar, Costa del Este, Panama, Republic of Panama has been appointed as the Sole Liquidator.

Dated this 17th day of August, 2020

Sgd. Mrs. **LINETH PONCE**

Voluntary Liquidator

[69/14]

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

SERRA HOLDINGS LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 178403

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (a) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 25th September, 2020. The Liquidator is Mr. **NIKOLAOS BRATIS** of 17, IFIGENIAS STREET, 2007 STROVOLOS, NICOSIA, CYPRUS.

Dated this 28th September, 2020

(Signed) **(NIKOLAOS BRATIS)**

(Liquidator)

[69/15]

DAY TRADE INTERNATIONAL INC.

Company No. 141296

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **DAY TRADE INTERNATIONAL INC.** been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 18th September, 2020.

Dated this 25th day of September, 2020.

Sgd. **MAHMUT N. USLU**

Voluntary Liquidator

[69/16]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

ALVATORE LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1930740

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 September 24, 2020.

Dated: September 25, 2020

(Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela

Voluntary Liquidator

[69/17]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

South Africa Development Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1494664

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 September 24, 2020.

Dated: September 25, 2020

(Sgd.) *Delio Jose De Leon Mela*

Voluntary Liquidator [69/18]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

DREMSTEN FIANCE LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1579259

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 September 24, 2020.

Dated: September 25, 2020

(Sgd.) *Delio Jose De Leon Mela*

Voluntary Liquidator

[69/19]

BARBOSSA ASSOCIATED S.A.

Company No. 1409034

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **BARBOSSA ASSOCIATED S.A.** is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 25th September, 2020 and **QUERUBE C. DE NUÑEZ**, of MMG Tower, Ave. Paseo del Mar, Costa del Este, Panama City, Rep. of Panama, has been appointed as the Sole Liquidator.

Dated this 28th day of September, 2020

Sgd. **QUERUBE C. DE NUÑEZ**

Voluntary Liquidator [69/20]

HALGON LIMITED

Company No. 582589

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **HALGON LIMITED** has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from August 17th, 2020.

Dated this 28th day of September 2020

Sgd. Mr. **CHEUNG Ka Ho**

Voluntary Liquidator [69/21]

GOODLINK HOLDINGS LIMITED

Company No. 380927

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **GOODLINK HOLDINGS LIMITED** is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 25th September, 2020 and **CHEUNG Oi Yin**, Irene of Flat D, 6/F, Block 24, Greenwood Terrace, 26-28 Sui Wo Road, Shatin, Hong Kong has been appointed as Sole Liquidator.

Dated this 28th day of September, 2020.

Sgd. **CHEUNG Oi Yin**

Voluntary Liquidator [69/22]

PUBLIC NOTICES

GREENGAGE HOLDING LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1792884

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 September 24th, 2020.
Dated: September 25th, 2020
(Sgd.) *Alvaro Shaffer*
Voluntary Liquidator
[69/23]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Companies Act.

RYMAD LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1764246

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 September 24th, 2020.
Dated: September 25th, 2020
(Sgd.) *Phani Schiza Antoniou*
Voluntary Liquidator
[69/24]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Companies Act.

W Science Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1773740

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 September 24th, 2020.
Dated: September 25th, 2020
(Sgd.) *Delio Jose De Leon Mela*
Voluntary Liquidator
[69/25]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Companies Act.

W Marine Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 607875

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 September 24th, 2020.
Dated: September 25th, 2020
(Sgd.) *Delio Jose De Leon Mela*
Voluntary Liquidator
[69/26]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Companies Act.

BARONIA ENTERPRISES LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1002086

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 September 24th, 2020.
Dated: September 25th, 2020
(Sgd.) *Stefios Ioakim*
Voluntary Liquidator
[69/27]

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

FUHUAN INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 18th day of September, 2020, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register.
The Liquidator is:-
ZHENG, Jie of
Room 405, Building 7,
No. 13, Nonglin Road,
Shenzhen, Guangdong,
China
[69/28]

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

CHEN JIE Holdings Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 17th day of September, 2020, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register.
The Liquidator is:-
GU Ytche of
Suite C, 13F, No. 918,
Middle Huanghai Road,
Huangpu District, Shanghai,
China
[69/29]

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

Fanghua Holding Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 17th day of September, 2020, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register.
The Liquidator is:-
CHEN, Ting of
No. 43, Longchi Village,
Xihu District, Hangzhou City,
Zhejiang Province,
China
[69/30]

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

Shanhong Holding Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 17th day of September, 2020, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register.
The Liquidator is:-
CHEN, Ting of
No. 43, Longchi Village,
Xihu District, Hangzhou City,
Zhejiang Province,
China
[69/31]

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

Mittweida Technology Inc.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 23th day of September 2020, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.
The Liquidator is:-
WANG Pa of
No. 15, Xueyuan Road,
CSCSE, Ministry of Education,
Haidian District, Beijing,
China
[69/32]

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

Claridges Hotel Management Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 24th September, 2020, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.
The Liquidator is:-
Robin Wulser of
600 North Bridge Road
#12-09/10 Parkview Square
Singapore 188778
[69/33]

BUZNI INC.

Company No. 1884537
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that BUZNI INC. is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 24th September, 2020 and Pablo del Castillo of Hipolito Yirogyen 4051 - #162 - Funes 2132 -Argentina, has been appointed as Sole Liquidator.
Dated this 25th day of September, 2020
Sgd. PABLO DEL CASTILLO
Voluntary Liquidator
[69/34]

SINZA LTD.

Company No. 1884525
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that SINZA LTD. is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 24th September, 2020 and Pablo del Castillo of Hipolito Yirogyen 4051 - #162 - Funes 2132 -Argentina, has been appointed as Sole Liquidator.
Dated this 25th day of September, 2020
Sgd. PABLO DEL CASTILLO
Voluntary Liquidator
[69/35]

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

Furui Equity Investment Limited

Company No. 2024800
(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 18th day of September, 2020. The liquidator is **Zhang Min** of Unit 6, 11/F, Prosperity Place, 6 Shing Yip Street, Kwan Tong, Kowloon, Hong Kong SAR.
Dated: 24th day of September, 2020
(Sgd.) *Zhang Min*
Voluntary Liquidator
[69/36]

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

ABA Chemicals (BVI) Ltd

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1945906

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 24th September, 2020.
Dated: 24th day of September, 2020
(Sgd.) *Li Hang*
Voluntary Liquidator
[69/37]

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

BRAVO RESULTS LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1973995

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 24th September, 2020.
Dated: 24th day of September, 2020
(Sgd.) *LIN KING WAI*
Voluntary Liquidator
[69/38]

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

NATURAL TREASURE GLOBAL LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1798525

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 24th September, 2020.
Dated: 24th day of September, 2020
(Sgd.) *LIN KING WAI*
Voluntary Liquidator
[69/39]

FIRMORAY LIMITED

Company No. 1904600
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that FIRMORAY LIMITED is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 28th day of August 2020 and Jose Carlos Siekavica of Perez Castellanos 1492, Montevideo, Uruguay, has been appointed as Sole Liquidator.
Dated this 28th day of August, 2020
Sgd. JOSE CARLOS SIEKAVICA
Voluntary Liquidator
[69/40]

VESSEL TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS INC.

Company No. 1696356
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that VESSEL TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS INC., has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 11th September, 2020.
Dated this 24th day of September, 2020
Sgd. Querube Castillo de Nuñez
Voluntary Liquidator
[69/41]

GANCHES INVESTMENT CORP.

Company No. 1852660
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that GANCHES INVESTMENT CORP. is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 24th day of September, 2020 and MARIANO RODRIGUEZ OF CONVENCION 1343 OFICINA 403, MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY, has been appointed as Sole Liquidator.
Dated this 24th day of September, 2020
Sgd. MARIANO RODRIGUEZ
Voluntary Liquidator
[69/42]

GLOBALCOM DATA SERVICES INC.

Company No. 1500607
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that GLOBALCOM DATA SERVICES INC., is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 28th September, 2020 and Mrs. RANA ZAKHOUR, of Main Street, Ground floor, Gharfne, Byblos, Lebanon has been appointed as the Sole Liquidator.
Dated this 29th day of September, 2020
Sgd. Mrs. RANA ZAKHOUR
Voluntary Liquidator
[69/43]

GEM Capital Ventures Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1390887

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 28th day of September, 2020.
Dated this 29th day of September, 2020
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson

Voluntary Liquidator
[69/44]

DATA PAD LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1961530

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 28th day of September, 2020.
Dated this 29th day of September, 2020
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson

Voluntary Liquidator
[69/45]

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MBS Investments Services Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1793185
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 28th day of September, 2020. The Liquidator John Greenwood of Arawak Chambers, Mandar House, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.
Dated this 29th day of September, 2020
Sgd. John Greenwood

John Greenwood
Voluntary Liquidator
[69/46]

WHEELER INVEST HOLDING LTD

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1626018
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 28th day of September, 2020.
Dated this 29th day of September, 2020
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[69/47]

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

TANTTADOR LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1403422
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 September 28th, 2020. The Liquidator is Michael Avraam with an address at 8 Digeni Akrita, Office 403, 1045, Nicosia, Cyprus.
Dated: September 29th, 2020
(Sgd.) Michael Avraam
Voluntary Liquidator
[69/48]

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

TANTTADOR LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1403422
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 September 28th, 2020. The Liquidator is Michael Avraam with an address at 8 Digeni Akrita, Office 403, 1045, Nicosia, Cyprus.
Dated: September 29th, 2020
(Sgd.) Michael Avraam
Voluntary Liquidator
[69/49]

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

STORTEX LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 631858
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 September 28th, 2020. The Liquidator is Angeliki Herodotou with an address at 12B, Kozanis Agios Georgios Havouzas, 3070, Limassol, Cyprus.
Dated: September 29th, 2020
(Sgd.) Angeliki Herodotou
Voluntary Liquidator
[69/50]

COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK SERVICES INC.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 666762
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK SERVICES INC., is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 28th September, 2020 and Mrs. RANA ZAKHOUR, of Main Street, Ground floor, Gharfne, Byblos, Lebanon has been appointed as the Sole Liquidator.
Dated this 29th day of September, 2020
Sgd. Mrs. RANA ZAKHOUR
Voluntary Liquidator
[69/51]

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

Green Point Worldwide Holdings, Corp.

(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 23 September 2020. The Liquidator is Ms. Ralph De Paiva Vasco with address at R. Machado Lemos 245, Apt. 902, Ponta Verde, 57035-120, Maceio, Alagoas, Brasil.
Dated: 24 September 2020.
(Sgd.) Ms. Ralph De Paiva Vasco
Voluntary Liquidator
[69/52]

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

Alvertstone Capital Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 23rd day of September, 2020 under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidator is :-
Ika Farhana Binte Jeffery
Blk 145 Tampines Street 12
#09-346 Singapore
521145
[69/53]

Financiera Capital Inc.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
(BC No. 1633050)
NOTICE is hereby given that the Company has been dissolved and has been struck from the Register of Companies.
Tim Arguello
Voluntary Liquidator
[69/54]

Latin American Financing Corp.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
(BC No. 1633076)
NOTICE is hereby given that the Company has been dissolved and has been struck from the Register of Companies.
Tim Arguello
Voluntary Liquidator
[69/55]

TRUE FONT INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
(BC No. 2014975)
NOTICE is hereby given that the Company has been dissolved and has been struck from the Register of Companies.
Henry Landau
Voluntary Liquidator
[69/56]

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

JC International Footwear Company Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1860318
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 28th day of September, 2020. The liquidator is Hsiao Shu Chen of Flat A, 16/F., Bellagio Block 5, Sham Tseng, N.T., Hong Kong.
Dated: 28th day of September, 2020
(Sgd.) Hsiao Shu Chen
Voluntary Liquidator
[69/57]

GINNY WORLDWIDE COMPANY INC.

Company No. 1421930
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that GINNY WORLDWIDE COMPANY INC. is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 24th July, 2020 and Mr Allan Dennis Cooper of MWM AG and MWM Financial Services Ltd, Claridenstrasse 36, 8002 Zurich, Switzerland as been appointed as the Sole Liquidator.
Dated this 24th day of August, 2020
Sgd. Mr Allan Dennis Cooper
Voluntary Liquidator
[69/58]

NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT DARLINGTON MANAGEMENT HOLDINGS LTD

("the Company")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 28th September, 2020; under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidator is:-
Martin Chester
Of c/o Clermont Consultants (UK) Limited
Regent House, Allum Gate
Elstree & Borehamwood, Herts WD6 4RS United Kingdom
[69/59]

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

Wei Ran Gold Investment Company Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1916312
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 28th day of August, 2020. The liquidator is Ms. LU Xiangling of No. 222, Yaonan Road, Miaoan Village, Miao Town, Chongming District, Shanghai, China.
Dated: 28th day of August, 2020
(Sgd.) Ms. LU Xiangling
Voluntary Liquidator
[69/60]

JOSE LLOREDA CAMACHO & CO. S.A.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 616922
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)-(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that JOSE LLOREDA CAMACHO & CO. S.A. is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 8th day of September, 2020. The Liquidator is Miss Nicola Gillespie c/o Citeo B.V.I. Limited, Flemming House, Wickhams Cay, P.O. Box 662, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110.
Dated 10th day of September, 2020.
(Sgd.) Nicola Gillespie
Voluntary Liquidator
[69/61]

CHESTERMOOR LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1753921
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)-(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that CHESTERMOOR LIMITED is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 10th day of September, 2020. The Liquidator is Miss Nicola Gillespie c/o Citeo B.V.I. Limited, Flemming House, Wickhams Cay, P.O. Box 662, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110.
Dated 29th day of September, 2020.
(Sgd.) Nicola Gillespie
Voluntary Liquidator
[69/62]

STRUCK OFF CONSEIL LEGAL INTERNATIONAL INC.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 243433
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection (1) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from the 29th day of September, 2020.
Dated September 30, 2020
Sgd. Enilda Wason
Voluntary Liquidator
[69/63]

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

Reservoir Exploration (BVI) Ltd.

(the "Company")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1576393
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 September 25, 2020. The Liquidator is Meade Malone of Geneva Place, 2nd Floor, 333 Waterfront Drive, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands
Dated: September 29, 2020.
(Sgd.) Meade Malone
Liquidator
[69/64]

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

Global Sports Management Holdings Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on September 9, 2020. The Liquidator is Mrs. Alison Hills with address at La Corvee House, La Corvee, Alderney GY9 3TQ.
Dated: September 9, 2020
(Sgd.) Alison Hills
Voluntary Liquidator
[69/65]

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

Y & Y 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 September 14, 2020. The Liquidator is Mr. Eugene Benedict Pak with address at 20/F., Tung Wai Commercial Building, 109 - 111 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong.
Dated: September 14, 2020.
(Sgd.) Eugene Benedict Pak
Voluntary Liquidator
[69/66]

PUBLIC NOTICES

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

IN THE ESTATE OF WALTON CHALWELL, DECEASED

In the estate of WALTON CHALWELL, late of East End, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, deceased.

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Trevor Chalwell of East End, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above named deceased who died on the 16th day of January 2020 without revoking a Will bearing the date of the 4th day of September 2019 wherein the applicant is named executor.

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

Dated the 23 September, 2020

Filed by Trevor Chalwell whose address for service is c/o Harney Westwood & Riegels LP, Craigmuir Chambers, PO Box 71, Road Town Tortola VG1110, British Virgin Islands [69]

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

In the estate of WALTER JAMES FLOTRON, late of 6247 Rhodes Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, United States of America, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that DARLENE PARK of C/o U.S. Bank, N.A., 505 N. 7th Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63101, United States of America and MARK L. SANDVOS of C/o U.S. Bank, N.A., 10 N Hanley Road, St. Louis, Missouri 63105, United States of America, the duly appointed Attorneys and authorised representatives of the said U.S. Bank, N.A., the Personal Representative named in the Last Will and Testament of WALTER JAMES FLOTRON, deceased who died on the 4th day of June, 2019, domiciled in St. Louis, Missouri, United States of America (the Deceased), have applied to the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the Probate Division for a Grant of Letters of Administration with Will Annexed in the estate of the Deceased.

ANY PERSON having an objection to the Grant of Probate to the said DARLENE PARK and MARK L. SANDVOS shall within fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of this Notice lodge with the Registry of the High Court in the Territory of the Virgin Islands a proper document setting out the said objections.



Solicitors for the Intended Administrators
[50]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act.
VERITY 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 September 14, 2020. The Liquidator is Mr. Eugene Benedict Pak with address at 20/F, Tung Wai Commercial Building, 109 - 111 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong.
Dated: September 14, 2020.
(Sgd.) Eugene Benedict Pak
Voluntary Liquidator
[69/67]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act.
Braye Services 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 September 21, 2020. The Liquidator is Tim Archard with address at Kingsway House, Havilland Street, St. Peter Port, Guernsey, GY1 2QE
Dated: September 21, 2020.
(Sgd.) Tim Archard
Voluntary Liquidator
[69/68]

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

IN THE ESTATE OF DAVID LEE KAY TUAN, late of 6A Victoria Park Road, Singapore 266531, Deceased

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by MICHELLE LIEM MEI FUNG of 6A Victoria Park Road, Singapore 266531, for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who is the lawful wife of the Deceased, the Deceased having died intestate on the 28th day of March 2020.

ANY PERSONS 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 the 22nd day of September 2020

Harney Westwood & Riegels LP
Attorneys-at-law and Legal Practitioners for the Applicant

Filed by MICHELLE LIEM MEI FUNG, Applicant whose address for service is c/o Harney Westwood & Riegels LP, Craigmuir Chambers, PO Box 71, Road Town, Tortola VG1110, British Virgin Islands. [69]

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

PROBATE NO. 0108 OF 2020

In the Estate of TSANG CHIU CHING late of 17th Floor, Block 8, Repulse Bay Garden (No. 26 Belleview Drive), No. 18 - 40 Belleview Drive, Hong Kong, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by HUI WIN SI CICI of 17th Floor, Block 8, Repulse Bay Garden (No. 26 Belleview Drive), No. 18 - 40 Belleview Drive, Hong Kong and HUI WUN GI of Flat C, 6/F, Block 1 Beverley Heights No. 56 Cloud View Road, Hong Kong, for an Application for Grant of Letters of Administration of the above named deceased who died intestate on the 5th day of May 2018.

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 25 September 2020.

Filed by Walkers Attorneys-at Law whose address for service is 171 Main Street Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands VG 1110 [70]

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

IN THE ESTATE OF CHUING MEI FONG, DECEASED

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by HSBC INTERNATIONAL TRUSTEE (BVI) LIMITED, a company incorporated under the Companies Act (cap 285) of the Laws of the British Virgin Islands whose registered office is situated at Woodbourne Hall, PO Box 916, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above named deceased who died on the 05th day of October 2017 without revoking a will bearing the date of 16th day of December 2010 wherein the applicant is named executor.

ANY PERSONS having any objections to the Grant of Probate to the said HSBC INTERNATIONAL TRUSTEE (BVI) LIMITED shall within fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of this Notice to 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 29th day of October, 2020

HARNEY WESTWOOD & RIEGELS LP
Solicitors for the Executor [70]

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3 Steel Worker Requirements: Construct and repair steel frames and structural supports for buildings, bridges, and other construction projects. Read and interpret blueprints and building plans. Applicant must have seven or more years' experience.

3 Masons Requirements: Maintaining tools and workspaces. Cutting, shaping and dressing materials. Lifting, carrying and placing prepared blocks. Reading and following technical drawings. Mixing cement and mortar. Restoring old and worn masonry. Applicant must have seven or more years' experience.

1 Plumber Requirements: Reading and interpreting blueprints to assess or plan plumbing installations and layouts. Installing, maintaining and repairing plumbing systems and fixtures. Inspecting and testing plumbing systems for safety, functionality, and code compliance. Applicant must have seven or more years' experience.

1 Domestic cleaner Requirements: Person will be responsible for cleaning different jobsites and staff housing complexes. Must be able to lift 30-50 pounds. Applicant must have four or more years' experience.

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Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act.
FURRENTAL CHEMICALS INTERNATIONAL 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 September 28, 2020. The Liquidator is Yao Chen with address at Rm 501, Building 7, Hexing Gongyu, Nanhu, Jiaxing, Zhejiang, China 314000.
Dated: September 28, 2020.
(Sgd.) Yao Chen
Voluntary Liquidator
[69/69]

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

In the Estate of TAN KUAN GUAN late of 1 Keppel Bay Drive, # 02-01, Singapore 098012, deceased

FORM P7: ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF PROBATE

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by TAN KUAN BOON (also referred to as "CHEN GUANWEN") of Apt Blk 212A Compassvale Drive, #07-125, Singapore, and TAN KUAN HWEE of Apt Blk 837 Hougang Central, #08-535, Singapore, for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above named deceased who died on 30 April 2017 without revoking a will bearing the date of 30 March 2017 wherein the applicants are named executors.

ANY PERSON having any objection to the Grant of Probate to the said TAN KUAN BOON (also referred to as "CHEN GUANWEN") and TAN KUAN HWEE shall file an objection within fourteen (14) days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 21st day of September, 2020

Filed by Conyers Dill and Pearman, Solicitors for the Applicant, Commerce House, Wickhams Cay 1, P.O. Box 3140, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands VG1110. Tel: 1 (284) 852 1000 Fax: 1 (284) 1001 Email: vresley.ebriev@conyers.com [69]

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

Probate no. BV11HPB2020/098

In the Estate of CLEMENT EDWARD HILL II, late of Tortola British Virgin Islands and Orangeburg County South Carolina USA deceased

PUBLIC NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by ALLISON WILLIAMS HILL of Road Town Tortola, Virgin Islands and Roosevelt New York, USA for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who is the wife of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 9th day of October 2015.

ANY PERSON having an objection to the Grant of Letters of Administration to the application shall file an objection within fourteen (14) days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 2nd day of September 2020

*Filed by: Harbour Chambers BVI
12 Chalwell Street Road Town
Tortola Virgin Islands
Legal Practitioners for the Applicants [70]*

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

CLAIM NO. BV11HPB2020/

IN THE ESTATE OF FADI RAYESS LATE OF 4TH FLOOR, FOCH RESIDENCE BLDG, MARFAA STREET, CENTRAL DISTRICT, BEIRUT, LEBANON, DECEASED

ADVERTISEMENT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Samir Rayess of Foch Residence Bldg., Marfaa St, Central District, Beirut, Lebanon for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who is the son of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate in Paris, France on 1 December 2019.

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

Dated this 28th day of September 2020

Filed by McW, Todman & Co, Attorneys-at-Law for the Administrator whose address for service is: McNamara Chambers, 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands; email: vstjocan@mcwtdman.com [70]

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

In the estate of TERRANCE DAROLD WILLIAMS, late of 234/327, Village No. 5, Fa Ham Sub-district, Mueang Chiang Mai District, Chiang Mai Province, Thailand, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that KWAN HOI WANG of 40C Tower 3 Harbour Green, 8 Sham Mong Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong, being the sole Executor and Trustee named in the Last Will relating to BVI Estate (the Will) of TERRANCE DAROLD WILLIAMS, deceased who died on the 12th day of January, 2020, domiciled in Thailand (the Deceased), has applied to the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the Probate Division for Probate of the Will bearing the date 13 October 2018.

ANY PERSON having an objection to the Grant of Probate to the said KWAN HOI WANG, shall within fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of this Notice lodge with the Registry of the High Court in the Territory of the Virgin Islands a proper document setting out the said objections.



Solicitors for the Executor

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

In the Estate of LAI KA TIM late of 37 GREENLEAF RISE, SINGAPORE 279388, deceased

FORM P7: ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF PROBATE

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by LAI KUAN LOONG, VICTOR, and BERNICE GAN LI-YING (YAN LIVING), both of 3 Greenleaf View, Singapore 279243 for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above named deceased who died on the 12th day of July 2016 without revoking a will bearing the date of 22nd day of September 2014 wherein the applicants are the named executors.

ANY PERSON having any objection to the Grant of Probate to the said LAI KUAN LOONG, VICTOR, and BERNICE GAN LI-YING (YAN LIVING) shall file an objection within fourteen (14) days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 3rd day of October, 2020

Filed by Conyers Dill and Pearman, Solicitors for the Applicant, Commerce House, Wickhams Cay 1, P.O. Box 3140, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands VG1110. Tel: 1 (284) 852 1000 Fax: 1 (284) 1001 Email: Allana-J. Joseph@conyers.com [70]

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

In the Estate of MAURICIO COHEN COHEN late of Prolongación Bosques de Reforma, 1813, Floor 13, Suite 1302, Colonia Lomas de Vista Hermosa, Cuajimalpa de Morelos 001100, MX, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by ELY COHEN STEVAN of Avenida Prolongacion, Bosques de Reforma 1813-1302, Colonia Lomas de Vista Hermosa, Cuajimalpa de Morelos, Mexico City, Mexico and VICTORIA COHEN BERAUN of Bosque de Quiroga 29, Colonia Bosque de la Herradura 52783, Huixquilucan, Mexico, for an Application for Grant of Probate of the Will of the above named deceased who died on the 22nd day of December 2019 wherein the applicants are the named executors and the son and daughter, respectively, of the deceased.

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.

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Caribbean wouldn't tolerate external interference on Republics



By Sir Ronald Sanders

Of all the fanciful reasons imputed to the decision of the government to make Barbados a Republic, shedding its monarchical status with Queen Elizabeth II as Head of State, the most surprising has come from the Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the British House of Commons, Tom Tugendhat.

The Foreign Affairs Committee, comprised of parliamentarians from all political parties in the House, is a serious body. It has produced important and influential reports in the past. Therefore, when its Chairman makes a statement, it would be imprudent just to dismiss it.

'The Times' newspaper quoted him as saying on September 23, eight days after the Barbados Government's decision was declared: "China has been using infrastructure investment and debt diplomacy as a means of control for a while and it's coming closer to home for us. British partners have long faced challenges from rivals seeking to undermine our alliance. Today we're seeing it in the Caribbean. Some islands seem to be close to swapping a symbolic Queen in Windsor for a real and demanding emperor in Beijing."

As head of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Mr. Tugendhat should have been better informed. The Barbados government was no more influenced by China to change its status to a Republic, than it was under pressure by the British government to continue to share Queen Elizabeth as the Head of the two separate realms.

It is unfortunate that some in the international community regard small states as inept, seeing them as ready objects of manipulation by big powers through either coercion or enticements. Thus, the presence of China in the Caribbean, where it has made investments that have aided economic development, is characterised as "a means of control", as Mr. Tugendhat puts it.

Discounted altogether is that, in many Caribbean countries, China has given much needed loans and grants when others have been significant by their absence, or where, by their presence, they institute unhelpful policies of 'black listing' countries without consultation, or blocking much needed loans from international financial institutions on criteria that takes no account of the vulnerability of small states.

Do loans translate into coercive influence over small Caribbean states? The answer is unreservedly no. Loans must be repaid, including Chinese ones whose main attraction is their longer repayment periods and lower interest rates. If their rivals met their terms, competition would win out.

In any event, amid the COVID-19 crisis, China has shown no desire to forgive debt or to defer interest payments to give developing countries more breathing space. However, unlike the members of the Paris Club of official creditors (mostly G7 countries), China has deferred principal payments on loans.

If anything, it is other powerful states that provide space for China in the Caribbean by not offering

money on competitive terms and by refusing to support issues that are vitally important to Caribbean States. Among those issues are curbing Climate Change, promoting debt forgiveness in the epoch of COVID-19, and removing the skewed criteria of per capita income that prohibits many Caribbean countries from access to concessionary loans.

Whether large and powerful nations accept it or not, governments of small states are not vassals; in making foreign policy and domestic decisions, they make them in the context of what is in their best interest. That choice may result in upsetting one or other of powerful rival states, but it would be wrong for them to believe that Caribbean governments are incapable of making reasoned decisions in their country's interests.

On other comments made about the Barbados' wish to proceed to Republican status, should it do so it will not cease to be member of the Commonwealth of Nations which stopped being "British" in 1949 on the independence of India and Pakistan and their becoming Republics.

At that time, it was accepted that the British Crown would be the "Head of the Commonwealth" and, as such, "the symbol of the voluntary association" of its members. Of the 54 member states of the Commonwealth, 31 are Republics.

There also appears to be a perception that, in swearing allegiance to Queen Elizabeth II in Barbados and other Caribbean countries, fealty is being sworn to the Queen of the United Kingdom. This is not so. The Queen is head of state of each of her realms separately. So, in each country when the oath of allegiance is made, it is to the sovereign as head of that state only.

Another point worth making is that if, in becoming a Republic, the choice is made for a non-Executive President (as was recommended by a Constitutional Commission headed by Sir Henry Forde in 1998), no change in the system of government will occur in Barbados or any other country that follows that pattern.

The decision of the Barbados government, which has been in contemplation for 17 years, resides in one overarching consideration. It is this: the people of Barbados have a right to decide that their Head of State should be a symbol of their nation - someone who is from, and of the country, who lives within it, who shares its challenges and its benefits and who encompasses their common identity. That decision has not one jot to do with external influences. It is simply a national conclusion whose time has come, logically, emotionally, and intellectually.

Will other Caribbean monarchical states do the same? Highly likely they will, for the same important reason that motivates Barbados. But because their constitutions, unlike Barbados', requires them to hold a referendum in which the majority of the electorate vote in favour (and they have to obtain a two-thirds majority vote in the elected House), the political parties - in government and opposition - have to agree to proceed.

More importantly, they will have to jointly explain the implications to the people, or political rivalry and distrust of politicians will defer the change. Unless they do so, "God Save the Queen/King" may still be sung alongside the national anthems of remaining Caribbean realms for another decade.



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ANTI-COVID VACCINE: HOPEFUL OR HOPELESS?

Many countries are beginning to resent the continuous - and often sudden - extensions of lockdowns. Last weekend there were huge demonstrations in London and Jerusalem. As expected most of the politically biased, far-right-owned media described the protesters as conspiracy theorists, law-breakers, trouble-makers, anti-vaccine, and COVID deniers. Other sources said that many protesters were fascists. No wonder more people don't trust the media.

What we have now is a world falling apart under consistent threats of all kinds and descriptions. The hard-earned freedom and democracy are at stake; they were often earned as a result of calamitous wars, uprisings, and revolutions resulting in the death of millions of human beings. Nowadays even the kindest of governments cannot find a reasonable solution to save both the lives of people and the economy of their countries. So far we have lost salaries, jobs and amassed bankruptcies, and foreclosures; to make it worse, we have accumulated poorly devised carbon-copied policies.

Much is expected of the hurried vaccines. Let us remember that apart from flu vaccines and other vaccines, so far there is no vaccine for AIDS, Malaria, Chagas, Dengue, Chikungunia, Cytomegalovirus, Hookworm infection, and Leishmaniasis, Schistosomiasis - to name a few.

"But while vaccination has prevented hundreds of millions of deaths since 1796 when Edward Jenner inoculated a boy with cowpox to prevent smallpox, there's room for improvement: Vaccines are risky or ineffective in people with compromised immune systems, they don't even exist for several viral diseases, and flu vaccines, in particular, often fail in the elderly," STATnews commented in February 2019.

The same source points out that: "Despite decades of trying, there are still no vaccines against viruses that kill tens of millions of people and cause untold suffering every year: HIV, respiratory syncytial virus, and the cancer-causing Epstein-Barr virus. There are many reasons why, including how hard it is to identify the exact piece of an antigen that will trigger the production of an effective antibody. And even when vaccines exist, they fail when B cells don't rearrange their DNA segments in a way necessary to manufacture the needed antibodies."

This leads us to comment that while we spend fortunes and wait for decades for a vaccine we would be better off finding a cure. Now some medications go a long way in combatting AIDS, but for forty years we have been hopelessly waiting for a vaccine.

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