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## COI COMMISSIONER PROMISES FAIRNESS AND ANONYMITY

As the United Kingdom supported Commission of Inquiry (COI) officially got underway last week, Friday 22 January, Premier, and Minister for Finance Hon. Andrew Fahie is not holding back his thoughts on the matter. The Premier was especially vocal at a community meeting that was held in Baughers Bay on 23 January where he shared his suspicions about the motives of former Governor Jaspert in calling the Commission of Inquiry.

Hon. Fahie questioned why the Governor and the UK Foreign Office lumped the major cocaine bust where police officers were implicated into a COI that is supposed to examine governance matters. In noting his skepticism about this the Premier said, "They want to use drug bust with police getting arrested... that's not under the local government and they want to use their failure in the

international media to and then tell us that they love us while trying to destroy our name for their failures."

The Premier suggested that the UK was interested in direct rule, he announced: "It's not about Fahie or a political party. It's about them wanting our economy. It's about them wanting our country. That if they can tarnish us with the international world, then they can get support from everyone to say go in and move in on them," Hon. Fahie stated.

The BVI Leader said that he is not pleased with the way the matter was announced or arranged and said that it seems telling that the Commissioner arrived with the Governor, was hired by the Governor, and is hearing certain things, "We want a transparent commission of inquiry, we don't want no kangaroo court," Hon. Fahie declared as he outlined his suspicions.



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The Premier criticised the Governor's report that he could not get certain information and said that there are other Constitutional provisions the Governor could have used instead of COI. "They didn't draw a penknife for this fight, they didn't draw a sword

for this fight, they took out the atomic bomb," Mr. Fahie pointed out.

As he further suggested that there is a destructive motive behind the COI, Hon. Fahie said: "They try to do what Irma couldn't do, Maria couldn't do

or COVID 19 couldn't do. They trying to destroy our name, our economy, our tourism, our financial services. They're trying to destroy everything about us so that we could say come we need you, come save us."

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# COI Commissioner promises fairness and anonymity

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### Governor Says He Has No Ulterior Motive

Meanwhile, in his last interaction with local media at a press conference on 22 January, a day before his departure, Governor Jaspert rubbished claims that ulterior motives were influencing his decision to call for a Commission of Inquiry. He told the media: "This was, without doubt, a very difficult decision to make, but a very necessary one based on the great number of current concerns and allegations put to me by members of the community, the public service, the media, the businesses and other."

"I simply cannot ignore the concerns of the people, or the hindrances facing local institutions, I feel the Commission of Inquiry is the best way to address those concerns and ensure the welfare of the people."

At the same press conference, the Commissioner of the Inquiry spoke to the media where several questions being publicly mulled were put to him.

Among the questions, Sole Commissioner The Rt. Hon. Sir Gary Hickenbottom, was asked whether the inquiries were going to be live-streamed. This question was against

the backdrop of a public request that was made by the Premier for the inquiries to be aired. However, Commissioner Hickenbottom did not make any promise or give assurance to this.

Instead, he said, "It's too early at the moment to determine precisely the procedure for the hearings." I see the force behind having proceedings in public and indeed live-streamed, and so hopefully some or perhaps all of the proceedings will be in public and will be live-streamed. But I cannot make a commitment yet because we don't know what the hearings will cover and what any procedural restrictions might be. The openness of these proceedings is, of course, important."

In his outline of how the COI will be conducted Sole Commissioner Hickenbottom emphasised that measures were being put in place to ensure that the identity of those who are providing the information is safeguarded. He also mentioned that confidentiality will be on the table. In offering such, the Commissioner said that a special website <https://bvi-public-inquiry.uk> was created. This website, he said, will have updates and information on the COI as well as allow for information to be shared with him.

However, The Island Sun newspaper felt compelled to ask Sir Gary Hickenbottom about how he intended to balance the need for anonymity with the right of those being accused to know what the accusation is and defend themselves accordingly. In response, he said: "Those who provide information confidentially have a guarantee that information — including their name — will remain confidential. I, then, as part of the due process of the Commission, must give the gist of any suggestions made in respect of any figure — public or not — within the terms of the report — to those individuals so that they can respond to them fully and fairly."

"If there possibly came a case in which anonymity could not be maintained without giving individuals a full, fair, and proper opportunity to respond, then I simply could not rely upon that particular information. It would remain confidential. I could not rely upon that information if those particular circumstances apply," he added.

Overall the Commissioner assured the public that he is only here to look at what is presented and not deciding who is guilty or innocent. "If I conclude that there is nothing possibly amiss with the governance of these Islands,



The Rt. Hon. Sir Gary Hickenbottom

I will say so; and that will be the end of it. But, if I find there is some possible substance to the concerns, then, as the Terms of Reference require, I will have to consider what might be done about them, and make recommendations for action, for example, in terms of whether criminal proceedings might be brought against any individuals. It would then be for the criminal courts to determine whether crimes have been committed."

# Territory has earthquake insurance: Premier says

The Premier's recently announced that the Territory now has earthquake insurance was comforting news when an earthquake measuring a magnitude of 5.4 ML with estimated Maximum Intensity of V was felt in the BVI on 24 January, at approximately 7:21 PM.

The Territory is no stranger to earthquakes, but the seriousness of the 2017 hurricanes has taught all in the British Virgin Islands to be mindful of natural disasters. Both 2017 hurricanes were costly to the Government and recovery is still taking place almost four years later and as such worry of another disaster is scaring everyone.

To prepare, Premier Andrew Fahie

said that the Government has put financial instruments in place to assist in case another disaster strikes. Hon. Fahie while speaking in the most recent House of Assembly held earlier this month announced the BVI's disaster coverage.

He explained that the previous administration signed up for CRIF, the Caribbean Catastrophic Risk Insurance Facility, but only took the coverage seriously after being hit by hurricane Irma and Maria. Hon. Fahie explained, "though this facility was available to decision-makers long before the disaster because we did not have a disaster like that before we did not sign

up. That agency would have afforded us couple millions of dollars to our disposal right after the disaster," he pointed out.

Now Hon. Fahie said that the government is taking matters of disasters seriously and is making provision for such. "Since then being signed up. When this government took office we did go to Nicaragua and finish sign up with couple of things, CDEMA and other areas officially," the Premier said.

As it relates to earthquakes, the BVI Leader disclosed, "We have increased the amount of CRIF in a few areas and also included areas such as

earthquakes in terms of increases not include the amount for earthquakes because it was an automatic five million. We increased it to fifteen million with the CRIF insurance and lately we have got an increase of over 53 million dollars in coverage in case of earthquakes and about even the same for hurricanes."

The Premier assured that this coverage is a good thing, "Irma we wouldn't have had to do what we doing here now — the complex only get 11M. this only got that. We would have had couple million dollars well had we signed up before," he explained.

# NHI needs revamping: Premier Fahie says

The National Health Insurance (NHI) has been using some drastic measures to get around its funding issues and as a result, a lot of health discomfort has been reported. Both Premier and Minister for Finance Hon. Andrew Fahie and the Minister responsible for NHI Hon. Vincent Wheatley announced that the system has to be fixed urgently.

Speaking at the Long Trench public meeting held on 25 January a resident informed the Minister and

Premier that NHI has some shortcomings, and both legislators indicated that they are aware of the issues.

In noting that the situation is dire Hon. Wheatley said that he experienced the sourness of NHI's austerity measures when his father-in-law (former Premier Hon. Ralph T. O'Neal) was ill and overseas getting treated.

In recalling his experience and sympathizing with the community Hon. Wheatley said: "Many persons including my father-in-

law when he was away on his bed in the hospital in the States they stopped payment here (NHI) that is wrong. Sometimes when you are away only to find out they are not paying for that particular operation like bone marrow and certain things. They cannot treat you here, but when you go abroad you cannot get treated either."

Meanwhile, Hon. Fahie disclosed that in the middle of the pandemic many persons couldn't access healthcare using NHI and

the government had to intervene. "In the middle of COVID 19, I want you to know this – I am waiting for some of these things to come out in this inquiry. The \$40M that we went for – the medical people were so behind because all the money was never paid in the system from the day it started."

"We had to take \$7.5M out of the \$40M grant and put it in the medical system for NHI so the medical practitioners could get paid and people could

start to use their card again because they had stopped," the Premier mentioned.

Hon. Fahie emphasised that NHI needed to be revamped and the Minister was working on getting that done. The Premier said that the system was to the point where this revamping was needed. "If you don't fix NHI like the Minister is going to do now, you will forever be putting money into this scheme because it did not start correctly; so it will always be a catchup scheme. Now we have to work quickly to have it revamped."

# Motorcycles plaguing communities with noise pollution

"It's becoming a plague," Minister for Works and Utilities Hon. Kye Rymer declared in response to a resident's complaint about the scooter riders in her area during a public meeting held on 23 January.

The government held two public meetings that day and at both meetings, the Minister had to address the issue of deliberately noisy scooters. One desperate resident told Hon. Rymer and the other members of the government "We do not have enough police to patrol these scooters...at two o'clock and three o'clock in the night you hearing these scooters... and they're disturbing the neighbourhood."

At the first meeting Hon. Rymer told the gathering, "I know we have an issue in all communities with motorcycles' loudness.

As we sat there, we hear motorcycles riding by with a loud noise. That is something I just want to let you know that this government is looking towards making some amendments to the legislation where we will work to change the fines, the penalties because we have done as much as we could with the motorcycles," Hon. Rymer said.

The Minister said that the government and his Ministry has tried to find an amicable approach to the scooter complaints and issues, but felt that they were beyond that at this point. In recalling the efforts Hon. Rymer said, "We have reached out to them, even when we restricted the usage of those motorcycles, the community cried out. We understand it's a nuisance, and they operate as if there is no law in our territory and

we are the law-making body and we will work to amend the laws."

After announcing that there was going to be a legislative amendment to deal with the scooter riders as well as fees, the Minister said that he is encouraging the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force to ensure that it does enforcement 24/7. "We're hoping that the police will also do their part in terms of enforcement because we can put as many things as we want on the papers on the books but if we have no enforcement nothing would get done," the Minister declared.

While noting that the constant complaint from residents and other matters make the scooter issue equivalent to a plague, the Minister said that he is trying to sort the situation

out. "I have spoken about it in the House, I have asked the Governor to add more resources to the police for more enforcement because it is becoming a plague."

One Road Town resident disclosed that a class action to hold the government responsible to pay all damages (health-wise and otherwise) is another alternative to end the plague once and forever. He said: "you cannot tell residents and tourists that this is BVI-LOVE and this is paradise – no way".

Mr. Rymer said that he is mindful of the age of some of the riders and for that reason felt compelled to call on parents to intervene. "Most of the scooter riders within the community are younger riders, but I ask of the parents. The parents need to play a role as well. The parents

need to understand that these bikes...the riders live somewhere. They leave home with the scooters you're not sure where they purchased the scooters from. Parents have a role to play as well."

Meanwhile, the Minister said that he will continue to do what he can from his end to help resolve the scooter issues but ultimately he reiterated that it would be up to the police and the parents: "We can put the laws in place... We'll amend the legislation we are currently working on. We'll have the fines and penalties amended too, but parents you need to play a role as to make sure that your child, the person that is living in your home with a scooter that is plaguing the community actually addresses that."

# IOC, NOCs and Government of Japan reaffirm commitment to the Tokyo 2020 Summer Olympic Games



Tortola, British Virgin Islands, January 25, 2021 — International Olympic Committee President Thomas Bach spoke with all 206 NOCs including the BVIIOC and confirmed all are fully committed to the Tokyo 2020 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games on January 22.

With 6 months to go until the Games, President Bach reaffirmed the IOC's commitment to the Games to be held on July 23, 2021. "Together with its Japanese partners and friends, the IOC is fully concentrated on and committed to the successful delivery of the Olympic and Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020 this year."

BVIIOC President Ephraim Penn and Secretary General, Lloyd Black took part in the virtual meeting.

"The IOC and organisers of the Tokyo 2020 Summer Olympic Games have been in continuous discussions on how to host the Games safely - both for the competing athletes and delegations as well as for the host country," said Mr. Penn. "There is full commitment to seeing the Games through which is a message that must be made clear to all athletes who are currently training and preparing to compete."

The BVIIOC through Chef de Mission for the Games, Mrs. Tahesia Harrigan-Scott have constant contact with the elite track and field athletes slated to compete at Tokyo 2020. This includes Eldred Henry (shot put) and Kyron McMaster (400m Hurdles) qualified for their events in 2019 and Chantel Malone (long jump) and

Tokyo 2020 hopeful Ashley Kelly (400m).

"All of our athletes are doing well," said Mrs. Harrigan-Scott. "While their training schedules had to be adapted to meet with the COVID-19 restrictions and regulations, all four of the athletes are focused, working hard and are determined to be on their best form when the summer comes around. There's no denying that the lack of competitions and a dead season can take its toll, but they each have a support network not just through their coaches and peers, but also through each other and a pro-active Executive at the BVIIOC who ensure that their needs are being met so as to minimize any distraction from the task at hand."

In addition to the elite athletes, Thad Lettsome

(sailing) and Elinah Philip (swimming) are also hopeful of gaining a spot on the team through the Universality programme but this will not be confirmed until closer to the Games in July.

Mrs. Harrigan-Scott will be attending the Chef de Mission meeting on February 9 where updates on the preparations for the Games will be shared by the Tokyo 2020 organisers.

Rumours of cancellation "categorically untrue"

A statement issued by the IOC on January 22 also rebutted news reports which cast doubt on the support from the Tokyo Government quoting a statement made by the Japanese Government:

"Some news reports circulating today are claiming that the Government of Japan

has privately concluded that the Tokyo Olympics will have to be cancelled because of the coronavirus. This is categorically untrue.

"At an IOC Executive Board meeting in July last year, it was agreed that the Opening Ceremony of the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 would be held on July 23 this year, and the programme and venues for the Games were rescheduled accordingly. All parties involved are working together to prepare for a successful Games this summer.

"We will be implementing all possible countermeasures against COVID-19 and will continue to work closely with the IOC, the Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee and the Tokyo Metropolitan Government in our preparations for holding a safe and secure Games this summer."



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## Government Launches Monthly BVILOVE e-Magazine

The Government of the Virgin Islands is pleased to share its monthly BVILOVE e-magazine publication with the people of the Virgin Islands. The e-Magazine, which will be published on the 25th of each month, will focus on the

Government's 2021 Budget Theme:

"Innovation - Building a Stable, Diverse, Competitive Economy with Strong Industries and Partnerships for Regional and International Trade, by Building

and Harnessing the Creative Capacity of our Human Capital"

The monthly publication chronicles a number of projects that the Government

has done and will continue to do and includes cross-ministry initiatives aligned with the 2021 Budget and Legislative Agenda.

Speaking about the launch of the monthly BVILOVE e-magazine, Premier and Minister of Finance Honourable Andrew A. Fahie said, "Your Government is passionate about the development of our people. We are passionate about the development of this economy, and we are passionate about the present and future success of the Virgin Islands."

"Together, working with you, we will continue to do

our part to ensure that we put opportunities of empowerment to strengthen our economy," Premier Fahie added.

The monthly BVILOVE e-magazine is an accessible platform for all Virgin Islanders to stay abreast of the work that their Government is doing to further the development of the Territory.

Persons can subscribe to the monthly publication by emailing [GovEmag@gov.vg](mailto:GovEmag@gov.vg). Additionally, the e-magazine can also be downloaded from a link on the Home page of the Government's website at [bvi.gov.vg](http://bvi.gov.vg).



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

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### 2021 Public Holidays

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

Friday, 1st, January	New Year's Day
Monday, 1st March (In lieu of Sunday, 7th March)	The Anniversary of the Birth of Hamilton Lavety Stoutt
Friday, 2nd April	Good Friday
Monday, 5th April	Easter Monday
Monday, 24th May	Whit Monday
Friday, 11th June	Sovereign's Birthday
Monday, 5th July	Virgin Islands Day
Monday, 2nd August	Emancipation Monday
Tuesday, 3rd August	Emancipation Tuesday
Wednesday, 4th August	Emancipation Wednesday
Monday, 18th October	Heroes' and Forefathers Day
Monday, 8th November	Commemoration of the Great March of 1949 and the Restoration of the Legislative Council (to be determined)
Monday, 27th December (In lieu of Saturday, 25th December)	Christmas Day
Tuesday 28th December (In lieu of Sunday, 26th December)	Boxing Day

# Security And Protection Officers Honoured For Meritorious Service



*Recipients of His Excellency the Governor's Medal for Meritorious Service gathered with their nominating officers and other Government officials for a recognition ceremony at Old Government House Museum.*

Ten security and protection officers received His Excellency the Governor's Medal for Meritorious Service at a recognition ceremony at the Old Government House Museum on Friday, January 22, 2021.

The officers represented the five branches of security and protection forces in the Territory: the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force, Her Majesty's Customs, the Immigration Department, Her Majesty's Prison Service, and the Virgin Islands Fire and Rescue Service.

Then-Governor Augustus J.U. Jaspert said he was proud to have initiated the

award for those security and protection officers that help the Virgin Islands maintain its status as a safe and enjoyable place to live. Mr. Jaspert added that while he is grateful for all the members of security and protection forces who have risen to the challenges presented by 2020, it is important to recognise those who went beyond the call of duty. "I hope that this award becomes something that inspires officers across our agencies to keep doing their best to keep our public safe," he said.

Acting Governor David D.

Archer, Jr. remarked on his appreciation for Mr. Jaspert's desire to recognise excellence and bravery in the line of duty; and for the men and women who were honoured. "I extend my deepest thanks to these ten officers for all the work that they have done and continue to do," Mr. Archer, Jr. said.

The Acting Governor went on to thank the leaders among the security and protection forces for their commitment to developing and encouraging the careers of promising young officers as well as the more senior officers.

It is intended that the Governor's Medal for Meritorious Service will continue to be awarded annually.

Recipients of His Excellency the Governor's Medal for Meritorious Service:

Royal Virgin Islands Police Force, Inspector Vernon

Larocque

Royal Virgin Islands Police Force, Inspector Gilbert Charles

Her Majesty's Customs, Mr. Osbert Pole, Senior Customs Officer

Her Majesty's Customs, Mr. Mark Morris, Customs Officer II

Immigration Department, Ms. Juliette Christopher, Immigration Officer II

Immigration Department, Mr. Trevor Chalwell Immigration Officer II

Her Majesty's Prison Service, Principal Officer Sonia Musgrave

Her Majesty's Prison Service, Mr. Kesena Okoro, Prison Officer II

BVI Fire and Rescue Service, Deputy Chief Fire Officer, Mr. William Penn

BVI Fire and Rescue Service, Mr. Melvin Jeffers, Station Officer

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#### 2020 Annual Report

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Brian Clarke QC  
General Counsel & Group Corporate Secretary



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**Dormant Accounts for FirstCaribbean International Bank (Cayman) Ltd, BVI Branch, Road Town, Tortola, previously known as Barclays Bank PLC as at 31 December, 2020.**



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DDA	1.16	QUALITY TAXI ASSOCIATION 1997 LIMITED	PO BOX 463 TORTOLA, VG1120 BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS
DDA	38.14	RHEMA 2 ZOE LIMITED	PO BOX 4130 TORTOLA, VG1110 BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS
DDA	55.91	PETER G MAZZEI OR LINDA K MAZZEI	PO BOX 562, CANE GARDEN BAY TORTOLA, BVI VG1130

### SAVINGS ACCOUNT

ACCOUNT TYPE	CURRENT BALANCE	NAME	ADDRESS
SAV	6.23	JOSEPH NATHANIEL RICHARDSON	ADINA DONOVAN HOME FOR THE ELDERLY ROAD TOWN TORTOLA BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS
SAV	8.29	MARK WOLLNER	PO BOX 2361, TORTOLA, VG1110 BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS
SAV	16.64	GEORGE HENDERSON LEGAIR OR GEORGE KEROY K LEGAIR JR	VALLEY VIRGIN GORDA, BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS
SAV	27.5	GLORIA WILLIAMS	GREENLAND EAST END TORTOLA, BVI
SAV	49.69	RUPERTHA OLIVETTE EPHRAIM	HANNAHS ESTATE TORTOLA VIRGIN ISLANDS, BRITISH
SAV	56.14	DHANMATTIE TILLACK	NORTH SOUND VIRGIN GORDA BVI
SAV	58.32	LAURALEE MAYNARD	PO BOX 1102 VALLEY VIRGIN GORDA BVI
SAV	69.24	JEREMY AUSTIN WEBSTER	PO BOX 886 ROAD TOWN TORTOLA, BVI
SAV	70.95	CATHY-ANN BASCOMBE	PO BOX 1097 VALLEY, VIRGIN GORDA BVI
SAV	75.44	ABDELJALIL M A DAR HAMED	P.O. BOX 142 593, WADI AL SIR RAWNAQ, AMMAN, JORDAN 11844
SAV	79.14	WIVINA ANTONIA RICHARDSON	VALLEY VIRGIN GORDA BVI

### MANAGERS CHEQUES

CHEQUE NUMBER	DATE ISSUED	CREDITS	PAYEE
7222944	06/17/13	5.00	TAMMI THEOLA DAVID
7203235	11/29/13	24.00	MIMI'S KITCHEN
7224996	10/23/13	27.94	TANIA WONG
7225615	11/26/13	35.00	ACCOUNTANT GENERAL
7224440	09/13/13	80.00	JOEL FRETT
7225578	11/26/13	99.53	M. W. W INTERNATIONAL CO.LTD
7223877	08/01/13	100.00	AKEEM MALONE
7225308	11/12/13	283.00	SUMMER JAM COMMITTEE
7223832	07/30/13	318.04	THE BVI HUMANE SOCIETY
7225795	12/19/13	441.75	SONIA BEATY
751452	01/28/13	600.00	MAJORIE DESSUIT
7223674	07/18/13	2,000.00	TRIDENT TRUST CO. BVI LTD
7224178	10/22/13	2,475.00	ACCOUNTANT GENERAL
7225415	11/15/13	4,000.00	ACCOUNTANT GENERAL
7223502	07/26/13	12,000.00	RANDOLPH MALONE



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751408	2013-01-28	16.60	FCIB ST MAARTEN
753797	2013-11-12	25.13	ABT-BRAZILIAN EMBASSY
753633	2013-10-25	30.00	RUSSIAN CONSULATE
751692	2013-12-04	30.00	THE UNIVERSITY OF THE UNIVERSITY
753262	2013-09-05	40.00	BANCO POPULAR
751927	2013-03-22	41.46	LEO SKELTON
752658	2013-06-26	51.78	BETTY SMITH
753771	2013-11-19	65.40	FEDERAL EXPRESS
753505	2013-10-09	66.00	FEDERAL EXPRESS
750074	2013-08-19	90.15	COKESBURY
753620	2013-10-23	100.00	CHIEF IMMIGRATION OFFICER
753215	2013-08-26	148.00	CONSOLATO GENERALE D ITALIA
752574	2013-06-11	150.00	INFORMATION & RECORDS MANAGEMENT
752575	2013-06-11	150.00	CARIBBEAN ARCHIVES ASSOC.
752711	2013-06-28	150.78	THE BRAZILIAN EMBASSY
751937	2013-03-13	200.00	METHODIST CHURCH GUYANA DISTRI
751860	2013-03-20	244.00	BRITISH EMBASSY
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## Moulding Responsible Global Citizens In The Territory

Senior Public Officers from the Territory had the opportunity to weigh in on UNESCO's recent Futures of Education Webinar Series and shared plans for moulding responsible global citizens in the Territory.

(DYAS) to understand these challenges among youth and expand their interactions beyond the recollection of facts through interdisciplinary approaches to education, such as project-

discussing with our young people... When it comes to volunteerism, the department has partnered with the secondary schools to provide avenues for volunteerism by utilising [our youth] for many of our productions that we carry out."

She added that although it may seem like free labour, volunteers develop a sense of responsibility on the project/production they are working and often times are great promoters of the projects.

To view the Director for Department of Youth Affairs and Sports Mrs. Brenda Lettsome-Tye's presentation at the meeting use the link: <https://youtu.be/73JXEij25I?t=3712>

Dr. Flax-Archer noted that in relation to what DYAS is undertaking, "Teachers are central and need to be empowered through training, curriculum, and teacher guides to support interdisciplinary discourse aligned to the sustainable development goals, especially in areas beyond their specialisation."

The meeting ended on the notion that Education leaders, policy-makers and planners in the Caribbean must rethink civic education by gaining clarity on the activities which promote good citizenship and the role of diverse stakeholder groupings in creating national, regional and global systems which facilitate sustainable democracy.



Mrs. Brenda Lettsome-Tye

Secretary General for the BVI National Commission for UNESCO, Dr. Allison Flax-Archer said the meetings are held as a discussion among various countries where ideas and challenges are shared, and in this case the topic was Citizenship and Participation.

"The shared nature of our challenges requires that we view our world as systems and subsystems; with our actions having implications for others at the local, regional and global level. To effectively address these challenges, we must collectively reaffirm education as a human right," Dr. Flax-Archer said.

The BVI National Commission for UNESCO has been working closely with the Department of Youth Affairs and Sports

based learning.

This, the Secretary General said, will also help youth understand the importance of civic consciousness, human rights and diversity as well as bring their awareness to critical social issues faced by their communities and globally, all in the efforts of creating responsible global citizen.

Director for Department of Youth Affairs and Sports, Mrs. Brenda Lettsome-Tye, spoke on Citizenship and Participation Challenges and Opportunities as it relates to the Youth in our Territory.

The Director said, "We plan to increase the amount of programmes we offer this year and have already identified civic consciousness, respect for rights and diversity and volunteerism as sub-topics that we will be

## BVIPA Announces Adjusted Fees

The BVI Ports Authority (BVIPA), announces adjusted fees as amended in the British Virgin Islands Ports Authority (Amendment) Regulations, 2020.

The BVI Ports Authority is a revenue generating entity and the fees collected represent 100% of its budget. "BVIPA is required to examine its cost to operate and recommend adjustments to its fee structure to ensure the economic sustainability of the Authority," said Claude Kettle, Director of Finance. "These overdue adjustments in select fees are necessary to efficiently and properly operate and further develop our Territory's Port facilities."

The amendment to the port fees ensures that the Authority can continue to meet the cost of its payroll, improvement and modernising of its technology, operations and to accomplish the Authority's robust infrastructure development plans.

This amendment was made effective 18th December, 2020. However, Ag. Managing Director Oleanvine Maynard said, "The BVI Ports Authority is applying a grace period for full implementation until 1st March, 2021 to ensure the public has the opportunity to become familiar with the new fees." After this date, all payments must reflect the new fees established by the amendment.

In 2008, there was a partial adjustment to the fee structure, specifically, harbour charges in the British Virgin Islands Ports Authority (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 2008.

The revised British Virgin Islands Port Authority fees which came into effect on 18th December, 2020 can be viewed on BVIPA's website, [www.bviports.org/services-fees](http://www.bviports.org/services-fees).

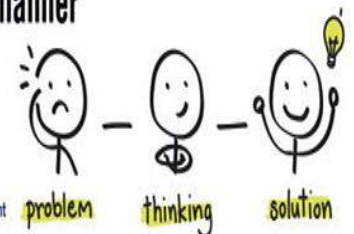
## Before you discipline a child

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

**T** - take a few deep breaths

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

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



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# Contract Awarded For Repairs To The Valarie O. Thomas Community Centre

Local construction company Tarris Hill Construction Ltd. was awarded the contract for repairs to the Valarie O. Thomas Community Centre. Construction bids were received from three contractors in the BVI

efficient light and water fixtures; and improvements in functionality and ensuring that they are in full compliance with international shelter standards and the Smart

world continues to respond to the effects of COVID-19.

The Premier said, "I am pleased to see that our very own local contractors are given the opportunity to compete

this project," Premier Fahie said.

He added, "We expect that we will have two model emergency shelters shortly that will provide a blue print for the retrofitting works that will be done on other emergency shelters throughout the Territory and that can also be a model for the region. We are committed to the advancement of the Territorial Disaster Management Programme and in providing safe accommodations for our residents in the event of emergencies or disasters."

The designs for the facilities were done by PAHO's technical experts who partnered with local firms and individuals to ensure that the plans were in keeping with regulatory requirements and guidelines used by the local Planning Authority and in line with the

current local construction rates.

The resilience project was launched in April of 2019 and is valued at 2 million Euros. It will include the rehabilitation of selected emergency shelters, the provision of emergency relief supplies for these facilities, training for the public and private sector in resilient, safe and green (Smart) building strategies and standards, and training in shelter management inclusive of psychosocial care.

Other emergency shelters will undergo repairs and upgrades this year including the Long Trench Community Centre, the Emile E. Dunlop Community Centre on Anegada and the Christiana and Gertrude Warner Community Centre in Purcell Estate. Five other Emergency Shelters on Virgin Gorda and Tortola will be outfitted with appliances and communications devices.



in December 2020 to undertake extensive repairs to the centre which serves the Sea Cow's Bay and surrounding communities. A portion of the centre is also currently being used as a clinic by the BVI Health Services Authority.

Tarris Hill Construction Ltd. was able to demonstrate that they have the necessary skills and expertise to carry out the works that will be needed to meet the regional Smart standards inclusive of Basic Infection Control, and Hygiene and Space Management requirements as established by the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO).

The Valarie O. Thomas Community Centre in Sea Cow's Bay will be the second showcase facility as part of a resilience project funded by the European Union and implemented by PAHO on behalf of the Government of the Virgin Islands.

Dr. Yitades Gebre, PAHO/WHO Representative for Barbados and Eastern Caribbean Countries said works include strengthening of the roofs, upgrade of windows and doors; flooding, energy

standards promoted by PAHO.

Dr. Gebre added, "This Emergency Shelter will also be outfitted with new appliances and VHF radio communications which are essential items for the operations of these facilities during crisis or emergencies. We have been impressed with the interest shown by the local contractors and the quality of the bids received and we expect to see the completion of the works by June 2021."

Premier and Minister of Finance, and National Authorising Officer, Honourable Andrew A. Fahie said that he was pleased to see the works commence on the second showcase facility and being implemented by another local contractor as in the case of the West End Community Centre which is also being completed by another local contractor.

The Premier also thanked PAHO and the EU for continuing the works at a steady pace even as the

for the works associated with this very important project. As we continue these works I encourage local contractors and building professional to pay close attention to this project so that they can benefit from the capacity building opportunities that are being made available to learn more about resilient structures."

He added, "My Government will continue to collaborate with regional and international partners to offer opportunities to our local building professionals to enhance their skills and the competencies."

Premier Fahie, who is also representative for the First District where the West End Community Centre is located, stated that he has been closely following the work at the West End Community Centre, which is the other showcase facility and he is very pleased with the progress being made.

"I look forward to seeing the award of contracts and commencement of works on the remaining three selected shelters that will benefit from



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# GLOBAL NEWS BRIEF

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**SANTO DOMINGO -DR1-** With the positivity rate back under 20%, the Abinader administration lowered the nationwide curfew. Curfew will now be 7pm to 5am on Mondays to Fridays (regardless of holidays) and from 5pm to 5am on Saturdays and Sundays. While businesses are ordered to close, people have three hours to commute to their final destination for the evening. That is lockdown starts at 10pm Monday to Friday and 8pm on Saturday and Sunday. The measures in Decree 37-21 are effective 27 January through 8 February.

Decree 37-21 also establishes that open-air public spaces, such as parks and boulevards, can be used for leisure and sports activities other than social gatherings and always complying with preventive health protocols. Gyms, restaurants and bars are allowed to reopen to 60% of their capacity. A maximum of six persons per table is allowed, among other health protocols. Religious ceremonies are allowed three days a week, keeping within 60% of the capacity of the church.

**HAITI** - The governments of Haiti and the Dominican Republic have signed nine agreements in which they have promised to confront the irregular migratory flow and the issues of trade, maritime borders, sovereignty, health, and others common to both nations that share the island of Hispaniola.

Last week, the presidents of the Dominican Republic, Luis Abinader, and of Haiti, Jovenel Moïse, signed the agreements following a meeting held on Sunday at the southern border, Abinader and Moïse both said that they will be taking the appropriate measures, each country in its territory, to deploy cutting-edge technologies that facilitate the elimination of irregular migratory flow, trafficking, and human trafficking, arms flow, drug trafficking and theft of cattle, among other illegal activities.

"Work to obtain the necessary financing for the adoption of a training and support plan that will facilitate the work of both countries to reinforce security and border surveillance; consequently, each country will collaborate with the other if physical or technological controls are built on the entire land border of the border," said a statement issued following the meeting.

The leaders also agreed to start the process of identification and registration in the Haitian civil registry of all citizens of that country who are in Dominican territory and open the negotiation process to delimit the maritime borders between the two countries. This process would start as soon as possible.

In health, with the collaboration of the international community that

has shown its willingness to finance hospitals in Haiti, both leaders agree to cooperate in the construction of general hospitals in Haitian territory, located where the government of that country considers it appropriate, to reduce the intensive use of Dominican hospitals. [Caribbean National Weekly]

**HAVANA** - (ACN) The Cuban capital is facing a complex Covid 19 spread, with numbers on the rise surpassing 200 confirmed cases on Friday, which has led local authorities to call for harder work against the disease.

The search for possible Covid cases and their on-time isolation are key actions to cut the virus transmission, said the president of Havana's provincial defense council during the daily Covid briefing.

The official called for strict enforcement of precautionary measures to prevent the fatal impact of the disease.

On Friday, medical authorities in Havana reported 23 patients in intensive care units, 17 of them in serious conditions and four in critical unstable conditions.

**NEW YORK** - Over the past year, former President Donald Trump's family business suffered steep declines in revenue as the pandemic upended the nation's hospitality industry, according to a financial disclosure report released hours after Trump departed office Wednesday.

The report detailed a revenue drop of more than 40% at Trump's Doral golf club outside Miami, and a 63% decline at his signature hotel in Washington, just blocks from the White House. All told, the Trump Organization declared revenue of

at least \$278 million in 2020 and the early days of this year, a nearly 38% decline from the company's reported 2019 results.

The disclosure, which represents the final public snapshot of Trump's finances, documents the toll the pandemic has taken on his luxury hospitality business, which essentially ground to a halt last spring when the coronavirus started sweeping through the country. Trump hotels and golf courses shuttered, and even after reopening, some faced restrictions on indoor dining and gatherings.

"There were places that due to government mandates we were not able to operate," Eric Trump, the former president's son who helps run the business, said Wednesday. "Those are places you are going to lose the season because of it."

The Trump Organization, he said, remained stable and had steady cash flow and relatively low debt compared with other real estate businesses — although as Donald Trump left office, the company had more than \$300 million in debt coming due in the next few years that the former president has personally guaranteed.

The disclosure portends greater tumult for the business, which has faced widespread shunning of its brand after the deadly Jan. 6 assault on the Capitol. [San Juan Star]

ROME, Italy's 'brain drain' is rising with increasing numbers of mostly young and highly educated Italians going abroad, ISTAT said Wednesday.

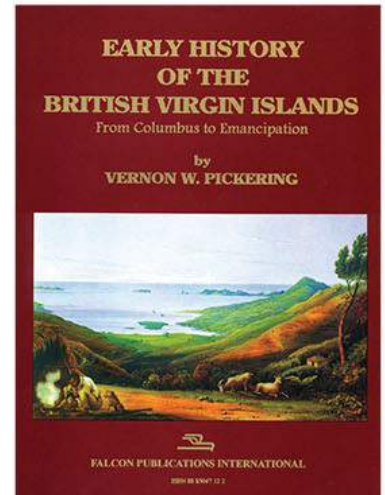
The number of emigrants rose 4.5% in 2019, the national statistics agency said.

One in three of them were graduates, ISTAT said.

At the same time, the stats agency said, the number of foreign immigrants into Italy fell by 7.3%. Successive governments have sought to reverse the drain by making the jobs market more efficient and trying to make research posts more easily available. But the labour market is stagnant and youth unemployment at all-time highs, while the lock of so-called 'barons' on promoting their proteges at universities appears to be as strong as ever. News stories regularly feature achievements by young Italian researchers abroad. (ANSA).

**LONDON** - The Prime Minister will be asking MPs to agree to the six month renewal of the Government's so-called Henry VIII emergency powers to be able to impose restrictions at will to tackle the pandemic. But already senior MPs in his own party have warned that significant numbers could vote against unless

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there are moves to end lockdown and revitalise the economy. Former cabinet minister Esther McVey, the founder of the powerful Blue Collar Conservatism Movement, said: "It is absolutely essential that once the most vulnerable groups have been vaccinated the government start easing the lockdowns. [Express]

**SCOTLAND** - The Scottish First Minister's handling of the coronavirus crisis has won over swathes of Labour and Tory voters, according to a new poll. A survey conducted by Savanta ComRes showed Ms Sturgeon's personal ratings are up, with 76 percent of voters believing her to be intelligent — an increase of three points. Around 74 percent of respondents said she is a strong leader, also up three points, and 57 percent believe she is genuine, up two points. More than a third of 2019 Labour voters said the Scottish National Party (SNP)'s response to the pandemic means they are now more likely to vote for the party in the Holyrood election in May, with 13 percent of 2019 Tory voters claiming the same. [Express]

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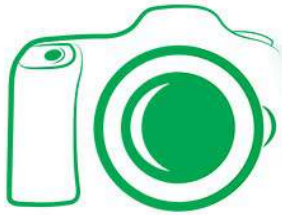
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# The Sunny Side Up



## Through the Lens of The Sunny Side



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# Spring Regatta Returns

With social distancing protocols in place the BVI Spring Regatta will be making a come back this year. The event which annually attracts sailors from all over the world was cancelled last year in response to global COVID 19 concerns.

Those who missed the nautical event were comforted last week when it was announced that the event will return in March.

Nanny Cay hotel, the organizers of the decades old event explained that the 49th

BVI Spring Regatta and Sailing Festival (BVISR) is now possible in accordance with BVI Government protocols currently in place.

The organizers announced that registration is open and that sailors can find entry and travel details on the BVI Gateway site. Further the organizers stated that the regatta is scheduled to take place on March 29- April 4, 2021, starting with the Sailing Festival, a warmup to the BVI Spring Regatta and an opportunity for visitors arriving

by flight to quarantine, followed by the traditional spring regatta three-day racing series.

A Nanny Cay representative reminded that under current protocols, visitors arriving by flight to the British Virgin Islands will be tested upon arrival and must quarantine for four days prior to being re-tested. "Since sailors in quarantine can anchor or moor at any number of the many stunning BVI bays, race organizers are proposing an alternate racing

schedule for the Sailing Festival to allow those in quarantine on their boats to enjoy day racing to various islands. Organizers are hopeful that with careful planning, they may also be able to include the traditional Round Tortola Race for the Nanny Cay Cup, or a full race around the islands, weather dependent," the organizers stated.

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**A new outright record was set in the Nanny Cay Challenge by Fujin, Greg Slyngstad and his crew on the Bieker 53 catamaran after completing the Round Tortola Race in an elapsed time of 1h 57mins 16mins**  
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**Miles Sutherland-Pilch, Nanny Cay presents prizes to some of the Fujin crew**  
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**Pamela Baldwin, owner of the J/122 Liquid won the racing class and the Nanny Cay Cup for the Round Tortola Race**  
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**Fujin, Greg Slyngstad's Bieker 53 in the Round Tortola Race on the first day of the BVI Sailing Festival**  
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## Ladyburd Talks



**Dear Readers: (1 of 3)** When it comes to celebrating Valentine's Day, it's important to make the day extra-special for your loved one. There's the traditional romantic dinner and exchange of homemade Valentine's Day gifts, of course, but what about when you want to do something a little more creative and one-of-a-kind? Luckily, there are so many great things to do on Valentine's Day this year, whether you're looking to go on a romantic date with your Valentine or you're planning a fun night with a friend.

For a memorable way to spend the sweetest holiday of the year, simply choose a fun activity from our list, which spans everything from watching the best Valentine's Day movies on the couch to cute romantic date ideas that will guarantee a night of romance. Even with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic restricting some of our activity options this year, it's easy to make this February 14 a night to remember with the help of some of these fun, unique activities. Because who wouldn't want a truly memorable night full of romance (and lots of chocolate)?

### 1. Enjoy Breakfast in Bed

Start the day off right by serving up a romantic Valentine's Day breakfast, then enjoying it together while lounging in bed.

### 2. Go on a Hike:

Looking to venture into the outdoors this year? Take a scenic hike together and enjoy all the beautiful sights and the fresh air — it's a great way to bond while getting some much-needed time to unplug, too.

### 3. Plan a Movie Marathon

For some quality relaxation time with yours truly, get cozy on the couch and binge-watch all your favorite movies. It's the perfect way to get in the mood for some Valentine's romance!

(To be continued next week)

Source: BY SELENA BARRIENTOS AND HANNAH JEON

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## Ladyburd's Mail Box

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**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.

(Repeat)



## Light Bulb Moments

*"The best and most beautiful things in this world cannot be seen or even heard, but must be felt with the heart."*

— Helen Keller

*"Life without love is like a tree without blossoms or fruit."*

— Khalil Gibran

*"The best thing to hold onto in life is each other."*

— Audrey Hepburn

## Poetry Corner

### God's Gift

*Love is like a river,  
A never ending stream.  
Love is shared by  
each other  
To answer someone's  
dream.*

*It's a never ending story;  
Love is not a lie.  
You can share in all its  
glory,  
For love will never die.*

*Love is all around you,  
The moon and stars  
above.*

*Love is a gift from God,  
And God is a gift of love.*

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## Tickle My Funny Bones

By Delseita



### You Were Not Born Yet

"Whom would you like to invite for your upcoming wedding ceremony?" Father asked his son

"All except you and mom" the Son replied

"But why" Father angrily shouted

"Had you bothered to invite me for your ceremony!"

the Son pleaded. "You could not come to our wedding, You were not born yet."

### Stupid Purse Snatcher

In a courtroom, a purse snatcher is on trial and the victim is stating what happened. She says,

**"Yes, that is him. I saw him clear as day. I'd remember his face anywhere."**

At which point, the defendant bursts out,

**"You couldn't see my face, lady. I was wearing a mask!"**

### Carmen

A woman arrived at a party.

While scanning the guests, she spotted an attractive man standing alone. She approached him, smiled and said,

**"Hello. My name is Carmen."**

"That's a beautiful name," he replied.

"Is it a family name?" "No," she replied.

**"As a matter of fact; I gave it to myself. It represents the things that I enjoy the most - cars and men."**

Therefore, I chose "Carmen"

"What's your name?" she asked.

He answered "B.J. Titsengolf."

## PUN INTENDED

"Love all, trust a few, do wrong to none." —

William Shakespeare,  
All's Well That Ends Well

# POLICE NEWS

## RANDOM ASSAULTS FEATURE HIGH IN JANUARY REPORTS

Tuesday, January 26 – What appears to be random assaults on individuals within the community numbered high among the reports for the first three weeks of this year.

On Sunday afternoon, a resident of East End reported that she went to throw her garbage into the dumpster next to the Willard Wheatley Primary School when a male, unknown to her, came out of his jeep and hit her in the face.

In second week of the month, a customer outside a bank on deCastro Street was injured with a stone thrown by an unknown male across the street who was randomly spouting expletives and threats. The bank door was also damaged. She had to be treated at the Dr. D. O. Smith Hospital for her injuries.

The denial of one male's

request for the return of his confiscated scooter resulted in an assault on the attending female officer as well as the male officer that went to her aid, both of whom had to be treated at the Dr. D. O. Smith Hospital. In this incident, Ronald Antoine, 22, of Greenland was charged with two counts of assault occasioning actual bodily harm, damaging property, resisting arrest, assault on police and escape lawful custody.

In the first week of January, a bank security officer reported being assaulted by a customer who was denied entry for not wearing a mask. And on two separate nights, two bar attendants reported being spat on and then stabbed with a knife by the same perpetrator at the same bar in East End. Leonard Leando Frett, 61,

of Vanterpool Estate was arrested and charged for wounding in that matter.

Commissioner of Police Michael Matthews is concern with what appears to be indiscriminate attacks on members of the community while attending to their duties, business and walking through their neighbourhoods.

“It is never right for one person to inflict injury on another even in the heat of disputes. However, to subject another to injury just because they are carrying out their duties or worse with no apparent provocation is uncivilized. The public has a right to expect civility and restraint in our streets and workplaces. Our community-wide response needs to be a unified condemnation for such acts,” he said.



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## ARREST BLOTTER

### JANUARY 10 – JANUARY 23, 2021

#### ASSAULT OCCASIONING ACTUAL BODILY HARM

1. On 11-01-2021 at 0805hrs, Police arrested and charged Joanna Wharton of Long Bush for Assault Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm and being Armed with an Offensive Weapon. She was granted bail in sum of \$5,000 with one surety for her appearance in Magistrate's Court on 25-02-2021 at 0900hrs.
2. On 22-01-2021 at 1405hrs, Police arrested and charged Marshall Senhouse, 26, of Johnson's Ghut for Assault Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm, and two counts of Criminal Damage. He was granted bail for his appearance before Magistrate's Court on 11-03-2021.
3. On 15-01-2021 at 1230hrs, Police arrested and charged Ronald Antoine, 22, of Greenland was charged with two counts of Assault Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm, Damaging Property, Resisting Arrest, Assault on Police and Escape Lawful Custody. He was granted bail in the sum of \$40,000 to appear in Magistrate's Court on 14-04-2021 at 0900hrs.

#### WOUNDING

On 13-01-2021 at 1120hrs, Police arrested and charged Leonard Leando Frett, 59, of Vanterpool Estate for Wounding and being Armed with an Offensive Weapon. He was granted bail in the sum of \$5,000 with one signed surety for his appearance before the Magistrate's Court on 10-03-2021 at 0900hrs.

#### BEING IN CHARGE OF MOTOR VEHICLE WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE

On 16-01-2021 at 2025hrs, Police arrested and charged Justin Wilson, 42, of Steel Point for Indecent Language, Being in charge of motor vehicle while under the Influence, Driving Unlicensed Vehicle, Driving uninsured vehicle, Driving without Seatbelt, Driving without Front Identification Plate, Driving without Headlamps and Driving a Noisy Vehicle. He was granted bail in the sum of \$5,000 signed for his appearance in Magistrate's Court on 04-03-2021 at 0900hrs.

#### BURGLARY

On 18-01-2021 at 1740hrs, Police arrested and charged a 16-year-old male of Purcell Estate for Burglary. Bail was granted in the sum of \$10,000 with one signed surety for his appearance at the Magistrate's Court on 11-03-2021 at 0900hrs.

#### CRIMINAL DAMAGE

On 19-01-2021 at 0217hrs, Police arrested and charged Victor Thomas, 36, a native of Dominican Republic, residing in Parham Town for Criminal Damage, He was granted bail for his appearance in Magistrate Court on 04-03-2021.

#### BREACH OF CURFEW

1. On 19-01-2021 at 1915hrs, Police arrested and charged Shawn Massicott, 28, of Brandywine Bay for Breach of Curfew.
2. On 19-01-2021 at 1915hrs, Police arrested and charged Dextron Durrant, 19, of Brandy wine Bay for Breach of Curfew.

#### POSSESSION OF A CONTROL DRUG WITH INTENT

On 19-01-2021 at 1915hrs, Police arrested and charged Kareem Douglas, 37, of Brandywine Bay for Possession of a Control Drug with Intent to Supply. He was granted bail in the sum of \$60,000 signed surety for his appearance before Magistrate's Court.



## COMMENTARY

## When Public Trust in Government Evaporates

By Dickson Igwe



Dickson Igwe

January 22, 2021

There will be no greater autonomy or independence until UK Overseas Territory residents trust local government. Recent Crises in Overseas territory Governance in the Turks and Caicos, and elsewhere, will drive the idea of independence off the map for a generation.

Why: because for all the talk of greater transparency, accountability, and government by citizen participation by OT politicians, residents of Overseas Territories of the UK are wise enough to observe that

the preceding is usually talk, and the release of hot air from the proverbial hot air balloon, by their politicians.

In fact, the reality is that when political parties in OTs win power the opposite takes place. And one reason OT voters do not want greater autonomy from the UK, is the simple fact that residents want oversight of their politicians, and for very good reason.

Reasons OT residents want better oversight include the following: unaccountable governance through unelected people who call the shots from behind the scenes and who actually have huge sway over the public services and staffing of OT governments.

Then there is the victimization of public officers, especially the honest ones, who refuse to be coerced into doing the bidding of the corrupt politician and his hangers on.

On the other hand the dishonest public officer, who will turn a blind eye, and the face away

from seeing what is clearly wrong, is promoted and placed in key and sensitive positions to oversee the misrule of Jack the rogue politician.

All the talk of accountability, citizen participation, and love of the people, is frequently a charade: the proverbial smokescreen to blind the seemingly "naive public" of what is actually taking place in the secret caves and coves, about the islands. But the public is far from naïve and blinded.

The fact is corrupt governance is the governing culture in much of the Caribbean, even the world. The OT is not to be singled out.

However, that is no excuse for the continuation of a culture of conflict of interest, corruption, and interference in governing institutions designed to protect the public from misrule.

If islands in the Caribbean are to reach El Dorado

then honest governance is not an option; it is a critical requirement.

The simple fact is that after decades of independence and autonomy, in most of the Caribbean, the physical infrastructure never changes for the better, people continue to suffer poverty and social decline, and one will have to scratch the proverbial head to see where the billions of dollars in revenue have been spent.

Now, all who bother to read this Old Boys Tales know that he has for nearly a decade been an advocate of independence and greater autonomy for OTs. And Like most Black UK Citizens he is the first to acknowledge that the UK like other majority white societies remains racist and prejudiced, even though there is a clear effort today by these countries to become multicultural, inclusive, and accepting of minorities.

However, recent events in specific OTs have placed

him firmly against any move towards greater autonomy or independence. Why: because until there is clear oversight of the executive branches of government, and effective checks and balances on the executive branch, such as a truly independent judiciary, and a native governor with real power and constitutional teeth fully responsible for national security and the public service, there will be no good governance.

The last thing an independent Caribbean Island needs is a dictator type at the helm, surrounded by henchmen and cronies

The sad fact is that the Caribbean islands where there is true constitutional oversight, such as those of the UK and the European Union, these remain the islands with the highest living standards, the best quality of life, and the safest streets.

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## Early Student Registration Encouraged

On this week's episode of A Chat with the Community, panelists discussed the importance of registering students for the public school system in a timely manner.

School Registration Officer in the Ministry of Education, Culture, Youth Affairs, Fisheries and Agriculture, Ms. Gemi Evans said that parents should pay attention to the

registration deadlines and to submit their applications online.

She said, "Help us, help you. Principals and teachers need the adequate amount of time to prepare and plan schedules for students. So send in your applications with the necessary documents now.... The deadline for applications is April 30."

Also on the panel was Early Childhood Officer, Ms. Genevieve McMaster who gave insight into the registration process for children five years of age.

"The age for accepting children into the school system is five years of ages in September. Considerations are made if the child is four years old and will be five

years old by the end of February the following year. A parent wishing to have their child placed in Kindergarten before the accepted age will need to have the child go through a special examination process to assess if the child is indeed ready for the Kindergarten level," Ms. McMaster said.

Registration for Kindergarten, Grade 6 and homeschooling along with school placement, registration requirements and guidelines were also topics of discussion on the programme.

To view this week's episode of A Chat with the Community follow the link: <https://www.facebook.com/BVIGovernment/videos/850501979136084/>

The Ministry of Education, Culture, Youth Affairs,

Fisheries and Agriculture is informing the public that registration is open for the 2021-2022 academic school year.

Persons seeking to have students placed in the Virgin Islands education system can access the application forms at early childhood centres and at the ministry on the third floor of Ward's Building or by calling 468-2757. Application forms can also be downloaded from the Government's website or by using the links: For Non-Virgin Islanders <http://www.bvi.gov.vg/services/application-entry-virgin-islands-schools-non-virgin-islanders> For Virgin Islanders <http://www.bvi.gov.vg/ser>



*School Registration Officer in the Ministry of Education, Culture, Youth Affairs, Fisheries and Agriculture, Ms. Gemi Evans a panelist on A Chat with the Community on Wednesday, January 27.*

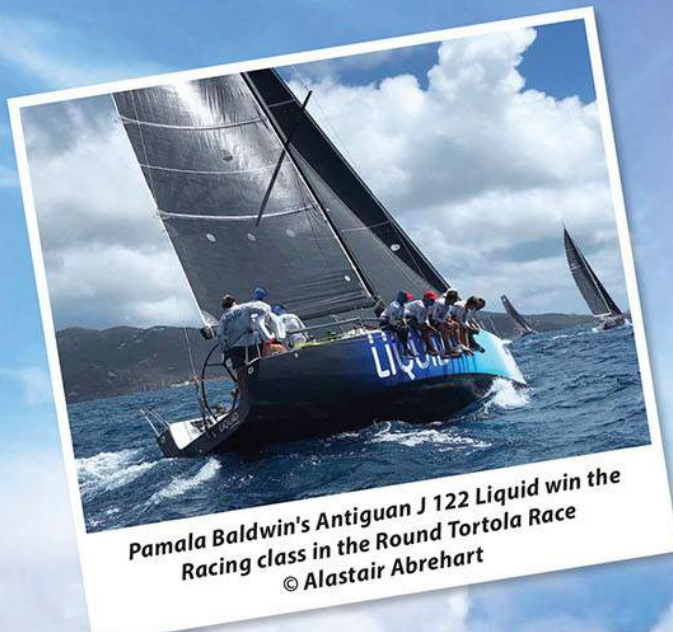
# Spring Regatta Returns

**Continued from page 14**

"The Sailing Festival, a warmup to the BVI Spring Regatta, gives crews an opportunity to learn their boat, the BVI waters, and their crew. Making the best of unusual circumstances we are reviewing different possibilities and it may be that sailors will see more of the islands, safely complete their quarantine, and be ready for the three-days of Spring Regatta racing starting on Friday with Mount Gay Race Day," Bob Phillips, Race Chairman, commented.

"As with all the events being held in the Caribbean, online registration, electronic Official Notice Board, online International Jury and social-distanced shoreside activities will be a primary focus. We will ensure safe ways to make sure the spirit of camaraderie, cold beers and rum will be available," Judy Petz, Regatta Director, stated.

The race committee mentioned that it will create challenging races each day for all competitive classes including Racing, Cruising, Bareboat, Multihull, and Sports Multihull.



**Pamala Baldwin's Antigua J 122 Liquid win the Racing class in the Round Tortola Race**  
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**Joe and Claudia's Candido's Hanse 505 Avalon Sunset were victorious in the Cruising +Hanse class for the Round Tortola Race** © Alastair Abrehart



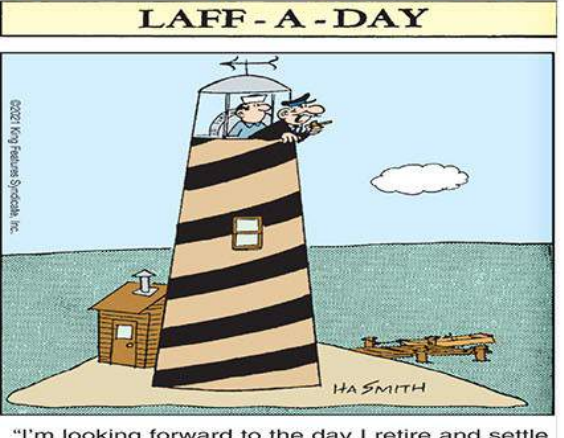
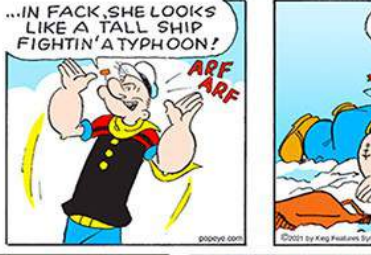
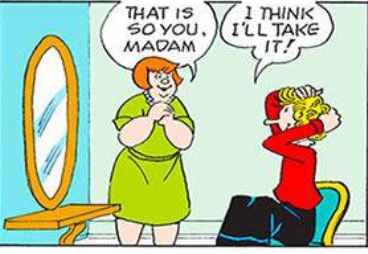
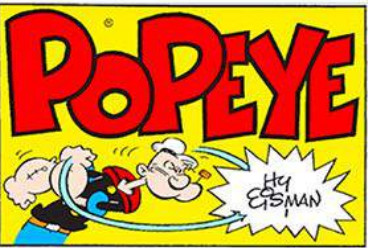
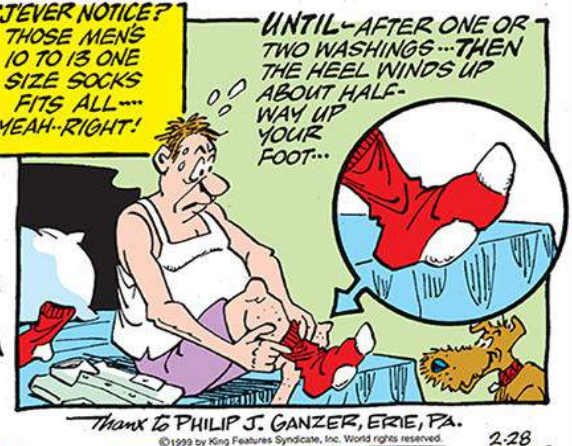
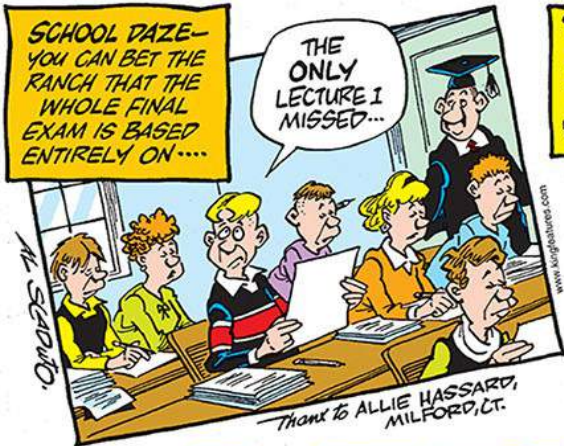
**With a large bareboat fleet in the race, Dauntless Five (hull 28), Willem Ellemeet's Moorings 45 Bareboat led the class today** © Alastair Abrehart



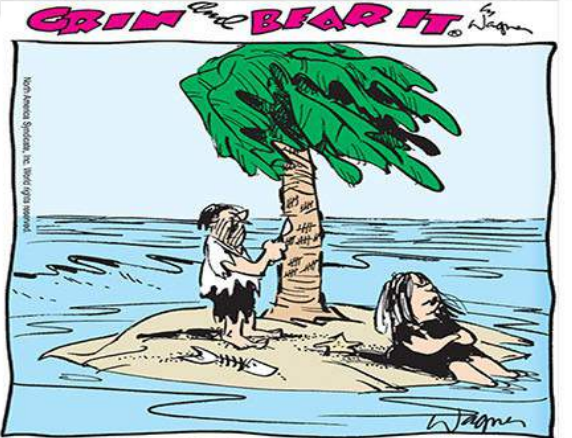
**E1 at the start of the Round Tortola Race + The crew of E1 Volvo 70 skippered by Rafal Sawicki celebrate at the awards ceremony at Nanny Cay in the Regatta Village** © Alastair Abrehart

**THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME**

BY AL SCADUTO



"I'm looking forward to the day I retire and settle down in some nice secluded spot."



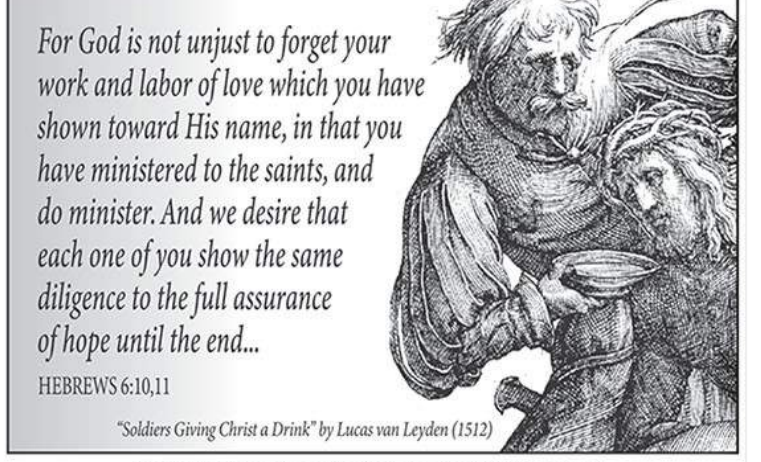
"I'm missing the big game!"



**Just Like Cats & Dogs** by Dave T. Phipps



**THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE**



# A RHYMING RIDDLE!

Four jolly men sat down to play,  
And played all night till the break  
of day;  
They played for cash and not for fun,  
With separate scores for everyone,  
Yet when they came to square  
accounts,  
They all had made quite fair amounts.  
Can you this paradox explain?  
If no one lost, how could all gain?



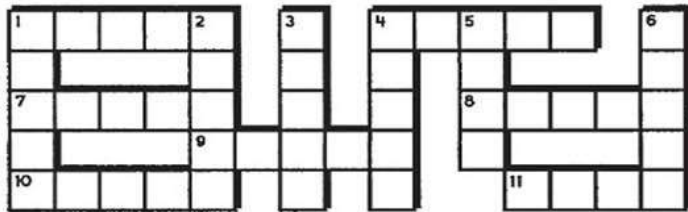
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**CAN YOU FIGURE OUT** how all four made money?

Answer: The four "players" were musicians in a dance band, not "card players." Did the picture throw you off?

# Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



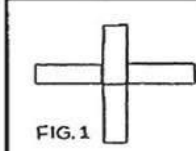
HERE'S A "TAME" PUZZLE!

To the left is a crossword puzzle grid. Below are the names of 13 tame and not-so-tame animals that you'll need to complete the puzzle grid. Use the trial-and-error method.

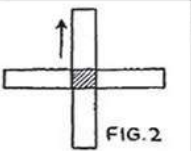
of 13 tame and not-so-tame animals that you'll need to complete the puzzle grid. Use the trial-and-error method.

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| <b>4-Letter Words</b> | <b>5-Letter Words</b> | <b>5-Letter Words</b> |
| Fawn                  | Bison                 | Lambs                 |
| Puma                  | Camel                 | Lions                 |
|                       | Chimp                 | Mamba                 |
|                       | Crabs                 | Mules                 |
|                       | Hippo                 | Seals                 |
|                       | Horse                 |                       |

Answers: (Across) 1. Crabs, 4. Hippo, 7. Mamba (Down) 1. Camel, 2. Seals, 3. Chimp, 4. Horse, 5. Puma, 6. Bison, 8. Mules, 9. Lambs, 10. Lions, 11. Fawn.



**A "SQUARE WAGER"!**  
Bet your friends that you can form a square by moving only one of the sticks in Fig. 1. The answer is to move the middle stick "up," thus forming a small square in the middle (Fig. 2).



**ATTENTION ALL WORD FANS!** In this puzzle, all of the words get progressively longer, and they all start with FAN. Some hints:

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Keeps you cool.        | 2. Type of tooth.          |
| 3. To like.               | 4. Type of airplane.       |
| 5. Loud trumpet flourish. | 6. Animated Spanish dance. |



Answers: 1. Fan, 2. Fang, 3. Fancy, 4. Fanjet, 5. Fantare, 6. Fandango.

## Salome's Stars

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) A gracious Lamb can learn more about a problem-filled situation than one who is openly suspicious of what could be happening. A friend might offer some well-directed advice.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Getting adjusted to an unexpected change might be difficult for the Bovine, who prefers things to go according to plan. But help could come from a most welcome source.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) This could be a good time to get a head start on those career-related plans. The sooner you check out the pluses and minuses, the sooner you can act on your information.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) A personal situation you thought would no longer present a problem could suddenly produce some surprises. Try to sort things out with the help of trusted colleagues.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) An upcoming move holds both anticipation and anxiety for Leos and Leonas who have some big decisions to make. Advice is plentiful, but it's up to you to decide which way you want to go.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Someone from a previous project could provide valuable guidance on how to handle a current problem, especially where it might involve a legal matter.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) A business situation presents some unexpected complications. But rather than try to handle them all at once, it would be best to deal with them one at a time.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) You just might get what you want, despite the odds against it. In any event, be sure to thank all those people involved who believed in you and went to bat for you.

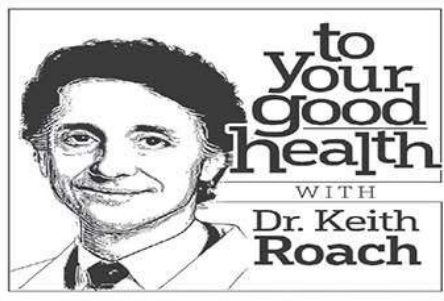
**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Before you even hint at an accusation, remember that you'll have to prove what you say. So be sure you have what you need to back up your comments.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) A romantic situation takes an unexpected turn that favors some Sea Goats, but causes others to reassess how they've been handling the relationship.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) A surprise turn of events could unsettle the Water Bearer. But it also might help open up an entirely different way of working out an important matter.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) A smoothly running operation could bump up against an obstacle. This is where your ability to assess situations and make adjustments can restore things to normal.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** Your kindness is legendary, and so is your strong sense of responsibility.



### This Rapid Heartbeat Appears Normal on EKG

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** I had symptoms of lightheadedness, so my doctor ordered an EKG and sent me to a cardiologist. They did a heart monitor for a week and said I have inappropriate sinus tachycardia but that I don't need any treatment. I'm still having symptoms. What can I do? — B.V.

**ANSWER:** Inappropriate sinus tachycardia is an uncommon diagnosis, most often seen in women in their 30s. The heart rate is fast ("tachycardia"), but on an EKG it appears normal, meaning it comes from the sino-atrial node, the natural pacemaker of the heart, hence "sinus." The average heart rate must be over 90 for 24 hours.

It's important to be sure there isn't another cause for the tachycardia, such as elevated thyroid levels, fever, volume depletion (dehydration) or anemia. The symptoms may continue for months or even years. Common symptoms include the lightheadedness you felt, but may also include palpitations, shortness of breath, dizziness and decreased ability to exercise.

The diagnosis can sometimes be confused with POTS (postural orthostatic tachycardia syndrome), where the heart rate dramatically increases with changing to an upright position. A tilt-table test is the diagnostic tool for POTS.

If there is no other reason for sinus tachycardia, then medication may be used to reduce symptoms. A beta blocker is the usual first choice, but there are others available.

I found some more information at

<https://tinyurl.com/ISTheart> that may be useful for you.

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** I am a woman going crazy with hair loss. My hair has always been long and thick, but it is coming out in handfuls. I can only think it must be due to my blood pressure medicines. I've been taking amlodipine and lisinopril for years. I'm in good health and 90 years young. — M.

**ANSWER:** It is unlikely that the hair loss is due to either amlodipine or lisinopril. Neither of these are well described to provoke hair loss, and if a medicine is going to do that, it usually does within a few months.

The most common cause of hair loss in a 90-year-old woman is female pattern hair loss, in which the hair loss is mostly on the front and top of the scalp. However, there are several causes of hair loss, and a dermatologist may be helpful in determining the cause and treatment.

Please don't stop taking your blood pressure medicine.

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** I have a question about undigested food. Are you getting any nutrients, other than fiber, from foods that come out looking the same as they went in? I'm thinking of foods such as corn and sunflower, flax or chia seeds. How well do they need to be chewed to get any nutrition from them? — L.W.

**ANSWER:** Many seeds and corn need to be chewed very well in order to be absorbed by the body. They have a large amount of undigestible fiber, which will never be absorbed. Chia seeds, unlike flax or sunflower seeds, are pretty easily digested by most people, but you can grind them and soak them ahead of time to make it easier for your body to digest.

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

# top ten

## Creative Hobbies During COVID

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| 1. Trying new recipes | 6. Creative writing     |
| 2. Gardening          | 7. Dance                |
| 3. Painting           | 8. Interior design      |
| 4. Photography        | 9. Digital design       |
| 5. Drawing            | 10. Non-fiction writing |
- Source: Canava





## A Toast to your Health

One of the best things about writing a food and recipe column is the opportunity to introduce my family, friends and readers to something new. I also enjoy experimenting with new ingredients and products.

Recently, I discovered a wonderful line of naturally sweetened, zero-calorie beverages called Zevia. It's one of the first drink brands focused on healthy versions of sodas (14 different kinds), energy drinks (grapefruit, mango ginger, raspberry, lime and kola), sparkling water (lime, blackberry, Mandarin orange and cucumber lemon), as well as a line of mixers, organic teas and Zevia Kidz.

So, what is Zevia Kidz? It's got the fizz of soda and the tangy sweet flavor of juice, but somehow it's neither. It keeps all the good stuff and leaves out all the bad with zero sugar and nothing artificial. Zevia formulas also are certified non-GMO, vegan, kosher, color-free, gluten-free, keto and paleo-friendly. I served the Zevia Kidz to children ages 3 to 10, and they loved the taste and the colorful Disney characters on the cans.

Zevia is the brainchild of founder and CEO Paddy Spence, a key figure in the natural food industry for more than 25 years. Paddy and his wife quit sugar 18 years ago, and since then he has completed in numerous triathlons and marathons. Zevia is the official soda of the CrossFit Games, an event that has banned bigger brands high in sugar content. You can find Zevia at thousands of grocery stores.



While Zevia is a healthy and delicious drink, it's also great as a nutritious, zero-calorie ingredient in drink recipes, snacks, main course dishes and desserts. Use it to create a light, crispy batter for the Zevia Orange Cauliflower Poppers, as the salad dressing base for the Quinoa Salad and to give a wonderful strawberry flavor and sweetness to the batter for the Strawberry Almond Cobbler. It's the perfect way to cut calories to create a "new you" in the new year!

### ZEVIA ORANGE CAULIFLOWER POPPERS

- 1 quart oil • 1 head cauliflower
  - 1 1/3 cups all-purpose flour • 1 tablespoon chopped parsley
  - 1 teaspoon sea salt • 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
  - 1/4 teaspoon thyme • 1/4 teaspoon rosemary
  - Dash cayenne pepper (optional)
  - 3/4 cup Zevia Orange Soda
  - 1/4 cup Zevia Tonic • 2 egg yolks, beaten
1. Heat 1 quart oil in a deep-fryer or saucepan to 375 F.
  2. Cut cauliflower into bite-sized pieces.
  3. Combine flour, parsley, sea salt, garlic powder, thyme, rosemary and cayenne in a bowl and mix.
  4. Whisk together orange soda and tonic water with egg yolks.
  5. Dip cauliflower into egg mixture, then in dry ingredients until coated.
  6. Deep fry batches of cauliflower until golden brown, about 3-5 minutes.
  7. Pat dry on paper towels. Makes one batch.

### QUINOA SALAD WITH ZEVIA ORANGE CILANTRO DRESSING

#### Dressing

- 1/2 cup Zevia Orange Soda • 1/4 cup lime juice
- 1/2 cup olive oil • 1 cup fresh cilantro
- 1/2 avocado • 1 teaspoon garlic

#### Quinoa Salad

- 1 cup quinoa • 1 orange, cut into pieces
  - 1 grapefruit, cut into pieces • 1 lime, juiced
  - 1/2 avocado, diced • 1/4 cup feta
  - 1/4 cup diced red onion
1. Combine all salad dressing ingredients in a food processor and pulse until consistency is smooth.
  2. Cook quinoa and let cool.
  3. When cool, add to a bowl with remaining salad ingredients and top with Zevia Orange cilantro dressing. Makes 4 servings.

### STRAWBERRY ALMOND COBBLER

- 1/2 cup unsalted butter • 4 cups hulled strawberries
  - 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon • 3/4 cup Zevia Strawberry soda
  - 1 teaspoon almond extract
  - 1-2 teaspoons liquid stevia to taste (if desired)
  - 1 cup all-purpose flour • 1 tablespoon baking powder
  - 1/8 teaspoon salt • 1/2 cup milk of choice
1. Preheat oven to 375 F.
  2. Melt butter in a 9 by 13-inch pan in the oven while it's heating.
  3. In a saucepan, bring strawberries, cinnamon, 1/4 cup of strawberry soda, and almond extract to a boil. Stir and let reduce for 5 minutes, adding stevia if desired.
  4. In a large mixing bowl, combine flour, baking powder and salt. Slowly whisk in milk and remaining 1/2 cup of strawberry soda, until fully combined to form a batter.
  5. Pour the batter into the pan of melted butter without stirring.
  6. Add in the strawberry mixture on top of the batter without stirring.
  7. Bake for 35-45 minutes until golden brown. Serve warm and enjoy! Makes 8 servings.

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## Caribbean News / Regional News

# This British Virgin Islands Resort Is Making a Comeback

By Caribbean Journal Staff

One of the most beloved resorts in the British Virgin Islands is making a comeback.

The Saba Rock resort, set on an island in the North Sound of Virgin Gorda, will be opening this spring following a complete rebuild.

The property had been devastated by Hurricane Irma in 2017.

"We're eager to rejoin our local tourism partners in welcoming guests to this beautiful destination," said General Manager Alain Prion. "Saba holds a special place in the hearts of many, and we can't wait for our past

guests to see and experience the new resort. We expect fans will embrace our new identity and hope our chic and casual setting will attract new customers as well."

The resort has been completely reconstructed, with a new "contemporary design aesthetic."

The boutique property will feature seven rooms, two suites, a dive shop, a retail boutique, a spa, a full-service marina and a kiteboarding and kitesurfing school.

And yes, it will also feature its signature bar and restaurant, with Caribbean



**The Saba Rock resort**

fusion cuisine on the lower level and a "Happy Hour Bar and Lounge" on the upper deck.

"This whole process has been a labor of love for the entire Saba Rock team, and I am truly proud of how we

were able to navigate the challenges at hand and bring the new chapter of this iconic resort to life," continued Prion.

# Jamaica Expanding Testing Capacity for Travelers

By Caribbean Journal Staff

Jamaica says it is expanding its testing capacity across the island to help visitors comply with the new CDC requirements for returning travelers.

A number of hotels and resorts are already providing on-site testing for guests, and the country's Ministry of Health and Wellness and the Ministry of Tourism are working to set up mobile testing sites within Jamaica's "resilient corridor" on the north coast.

Officials said testing resources would also be added at airports in Montego Bay and Kingston.

"We can confidently assure travelers that Jamaica's testing capacity will adequately meet the requirements for travel to the United States and Canada," said Donovan White, Director of Tourism, Jamaica Tourist Board. "Jamaica is resilient. As we keep an eye toward other potential changes for international travelers, we are pleased with our destination-wide preparedness and the progress we have made to make COVID-19 testing even more accessible."



**Round Hill in Jamaica**

# VOA NEWS VOA NEWS VOA NEWS VOA NEWS

## Biden: US Buying 200 Million More COVID-19 Vaccine Doses

By VOA News January 26, 2021

President Joe Biden said Tuesday the United States was buying 200 million more doses of COVID-19 vaccine to inoculate nearly the entire U.S. population of 300 million people by early fall.

The U.S. has purchased 100 million doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine and 100 million of the Moderna vaccine. They will be delivered by the end of summer or early fall, Biden said. With this latest order, the U.S. will have purchased 600 million doses.

"Not in hand yet, but ordered," Biden said. "We expect these additional 200 million doses to be delivered this summer."

The administration also announced it will be increasing delivery of available vaccines to states for the next three weeks to ramp up vaccination rates. Biden said the administration was increasing doses to states from 8.6 million a week to 10.1 million next week.

Biden also promised to provide states with firm vaccine allocation advisories three weeks ahead of delivery, which should allow state officials to more accurately plan for injections.

There are more than 100 million confirmed cases worldwide of COVID-19, the disease caused by the coronavirus, and more than

2.1 million deaths. The U.S. accounts for nearly a quarter of the cases, at nearly 25.5 million, and has recorded 424,690 deaths, according to Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center statistics on Tuesday.

Biden, who was sworn into office a week ago, pledged to provide 100 million COVID-19 vaccine shots in his first 100 days in office.

He said during a news conference Tuesday that ending the pandemic would require a "war-time effort."

"More than 400,000 Americans have already died," he said. "This is a war-time undertaking. It's not hyperbole."

### Harris vaccinated

Also Tuesday, Vice President Kamala Harris received the second dose of her COVID-19 vaccine.

Both Harris and Biden received their vaccinations on live television to help allay fears about the vaccine.

Biden received his second dose before his swearing-in last week.

### Pharmacist to plead guilty

Steven Brandenburg, a Wisconsin pharmacist accused of trying to spoil dozens of vials of COVID-19 vaccine, has agreed to plead guilty in federal court.



People wait in line to receive a COVID-19 vaccine at Ebenezer Baptist Church, in Oklahoma City, Jan. 26, 2021.

Brandenburg, 46, is charged with two counts of attempting to tamper with consumer products. If convicted, he faces a maximum sentence of 10 years and a \$250,000 fine on each count.

Brandenburg was arrested December 31 after police investigated 57 vials — enough

to inoculate more than 500 people — of the Moderna vaccine that had been left outside a refrigerator at a hospital in a Milwaukee suburb.

Jason Baltz, Brandenburg's attorney, declined to comment Tuesday to The Associated Press.

## IMF Expects COVID-19 Vaccines to Fuel Global Economic Growth

By VOA News January 26, 2021

Increased availability of COVID-19 vaccines is expected to fuel a stronger economic recovery worldwide this year, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) predicted Tuesday.

The global economy will grow 5.5% this year, more than the 5.2% expansion the IMF forecast in October, as the vaccines help contain the spread of the coronavirus, enabling governments to ease lockdown measures that last year led to the worst global economic contraction since World War II.

The IMF's upgraded forecast of a 5.5% global economic expansion this year would mark its fastest year of growth since its sharp 2010 recovery from the financial crisis.

While the vaccines are expected to help power a global economic recovery, the IMF warned that economies worldwide will need support from their governments to offset the damage caused by the pandemic.

The 190-country organization also warns that coronavirus mutations could hinder global economic growth.

Additionally, the IMF's World Economic Outlook update predicts that U.S. President Joe Biden's proposed \$1.9-trillion economic stimulus package could increase U.S. economic output by 5.1% over the next three years after contracting a sharp 3.4% in 2020.

The U.S. economy is the world's largest, followed by China, which the IMF predicts will achieve a record 8.1% growth after a relatively small 2.3% economic spurt in 2020.

The economies of 19 European countries that use the euro currency will jointly expand 4.2% this year after shrinking 7.2% last year, the IMF said. The lending organization also forecasts that the Japanese economy will expand 3.1% after contracting 5.1% in 2020.

The preliminary report indicates India's economy will expand 11.5% this year, faster than any of the other major economies, marking a strong recovery from the economy's 8% decline in 2020.

International trade will grow 8.1% this year after contracting 9.6% in 2020, the IMF said.



FILE - A ground staff walks past a container kept at the Cargo Terminal 2 of the Indira Gandhi International Airport, which according to the officials will be used as a COVID-19 vaccine handling and distribution center, Dec. 22, 2020.

# SPORTS

## BASKETBALL

### BVI Ballers overhaul Elite Ballers, 49-45 in MLK Jr. Classic finale

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

District 3's BVI Ballers overcame stubborn District 6 Elite Ballers late in the fourth quarter for a thrilling 49-45 victory, to close the 25th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. 16-18 Basketball Classic, hosted by the Sea Cows Bay Basketball Club on Friday night.

"We were right by the finish line and failed to cross it first. The game was a really, really competitive," District 6 Coach Carnel Cyne told Island Sun Sports exclusively. "Coming down to the end, the guys put a lot of confidence in themselves and they played the game the right way because it came down basically to a one possession game tied at 45-45, with about 1:17 left. We had two free throws to make and missed them and basically, then after that, the opposing team went up by four points and cost us the game coming down to the end."

Kymal Panchoo led BVI Ballers with 14 points and Zach Jackson added 10 with another eight coming from Raphael Singh. Nathan Francis was Elite Ballers top scorer with 14 points and five rebounds. D'relle Clyne dropped another 10 on the stat sheet.

"We had a real battle there. The opposing team, they really came to fight today, they didn't want to lose," told Island Sun sports. "They made us push hard and try to get the best from down in our gut, but we pulled through. I think the

guys could have done a lot better, we were playing a little shaky, but we still came out on top."

Thomas said they didn't play proper defense and offensively, they weren't together either but they eventually pulled through after his team was coming off a loss to Skillful Ballers.

"To prepare for this game, I worked a lot on defense but at the same time, the loss to Skillful Ballers, we had six guys and one of them had four fouls so we were in foul trouble," he recalled. "They were tired, they couldn't keep the pressure on, they were too tired to put up shots but I saw we need a lot of improvement on defense so we worked on defense. We still have a long way to go but we're getting there."

Clyne said rebounds and turnovers killed his team.

"In this whole entire series—not just tonight's game," he pointed out. "In this whole tournament, it was failing to rebound, failing to be careful with the ball with the turnovers, that's what killed us for the entire series."

District 5's Willful Skillful and District 7's Wolfpack, double forfeited in the first game.

"Sometimes we try to engage these young people with tournaments and leagues and when you have tournaments, particularly a tournament such as this, you expect to have

a championship game so you put a schedule out listing a championship game," event organizer Milton McLean said. "However, as it being a straight league where each person played each other once and you didn't have any brackets, Virgin Gorda's Team Elite came out with a 4-0 record, therefore, there was no need for a championship game. And so, it seems some people feel there should have been a championship game and because there was not championship game, they decided not to come out and participate."

Thomas commended McLean for the work he has been doing organizing events for youngsters since he formed the Sea Cows Bay Basketball Club on April 1, 1994. He told Island Sun Sports that a lot more people need to come out and support not this this league but all other leagues.

"Support the young youths in their development," Thomas said. "They need the support of family, friends, anyone who has something to contribute to the development of the youth. This is great. It's fun to watch. So hats off to McLean... a special man."

**In awards doled out afterwards as follows;**  
**Most Points:** Antwon Robinson, Wolfpack, District 7, 86.



District 3's BVI Ballers Zach Jackson prepares to lay in two of his 10 points against District 6's Elite Ballers

**Most Rebounds:** Nathan Francis, Elite Ballers, District 6, 41.

**Most Steals:** Reaquan Garroway, Elite Ballers, District 6, 17.

**Most Assists:** Verne Frett Jr. Elite Ballers, District 6, 10

**Most Blocks:** Kyron Walwyn, Skillful Ballers, District 5, 14.

**MVP:** Jahdique Winchester, Team Elite, District 9. 68 points, 4 rebounds, 7 steals, 1 assist, 3 blocks.

## FOOTBALL

### Virgin Gorda's crosstown rivals Avengers, VG United play to 3-3 draw

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

A ferocious battle between Virgin Gorda crosstown rivals Avengers and VG United at Cedar School on Saturday, ended their Women's Fustal Match in a 3-3 draw, where VG United was seeking to claim outright bragging rights, after beating the Avengers, 2-1 in their first encounter.

The seesaw tussle saw Avengers goals coming from Keithrece Smith, Kelaine Smith and Ebony Fahie, for a 3-2 edge after VG United's Kezia Gumbs scored twice. Standing inside her box after an Avengers attempt at goal, VG United goalie Kimberly Smith kicked a left footer that tied the game 3-3, as no team capitalized on its other opportunities in the waning moments of the game.

"This game today was very physical and the Avengers, they played very well," VG United Coach Thomas "Manly" Albert told Island Sun Sports. "They got chances but I believe we got more chances and did not score our goals but it

was a fair game, I loved the game. Both teams wanted to win but the 3-3 result is good for me. We were leading then Avengers took the lead and we came back and equalized, but I believe my team could have done better. I saw the Avengers were very tired but we did not capitalize on them."

Kimberly Smith said she had no idea her equalizing score was going in the goal.

"I was trying to do it before but didn't get the ball in time," Smith—a sprinter and Long Jumper who's planning on taking up the Javelin Throw—told Island Sun Sports. "When I saw that one coming, I thought it was a good opportunity. I took the shot and it went in. I was a nice curl off my left foot and I did great. I saved the day."

Avengers Captain Ebony Fahie, said it was a very good game and they didn't defend well allowing Kimberly Smith to score the equalizer. She said that it was a very good goal.

"That was the best goal I saw for the entire game but we didn't go to our positions as quickly as possible," Fahie noted. Other than that, it was a good competitive game between both of us."

#### Islanders regain President's Cup

Two second half goals by Rohan "Chii Chi" Lennon following a 0-0 halftime tie, led Islanders to the President's Cup trophy on Sunday, with their 2-0 victory over nemesis and No 3 seeded Virgin Gorda Sugar Boys. The President's Cup was added to their eight BVI Football Association league title they won last month.

The Sugar Boys beat Islanders for the cup with a 1-0 victory in 2017. In 2018, the Sugar Boys used a 5-1 victory to knock the Islanders out of the Big Four, before going on to beat Wolues 5-2 in the Final

#### National Youth League

Devin Jones scored four times, with other goals

coming from Austin Prentice, Howard Watson and Ikyjah Williams, as the Rebels walked off with a 7-0 victory over One Love, in their U17 match. In the U13 division, Virgin Gorda United stopped Jost Van Dyke's Old Madrid, 7-1. The Wolues stayed unbeaten with a 5-2 victory over One Caribbean.



Wolves players in blue, seeking to get ball control from her Panthers opponent  
 PHOTO. Nia Davies



# SPORTS



*Martin Luther King Jr. 16-18 Basketball Classic award recipients. Jahdique Winchester, left, Team Elite, MVP. Antwon Robinson, Wolfpack, Most Points, 86. Nathan Francis, Elite Ballers, Most Rebounds, 41*



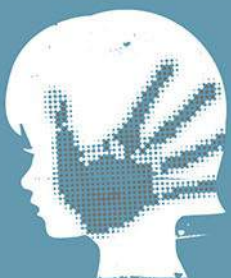
*Avengers Captain Ebony Fahie, prepares to kick the ball ahead of the VG United defenders*



*Glensford Palmer of Jost Van Dyke's Old Madrid, 2nd left and Mark Morris, keeping a VG United defender from the ball in their U13 match*



*Virgin Gorda's Sugar Boys and Islanders players keep their eyes on the ball during Sunday's President's Cup which Islanders won, 2-0*



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# PUBLIC NOTICES

**NOTICE**  
**BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT**  
**(NO. 16 OF 2004)**  
**SHINE GROVE GROUP LIMITED**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 20th day of January, 2021, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidators is:-  
**CHEN Zen Zen Karen**  
of Flat C, 18/F,  
Tower 2, Lido Garden,  
Sham Tseng, NT,  
Hong Kong  
[85/1]

**NOTICE**  
**BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT**  
**Valpiedra Ltd.**  
("the Company")  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 21st January, 2021; under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck from the Register. The Liquidator is:-  
**Danyel Falcon**  
Of 40 S.W. 13th Street  
Suite 802  
Miami, Florida, 33130  
[85/2]

**PRATEZZA LIMITED**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company Number 1531077  
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 21st day of January, 2021. The Liquidator is **Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.** Dated this 22nd day of January, 2021  
**Sgd. Brian Jackson**  
  
**Brian Jackson**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[85/3]

**BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT, 2004**  
**DAISY SERVICES LTD.**  
("the Company")  
Company No: 1863360  
A BVI Business Company  
Notice is hereby given pursuant to section (208) (1) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, that the winding-up and dissolution of the above-mentioned company has been completed and the name has been struck off the Register of Companies. Dated this 21st day of January, 2021  
**Sgd. Philippa O'Sullivan**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[85/4]

**Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act. 2004**  
**LINK WORLDWIDE HOLDINGS LTD.**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 279073  
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 20th day of January, 2021. The liquidator is **LIU, SHU-KUEI OF 5 F-3, No. 166-98, Sec. 3, Xitun Rd., Xitun Dist., Taichung City 40763, Taiwan.**  
Dated: 21st day of January 2021  
**(Sgd.) LIU, SHU-KUEI**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[85/5]

**PERFECT INSIGHT HOLDINGS LIMITED**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 660840  
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 20th day of January, 2021. The liquidator is **LIU, SHU-KUEI OF 5 F-3, No. 166-98, Sec. 3, Xitun Rd., Xitun Dist., Taichung City 40763, Taiwan.**  
Dated: 21st day of January 2021  
**(Sgd.) LIU, SHU-KUEI**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[85/6]

**Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act.**  
**TELFOR INTERVEST LTD.**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 683375  
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 January 25, 2021. The Liquidator is **Kristina Ermakova with address at Troizinos 4A, PC 3048, Limassol, Cyprus.**  
Dated: January 25, 2021.  
**(Sgd.) Kristina Ermakova**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[85/7]

**Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.**  
**SHELL HARBOUR HOLDING S.A.**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1032065  
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 January 22, 2021.  
Dated: January 25, 2021  
**(Sgd.) Andreas Petrou**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[85/8]

**Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.**  
**Grogan Holdings Inc.**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1046797  
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 January 22, 2021.  
Dated: January 25, 2021  
**(Sgd.) Michael Avraam**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[85/9]

**Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.**  
**BASERE OVERSEAS LIMITED**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1068558  
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 January 25, 2021.  
Dated: January 25, 2021  
**(Sgd.) Patrick Taverne**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[85/10]

**NOTICE**  
**BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT**  
**St James's No 5 Limited**  
("the Company")  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 22nd January, 2021; under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck from the Register. The Liquidator is:-  
**Barbara Panayides**  
of 31 Gladstonos Street  
1095 Nicosia  
Cyprus  
[85/11]

**KELANI HOLDING S.A.**  
Company No. 1677702  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **KELANI HOLDING S.A.** is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 25th January, 2021 and **Dr. Markus Summer of Heiligkreuz 6, 9490 Vaduz, Principality of Liechtenstein** been appointed as the Sole Liquidator.  
Dated this 25th day of January, 2021  
**Sgd. Dr. Markus Summer**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[85/12]

**Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.**  
**IZMA INTERNATIONAL CORP.**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1924265  
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 January 25th, 2021.  
Dated: 25th January, 2021  
**(Sgd.) Federico Escobar**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[85/13]

**Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.**  
**MAINSWORTH ASSETS CORP.**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1901563  
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 January 22nd, 2021.  
Dated: 25th January, 2021  
**(Sgd.) Michalis Eleftheriou**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[85/14]

**Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.**  
**TRIBUTION CONSULT LTD**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1856750  
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 January 22nd, 2021.  
Dated: 25th January, 2021  
**(Sgd.) Michalis Avraam**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[85/15]

**Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.**  
**PLUSVAL CORP.**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1894745  
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 January 22nd, 2021. The Liquidator is **Delio Jose De Leon Mela with an address at Bloc Office Hub, Fifth Floor, Santa Maria Business District, Panama, Republic of Panama.**  
Dated: January 25th, 2021  
**(Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[85/16]

**TINGU MANAGEMENT INC.**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1710426  
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 20th January, 2021  
Dated 25th January, 2021  
**Sgd. Querube C. De Nuñez**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[85/17]

**ATROPA SERVICES S.A.**  
Company No. 1673409  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **ATROPA SERVICES S.A.** is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 25th January, 2021 and **Dr. Markus Summer of Heiligkreuz 6, 9490 Vaduz, Principality of Liechtenstein** been appointed as the Sole Liquidator.  
Dated this 25th day of January, 2021  
**Sgd. Dr. Markus Summer**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[85/18]

**DAVUELTA FINANCE LTD.**  
Company No. 1668992  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **DAVUELTA FINANCE LTD.** is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 25th January, 2021 and **Dr. Markus Summer of Heiligkreuz 6, 9490 Vaduz, Principality of Liechtenstein** been appointed as the Sole Liquidator.  
Dated this 25th day of January, 2021  
**Sgd. Dr. Markus Summer**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[85/19]

**GLOBAL WISE INTERNATIONAL LIMITED**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company Number 1550167  
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 25th day of January, 2021.  
Dated this 25th day of January, 2021  
**Sgd. Cheng Ho Long**  
  
**Cheng Ho Long**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[85/20]

# PUBLIC NOTICES

## SUPPER FORT HOLDINGS LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company Number 573828

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 25th day of January, 2021.  
Dated this 25th day of January, 2021  
*Sgd. Cheng Ho Long*

*Cheng Ho Long*  
Voluntary Liquidator

[85/21]

## Scrivener Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company Number 1883868

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 25th day of January, 2021.  
Dated this 25th day of January, 2021  
*Sgd. Brian Jackson*

*Brian Jackson*  
Voluntary Liquidator

[85/22]

## Fynche Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company Number 1883833

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 25th day of January, 2021.  
Dated this 25th day of January, 2021  
*Sgd. Brian Jackson*

*Brian Jackson*  
Voluntary Liquidator

[85/23]

## APPOINTMENT LITARA LIMITED

("the Company")  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 375700

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that:  
Litara Limited is in voluntary liquidation. The date of commencement of liquidation is 21st January 2021. The liquidator is Carmine Bailey of Kendall Corporate Services Limited, 87 Main Street, Waterfront Drive, P.O. Box 3169; PMB 198, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated 25th January 2021  
*Carmine Bailey*  
Voluntary Liquidator

[85/24]

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

**Tulumul (PTC) Ltd**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1902754

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 22nd day of January 2021. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, Blackburne Highway, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**  
Dated: 25th day of January, 2021  
*(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan*  
Voluntary Liquidator

[85/25]

## LIMOS ASSOCIATED INC.

Company No. 170926  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **LIMOS ASSOCIATED INC.** is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 22nd January, 2021 and **Mag. Iur. Bianca Lenz of Hauptstraase 4, 9494 Au, Switzerland** been appointed as the Sole Liquidator.  
Dated this 25th day of January, 2021  
*Sgd. Mag. Iur. Bianca Lenz*  
Voluntary Liquidator

[85/26]

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

**Richfield Invest Holdings Inc.**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

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

The Liquidators is:-  
**Inka Farhana Binte Jeffery**  
of Blk 145 Tampines Street 12  
#09-346  
Singapore  
521145

[85/27]

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

**PopMonetize Inc.**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 26th day of January, 2021, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidators is:-  
**Petra-Marie Herbert**  
c/o Nerine Chambers  
P.O. Box 905  
Road Town, Tortola  
British Virgin Islands  
VG 11100

[85/28]

## BITBURG INTERNATIONAL INC.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 600635

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)-(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **BITBURG INTERNATIONAL INC.** is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 20th day of January, 2021. The Liquidator is **Claire Thomson c/o Citco B.V.I. Limited, Flemming House, Wickhams Cay, P.O. Box 662, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110.**  
Dated 21st day of January, 2020.  
*(Sgd.) Claire Thomson*  
Voluntary Liquidator

[85/29]

## KURDISTAN GAS CITY LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1462870

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)-(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **KURDISTAN GAS CITY LIMITED** is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 21st day of January, 2021. The Liquidator is **Miss Nicola Gillespie c/o Citco B.V.I. Limited, Flemming House, Wickhams Cay, P.O. Box 662, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110.**  
Dated 21st day of January, 2021.  
*(Sgd.) Nicola Gillespie*  
Voluntary Liquidator

[85/30]

## NORTHERN IRAQ NATURAL GAS COMPANY LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1488305

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)-(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **NORTHERN IRAQ NATURAL GAS COMPANY LIMITED.** is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 21st day of January, 2021. The Liquidator is **Miss Nicola Gillespie c/o Citco B.V.I. Limited, Flemming House, Wickhams Cay, P.O. Box 662, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110.**  
Dated 21st day of January, 2021.  
*(Sgd.) Nicola Gillespie*  
Voluntary Liquidator

[85/31]

## Gemini Investment Trading Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company Number 2020251

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 27th day of January, 2021. The Liquidator is **Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, P.O. Box 2196, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola VG1110, British Virgin Islands.**  
Dated this 27th day of January, 2021  
*Sgd. Brian Jackson*

*Brian Jackson*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[85/32]

## GIMPLER BUSINESS LTD.

Company No. 1852926  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **GIMPLER BUSINESS LTD.**, has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 27th January, 2021.  
Dated this 27th day of January, 2021.  
*Sgd. RAMÓN ORTÍZ DE TARANCO*  
Voluntary Liquidator

[85/33]

## Arcofisa International Holding Corporation

Company No. 1954758  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **Arcofisa International Holding Corporation.**, has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 15th January, 2021.  
Dated this 27th day of January, 2021.  
*Sgd. RAMÓN ORTÍZ DE TARANCO*  
Voluntary Liquidator

[85/34]

## Schrager Capital Corporation

Company No. 1954749  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **Schrager Capital Corporation,** has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 15th January, 2021.  
Dated this 27th day of January, 2021.  
*Sgd. RAMÓN ORTÍZ DE TARANCO*  
Voluntary Liquidator

[85/35]

## Mobile Representation International Corporation

Company No. 1743006  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **Mobile Representation International Corporation,** has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 15th January, 2021.  
Dated this 27th day of January, 2021.  
Voluntary Liquidator

[85/36]

## Best Free Games Ltd

Company No. 1767955  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **Best Free Games Ltd,** has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 15th January, 2021.  
Dated this 27th day of January, 2021.  
*Sgd. Eduardo Ruggiero Fucci*  
Voluntary Liquidator

[85/37]

## RP Supply Commercial Holdings Ltd.

Company No.  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **RP Supply Commercial Holdings Ltd.,** has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 27th January, 2021.  
Dated this 27th day of January, 2021.  
*Sgd. QUERUBE CASTILLO DE NUÑEZ*  
Voluntary Liquidator

[85/38]

## WEST CITY ASIA LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company Number 1845367

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 18th day of December, 2020. The Liquidator is **XU Fangying of Flat J, 18/F, The Nova, 88 Third Street, Hong Kong.**  
Dated this 18th day of December, 2020  
*Sgd. XU Fangying*  
XU Fangying  
Voluntary Liquidator

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# PUBLIC NOTICES

**MEGA INDUSTRIAL & DEVELOPMENT CO., LTD.**  
 Company No. 645673  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 That **MEGA INDUSTRIAL & DEVELOPMENT CO., LTD.** has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 18th January, 2021  
 Dated this 27th day of January, 2021  
 Sgd. *Du Chunling*  
 Voluntary Liquidator  
 [85/40]

**LIBERTY TRADE & FINANCE LTD.**  
 Company No. 192235  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **LIBERTY TRADE & FINANCE LTD.** has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 18th January, 2021  
 Dated this 27th day of January, 2021  
 Sgd. *Mrs. TAMARA MAZZI*  
 Voluntary Liquidator  
 [85/41]

**ALLABAGNAN S.A.**  
 Company No. 492128  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **ALLABAGNAN S.A.** has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 18th January, 2021  
 Dated this 27th day of January, 2021  
 Sgd. *Mrs. TAMARA MAZZI*  
 Voluntary Liquidator  
 [85/42]

**KENTSTEAD FINANCE LTD.**  
 Company No. 656886  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **KENTSTEAD FINANCE LTD.** has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 18th January, 2021  
 Dated this 27th day of January, 2021  
 Sgd. *LINETH PONCE*  
 Voluntary Liquidator  
 [85/43]

**LYNCH SERVICES LTD.**  
 Company No. 1460111  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **LYNCH SERVICES LTD.** has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 18th January, 2021  
 Dated this 27th day of January, 2021  
 Sgd. *LINETH PONCE*  
 Voluntary Liquidator  
 [85/44]

**WATERROCK OVERSEAS LTD.**  
 Company No. 1607800  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **WATERROCK OVERSEAS LTD.** is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 27th January, 2021 and **Mrs. Querube C. De Nuñez** of **MMG Tower, Paseo del Mar Avenue, Costa del Este, Panama City, Republic of Panama** been appointed as the Sole Liquidator.  
 Dated this 27th day of January, 2021  
 Sgd. *Mrs. Querube C. De Nuñez*  
 Voluntary Liquidator  
 [85/45]

*Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.*  
**Bangmai International Limited**  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 Company No. 2012027  
 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 8 January, 2021. The Liquidator is **XU XIWEN** of **No.8, Lane 563, Jiangsu Road, Changning District, Shanghai, China.**  
 Dated 23 January, 2021  
 (Sgd.) *XU XIWEN*  
 Voluntary Liquidator(s)  
 [85/46]

*Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.*  
**ZXZ GROUP LTD**  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 Company No. 1990403  
 NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 19 January, 2021. The Liquidator is **Liao Jing** of **Room 101, No.5, No. 5, Dongguan Xi Xiang, Tinghu District, Yancheng City, Jiangsu Province, China.**  
 Dated 23 January, 2021  
 (Sgd.) *Liao Jing*  
 Voluntary Liquidator(s)  
 [85/47]

*Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.*  
**Jubilant Investment Management Limited**  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 Company No. 1668163  
 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 14 December, 2020. The Liquidator is **Harry J. Thompson of Harbour House, P.O. box 4428, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**  
 Dated 23 January, 2021  
 (Sgd.) *Harry J. Thompson*  
 Voluntary Liquidator(s)  
 [85/48]

*Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.*  
**FENGYA GROUP LIMITED**  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 Company No. 2015658  
 NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 19 January, 2021. The Liquidator is **Liao Jing** of **Room 101, No.5, No. 5, Dongguan Xi Xiang, Tinghu District, Yancheng City, Jiangsu Province, China.**  
 Dated 23 January, 2021  
 (Sgd.) *Liao Jing*  
 Voluntary Liquidator(s)  
 [85/49]

*Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.*  
**FANGXIAOBO GROUP LIMITED**  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 Company No. 2015678  
 NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 19 January, 2021. The Liquidator is **Liao Jing** of **Room 101, No.5, No. 5, Dongguan Xi Xiang, Tinghu District, Yancheng City, Jiangsu Province, China.**  
 Dated 23 January, 2021  
 (Sgd.) *Liao Jing*  
 Voluntary Liquidator(s)  
 [85/50]

*Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.*  
**Daycore Holdings Limited**  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 Company No. 1989163  
 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 4 January, 2021. The Liquidator is **Constantinos Meivatzis** of **20 Spyrou Kyprianou, Chapo Central, 3rd Floor, P.C. 1075, Nicosia, Cyprus.**  
 Dated 23 January, 2021  
 (Sgd.) *Constantinos Meivatzis*  
 Voluntary Liquidator(s)  
 [85/51]

*Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.*  
**MOORFIELD COMMODITES COMPANY LTD.**  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 Company No. 328713  
 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 12 January, 2021.  
 Dated 23 January, 2021  
 (Sgd.) *Harry J. Thompson*  
 Voluntary Liquidator  
 [85/52]

*Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.*  
**JIN Grasslands Holdings Limited**  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 Company No. 2012082  
 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 30 December, 2020.  
 Dated 23 January, 2021  
 (Sgd.) *ZENG, Yuqing*  
 Voluntary Liquidator  
 [85/53]

*Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.*  
**CABALAC LTD**  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 Company No. 237559  
 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 12 January, 2021.  
 Dated 23 January, 2021  
 (Sgd.) *Harry J. Thompson*  
 Voluntary Liquidator  
 [85/54]

**Brilliance Sunflower Limited**  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 Company No. 1672488  
 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 12 January, 2021.  
 Dated 23 January, 2021  
 (Sgd.) *Harry J. Thompson*  
 Voluntary Liquidator  
 [85/55]

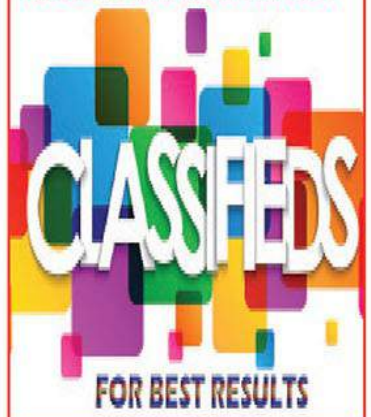
*Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.*  
**RAGTON MANAGEMENT INC.**  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 Company No. 590072  
 NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 30 December, 2020.  
 Dated 23 January, 2021  
 (Sgd.) *Constantinos Meivatzis*  
 Voluntary Liquidator  
 [85/56]

*Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.*  
**SG Global Consultants Inc.**  
 (the "Company")  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 Company No. 1646890  
 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 December 16, 2020. The Liquidator is **Meade Malone** of **Geneva Place, 2nd Floor, 333 Waterfront Drive, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**  
 Dated December 22, 2020  
 (Sgd.) *Meade Malone*  
 Liquidator  
 [85/57]

*Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.*  
**Lepercq-Amcur International Ltd.**  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 Company No. 1477178  
 NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, (1) subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 20th January 2021. The Liquidator is **Audrey Robertson, Commerce House, Wickhams Cay 1, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**  
 Dated: 20th January, 2021  
 (Sgd.) *Audrey Robertson*  
 Voluntary Liquidator  
 [85/58]

*Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.*  
**CEVA Central America Holding Limited**  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 Company Number 627303  
 NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, (1) subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 19th January 2021. The Liquidator is **Audrey Robertson, Conyers Dill and Pearman, P.O. Box 3140, Commerce House, Wickhams Cay 1, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**  
 Dated: 20th January, 2021  
 (Sgd.) *Audrey Robertson*  
 Voluntary Liquidator  
 [85/59]

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Ability to offer management creative solutions to challenges and ideas to improve and develop the business.

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# PUBLIC NOTICES

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

**IN THE ESTATE OF LIU CHENG-I, late of 5F., No. 2 Ln.  
358, Jinhua Road, Neihu District, Taipei, Taiwan, Deceased**

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by LIU CHEN-KUANG (formerly known as LIU CHENG-HSIN) of 2nd Floor, No. 39 Mingfeng Street, Neighbourhood No. 18, Jincheng Village, Tucheng District, New Taipei City, Taiwan, for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who is the lawful brother of the Deceased, the Deceased having died intestate on the 6th day of December 2019.

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 19th day of January 2021

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

Filed by LIU CHEN-KUANG, Applicant whose address for service is c/o Harney Westwood & Riegels LP, Craigmuir Chambers, PO Box 71, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110, British Virgin Islands.

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

**PROBATE NO. 0002 OF 2021**

**In the Estate of WU TAN, CHIEN CHING IDA also known as  
TAM KIM CHING also known as IDA TAN late of 21 Oxford  
Road, Kowloon Tong, Kowloon, Hong Kong, deceased**

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by WU, DAVID and WU, YUNG WEI PATRICK of 21 Oxford Road, Kowloon Tong, Kowloon, Hong Kong, for an Application for Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicants who are the persons to whom the grant of Letters of Administration by way of Grant No. HCAG001732/2020 was issued by the High Court of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, the deceased having died intestate on the 4th day October of 2018.

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

Dated this 25 January 2021.

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

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

**PROBATE NO 003 OF 2021**

**In the Estate of HENG MENG LANG late of Blk 858,  
Tampines Avenue 5, # 08-529, Singapore, deceased**

**FORM P7: ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION  
FOR GRANT OF PROBATE**

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by TAN GUAN of Blk 858, Tampines Avenue 5 #08-529 Singapore, for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above named deceased who died on 15 February 2019 without revoking a will bearing the date of 26 November 2010 wherein the applicant is named as executor.

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

Dated this 25th day of January, 2021

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

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

**IN THE ESTATE OF LETICIA VALENCIA LENNARD-  
SIMEON, LATE OF NORTH SOUND, VIRGIN GORDA,  
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS, DECEASED**

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Carilla Simeon and Lenique Simeon for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicants, the two children of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 7th day of October 2020.

Any person or persons who has or have any objections to the Grant of Probate to the said Carilla Simeon and Lenique Simeon shall within fourteen days from the date of publication of this Notice lodge with the Registry of the High Court of Justice in the British Virgin Islands the proper document setting out the said objections.

Dated the 18th day of January 2021

Sabals Law, Solicitors for the Administrators whose address for service is 87 Main Street, 2nd Floor, Abbott Building, Waterfront Drive, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

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**PROBATE  
IN THE ESTATE OF LILIAN ELODY SPRAUVE  
DECEASED**

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by ALNANDO PRINCE AND HENRY V. PRINCE all of Virgin Gorda, British Virgin Islands, a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicants who are children of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 13th day of November, 1995.

ANY PERSON or persons who has or have any objections to a Grant of Letters of Administration to the Application shall within fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of this notice lodge with the Registry of the High Court of Justice in the British Virgin Islands proper documents setting out the proper objections.

DATED: this 18th day of January, 2021.

Filed By: Alnando Prince and Henry V. Prince  
Virgin Gorda, British Virgin Islands.

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

CLAIM NO. BVIHPB2020/

**IN THE ESTATE OF TAN LIAN KEE LATE OF BLK 142,  
MARSILING ROAD, #07-2098, SINGAPORE, DECEASED**

**ADVERTISEMENT**

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Goh Sock Lian of Blk 142, Marsiling Road, #07-2098, Singapore for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who is the widow of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate at Khoo Teck Puat Hospital in Singapore on 15 April 2020.

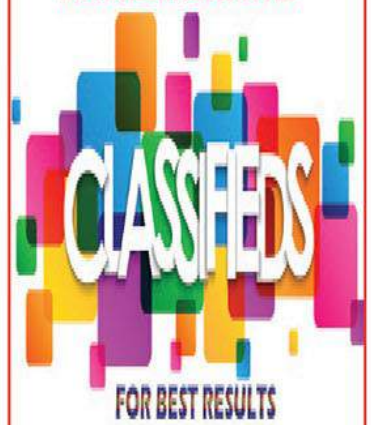
Any person having an objection to the grant of Letters of Administration to the application shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 28th day of January 2021

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

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EMCs Caribbean Ltd. Is looking for Mechanic with at least 5 years experience in a construction industry. Interested applicants can submit their CV/Resume with cover letter at P.O Box 386 Road Town, Tortola, BVI or call 284-494-1300. [s86]

TORTOLA GENERAL SERVICES LTD. is looking for 1 Property Maintenance Full-Time. Must be able to work on Sundays and Holidays. Please apply in person at Tortola General Store at Sea cows Bay. [s86]

Newton Construction Co Ltd is seeking the following full time position 5 years experience.

- (1) Steel Bender/ Rigger
- (1) Mason
- (1) One Carpenter
- (1) One Labourer
- (1) Driver of 5 years or more experience in moving heavy equipment and heavy load  
Telephone: 542-4520 [s86]

Pure Harmony Salon & Spa seeks full time professionals, 1 Spa Therapist, 3 Hairdressers & 1 Aesthetician. Customer service skills is a must with experience. Please contact 344-9342. [s86]

Elvin Smith Construction seeks the following Carpenters and Masons for the Construction Company. Three years experience a must, please call 546-1500. [s86]

EMCs Caribbean Ltd. Is looking for Lighting Projection Installer with at least 5 years experience in a construction industry. Interested applicants can submit their CV/Resume with cover letter at P.O Box 386 Road Town, Tortola, BVI or call 284-494-1300. [s86]

## Taxi Professionals Can Collect Gold Seal Decals from DMV

Taxi Professionals Can Collect **Gold Seal Decals** from DMV The BVI Tourist Board & Film Commission and the Taxi & Livery Commission are notifying all taxi professionals who completed the COVID-19 Gold Seal Training in December 2020, that the Gold Seal Decal for their Taxi Vehicles can be collected from the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), Monday thru Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

### Taxi Professionals are required to:

Take the registered vehicle or vehicles to the DMV to have the Gold Seal decal put on

Present their Gold Seal Certificate

Ensure that their vehicle/vehicles have a protective barrier separating the driver's seating from the passengers' seating.

This should be a clear plastic or plexiglass barrier with a small square opening for collecting fares.

## Water Service Interruption In The Upper Great Mountain Area

Residents of the Upper Great Mountain area are notified that public water service will be temporarily interrupted from, Saturday, January 30 to Tuesday, February 2.

The cause of the interruption is to facilitate the construction of a kerb-wall and upgrades to the water lines in the area.

Any inconvenience caused during this time is regretted.

# SAFETY FIRST

**BE CAREFUL  
BE AWARE  
BE SAFE**

# Caribbean-US relations: chance to merge might with right

## COMMENTARY

By Sir Ronald Sanders

Events in Washington on January 20 were a welcome relief and release for the world.

Once Joseph R. Biden took the oath of office as President of the United States and the noon hour struck while Donald Trump arrived, as a private citizen, at his estate in Florida, leaders and ordinary citizens in every corner of the globe exhaled the collective breath of trepidation they had held for four troubling years.

In his first official acts - the signing of 17 Executive Orders - President Biden dramatically improved relations with the world, including the Caribbean, and gave reason for optimism about the future.

Importantly, the U.S. will re-join the 2015 Paris Climate Change agreement from which Trump withdrew. It should be recalled that the U.S. is one of the world's greatest contributors to global pollution and the harmful effects of climate change.

Writing to Biden, just hours after his swearing-in as the 46th President of the U.S., Antigua and Barbuda's Prime Minister Gaston Browne, as Chair of the 44-nation Alliance of Small Island States, welcomed the new U.S. Government's decision. Browne told Biden: "We are already failing to limit the global average temperature to an increase of 1.5 degree Celsius above pre-industrial levels. It is urgent that: (i) the machinery for global financial flows, including through International Financial Institutions, be adjusted to ensure that every country is served in accordance with its needs; and (ii) resources be provided to allow the most vulnerable countries to adapt to the present alarming conditions and to prepare for future negative occurrences".

This is work that must be an urgent item on the agenda of U.S.-Caribbean discussions, including early contact with former U.S. Secretary of State, John Kerry, who Biden has appointed as his Climate Envoy. Particularly significant for Caribbean countries, in the devastating



epoch of the COVID-19 pandemic, is that the U.S. will not withdraw from the World Health Organization as Trump had intended. Indeed, Biden is appointing the now renowned Dr. Anthony Fauci, the government's top infectious disease expert, to lead the U.S. delegation. This should mean that the U.S. will play a constructive leadership role.

The matter of making vaccines available to Caribbean countries, that have been allocated numbers that equate to less than 10% of their populations, and an end to hoarding policies by the U.S. and some other countries, are also top priorities for Caribbean-US discussion.

No country will be safe from the Coronavirus if it exists and thrives in any other. Therefore, it is as much in the interest of the U.S. as it is for its neighbouring Caribbean for the minuscule number of vaccines, allocated to the region, to be reviewed and rectified.

President Biden has also mandated the wearing of masks on Federal Government property and installed a coronavirus response coordinator to oversee the efforts to distribute vaccines and medical supplies in the U.S. This is also vital to the Caribbean tourism-reliant countries that need U.S. citizens to be free of the coronavirus and ready to travel as soon as possible. It is a hard task. The problem was allowed to grow out of control, bringing the U.S. to its knees with high infection and death rates. Every encouragement and support should be given to Biden's efforts.

Domestically, the President is also pushing for economic relief including more money for unemployed workers and for safety net programmes, especially Medicaid and unemployment insurance. The revival of the U.S. economy and restoration of employment levels are important to the Region because of tourism, U.S. capacity to purchase Caribbean goods, and remittances from Caribbean nationals in the U.S., many of whom are hardest affected by unemployment.

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and the U.S. will also be halted. This is a symbolic acknowledgment that the world needs bridges, not walls. It is a rejection of Trump's unilateralist and bullying posture in foreign policy. On the practical side, since it is the U.S. taxpayers who have been paying for the wall (despite Trump's claims, Mexico did not pay a cent), that money can now be diverted to programmes that will help to stimulate the U.S. economy. A stronger U.S. economy is good for the countries of the region for which the U.S. is their largest trading partner.

One other executive order is notable for the Caribbean. It is the fortification of the policy for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, that allows some individuals, unlawfully in the U.S. having entered as children, to enjoy deferred action from deportation and to become eligible for a work permit. Trump's administration had sought to undo those protections. Caribbean nationals will benefit from Biden's action.

President Biden is yet to elaborate fully a Latin American and Caribbean policy. In his many years as a Senator and Vice-President, he gained profound knowledge of the Region. He has a good understanding of its challenges and potential. Trump's Latin American and Caribbean policy was primarily directed at Cuba, Venezuela, and Nicaragua as a sop to their dissidents in Florida whose support he needed for the U.S. Presidential election. Caribbean countries were pawns in that game.

Biden's policies will be broader, aimed at advancing democracy and human rights, but also economic advancement. He knows that without all these things, refugees will continue to gather at U.S. borders.

All Caribbean countries should show willingness to work with Biden, including by trying to influence his Latin American and Caribbean policy as its formulation.

A new era has dawned, it calls for new approaches. The U.S. and the Caribbean might take as the guiding light for their future relations, a line from the gripping poem of the young, African American, Amanda Gorman, at Biden's inauguration: "If we merge mercy with might, and might with right, then love becomes our legacy and change our children's birth right".

## HLSCC MARINE STUDIES BENEFITS FROM GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH ABYC

Thursday, January 28 – The HLSCC’s Marine Studies continues to benefit from its growing relationship with the American Boat and Yacht Council (ABYC).

Head of Marine and Maritime Studies, Ms. Susan Zaluski said, “Since the college launched a relationship with ABYC in 2019, the Centre for Applied Marine Studies has benefited through curriculum and instructor development, scholarships and physical resources.”

During the summer of 2020, three HLSCC instructors and staff members, namely Mr. Maurice Marchand, Mr. Matthew Holt and Mr. Joseph

Wells completed training to become ABYC Standards Certified Advisors.

Together, they have been delivering ‘Fundamentals of Marine Service Technology’ as part of HLSCC’s new Marine Professional Training Programme (MPT), a rigorous training programme developed to provide specialised training for the BVI’s marine industry. In December 2020, HLSCC Marine Studies lecturer, Mr. Maurice Marchand, was named 2020 ABYC Foundation’s Educator of the Year, Runner Up, competing against a pool of marine instructors from around

the world.”

Ms. Zaluski added that Marchand’s prestigious honour is part of HLSCC’s flourishing association with ABYC.

The ABYC Foundation has also provided special scholarships for three students enrolled in the MPT programme’s second cohort, complementing financial support provided by the Government of the Virgin Islands and UniteBVI Foundation.

The relationship with ABYC has also helped to net the donation of physical resources to support enhanced student



Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Arlene Smith-Thompson; Instructors, Captain Matthew Holt, Mr. Maurice Marchand, Mr. Joseph Wells; and Dean for Workforce Training, Mrs. Marva Wheatley-Dawson are pictured with the Marine Services Technology ABYC banner. (Photo credit: Junior Daniel/HLSCC)



# National School Counselling Week 2021

1st - 5th February, 2021

Theme: “School Counsellors: All In for All Students”

### Schedule of Activities

<b>31   Sunday</b> <b>Church Service</b> 10:30 a.m. Cane Garden Bay Baptist Church	<b>1   Monday</b> <b>School Awareness</b> 8:30 a.m. <i>(Counsellors speak at their respective schools)</i>	<b>2   Tuesday</b> <b>Public Awareness: Radio Interview(s)</b> 
<b>3   Wednesday</b> <b>Continuing Professional Development (CPD)</b> 8:45 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. <i>(for all Counsellors at Student Services)</i>	<b>4   Thursday</b> <b>Student and Family Development Fair</b> 11:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Noel Lloyd Positive Action Movement Park	<b>5   Friday</b> <b>Counsellors' Retreat-Self-Care, Self-Love</b>



Dean for Workforce Training, Mrs. Marva Wheatley-Dawson; Marine Studies lecturer named 2020 ABYC Foundation’s Educator of the Year, Runner Up, Mr. Maurice Marchand; and Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Arlene Smith-Thompson pictured with ABYC certificate and banner. (Photo credit: Junior Daniel/HLSCC)

learning opportunities at HLSCC. Two, 2019

BRP Evinrude 300hp E-Tec engines were delivered to the Centre for Applied Marine Studies’ marine engines classroom before the end of the fall 2020 semester.

The engines, which will be used for computer diagnostic fault finding and service training purposes, will be set up during the spring semester to benefit current and future

marine studies students.

ABYC is a non-profit, member organization that develops voluntary global safety standards for the design, construction, maintenance, and repair of recreational boats.

Offering certification programmes and continuing education courses, ABYC also works to assist its affiliated marine trade schools in curriculum and instructor development

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# PUBLIC NOTICES

*Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Companies Act*  
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Dated this 19th January, 2021  
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Voluntary Liquidator  
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Voluntary Liquidator  
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and the University of Oxford/Vaccitech's Covid-19 vaccine candidate AZD1222. A number of Governments around the world including the Virgin Islands have been waiting patiently for the UK regulator to approve the AstraZeneca vaccine given its efficacy and ease of incorporation into existing immunization program infrastructure and the fact that it does not require special considerations for storage, or administration.

This approval was based on independent advice from the Commission on Human Medicines and a review of Phase II data on safety and efficacy.

With this announcement distribution of vaccine within the UK started in the New Year and it is expected that tentatively vaccine will begin to be available in the Territory after its arrival on February 4th 2021.

The UK Government has 100 million doses in total and AstraZeneca is working closely with Public Health England and the National Health Services England to support the deployment of vaccine across the UK and its territories.

The Ministry of Health will therefore work closely with Public Health England, CARPHA and PAHO/WHO to support a comprehensive program in the Territory involving local stakeholders to make the vaccine available on a voluntary basis to residents.

The AstraZeneca vaccine is recommended to be given in two separate doses with an interval of four to twelve weeks between doses. The regimen has been shown to be effective in preventing symptomatic Covid-19, with no severe cases, or hospitalizations more than 14 days after the second dose.

The AstraZeneca, vaccine was co-invented by the University of Oxford and its associated company, Vaccitech and made available at cost. Research studies have shown it to be 70.4% efficient in preventing symptomatic Covid-19 as well as severe disease, or hospitalization with a 90% efficacy in a subgroup receiving a half dose followed by a full dose. The recommended regimen will likely therefore be the half-dose followed by the full-dose regimen with the higher efficacy.

It is approved in persons over 18 years of age and pregnant women are excluded. Studies in these subgroups will continue and approval may be granted in these groups depending on results at a later date. Published safety data indicates that this vaccine is well tolerated and has no serious safety events confirmed related to the

vaccine.

Safety data will continue to be collected and monitored as the vaccine is rolled out world-wide including in the BVI. Work on a national program to make the vaccine available to residents on a purely voluntary basis has started in earnest and will be led by the Ministry of Health and involve collaboration and communication with a wide cross-section of stakeholders across government, private, and non-government sectors.

While there may be vaccine hesitancy initially, communication to address concerns and barriers will be of utmost importance in addition to using innovative strategies to reach and offer vaccine to all targeted populations.

Vaccination of the World's population is an important strategy to end the continued menace of Covid-19 to the World. The Territory must not only do its part in this effort but also for our own sakes to reduce the impact of this pandemic on the Territory, its inhabitants, and our economy. In the coming weeks more information will be forthcoming.

Cabinet has last week approved the appointment of a steering committee for implementation of Covid-19 vaccines in the Territory led in the Ministry of Health by the Chief Medical Officer and involving all the relevant stakeholders in the Public and Private Sector as well as community groups, NGOs and faith-based organization.

A number of key sub-committees of the steering committee have also been appointed to include: a vaccine administration sub-committee charged with managing the distribution of vaccine and training of health care providers,

a communications sub-committee whose responsibility is managing the all communications related to vaccine administration, and a stakeholder and community mobilization which is charged with mobilizing community support and advocacy with respect to vaccine administration in the Territory.

The Government has taken this approach to ensure a comprehensive program of vaccine roll out. The team will begin communicating early and putting plans in place for delivery of vaccine in a phased approach to the public as follows:

**Phase 1** - Healthcare and frontline workers

**Phase 2** - People with underlying conditions that put them at risk of severe COVID-19 disease or death, and persons over 60 years.

**Phase 3** - Essential workers at high risk of exposure (eg. teachers, school staff, workers and persons in care homes, shelters, prisoners and prison staff, and hospitality workers)

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## MINISTER'S REMARKS COVID-19 VACCINATION AND NEW UK STRAIN

I extend Greetings here in the Virgin Islands, throughout the Region and the World.

Since the declaration of the COVID-19 virus as a Global Pandemic, with the unswerving support of Cabinet, the House of Assembly and the formation of the Health Emergency Operations Center, as Minister for Health and Social Development, with the support of dedicated professionals throughout the public service and the team at the BVI Health Services Authority, we have been managing the COVID-19 situation and response in this Territory.

While this has been a mammoth task, we have remained diligent in our efforts to support you, the people, in our commitment to protecting Lives and Livelihoods. It has been our pledge to inform you every step of the process.

As of 28th January 2021 there are 9 active cases of COVID-19 in the Territory. Our certified laboratory at the Dr. D Orlando Smith Hospital has reported testing of 18,947 persons. Since our last

report on 22 January 2021, 4 new positives have been identified for a total of 141 reported positive cases in the BVI, since the beginning of the pandemic. During the same period 12 cases have recovered for a total recovery of 131 cases. The territory has recorded 1 death.

**We are NOT OUT OF THE WOODS! VIGILANCE is now the KEY WORD!**

As we monitor the COVID-19 situation in the Caribbean and around the World, there remains a serious cause for concern with this dreaded disease. New strains are emerging in several countries, including United Kingdom, South Africa, and Brazil. The lives and the economies of the world are being affected in measurable ways.

Cabinet continues to meet regularly and in emergency sessions as we make several decisions to keep this Territory and you, our people, safe.

That is why in a most recent Cabinet meeting, in light of

new strains of COVID-19 being prevalent in South Africa and Brazil, a decision was taken that in addition to the United Kingdom and the Dominican Republic, to implement a travel ban on persons traveling from South Africa and Brazil to the Virgin Islands.

As a reminder, the ban was put in place to promote public safety during the COVID-19 pandemic and does not apply to nationals, Belongers, residents, work permit holders, persons permitted to reside in the Territory, diplomats, and persons employed by Government and Statutory agencies. A 14 days quarantine would be mandatory in these circumstances.

Cabinet has advised the renewal of the curfew Order to 15th February 2021.

I will now report on the "COVID-19 VACCINE INTRODUCTION PLAN".

On the 30th of December 2020 the United Kingdom's Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency for supply in the United Kingdom approved AstraZeneca

## MINISTER'S REMARKS ...from page 33



**Hon. Carvin Malone**

Phase 4 - Young adults  
Phase 5 - All remaining residents

While the Government will adhere to the above it is important to understand that as far as possible all persons who want access to the vaccine must and will be afforded that opportunity.

The Government is committed to providing this vaccine without cost to the public through the public health system and also making it available through private providers and will seek to ensure that access through the private sector will be at reasonable cost. Members of the public are asked to remain patient and calm as the committees do their work to ensure a safe and efficient roll-out of vaccine across the Territory.

The first tranches of vaccine donated by the UK Government are expected to arrive in the Territory on February 4th when 8,000 doses of the AstraZeneca AZD1222 will arrive in the Territory.

In keeping with the phased approach vaccine will soon be made available after this. It is expected that future tranches of vaccine will continue to be delivered based on the uptake and disbursement of this initial batch of vaccine.

The Ministry of Health is in the process of reviewing the necessary information systems to allow persons in the general public to register their interest to be vaccinated.

Persons are asked to remain patient and it is the intent of the Government to ensure that everyone who wishes to have the vaccine is able to have access to it.

In the coming days and weeks members of the public will hear more about the Covid 19 Vaccination program as the program rolls out and the communication campaign switches into gear.

At this point I would like to publicly thank the members of the health teams for their unflinching dedication and perseverance. These include persons in the Ministry of Health in particular the Public Health Department and Staff of the BVI Health Services Authority. The Government is also grateful for the assistance of the UK Government and in particular the staff of the Foreign and Commonwealth Development Office, Public Health England, and Department of Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy of the UK Government for their assistance and generous gift to the people of the Virgin Islands.

To reiterate vaccination is not a magic bullet against Covid-19 but an important weapon in our arsenal to combat the virus and its impact on the Territory and wider global community. While vaccination will reduce the chance of death, severe disease, and hospitalization from Covid 19 it will still be important for us to continue to adhere to social distancing and other protocols.

As the rest of the world immunizes, we here in the BVI need to do our part and immunize ourselves against Covid 19 as well.

Only through ensuring that sufficient persons are immunized against Covid-19 and together with the social distancing and other protocols can the world not only reduce the impact of this virus but begin to think about its eventual elimination.

With widespread immunization

globally but in particular in the BVI can we begin to think about returning to some degree of normalcy and restoring our society and economy from the ravages of Covid 19

The Ministry of Health is also mindful of concerns surrounding new variants of Covid-19 identified around the World and in particular the United Kingdom. The regional public health agency CARPHA has established the capacity to conduct typing of Covid-19 strains.

The BVI has therefore already identified samples to be sent for special genetic typing along with other countries in the region for the purpose of identifying circulating strains in the Territory and the region. The new strain is currently thought to cause more infections and not necessarily more severe disease. Current evidence is that PCR testing, treatments, and vaccine are unchanged as compared to the other circulating strains.

However, if introduced into the Territory it has the potential to cause more disease and greater strain on already tight resources. Numerous countries have already taken the decision to restrict air traffic and entry of persons from the United Kingdom.

The Caribbean Public Health Agency CARPHA recently wrote to all member states highlighting the impact of new variants of Covid 19 on the Caribbean. Since the emergence of the UK variant at least six other variants have emerged and have been identified in 60 countries globally.

CARPHA therefore has been strongly urging member states to enhance community surveillance and the implementation of public health control measures including quarantine and isolation, wearing face masks and coverings, physical distancing, hand sanitizing, and avoidance of crowds and gatherings.

CARPHA also reminds countries that while most cases of Covid are mild this can easily result in cases spreading quietly in the community and then resulting in a sudden increase in hospitalization and deaths. It is therefore important for countries to remain vigilant and ensure adequate surveillance and control of areas where persons may congregate and gatherings.

The Ministry of Health continues to urge residents to adhere to the established protocols of social distancing, hand hygiene, and other established protocols for the prevention of Covid 19 infection in the Territory.

I wish to admonish everyone to please remember to take COVID-19 seriously! Wash your hands, sanitise, wear your

mask, and keep your distance.

These protocols have now become an essential of our everyday lives.

Let us reduce the impact of the COVID-19 virus. With widespread immunization globally, in the Virgin Islands we welcome this opportunity to help eradicate COVID-19.

I wish to also remind persons to contact the COVID (Medical) Hotline at 852-7650 to be assessed by a health professional if you experience any symptoms related to COVID-19. Common symptoms include – fever, cough, headache, fatigue, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, muscle aches, or difficulty breathing.

*Thank you for your attention and your full cooperation.*

*May GOD continue to bless our People and these beautiful Virgin Islands.*

### Reduce your risk of coronavirus infection:



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

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



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

Thoroughly cook meat and eggs



Avoid unprotected contact with live wild or farm animals



# Britain Refuses EU's Demand for Vaccine Doses

By Jamie Dettmer - VOA

A vaccine war has erupted between Britain and the European Union with Brussels demanding that tens of millions of COVID-19 vaccine doses earmarked for Britain, and made by a British pharmaceutical company, be diverted to Europe to make up for a shortfall in promised deliveries.

The demand marks a sharp political turn in a dispute between the EU and drug company AstraZeneca, as well as underscoring the mounting risks of vaccine nationalism. It was triggered after the pharmaceutical giant announced it would have to cut vaccine doses scheduled for delivery to Europe before the end of March from 80 million to 31 million.

The reduction will add woes to an EU inoculation program that has gotten off to a sluggish and at times chaotic start, with only two doses being administered so far for every 100 Europeans, compared to seven in America and 11 in Britain.

Bureaucratic missteps and a shortage of vaccine doses have prompted frustration across the continent. Hungary is planning to break ranks with other EU countries to order supplies of Russia's Sputnik V vaccine, which has not been authorized by EU medicine regulators.

Brussels's health commissioner Stella Kyriakides midweek said that as AstraZeneca is blaming production challenges at factories in Europe for the shortfall on contracted doses, supplies manufactured by the drug company in Britain should be redirected to Europe. The British government's order for doses predates the contract the EU signed with AstraZeneca by three months.

"We reject the logic of 'first come, first served' — that may work at the neighborhood butchers but not in contracts," she said Wednesday. After a meeting with AstraZeneca, Kyriakides said she regretted "the continued lack of clarity on the delivery schedule" and expects "the fast delivery of the quantity of vaccines that we reserved."

AstraZeneca says it has outlined the "complexities of scaling up production" of the vaccine but will "continue our efforts to bring this vaccine to millions of Europeans

at no profit during the pandemic."

British ministers had until Thursday tried to stay out of the argument between the EU and the pharmaceutical giant, but the EU demand for the diversion of doses has prompted a political and media outcry in Britain, deepening the post-Brexit conflict.

British tabloid front pages expressed outrage. "WAIT YOUR TURN! SELFISH EU WANTS OUR VACCINES," announced the Daily Express. Tabloid rival the Daily Mail headline said: "NO, EU CAN'T HAVE OUR JABS!"

The deepening argument also has prompted threats from EU lawmakers to block exports of Pfizer's vaccine from its production facility in Belgium destined for Britain. A senior German MEP raised the prospects of a "trade war" between Britain and the EU.

Peter Liese, a member of the European Parliament's health committee, told Euronews that European citizens were being "treated as second class by a UK-based company." He added: "the company and the UK better think twice."

The risk of vaccine nationalism was highlighted Tuesday by the World Health Organization's director-general, but his focus was on the vaccine divide between rich and poor countries.

"With every day that passes, the divide grows larger between the world's haves and have-nots," Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said in remarks at a WHO executive board meeting in Geneva.

But the dispute between Britain and the EU has underscored that bouts of vaccine nationalism can also break out between wealthy countries, too, which are desperate to get as many of their citizens vaccinated as soon as possible.

Britain's inoculation program is off to a flying start. Britain has vaccinated about 13 percent of its adults, while the EU average is barely over two percent, and the gap is growing. British regulatory authorities were quicker in approving vaccines and were ahead in signing contacts with a variety of suppliers.

Logistical missteps and hidebound bureaucracy have marred the EU's vaccine strategy, say critics, prompting public frustration with the pace of inoculations. Some of the problems have been country-specific but there are mounting doubts about the EU's collective bloc approach to procurement and distribution of vaccines.

Brussels had hoped a vaccination program arranged under EU auspices would advertise the strength of a collective

strategy and reduce the danger of vaccine rivalry between the 27 member states. But earlier this year one of the scientists who developed the Pfizer vaccine, Ugur Sahin, warned the rollout was "not looking rosy" in Europe and, aside from the sluggish start in several European states, he raised the possibility of a medium-term shortfall in stockpiles of the vaccine.

He questioned the reasoning behind the EU ordering just 300 million doses of the vaccine — enough for about a third of the bloc's 450 million people — and declining to order more. "The process in Europe certainly didn't proceed as quickly and straightforwardly as with other countries," Sahin told Germany's Der Spiegel magazine.

EU officials have cautioned that public expectations are in some ways too high and people need to be more patient, though they acknowledge people are yearning for an end to lockdowns and a return to their normal lives. But critics say the EU program has not been efficient.

Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán has been especially harsh, saying recently he was "not happy with the pace." He told Hungarian radio "there were manufacturers whose products were available sooner in Canada, the UK."

Orbán added, "We're unable to move faster with inoculating people not because Hungarian health care is incapable of carrying out mass vaccinations rapidly but because we have a shortage of vaccine supplies."

Separately, it emerged Thursday that Germany is now advising against giving the AstraZeneca vaccine to people over the age of 65. Germany's vaccine committee made the recommendation, saying it was not satisfied with data about the effectiveness of the vaccine for older people and not because of any safety worries.

British officials insist that Britain's vaccine order should not be impacted by the EU's troubles with deliveries.

"I think we need to make sure that the vaccine supply that has been bought and paid for, procured for those in the UK, is delivered," Michael Gove, a senior minister told London's LBC radio station.

"Our priority has to be making sure that the people in our country who are vulnerable and who we have been targeted for vaccination, receive those jobs in those arms." Gove said there can be no interruption to Britain's inoculation program.

**Can shoes spread the COVID-19 virus?**

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

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

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# Antigua and Barbuda calls for urgent and equitable release of vaccines

Washington, Antigua and Barbuda's Ambassador to the Organization of American States (OAS), Sir Ronald Sanders, has called for "urgent and equitable release of COVID-19 vaccines, especially for small states."

Ambassador Sanders was speaking at a meeting of the Permanent Council after presentation by representatives of the Pan American Health Organisation (PAHO) that he described as 'chilling'.

Sanders told the representatives of 33 countries that tourism dependent Caribbean countries, such as Antigua and Barbuda, have been among the hardest hit. "In the tourism dependent countries such as mine, the economic situation is dire", he said.

Ambassador Sanders told the OSAS that Caribbean countries "have neither the financial resources nor the capacity to continue this desperate fight without relief".

Adding that, "Unlike developed countries our central banks cannot print money to provide relief and stimulus", he declared "We need vaccines to inoculate our people and provide some level of immunity. Yet, all that we have been able to secure is small numbers that will not immunise more than 10 per cent of our populations".

Sanders quoted UN Secretary-General António Guterres in saying that "what is needed now is the largest and most rapid deployment of vaccines the world has ever seen, reaching everybody, everywhere".

Pointing out that vaccines are quickly reaching high-income countries, while the world's poorest have none at all, Sanders called on the OAS Secretary-General, Luis Almagro, to take "a front and centre position in advocating this matter", and he urged the member states of the OAS to support him "by all means necessary". "Hundreds of thousands of lives are at stake", he concluded.



## WHAT DOES HOME QUARANTINE MEAN?



If you believe you've been exposed to COVID-19, stay at home and avoid human contact for 14 days to prevent community transmission. This is referred to as **"SELF QUARANTINING"**.



If you've had exposure, you should self-quarantine **EVEN IF YOU ARE HEALTHY.**

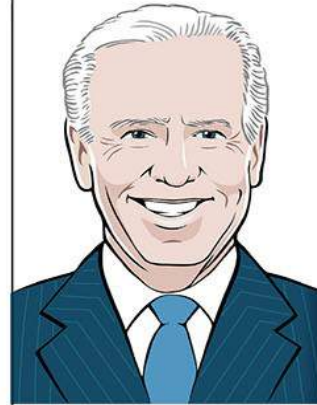


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## A New President, A New Era

*"History, faith, and reason show the way, the way of unity. We can see each other not as adversaries but as neighbors."*

With thousands of flags whipping in the winter wind, Joseph Robinette Biden, Jr. was sworn in as the 46th president of the United States on the steps of the U.S. Capitol on January 20.



In his inaugural address, President Biden called on all Americans to unite to overcome the nation's challenges and secure its future.

"History, faith, and reason show the way, the way of unity. We can see each other not as adversaries but as neighbors. We can treat each other with dignity and respect. We can join forces, stop the shouting, and lower the temperature...This is our historic moment of crisis and challenge, and unity is the path forward."

To those beyond the borders of the United States, President Biden also had a message:

"We will repair our alliances and engage with the world once again. Not to meet with yesterday's challenges, but today's and tomorrow's. We will lead not merely by the example of our power, but the power of our example. We will be a strong and trusted partner for peace, progress and security."

Later that day, President Biden took several executive actions with those goals in mind. One action began the process for the United States to rejoin the Paris climate accord. Another stopped U.S. withdrawal from the World Health Organization. Another rescinds the ban on travelers from some Muslim-majority countries and others from Africa and elsewhere. Yet another pauses construction of the U.S.-Mexico border wall and ends an emergency declaration that helped authorize its funding.

In his inauguration address, President Biden called on the people of the United States "to start afresh." He challenged them together to "write an American story of hope, not fear; of unity and not division...The story that tells ages yet to come that we answered the call of history... That our America secured liberty at home and stood once again as a beacon to the world." VOA EDITORIAL

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# New Acting USAGM Chief Begins Undoing Predecessor's Policies

By Jessica Jerreat (VOA)

WASHINGTON - Moving swiftly on her first day as acting CEO of the U.S. Agency for Global Media, journalist Kelu Chao oversaw the removal of the top executive at the Voice of America, reversing a widely criticized appointment by her Trump-appointed predecessor, Michael Pack.

Robert Reilly, whom Pack appointed as director of Voice of America in December, was removed along with his deputy, Elizabeth Robbins. Yolanda Lopez, former VOA news director whom Reilly reassigned last week, was named acting director of VOA.

With his departure, Reilly made history as the first VOA director to have stood down twice, serving little more than a year during two appointments that were 20 years apart.

USAGM emailed staff about the changes Thursday, also confirming that President Joe Biden had selected Chao, a highly

regarded veteran of VOA, as acting CEO of USAGM, the parent organization. Pack resigned Wednesday after the new Democratic administration informed him that he would be removed. Brian Conniff, former president of the Middle East Broadcasting Networks, was named Chao's deputy.

The announcement added that Jeffrey Shapiro had resigned as director of the Office of Cuba Broadcasting.

Chao, a veteran broadcast journalist who has worked for more than 40 years at Voice of America and the agency, is the first woman to hold the top position at USAGM.

In her acting role, Chao will oversee USAGM's networks and grantees that include VOA, Radio Free Asia, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, the Office of Cuba Broadcasting, Middle East Broadcasting Networks, and the internet freedom nonprofit, the Open Technology Fund. The announcement said Biden

was expected to nominate a permanent CEO soon.

Reilly's appointment raised criticism and concern among lawmakers.

At least 48 current and former journalists had called for Reilly and Robbins to resign last week, charging that they had violated the network's journalism code by giving a senior government official "a free platform to speak live on our channels." They also cited the abrupt reassignment of White House correspondent Patsy Widakuswara.

Widakuswara was moved to the Indonesian Service, where she started her career at VOA, after attempting to question then-Secretary of State Mike Pompeo over current news events after a speech delivered in the VOA auditorium.

She also confronted Reilly about why he had not used a question-and-answer period afterward to pose questions submitted by newsroom journalists on controversial matters.

Footage of her exchange with Reilly shows the director telling Widakuswara she was "not authorized" to ask questions and chastising her for not knowing how to behave. She had followed Pompeo out of the VOA building, calling out questions.

Lawmakers and former USAGM officials said last month that Reilly's public comments and his published books expressing controversial views about homosexuals and Muslims risked causing irreparable harm to the network's credibility and reputation. When he arrived as VOA

director in December, Reilly told staff his previous writings were "irrelevant" to his official duties.

Eliot Engel, then the chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, disagreed and described Reilly's appointment as a "disgrace and an embarrassment."

"VOA journalists shouldn't have to endure the reputational harm of having to work for someone with views so backward and out of step with American values," Engel, a Democrat from New York, said in a December statement.

USAGM provided no explanation for Reilly's firing.

'It must be transparent'

Pack's tenure as the first chief executive of USAGM was tumultuous and led to several whistleblower complaints, an order from the Office of Special Counsel to investigate allegations of mismanagement and separate court orders barring him and his aides from interfering in VOA editorial decisions or installing appointees at the Open Technology Fund, respectively.

Chao testified in the lawsuit alleging editorial interference.

The former CEO said in interviews he was trying to resolve long-standing security lapses and issues of bias.

David Seide, senior counsel of the nonprofit Government Accountability Project, which represents more than 20 whistleblowers at VOA, welcomed the change in leadership.

Seide said the agency should move to reinstate Widakuswara and any

other individual found to have been improperly suspended or removed and investigate allegations of mismanagement.

"There must be an accounting for what has happened over the past six months. It must be transparent. New leadership's support will be critical. I am confident they will provide it," Seide said.

During Pack's tenure last year, lawmakers weakened the CEO position by introducing more checks and balances into the National Defense Authorization Act.

The changes will prevent the CEO or federal employees from serving on any grantee board. They will also give the board power to advise the agency head to ensure the integrity and independence of the networks is respected and to approve appointments or dismissals of network heads.

The boards will also need to be bipartisan, and the members must have a relevant background in journalism, technology, broadcasting or diplomacy.

The changes could affect a new conservative board appointed by Pack before his departure this week. On January 19, he announced new conservative members for the network boards that he had earlier dissolved, including Roger Simon, a contributor to The Epoch Times who falsely described January's deadly insurrection at the U.S. Capitol as a "false flag" operation, and Christian Whiton, who has defended Russia's annexation of Crimea.

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# HOLLYWOOD

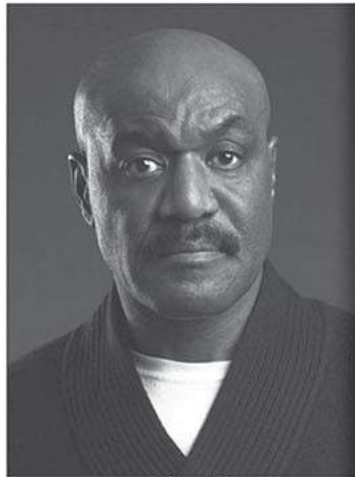
by Tony Rizzo

**HOLLYWOOD** — In the late 1950s, when major film studios were losing patrons to television, they were desperate to come up with ways to get moviegoers away from their TVs and back into theaters. Among their brainstorming were CinemaScope, Stereophonic Sound, Scratch & Sniff (a card you sniffed for an enhanced viewing experience) and, of course, 3D. They even wired seats to give shocks during horror films.

More recently, movie distributors reinvented 3D, and with IMAX got moviegoers away from their TVs, computers and other electronic devices. With theater closures because of the pandemic, movie studios began releasing films, such as Warner Brothers' "Wonder Woman 1984," to theaters overseas, in the U.S. at drive-ins and on streaming platforms. "WW84" would normally have been a tent pole release in IMAX, but Warner Bros., which was having difficulty finding subscribers for its HBO Max streaming platform, saw its subscriptions balloon from 8.6 million to 12.6 million on the opening day of "WW84," which grossed \$85 million worldwide. All this has prompted WB to fast-track "Wonder Woman 3" into preproduction for a quick release.

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The New York Film Critics annual picks, made prior to award season, are usually on the money. Their picks have often been a barometer for the Oscars. However, this year will be tough. Some of their choices may be unfamiliar to most of us. British-American actor **Delroy Lindo** (best known for "Malcolm X") nabbed best actor, while the late **Chadwick Boseman** was named best supporting actor, both for Spike Lee's "Da 5 Bloods," about vets who return to Vietnam seeking the remains of their fallen squad leader. The best actress nod went to 21-year-old non-binary woman **Sidney Flanigan** (that's another story) for "Never Rarely Sometimes



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Always," which concerns two teenage girls who travel to NYC to get medical help for an unintended pregnancy. The best supporting actress pick was **Maria Bakalova**, the 24-year-old Bulgarian actress who played Tutar Sagdiyev in "Borat Subsequent Moviefilm." The critics' choice for best picture was "First Cow," about two travelers on the run from vengeful hunters in the 1920s Northwest dreaming to strike it rich. It all boils down to the secret use of a prized dairy cow.

Will you be returning to theaters when they reopen, or like most of us, will you become a couch potato, streaming films at home on the half dozen platforms available to us?

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**Dwayne Johnson** is producing and starring in "Black Adam," a 1940s DC Comic book villain corrupted by power, who becomes an anti-hero in the 2000s with his disregard for rules and conventions. What will they think of next: "Black Eve" for the sequel?

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# celebrity extra

by Dana Jackson

**Q.** I just watched "News of the World" with Tom Hanks, and he was great as always, but who was the little girl in the movie? How old is she in real life? She was really good, and I could see her being around on screen for years to come. —A.G.

**A.** "News of the World," which was released in theaters and via video-on-demand, is a post-Civil War era film directed by Paul Greenberg. Hanks' character makes his money by reading the newspaper to townspeople as he travels throughout Texas. Along his journey, he finds an orphaned girl, played by Helena Zengel, and the two ride through treacherous territory, in more ways than one, to rehome her with her mother's relatives.

Zengel is 12 years old. She caught the attention of Greenberg with her lead performance in "System Crasher," which earned her the German equivalent of a best actress Oscar. She speaks her native German, but had to learn the language of the Kiowa people in "News" since her character was raised by the Native American tribe after her parents were murdered.

"News of the World" was filmed around Santa Fe, New Mexico, and is based on the 2016 novel by Paulette Jiles. I suspect you'll be seeing much more of Zengel in the years to come. She's never had an acting class and really held her own against the seasoned Hanks and other strong actors in the film, including Mare Winningham ("The Affair") and Elizabeth Marvel ("Law & Order: SVU").

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**Q.** What happened to teen singer Brandy? Is she still around? I never hear about her anymore. —F.A.

**A.** In yet another confirmation of the cliché "time flies," teen singer Brandy is 41 years old! She won a Grammy at age 19 for her duet "The Boy Is Mine" with singer Monica, and also became a TV star with her hit sitcom "Moesha" on the UPN channel. However, her fame had already been solidified when she attended Kobe Bryant's high-school prom as his date.

Brandy has had her share of ups and downs. She was in a car accident in 2006 and has battled severe depression, but decided to seek help for the sake of her daughter, Sy'Rai, who is now 18. Brandy also has a new album out, her first in eight years, titled "B7."



Universal Pictures

Tom Hanks, Helena Zengel in "News of the World"

**Q.** Is there going to be another season of "Riverdale" on Netflix? If so, when? I hope we don't have to wait too long. —G.G.

**A.** The new season of "Riverdale," its fifth, premiered Jan. 20. The first three episodes were originally intended to cap the end of season four, but due to the pandemic, they weren't able to complete last season's scripted episodes.

According to TVGuide.com, the new season will begin by wrapping up the teens' senior year of high school, with their prom and graduation. After that, the writers have figured out a way for the group to return to town in a storyline that will launch the remainder of season five.

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

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# Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

• The human brain would be able to perform 38 quadrillion (38 thousand trillion) operations per second if it were a computer.

• Lisa Jakub, who played teenager Lydia Hilliard in "Mrs. Doubtfire," was kicked out of her Toronto school for taking the five-month-long film gig. When co-star Robin Williams found out, he wrote a letter to the school asking them to reconsider. School officials framed his letter, but didn't change their mind about Jakub.

• Pope Francis was once a nightclub bouncer in his native Argentina.

• Neptune was the first planet to be found through mathematical predictions rather than telescopic location.

• The Iberian ribbed newt uses its own bones as weapons! Special tubercles in its abdomen allow its ribs to poke out through its skin when the newt is frightened. As an added bonus, the skin secretes a toxic chemical, turning this little creature into a killer of anything that tries to bite it.

• Allodoxophobia is the fear of opinions.

• In Ghana, people like to be buried in something that represents their lives. These include coffins shaped like planes for pilots, fish for fishermen and a Mercedes for a businessman.

• Many companies try to be as ethical and environmentally friendly as possible, but Stella McCartney bags took that initiative a step further by making some of the accessories out of corn.

• "Psycho" was the first movie to show a toilet flushing.

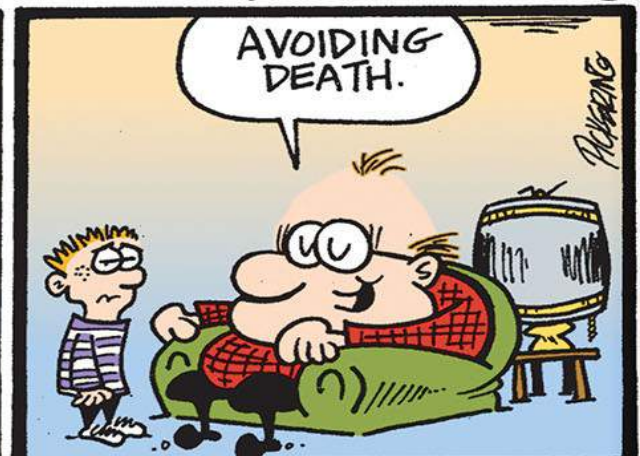
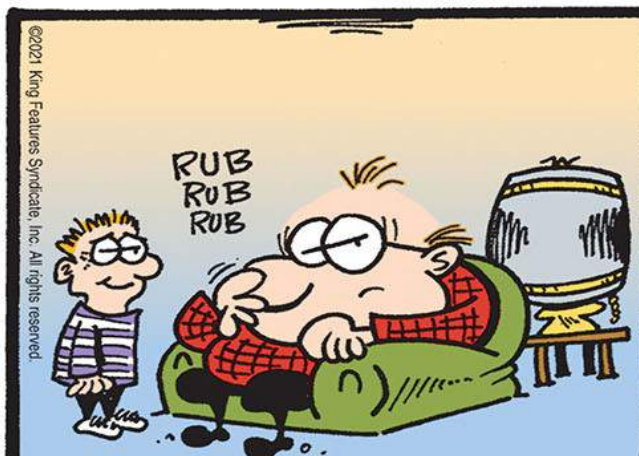
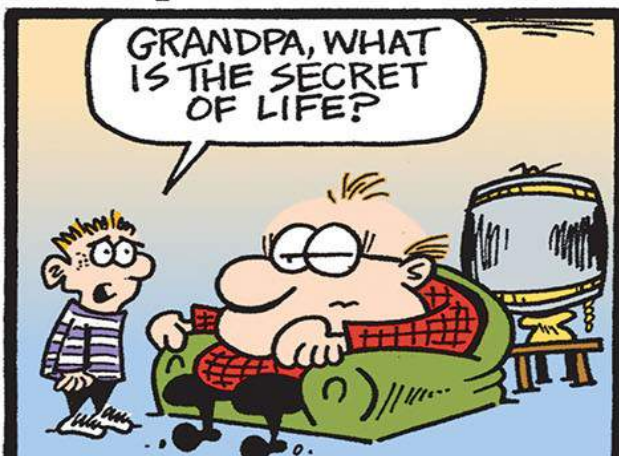
• As part of standard convention, pilots and co-pilots do not eat the same food before a flight in case of food poisoning (or worse). If one of the pilots is incapacitated (in other words, unable to leave the bathroom), the other pilot can take over.

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**Thought for the Day:** "The only person you are destined to become is the person you decide to be." —Ralph Waldo Emerson

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## The Spats



by Jeff Pickering

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# Scientists tackle vaccine safety, efficacy



More than 2,800 scientists from 130 countries gathered in a virtual forum hosted by the World Health Organization (WHO) to identify knowledge gaps and set research priorities for vaccines against SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19.

They discussed the safety and efficacy of existing vaccines and new candidates, ways to optimize limited supply, and the need for additional safety studies.

“The development and approval of several safe and effective vaccines less than a year after this virus was isolated and sequenced is an astounding scientific accomplishment,” said Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General, in his opening remarks. “The approval of the first few vaccines does not mean the job is done. Far from it. More vaccines are in the pipeline, which must be evaluated to ensure we have enough doses to vaccinate

everyone.”

More than 30 million vaccine doses have already been administered in 47 mostly high-income countries. But the global vaccine rollout has exposed glaring inequalities in access to this life-saving tool.

“The spirit of collaboration has to prevail in these challenging times as we seek to understand this virus,” said Dr John Nkengasong, Director of the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention. “We have to be mindful of the inequalities and we must deliberately promote investment in regional capacities to level the playing field and have meaningful collaboration to begin to address some of the challenges.”

Experts agreed the need for critical research on administering vaccines in different target populations, as well as on vaccination delivery strategies and schedules. This includes trials, modelling

and observational studies, all of which would help to inform policy.

They discussed the impact of emerging SARS-CoV-2 variants on the efficacy of vaccines, the impact of vaccines on transmission of infection, and the need to develop the next generation of vaccine platforms.

“The world needs multiple vaccines that work in different populations in order to meet global demand and end the COVID-19 outbreak. Ideally, those will be single-dose vaccines that do not require cold chain, could be delivered without a needle and syringe and are amenable to large-scale manufacture,” said Professor Mike Levine, Founder and Former Director of the Center for Vaccine Development at the University of Maryland School of Medicine,

The meeting concluded with agreement to establish a WHO-hosted platform for global sharing and coordination of emerging vaccine research information on efficacy and safety. The forum would enable scientists to share and discuss unpublished and published data and research protocols to further our collective understanding of SARS-CoV-2 vaccines.

“The WHO will regularly convene experts from around the world, promote collaborative research, provide standard protocols and develop a platform for sharing the latest knowledge in the field,” said Dr Soumya Swaminathan, WHO Chief Scientist. [Source: WHO]

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

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

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

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