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HEALTH MINISTER DISCUSSES ASTRA ZENECA VACCINES

Work to keep the BVI at a low-risk level for community spread of the COVID 19 virus is continuing with the completion of a vaccination plan that outlines how the Territory's virus inoculation will be occurring. Additionally, the Health Ministry said that they are continuing to ensure that the new strains of the virus stay out of the BVI.

Over the last three-days Minister for Health and Social Development Hon. Carvin Malone made disclosures of the various plans his Ministry was employing. In a television interview on 2 February, the Minister for Health explained that the BVI was proactive in its decision to ban travelers from certain countries to prevent the arrival of the new COVID 19 virus strains.

Hon. Malone announced: “With the new strains that have been emerging; following the advice of the professionals in the United Kingdom, South Africa, and Brazil... Not that they are more dangerous



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President of the H. Lavity Stoutt Community College, Dr. Richard Georges
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than the other but they are more contagious and we are making sure that we catch them at our borders if they are at our borders, but to avoid this... Many countries... they have implemented these bans also.”

While noting his interest in having residents vaccinated the Minister pointed out that the

vaccine will be free of cost. “The vaccine, the Astra Zeneca is free of cost in the public system,” Hon. Malone stated.

Before that interview, the Minister outlined the inoculation plan during his address to the Territory at the First District annual report and District meeting held

on 30 January. At that event Hon. Malone noted that the BVI is receiving 8000 doses of the Astra Zeneca vaccine. He noted that this is the Territory's first tranche of the 24,000 to 30,000 quota of the vaccine that was promised by the United Kingdom.

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Health Minister Discusses Astra Zeneca Vaccines

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In noting how Territorial vaccination is expected to go, Hon. Malone said that even tourists will have the option of vaccination. "We are looking in terms of others that may become available at a later time. We want to make sure that each one of our citizens, each one of our visitors, tourists who voluntarily accept it can have this."

While noting that he would be taking the first vaccination in the Territory, Hon. Malone said that he has asked health officials to note all they can about the medicine. "I have decided that I will be the number one bearer, so of course the Ministry of Health is looking in terms of making sure that they study all of the effects,

posts and otherwise so that their Minister can be healthy," he said.

As it relates to the overall vaccination plan Hon. Malone said that the Ministry is looking at a phased approach where healthcare and frontline workers will be first to be vaccinated. They will be followed by people with underlying conditions that put them at risk. The third group will be made up of essential workers such as police officers, teachers etc.

In phase four' young persons will receive their vaccination, followed by all other residents. However, the Minister stressed that the vaccine will only be given to those who desire to have it.

Meanwhile, Chief Medical Officer Dr. Ronald Dr. Georges

during the same JTV interview on 2 February explained why it is hoped that many persons in the community make use of the vaccine: "This vaccination is really a very important weapon in our arsenal," he pointed out.

The Chief Medical Officer noted that the vaccine's main role is to reduce the impact of COVID 19. However, he said that persons might still get the disease. "It becomes a less important disease than it is right now. With vaccination of a large proportion of the population the risks or the number of persons who may be hospitalised or may have severe disease or die is practically almost eliminated. It's reduced considerably."

When asked why the Astra Zeneca vaccine was selected over the other candidates that are available Dr. Georges explained. "Vaccines are being developed all over the world and there are several candidates that are coming forward...The advantage of the Astra Zeneca vaccine for us is in the administration and the whole logistics and also the management."

He said that Pfizer and Moderna vaccines required specialised environment for storage as well as a specification as to how many times it could be moved and the number of applications, "For us the Astra Zeneca vaccine, because of the conditions under which it is stored and how it is administered, fits

right into our regular expanded programme of immunization."

Dr. Georges said that the use of the Astra Zeneca vaccine eliminates the need to have to train staff or make any extraordinary provisions. He also pointed out that a number of persons have been calling to find out when they can get vaccinated. "They want to go on a list, they want to know when they can get started and it's a fair amount of them. These people who are communicating with us are a wide range of persons — a lot of persons from the Tourism Industry."

As it relates to side effects Dr. Georges said that there will be rigorous monitoring to ensure that local health officials remain in the know.

Money Services Tax Gets Mixed Reviews

Despite the backlash that the decision to tax money services such as Money Gram and Western Union government is still confident that the move was right and necessary. The rehashing of this sore point was raised by Minister for Natural Resources, Labour and Immigration Hon. Vincent Wheatley during a public meeting held on 30 January.

During that meeting which also doubled as the Premier's annual report to his constituents Hon. Wheatley recalled that when the decision was taken last year was not well received. He told the gathering at Capoons Bay: "When we started taxing the money services, you made a lot of noise about it, but that very same money a percentage is going to make sure that lands and homes become available for our young people in particular."

While stressing that the revenues raised will be used for first-time homeownership Hon. Wheatley said: "Lands, thanks to your man the Premier he has made sure that funding is available to our young people in particular. Who owns the land owns the country you have to

make sure our forefathers don't turn over in their graves. We have to make sure that we do our part well here, that persons can own a piece of this rock."

While the Minister is lauded, the Money Services fees, months after they have been implemented, continue to displease those affected. Members of the Opposition did not hesitate to tell the government how they felt about the matter when the Bill to facilitate the fees went before the House of Assembly.

At that time both Leader of the Opposition Hon. Marlon Penn and Second District Representative Hon. Melvin "Mitch" Turnbull blasted the government's plan to implement the seven percent (7%) fee on remittance services in the Territory.

On 17 April, during the debate of the Bill entitled, "Financing and Money Services (Amendment) Act, 2020" the two opposition legislators announced their concerns about the imposition of a seven-percent tax on all monies sent out of the territory through

money transfer agencies such as Western Union and MoneyGram.

In his explanation of the objects and reasons of the Bill, which was subsequently passed Premier and Leader of Government Business Hon. Andrew Fahie explained: "The fee applies only with respect to monies transferred outside the Territory and is to be collected by the licensed transmitter to be paid to the Financial Services Commission (FSC)."

According to the Premier the government earmarked uses for the collected monies such as 20 percent (20%) going towards a Land Bank and first-time homeownership programme.

He further stated that he can stand by the decision, "The question is: can I live with \$0.7 cents on every dollar going towards the seniors, education, the fishing industry, the farming industry and to first-time landowners and homeowners? I search my soul, and the answer is 'yes'. I could live with it."

However, Hon. Penn and Hon. Turnbull disagreed with the Premier and announced that the Bill was indeed targeting

an already overburdened expatriate community.

While explaining that he believes that the areas highlighted by the Premier should be funded, Hon. Penn said that he did not feel that poor members within the community must be the only ones paying for this. "I am proposing that we look at other avenues to fund these instruments, not on the backs of what I call the most vulnerable amongst us," he added.

Hon. Penn stated that the Government would be better served by targeting areas where millions of dollars leave the Territory such as bank transfers. He also said that the Government can also get monies for the mentioned needs by collecting outstanding revenues and fixing cracks in the system.

While boldly declaring that it is a reverse Robin Hood plan Hon. Penn further decried the fee: "Putting a tax on our working-class people is not going to fix the systematic problems that we have in our system. Our efforts are better put if we address the inefficiencies in our system. We need to rethink this, rethink our

approach. But, not on the backs of persons who struggle, who all they want to do is take care of their families that they left behind," he announced.

In his criticism of the new fee Hon. Turnbull declared that when added to the other obligations the expatriate population is already laden with. "There is an additional five percent (5%) that is charged by the merchants of these money services businesses per transaction. So, based on the rough calculations that I did, we are looking at persons that would be sending monies out of this country having a tax of 27.75 percent," Hon. Turnbull added.

While calling the move a sin, Hon. Turnbull continued to rebuke the Government on the new fee stating, "These monies that persons are sending out of this country have already been taxed, so how are we now coming again to pass legislation to tax money that has already been taxed?" Turnbull further questioned.

Furthermore, a pundit told The Island Sun that with higher work permit fees and these taxes on money services the workers will ask their employers to consider a pay hike. Therefore in the end the employer is also "taxed".

Hikes & Spikes – “BVI Needs Comprehensive And Realistic Economic Plan”: BVICCHA

The BVI Ports Authority intends to hike its port fees and businesses in the Territory are quite unhappy about the inopportune proposal at a time of deep crises and emergencies. The bitter disappointment of the Territory's corporate citizens over the situation was outlined by Keiyia George, the Executive Director of the BVICCHA. In fact, George called on the Ports Authority to put the proposal on the backburner. She stated, “The implementation of the fee increase by the BVI Ports Authority needs to be put on hold and consultation with stakeholders provided.”

George announced: “recently, the BVI Ports Authority issued a press release indicating

that they were increasing fees for services the authority offers. Immediately with the release, businesses began to contact the BVI Chamber of Commerce and Hotel Association (BVICCHA) and complain.”

The Executive Director said that the BVI Ports Authority's decision is very disheartening because it did not indicate this intention late last year when the Chamber made inquiries. George said: “back in September 2020, the BVICCHA reached out to the authority's public relations office to inquire about fee increases and if any were coming for 2020. The reply received said, “...the BVI Ports Authority has not implemented an increase in fees for 2020...”

which did not answer the posed question directly.”

While noting the shock of the announcement to the Chamber the Executive Director said, “This month, we now learn that increases were put in place in December 2020 and announced in January 2021 with no notice, consultation, or even a grace period. This is unacceptable. The cost of doing business is already too high. These increases will have to be passed on to consumers who are already struggling to make ends meet in some cases.”

Further noting that this is an added burden to struggling businesses the BVICCHA representative said, “for the most

part, businesses are already doing their best. Businesses pay their fair share of mandated fees and taxes. And yes, cost increases (inflation) happen, but when you see a fee increase of 500%, that's from \$500 to \$2500, that's just borderline madness. Considering the only information to explain the increases is what's heard in the rumor mills, which the BVICCHA has not been able to validate, something more than a press release should have been sent before the fee increases. Cost increases are one thing. Rate spikes for whatever reason without consultation are pure and simple an example of bad governance.”

“Wastage should be looked at when a body is looking to generate revenue. New revenue streams are another area of priority that should be examined by economists and strategists in the organization. Now is not the time for fee hikes, and the BVICCHA insistently calls for an Economic Recovery and Development Plan. The BVICCHA has championed for an economic plan since the Summer of 2020 and offered to help develop it with the same eagerness put into the Gold Seal Certification program the BVICCHA submitted in July 2020 to assist with the reopening strategy. The Virgin Islands can no longer endure a piecemeal approach. The country needs a comprehensive and realistic economic plan that includes all stakeholders,” she added.

West End Terminal Project To Start In Early 2022

As it has for the last years the need for the West End/Sophers Hole Terminal to be rebuilt, restructured and repaired was prominently featured in the latest Annual First District Report. This time the District Representative which is the Leader of the entire BVI Premier Hon. Andrew Fahie declared that the works will be done.

Hon. Fahie told the people of the First District that the efforts to see the facility modernised are in the pipeline. He announced: “Contracts for the design of a new and modern West End facility are now being worked on. Contractors that submitted bids are now being evaluated and a decision regarding the award will be made by the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) through

the Recovery and Development Agency (RDA) shortly.”

The BVI Leader also stated, “By early March 2021 for the latest, the contract for the design for the new modern West End/Sophers Hole port facility will be signed.”

This project which falls in the First District has been a source of complaints and lamentations for many years and was a campaign promise of the Premier. Therefore, it was expected that the Premier would provide an update on the subject to his constituents.

In assuring that there is interest in getting the project done, the BVI Leader said: “The bid for the construction will be a few months after, paving the way for construction of the new modern

West End/Sophers Hole Jetty to start by the 1st Quarter of 2022.

During the 12 November budget presentation Premier Fahie noted that the West End Ferry Terminal project was going to be moving forward this year.

In that update, the Premier said: “We will continue work on the West End Ferry Terminal to develop a modern, technologically driven entry port facility to accommodate over 200,000 passengers per year and to provide an entry port that is resilient and follows international safety and smart standards while providing opportunities for the people of the Territory.”

The situation of the West End Ferry Dock has been lingering for

many years with plans for a rebuild gracing many budgets of the past. Unfortunately, the situation was exasperated when two category five hurricanes struck the Territory. The damages sustained as a result of the passage of hurricanes Irma and Maria in 2017 caused the facility to be closed for two years. It was finally reopened on 1 August 2019.

During the reopening Hon. Fahie explained that the two-year closure was a sad chapter for the First District. He further noted that the ferry dock is an essential part of the West End community. It was explained that citizens and residents in the First District depend on the facility for their livelihood.

Just after taking office, the Premier bemoaned that the port was losing revenue and people in the First District were being affected by the closure. At that meeting Hon. Fahie noted the significance of the Port and the inconvenience the closure caused stating: “To have the major port some 19 months after Irma still not open to traffic of ferries coming from either abroad, St Thomas etc is not good and some of the working environment I have seen the Treasury staff, the Customs and Immigration over the last few months and years it concerns me. Now I know that you are coming out of a storm, so I beared with it for a few months and I tolerated it for a few months but it is time now to get it looked at,” Hon. Fahie declared.



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13 Companies Express Interest in Police Marine Base Works

Representatives from 13 local firms are better prepared to submit tender packages for the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force (RVIPF) Marine Base Fencing, Gates and Drains Project, after attending a site visit and bidder's conference earlier this week hosted by the Recovery and Development Agency's (RDA) Procurement and Delivery Teams.

Tenderers now have until 10:00 a.m. on February 15, 2021 to submit their tender package in the RDA's tender box.

The Scope of Works states that 'the Contractor shall construct a permanent external fence around the perimeter of the RVIPF Marine Base. The construction work shall include demolish, remove and dispose of all unwanted debris from the work area, including the existing culverts and Public Works Department drainage system.'

It further continues, 'The construction work shall include all the necessary labour and materials for the supply, fabrication, installation and all finishes unto the posts, angle irons, horizontal lumber on staggered joints, top rails and security spikes all to be constructed in accordance to the detailed drawings.'

The successful tenderer shall construct three permanent external sliding gates and a permanent 140 foot internal chain link fence on the southern side of the RVIPF Marine Base in addition to drainage works.

Tender packages are to be submitted in two parts. Part A, the Commercial (Financial) Proposal should be submitted in a sealed envelope marked 'PRICED COPY' and it must contain an original signed version of the Tender Certificate.

Three copies of Part B, the Technical Proposal are to be submitted in a separately sealed envelope with the relevant ITT label and marked 'UNPRICED COPY'.

The required completion date for this project is March 31, 2021. Tenderers are expected to allocate the necessary resources in their tender submissions to demonstrate that this completion deadline will be met. Any submissions that exceed the time schedule will not be considered for award of contract.

Full tender details are available at bvirecovery.vg under the Procurement tab, current and upcoming opportunities.

Tender packages are to be addressed to: Recovery and Development Agency



Highlights from the site visit and bidders conference

Building No.13,
Cyril B. Romney Tortola Pier Park
Wickham's Cay I
Road Town, Tortola, VG 1110
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E-mail: procurement@bvirecovery.vg

Tenders will be opened at the Virgin Islands Recovery and Development Agency, Building No.13, Cyril B. Romney Tortola Pier

Park, Wickham's Cay I, Road Town, Tortola at 10:00 a.m. on February 15. All Tenderers are invited to witness this process in person. Social distancing and hand sanitisation protocols will be observed.

For more information, contact the RDA's Director of Procurement at (284) 393-8003 or email procurement@bvirecovery.vg.

Contract Signed for New National Emergency Operations Centre

A joint venture between local firms Tandem Development and D & B Heavy Equipment Services Limited has been approved to allow for the construction a state-of-the-art National Emergency Operations Centre, announced Premier and Minister for Finance Andrew Fahie at a signing ceremony yesterday afternoon.

The contract, which includes demolition of the existing structure, installation of new support pilings, and erecting a three-level structure along with associated plumbing, electrical and landscaping works, is valued at \$9,803,215.53. Works are expected to last 530 days – approximately 18 months.

Premier Fahie said at the signing ceremony that he is pleased that the Department of Disaster Management (DDM) and the National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC) will be housed in a fit-for-purpose building.

"We promised the people of the Territory that we would ensure the funds are allocated to have our public officers at DDM working in a fit-for-purpose and resilient accommodation. We are well aware of our exposure due to our geographic location when it comes to the threat of hurricanes and similar disasters. Our public officers who work at DDM deserve a better working environment and by constructing this



Contract signatories and supporters gathered for a photo after the signing ceremony.

new facility, better they will get," he said.

The funding for this project comes from Government's Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Hurricane Recovery Loan made possible by the Caribbean Development Bank's (CDB) loan.

Permanent Secretary in the Office of the Deputy Governor Mrs. Sharleen DaBreo-Lettsome, MBE, who led the DDM for many years, shared that the new building is expected to be able to serve the Territory for years to come and the design elements will meet international standards for model critical facilities.

"We are confident that with the extent of the engineering and the architectural designs, this structure will take us through the many hazards that we experience in this Territory," Mrs. DaBreo-Lettsome said.

Director of Projects in the Ministry of Finance Dr. Drexel Glasgow recounted the development of the NEOC from the design stage through today, sharing that it was envisioned as being an exemplary facility.

"It will be the first of its kind in the Caribbean," Dr. Glasgow said at the ceremony. "We focused on sustainable and resilient development elements, energy and water

efficiency, and care for the environment, so it's something that, when it is complete, we would be very proud of."

The facility was designed by Virella, Crespo and Associates from Puerto Rico in keeping with the new International Building Code as well as The Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECs) Building Code. It is also expected to meet Leadership in Energy and an Environmental Design (LEED) standard, which is the most widely used green building rating system in the world. Virella, Crespo and Associates will provide construction management supervision throughout the construction period.



Illustrations of the new NEOC as designed by Puerto Rico firm Virella, Crespo and Associates.



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ANDREW A. FAHIE
PREMIER OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
28 JANUARY, 2021.

Good day and God's Blessings to everyone.

I am happy to see us moving forward with this project to

construct a new fit-for-purpose building which will house the Department for Disaster Management (DDM) and the National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC), two crucial components of our disaster

management apparatus.

We are well aware of our exposure due to our geographic location when it comes to the threat of hurricanes and similar disasters.

And as I said in the Budget

Address in November, the DDM has been a guardian angel to the Virgin Islands during these times.

Season after season this team of public officers has help to keep us safe through providing information to help all of us 'get ready and stay ready' as they did during Hurricane Irma. I must pay homage to the staff of the DDM for their selfless service to our Territory. In times of danger, they leave their families and loved ones to come out and keep us safe.

As we all know, when Irma struck in 2017, the then DDM building was severely battered by the Category 5 force winds, and our DDM personnel became seriously exposed to the hazards.

Yet still, they stuck to their roles and helped us through the disaster.

The NEOC also plays a major role in coordinating services during and after disaster events. It is absolutely important that our emergency personnel are kept safe and that they are able to function during these crucial periods, and hence upon taking office in February 2019, your Government made this project one of our priorities.

We promised the people of the Territory that we would ensure the funds are allocated to have our public officers at DDM working in a fit-for-purpose and resilient accommodation.

Today, with the signing of the contract to construct a modern NEOC building, your Government has ensured that we fulfilled our promise to the people of the Virgin Islands.

The project includes the demolition of the existing structure, construction of pile foundation and support systems, construction of three-level reinforced concrete building including all mechanical, electrical,

plumbing and landscaping.

The building has been design with a focus on sustainability, resiliency, energy efficiency,



Hon. Andrew A. Fahie

and care for the environment.

Our public officers who work at DDM deserve a better working environment and by constructing this new facility, better they will get.

Of course, it is your Government's policy that a public infrastructure must embrace green and smart technology so that we ensure that we are doing our part to protect the environment.

As such, amendments in 2021 to some of our laws such as our Customs Act will be forthcoming to act as a catalyst for our transition to green and clean energy to help protect our environment.

I look forward to us continuing on this path because as a small island developing country, we are on the frontline of climate change and rising sea levels – so, we must set the example and show that sustainable development is possible in harmony with the environment.

The contract value is nine million, eight hundred and three thousand, two hundred and fifteen dollars and fifty-three cents (\$9,803,215.53)

The funding for this project comes from our hurricane recovery loan made possible

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	SPORTS TALK	5-6:30PM
	A LOOK AT THE COMMUNITY	7-8PM
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by the Caribbean Development Bank's (CDB) Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Loan.

I must say thank you to the CDB, not only for making this funding available but for working with your Government to introduce innovative strategies for ensuring that these funds can play a more meaningful role in the local economy, as compared to what was obtained in the past.

I congratulate the Contractors in this Joint Venture of Tandem Development and D & B Heavy Equipment Services Ltd for presenting a successful bid, as you will work together over the next 520 days to bring this long awaited project to fruition.

The CDB has worked with the Ministry of Finance Projects Unit, Dr. Drexel Glasgow and his team, to develop new policies that allow local businesses to access opportunities to participate in these projects, while at the same time maintaining their high levels of transparency, accountability, and value for money.

The fact that the BVI continues to be able to access millions of dollars, CDB funding is proof positive that everything is above board in how your Government is responsibly managing these funds and that we are performing according to international standards.

If we were not doing this, we would not be enjoying the confidence of the Caribbean Development Bank and this is important as the CDB has the option to pull the plug anytime we breach its standards.

But, may I remind us that our philosophy in the BVI is that of BVILOVE – Loving Our Virgin Islands Every day. Whatever our vocation and whatever the task that we are doing, BVILOVE is in there and it must be in there.

And so too, as we construct this building, it must be done with BVILOVE. BVILOVE for the quality of work. BVILOVE for the finance management. BVILOVE for the project management. When we

work with BVILOVE we will deliver transparency, accountability and value for money.

I am therefore confident that all the parties that have a hand in delivering this project, from the Ministry of Finance Projects Unit which is responsible for the Project coordination to the contractors, architect and project manager and every single worker on this project, will do right by the taxpayers of the Virgin Islands who is the real client.

Before I close, I must also say a special thank you to the officers at the Ministry of Finance and its Project Unit for the hard work they have been doing to get the various outstanding projects off the ground, and for ensuring that what is paid for is delivered, and for engaging with the CDB to make it possible for our Virgin Islands people and local businesses to better benefit from the economic activity that will take place during the life of these projects.

Our public officers work in the background, and often people tend to overlook the role they play in the management of the Territory and in getting things done, and getting them done with the highest level of professionalism, transparency and accountability.

Our Public Officers are the wind beneath our wings and we are thankful for their dedication to duty.

I look forward to the commencement and successful completion of this project within time, with quality, and within budget.

And I look forward to us reassembling on site to welcome DDM and the NEOC into their new home when it is finished.

May God guide every hand that is involved in this project and may he keep you safe.

In BVILOVE, I thank you.



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- Preparing in-house training material on legal and regulatory matters.
- Assisting in responding to Competent Authority queries and drafting affidavits and other legal documents.
- Acting as a point of contact for senior staff requiring legal assistance and guidance on technical matters

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HLSCC CELEBRATES HISTORIC INVESTITURE OF PRESIDENT RICHARD GEORGES

Monday, February 1 – Nationally recognised leader in higher education and scholar of cultural and critical theory, Richard W. E. Georges, Ph.D., has made history as the H. Lavity Stoutt

not take lightly. I will listen. I will communicate with vigor, urgency, and sincerity. My goal will be to increase understanding wherever possible, to retain self-respect and love for each other in

me, even though we will not always agree, committed to making our College a better place every day for our students and for the community. It is only through us all working together, committed to making that vision reality, will HLSCC be afforded the best possible chance to be better.”

The ceremony included an academic procession with members of the College’s faculty, representatives from the higher education community, community partners, members of the College’s Board of Governors and government leaders.

Premier and Minister of Finance, Honourable Andrew A. Fahie said, “Today, not only has the College produced many with degrees, but the College has birthed a president – and for this, we must salute the legacy of the late H. L. Stoutt.”

Dr. Georges was appointed HLSCC’s President on October 1, 2020 by the College’s Board of Governors after having acted in the position since October 22, 2019. Before his presidential appointment, Dr. Georges served as Senior Lecturer, Head of Humanities, Social Sciences and Communication Department, Director of Institutional Advancement and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Dr. Georges is an award-winning author of fiction, poetry, and essays in addition to being the Territory’s first Poet Laureate. He holds a bachelor’s degree in English from Texas Christian University, a master’s degree in creative writing from Aberystwyth University and a doctorate in critical and creative writing from the University of Sussex.

Investiture ceremonies are one of the oldest traditions in academia, with ‘investiture’ originating from the Latin phrase for “dress in robe.” They are thought to have originated in English Universities and are modeled after ceremonies of knighthood. It is the formal ceremony conferring the authority and symbols of high office, and in which colleges and universities welcome a new era and celebrate the pursuit of knowledge.

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President of the H. Lavity Stoutt Community College, Dr. Richard Georges pictured with members of the College’s Board of Governors, Premier and Minister of Finance, Honourable Andrew A. Fahie and Deputy Premier, Minister for Education, Culture, Youth Affairs, Fisheries and Agriculture, Dr. the Honourable Natalio Wheatley. (Photo credit: Junior Daniel/HLSCC)

Community College’s youngest President and the first alumnus to ever serve in the office.

The formal presidential investiture ceremony of Dr. Georges, as the seventh president of the College, took place on Thursday, January 28, at the Eileene L. Parsons Auditorium,

our dealings, to respect the loyalty, dedication, and quality of our faculty and staff.”

He added, “Be assured that I will do my best to fulfil all the duties of this office with dignity, with reverence, and a dedication to fairness and the betterment of H. Lavity Stoutt Community College and the Territory it serves.”



Academic Processional with members of the College’s faculty, representatives from the higher education community, community partners, board members and government leaders. (Photo credit: Junior Daniel/HLSCC)

Paraquita Bay Campus.

In his investiture address, Dr. Richard Georges affirmed his strong commitment to making the College a better place for its students and for the community. He said, “Being chosen to lead this institution is a privilege and a great responsibility that I do

He continued, “I only ask of you that you commit with me to be engaged in daily deliberation of a single question, what Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. described as life’s persistent and most urgent question: What are you doing for others? I ask that you stand with



President of the H. Lavity Stoutt Community College, Dr. Richard Georges pictured with Deputy Premier, Minister for Education, Culture, Youth Affairs, Fisheries and Agriculture, Dr. the Honourable Natalio Wheatley. (Photo credit: Junior Daniel/HLSCC)

The BVICC Announces New Executive Board

Tortola, British Virgin Islands,
2 nd February 2021 –

The BVI Christian Council (BVICC) held a general meeting on Monday 18th January 2021, at the St. Williams Roman Catholic Church in Road Town. During the meeting, a new executive board was elected to serve for the next term.

Rev. Erflin Browne was re-elected to continue serving as the President, while the new Vice President of the Council is Bishop

Ishmael Charles. The other elected officers of the new board are:

- Secretary – Apostle Ava Baird
- Assistant Secretary – Pastor Bernicia Herbert-Pickering
- Treasurer – Pastor Nolma Chalwell
- Assistant Treasurer/Public Relations Officer (PRO) – Pastor Winston Salmon
- Assistant Public Relations Officer (PRO) – Apostle George Rodney
- Media – Pastor Ve-Anna Thomas

We pray God’s guidance, favor and enablement as the team leads the BVICC during this critical time.

The newly formed executive board held their first meeting on Monday 25th January 2021, at the New Testament

Church of God International Worship Center in Baugher’s Bay. The meeting was fruitful and successful, as the new team begins to charter the way forward for the Council.



Need A Covid Test? Make An Appointment 3 Days Before Travel

Persons requiring a COVID-19 test for travel purposes are reminded to make an appointment three days prior to the confirmed date of travel.

Medical Officer, Dr. Christine Harry said the BVI Health Services Authority has been having issues with people visiting the authority without appointments for COVID-19 tests and are demanding that results be available the following day.

Dr. Harry said while the authority is doing its best not to turn people away, it is having technical issues with the impromptu testing.

“As a result, there are more people being tested with wrong spellings, incorrect dates of birth and even wrong gender on their paperwork,” the medical officer said. She added, “The laboratory team will not correct any results already printed, if the paper work is submitted with inaccuracies.”

Persons requiring a COVID-19 test for travel purposes are asked to email covidrrt@bvihsa.vg within three days of scheduled travel. A form will be emailed to the sender to be completed with details needed to make the appointment. If more than one person is traveling, one form must be completed for each traveler. Individuals are asked to ensure that all the information included on the form is spelt correctly and is accurate.

Persons needing a

COVID test for medical purposes should also make an appointment and follow the same guidelines. Processing of results takes 24 to 36 hours and the cost

of the test is \$70.00.

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Swearing In Speech Governor John Rankin, 29 January 2021

Honourable Premier, Mrs Forbes Fahie, Madam Justice Ellis, Honourable Speaker of the House of Assembly, Honourable Deputy Premier,

Honourable Ministers, Attorney General, Deputy Governor, Justices of the Court of Appeal, Judges of High Court, Honourable Leader of the

Opposition, and Mrs Penn, Deputy Speaker and other Honourable Members of the House of Assembly, Members of the Clergy, Chair of the

Police Service Commission, Acting Financial Secretary, Permanent Secretary and Heads of Departments, other public officers, members of the youth parliament, and distinguished guests – good afternoon.

First, thank you Honourable Premier and Honourable Leader of the Loyal Opposition for your kind words of welcome.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank the outgoing Governor, His Excellency Augustus Jaspert, for his service in office and Deputy Governor David Archer for his support to my predecessor and for his service as Acting Governor.

I am most grateful for the warm wishes I have already received from many people here in BVI. It is a privilege and an honour to have been appointed as Governor of the Virgin Islands and us Her Majesty's representative. I will faithfully carry out my duties under the Constitution, working in partnership with the Government of the Virgin Islands to serve the people.

As you will be aware, I have spent the past two weeks in quarantine, so although I have been present, looking out over Road Harbour, I have not so far been able to get to know these islands and communities as much as I would have wished. Until last December, I served as Governor of a fellow Overseas Territory, namely Bermuda, and so have some experience of the role of Governor. But I am keenly aware that no two Territories are the same and so for my next few weeks and beyond, I will be in 'listening mode' learning and understanding as much as possible about the people, history and unique culture of the Virgin Islands. I firmly believe that to serve a people, one must know the people.

I first visited these Islands after the devastation caused by Hurricane Irma in 2017 and that experience taught me of the great strength, compassion



His Excellency
John James Rankin CMG

and integrity which the people of these islands possess. Returning three years later and seeing how far things have come, I can tell that determination and resilience are also strong traits in these islands. I look forward to drawing more on these strengths during my tenure as Governor and will do my best to help this Territory keep moving forwards.

I am also looking forward to working in lockstep with the Government of the Virgin Islands. We face plenty of challenges ahead – including recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, supporting our financial services and tourists industries, ensuring the security of the islands and upholding good governance – but working in partnership will be key to success. This friendship must be based on honesty, trust and mutual respect - values which I will keep in front of my mind.

I would also take this opportunity to underline the friendship and partnership that exists between the United Kingdom and the Virgin Islands. In recent years, support following the 2017 Hurricanes, and Testing Kits, Personal Protection Equipment and other medical supplies in response to the COVID-19 outbreak have been provided because of the special bond between our two countries. In the period ahead I hope to see continued United Kingdom funding for environmental projects, the maritime sector and the Islands' security. And I greatly look forward to welcoming the

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imminent arrival of COVID-19 vaccines from the UK, so that as many people as wish to in BVI can receive the vaccine and be protected from the virus.

I will nurture this bond between the United Kingdom and Virgin Islands so that it can continue to flourish and deliver benefits to the people of BVI, for as long as the

people of BVI desire.

I am here without my family – my three grown up children remain in the United Kingdom, where one of them is working on the front line of the National Health Service tacking COVID-19, but I hope they, my three children, will all be able to visit in due course and see for themselves the beauty of the Islands. And I look forward to meeting these Island's young people. They are the future of BVI, they are our future, and thus deserving of all our help and support.

In terms of my key priorities, there are three areas on which I will focus from Day One. I am, as has been mentioned, a lawyer by background and firmly believe in the importance of the rule of law. Under Section 60 of the Constitution, this is an area for which my Office is responsible and, I believe, something integral to a prosperous society. I look forward to working with the justice and law enforcement agencies to ensure they are continuing to strive to be expert, impartial and trusted by the people.

Secondly, I look forward to leading the Public Service alongside the Deputy Governor. Public Services the world over are often unsung heroes. Here in BVI, the Public Service has played a tremendous role in every major success and challenge faced by the Territory and we must continue to prioritise its training, wellbeing and effectiveness. I will do my utmost to support Public Officers and uphold the independence and expertise of our Public Service, our Statutory Bodies and the independent institutions for which I am responsible.

Finally, and most importantly, I will support the good governance of this Territory. When there is good governance, there is prosperity, equality and success. I fully support the

independent Commission of Inquiry called by my predecessor and I hope that the people of BVI feel empowered to engage in the Commission so that it delivers for the people. I see it as a vital opportunity for these Islands to carve a clear path towards good governance and greater self-determination.

I am under no illusion of the struggles the Virgin Islands have overcome in recent years. I know there have been many difficult times and families have faced great mental and financial hardship. At the same time, I know that these Islands have a great deal to be proud of. These islands are a world-beating tourist destination, home to internationally renowned financial services and one of the safest places in the region. The people have overcome devastating hurricanes with confidence and conviction and communities here are a melting pot of diversity and openness. The population has so far thankfully been spared some of the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic, thanks in a large part to the actions of the community. I hope the people of BVI are holding their heads up high for these accomplishments and that there will be many more such accomplishments to come. I look forward to supporting all those in the community who are working for a better BVI, including those in the volunteering sector, our faith organisations, those in the business sector and all our medical and health services during my tenure here.

I would conclude by looking to the future. A future when the pandemic is over, when the tourism industry and economic recovery more broadly is on track and when the people of these Islands return to a feeling of security. New opportunities are emerging for a more united world. With the United States re-joining the Paris Agreement and World Health Organisation, and the United Kingdom hosting a global climate change conference this year, there is

scope for real global progress, and I want to ensure BVI is part of that forward movement, making a global impact. I am confident by working in partnership we can achieve this future

and help make an even better BVI for the next generation. My goal as Governor is a humble one: to support the continual achievement and advancement of the people, for

the benefit of the people.
Thank you for your attention and may God bless the Virgin Islands and all who live here.



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GLOBAL NEWS BRIEF

STORIES SELECTED BY GIORGIO MIGLIAVACCA

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC - Prosecutors' witnesses continue to provide evidence in the Odebrecht bribes case. On Thursday, 28 January 2021, state prosecutors accredited evidence of the ties linking former Minister of Public Works Victor Díaz Rúa to the US\$92 million in bribes Odebrecht says it paid to expedite contracting in the Dominican Republic. Financial analyst María del Carmen Álvarez presented proof that allegedly the company Indoequipesa was used by incriminated lawyer Conrado Pittaluga to launder money received as bribes.

The judges of the First Collegiate Court of the National District accepted the evidence that on 10 February 2014, Indoequipesa granted two loans to the construction company Solaris for US\$100,000 and another for RD\$2.5 million.

The witness was required to demonstrate the corporate composition of Indoequipesa and prove the ties to Díaz Rúa. Díaz Rúa's son-in-law Leonardo Guzmán Font. [DR1]

BERMUDA - A former commanding officer of the Royal Bermuda Regiment has been arrested by police.

A police spokesman confirmed that Lieutenant-Colonel David Curley was arrested and bailed in

connection with an incident "for which it is anticipated he will soon appear before the courts".

The spokesman refused to reveal the nature of the charges against Colonel Curley.

Colonel Curley was appointed as Commanding Officer of the RBR in 2016.

But it was revealed in November 2019 that he was the subject of a police investigation and had been absent from Warwick Camp since October.

He was replaced as Commanding Officer by Lieutenant-Colonel Ben Beasley last year. [Royal Gazette]

PHILIPSBURG - In its meeting of today, January 26, 2021, the Council of Ministers decided to cancel the planning and execution of both Carnival and Heineken Regatta for 2021 in the interest of the general health of the citizens of Sint Maarten. This decision comes after consultations with various relevant stakeholders, including health care professionals and law enforcement on the presented reduced activities planned for Carnival 2021 and the Heineken Regatta and considering the impact that the events would have on the population. The Sint Maarten Carnival Development Foundation (SCDF) and Heineken Regatta organizers have been informed of the decision. [SMN NEWS]

JAMAICA - Jamaica's Prime Minister Andrew Holness has announced that police will be increasing patrol of the areas frequented by the homeless. He said the government will also be providing additional bed space for those vulnerable citizens in the Corporate Area.

He delivered the promise on the heels of heinous attacks that left four homeless men dead and two others wounded in Kingston and in the Half-Way-Tree area of St. Andrew between Sunday night and Monday morning.

Speaking on Tuesday in the House of Representatives, Holness said police were actively investigating the crimes, and one suspect was in custody in relation to one of the attacks.

He also announced plans to provide more accommodation for the homeless in the capital, so they could rest safely.

"At the end of February, work should commence on another 150 beds," Holness said, noting that 100 of those would be established at the Marie Atkins Night Shelter. [CaribbeanNationalWeekly]

UNITED KINGDOM - Truckloads of British pig meat waiting to be shipped to Germany and stuffed into bratwursts perished at U.K. ports this month while stuck in line for customs clearance.

It's a story that barely made a ripple in the U.K., as the country's first month outside the EU was overshadowed by the coronavirus and the grim milestone of 100,000 deaths.

With freight traffic well below usual levels, thanks in part to stockpiling, the overall Brexit effects were also

less visibly dramatic than expected. The government avoided the embarrassment of several thousand trucks queuing in Kent and was able to claim victory for its planning.

Businesses tell a different story, one of bureaucracy and delays that add up to higher costs. Elsewhere, hidden under the impact of virus lockdowns, Brexit seeped into all parts of the economy, affecting everyone from online shoppers to fishermen, car dealers, bankers and farmers. [Bloomberg Europe]

ITALY - (ANSA) - Domenico Arcuri, the government's special commissioner for the COVID-19 emergency, said Friday that Italy has received "at least 300,000 fewer doses" of the COVID-19 vaccine than it should have had by now.

He was commenting after Moderna said it would join Pfizer and Astrazeneca in supplying fewer doses of its vaccine to the EU than it had previously agreed.

"Moderna has just informed us that, for the week of February 9, it will deliver 132,000 of the 166,000 doses planned, 20% fewer," Arcuri said. "Astonishment, concern and dismay are increasing." The forecast deliveries are rectified almost every day. The commissioner said that one in 23 Italians have contracted COVID-19 since the start of the pandemic.

He said that the "contagion curve remains in a non-explosive sphere" thanks to coronavirus-containment measures.

He also revealed that the government aims to intensify research in order to have a home-grown vaccine.

MOSCOW - Billionaire and Vladimir Putin ally Arkady Rotenberg said Saturday he owns a Black Sea coast property that Kremlin critic Alexei Navalny says costs over \$1.5 billion and belongs to the Russian president.

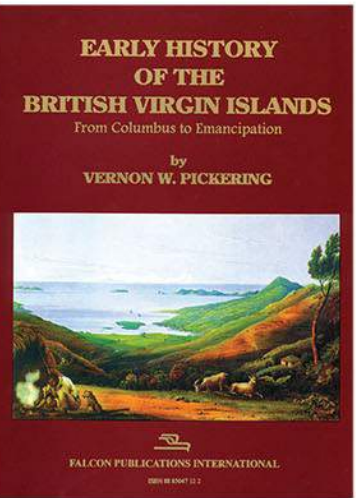
Navalny claims the 17,691 square meter mansion sits on a property 39 times the size of Monaco and features a casino along with a theatre, an underground hockey arena, an aquatic disco and a hookah lounge complete with a pole-dancing stage.

Underscoring the grand price tag, Navalny noted in a two-hour video report that it features Italian-made toilet brushes estimated at \$851 apiece.

Navalny's video has garnered over 100 million views on YouTube, helped spur the largest street protests in Russia in years and forced Putin to deny that he or his relatives own the property. [Moscow Times]

NEW YORK - Cicely Tyson, the Oscar-winner who blazed a trail for

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Black actors over a 70-year career, has died aged 96.

Tributes from co-stars, fans and former presidents have poured in for the actor, whose death was confirmed Thursday (28 January). No cause was given.

Tyson had starred in 29 films, 68 TV series and 15 theatre productions since 1957. She became a household name after her leading role in 1973 film *Souther*, for which she was nominated for an Academy Award and a Golden Globe.

She has a wealth of industry honours including an honorary Academy Award, several Emmy Awards, a Tony Award, four honorary degrees and the Presidential Medal of Freedom, and has been credited with paving the way for generations of Black actors.

Viola Davis, who played Tyson's on-screen daughter in *How to Get Away with Murder*, posted a photo of her and the late star on Instagram, with the caption: "You made me feel loved and seen and valued in a world where there is still a cloak of invisibility for us dark chocolate girls. [PINK NEWS]

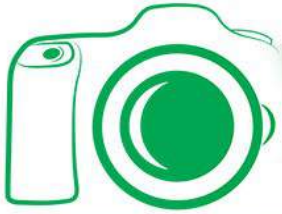
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Rosewood Little Dix Bay Named #1 Hotel in the British Virgin Islands by U.S. News & World Report
Rosewood Little Dix Bay, the legendary island escape on Virgin Gorda, has received a Gold Badge in the 2021 U.S. News & World Report Best Hotels rankings and was named the number one hotel and resort in the British Virgin Islands. The resort was also named the number nine resort in the Caribbean, the number 14 hotel in the Caribbean and the number one resort on Virgin Gorda. This is the resort's first highly regarded distinction in U.S. News & World (Photo from Website)

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Annual District Report in Capoon's Bay

Keeping a tradition that spans decade Premier and Minister for Finance Hon. Andrew Fahie delivered his annual District report to his constituents. However, since he also the leader of the entire BVI Hon. Fahie turned the report into one for the entire BVI.

In a comment following the event on January Hon. Fahie said, "It was our pleasure, as Your Government, to report to the people of District One

at Cappoon's Bay last night on our progress and plans for our Territory. We were encouraged by the huge attendance and feedback. We also thank everyone who join us via other medias online. Together we will always achieve more. Our best days as a Territory are yet ahead."

As it has been held over the years, the 2021 report was delivered at Capoons Bay.





Ladyburd Talks

Dear Readers: (2 of 3) When it comes to celebrating Valentine's Day, it's important to make the day extra-special for your loved one.

Exchange Love Letters

Is there anything more romantic than writing a love letter to your sweetheart? Make Valentine's Day even more special by putting in writing why your partner means so much to you.

Have a Game Night

For those with a competitive streak (or those who just like some good, old-fashioned fun), an exciting night of board games is the perfect way to make Valentine's Day memorable — especially when there's wine involved! with a special love gift.

Cook Together

They say that food is the way to heart, so why not spend quality time preparing a romantic Valentine's Day dinner together? It's a great way to ditch the traditional dinner date for something more hands-on.

Take a Relaxing Bath

Turn on the warm water, add in your favorite essential oil or bath bomb and forget about your troubles. Oh, and don't skip the candles and music.

Have an Indoor Picnic

Nothing should stop you from planning the most romantic date of all — a picnic meal. Break out a checkered tablecloth and your best Valentine's Day recipes for a sweet indoor picnic date you and your date won't forget.

(To be continued next week)

Source: BY SELENA BARRIENTOS AND HANNAH JEON

<https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/holidays/valentines-day-ideas/g26068446/best-things-to-do-on-valentines-day/>



Ladyburd's Mail Box

delseitalibur@msn.com

Dear Ladyburd: I am writing this letter to you with the hope that you can help me with some advise. I have a friend who I love dearly, however, she is always dropping by my house the wrong time. I feel she needs to have some discretion. If my boyfriend and I decide to relax for the evening, there she comes and it is really ticking me off and I don't know if I should tell her how I feel, I don't want to hurt her feelings...
Madge

Ladyburd: **Dear Madge:** You could take your friend out to lunch and have a frank discussion with her, let her know that you value her friendship, however, you need to spend time with your boyfriend uninterrupted, so you are asking her whenever she would like to come over, to give you a call so you will be in a position to say yes its fine to come over or not.

Word of advise though: Keep the link with your friend, too many friends get a new boyfriend or married and forget their friends and when they have problems they remember their friends, that's not a good look. so remember as long as you keep the link, your friend will understand and respect what you are saying.



Light Bulb Moments

"You learn more from failure than from success. Don't let it stop you. Failure builds character."
— Unknown

"If you are working on something that you really care about, you don't have to be pushed. The vision pulls you."
— Steve Jobs

"Experience is a hard teacher because she gives the test first, the lesson afterwards."
— Vernon Sanders Law

"Goal setting is the secret to a compelling future."
— Tony Robbins

Poetry Corner

Real Love Is

Real love is the look in someone's eyes that is meant for you alone, a gentle kiss that says everything will be okay, a hand held in just the right way at just the right time.

Real love is a secret told by one heart and guarded by another, a belief that someone knows you as no one else can, the little day-to-day acts of thoughtfulness that go unmentioned but not unnoticed.

Real love is a feeling that no matter where you are, the deepest part of you remains with the one you love, a dream that comes true with time and trust and a little luck.

Real love is a promise of forever
Author Unknown

Tickle My Funny Bones

By Delseita



Questions and Answers

Q: Why did the bee get married?

A: Because he found his honey

Q: What do you call a wasp?

A: A wanna-bee!

Q: Who is the bee's favorite singer?

A: Sting!

Q: What did the bee say to the naughty bee?

A: Bee-hive yourself!

Q: What is a bee's favorite part of a relationship?

A: The Honeymoon period.

Q: What singer is most popular for the bees?

A: Bee-yonce.

source: <http://www.jokes4us.com/animaljokes/beejokes.html>

Riding The Train

A lady from the city and her traveling companion were riding the train through Vermont when she noticed some cows.

"What a cute bunch of cows!" she remarked.

"Not a bunch, herd" her friend replied.

"Heard of what?" "Herd of cows!"

"Of course I've heard of cows." "No, a cow herd."

source: <http://www.jokes4us.com/animaljokes/cowjokes.html>

Valentine's Day At The Cinema

It was Valentine's day and Jim and Danielle's first date. They sat in the darkened cinema waiting for the film to start. The screen finally lit up with a flashy advertisement for the cinema's concession stand.

Jim and Danielle realized that there was no sound.

The film began but the silence continued. Suddenly, out of the darkness, an irritated voice in the crowd loudly shouted,

"Okay, who's got the remote control?"

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The first computer dates back to Adam and Eve. It was an Apple with limited memory, just one byte. And then everything crashed.

POLICE NEWS

RVIPF SEEKS WITNESSES IN SEA COWS BAY BAR ROBBERY

Friday, January 29 – Police are seeking witnesses to last night’s robbery of two adjoining businesses in Sea Cows Bay.

Initial investigations indicate that around 8:45pm, two males dressed in black long sleeved hoodies entered De la Santa’s Bakery and Restaurant. One of the men jumped over the counter and took a quantity of cash from the register. No customers were present at the time.

The men then made their way to Charles Chill Bar located at the rear of the bakery and pointed a firearm at two patrons. The assailants both fled the scene with cash and jewelry taken from the two patrons, a cash pan from the bar and the cashier’s handbag. No one was injured in the incident.

Police recovered the contents from the cashier’s handbag along with one black firearm magazine containing

ammunition.

Detectives are interested in any information that could help to fast track this investigation and identify the individuals responsible. The assailants were likely outside for some time or in the general vicinity prior to entering the premises. Persons who may have seen any suspicious behavior are asked to contact the RVIPF Intelligence Unit directly at 368-9339.

Investigations are ongoing.

RVIPF WILL ENFORCE COVID SUPPRESSION MEASURES

Monday, February 1 – The Royal Virgin Islands Police Force is reminding the public that officers will be issuing tickets for persons and establishments that contravene the COVID suppression measures as laid out in Public Health Ordinance (Cap. 194).

The Ordinance permits officers from RVIPF and the Environmental Health Division to issue a fixed penalty to any person or establishment who breaches its orders.

The Ordinance requires

that persons continually wear a face mask when in public establishments, at gatherings and on public transportation. After leaving places of residence, persons are only exempted from wearing face masks when in open air settings, driving alone or with members of the same household, in an enclosed office space, while consuming food or drink, or when directed to remove the mask by security for identification purposes or by an employee within a healthcare facility for obtaining services.

A face shield may be worn instead of a face mask by a child under twelve years, a person whose health conditions could worsen after wearing a face mask, an intellectual and developmental disabled person, those who assist lip readers or a person who is speaking to an audience in person or during a television broadcast.

Proprietors that allow customers or clients to enter establishments unmasked, unshielded, or otherwise neglectful in enforcing the provisions of the public

RVIPF ISSUES WANTED MAN BULLETIN ON SHAMORI CALLWOOD

Wednesday, February 3 – The Royal Virgin Islands Police Force is seeking the public’s assistance in locating Ballast Bay resident **Shamori Callwood aka Savage** who is wanted in connection with a number of firearm-related incidences.

Callwood, 25, is being sought in connection to an automatic handgun which was seized early in January of this year. He is also wanted for questioning in a number of other related offences.

Callwood is approximately 6’ feet tall, dark complexion, slim built and may be armed and dangerous. No attempt should be made to approach him.

Persons who may have seen Callwood or have information of his whereabouts is to contact the Major Crime Team at 368-5692 or the Intelligence Unit at 368-9339. All calls will be treated in the strictest of confidence.



health ordinance will be considered in breach of law and fined accordingly.

The first breach of any provision within the ordinance by a person could result in a fixed penalty notice requiring the person to pay a fine of \$100 and to attend such mandatory training as may be specified in the notice. A subsequent breach could lead to a fixed penalty notice requiring the person to pay a fine of \$200.

A first breach by an establishment could result in a fixed penalty notice requiring the owner or

operators to pay a fine of \$1,000, and a notice for temporary closure subject to mandatory training. For a second breach, the fixed penalty notice will require the owner or operator to pay a fine of \$2,000. This will result in the immediate closure of the establishment and the revoking of its Environmental Health Certificate.

All fixed penalties imposed under this section must be paid to the Magistrate’s Court. If the fine is paid, no court proceedings shall be brought against the person served with the notice

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COMMENTARY

The Virgin Islands, post the Commission of Inquiry

By Dickson Igwe



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January 27, 2021

An entitled minority must never again be allowed to control Virgin Islands governance, politics, and society, without full citizen and resident participation. Now, had full citizen participation been the governing culture for decades in the British Virgin Islands the country may have escaped where it is today: sitting at the center of negative narratives of a global media never “in love” with offshore finance centers, and a Virgin Islands in the telescopic sights of its enemies and detractors.

Then, one reason the debate on greater autonomy and independence is going nowhere is that discussion of independence is not being fully introduced into the public square, apart from repeated assertions by talk show hosts and politicians, on the need for greater autonomy, even Independence. Independence can only ever happen when a two thirds majority of VI citizens vote for independence in a Referendum. The Virgin Islands is “light years” away from that day. No minority of citizens will decide independence.

No politician has yet to offer a clear vision of the Virgin Islands Post the granting

of independence, how the independence process will be managed, and the when and how of an independence referendum. The rest of the Overseas territories are in the same boat.

And it is always a good thing when the mass of a country’s population is involved in the great issues and policy debates of the day. Citizens must be in the know on what happens behind the closed doors of power at every point in time. Then, before specific matters become troublesome, tricky, and dire, the ones who pull the levers of power are warned in time, through effective public feedback, before these leaders enter the place of no return.

The informed, aware, and proactive citizen is the best friend of good governance. His or her support and input is never to be taken lightly. And when government fears and discourages the views of opinionated citizens it is a set up for failure.

At least In the UK, Brexit was debated before the Brexit Referendum. Hence there is no one to blame for that decision, as the people voted for Brexit even though by a slim margin. Brexit should never have been decided on a simple majority of those voting in the referendum, but by a two thirds majority vote as is the norm for referendums. However the powers that be pushed for the slim majority option. Today, Brexit is viewed as a disaster by most intelligent people. Clearly, Citizen Participation offers a route out the cul-de-sac, when a government gets into trouble

of its own making.

The problem in the BVI is that there is citizen participation at the level of party politics at election time. Then when a party is elected a clique takes over the running of affairs of the country while the rest of the citizens who placed that party in power through their votes and activism get locked out of decision making.

A handful – elected and nonelected persons – are at the center of power. These are the characters that are in the know on matters of a sensitive nature, with no scrutiny. There is the temptation to keep matters hidden from Joe Public. The preceding is never good for governance no matter how secret the issues and affairs of the territory need to be.

Transparency is always a plus in governance for the simple reason transparency fosters trust in government. When public trust disappears in a democracy governing becomes difficult, if not impossible.

Now the recent intervention in matters of state in the British Virgin Islands by UK High Officials showed the efficacy of checks and balances, and public oversight.

An unchecked executive- the Cabinet in the case of the BVI- easily falls into abuse of power. Human beings by nature crave power, and power that is left unchecked corrupts.

The Commission of Inquiry shows that executive oversight is working in the case of the BVI. Checks and

balances are good for residents and taxpayers.

Imagine the UK Commission Inquiry was not introduced at this time. Then matters may have gotten out of hand, maybe even worse in the alleged mismanagement of the financial affairs of the Virgin Islands, and down the road.

In the USA, Donald Trump was stopped in his tracks from overthrowing the constitutional, legal, and institutional powers, of Congress, Law Enforcement, and the Supreme Court, through a constitution that was airtight and very difficult to bypass and ignore, even by a rogue president.

The report of the Commission of Inquiry after the Commission ends its investigations and enquiries will be quasi constitutional. It will be a resilient and powerful document that will lead to better governance by pointing

out areas in BVI governance that require better management, greater probity and scrutiny, and greater oversight.

The report will provide a path to the future. It will place in concrete the guidelines and parameters in the management of public resources.

It is unfortunate that matters reached a stage where the intervention of a Commission of Inquiry became necessary.

However, residents of the Virgin Islands must look at this Enquiry as a positive. The Enquiry is an opportunity to get things right in a world that is growing more complex and dangerous, especially for small isolated countries.

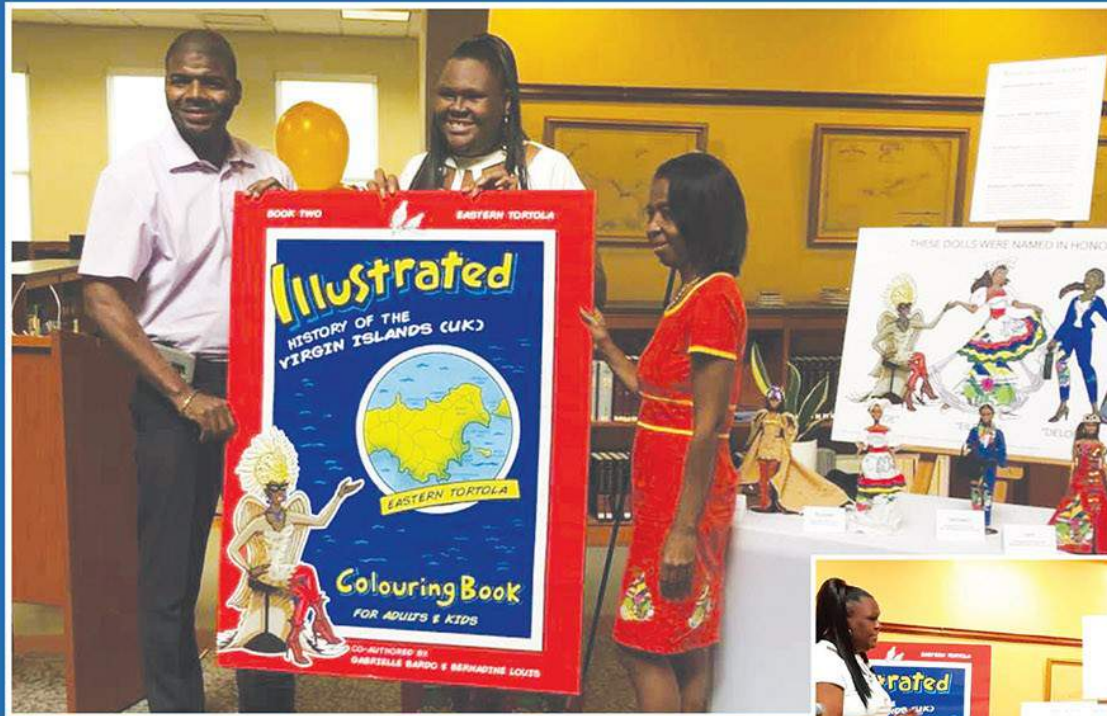
The Good news is that the Virgin Islands continue to sit at the top globally, for being a safe, idyllic, and pristine travel destination.

It will indeed be a pity if we allowed alleged corruption and



Illustrated History of the Virgin Island

It was a stylish presentation of Virgin Islands history as Gabriella Skelton Bardo and Bernadine Louis presented the book cover of volume 2 of the Illustrated History of the Virgin Islands last week. The unveiling also saw the showcase of a number of dolls dressed in fashion made from the territorial fabric.



Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



The Spats

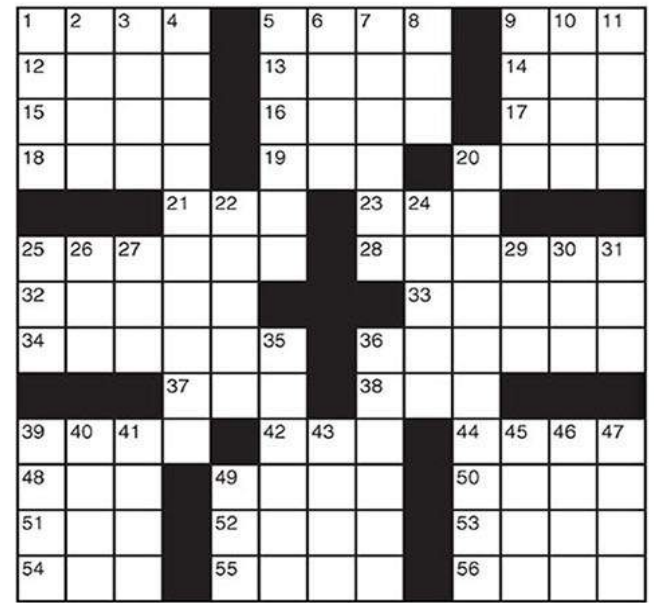
by Jeff Pickering



King Crossword

ACROSS

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- 5 Job-safety org.
- 9 Old CIA foe
- 12 Mentor
- 13 Err
- 14 Shoe width
- 15 Secondhand
- 16 Watch chains
- 17 Away from SSW
- 18 Slightly
- 19 And so on (Abbr.)
- 20 Tackles weeds
- 21 Longing
- 23 Hearty quaff
- 25 Ex-hausted
- 28 Castor's twin
- 32 Silents star Mary
- 33 Country singer Shelton
- 34 Arrest
- 36 Dwellings
- 37 Meadow
- 38 Dancer Charisse
- 39 Rage
- 42 Trio after Q
- 44 Raw minerals
- 48 Exist
- 49 - Domini
- 50 "Damn Yankees" vamp
- 51 Irate



- 52 Tale teller
- 53 Maui meal
- 54 Golfer Ernie
- 55 Track circuits
- 56 Holler
- 9 Vegas game
- 10 Hereditary unit
- 11 Honey bunch?
- 20 Louis Armstrong song
- 22 Haunting
- 24 Hotel area
- 25 "Humbug!"
- 26 "Suits" network on "The Simpsons"
- 29 Young fellow
- 30 Guitar's kin
- 31 Ballot marks
- 35 Aslan's land
- 36 Oscar contenders
- 39 Notoriety
- 40 Russian river
- 41 Some wines
- 43 Crisp cookie
- 45 Libertine
- 46 Mideast airline
- 47 Author Bellow
- 49 100%

DOWN

- 1 Oaxaca water
- 2 Reddish brown
- 3 Region
- 4 "That'll Be the Day" singer
- 5 Insult
- 6 Coin aperture
- 7 Wheel cover
- 8 Six-pack

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

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

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. "Danger" sign is bigger. 2. Jersey numbers are different. 3. Stars are black. 4. Fewer people in crowd. 5. Hockey stick is missing. 6. Arena wall is taller.

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. SCIENCE: What kind of charge does a neutron carry?
2. THEATER: Which 20th-century play features a character named Blanche DuBois?
3. HISTORY: Which ancient Greek author is considered "the Father of Comedy"?
4. LITERATURE: What were the first names of the Bronte authors and sisters?
5. FOOD & DRINK: What kind of nut also is known as a filbert or cobnut?
6. AD SLOGANS: Which brand of men's aftershave used the advertising slogan, "Be careful how you use it"?
7. MOVIES: What was the title of the movie in which Kirk Douglas played the artist Van Gogh?
8. GAMES: Which video game character was the first to be featured as a giant balloon in Macy's Thanksgiving Parade?
9. MUSIC: Which Billy Joel song featured a couple named Brenda and Eddie, the king and queen of the prom?
10. GEOGRAPHY: What was the former name of the African country of Zimbabwe?

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 21 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

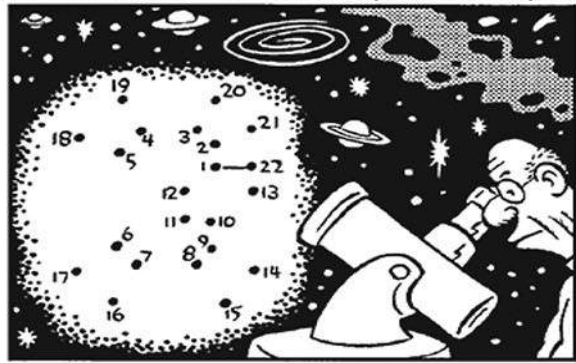
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1. A neutron has no charge; 2. "A Streetcar Named Desire"; 3. Aristophanes; 4. Emily, Charlotte and Anne; 5. Hazelnut; 6. Hat Karate; 7. "Lust for Life"; 8. Sonic the Hedgehog; 9. "Scenes from an Italian Restaurant"; 10. Rhodesia

Trivia Test Answers

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



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CONNECT THE DOTS and find out what the end of everything is.

Answer: The letter "G," of course, is at the end of "EVERYTHING."

Illustrated by David Coulson

SIGNS OF WINTER!

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Hidden in the diagram above are 17 words associated with winter. They can be found by reading up or down, or side to side. You'll even find them diagonally going up or down. Letters can be used more than once. Listed below are the words that you're looking for.

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|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Blizzard | Lights | Sleet |
| Christmas | Mistletoe | Snowball |
| Drift | Presents | Toboggan |
| Fireplace | Salt | Toys |
| Flurries | Shovels | Trees |
| Holidays | Sledding | |

DON'T SLIP UP ON THIS ONE! Try solving this AlphaMath puzzle over a nice cup of hot cocoa. You must replace the letters in the sign with the digits 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 and 9, so that you have a correct addition problem. The same letters get the same digits.



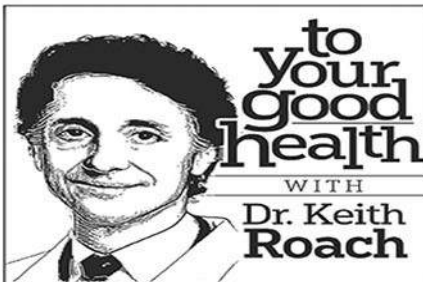
Our answer: I=6, C=3, E=8, R=9, N=4, K=0, S=1, A=2, T=7, F=7, G=3, H=8, L=6, O=0, P=2, Z=7, W=8, T=7, H=8, R=9, V=0, L=6, F=7, Z=7, E=8, N=4, A=2, G=3, G=3, O=0, B=0, T=7, R=9, E=8, E=8, I=6, E=8, T=7, H=8, O=0, L=6, I=6, D=0, A=2, Y=0, S=1, S=1, I=6, E=8, R=9, B=0, G=3, N=4, I=6, D=0, D=0, E=8, L=6, S=1, S=1, E=8, S=1, T=7, D=0, G=3, D=0, R=9, A=2, Z=7, Z=7, I=6, L=6, B=0, E=8, S=1, H=8

IT'S MAGIC! Use the numbers 6 through 15 to fill in this Magic Number Square. The numbers in each horizontal row, vertical column and even the four corner squares must total 55. We've filled in six of the squares. The rest is up to you. Use trial and error – and a good eraser!

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[55]

Answers: First row: 13, 16, 20, 6. Second row: 19, 7, 12, 17. Third row: 8, 22, 14, 11. Fourth row: 15, 10, 9, 21.



Animals, Not Men Suffer Irritable Male Syndrome

DEAR DR. ROACH: Is there such a thing as irritable male syndrome, similar to PMS in women? If it is real, does it cycle yearly or monthly? My husband is negative and blames others for things at some times more than others. Also, is there a cure or ways to manage it? — *Anon.*

ANSWER: The term "irritable male syndrome" was coined in 2002 in a review of animal behavior, among male animals with a strictly seasonal breeding pattern. After mating season in these animals, testosterone levels drop markedly, and the animals exhibited symptoms of nervousness and irrationality.

In humans, low testosterone has a set of common symptoms, including low libido and low overall energy. Loss of body hair and decreased muscle mass happen after prolonged time without testosterone. Psychiatric symptoms, such as depressed mood and anxiety, are less strongly tied to low testosterone levels.

Most experts do not believe that the findings in animals are analogous to what healthy men experience. While it is possible that your husband has low testosterone, and that this level may be causing a degree of irritability, it is much more likely that his behavior has a different underlying cause than loss of testosterone.

By contrast, premenstrual syndrome, where there are dramatic shifts in hormones, is clearly associated with mood swings, irritability, anxiety and depression. As the hormone changes are cyclical, so the symptoms are cyclical as well. No such cycles exist in men for testosterone.

I have certainly known many irritable males, however, and anybody can be more irritable one day compared with another. I would note that, especially in men, irritability and being easily angered can be a sign of depression, among many other possibilities.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am a healthy 73-year-old man who has always had a large prostate. Thirty years ago, my urologist described it more like the size of an orange rather than a walnut. Despite its size, it has never given me any problems — no UTIs, sudden urination, poor stream, waking me in the middle of the night, etc. Despite not having symptoms, about 10 years ago I was prescribed finasteride at a dose of 5 milligrams, and Rapaflo to "try to keep it in check." In 2018 I had an ultrasound done of my prostate, and it was measured at 185 grams. It was measured again recently and is now 232 grams. My PSA is always in the 3.2-3.5 range.

At what point does a prostate get too large? Should I be concerned even without having any symptoms? To his credit, my urologist discussed my surgical options, along with the related side effects. I am reluctant to do anything if it's not necessary. — J.J.

ANSWER: The normal prostate gland is about 20 grams, and only 4% of men will develop a prostate over 100 grams. Yours is well past that, though far short of the world record of 2,410 grams.

It is striking that the size of the prostate does not well correlate with a man's symptoms. Since you have no symptoms and a low PSA level (especially considering the size), there is no indication to do anything surgically. The risk of surgical complications is higher in men with very enlarged prostate glands, so I would certainly be cautious about considering surgery.

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

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) St. Valentine's Day magic rules the entire week for romantic Rams and Ewes. Music, which is the food of love, is also strong. The weekend offers news both unexpected and anticipated.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your aspects favor the arts — which the Divine Bovine loves, loves, loves. Also, for those looking for romantic love, Cupid is available for requests. After all, his mother, Venus, rules your sign.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Loving commitments continue to grow stronger. Ditto budding relationships. A recent move to help start-up a new career-linked direction soon could begin to show signs of progress.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Single Moon Children might be eager to take that proverbial chance on love. But your more serious side will feel better if you take things slowly and give your moonstruck self more time.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) It's a love fest for Leos and Leonas this week. Paired Cats might expect to be purr-fectly in sync. And with matchmaking friends, single Simbas searching for romance shouldn't have too far to look.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) More understanding on both sides can work miracles in restoring ailing relationships to health. Make the first move, and you'll be closer to your much-wanted reunion.

top ten

Collector Car Sales*

1. Porsche 911
2. Chevy Corvette
3. Ford Mustang
4. Mercedes-Benz SL
5. Chevy Camaro
6. Ford Shelby Mustang
7. Ford GT
8. Chevy Chevelle
9. BMW 3 Series
10. Chevy C/K

*2020 dollar volume

Source: Classic.com

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Accept the fact that you are worthy of being loved, and you'll find proof in what is revealed to you over the course of the week. Also accept a compliment offered with great sincerity.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Planning to take a new direction in life is exciting. And so is a new awareness of someone's special affection. Expect a slow and mostly steady development of the situation.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Although you might still feel you weren't treated quite right in a recent matter, all that will work out in time. Meanwhile, enjoy the week's special qualities and potentials.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Deciding not to give up on a troubling romantic situation helps start the healing process. Expect to find some valuable insight into yourself as things move along.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) The week is filled with positive potentials, but it's up to you to make the right choices. The advice of someone who truly cares for you and your well-being can be priceless.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) It's a good time to make yourself available to possibilities of the romantic kind. Already paired? Good. In that case, be sure to reassure that special person of your feelings.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your generosity gladdens the hearts of others, and you bask in their joy.

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Mediterranean Diet Stands the Test of Time

The Mediterranean diet is in the news again, not only because it's the start of a new year, but also because it was named as one of the most popular and healthiest diets by several publications. The origins of the "Mediterranean diet" are lost in time because it's based on the eating habits of the Middle Ages, in which the ancient Roman tradition -- on the model of the Greeks -- identified in bread, wine and oil products a symbol of rural culture and agriculture. These were supplemented by sheep cheese, vegetables (leeks, mallow, lettuce, chicory, mushrooms) and a little meat, and among Romans, a strong preference for fish and seafood.

According to a National Center of Biotechnology Information article, the discovery of the health benefits of the Mediterranean diet is attributed to American scientist Ancel Keys, who researched the correlation between cardiovascular disease and diet for the first time.

In the 1950s, Keys was struck by a phenomenon, for which he could not, at first, provide a full explanation. The poor population of small towns of southern Italy was, against all predictions, much healthier than the wealthier citizens of New

York, many of whom had Italian ancestors who emigrated to the United States. Keys suggested that this depended on food, and tried to validate his original insight, focusing on foods that made up the diet of these populations.

This study proved that populations that had adopted a diet based on the Mediterranean diet presented a very low rate of cholesterol in the blood and, consequently, a minimum percentage of coronary heart disease. This was mainly due to the plentiful use of olive oil, bread, pasta, vegetables, herbs, garlic, red onions and other foods of vegetable origin, and a rather moderate use of meat.

The modern Mediterranean diet is characterized by the emphasis on plant foods such as grains, vegetables and fruits. Olives, olive oil, nuts, beans, legumes, seeds and herbs/spices are also part of the Mediterranean eating style. The Mediterranean lifestyle also recognizes the importance of physical activity and social interaction at mealtimes.

Grains should be mostly whole grains and can include whole-wheat breads, whole-wheat pasta, oats, brown rice, couscous, quinoa or barley.

Fruits and vegetables can be fresh, frozen or canned. The nutrients are similar between the three forms. Canned vegetables can have more sodium, so rinse before using or buy lower sodium options. Fruits and vegetables can be cooked or eaten raw.

Olives and olive oil are staples of the Mediterranean eating style. Olive oil is the main source of fat and is used in cooking, as salad dressing, as a light drizzle on vegetables or as a dip for bread. Olive oil is higher in heart-healthy unsaturated fats and should replace saturated fats like butter or margarine.

Nuts, beans, legumes and seeds are the main sources of protein, healthy fats and fiber. Common beans include chickpeas (garbanzo beans), cannellini beans, kidney beans, lentils and black beans. Nuts are good as a snack, on a salad or added to other dishes.

Herbs and spices add flavor and aroma to foods. They reduce the need for salt and can be rich in health-promoting antioxidants.

This delicious baking-pan recipe for Salmon Roasted with Broccoli and Tomatoes is an effortless way to incorporate the Mediterranean diet eating plan into your lifestyle.

SALMON ROASTED WITH BROCCOLI AND TOMATOES

- 1 pound fresh or frozen skinless salmon fillet • 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 teaspoons Italian or poultry seasoning • 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1 1/2 teaspoons black pepper • 2 cups grape or cherry tomatoes
- 2 cups broccoli florets • 2 cloves garlic, minced • 1 lemon
- 2 tablespoons snipped fresh basil and/or parsley • 1 tablespoon honey

1. Line a 15-by-10-inch baking pan with parchment paper. Rinse salmon; pat dry. Place salmon in prepared pan. Drizzle with 1 tablespoon of the oil and sprinkle with 1 teaspoon of the Italian or poultry seasoning, and 1 teaspoon of the salt and the pepper.
2. In a medium bowl, combine tomatoes, broccoli, garlic and the remaining 1 tablespoon of oil, the Italian or poultry seasoning, and the salt and pepper; toss to coat. Place in pan with salmon. Roast 15 to 18 minutes or just until salmon flakes.
3. Meanwhile, remove 1 teaspoon zest/peel from the lemon (do not use the white flesh or pith) and squeeze 3 tablespoon juice from lemon. In a small bowl, combine lemon zest and juice, the basil and/or parsley, and the honey. Spoon the mixture over salmon and vegetables before serving.

TIP: To thaw frozen fish, place in a sealed bag and submerge in a bowl of cold water for 30 minutes.

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Fort Lauderdale-Grand Bahama Ferry Service Is Returning

Ferry service between Florida and Grand Bahama is returning, Caribbean Journal has learned.

Ferry operator Balearia Caribbean will be relaunching its ferry service between Fort Lauderdale's Port Everglades and Freeport, Grand Bahama on Feb. 11.

During the first phase, the service will operate once a week on Thursdays.

It's anticipated that a second sailing will also be implemented at the end of February, most likely on Sundays.



Grand Bahama

The Ritz-Carlton, St. Thomas Is Back and Better Than Ever

It's just past five o'clock in the infinity pool, where the view stretches endlessly toward the towering hills of St John.

And then you turn around for a moment and the view is a different kind of beautiful, up the ridge toward the pastel-green lobby, surrounded by another green: palm trees and peaks.

It's another way of saying that you can look at this property at angle and you'll find something stunning.

This is the Ritz-Carlton, St Thomas, long the leading place to stay in the US Virgin Islands and now, still celebrating its \$100 million renovation, back and better than ever.

Indeed, at the end of 2019, just a few months before the pandemic, the resort relaunched following a dramatic \$100 million transformation, one that saw the complete redesign and updating of the property, an update that

was enjoyed for only a few months before the world changed.

And then in June, the Ritz-Carlton, St Thomas was one of the first luxury resorts in the Caribbean to reopen, quickly showing the region (and the world) that luxury, even amid the current challenges, was possible.

And that means luxury in every form: the luxury of breezy meals at the Sicilian-accented Alloro; the luxury of great design; the luxury of quiet serenity; and of course, of service, the kind that manages to be impeccable but never overbearing.

But luxury's also in the small details, like the wonderfully comfortable rooms, where USB and easy-to-access outlets abound, joined by a hidden-away Nespresso bar and other touches like motion-activated lights in the bathroom.

It's a pervasive feeling, something you notice from the moment you walk through the enchanting indoor-outdoor lobby, to the magnificently redesigned poolscape.

And while it's a spectacular place for the easy beach vacation,



The Ritz-Carlton

the resort is equally inviting for the active traveler, from broad watersports offerings to tennis to the Lady Lynsey II, the resort's exclusive catamaran, which takes guests on jaunts to St John, including the option of sailing over for dinner at one of several restaurants in St John.

Of course, St John is a major part of the experience here, even if you never make the trip — its imposing beauty just across the water yet another amenity for the

guest; turning a late afternoon in the pool into free admission to a picture gallery, the kind of view you can just watch, endlessly.

And that's the greatest luxury of all.

For more, visit the Ritz-Carlton, St. Thomas.

The US Virgin Islands is currently open for tourism; for more on the destination's protocols, visit USVI Update.

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Biden Signs Executive Orders Reversing Trump Immigration Policies

By Ken Bredemeier
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WASHINGTON - U.S. President Joe Biden signed executive orders Tuesday to start to dismantle former President Donald Trump's restrictive immigration policies, including an attempt to reunite families that had been separated at the U.S.-Mexican border.

"I'm not making new law. I'm eliminating bad policy," Biden said while signing the orders.

In the first hours of his presidency two weeks ago, Biden acted to halt construction of Trump's \$16 billion wall along the border and sent a far-reaching immigration bill to Congress, where lawmakers have long been stalemated between liberals looking to ease the path to U.S. citizenship and conservatives seeking to stem unauthorized immigration.

Biden's immediate focus is on the 3,100-kilometer southern border with Mexico, where Trump tried to keep thousands of migrants from Mexico, Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala from entering the U.S.

Trump led repair and expansion of a border wall and imposed tough detention and deportation policies for those who made it across the desolate border terrain and into the United States.

One of the orders Biden is signing would establish a task force designed to reunite more than 600 migrant children with their parents after federal authorities had split them up at the border in 2017 and 2018. Officials say first lady Jill Biden is expected to play an active role in the effort.

At the ceremony signing the executive orders, Biden said he hoped to remove "the stain" of family separations. Biden did not take questions from reporters Tuesday.

"President Biden's strategy is centered on the basic premise that our country is safe and stronger and more prosperous with a safe, orderly and humane immigration system that welcomes immigrants, keeps families together and allows people — both newly arrived immigrants and people who have lived here for generations — to more fully contribute to our country," the senior official told reporters.

The official said that Trump "was so focused on the wall that he did nothing to address the root cause of why people are coming to our southern border. It was a limited, wasteful and naive strategy, and it failed."

By contrast, backers of the previous administration's border initiatives said

Biden's orders will lead to chaos and lawlessness.

"By resuming the pre-pandemic pace of visas, abandoning common-sense asylum policies, and increasing the burden on our strained social safety net, these orders will advance a dangerous open-borders policy, take away jobs from Americans struggling to find employment, and kneecap America's economic recovery from lockdowns," Jessica Anderson, director of the political advocacy arm of Washington-based Heritage Foundation, said in a statement.

Biden plans to offer new aid to Central American countries to combat corruption and reinstate a program for certain at-risk children to live in the U.S.

The president also is directing the U.S. Homeland Security agency to review a Trump policy that requires non-Mexican migrants to stay in Mexico until their immigration court date in the U.S. but not immediately dismantle the program.

The policy has left 60,000 asylum seekers waiting in dangerous border towns. Biden has already stopped new enrollments in the program but not disclosed how he intends to deal with those still waiting in Mexico.

The president also plans to restore a program from the last Democratic administration under President Barack Obama allowing children under the age of 18 to apply to legally reunite with their parents already living in the United States.

"The situation at the border will not transform overnight," the senior Biden official said. "This is in large part due to the damage done over the last four years, but we are committed to addressing it in full."

More than 70,000 migrants have been detained or arrested at the border in each of the past four months, according to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection agency.

Biden's directives will also call for restoring the U.S. asylum system, which Trump had overhauled, making it exceedingly difficult for migrants to be granted asylum in the U.S.

However, Biden's immigration changes could face various court challenges. In his first week in office, he already sustained one legal setback when a federal judge temporarily blocked his 100-day pause in deportations while the case proceeds.



U.S. President Joe Biden signs executive orders on immigration reform inside the Oval Office at the White House in Washington, Feb. 2, 2021.



FILE - Detained migrant children from Central America line up to enter a tent at the Homestead Temporary Shelter for Unaccompanied Children in Homestead, Feb. 19, 2019.



FILE - Asylum seekers in Tijuana, Mexico, listen to names being called from a waiting list to allow them an opportunity to make their case, at a border crossing in San Diego, California, Sept. 26, 2019.

SPORTS



CRICKET

Four new members elected to BVI Cricket Association Executive body

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

Nellisha Peters, James Harris, Colin Campbell and Vaden Walker, were the four new members elected to the BVI Cricket Association Executive Committee, during Saturday night's Annual General Meeting, held in the Breezeway of the Central Administration Complex.

Only the posts of Assistant Treasurer, Public Relations Officer and Committee Members were contested as the other posts were unopposed.

Vajendra Bharat was re-elected as President for a second term, as well as Vice President Neil Niles and Secretary Tameka Johnson. Peters and Harris were unopposed for Assistant Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Cameron Williams retained his post as Assistant Treasurer by a 6-3 margin over Jasmattie Yamraj, the former Treasurer. Campbell got the Public Relations Officer's by a 6-3 margin over Gloria Fahie. With eight votes, Brent DeFreitas stayed on as a Committee Member and was joined by Walker who had four votes. Reno Mettleholzer and Marcia Fredericks garnered three and two votes each.

"Thanks to the teams for having the faith to elect the previous board and we're looking forward to serving cricket and taking it to the level it should be," Bharat told Island Sun Sports in an exclusive interview. "It was a decent turnout, I saw nine of the 10 clubs in the BVI

were here, that's good and that's interesting for Cricket. It's interesting for cricket when you have proper representation. Good to see the clubs out tonight."

Bharat said he welcomed the new members to the board and described them as "additional support."

"Based on what we had going on, we can only go to greater strength," he said. "Our first approach (for starting the league) is to approach the Ministry of Health and know what we're allowed to do. We have protocols from the West Indies Cricket Board, and the ICC (International Cricket Council) in general, that set guidelines for cricket in the cricketing world, so that along with the Ministry of Health here, we'll see what we are allowed to do."

Bharat said over the last two years, cricket in Greenland shows that if you don't have a crowd, you can't pay to adequately administer the sport.

"The gate and the bar help us offset our expenses," he noted.

Among plans are to get a cricket program affiliated with schools with a grassroots kiddie's cricket program, starting the foundation and working up from there. To achieve this, he said there's funding in place from the West Indies Cricket Board, which came through the former

Scotia Bank and there's a new sponsor in place. He said that they were waiting to get elections out the way and now they have to re-approach West Indies Cricket Board, to launch the school and academic program, which they hope to do in March.

Regarding challenges, Bharat said one of the major challenges cricket faces in the territory since the time of A. O. Shirley, who secured the grounds in Road Town that bears his name from the Administrator at that time and was home to the sport for 36 years through 2004, is having its own venue—something every sport needs.

"Cricket does not have a home in the BVI and it's going to be paramount for the development of cricket for it to have a home," he pointed out, noting the Greenland field where Twenty 20 is currently played is a small field. "There are options in Virgin Gorda. We went over there last Sunday. They have a decent sized ground there based on the additional land taken in for that ground and we're thinking we can make use of that ground. We're going to approach the Recreation Trust, try to work with them to see how much access we'll have to the ground."

Former president Shan Mohamed told Island Sun Sports that while the BVICA has done some good work in the last two years,



BVI Cricket Association President Vajendra Bharat, 2nd right, is surrounded by his new board

there were some areas lacking and feels the new appointments will remedy that.

"I'm pleased with the direction of new officers and I believe that it's a step in the right direction and we can only hope for the best," he said. "Cricket as you know, is always at a crossroads and leadership matters. I think Bharat has a team behind the team and that's why he's the better choice for president and he has demonstrated that with a lot of other work on the field other than cricket."

Mohamed noted that while cricket isn't a BVI sport per say, there's competition for facilities used throughout the territory. "It's important that we find a way to make sure that cricket still has a place in the British Virgin Islands," he said.

FOOTBALL

Wolues fend off stubborn Virgin Gorda Avengers, 3-1 for league title

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

In their biggest test of the season, unbeaten Wolues fended off an aggressive and stubborn Virgin Gorda Avengers, 3-1 on Saturday, to bring the curtains down on their Futsal League campaign at Cedar School.

"It was a good game, exciting, physical, our girls aren't used to that much physicality so they were a bit intimidated for a while but they played well, held their ground, made some good plays," Wolues Coach Peter Van Zoost told Island Sun Sports. "It was a fun game to watch. It was exciting, it stayed close for a while. The other team had an awesome keeper and Tinia (Van Zoost) did very well for her team as well so it made a challenge for both teams to get a goal, so it was a good game."

Van Zoost said it was his team's toughest game but they stepped up and did a good job. Darci Reich gave Wolues an early 1-0 lead, but Laverne Fahie struck back before half time to

level the game at 1-1. The Wolues made it 2-1 a minute later, a lead they'd carry into the half. A back and forth second period saw the Wolues passing the ball around, probing for cushion of another goal, but also defending resolutely as the Avengers remained a constant threat and it wasn't until the 44th minute when Reich settled matters with her second goal of the game.

"They've got a lot to be proud of," Van Zoost said of his team. "They've had a clean sheet for the whole season. It's a good feat for them, I think we're all pretty proud."

Van Zoost said Avengers played hard, they were aggressive and they have some good players.

"They weren't sitting back," he noted. "They were pressing the ball, they weren't giving our girls any time, so it was really good to see them work hard and they really pushed the play so it was good."

Avengers Manager Gloria Fahie, described the game as "awesome" but fitness was a factor for her team.

"We have girls working on Tortola, by the time they come over on the 5 o'clock boat and try to get on the field for 7 o'clock, they're tired. Some have online classes too, so fitness is the thing with our team," Fahie said. "They have skills, but the fitness level and we have two players who haven't seen the pitch since the first game because of work but today, they got the time off so they came and of course we're going to play them because it's an equal opportunity thing."

Fahie said she wasn't going to say "you haven't been here for a while, you haven't practiced so I'm not playing you." "They managed to make it out today and got them in the game. The Wolues are not a hard team to conquer because they basically have one play," Fahie noted. "I wanted everyone to feel appreciated so everybody got



After a 3-1 win over the Avengers, Wolues players celebrate their unbeaten season

to go in the game. We had some frustrating moments, but I feel we should have won the game. We had some little hiccups but we can beat the team however, fitness is the key. Obviously, Wolues play together. They're here every day and practice together and this is their pitch so they have an advantage."

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As she goes airborne, Anjanique Cheltenham keeps her eyes on the sand while official Yohance Smith keeps his eyes on her take off point on the Long Jump board



U11 participants competing in the 80m dash in the Dag Samuels Development Series



Avengers Captain Ebony Fahie, controls the ball ahead of the Wolues Tola Broderick



A Virgin Gorda United player (yellow) and his Rebels counterpart seeking ball control



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JARBIN CORP.

Company No. 1950573
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

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Sgd. QUERUBE CASTILLO DE NUÑEZ
Voluntary Liquidator
[86/1]

Delander Investments S.A.

Company No. 1954758
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that Delander Investments S.A. is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 29th January, 2021 and **RAMÓN ORTIZ DE TARANCO of Ruta 8 km. 17500, Zonamerica, Local 115 A, 91600 Montevideo, Uruguay**, has been appointed as Sole Liquidator. Dated this 29th day of January, 2021.
Sgd. RAMÓN ORTIZ DE TARANCO
Voluntary Liquidator
[86/2]

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

BERGER, YOUNG & ASSOCIATES LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 298486

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 28th day of January 2021. The Liquidator is **Paul S. Austin, of Calle A, No. 310, Apt 7A, Miramar, Playa, Havana, Cuba**. Dated this 29th day of January 2021.
Paul S. Austin
Voluntary Liquidator
[86/3]

DAKLA HOLDINGS LIMITED

Company No. 1974606
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **DAKLA HOLDINGS LIMITED** is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 6th January, 2021 and **Charalambos Meivatzis of 12 Egypt Street, 1097 Nicosia, Cyprus**, has been appointed as Sole Liquidator. Dated this 29th January, 2021.
Sgd. CHARALAMBOS MEIVATZIS
Voluntary Liquidator
[86/4]

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

AVONDALE UNITED LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 173513

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 27th day of January 2021. The Liquidator is **Alex Leonardo Chiang Cárdenas, of Calle 23, No. 7004, Apto 2, entry 70 y 70A, Playa, Havana, Cuba**. Dated this 29th day of January 2021.
Alex L. Chiang Cárdenas
Voluntary Liquidator
[86/5]

BLUEWATER BUSINESS HOLDING S.A.

Company No. 1607696
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **BLUEWATER BUSINESS HOLDING S.A.** is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 28th January, 2021 and **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 29th day of January, 2021
Sgd. Querube C. De Nuñez
Voluntary Liquidator
[86/6]

BENSON TRADE & INVESTMENTS INC.

Company No. 552022
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **BENSON TRADE & INVESTMENTS INC.** is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 27th January, 2021 and **Querube C. De Nuñez of c/o MMG Trust (BVI) Corp., Pasea Estate, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands** been appointed as the Sole Liquidator. Dated this 29th day of January, 2021
Sgd. Querube C. De Nuñez
Voluntary Liquidator
[86/7]

PACIFIC ASIA DEVELOPMENT INC.

Company No. 122137
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **PACIFIC ASIA DEVELOPMENT INC.** has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from January 7th, 2021. Dated this 29th day of January 2021
Sgd. TAN Siew Chin
Voluntary Liquidator
[86/8]

Karamea Partners Limited

Company No. 1777053
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **Karamea Partners Limited**, is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 27th January, 2021 and **Querube Castillo de Nuñez of Paseo del Mar and Pacific Avenues, Costa del Este, MMG Tower, 23rd Floor, Panama City, Republic of Panama**, has been appointed as Sole Liquidator. Dated this 27th January, 2021.
Sgd. QUERUBE CASTILLO DE NUÑEZ
Voluntary Liquidator
[86/9]

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

DBW Investments Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 6th day of July, 2020, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidators is: -
Petra Herbert
Of Nerine Chambers
Po Box 905
Road Town, Tortola
British Virgin Islands
[86/10]

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

Wavepoint Gardens Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 6th day of July, 2020, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidators is: -
Chris Ashwell
Of France House
Sir William Place
St Peter Port
Guernsey
GY1 1GX
[86/11]

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

Whistle Investments Group Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 28th 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
Of Nerine Chambers,
Road Town, Tortola
British Virgin Islands
[86/12]

NOTICE

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

Whistle Investments Group Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 28th 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
Of Nerine Chambers,
Road Town, Tortola
British Virgin Islands
[86/13]

NOTICE

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

AIC Investment Holding Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 27th 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
Of Nerine Chambers,
Road Town, Tortola
British Virgin Islands
[86/14]

NOTICE

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

Benco Investments Inc

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 4th day of December, 2020, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidators is: -
Cornelia Tschanz
Of c/o Toendury + Partner AG
Austrasse 15, 9495 Triesen
Liechtenstein
[86/15]

NOTICE

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

Coromia International Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 31st day of December, 2020, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidators is: -
Demetris Achilleos
Of Agias Fyllaxeos & Zinonos 2
1st Floor, 3082 Limassol
Cyprus
[86/16]

NOTICE

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

Yuna Investments Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 4th day of January 2021, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register. The Liquidators is: -
Marsha Corum
Of Nerine Chambers,
Road Town, Tortola
British Virgin Islands
[86/17]

MERRY HILL ENTERPRISES LTD.

Company No. 229397
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **MERRY HILL ENTERPRISES LTD.** is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 19th January, 2021 and **Mrs. LINETH PONCE of MMG Tower, 23rd Floor, Avenida del Pacifico and Avenida Paseo del Mar, Costa del Este, Panama, Republic of Panama**, has been appointed as Sole Liquidator. Dated this: 20th day of January, 2021
Sgd. Mrs. LINETH PONCE
Voluntary Liquidator
[86/18]

A3 (BVI) ALPHA LIMITED

Company No. 1899572
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **A3 (BVI) ALPHA LIMITED** has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 29th January, 2020. Dated this 2nd day of February, 2021.
Sgd. David Gaskell
Voluntary Liquidator
[86/19]

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

MASSIVE TEAM LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1986813

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 1st day of February, 2021. The liquidator is **Choi Oi Mei of 4601 Jardine House, Central, HK**. Dated: 1st day of February 2021
(Sgd.) Choi Oi Mei
Voluntary Liquidator
[86/20]

NOTICE

BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT

Global Strategy Allocation Limited

("the Company")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 29th 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:- Martin Chesler of c/o Clermont Consultants (UK) Limited Regent House, Allum Gate Elstree & Borehamwood, Herts WD6 4RS United Kingdom**
[86/21]

PUBLIC NOTICES

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

OVANALIL HOLDINGS LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No: 1410281

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 28th day of January, 2021. The liquidator is Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated: 28th day of January, 2021

(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan

Liquidator

[86/22]

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

PRIMIS REAL ESTATE LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No:2003630

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 28th day of January, 2021. The liquidator is Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated: 28th day of January, 2021

(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan

Liquidator

[86/23]

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

ACUMEN MANAGEMENT CONSULTING LTD

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No: 1996407

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 28th day of January, 2021. The liquidator is Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated: 28th day of January, 2021

(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan

Liquidator

[86/24]

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

Phantasta Computing Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No:1719783

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 21st January, 2021.

(Sgd.) Karina Baschetto

Liquidator

[86/25]

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

GAILMORE 5 LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No: 364126

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 29th January, 2021.

(Sgd.) Trevor Rix

Liquidator

[86/26]

Cloudblue Investment Company Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company Number 1995615

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 1st day of February, 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 1st day of February, 2021

Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson

Voluntary Liquidator

86/27]

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

UNITED POINT LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1986810

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 1st day of February, 2021. The liquidator is **Choi Oi Mei of 4601 Jardine House, Central, HK.**

Dated: 1st day of February 2021

(Sgd.) Choi Oi Mei

Voluntary Liquidator

[86/28]

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

GAIN PROVE LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1977741

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 1st day of February, 2021. The liquidator is **Choi Oi Mei of 4601 Jardine House, Central, HK.**

Dated: 1st day of February 2021

(Sgd.) Choi Oi Mei

Voluntary Liquidator

[86/29]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

PIXEL BUSINESS LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1848562

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 29th 2021.

Dated: February 1, 2021

(Sgd.) JULIO-ISMAEL PINERO FERRO

Voluntary Liquidator

[86/30]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

DENICCE LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1824287

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 29th 2021.

Dated: February 1, 2021

(Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela

Voluntary Liquidator

[86/31]

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

ABUNDANT YIELD HOLDINGS GROUP LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1972243

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 1st day of February, 2021. The liquidator is **Wong Sui Kwan of Flat 12, 12/F., Lok Tin House, Tsz Lok Estate, Tsz Wan Shan, Kwoloon, Hong Kong.**

Dated: 1st day of February 2021

(Sgd.) Wong Sui Kwan

Voluntary Liquidator

[86/32]

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

FULL AMAZING LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1986812

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 1st day of February, 2021. The liquidator is **Choi Oi Mei of 4601 Jardine House, Central, HK.**

Dated: 1st day of February 2021

(Sgd.) Choi Oi Mei

Voluntary Liquidator

[86/33]

NORBIZ S.A.

Company No. 1986028

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that NORBIZ S.A., has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 29th January, 2021.

Dated this 1st day of February, 2021

Sgd. QUERUBE CASTILLO DE

NUÑEZ

Voluntary Liquidator

[86/34]

STALER REAL LTD.

Company No. 1965648

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that STALER REAL LTD., has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 29th January, 2021.

Dated this 1st day of February, 2021

Sgd. QUERUBE CASTILLO DE

NUÑEZ

Voluntary Liquidator

[86/35]

HELYX LTD.

Company No. 2027133

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that HELYX LTD., has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 29th January, 2021.

Dated this 1st day of February, 2021

Sgd. ELIANA FERRETO

Voluntary Liquidator

[86/36]

ANFER PROPERTIES LTD.

Company No. 1932485

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that ANFER PROPERTIES LTD., has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 29th January, 2021.

Dated this 1st day of February, 2021

Sgd. QUERUBE CASTILLO DE

NUÑEZ

Voluntary Liquidator

[86/37]

KENA Overseas Ltd.

Company No. 1969823

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that KENA Overseas Ltd., has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 29th January, 2021.

Dated this 1st day of February, 2021

Sgd. QUERUBE CASTILLO DE

NUÑEZ

Voluntary Liquidator

[86/38]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

OMEGA INVESTMENT SOLUTIONS LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1894801

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 28, 2021.

Dated: February 1, 2021

(Sgd.) Mardiros Haladjian

Voluntary Liquidator

[86/39]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

ALDEBARAN MANAGEMENT LTD

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1887591

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 28, 2021.

Dated: February 1, 2021

(Sgd.) Phani Schiza Antoniou

Voluntary Liquidator

[86/40]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act

Tronia Investments Ltd

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1726376

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 28, 2021.

Dated: February 1, 2021

(Sgd.) Angelos Paphitis

Voluntary Liquidator

[86/41]

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

GOLDMINGTON LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1656881

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on February 1, 2021. The Liquidator is **Sandra Maria Guevara Pinar** with address at Mata Redonda, Calle 92, Avenida 12 diagonal, San Jose, Costa Rica.

Dated: February 1, 2021.
(Sgd.) **Sandra Maria Guevara Pinar**
Voluntary Liquidator
[86/42]

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

Brixcor LTD

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1804093

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on February 1, 2021. The Liquidator is **Jonathan Sherman** with address at 20 Zahal street, Kfar Azar, 5590500, Israel.

Dated: February 1, 2021.
(Sgd.) **Jonathan Sherman**
Voluntary Liquidator
[86/43]

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

Measure Fox Global Holdings Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1913618

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 29th day of January, 2021. The liquidator is **ZHANG Meijing** of No. 22, Row 1, Area 2, Cuizhuangzi Village, Youguzhuang Town, Jixian County, Tianjin, China.

Dated: 2nd day of February, 2021
(Sgd.) **ZHANG Meijing**
Liquidator
[86/44]

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

Weiming Lakeside Holdings Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1913619

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 29th day of January, 2021. The liquidator is **ZHANG Meijing** of No. 22, Row 1, Area 2, Cuizhuangzi Village, Youguzhuang Town, Jixian County, Tianjin, China.

Dated: 2nd day of February, 2021
(Sgd.) **ZHANG Meijing**
Liquidator
[86/45]

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

Sunmumu Holdings Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1913620

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 29th day of January, 2021. The liquidator is **ZHANG Meijing** of No. 22, Row 1, Area 2, Cuizhuangzi Village, Youguzhuang Town, Jixian County, Tianjin, China.

Dated: 2nd day of February, 2021
(Sgd.) **ZHANG Meijing**
Liquidator
[86/46]

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

Fulcrum Overseas Holdings Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1944354

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 15th December, 2020. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan** of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated: 15th day of December, 2020
(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator
[86/47]

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

BLADEx FINANCE LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on January 27, 2021. The Liquidator is **Mr. Michael Joseph Dunne** with address at Apt 2, Thornfield, Donnybrook, Dublin 4, Ireland.

Dated: January 27, 2021.
(Sgd.) **Michael Joseph Dunne**
Voluntary Liquidator
[86/48]

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

Cassette Holdings Ltd

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on January 29, 2021. The Liquidator is **Mr. Kevin Ackerman** with address at Seestrass 37, 8002 Zürich, Switzerland.

Dated: January 29, 2021.
(Sgd.) **Kevin Ackerman**
Voluntary Liquidator
[86/49]

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

OLINDA INVESTMENTS INC.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on January 27, 2021. The Liquidator is **Mr. Michael Joseph Dunne** with address at Apt 2, Thornfield, Donnybrook, Dublin 4, Ireland.

Dated: January 27, 2021.
(Sgd.) **Michael Joseph Dunne**
Voluntary Liquidator
[86/50]

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

STATORIO REALTY LTD

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on January 25, 2021. The Liquidator is **ZABDI AILIN CHOW KAI CACERES** with address at PH Capital Plaza, 19th Floor, Office 1902, Costa del Este, Panama, Republic of Panama.

Dated: January 25, 2021.
(Sgd.) **ZABDI AILIN CHOW KAI CACERES**
Voluntary Liquidator
[86/51]

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

JUTAI ELECTRONIC CO., LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1558200

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 2nd day of February, 2021. The liquidator is **Qian Wei Juan** of No. 26, 2 Qianjia Alley, Dianqiao Village, Yushan Town, Changshu City, Jiangsu Province, China.

Dated: 2nd day of February 2021
(Sgd.) **Qian Wei Juan**
Voluntary Liquidator
[86/52]

ASSET MANAGEMENT & CAPITAL LTD.

Company No. 537494

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **ASSET MANAGEMENT & CAPITAL LTD.** has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 2nd February, 2021.

Dated this 2nd day of February, 2021
Sgd. Mrs. LINETH PONCE
Voluntary Liquidator
[86/53]

NOBLE TEND LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company Number 348490

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 2nd day of February, 2021. The Liquidator is **Kwok Wai Ming** of Suite 2801-3, 28/F., China United Centre, 28 Marble Road, North Point, Hong Kong.

Dated this 2nd day of February, 2021
Sgd. Kwok Wai Ming

Kwok Wai Ming

Voluntary Liquidator
[86/54]

NOVEL WELL LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company Number 1536699

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 2nd day of February, 2021.

Dated this 2nd day of February, 2021
Sgd. Kwok Wai Ming

Kwok Wai Ming

Voluntary Liquidator
[86/55]

BEST CASTING LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company Number 351517

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 2nd day of February, 2021.

Dated this 2nd day of February, 2021
Sgd. Kwok Wai Ming

Kwok Wai Ming

Voluntary Liquidator
[86/56]

CAPITAL TODAY INVESTMENT VII LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company Number 1396517

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, Subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from the 28th day of January, 2021.

Dated this 1st day of February, 2021
Sgd. XU Fangying

XU Fangying

Voluntary Liquidator [86/57]

PARKER ASSOCIATES LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company Number 1845375

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 1st day of February, 2021.

Dated this 1st day of February, 2021
Sgd. Heung Tsz Chau

Heung Tsz Chau

Voluntary Liquidator
[86/58]

Tongli Samoa Shipping Co., Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company Number 1619423

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 1st day of February, 2021.

Dated this 1st day of February, 2021
Sgd. Ji Meng

Ji Meng

Voluntary Liquidator
[86/59]

GENERAL SCIENCE INC.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company Number 396613

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 29th day of January, 2021.

Dated this 1st day of February, 2021
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson

Voluntary Liquidator
[86/60]

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

Wagoner International Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1435185

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 28th day of January 2021. The Liquidator is **Alex Leonardo Chiang Cárdenas**, of Calle 23, No. 7004, Apto 2, entry 70 y 70A, Playa, Havana, Cuba.

Dated this 2nd day of February 2021.

Alex L. Chiang Cárdenas

Voluntary Liquidator
[86/61]

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Liquidator's Final Notice
FERNHILL MANAGEMENT LIMITED
("the Company")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 598120
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to section (208) (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 2nd February 2021.
Dated 3rd February 2021
Carmine Bailey
Voluntary Liquidator
[86/62]

RIO DEL PLATA INVESTMENTS CORP.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
(BC No. 538174)
NOTICE is hereby given that the Company has been dissolved and has been struck from the Register of Companies.
Adriana Guss
Voluntary Liquidator
[86/63]

DIVERSIFIED TRADING INC.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
(BC No. 26723)
NOTICE is hereby given that the Company has been dissolved and has been struck from the Register of Companies.
Ruddy Margarito Mendez Taleno
Voluntary Liquidator
[86/64]

MUCKROE PARTNERS INC.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
(BC No. 1898192)
NOTICE is hereby given that the Company has been dissolved and has been struck from the Register of Companies.
RODRIGO HERNÁNDEZ
Voluntary Liquidator
[86/65]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004
Glenro Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No: 321199
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 3rd day of February, 2021. The liquidator is *Kenneth Douglas Dettman*, of 931 W Las Olas Blvd, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312, United States of America.
Dated: 3rd day of February, 2021
(Sgd.) *Kenneth Douglas Dettman*
Liquidator
[86/66]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004
MAXIMA LOGISTICS COMPANY LTD
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No: 1519717
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 2nd February, 2021.
(Sgd.) *Ms. JILLIAN TERESIA JAMES*
Liquidator
[86/67]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004
West Valley Group Corporation
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 475350
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 03rd day of February, 2021. The liquidator is *Claudia David* of 20170 NE 3rd Ct #5, Miami, FL 33179, United States of America.
Dated: February 03, 2021
(Sgd.) *Claudia David*
Voluntary Liquidator
[86/68]

Notice of Appointment of a Voluntary Liquidator under Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004
Variation Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1435017
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 27th day of January 2021. The Liquidator is *Alex Leonardo Chiang Cárdenas*, of Calle 23, No. 7004, Apto 2, entry 70 y 70A, Playa, Havana, Cuba.
Dated this 3rd day of February 2021.
Alex L. Chiang Cárdenas
Voluntary Liquidator [86/69]

Notice of Appointment of a Voluntary Liquidator under Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004.
BY HOLDINGS LTD.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 363058
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 28th day of January 2021. The Liquidator is *Paul S. Austin*, of Calle A, No. 310, Apt 7A, Miramar, Playa, Havana, Cuba.
Dated this 3rd day of February 2021.
Paul S. Austin
Voluntary Liquidator [86/70]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004
SUPERB BLISS LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1880821
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 29th January, 2021
Dated: 3rd February, 2021.
(Sgd.) *ZUO Pei*
Liquidator [86/71]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004
Encore Capital Investments Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1930728
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 29th January, 2021.
Dated: 3rd February, 2021.
(Sgd.) *LI Yiqian*
Liquidator
[86/72]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004
HobokenJeddak Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1991956
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 29th January, 2021.
Dated: 3rd February, 2021
(Sgd.) *JIA Jia* (□□)
Liquidator [86/73]

DAKLA HOLDING LIMITED
Company No. 1971606
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **DAKLA HOLDING LIMITED** is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 29th January, 2021 and *Charalambos Meivatzis* of 12 Egypt Street, 1097 Nicosia, Cyprus, has been appointed as Sole Liquidator.
Dated this 3rd February, 2021.
Sgd. CHARALAMBOS MEIVATZIS
Voluntary Liquidator
[86/74]

WENTWORTH GROUP HOLDING LTD.
Company No. 1069055
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **WENTWORTH GROUP HOLDING LTD.** has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 2nd February, 2021
Dated this 2nd day of February, 2021
Sgd. Jacques-Michel Rossi
Voluntary Liquidator
[86/75]

ARSPAN S.A.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 584586
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)-(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **ARSPAN S.A.** is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 28th 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 1st day of February, 2021.
(Sgd.) *Nicola Gillespie*
Voluntary Liquidator
[86/76]

GREEN WOODS INVESTMENTS LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 310821
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)-(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **GREEN WOODS INVESTMENTS LIMITED** is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 28th 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 1st day of February, 2021.
(Sgd.) *Nicola Gillespie*
Voluntary Liquidator
[86/77]

**THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
VIRGIN ISLANDS
PROBATE NO. 0013 OF 2021**

**IN THE ESTATE OF MANU CHIARAVANOND, 193
SOI SUKHUMVIT 49 (MIDDLE), KHLONG TAN
NUEA SUB-DISTRICT, WATTHANA DISTRICT,
BANGKOK, THAILAND, DECEASED**

**FORM P7: ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION
FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION**

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by *Prapaporn Chiaravanond*, 29/2 Akkhaphat Alley, Khlong Tan Nuea Sub-district, Vadhana District, Bangkok Metropolis, Thailand, for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who is a natural and lawful wife of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on 28 October 2017.

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 2nd day of February 2021

Filed by *Conyers Dill and Pearman*,
Legal Practitioners for the Applicant, whose address for service is
Commerce House, *Wickhams Cay 1*,
P.O. Box 3140, *Road Town*,
Tortola, *British Virgin Islands* *VG1110*.

Tel: 1 (284) 852 1000 Fax: 1 (284) 852 1001

Email: Robert.Lindley@conyers.com

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

AROSEM TRADING LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1578178

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on February 3, 2021. The Liquidator is Stelios Ioakim with address at 29, Edessas Street Limassol, 3115, Limassol, Cyprus.

Dated: February 4, 2021.

(Sgd.) Stelios Ioakim

Voluntary Liquidator

[86/78]

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

MEDEVA VENTURE LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1675649

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on February 3, 2021. The Liquidator is Delio Jose De Leon Mela with address at Bloc Office Hub, Fifth Floor, Santa Maria Business District, Panama City, Republic of Panama.

Dated: February 4, 2021.

(Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela

Voluntary Liquidator

[86/79]

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

Bithome Global Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2019553

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 3rd February, 2021.

Dated: 3rd day of February, 2021

(Sgd.) LIMENGJUN

Voluntary Liquidator

[86/80]

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

NEW EXPO GLOBAL LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1717365

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 28th day of January 2021. The Liquidator is Ray A. George, of Long Trench, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated this 4th February 2021.

Ray A. George

Voluntary Liquidator

[86/81]

**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
(PROBATE)
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS**

CLAIM NUMBER BVIHPB

In the Estate of Sidney Hendricks late of Jost Van Dyke, British Virgin Islands, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by LARINA JACOBS LAMOTHE of Huntums Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands for a Grant of Probate of the above named deceased who died on the 7th day of March 2010 without revoking a Will bearing the date of the 22nd day of March, 1996 wherein the applicant is named the sole executor.

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

Dated this 27th day of January, 2020.

Filed by Maximea & Co. Law Chambers Legal Practitioners for the Executrix 2nd Floor, Glancina George Building Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands Tel: 1 284 494 6623, 494 2366 whose address for service is the same.

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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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**THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
VIRGIN ISLANDS
PROBATE NO. 0015 OF 2021**

IN THE ESTATE OF JOHN CAMPION, late of 2823 Saint Johns Bluff Rd S, DuVal Jacksonville Florida, 32246, United States of America, DECEASED

FORM P7: ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF PROBATE

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by HAROLD E PATRICOFF of 200 S, Attorney-at-Law at Shutts & Bowen LLP for a Grant of Probate of the Last Will of the above named deceased who died on the 2nd day of October 2020 without revoking the will bearing the date of 17th day of December 2018 wherein the applicant is named sole executor.

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

Dated this 1st day of February, 2021

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A second UN term for a champion of causes crucial to the Caribbean

By Sir Ronald Sanders

United Nations Secretary-General, António Guterres, has announced his availability to serve a second term when his current term ends on December 31.

Arguably, Guterres is the UN Secretary-General that has paid the greatest attention to the concerns and challenges of the countries of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM). Over the last four years, the policies and priorities he has vigorously pursued and tirelessly advocated have aligned with the interests of the people of the Region.

When three Caribbean countries experienced grave destruction in 2017 and 2019, Guterres made it his business to fly to them, not only to witness the devastation but to make the world aware of the catastrophes, and to formulate plans to help.

Visiting Barbuda in 2017, weeks after the ravages of Hurricane Irma, he walked with the people who had suffered in the disaster that left no inhabitable house and no functional building. Guterres told the world, "I have been in areas torn by conflict. In my own country, I have seen earthquakes, I've seen storms [...] I have never seen such a high-level of devastation like the one that I witnessed in Barbuda." Moving from Barbuda to Dominica, which was worst affected because its population was much larger, the UN Chief declared, "the link between climate change and the devastation we are witnessing is clear, and there is a collective responsibility of the international community to stop this suicidal development."

He immediately launched an agenda on the theme of connecting climate change to natural disasters. Justification for his campaigning and advocacy was bolstered two years later, in 2019, when Hurricane Dorian demolished islands of the Bahamas chain. Again, turning up to focus world attention on the catastrophe, Guterres told global audiences, "Hurricane Dorian has been classified as Category 5. I think it's Category Hell."

The Secretary-General recognised the links between natural disasters caused by climate change, the accumulation of unsustainable debt by countries struggling to rebuild infrastructure and economies, and the crucial need for better debt forgiveness; debt rescheduling; and access to concessional financing from the International Financial Institutions. He has championed this stance relentlessly.

As recently as January 25, he told a Climate Adaptation Summit meeting in The Netherlands, "We are facing a climate emergency. We are already witnessing unprecedented climate extremes and volatility, affecting lives and livelihoods on all continents. According to the World Meteorological Organization, there have been more than 11,000 disasters due to weather, climate and water-related hazards over the past 50 years at a cost of some US\$3.6 trillion.

Extreme weather and climate-related hazards have also killed more than 410,000 people in the past decade, the vast majority in low and lower middle-income countries".

And, he added, "We must expand the provision of



liquidity and debt relief instruments to developing and middle-income countries that lack the resources to relaunch their economies in a sustainable and inclusive way". Guterres was commanding world attention to issues confronting the Caribbean region with the authority that Caribbean countries alone cannot muster.

He has also stressed that "The share for Least Developed Countries and Small Island Developing States in total climate finance remains small, representing only 14 per cent and 2 per cent of flows respectively". In that context, he has argued for "support for regional adaptation and resilience initiatives, that would allow, debt-for-adaptation swaps for the Caribbean or the Pacific Islands and provide much needed liquidity to vulnerable countries in dire need".

Similarly, since the middle of 2020, he has been warring for developing countries, particularly small states, over the devastating effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. In his unflinching championship, on January 25, he told the World Economic Forum in Davos, "Inclusive and sustainable recovery around the globe will depend on the availability and effectiveness of vaccines for all, immediate fiscal and monetary support in both developed and developing countries, and transformative longer-term stimulus measures".

Declaring that "Vaccines must be seen as global public goods -- people's vaccines", Guterres told the world's leading economic and financial leaders, "If developed countries think they will be safe if they vaccinate their own people while neglecting the developing world, they are wrong". He argued that what is required is "full funding for the Access to COVID-19 Tools Accelerator and its COVAX facility led by the World Health Organization (WHO)".

Countries in CARICOM, which now have no vaccines and little prospect of getting sufficient, under the existing COVAX programme of the WTO to inoculate their populations, strongly agree with Guterres' position. It is significant that he attended CARICOM Heads of Government Meetings in 2019 and 2020 to hear their concerns first-hand.

On January 28, the Secretary-General outlined his priorities. They reflect concerns expressed by CARICOM leaders, including promoting vaccine equity, providing access for the world's poorest countries; combatting climate change and biodiversity loss; conquering the grave impacts of poverty and inequality; and strengthening multilateralism to ensure delivery of public health, peace and a healthy environment.

Undoubtedly, there's good reason for all CARICOM leaders to take leaves from the books of Antigua and Barbuda's Prime Minister, Gaston Browne, who pledged his support by letter to Guterres on January 12, and British Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, who on the same day, "warmly welcomed the secretary-general's decision to run for a second term and congratulated him on a successful first term".

António Guterres, by just doing his job with fidelity to the countries he represents – including small states – has proven himself very worthy of the unequivocal support of CARICOM countries.



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CORRUPTION IS ENEMY NUMBER ONE

On his 2014 visit to Kenya, US President Barack Obama said that corruption could be the "biggest impediment" to a nation's growth.

We have all noticed how pervasive corruption has become; there is no area of human endeavor that is exempt from it. Politicians come at the top of the list, while key bureaucrats, sportspeople, business and finance people, and even some bishops and cardinals keep making headlines that are unsavory, to say the least.

Needless to say, the public is disenchanted with the institutions and the scandals they keep generating. Obviously, there are too many rotten apples in the basket and the rot keeps spreading. One sees a politician getting elected by making millions of promises; little or nothing materialises except for the politician's wealth, and that of his dear ones: all for the love of the country, of course.

Transparency International points out that poorly equipped schools, counterfeit medicine, and elections decided by money are just some of the consequences of public sector corruption. Bribes and backroom deals don't just steal resources from the most vulnerable – they undermine justice and economic development, and destroy public trust in government and leaders.

A decade of research from the World Bank and others has shown the damage that bribe-paying does to economies. This damage is not just to economic growth, by embedding the power of corrupt elites who prioritise personal enrichment over economic development, but also to ordinary citizens.

Anti-bribery and anti-corruption laws are designed to stop this abuse of power. Bribes distort the free market, which cannot be in the long-term interests of a well-run company.

The 2020 Transparency International (TI) report points to "countless lives lost due to the insidious effects of corruption undermining a fair and equitable global response" to the pandemic.

TI's analysis says corruption has diverted funds from much-needed investment in health care, leaving some communities without doctors, equipment, and also clinics and hospitals. "COVID-19 is not just a health and economic crisis; it's a corruption crisis and one that we're currently failing to manage," TI Chair Delia Ferreira Rubio stated in a press release.

A look at individual nations reveals that the three countries with the lowest perceived corruption levels are Denmark, New Zealand, and Finland, all ranking 1st — with South Sudan, Somalia, and Syria being at the other end of the spectrum.

The 2020 Transparency International report has placed the USA in 25th position; the UK earned the 11th position; Italy ranked 52nd; France 23rd; Trinidad 86th; Barbados ranked 29th; Dominican Republic 137th; Bahamas 30th; St. Vincent 40th; Grenada 52nd; Hungary 69th; Jamaica 69th; Guyana 83rd; Philippines 115th; Russia 129th; Zimbabwe 157th; and Libya at the bottom of the list ranking 173rd.

PUBLIC NOTICES

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

BVIHPB 2020/

In the Estate of CLARENCE VANTERPOOL JR late of Harrigan Estate, Tortola, The Virgin Islands, deceased

ADVERTISEMENT FOR APPLICATION OF GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by DENLEY ELLISON VANTERPOOL of Harrigan Estate, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, CARMEN ALVIRA VANTERPOOL-ROMNEY of 14-22 Bonne Resolution, St Thomas, United States Virgin Islands and DANDRA TRISHTON VANTERPOOL of Chalwell Estate, Tortola, British Virgin Islands for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicants who are three children of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 11th day of September, 2019.

Any person having an objection 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 2nd day of February, 2021.

Dancia Penn & Co
Legal Practitioners for the Intended Administrators

Filed by Dancia Penn & Co. Attorneys-at-Law whose address for service is 49 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands; telephone (284) 494 4197; Email: paralegalsupport@danciapenn.com

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

BVIHPB 2021/

In the Estate of:
ZORAIDA SOFIA CHANG VDA DE DIEBOLD
Deceased

TAKE NOTICE that Olivier Bernard DIEBOLD of 792 Regal Cove Rd, Weston, FL 33327, United States of America, the intended administrator of the estate of the late ZORAIDA SOFIA CHANG VDA DE DIEBOLD, late of Lima, Peru, who died intestate in Peru, on the 27th of February 2020, domiciled in Peru as aforesaid, have applied to the High Court in the Probate Division for the Grant of Letters of Administration to the Estate of the said ZORAIDA SOFIA CHANG VDA DE DIEBOLD, deceased.

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

Dated this 1st day of February 2021.

GRANT & Co
Solicitors for the Intended Administrators

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THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
(PROBATE)

BVIHPB2020/0203

In the Estate of MARIZSTA ASHOUYA SERGEANT late of The Valley, Virgin Gorda, deceased

PUBLIC NOTICE [Rules 15]

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by EARILL ERAEMUS SERGEANT and JACQUELINE JENNIFER SERGEANT both of The Valley, Virgin Gorda, in the British Virgin Islands, for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicants who are the surviving parents of the deceased, the deceased having died on the 10th day of March 2020.

Any person having an objection to the grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant shall file an objection within fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of this Notice.

Dated this 20th day of January, 2021.

GRACE CHAMBERS
Legal Practitioners for the Intended Administrators
(GC Ref: MZM.171.1273)

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THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
(PROBATE)

BVIHPB2020/0204

In the Estate of IAN HIRAM PHIPPS late of Hodges Creek, Tortola, deceased

PUBLIC NOTICE [Rules 15]

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by REANELL ANTOINETTE JONES-PHIPPS of Hodges Creek, Tortola, in the British Virgin Islands, for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant, who is the widow of the deceased, the deceased having died on the 15th day of March 2020.

Any person having an objection to the grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant shall file an objection within fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of this Notice.

Dated this 20th day of January, 2021.

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Full time sushi cook needed for busy restaurant.

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Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004
TREBOR INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS LIMITED
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No.106285
 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 4th February, 2021.
 Dated: 4th February, 2021.
 (Sgd.) *Fung Po Chun, Margaret and Lee Kwok Fai, Kenneth*
 Joint Liquidators [86/82]

CIRC MEDTECH LIMITED
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 Company Number 1543895
 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 1st day of February, 2021.
 Dated this 4th day of February, 2021
Sgd. Jeffrey Kirk
 Jeffrey Kirk
 Voluntary Liquidator
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1298, E-MAIL: l.turnbull@qwomartrading.com [s87]

M&M Construction is seeking to recruit the following; Full-Time : Handy Man Person should have basic knowledge of Mason and Carpenter; able to troubleshoot equipment and carry out repairs. Interested person can email their resume to mandmservicestation@hotmail.com[s87]

XIOMY'S BEAUTY SALON & NAILS seeks a full Time Hairdresser. Please call 540-5811 for details. [s87]

An experienced delivery driver is immediately needed at Mac's Restaurant at the Tortola Pier Park. The applicant must be mature with at least 5 years' driving experience. The applicant must be polite and capable of engaging with customers and other members of the public on a daily basis. Please call 346-9777 for further information.

A position is immediately available for a Customer Service Representative at Mac's Restaurant at the Tortola Pier Park. The applicant must be mature with a minimum of 5 years' experience in a restaurant environment. Interested individuals must also possess people skills as the position requires frequent contact with customers. The ability to multi-task is also an asset. Please call 346-9777 for further informatio [s87]

Part time position available for a Qualified & Registered Architect or Architectural Technician (ARB, AIA or RIAC) min. five years experience. BVI Islanders preferred. Send Resume to: admin@architecture.vg [s87]

Novet Donovan Painting Services requires the services of Two (2) Full Time Painters with 2 years experience. Must be able to paint buildings to the best of their ability. Please call 344-4621 for more information. [s87]

ROCK CLEANING & MAINTANCE SERVICES needs full time Cleaners. Please call 343-9083/545-6491 for more details. [s87]

Full Time Domestic Worker needed, a plus if person is bilingual. Please call 499-0497 for more information. [s87]

Education Ministry Soaring To Higher Heights Of Excellence

Minister for Education, Culture, Youth Affairs, Fisheries and Agriculture, Dr. the Honourable Natalio D. Wheatley has paid tribute to his team in the ministry who he stated is

and looks forward to making things better this year guided by the theme, "Soaring to Higher Heights of Excellence in Service to our Clients" for 2021.

lot of the clients that we serve are the children that represent the future and certainly we have to put the best interest of the children at the forefront of our minds. This is why I like the part of the theme, "Service to our Clients".

Permanent Secretary, Mrs. Carolyn Stoutt Igwe said that in service to its clients, it was important for the ministry to highlight some of the talented students who have benefitted from education in the Territory.

Mrs. Igwe said the ministry hosted a soiree as part of its custom to commence the work year. This year's activity she said featured a budding young entrepreneur who graduated from the culinary programme at the H Lavity Stoutt Community College and students of the culinary programme at the Virgin Islands School of Technical Studies.

The students expressed gratitude for the opportunity to showcase their talents and put what they learned in the classroom into practice.

The Ministry of Education, Culture, Youth Affairs, Fisheries and Agriculture will continue to provide leadership and funding, develop policy and legislation, develop accountability frameworks and monitor performance for all education, youth, sports, library, cultural and rehabilitative matters.



Culinary student from the Virgin Islands School of Technical Studies and Virgin Mojito drinks



made up of the most beautiful, hardworking and nicest persons across the Public Service. Honourable Wheatley said he feels incredibly privileged to be minister of such a dynamic team

"There is a real spirit of togetherness; it is like a family," he said, adding, "Never take for granted the role that we play," the minister said. He added, "A

HLSCC MARINE STUDIES BENEFITS FROM GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH ABYC



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)

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. 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 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 servic 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.



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

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



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Thoroughly cook meat and eggs



Avoid unprotected contact with live wild or farm animals



Labour Arbitration Tribunal Launches Webpage



Chairman of the Labour Arbitration Tribunal Mr. Jamal Smith LLB(Hons.), MCI Arb.

Chairman of the Labour Arbitration Tribunal Mr. Jamal Smith said the tribunal now has an online presence on the Government of the

Virgin Islands' website and is more accessible to the public.

Mr. Smith said the tribunal's webpage is an integral part of meeting the constitutional mandate to provide access to information, while balancing transparency and privacy by an institution funded from the public purse.

The chairman said documents and guides on the Labour Arbitration Tribunal's webpage include forms, procedural rules, published orders and awards.

"The webpage will also assist arbitrators, legal



Secretary to the Tribunal Mrs. Malisa Ragnauth-Mangal (Photo credit: GIS)

practitioners and other persons appearing before the tribunal, as well as serve as an important research tool in labour matters," Mr. Smith said.

Secretary to the tribunal Mrs. Malisa Ragnauth-Mangal said that she was also pleased that the Tribunal has a platform to further assist the public and has urged persons to utilise the proper channels to have their issues addressed.

The secretary said contacting the tribunal's chairman directly is prohibited and persons can contact the body at 468-4758, 468-4757 or via email at lat@gov.vg to receive assistance in a timely manner. Correspondences sent to the Tribunal should also be addressed to Mrs. Ragnauth-Mangal.

Persons can visit the tribunal's webpage at <http://bvi.gov.vg/departments/labour-arbitration-tribunal>.

The Labour Arbitration Tribunal is an independent body set up under the Labour Code, 2010 which has power to make orders and awards with the same force as that from the High Court. The tribunal cannot be directed or controlled by any other person or authority in the exercise of its powers, and parties appearing before the body are entitled to the same rights or privileges as they would have before any court.

Mrs. Rosalie Adams, OBE, To Lead Police Service Commission

Veteran public officer and retired Deputy Governor Mrs. Rosalie Adams, OBE, has been appointed to lead the Police Service Commission.

The Police Service Commission is responsible for advising the Governor on appointments to the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force, as well as disciplinary matters relating to police officers. As Chairwoman, Mrs. Adams will ensure that the Police Service Commission carries out its work in an impartial and fair manner.

Deputy Governor Mr. David D. Archer, Jr said that with more than 50 years of experience in the Public Service, Mrs. Adams is highly qualified to carry out this role.



Mrs. Rosalie Adams, OBE

"Mrs. Adams has served in many areas across the Public Service and has a reputation for being very effective at her work, but also for being fair-minded and kind," Mr. Archer, Jr. said, adding, "I am grateful that she is willing to continue her service by taking on this new role."

Mrs. Adams was awarded the OBE for services to the British Virgin Islands in 2018. She has also served as Acting Governor; led the BVI Honours Committee and the BVI Diabetes Association; and has been active in numerous other community-based organisations.

Section 97 of the Virgin Islands Constitution Order, 2007 empowers the Police Service Commission to advise His Excellency the Governor on appointing, disciplining and removing members of the Police Force. Additionally, the commission advises the Governor on any complaints made by the public in relation to an officer.

Bregado Flax Educational Centre Receives Solar System

The Bregado Flax Educational Centre Secondary Division is the recipient of a solar system courtesy Unite BVI.

The solar system is the first grid tied connection with a by-directional meter which means that the generated power that is not being used will be filtered back to the main BVI Electricity Corporation (BVI EC) grid. It is also the largest public installation in the Territory.

The system is also comprised of 96 solar panels, two tesla batteries, six battery invertors and four solar invertors that will produce 67.2 kilowatt hours of peak power.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Education, Culture, Youth Affairs, Fisheries and Agriculture, Dr. the Honourable Natalio Wheatley expressed gratitude to the ministry's partners including UNITE BVI who are able to make phenomenal things happen even in the midst of COVID-19 and post hurricanes Irma and Maria.

Honourable Wheatley added, "We are making things happen when it comes to alternative energy. Last week the college started the Solar Technician Training which is another partnership with Unite BVI and now we are here to equip our young people with the skills to be able to function in a new economy because there is no doubt that we are being impacted by climate change and we have to go green, diversifying our energy supply."

The minister said that work will continue to equip other schools, government buildings and private homes with the technology.

Honourable Wheatley added, "Young people, I want you to be inspired and see the opportunities before you to be able to make a good living for yourself and contribute to [the Territory] being cleaner, greener and more efficient."

Foundation Manager of Unite BVI, Ms. Kim Takeuchi said that the project was a dream that started before the inception of the foundation. She also thanked local partners, Amandla Engineering, BVI Electricity Corporation and the Electrical Inspection Unit for helping make the project a success.

To view the ceremony visit the government's Facebook page @ BVI Government or click here: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=712197262813800>

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Breast cancer now most common form of cancer: WHO taking action

The global cancer landscape is changing, according to WHO experts, on the eve of World Cancer Day 2021.

Breast cancer has now overtaken lung cancer as the world's most commonly-diagnosed cancer, according to statistics released by the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) in December 2020.

health, improving timely cancer detection and ensuring access to quality care.

WHO and the cancer community are responding with renewed urgency to address breast cancer and to respond to the growing cancer burden globally that is straining individuals, communities and health systems.

In the past two decades,

50% higher in 2040 than in 2020.

The number of deaths from cancer has also increased, from 6.2 million in 2000 to 10 million in 2020. More than one out of every six deaths is due to cancer.

While changes in lifestyle, such as unhealthy diets, insufficient physical activity, use of tobacco and harmful use of alcohol, have all contributed to the increasing cancer burden, a significant proportion can also be attributed to increasing longevity, as the risk of developing cancer increases with age. This reinforces the need to invest in both cancer prevention and cancer control, focusing on actionable cancers like breast, cervical and childhood cancers.

Late diagnosis and lack of access to treatment exacerbated by COVID-19 pandemic

The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated the problems of late-stage diagnosis and lack of access to treatment. These occur everywhere but particularly in low- and middle-income countries. In addition to having to cope with the disruption of services, people living with cancer are also at higher risk of severe COVID-19 illness and death.

A WHO survey conducted in 2020 indicated that treatment for cancer had been disrupted in more

than 40% of countries surveyed during the pandemic. The findings of the survey have been backed up by published studies indicating that delays in diagnosis are common, while interruptions to and abandonment of therapy have increased significantly. Meanwhile, enrolment in clinical trials and research output have declined.

All stakeholders are working to respond. Some governments have been enabling their populations to seek cancer care safely. Health professionals have adapted treatment to meet the needs of their patients, including through the use of telemedicine, and civil society has supported patients by helping them coordinate their appointments and complete their treatment plans.

WORLD CANCER DAY

World Cancer Day, with its slogan "I can and I will", is also an opportunity to show WHO's commitment to other major global cancer programmes, on cervical cancer and childhood cancer.

The adoption of the Global strategy to accelerate the elimination of cervical cancer as a public health problem and its associated goals and targets by the World Health Assembly in 2020 has provided added momentum

to cervical cancer efforts. Three targets have been set for 2030: 90% of girls fully vaccinated with the HPV vaccine; 70% of women screened; and 90% of women identified with cervical cancer receiving treatment.

Cancer is also a leading cause of death for children and adolescents, with an estimated 400 000 children diagnosed with cancer each year. On International Childhood Cancer Day, 15 February, WHO will be releasing a "how-to" guide for policy-makers and programme managers on strengthening childhood cancer programmes; a new assessment tool to facilitate harmonized data collection and to enable expedited, real-time interpretation of collected data on cancer among children; and an online community-of-practice information-sharing hub for childhood cancer.

Breast, cervical and childhood cancers all have a high chance of cure if diagnosed early and treated appropriately. This World Cancer Day, WHO is moving ahead with our partners around the world in efforts both to prevent and control cancer and also to provide support to all people living with cancer, wherever they live and whatever their circumstances.



So on World Cancer Day, WHO will host the first of a series of consultations in order to establish a new global breast cancer initiative, which will launch later in 2021. This collaborative effort between WHO, IARC, the International Atomic Energy Agency and other multi-sectoral partners, will reduce deaths from breast cancer by promoting breast

the overall number of people diagnosed with cancer nearly doubled, from an estimated 10 million in 2000 to 19.3 million in 2020. Today, one in 5 people worldwide will develop cancer during their lifetime. Projections suggest that the number of people being diagnosed with cancer will increase still further in the coming years, and will be nearly

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Wall Street Journal: Top Trump Donor Funded Rally that Preceded US Capitol Riot



WASHINGTON - VOA/REUTERS An heiress to the Publix Super Markets chain donated about \$300,000 to fund a rally that preceded the deadly storming of the U.S. Capitol this month by supporters of former President Donald Trump, the Wall Street Journal reported Saturday.

The Journal said the funding from Julie Jenkins Fancelli, a prominent donor to Trump's 2020 campaign, was facilitated by far-right show host Alex Jones. It said her money paid for the lion's share of the roughly \$500,000 rally at the Ellipse park where Trump spoke and urged his supporters "to fight."

More than 135 people have been arrested in connection with the January 6 attack on the Capitol as Congress met to certify Democrat Joe Biden's victory in the November election. Five people, including a Capitol Police officer, died.

According to the Journal, Jones personally pledged more than \$50,000 in seed money for the rally in exchange for a speaking slot of his choice. Jones, who has publicized discredited conspiracy theories, has hosted leaders of the Proud Boys and the Oath Keepers, two extremist

groups that were prominent at the riot, on his popular radio and internet video shows, it said.

Jones did not immediately respond to a request for comment. Fancelli could not immediately be reached for comment. In a Twitter post, Publix Super Markets said Fancelli is not an employee of the chain, "and is neither involved in our business operations, nor does she represent the company in any way. We cannot comment on Mrs. Fancelli's actions."

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Researchers: More Than a Dozen Extremist Groups Took Part in Capitol Riots

By Masood Farivar - VOA

WASHINGTON - In the days since the violent Jan. 6 rampage at the U.S. Capitol by President Donald Trump's supporters, a fuller picture has emerged about the rioters, with researchers identifying members of more than a dozen extremist groups that took part in the riots.

The storming of the Capitol drew extremists that included adherents of the QAnon conspiracy theory, the far-right group the Proud Boys, militiamen, white supremacists, anti-maskers and diehard Trump supporters, all gathered to stop Congress from certifying President-elect Joe Biden's victory.

"There have been any number of groups that the Southern Poverty Law Center normally tracks and monitors as a part of our work addressing hate and extremism," said Lecia Brooks, chief of staff for the SPLC.

Brooks shared with VOA the names of more than a dozen extremist groups that she said took part in the riots. Other extremist researchers interviewed by VOA confirmed the list. While designated as hate groups by the SPLC, none of the organizations is considered a domestic terrorist entity, and law enforcement officials have not accused any of them of conspiring to mount an attack on the Capitol.

Clues into the rioters' affiliation came from their clothes, signs, flags, banners and other markers, experts say. While some groups sought to disguise their ties, others flaunted their ideological affiliation. A group of Proud Boys in orange hats identified themselves on camera as members of a state chapter. The Three Percenters carried a U.S. Revolution-era American flag.

"They were operating in plain sight," said Brian Levin, executive director of the center for the study of hate and extremism at California State University. While the presence of the militias and the Proud Boys has attracted the most attention, members of lesser-known groups also joined the rioters.

One is the Nationalist Socialist Club, or NSC-131, a recently founded hate group known for disrupting Black Lives Matter protests. Another is No White Guilt, a white nationalist group whose founder has blamed "anti-whiteism" for the spread of the coronavirus in the United States.

Levin said that a combination of national groups, smaller state chapters and autonomous regional entities "participated in one way or another in the gathering."

Just how many extremist group members took part in the rioting is unclear. While QAnon boasts tens of thousands of adherents, several of the groups identified by the SPLC have far fewer members. The precise number taking part in the riots may never be known.

While prosecutors have so far identified about 300 suspects accused of involvement in the riots, with one or two exceptions, they've not tied them to any known extremist groups. Two days after the riots, the FBI arrested Nick Ochs, the founder of the Proud Boys Hawaii, who was among the rioters.

Michael Sherwin, the acting U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia, said law enforcement officials are aware of the ties between the rioters and extremist groups and are seeking to determine the extent to which the attack was a coordinated effort among multiple groups.

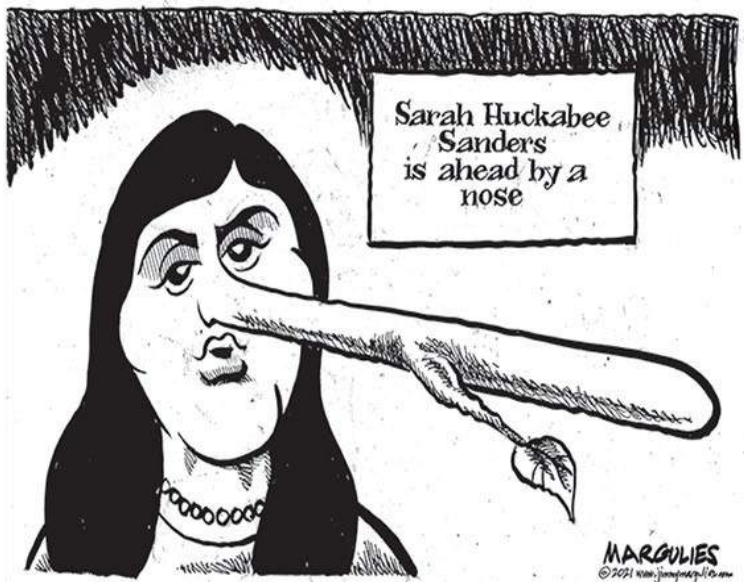
"If you look at social media you could see a lot of affiliation with some of the protest activity, some of the rioting activity, and it runs the whole gamut of different groups, from soup to nuts, A to Z," Sherwin told reporters Friday. "But right now ... we're not going to label anything because everything's on the table in terms of extremist groups."

Arie Perliger, an extremism researcher and professor at the University of Massachusetts in Lowell, said that the extremist groups that took part in the Capitol riots also attended the sometimes-violent protest against state-imposed lockdowns earlier this year.

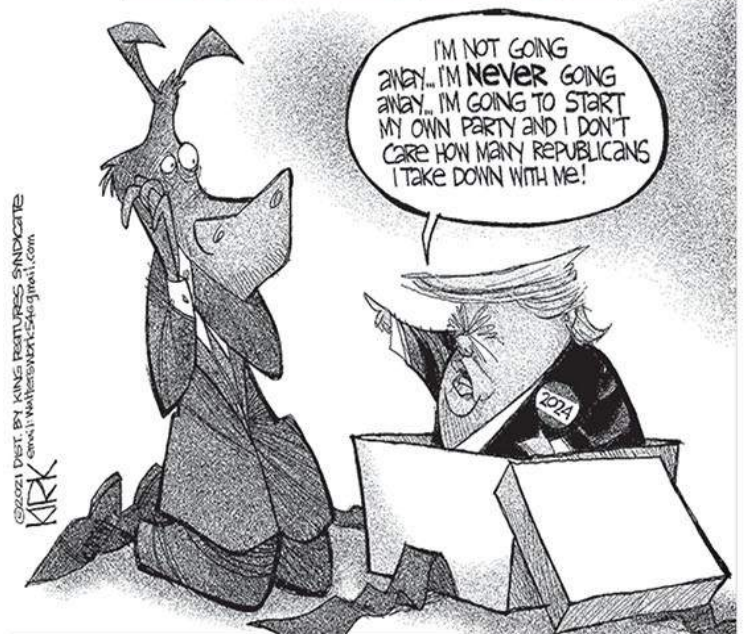
"I'm talking about the Boogaloo, I'm talking about the Proud Boys, I'm talking Rise Above Nation," Perliger said. "I think what really brings all these groups together is their perception that Trump was a very effective vehicle to try to disrupt, to dismantle, to undermine the capabilities of the federal government."



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HOLLYWOOD

by Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD — Action-star Jason Statham was discovered by film director/screenwriter Guy Ritchie (once married to Madonna). Ritchie cast Statham, age 31, in the hit "Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels" (1998). Ritchie next cast Statham in "Snatch" (2000), with Brad Pitt and Benicio Del Toro, another hit. However, their third film together, "Revolver" (2005), with Ray Liotta, flopped. Ritchie's most recent release was "The Gentlemen" (2019), with Matthew McConaughey, Charlie Hunnam, Henry Golding, Hugh Grant and "Downton Abbey's" Michele Dockery, which scored big.



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As Statham awaits the release of "Wrath of Man," with Scott Eastwood, Josh Hartnett and "Burn Notice" star Jeffrey Donovan, he's shooting his fourth Guy Ritchie written and directed film, "Five Eyes." Statham (now 53) will play an MI-6 agent who tries to stop the sale of a deadly new weapons technology that could disrupt the world order. His co-star is 58-year-old Cary Elwes, who made his mark as Westly in "The Princess Bride" (1987) at age 25. Elwes has had a busy year, starting with the Netflix film "A Castle for Christmas," with Brooke Shields; the comedy "Best Sellers," with Michael Caine, Aubrey Plaza and Scott Speedman; and the upcoming horror film "Shrine," with Jeffrey Dean Morgan.

Veronica Cartwright, star of more than 35 major films, including "The Birds" (1963), "Spencer's Mountain" (1963), "The Invasion of the Body Snatchers" (1978), with Leonard Nimoy, "Alien" (1979) and "The Right Stuff" (1983), is now 71 and showing no signs of slowing down. She's preparing to play real-life psychic June Ahern "In How to Talk with Spirits," based on Ahern's book and psychic work with law enforcement finding missing people in the San Francisco Bay area. In the film Cartwright's character helps police solve the murder of her client's daughter, whose ghost haunted her loved ones. Her most recent film, the romantic comedy "Breaking Fast," has been screened at film festivals. Her younger sister Angela Cartwright was Von Trapp child Brigitta in "The Sound of Music" (1965) and the TV series "Lost In Space" (1965-68). She's now 68.

Taron Egerton, nominated for a best musical actor Golden Globe for playing Elton John in "Rocketman," has only lent his voice to "Sing 2" (this year). He's now preparing to star in "Tetris" as Henk Rogers, the Dutch video-game designer who created The Black Onyx and secured the rights to distribute Tetris on video-game consoles. It chronicles the development and release of "Tetris." Rogers is now 67 and Egerton is 31, which is exactly the age Rogers was when he created Tetris. Egerton has gone from playing gay in "Rocketman" to playing games in "Tetris."

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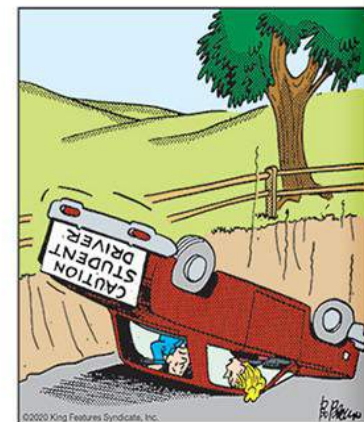


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"Kopf" by Max Kaus (1920)

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Lawmakers Increasingly Receiving Threats in Heightened Political Climate

WASHINGTON - VOA - Several U.S. lawmakers have recently received threats to their safety as House Speaker Nancy Pelosi called for ramped-up security in the Capitol and leveled allegations that the dangers are coming not just from the public but also from an “enemy within” Congress itself.

Pelosi’s comments Thursday highlighted the growing tension between the political parties in Congress over safety concerns since this month’s Capitol attack by supporters of former President Donald Trump. Five people died in the violence.

More than 30 lawmakers signed a letter this week calling for greater protection in their districts. They noted that threats against members of Congress have sharply increased in recent years, with nearly 4,900 threats coming in the fiscal year ending September 2018. That compares with just more than 900 in 2016.

The U.S. Capitol Police said it was taking steps to safeguard lawmakers as they travel to and from work, according to an email from the House’s chief law enforcement officer obtained Friday by The Associated Press.

Timothy P. Blodgett, the acting sergeant at arms, wrote in the email that the police force was setting up an online portal so lawmakers, whom he urged to report threats or suspicious activity, could notify them of travel plans. He said Capitol Police would be stationed at area airports and Washington’s Union Station railway hub on busy travel days, according to the report.

New York Democratic Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez is one of several lawmakers recently targeted with threats. According to court documents, a Texas man who participated in the January 6 Capitol siege was charged last week with threatening the lawmaker, who is often referred to as AOC, by allegedly tweeting, “Assassinate AOC.”

Ocasio-Cortez on Thursday publicly admonished Texas Republican Senator Ted Cruz, who has supported Trump’s unfounded claims that he won the 2020 presidential election, when he offered to support Ocasio-Cortez’s position on an unrelated matter.

“I am happy to work with Republicans on this issue where there’s common ground, but you almost had me murdered 3 weeks ago so you can sit this one out,” she tweeted. “Happy to work w/ almost any other GOP that aren’t trying to get me killed.”

“The enemy is within the House of Representatives,” Pelosi said Thursday in a call for increased security for lawmakers. Asked by reporters to whom she was



*New York Democratic Representative
Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez*

referring, the California Democrat said: “It means we have members of Congress who want to bring guns on the floor and who have threatened violence against other members of Congress.”

Media reports say Republican Representative Andy Harris of Maryland set off a metal detector last week while trying to enter the House floor and was found to be carrying a concealed gun.

Representative Hakeem Jeffries, a Democrat from New York, is another lawmaker to receive threats. A California man was arrested this week after being charged with sending threatening messages to members of Jeffries’ family.

“Your brother is putting your entire family at risk,” said one message sent to Jeffries’

sibling, according to court documents. “We are armed and nearby your house.”

Democrats aren’t the only lawmakers receiving threats. Republicans have also been targeted.

Adam Kinzinger, a Republican from Illinois, told The Washington Post that he had received multiple menacing messages since calling for Trump’s removal. Kinzinger is one of 10 Republicans in the House who voted in January to impeach Trump for inciting the January 6 riot.

A Senate trial of Trump is set to begin next Monday.

“The ones I worry about are not the ones that type out a threat,” he told the Post. “It’s the ones who just do it.”

Another Republican House member who voted for impeachment, Liz Cheney of Wyoming, the chamber’s third-ranking member of her party, has seen intense political backlash to her vote. An anti-Cheney rally was held Thursday in the state capital of Cheyenne, where more than 1,000 people turned out, many holding signs calling for her impeachment.

House Republicans are expected to decide next week whether to strip Cheney of her job as House conference chair.

Security improvements

Security and political officials continue to discuss ways to improve safety for lawmakers and around the Capitol in general.

Security was sharply increased ahead of President Joe Biden’s January 20 inauguration, with extensive fencing erected and more than 20,000 National Guard troops placed on duty.

Capitol Police on Thursday last week urged lawmakers to add permanent fencing around the Capitol, which lawmakers from both parties immediately rejected. The police force has also recommended stationing backup forces near the edifice.

Washington Mayor Muriel Bowser was one of several Democrats to oppose the measure. She wrote on Twitter that “we will not accept extra troops or permanent fencing as a long-term fixture in D.C.,” although she signaled support for temporary extra security during “potentially volatile events.”

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