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NEW SUPPLY OF VACCINES SCHEDULED FOR MID-MARCH

With dosage almost gone, and the arrival of the next shipment delayed Minister for Health and Social Development Hon. Carvin Malone said that the Territory's health officials are facing a challenging decision about how to proceed with the Territory-wide vaccination campaign.

The Territory received 8000 of the Astra Zeneca vaccines from the United Kingdom and it should be noted that for every person two doses are required. According to health officials, the vaccination campaign was rolled out with consideration that the second batch of 8000 vaccines was going to be arriving in the Territory to ensure continuity. Unfortunately, the rollout has hit a snag as the vaccine's arrival has been delayed.

While speaking on the Virgin Islands Party Let's Talk radio programme on 2 March Hon.

Malone gave the assurance that the vaccination rollout will continue, "The topic of the vaccines are foremost on our minds and I would like to assure everyone that we would have this entire Territory vaccinated," he said,

The Health Minister mentioned that to date the government's inoculation initiative recorded that some 4450 persons were vaccinated.

Hours before the Minister went on the airwaves, there was chatter in the community that persons who went to be vaccinated at some vaccination stations were turned away because the first dose vaccines were allegedly finished. The Minister did not out-rightly confirm these mentions. Instead, he pointed out that the small number of remaining vaccines will be used for elderly persons who are shut-in.

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New Supply Of Vaccines...

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This vaccination rollout situation was caused by a delay in the arrival of the second supply of the Astra Zeneca vaccine that was due to arrive on Wednesday; in explaining the situation Hon. Malone said, "The other shipment was due on the 3 March but it is now being delayed until the 17 March."

Hon. Malone explained that Government is now between a rock and a hard place deciding whether to continue vaccinating using the reserved vaccines that

dose for those who took the vaccine. The Minister said, "We made a promise to everyone taking it that we would have the second dose reserved. When the second dose arrives we would then disperse and we would continue in that regard so that anyone taking it would not risk for any reason this being done."

"We are now to a point where we had to decide the terms of where we go. The other shipment is not due until 17 March. We are being encouraged to contin-

are set aside as the second ue to roll it out, but the fact remains that if it is not here then we would be breaking that promise that we made. We know how you feel about it in terms of if you give your word if you take this dose today you will be reserved. We know that there are issues on hand when it comes to Astra Zeneca and the supply chain and we do not want to fall into the particular situation where the second dose is being called upon from anyone who received it that they don't have it. We want at the same time to assure

people that the second, third, or fourth shipments will arrive," he added.

Even with the vaccination rollout snag, the Minister is insistent that the reserved dosage for those who were already vaccinated should be used only for that purpose. "Unless there is an outcry from those who have taken it that they don't mind, that they have trust that it will reach that is not what we promise to do... We promised to save the other four. We want to keep our word in that regard and make sure that it is done," he

Meanwhile, the Health Minister announced that the vaccination sites would be closed on the 3 March and that Government was making efforts to resume the rollout in an orderly manner. "What we will say to you is that we will get the other vaccines in, we will have it orderly, we will have it rolled out. You don't have to fear that you will not be able to participate in the programme. We love the concept that you are getting on board, we must get the vaccination programme up to 70 or 80 percent in order for us to open up our economy in the way that it should...We would love to have additional amounts before the 17."

Business Owners Unhappy about Delayed Opening of Sea-Ports Chalwell said that separation of domestic and

pressed happiness that once again BVI Ports Authority has delayed the reopening of the seaports. Many business owners explained that the delayed opening further affects their already ailing businesses. However, Natasha Chalwell Marketing Director of the BVI Ports Authority explained that the delay is to facilitate safety mechanisms such as the separation of domestic and international traffic.

Chalwell said that the postponed opening is due to adherence to COVID 19 precautionary measures. "As the world continues

The public has not ex- to confront the many challenges resulting from COVID 19 our primary goal at the BVI Ports Authority continues to be a healthy return to service for the reopening of our seaport. The BVI Ports Authority recently issued a statement indicating that the 1 March reopening of the Road Town Jetty has been deferred to 15 April and we sincerely apologize for this delay. We have faced some challenges with this project due to the many adjustments that had to be made to safely reopen," she explained.

> In what the Marketing Director of the BVI Ports Au

thority dubbed an update on the seaport reopening plan Chalwell said, "As previously mentioned our reopening date is 15 April and we will ensure continued communication with you, our visitors, residents, and industry partners. Over the past few months, the BVIPA guided by health professionals in the industry's best practices have implemented comprehensive procedures and safeguards to further protect Port employees, ferry commuters and the community for the planned resumption of operations on 15 April."

preparation is the main reason for the delay. In relating what such preparation entails she said: "The BVIPA and Government agencies that operate at the ferry port and our ferry partners must adjust their operations to ensure for the safe resumption of international ferry transportation to our Territory."

One major change, she said, is the rerouting of domestic traffic. In noting how this was going to work Chalwell explained: "As a means of streamlining domestic and international traffic, providing fit for purpose facilities and incorporating best safety measures and practices the

international passengers is necessary. The international ferry operations will remain at the Road Town jetty while domestic ferry operations will be routed through the Cyril B Romney Tortola Pier Park."

"Modifications are required for both locations and the designs have been approved by the BVIPA Board of Directors and work has begun. Updates on the progress of work at both locations will be provided on a weekly basis. This additional time will allow us to complete the project and to ensure a safe and efficient arrival process," she added.

Thumbs Down for Cannabis Licensing Act

Recently arrived Governor of the Territory His Excellency John Rankin explained why the Cannabis Licensing Act, which was passed in July last year in the House of Assembly, has not been assented to.

The government members, especially Premier and Minister for Finance Hon. Andrew Fahie, are very upset that the Bill has not been assented to. Most vocal about the stall of the Bill is Deputy Premier and Minister for Education, Agriculture, and Culture Dr. the Hon. Sowande Wheatley who said that the delay has caused the investors who had lined up to lose interest.

The lamenting of delayed assenting of the Bill was put to the new Governor during an interview with 284 media on 26 February. During that discussion, the Governor explained that the delay was influenced by regulatory matters. He stated, "The ... Bill relates to medical marijuana and that's a different debate

and on that one, I hope the way forward can be found."

While explaining the regulatory concerns relating to the legislation the Governor said, "Medical marijuana is lawful in the United Kingdom and it is regulated in accordance with the requirements of the United Nations International Narcotics Conventions; so what we need for the legislation here is to have a licensing arrangement and regulations set up which would also ensure that that is in compliance with international requirements to make sure that medical marijuana is administered and produced safely."

The Queen's Representative noted that the Governor's Office is interested in working with the government to promote what is best for the Territory and he mentioned that this is an area that requires collaboration. "I am keen to encourage effective conversation between development agencies here and their opposite numbers

in the UK so we can make sure those regulations and licensing arrangements are in place. I certainly hope we can make progress in that area," the Governor noted.

In December last year both Premier and Minister for Finance Hon. Andrew Fahie and Speaker of the House of Assembly Hon. Julian Willock expressed their disappointment that former Governor Augustus Jaspert did not assent to the legislation.

When the House of Assembly debated and passed the Cannabis Licensing Act which the Government said could result in earning the Territory millions of dollars. The legislation earned mixed review among the population which was noted by members of the Opposition.

In the months that followed that passage of the Bill, the complaint about the Governor's snail pace towards the assenting of the legislation has been heard from legislators over the recent months. For

instance, multiple mentions about the alleged stalling were made in the House of Assembly on 4 December.

That sitting was specially organized to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the restoration of the Legislature in the Virgin Islands. The complaint about the Governor's stalled assent commenced from as early as the Speaker's announcement which opened the proceedings Hon. Willock said: "Honourable Members, after 70 years, it is an insult to this House of Assembly when 13 elected Members pass a Bill then an unelected Governor could just refuse to assent to a Bill without a proper explanation. That can never be good governance, transparency or democratic practice, notwithstanding Section 79, 2 of the Constitution."

While many of the members of the House of Assembly referenced the matter, Premier Fahie was more detailed about his displeasure that the Bill was yet to become law. The Premier told his colleagues: "We have seen the medicinal marijuana legislation being passed and not assented to yet no logical or legal explanation of why not; except for that the Constitution does not put a mandate on the seat of Governor to assent the Bill within a certain time frame or if not to give the reason so we can deal with it."

Hon. Fahie said that he did not understand why the BVI's Bill was being held back while the UK was making plans to move forward with its medicinal marijuana venture. "We are seeing that we are here waiting for the assent of a Bill Mr. Speaker that was passed in here and debated all the way up to June and we are seeing now Mr. Speaker where the very United Kingdom as in Britain embrace medicinal marijuana, making sure that it is part of their very economy and telling you how many billion dollars it would be able to benefit from in the next ten years; but we were proactive to move in that direction before," the Premier said.

CARICOM Members are Dismayed

During the Thirty-Second Intersessional Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) held virtually on 24-25 February the matter of the BVI's Commission of Inquiry was discussed.

At the CARICOM meeting chaired by Trinidad and Tobago's Prime Minister, Dr. the Honourable Keith Rowley the situation of the Territory's Commission of Inquiry was discussed during the regional body's community relations segment.

CARICOM noted that it received a letter from the BVI Premier Hon. Andrew Fahie on the matter and stated in response: "Heads of Government received a letter from the Premier of the British Virgin Islands which apprised of the announcement on 18 January 2021 of a Commission of Inquiry (COI) "to establish whether there is evidence of corruption and abuse of office or other serious dishonesty" in the British Virgin Islands. The

COI was ordered by the then sitting Governor."

"Heads of Government are cognizant of the disquiet that has arisen among the people of the British Virgin Islands about the establishment of the COI. Further, the Heads of Government are dismayed at the manner in which the COI was established with no consultation, or prior communication, between the UK government and the duly-elected government of the British Virgin Islands. Heads

of Government noted the strongly-expressed concerns on this matter by the British Virgin Islands government, which concerns are also shared by other Associate Members of the Community," CARICOM added.

Following the release of CARICOM's statement, both the Premier and Deputy Premier gave the statement a nod of approval. According to the Government Information Service Premier Fahie welcomed CARICOM's interest in the COI, stating: "CARICOM's

interest in the Commission of Inquiry is positive, especially their understanding of how damaging the approach taken to the COI's announcement was for the image and economy of the Territory that is based on tourism and financial services. Local businesses and the welfare of families and individuals were placed at risk by the decision to not provide notice of a planned announcement beforehand."

Deputy Premier and Minister of Education Hon. Natalio Wheatley who attended the meeting on behalf of Premier Fahie said that he was pleased with the response.

Remarks by Minister Honourable Carvin Malone in **Observance of World Cancer Day on February 4**

Good morning church. I bring greetings to the leadership, members and friends here at the Upper Room Victory Church. World Cancer Day, this year, was observed on February 4th under the theme 'I Am and I Will.'

Today, as we are in the grips of a world pandemic, I am especially happy to join with you in the FIGHT, the P.U.S.H and the HOPE for A CURE as you continue your mission of World Cancer Awareness. When we put these two themes together, it says I Am and I Will FIGHT, P.U.S.H and Hope for A CURE.

This is so very fitting, as we must each make this a personal Fight, and Pray Until Something Happens, HOPE until something happens, until there is a Cure. Today's World Cancer Awareness Service is one of many activities to bring awareness to the FIGHT within our Territory; and I congratulate you Pastor Herbert, the entire church and your team here on this initiative to bring awareness of our community here in the British Virgin Islands. When we choose to come together, we can achieve what we all wish for: a healthier, brighter BVI without the scourge of cancer.

Screening and early intervention can avert the loss caused by late diagnosis and treatment for many of the common cancers that affect our Territory. Both women and men should be encouraged to have their annual physicals. Women of child-bearing age should continue to have regular Pap smears in accordance with their doctors' recommendation to reduce the incidence of cervical cancers by the early detection and treatment of pre-cancerous cervical lesions.

Similarly, women over the

age of 45 should have regular known to be protection against prevention and live healthy breast self-examinations and annual mammograms to ensure that any abnormalities are detected early before they become more difficult to treat breast cancers. Men over the age of 45, though they are scared of needles, should have their prostates checked in accordance with their doctors' recommendations to reduce the risk of prostate cancer; and all adults should be encouraged to have colonoscopies at least every seven to ten years to detect colon cancers early and prevent colon cancers. Members of the health teams are here and I know they will be looking at my every word. Other cancers can also be prevented and detected early by regular annual physical examinations and reviews.

However, prevention of cancer by early detection is one matter while healthy lifestyles and diets are another. You heard the motivational speech this morning. It is well known that diets high in fresh fruits and vegetables and low in red meats reduce the incidence of cancer at the population level.

All persons are encouraged to eat at least five servings of fresh vegetables and fruits on a daily basis. Regular physical activity is also known to be preventative. This should comprise of at least three to five periods of 30 minutes or more for each week. This may be as simple as brisk walking, taking a swim, playing a sport; anything that keeps your body active.

In addition to the Complete Health Improvement Program which we have been pushing in the Ministry, these are part of a healthy lifestyle which involves not smoking and avoiding alcohol in excess which is obesity, chronic diseases and

Through the National Health Insurance programme, as challenged as it previously was, the Government seeks to improve access to cancer care for its citizens. We are aware of how financially and emotionally devastating a diagnosis of cancer can be at a time when persons and their families require all the strength needed to win the battle that

Through the National Health Insurance and their network of cancer care providers locally and abroad, the Government of the Virgin Islands seeks to improve the access to the residents of the Territory to effective and proven cancer care. This, it is hoped, will have a profound impact on the availability of care to the people of the Virgin Islands.

The local Cancer Society under the leadership of its president Gloria and all of the members work consistently year after year, day after day to bring awareness to this society. They, together with counsellors and social workers in private and governmental practices and the networks of support available to persons accessing care abroad have been able to provide cancer patients and survivors with the necessary moral support and care that they need to get through these difficult times.

As science and medicine makes more effective screening tools and treatments available there remains hope for cancer patients and survivors. We must continue to hope and pray as these more effective tools bring hope of a brighter future. However, we must not neglect to do our part in cancer lives, eat healthy diets, indulge in regular physical activity, avoid smoking, avoid alcohol in excess, and ensure we get our regular physical checkups and cancer screening based on our age and gender.

Get involved and see how you can help with your local Cancer Society or the Ministry of Health, your church or community group, change your lifestyle to a healthy one and help other persons to also live healthier lives.

We must continue to hope and believe that better is within our reach. Research shows that more persons are living longer after a cancer diagnosis. It will take all of us to make this world a healthier one and to end preventable cancer deaths in the Territory. We all have a role to play.

Dr Cary Adams, CEO of Union for International Cancer Control (UICC) noted that: "COVID-19 has impacted cancer control globally and the response by the cancer community has been extraordinary, heroic even. This year, more than ever, it is appropriate that we celebrate their achievements on World Cancer Day. Let us all aim in 2021 to refocus our collective efforts on the longterm challenges that cancer poses to every country in the world. We must prevent more, diagnose earlier and ensure that all people living with cancer have access to the quality treatment they need."

World Cancer Day 2021 was dedicated to the courage and achievements of people living with cancer and their families, as well as the nurses, doctors, researchers, volunteers, advocates and others who care for them and work on their behalf – and calls for everyone



Hon. Carvin Malone

in helping to save lives from this disease.

Now more than ever, where the same nurses, doctors, researchers, volunteers, advocates and others who care for those affected by COVID-19 have to go day after day, hour after hour and they are tired. But at the end of the day, they are all working together for each of us. Here in the BVI, we live with the Godly Principle, 'where there is life, there is hope! Once there is Hope, we can fight and we must fight for a cure!'

Remember and tell yourself that 'I AM and I Will ... I will be a force to be reckoned with, I will get informed, I will act smarter. I will get screened annually, I will speak up, I will love my body, I will listen and care for my body!

When it comes to your life and that of your family, you must fight against cancer, you must hope every day, you must Pray Until Something Happens... you must PUSH for a Cure. With these few words, I say thank you for having me; and for allowing me to also FIGHT with you in bringing awareness in our HOPE for a Cure. Thank you.

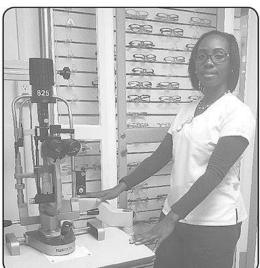


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James Frett Building, Wickhams Cay, Road Town, Tortola Major Bay, East End/Long Look, Tortola

Statement from Government of the Virgin Islands on the Amendment to the Register of Interests Act, 2006

2nd March, 2021 On January 19, 2021 the former Governor, His Excellency Augustus J. U. Jaspert, appointed Sir Gary Hickinbottom, to hold a Commission of Inquiry (COI), to inquire

into whether corruption, abuse of office or other serious dishonesty in relation to officials, whether statutory, elected or public, "... may have taken place in recent years."

As a Government, we have promised the people of the Virgin Islands that we welcome a transparent and accountable COI that will allow for a just outcome.

In line with our promise to the people of the Virgin Islands, the Government of the Virgin Islands during the upcoming Sitting of the House of Assembly will seek to amend Section 9 of the Register of Interests Act to remove any barriers that could prevent Members from sharing information held by the Registrar of Interests. This course of action will assist the COI to ascertain such information without any legal impediments.

We will be seeking to amend the Register of Interests Act by inserting an additional circumstance in which the Register of Interests may be open for inspection, namely at the written request of a Commissioner of Inquiry.

The amendment would further permit the Registrar of Interests to provide the Commissioner of the COI with a copy of pages from the Register of Interests.

It is important to note that amending the Register of Interests Act is something your Government sees essential because we believe in the spirit of cooperation and all transparency at levels. As a responsible Government, we see the need for this amendment to the Register of Interests Act.

The Government of the Virgin Islands believes that it is important to cooperate and engage the Commission consistent with its stated policy of transparency.

The Government will continue to do its part to foster a transparent Commission of Inquiry to allow for a just outcome.



THE AM ADVANTAGE

ZBVI PROGRAM GUIDE

WHEN LAST HAVE YOU LISTENED?

DAY OF THE WEEK	PROGRAM	TIME
TUESDAYS:	SPEAKOUT BVI	8-9:3IPM
	HOMESTLY SPEAKING	5-6PM
WEDNESDAYS	UVINGWELL 24/7	9-9-30AM
	HOT SEAT RE-VISITED 1# & 3™ Wednesday	8-93PM
	DYAS VOICE (Sports) 2 rd & 4 th Wednesday	7-8PM
THURSDAYS	UMOJA	8-9:30PM
FRIDAYS	BOOY & SOUL	7-2ºM
	THREE D SHOW	8-9:30PM
SATUMDAYS	CARIBBEAN GOLD Jour MORE TALK, LESS MUSIC	7:45 - SAM
	KNOWLEDGE IS POWER HOUR	10-11AM
	LET'S BE REAL	2-3PM
	SPORTS TALK	5-630PM
	A LOCK AT THE COMMUNITY	7-2PM
SUNDAYS	OLDIE GOLDIE SHOW	3-7PM
MEKDAYS	SUCCESS AXURNAL	9:15AM, 11:95AM, 4:25PM

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LIFE

Restrooms At Long Bay Beef Island Ready For Public Use

Beach-goers to Long Bay beach, Beef Island now have access to completed restrooms.

Minister for Natural Resources, Labour and Immigration Honourable but that we look forward to a time when the BVI will once again thrive in tourism. This restroom is a testament to our commitment to ensure that the BVI remains on the cutting



Left to right): Leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition and Representative for the eighth electoral district Mr. Marlon Penn, Deputy Speaker for the House of Assembly Honourable Neville Smith, Minister for Natural Resources, Labour and Immigration Honourable Vincent Wheatley, and Junior Minister for Trade and Economic Development Honourable Shereen Flax-Charles

Vincent Wheatley said he was pleased with the completion of the facilities and mentioned that this is one of many that will be developed on beaches across the Territory.

Honourable Wheatley said, "As we go through this pandemic with an air of uncertainty, it is very important that we do not get caught up in the pandemic edge of tourism."

Leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition and Representative for the Eighth Electoral District Honourable Marlon Penn thanked the Government for ensuring that the facility was followed through and built for the people of the Territory and in particular the people of his district. He went on to thank the contractor and everyone



(Left to Right): Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Natural Resources, Labour and Immigration Dr. Marcia Potter, Mr. Albert St. Rose, Minister for Natural Resources, Labour and Immigration Honourable Vincent Wheatley, and Junior Minister for Trade and Economic Development Honourable Shereen Flax-Charles

who laboured to produce the finished product.

Honourable Penn said, "It's a beautiful facility. I think it is a facility that we all should be proud of as a community and as a Territory. I am excited that persons who come to the beach in the morning or on the weekends will enjoy a wholesome facility for their use and also for the tourists who come here from time to time."

Funding for the construction of the restroom facilities were made available in the 2018 budget. Works commenced in 2019 and the facility was completed in 2021 by Chalwell Construction.

Other officials present at the ceremony included Deputy

Speaker for the House of Assembly Honourable Neville Smith and Junior Minister for Trade and Economic Development Honourable Shereen Flax-Charles.

The Ministry of Natural

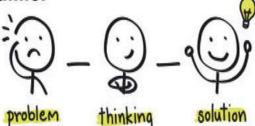
Resources, Labour Immigration continues effectively manage and administer the natural resources of the Territory in a manner that ensures long term sustainability.



Photo of the restroom facilities at Long Bay, Beef Island (Photo credit: GIS/ F. Skerritt)

Before you discipline a child

- S stop! Calm yourself and your child
- T take a few deep breaths
- **O** observe the needs of your child
- **P** proceed in a kind but firm manner













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NORTH SOUND, VIRGIN GORDA, BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

JOB TITLE: Resort Storeroom Inventory Clerk

REPORTS TO: Resort controller

RESPONSIBILITES:

GENERAL

- Have excel and word software knowledge.
- The Inventory Clerk is responsible for assuring all supplies and equipment are inventoried, received, and distributed in accordance with proper and prudent practices for the main kitchen, carvery kitchen and NSCM warehouse stores.
- Receives delivery of shipment of goods from the docks.
- Receive and deliver and/or shelf all incoming shipments, ensuring accuracy of shipments, noting damage or shortages.
- Restock from main hotel stores when required to the Retail and Merchandise Stores.
- Daily monitoring of ice inventory and filling up as required.
- Daily upkeep of main store room:
- Ensure all aisles are clear and boxes are emptied and packed flat outside the storeroom door of the main kitchen, including keeping the storeroom,
 staging and dock areas clean and orderly at all times.
- Keep the storeroom organized, clean and well presented.
- Keep the stock in order according to the recent re-arrangement.
- Distribute excess stock to retail & merchandise outlets for staff to price in quiet periods.
- Assist in shipping and receiving all merchandise on delivery day, ensuring boxes are delivered at correct outlets in a timely manner.
- Participate in physical inventories for all outlets as required.
- Basic customer service skills.
- Requisition new stock (daily) based upon sales and needs.
- Perform any other adhoc duties as assigned by supervisory staff.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Education

• Minimum two (2) years high school education.

Experience

Hospitality/guest services training required.

Skills

· Should possess good human relations skills and good mathematical ability.

Physical

- Should be professional and neat in appearance. Should be able to work eight (8) hours daily plus one thirty minute (30) meal break, rotating five (5) days weekly.
- •Must be able to lift heavy boxes, 30lbs or more.

REQUIREMENTS (CERTIFICATES, LICENSES, REGISTRATIONS)

- A valid Food Handlers certificate.
- A valid B.V.I. Driver's License.

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BVI Welcomes CARICOM Interest In Commission Of Inquiry

The British Virgin Islands (BVI) has welcomed CARICOM interest in the Commission of Inquiry (COI) currently taking place in the Territory, highlighted in the communiqué of the recently concluded 32nd

Intersessional Meeting of the Conference of the Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community on February 24 and 25.

According to the communiqué, "The Heads of Government are dismayed

at the manner in which the COI was established with no consultation, or prior communication, between the United Kingdom Government and the dulyelected government of the British Virgin Islands."

Deputy Premier and of Minister Education, Culture, Youth Affairs, Agriculture Sports, Fisheries Honourable Natalio D. Wheatley attended the meeting behalf of Premier and Minister of Finance Honourable Andrew Fahie.

Honourable Wheatley engaged with the Heads of Government on a range of issues, including the ongoing impact of the global COVID-19 pandemic on health and economic growth in the region, and measures to drive economic recovery. The Heads of Government also dialogued on reparations.

Commenting on the Intersessional Meeting, the Deputy Premier said, "The British Virgin Islands is an integral part of the region. We will remain engaged on COVID-19 and other important issues to us and our neighbours. It is important that we all continue working together closely if the Caribbean is to successfully recover and emerge from the global pandemic."

Premier and Minister of Finance Honourable



Hon. Natalio D. Wheatley Andrew A. Fahie also welcomed CARICOM's interest in the COI, stating, "CARICOM's interest in the Commission of Inquiry is positive, especially their understanding of how damaging the approach taken to the COI's announcement was for the image and economy of the Territory that is based on tourism and financial services. Local businesses and the welfare of families and individuals were placed at risk by the decision to not provide notice of a planned announcement beforehand."

The Deputy Premier was joined by Director of the International Affairs Secretariat Ms. Najan Christopher and Programme Officer Ms. Xyrah Wheatley. The British Virgin Islands is an Associate Member of CARICOM.

PETER ISLAND RESORT & SPA

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

Luxury Resort is seeking to fill the vacant position of: Chief Engineer

Under direction, this position is responsible for operation, maintenance and repair of all water, wastewater. This position will aid in the performance and profitability of the operation within the framework of the annual departmental budget. In this role the Chief Engineer assures compliance with preventative maintenance programs, monitors equipment diagnostics, and provides highly sustainable service.

Duties include but are not limited to the following

- 1. Assumes responsibility for Resort Engineering.
- 2. Ensures performance of preventative maintenance, attention to trouble calls, and respond to emergencies.
- 3. Manages a disaster preparedness program.
- 4. Manages strategic sustainability initiatives.
- 5. Manages a routine, proactive inspection program for all maintenance systems.
- 6. Ensures compliance with all codes and best practice operating standards.
- 7. Ensures inventory of maintenance supplies and replacement parts.
- 8. Understands the critical importance to prevent any hazardous incident and works as a team for adhering to mitigation procedures and protecting inventory of all hazardous materials.
- 9. Assists Manager in planning and executing projects.
- 11. Accomplishes other tasks as might be required by Manager.

Physical Demands

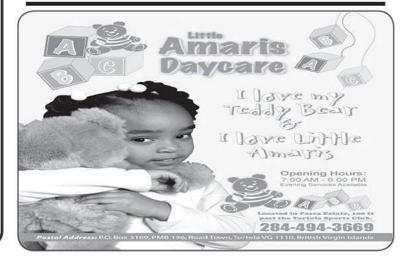
- 1.. Position will require considerable walking and standing for long periods.
- 2. The ability to lift a minimum of 50 lbs.

Required Education and Experience

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

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Pathway Set For First Sitting Of The Virgin Islands Youth Parliament

. The Virgin Islands Youth Parliament (VIYP) now poised to hold its First Sitting on Thursday, March 11 following a

quantitative or qualitative," the coordinator stated, "Additionally, we have been working with them to ensure that there is a



series of training sessions, preparatory meetings, a relaunching ceremony and the appointment of a secretariat.

Premier of the Virgin Islands Youth Parliament Mr. Kevin Fahie will move a motion that will allow the youth members to debate the topic "Should the Virgin Islands move to selfdetermination?"

Coordinator of the VIYP Secretariat Dr. Arliene T. Penn said the youth parliamentarians have been engaged in intense research and discussions about the motion and that they have been meeting several days a week, including weekends, to prepare their contributions for the upcoming debate.

Dr. Penn said, Secretariat, responsibility is to create learning opportunities for the young people to gather primary and secondary data from different stakeholders, including scholars and local, regional and international institutions."

"We exposed them different strategies to amalgamating and interpreting the data collected, whether it is

clear understanding of the differences that exists between parliamentary and school debates," she said.

Dr. Penn further added, "Our responsibility is not to tell the youth what to think about or how to think. Instead, we have encouraged all of them to allow the research data collected — to guide and shape how they draw their conclusions and frame their respective contributions to ensure independent thinking through the lens of the youth."

A five-member secretariat led by Dr. Penn was appointed to the VIYP in January to provide support the management committee of Elected Members. Members of the Secretariat also include Phyllis Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Brenda Lettsome-Tye, Mrs. Heida Joyles-Selwood and Mrs. Janice George-Harris.

The public is reminded that a resolution was passed during the Fifth Sitting of the Second Session of the Fourth House of Assembly for the appointment of a special select committee to manage the youth parliament. The committee members are: Speaker of the House Honourable Julian Willock (Chairman); Leader of the Opposition and Member for the 8th District Honourable Marlon A. Penn; Deputy Speaker and Territorial Member Honourable Neville A. Smith; Minister for Transportartion, Works and Utilities and Member the 5th District

Honourable Kye M. Rymer; Junior Minister for Tourism and Territorial Member Honourable Sharie B. de Castro; Member for the 3rd District Honourable Julian Fraser; Member for the 2nd District Honourable Melvin M. Turnbull: and Junior Minister for Trade and Economic Development Territorial Member Honourable Shereen D. Flax-Charles.

The Virgin Islands Youth Parliament is comprised

of 23 young people from all districts ranging from the ages of 18 to 35. The nominees are selected from other youth organisations, churches and nonprofit organisations.

The public is invited to tune in to the live broadcast of the VIYP First Sitting beginning at 5:00 p.m. on the House of Assembly VI's YouTube page; Government of the Virgin Islands Facebook page; ZBVI 780 AM; CBN Radio 90.9 FM, CBN-Television (online) and FLOW TV 101.



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BERMUDA - Government's net debt has risen to \$3 billion, the finance minister revealed yesterday.

But Curtis Dickinson said the landmark figure could have been higher had Government not put the brakes on spending after the Covid-19 pandemic struck.

Mr Dickinson said the pandemic response had cost almost \$290 million as he outlined the Government's financial performance over the last 12 months.

He said the coronavirus lightened the Government's purse in two ways – a reduction in revenues coupled with increased expenditure.

Mr Dickinson added that Government's 2020/21 revenue had been cut from \$1.1 billion to \$960 million

He said the reduction was "due mainly to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on just about all of the Government's revenue sources, the primary impacts being lower payroll tax, Customs duty, and the loss of most tourism-related taxes and levies". [The Royal Gazette]

SANTO DOMIGO - President Luis Abinader announced the construction of a dividing line between the Dominican Republic and Haiti, as a new measure to reinforce security, which will combine physical and technological means, and will include a double perimeter fence, motion

sensors, facial recognition cameras, radars, and infrared ray systems.

"Within two years, we want to put an end to the serious problems of illegal immigration, drug trafficking, and stolen vehicle traffic that we have suffered for years and achieve the protection of our territorial integrity that we have been seeking since our independence", said the Dominican President on his first rendering speech at the Congress.

Works are set to begin in the second half of 2021.

He stated that they are determined to maintain a mutually beneficial relationship with Haiti, which a month ago signed an agreement where it is contemplated to support the identification with documents from their country, the sale of energy, and the installation with international collaboration and in coordination with their government, from maternity hospitals on the Haitian side of the border.

The first of these hospitals will be located in Juana Méndez, Haiti, on the northern border where "we already have the land located and the approval in principle from the Haitian government and in the coming months we could begin construction with the contribution of the international community", assured the head of State. [Dominican News]

CUBA – The Venezuelan government declared the ambassador of the European Union (EU) in the country, the Portuguese Isabel Brilhante, persona non grata on Wednesday. They gave her 72 hours to leave the country, in response to sanctions approved by the EU against 19 officials.

Venezuelan Foreign Minister Jorge Arreaza, delivered the document to Brilhante at the headquarters of the Foreign Ministry. The Legislature, controlled by Maduro, urged the president to take this measure, claiming EU interference in Venezuela's internal affairs.

"Today, by decision of President Nicolas Maduro, we handed Mrs. Isabel Brilhante the declaration as persona non grata. It stipulated a period of 72 hours to leave Venezuelan territory," said Arreaza after meeting with the ambassador.

The foreign minister held a private meeting with Brilhante that lasted about an hour. He argued, "the disrespect for the Constitution" that the European sanctions against high authorities of Venezuela entail.

The Venezuelan government also delivered protest notes Wednesday to the heads of the diplomatic missions of Spain, France, the Netherlands and Germany, hours after ordering the expulsion of the EU ambassador. [Havana Times]

ROME - Agriculture Minister Stefano Patuanelli said Thursday that the government will take action to defend Balsamic vinegar of Modena from attempts by the Slovenia authorities to get around the system that protects its authenticity. The consortium of producers of Balsamic vinegar of Modena has sounded that alarm after the Slovenian government notified the European Commission of a national law which aims to transform the denomination "balsamic vinegar" into a product standard. This consortium says this conflicts with EU law and undermines the PDO and PGI labelling system protecting the authenticity of foods produced in a specific geographical area.

"The protection of Italian wine and gastronomy is one of the government's priorities," said Patuanelli. "So, we will do everything possible to defend Balsamic vinegar of Modena from these illicit attacks". .(ANSA).

MADRID - The Federation of Jewish Communities in Spain (FCJE) has called on the hate crimes public prosecutor to investigate antisemitic accusations made during a demonstration in honor of the División Azul, or Blue Division, held in Madrid on Saturday. The military unit, which was made up of volunteers, was sent by former Spanish dictator Francisco Franco to support Adolf Hitler's invasion of the Soviet Union during the Second World War.

In a video that has been shared online by the digital magazine La Marea, a young woman is seen at a lectern with a microphone surrounded by dozens of people carrying neo-fascist and Nazi symbols and paraphernalia. The woman in the video is heard saying that "the enemy is always going to be the same albeit wearing different masks: the Jew." She adds: "Because there is nothing that is more true than this statement: the Jew is to blame, the Jew is to blame, and the Blue Division fought for this." She later states that communism is "a Jewish invention to pit the workers against one another." [El Pais]

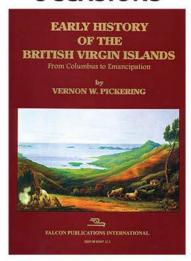
RUSSIA - Russia's state debt rose by 40% last year, as it sold trillions of rubles in bonds to prop up lost oil and gas revenues from the pandemic.

The Audit Chamber, Russia's government spending watchdog, said Wednesday state debt stood at 19 trillion rubles (\$257 billion) at the end of 2020, equivalent to 17.8% of the country's GDP.

Amid higher spending to fight the pandemic and lower tax revenues, Russia swung to a 4.1 trillion ruble (\$55 billion) deficit in 2020 — having previously run budget surpluses. The government resisted calls to tap its \$170 billion national wealth fund to support the economy through the pandemic, instead opting to plug the gap with higher borrowing.

Despite the jump, Russia's level of government debt is still one of the

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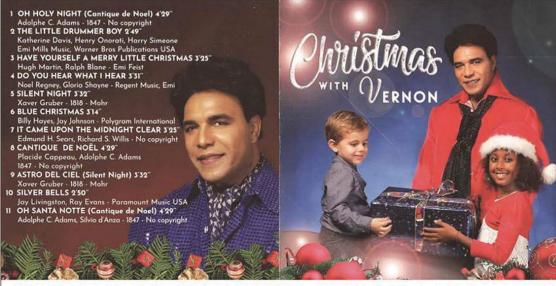
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lowest in the world — the result of booming energy prices in the 2000s and Moscow's conservative economic management since Western sanctions were imposed following the annexation of Crimea in 2014. [Moscow Times]

SCOTLAND - Boris Johnson's "habitual lies" will lead to a total collapse of trust and crisis in politics, an author has warned.

Peter Oborne has set out a series of "misleading statements" made by the Prime Minister in the House of Commons, including about the SNP, which he has sent to party leaders.

The journalist – who was once hired by Johnson when the Prime Minister was editor of the Spectator magazine – compiled the dossier for a new book in which he argues the lying from his former boss is on a scale never seen in politics before. A spokesperson for the SNP said: "Boris Johnson's Trumpian Tories have a list of broken promises and untruthful claims longer than Sauchiehall Street. [The National Scot]



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Hamilton Lavity Stoutt 26th Memorial Celebration on 1st March (See page 1 and 13) Allamanda Estate is

back with Style and Elegance

The popular Allamanda Estate, the alluring villa that merges luxury with history is back with style and elegance. The property, that like many others in the Territory was damaged by the unforgettable Hurricane Irma in 2017 was out of commission for some time. However, owners Audley, and Delma Maduro saw the devastation as a phoenix inspired opportunity and took on the rebuilding task. The chic and splendid result was unveiled to a small gathering on 26 February during an opening event that was held on the property.

The charming Allamanda Estate is nestled at Little Mountain Estate at Beef Island, very close to the Terrance B Lettsome International airport. This property has housed a past Governor of the Territory and as owner Delma declared – the halls over the years were basked with love and happiness; as many cherished events were held there.

With lavish halls, a gourmet kitchen, a formal dining room; and gorgeous living room Allamanda Estate villa is the perfect location for a family or corporate retreat. The Owner even noted that there is a small property that can be rented separate from the stately large villa.

Of all the features of the property three areas were the centre of discussion during the gathering on Friday. These areas were the large space that the architect surprised the Maduro family with labeling it the "happy space." The happiness factor of the space is brought out by the colorful ceiling adornments that beautifully contrasts the white and grey surroundings.

The pool that takes inspiration from the airport and the view from an airplane is also a must see on the property. Of course the property's elevated lookout point makes enjoying the site and the beautiful surrounding even better.

The event was chaired by Chad Maduro and featured remarks by Deputy Premier Dr. the Hon. Natalio Wheatley who is a nephew of the owners and who acknowledged some of the splendid events that was held at Alamanda Estate. Leader of the Opposition Hon. Marlon Penn also shared a fond memory of times he spent at the property. While Director of the BVI Tourist Board Clive McCoy promised that the BVITB was going to do its part to help to promote Allamanda estate

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Ladyburd Talks

Dear Readers: How is your 2018 reservation going thus far, was it to take off a few pounds and you have decided to call it quits **GET BACK UP AGAIN!**

Find your motivation:

Be-Well wisdom: What are the mental benefits of being healthy?

When you get healthier, you become kinder to yourself and less apt to engage in negative self-talk, such as "You're lazy," or "You're fat." Plus, feeling good about yourself improves your relationships, because you have a better relationship with yourself. You feel like you can handle everything that comes your way because you have the energy and confidence to do it.

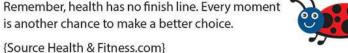
Why do so many women have trouble making their health a priority?

Some women think that other things count more. We forget that our health affects everyone around us. Taking care of your body gives you endurance to manage the rest of your life. When faced with a choice, think about how good you'll feel if you choose to be healthy. No one says, "I wish I hadn't exercised." Make the decision to respect yourself.

What would you recommend if I've tried and failed to be healthy

Be honest about what went wrong and find the lesson there. People often find they were too externally focused; they give up if they're not losing weight. Focus on how you feel instead of what you see. Do you have more energy? Are you sleeping better?

Remember, health has no finish line. Every moment is another chance to make a better choice.





Dear Ladyburd: My boyfriend and I have been together for the past nine years, We talked about getting married, because I feel it is time for us to tie the knot, of which we both agree. Lately, I find myself attending church regularly and I decided to become a full time Christian I spoke with him about my intentions and to my surprise he say he does not believe in Christianity.. Ladyburd, I need your input... Nicole

Ladyburd: Dear Nicole: You cannot force this young man to have your belief, and it is just a pity you did not find out these things, before you got heavily involved with him, this is a tough one, I am not sure if you can convince him or subscribe to what you believe, but you need to have another conversation with him, and find out if he was just joking or he is serious about what he said and base on what he says you will have to make a decision either way.



Light Bulb Moments

"I'm deciding to be my own individual self, and it looks nothing like what anyone else is doing. There's something so powerful about being unique."

—Alicia Keys, musician.

"I'd rather regret the risks that didn't work out than the chances I didn't take at all."

-Simone Biles, athlete

"There are more people doing good stuff and moving us forward than there are people sowing division. I surround myself with people who have faith."

—Maria Shriver, journalist.



Stop in your tracks and think, To live content with small means; to seek elegance rather than luxury, and refinement rather than fashion, to be worthy, not respectable, and wealthy, not rich; to study hard, think quietly, talk gently, act frankly, to listen to stars and birds, to babes and sages, with open heart, to bear all cheerfully, to all bravely await occasions, hurry never. In a word, to let the spiritual unbidden and unconscious grow up through the common. This is to be my symphony.

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Tickle My Funny Bones



Prayer Before Meal

There is a child who invites a friend to his house. When they sit down at the table for dinner, he asks his guest: "Hey, do you pray before you eat?" To which the friend responds "No, my Mom cooks very well."

> source: http://www.jokes4us.com/religiousjokes/ friendshousejoke.html

Get a Haircut

A sixteen year old boy who had long hair turned 16 and asked his father if he could get a driver license. The father said he could if he got a haircut. The boy commented "But Jesus had long hair." True said his father "But everywhere that Jesus went, he walked."

> source: http://www.jokes4us.com/religiousjokes/ driverslicensejoke.html

Now A Fish

A Jewish man moves into a Catholic neighborhood. Every Friday The Catholics are driven crazy because, while they're eating fish, the Jew is outside barbecuing steaks. So the Catholics work on the Jew to convert him to Catholicism. Finally, after many threats and much pleading, the Catholics succeed. They take the Jew to a priest who sprinkles holy water on the Jew and says, "Born a Jew, Raised a Jew, Now a Catholic." The Catholics are ecstatic. No more delicious, but maddening smells every Friday evening. But the next Friday evening, the scent of barbecue wafts through the neighbourhood. The Catholics all rush to the Jew's house to remind him of his new diet. They see him standing over the cooking steak. He is sprinkling water on the meat and saying, "Born a cow, Raised a cow, Now a fish."

> source: http://www.jokes4us.com/religiousjokes/ everyfridayjoke.html

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"A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory." Steven Wright

POLICE NEWS

WEST END EVENT SHUTDOWN FOR FLOUTING

Saturday, February 27

– Police, responding to noise nuisance report, were forced to disperse a gathering at Sebastian's BVI on the western end of the island after an event held at that venue drew a crowd that well exceeded the 175-person legal limit.

Both the event coordinator and owner of the the venue admitted that permission was not granted to host the event nor to exceed the limit provided under the **COVID** Suppression Regulations.

Public Health Order 2020 (Covid-19 Control and Suppression Measures) states under subsection 4 that all gatherings shall be limited to one person per 64 square feet and shall not exceed 75 persons at any given time. In the case of graduations, weddings and funerals, gatherings which shall be limited to one person per 64 square feet and shall not exceed 175 persons at any given time:

The Order also states where the organisers of an outdoor event anticipate that the event will exceed a gathering of 75 persons, he or she shall make a written request to the Minister seeking permission to hold the event.

Acting Deputy

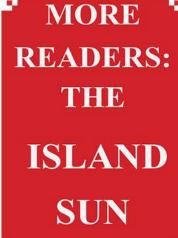
C o m m i s s i o n e r Jacqueline Vanterpool noted her disappointment to see such a flagrant breach when the rules are there to keep everyone safe.

"Police must enforce the orders as passed and sanctioned by Government. Business owners must continue to abide by the regulations or face the full enforcement of the law," she said.

The Acting Deputy is asking that the public uphold all COVID suppression measures until Government makes a change in the regulations.

POLICE WEEK CELEBRATIONS POSTPONED ice Week celebrations, annually held at the end of

Police Week celebrations, annually held at the end of February, are being postponed until a date later in the year when COVID restrictions are reduced and event venues can accommodate greater numbers of persons. A new date will be announced later in the year for members of the public and officers who look forward to this yearly observance



Virgin Islands Party (VIP) "Reignite The Vision."

Today, March 2, 2021, marks 50 years since the Virgin Islands Party (VIP) has been in existence! To commemorate this golden occasion the Party has planned a grand Anniversary Gala. This milestone observation has been scheduled for 24 April 2021 and will be held under the theme "Reignite The

Vision." Chairman of the Virgin Islands Party and Premier Hon. Andrew A. Fahie stated that "This fiftyyear celebration is a testament to the strength and resilience of the VIP."

The Party's Chairman noted that over the Party's half-century existence it has seen the Virgin Islands journey from strength to strength. Hon. Fahie said, "The party must be credited for producing visionary leadership and for being at the helm of the development of the Virgin Islands people and its economy."

The Virgin Islands Party was founded on March 2, 1971, after some members decided to part ways with the then United Party, before the Elections of 1971. It was on the basis of putting people first, in addition to the strong urging from political advisors, that a group of ordinary citizens came together, organized, and formed the new party. The founding members were: Hon. H. Lavity Stoutt, Hon. Terrence B. Lettsome, Hon. Leopold Smith, Mr. Bienvenido Callwood, Mr. Randolph "Mose" Malone, Mr. Donald Pickering, Mr. Joseph Skelton, Mr. Erman Fahie and Miss Naomi Turnbull.

On the day of the Party's inception (2 March 1971), the final draft of the Virgin Islands Party Constitution was ratified. At a meeting later that evening, the VIP Constitution was signed by the eight non-civil service members and recorded by the secretary.

By the close of the polls in 1971 the Virgin Islands Party had returned Hon. H. Lavity Stoutt and Hon. Rieeial George to the sixth Legislative Council of the Virgin Islands and from then on the Virgin Islands would never be the same. H. Lavity Stoutt was the founding father and the chairman of the Virgin Islands Party. He continued to lead the party until his death in 1995. After Stoutt's death, the leadership of the party transitioned to Ralph T. O'Neal who led it until he stepped down in 2014.

From 1971 until 2014, the Virgin Islands Party had only been led by two men; H. Lavity Stoutt and Ralph T. O'Neal. The two VIP leaders are also the two longest-serving elected politicians in Virgin Islands history and the first two leaders of the territory to have served more than two terms as either Chief Minister and/or Premier.

On 28 May 2014 Hon. Julian Fraser was elected by the VIP Congress and took over from Ralph T.O'Neal. On 30th November 2016, Hon. Andrew A. Fahie replaced Julian Fraser as chairman when he was elected by the Congress.

During the lifetime of the Virgin Islands Party, several distinguished members were successful in becoming part of the Legislative Council, now the House of Assembly. Similarly, numerous lifechanging legislations, projects, and initiatives were piloted; all resulting in the boast-worthy standard of living the Territory enjoys and these would be highlighted in the 50 days leading up to the celebration gala.

Over the last 50 years, the membership and leadership of the VIP has helped to shape the modern Virgin Islands and has lived up to the Party's most famous lines --

"Forward Ever, Backwards Never!"

COMMENTARY

COUNTRIES THAT PREVAILED EARLY AGAINST THE PANDEMIC



Dickson Igwe
February 26 2021

What was the common denominator for countries that kept the pandemic to a minimum?

Unlike in the USA, Brazil, and UK, draconian action and effective governance appeared to be the key components in keeping the COVID 19 virus from spreading in specific countries.

In some places the wearing of a face mask is mandatory and anyone venturing out without a mask is arrested swiftly. In those countries there is no halfway house: wearing a face mask is compulsory.

Even in countries where masks are not compulsory, populations that are actively mindful of the importance of masks in combatting Covid 19 wear their masks when necessary. This has probably stemmed the tide of infections in those countries.

Early in the pandemic there was mixed messaging on masks especially in the USA and UK.

Then countries that took the pandemic seriously in December 2019 were better prepared for action when the worst happened, unlike countries that refused to take the pandemic seriously and that failed to lockdown early.

There may have been a belief that the pandemic was an Asian issue. The pandemic would not reach the west. However science stated that with global aviation and international shipping, it would only be a matter of time before the pandemic reached western shores.

In Africa, in early January 2020, Kenya, which has a robust manufacturing base, converted that base into a machine for building ventilators and health care equipment. That effort apparently paid off in minimizing the spread of COVID in Kenya.

Countries where populations obeyed government protocols did well. The Caribbean-British Virgin Islands is one example-possessed residents who did not disobey directives and rules set by health ministers. The result may have been a minimization of infection rates and deaths in most of the Caribbean islands.

West Indians and residents of the Caribbean stayed indoors, obeyed quarantine rules, and social distancing requirements. The result was a far less spread of the pandemic in the region.

Limiting personal contact was a disaster for these economies. However lockdowns and social distancing achieved the desired result of controlling the spread of the virus.

In Africa, the poster boy for prevailing against the virus is Rwanda.

Rwanda is a highly digitized African state capable of going cashless at very short notice. When lockdown was initiated very early on, Rwanda went cashless and all transactions were done online. The country fully locked down for months. The preceding kept social distancing to a maximum. And that helped keep control of the pandemic in Rwanda.

Effective digitization meant that

By Dickson Igwe

over 50% of Rwandans could work from home. Online schooling was empowered, and most businesses were able to operate online.

Rwanda has a population of 12 million with just 2200 cases and 8 deaths.

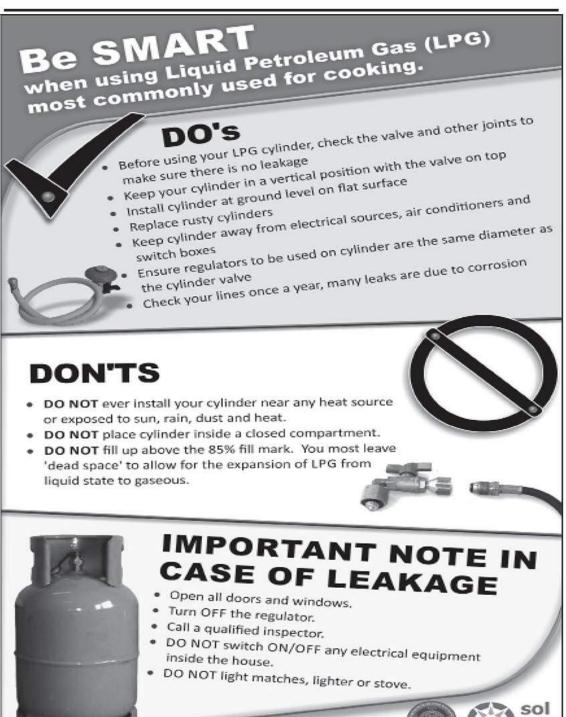
Compare that with the USA and UK where hundreds

of thousands have died and millions are infected, then there is no doubt Rwanda is an example of early action saving lives.

And it appears that so with countries that obeyed science with early action on COVID, so it will be with countries that bow to science with the vaccine.

The countries that first get the majority of their populations inoculated from COVID 19 achieving herd immunity will be the first to return to normal and see full economic and social recovery.

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A message from the Department of Disaster Management and Sol



HIGHLIGHTS OF HAMILTON LAVITY STOUTT

26th Memorial Celebration on 1st March



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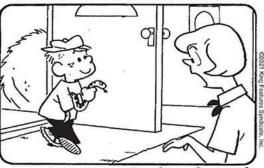
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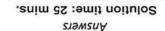
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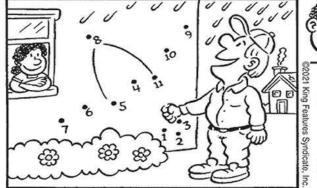
- 1. TELEVISION: Which 1980s-'90s sitcom featured the Conner family?
- 2. LANGUAGE: What does the Greek prefix "pan" mean in English?
- 3. MOVIES: Which artist sang the song that inspired the movie title "Pretty Woman"?
- 4. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the first primary color that babies can see?
- 5. GEOGRAPHY: What is the world's longest cave system?
- 6. MEDICAL: What is a fasciculation, the medical term for a common ailment?
- 7. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was the only one to be elected a U.S. senator after leaving office?
- 8. GEOLOGY: Emerald and aquamarine are types of which mineral?
- 9. U.S. STATES: What was the first state to ratify the U.S. Constitution?
- 10. MEASUREMENTS: What dosing measurement (metric) is used to administer liquid medication?
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King Crossword —

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RIDDLE-DOTS! "Hey, Mike! What can go up a chimney down but can't go down a chimney up?" Connect the dots and solve the riddle.

WARM
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WORD
CORD
COLD

by Charles Barry Townsend

lustrated by David Coulson

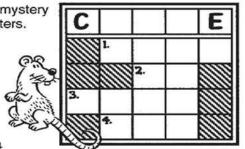
SOMETHING IN COMMON: What do the following two sentences have in common? 1. No lemons, no melon. 2. Was it a car or a cat I saw? spiemyoeq to spiemyoi acues aqui peat aq ueo quog

elon. 2. Was it a car or a s equi presu eq ureo quog

FIND-A-WORD! On the top line is our mystery word. You need to fill in the missing letters. Clue words (smaller words contained in letter-by-letter order within the mystery word) are defined below.

- 1. Cost per unit.
- 2. In or near.
- 3. Spoiled --.
- 4. Long-tailed critter.

1. Rate. 2. At. 3. Brat. 4. Rat. Mystery word: Crate.



LADDER PUZZLES

LADDER puzzles have been around for over a hundred years. They were made famous by Lewis Carroll, the author of "Alice in Wonderland." In this type of puzzle you are given a word that must be changed into another word in a series of moves. During each move you must change one letter in the previous word so as to form a new word. In our example we changed WARM into COLD in four moves. See if you can change the following four words:

- 1. BOAT to CASH.
- 2. MORE to LESS.
- 3. FISH to MEAT.
- 4. SICK to WELL.

4. SICK, SILK, SILL, SELL, WELL.
3. FISH, FIST, FIST, FEAT, MEAT.
4. BOAT, COAT, COST, CAST, CASH.



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might feel more encouraged about changes in your personal and/or professional life. However, it might be best not to rush things but rather work with them as they evolve.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The Bovine's business sense is especially keen this week. But remember that it's always best to investigate before investing. Make sure there are no hidden factors that can rise up later on.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Working on a family project could create tension between and among those concerned. Your good sense and your patience can help reduce bad attitudes and raise positive feelings.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You should be seeing more progress in the development of your plans and more supporters joining in. News from the past could help change someone's long-held position.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) With personal aspects strong this week, Leos and Leonas might want to spend more time with family and others who are especially close to them. Also expect news of a possible career change.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Taking a strong stand can be helpful this week. But be careful you don't cross the line into obstinacy. Best to take a position on facts as they are, not as you want them to be.



LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You have a strong sense of the needs of others. This week, turn some of that sensitivity into an honest self-appraisal, and let it find places where you can help yourself.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Creating an emotional comfort zone to handle a personal problem helps at first. But by midweek, you'll realize you need to deal with it directly or it could linger for too long.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Turning the page on a mistake to start fresh might not be the thing to do. Better to go over each step that led up to the decision you made and see which one misled you.

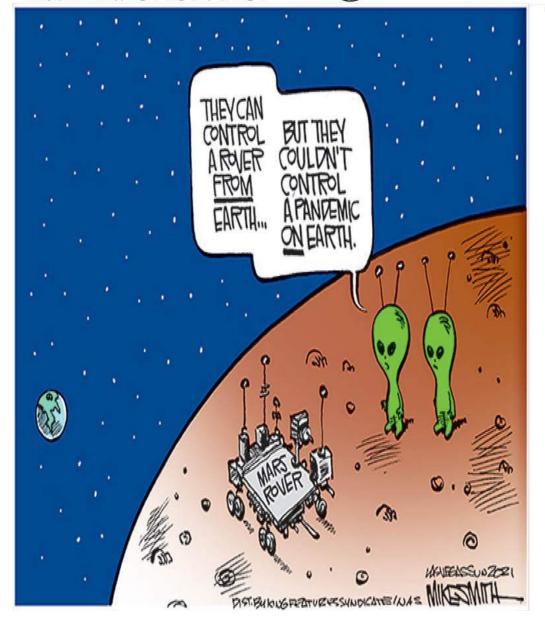
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Goats enjoy a varied diet, but eating crow isn't on the menu—at least not this week. An embarrassing situation might have gone wrong before you got into it. Check it out.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Your sense of honesty might impel you to speak up about a situation you disapprove of. That's fine. But do so without sounding accusatory. You might not know all the facts behind it.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Being asked to create a reassuring attitude in the middle of chaos isn't easy, but you can do it. Support for your efforts comes slowly, but it does come. Enjoy an arts-filled weekend.

BORNTHIS WEEK: Your honesty about people and issues is expressed in a positive, not painful, way.

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Hope for the Best, Prepare for the Worst

I live in Texas, in an area that has been hit recently with a massive power-grid failure, freezing temperatures, icy roads, frozen pipes, water pressure woes and boil water notices for the past several days. To say that our state was unprepared for this weather disaster is an understatement.

Whether you live in an area that has been hit with pandemic quarantines and lockdowns, work and school closures, bad weather, power outages, frozen pipes and water cutoffs, or you just need to stock your pantry for the times when you're unable to shop, here are some ways to create an emergency pantry using canned goods as staples.

A typical emergency pantry:

- Dried and/or evaporated milk Pasta, rice, cereals, crackers, bread (can be frozen for months)
- · Jars of processed cheese spread · Granola bars, Pop Tarts
- Canned fruits and vegetables Canned meats & fish (chicken, ham, tuna)
- Canned fruit, vegetable juices Peanut butter
- · Canned bean, potato salad · Unsalted nuts
- Canned baked beans, chili, hash, spaghetti, soup Dried fruits
- · Instant beverages · Baby food and formula (if needed)
- Bottled water



Additional supplies:

- · Non-electric can opener · Paper towels, foil
- Medications (prescription and nonprescription) that family uses on a regular basis
- Paper goods (toilet paper and tissues), napkins, plates, bowls, cups Plastic cutlery
- Bar soap and rinse-free body wash (if sanitizers or liquid soaps are unavailable)
- Food and water for pets
- Catering sterno cans, matches and aluminum chafer pan sets (disposable party buffet serving sets can be used for cooking and re-heating food safely)

Tips for creating and stocking an emergency pantry:

- -- Choose foods your family enjoys. Good options include low-sodium canned beans, vegetables, fruit (packed in juice), breakfast cereal, peanut butter, pouches of fully cooked whole grains and pastas, nuts, whole-wheat crackers and shelf-stable milk or plant milk (sold in aseptic boxes in the grocery aisle).
- -- When buying canned foods, choose low-sodium or no-salt-added products, and choose fruits packed in their own juice or water instead of syrup.
- -- Store canned goods in a cool, dark, dry area away from furnaces, pipes and other places where temperature changes occur. Store metal cans off the floor because moisture may lead to rust.
- -- Always use the FIFO (first-in, first-out) method when it comes to using foods from storage so that you're sure to use your oldest cans first. If you see a can or jar with a broken seal or is rusting, bulging or denting, it should be discarded. If any food does not look or smell right, throw it out.
- Keep at least 6 gallons of water per family member to be prepared for one week. Store water in airtight, food-grade storage containers. Replace water every six months.

Here are a few recipes using ingredients that should be in every emergency pantry -- grains and beans! They are versatile, nutrient-dense, packed with protein and very filling. These No-Cook Emergency Pantry Recipes courtesy of Trisha Calvo, a writer for Consumer Reports, are simple and easy to prepare.

NO-COOK EMERGENCY PANTRY RECIPES

Overnight Oats -- Mix rolled oats with water and let sit overnight on a counter. In the morning, add peanut butter, raisins or other dried fruit, and a little cinnamon.

Power Bean and Grain Bowl or Wrap Filling -- Combine drained canned beans with a pouch of precooked grains, drained canned corn, olive oil and any vegetables, herbs and spices you like. This dish also makes a delicious filling for a wrap, tortilla or pita bread.

Salmon or Tuna Stuffed Avocados -- Combine chunks of canned salmon, tuna or canned smoke trout with chopped tomato and cucumber. Toss with a dressing of lemon juice or white vinegar, olive oil, paprika, and salt and pepper. Use to stuff in avocado halves, top lettuce greens or as a sandwich filling.

Chunky Gazpacho -- Combine a can of diced tomatoes with its juice, chopped onion, chopped cucumber, a little Tabasco sauce or cayenne pepper, and a dash of salt and pepper. You can also add chopped red or green peppers, drizzle with olive oil and top with fresh parsley or cilantro, if you have any of these. For a heartier dish, add a can of chickpeas (drained).

Corn Salad -- Combine drained canned corn with vegetables you have on hand (tomatoes, peppers and onions, for example), chopped. Add drained canned black beans if you like. Toss with a dressing made of one-part apple cider vinegar and one-part olive oil, fresh or dried basil, and a little salt and pepper.

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Caribbean News / Regional News



Statement By The Caribbean Community On Access To COVID-19 Vaccines to attain the regional herd immunity on processary to fuel the resilience.

The Caribbean Community (CARICOM) is dissatisfied and deeply concerned about the inequitable access to vaccines for Small Developing States like those of the Community.

CARICOM calls for equitable access to vaccines in order to curb the impact of the pandemic, to protect our citizens and bolster the economy. As the virus does not discriminate, access to vaccines should not be discriminatory, with a few countries dominating the market with their resources and their volumes. Heads of Government noted that to date, even countries with the funds to purchase, have been unable to procure and receive vaccines through commercial arrangements, given the relatively small volumes which they seek.

Member States noted that although they have all signed on to the highly valued and appreciated COVAX Facility, the only vaccines received in the region to date were through the generosity of the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi, who has donated 170,000 vaccines to Barbados and Dominica through bi-lateral arrangements. CARICOM commends Prime Minister Modi for his generosity, which it is understood, will be continued. They also thanked Barbados and Dominica for having shared their initial supplies which were received from India.

Member States further noted that while the COVAX Facility will provide up to 20 percent of Members' needs, this limited supply will not allow us to attain the regional herd immunity, so necessary to fuel the resilient recovery that we are seeking. Heads of Government therefore call for a mechanism that allows smaller countries to have access to sufficient vaccines at the earliest juncture, if action is to be put behind the oftrepeated phrase that "no-one is safe until everyone is safe".

Other initiatives, such as procurement through the African Union's African Medical Supplies Platform (AMSP), as well as bilateral arrangements, are being pursued by some Member States with the support of CARICOM. We commend the government of the Republic of South Africa and the African Union, for having carved out an allocation for CARICOM countries.

We urge developed countries, and especially those in our neighbourhood whose populations travel frequently to our region, and who host our largest diaspora populations, to make some available to the Community, initially as an interim supply given the immediacy of the need. CARICOM has taken a decision to write to the governments of some traditional partners on the matter.

Attention is also needed at the multilateral level and to this end, the Community has called on the World Health Organization (WHO) to convene a Global Summit to address urgently equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines, particularly for developing countries, which should be held in the context of the World Health Organization's ACT-A Facilitation Council.

25 February 2021

Gov't To Retain International Consultant To Draft Legislation For Petroleum Sector - Attorney General By Synieka Thorne, March 1, 2021

Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs, Hon. Mohabir Anil Nandlall says the Government would be retaining the services of an international consultant to draft a collection of legislation for the emerging oil and gas sector.

The Attorney General made this announcement when he laid out the PPP/C Government's legislative agenda in the National Assembly on Monday. The legislations would regulate the new and emerging sectors, while at the same time revamping archaic legislations to complete a new and modern legal framework for Guyana. He said that every area of economic activity would be targeted for legal reforms.

In the housing and hospitality sector, a regime of legislation dealing with zoning, urban planning, condominiums and town houses will be addressed. Minister Nandlall said in the health sector, approximately identified to be dealt with. This includes a new Public Health Act, a new Mental Health Act, Organ Transplant legislation, a new Food and Drug Act.

The Agriculture sector would see a Food Safety and a Food Security Act being endorsed to ready Guyana to export agricultural products. Meanwhile, at the level of Local Government, the Solid Waste Management Bill would be completed soon, and public consultations will be held in this regard.

In addition to the Hire Purchase Bill which was referred to the parliamentary select committee, an Anti-Dumping Bill, a Movable Property Security Bill and an E-Transactions Bill are currently in draft.

"This latter Bill is to prepare the public sector to engage in E-transactions and for payments to be made for Government services by

25 pieces of legislation have been means other than cash and cheque," identified to be dealt with. This AG Nandlall said.

In order to strengthen the country's ability to protect its borders, Minister Nandlall said a Bill is being drafted for the establishment of a Border Patrol Unit, which will supplement the Guyana Police Force and Guyana Defence Force in securing and protecting Guyana's borders.

Similarly, in the Legal sector, a raft of legislation will be promulgated, including a new Arbitration Bill, a new Juvenile Justice Bill, a Bail Bill and Sentencing Guidelines.

"And of course, a slew of Amendments will be done to our election laws, to make the electoral process more credible and transparent and to hold the staff of the Guyana Elections Commission (GECOM) to a higher standard of care. This year will also see work starting on constitutional reform. The Constitutional Reform

Committee of the National Assembly will remain the main vehicle by which these reforms will be driven," AG Nandlall added.

Additionally, the Legal Affairs Ministry would be reviewing the Procurement Act not only to strengthen the public procurement process, but to create a more level playing field to accommodate small contractors.

The AG said within a few months, the Judicial Service Commission would also be up and running, the Committee of Appointments have already provided their nominees. A new and modern Public Service rule is also be worked on to further protect the interests of public servants.

This year will also see the appointment of the Law Reform Commission, whose first task would be to revise the current laws of Guyana and to produce a new consolidated volume of those laws.

VOA NEWS VOA NEWS VOA NEWS

Biden: Enough Vaccine for Every Adult American by End

of May

WHITE HOUSE - Merck will help its pharmaceutical competitor Johnson & Johnson make the single-shot coronavirus vaccine. That was announced on Tuesday by President Joe Biden.

VOA's White House bureau chief Steve Herman was in the room when the president also said he wants every American educator to receive at least one vaccine dose by the end of this month, as part of the effort to get the country back to normal as quickly as possible.

President Biden, speaking in the White House State Dining Room, says the cooperation among competitors to produce more doses and other actions will speed up the timeline by two months to have enough

educator to receive at least one vaccine to inoculate every adult vaccine dose by the end of this American.

"Here's what all this means
- we're now on track to have
enough vaccine supply for every
adult in America by the end of
May."

The president, in response to a reporter's question, said he hopes that "by this time next year" or sooner, things will be back to normal.

By Steve Herman, March 02, 2021



President Joe Biden delivers a speech on foreign policy, at the State Department, Feb. 4, 2021, in Washington.

US Drug Maker Merck to Help Produce Rival's COVID Vaccine

By Ken Bredemeier, Updated March 02



FILE - Signage is seen at the corporate headquarters of the U.S. pharmaceutical company Merck in Kenilworth, New Jersey, May 1, 2018.

WASHINGTON - U.S. pharmaceutical giant Merck has agreed to help manufacture rival Johnson & Johnson's new coronavirus vaccine to help speed production of millions of new doses of the single shots to inoculate more Americans in the coming months, White House officials said Tuesday.

Johnson & Johnson has encountered unexpected production problems, even as it won emergency use approval last weekend for the vaccine. The company has manufactured 3.9 million doses so far, but says it is

on pace to produce 100 million doses by the end of June.

President Joe Biden said Tuesday that the U.S. will have enough vaccines for all Americans in May, calling the agreement between the two pharmaceutical companies a "major step forward.

"There is a light at the end of the tunnel," Biden said, but cautioned that "it's not over yet."

Asked when Americans could expect a return to a "normal" life resembling pre-pandemic times, he said he could not give a sure

answer, but hoped it would be "before this time next year.

Officials familiar with the deal say Merck will use two sites in the U.S., one to help make the vaccine and the other to provide "fill-finish" services, the final stage in the production process in which the vaccine is placed in vials and packaged for distribution, according to The Washington Post.

The Merck agreement with its drug-making rival could sharply increase the number of doses Johnson & Johnson could make on its own, the officials said.

Merck failed in its efforts to develop its own coronavirus vaccine, but the company has made vaccines for a century. It is the sole U.S. supplier of the combination childhood vaccine that protects against measles, mumps and rubella. It developed Gardasil, which protects against the human papillomavirus, while the Food and Drug Administration approved its Ebola vaccine in 2019.

With the approval of the single-shot Johnson & Johnson vaccine, the U.S. now has three medical treatments to fight the spread of the virus, along with two-shot regimens produced by drug makers Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna.

After the FDA's approval of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, the company said it would immediately ship nearly 4 million doses in the United States, and a total of 20 million by the end of March. That is 17 million less than originally expected although the company still says it expects to markedly increase its production pace in coming months.

A top Johnson & Johnson executive told Congress last week that it hopes to manufacture 1 billion doses worldwide by the end of 2021.

The mass inoculations in the U.S. are first targeting health care workers, older people living in nursing homes, such essential personnel as police and firefighters, teachers, people 65 and older and those with underlying health problems.

U.S. health officials are hoping that the country's sense of normalcy might return by the end of 2021, but that is dependent on the widespread vaccination of millions of adults and later, possibly children.

So far, 75 million vaccine doses have been administered to about 15% of the country's adult population, with half that percentage receiving both shots of the two-shot Pfizer and Moderna regimens. About 1.7 million shots are being administered daily.

The spread of the coronavirus has slowed in the U.S. But 50,000 or 60,000 new cases are still being diagnosed each day and another 1,500 people or so are dying.

The U.S. has totaled more than 514,000 deaths and more than 28.6 million infections, both higher totals than in any other country, according to Johns Hopkins University.

SPORTS-4.XXX

Brathwaite wins Big 10 Conference Indoor Championships 60m with record run By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

Indiana Jr. Rikkoi Brathwaite made his third successive Big 10 Conference Indoor Championships finals his most memorable one.

Leading from gun to wire, Brathwaite buried the 60m sprint field, by beating defending champion Wasee Williams of Purdue and shattering his 6.58 seconds championships record from 2020, when he stopped the clock at 6.55 seconds, at the Spire Dome in Geneva, Ohio on Saturday. Williams was second in 6.66.

The mark is a new personal best, Indiana School Record, BVI Indoor Record and tied the 14 year-old All Time Big 10 Conference Record established by Wisconsin's Demi Omole, in 2007. In the process, Brathwaite became the 17th BVI athlete to win either an indoor or outdoor conference title dating back to 1979, for a combined 30 collegiate conference crowns in 14 different events in all levels of 12 different conference championships.

Brathwaite's performance helped Indiana to a 2nd place finish behind lowa, who won the title for the first time since 1963 with 119 with points in the Men's Division, as Indiana amassed 92.

Brathwaite had the 9th best time in the 200m of 21.44 seconds.

He joined Minnesota's Long and Triple Jumper Keita Cline who won the indoor Triple Jump in 1994, the Long Jump and Triple jumps indoors in 1995, the outdoor Long Jump in 1995 and Illinois Ashley Kelly, who won the indoor 400m in 2011, as BVI athletes who have won Big 10

Conference titles. In 2020, Elinah Phillip won the Big 10 Conference Swimming Championships 50 yards for Rutgers.

Brathwaite told Island Sun Sports that his journey to becoming Big 10 Conference champion had its ups and downs after placing fourth as a Freshman, Brathwaite recalled that he had a good start but along with his coach, had to work on his finish. He further noted that they work too much on his finish, that his start was neglected. The result was a horrible start and he had to run everyone down and finished second.

"Me and my coach went back and decided to take everything into account-my sleep, my diet, my start, my finish, taking care of my body with the trainers making sure I was fine and not missing any practice because of injury," Brathwaite explained. "We worked a lot of sled pushes, a lot of sled pulls, a lot of form and technical work and everything came together in the Big 10 final, start and finish."

He added: "It means everything because I've been working so hard for it and I'm really glad that I not only won the title, but have put myself at No 2 in the nation. There are no words that can describe it, it just means everything to me right now."

Reflecting on how his season went before getting in the blocks, Brathwaite noted that he ran times of 6.64, 6.67, 6.63 and 6.66.

"When the said 'gentlemen, take you sweats off, I was like Rikkoi, you've been running these times, nobody has run these times, nobody has run 6.66, nobody in the Big 10 has come close to you, don't panic, don't worry, you're rested," he noted. "You're rested, they're rested. They might go 6.60 today, you're going 6.5. So, just take your time, relax and just get out. You know you have a faster start then them, beat them off the start and when you get out, just relax."

Despite the uncertainties of school and a season because of COVID-19, Brathwaite said he had to keep a positive mind. He said he had two choices—stop running and do nothing at all, become lazy and wait for the news of what will happen or he could keep working, be in shape to push through the season.

"There was a positive outcome—outcome, working out with the team, working out with the guys and back on my regular schedule and I was ready," he noted. "Going through a pandemic everyone said it's hard, but as one of the team leaders, I had to keep a positive mind, I had to keep motivating everybody and I had to lead by example, not just words. I had a big responsibility on my shoulder so I had to live up to it."

When he ran 6.55 seconds, Brathwaite said he knew that he'd broken the meet record but didn't know of an All Time Big 10 record until his coach told him that he had equaled it.

"That gave me more excitement so I was surprised, really surprised," he noted as he looks forward to his first NCAA Championships in Fayetteville, Arkansas, Mar 11-13. "The only thing that can make me go faster is a better executed



Rikkoi Brathwaite wins the Big 10 Conference Indoor Championships 60m in a meet record 6.55 seconds.

PHOTO: Indiana Athletics Department

race. This whole week of training, I have to pay attention to every detail. I can't come to training and relax and just run. I have to pay attention to everything that I do. I think that is going to set me apart from others at Nationals."

Georgia, on Thursday.

Elinah Phillip bags C-USA Swimming Championships 50y silver

Despite eight months out of the pool because of Covid-19, a transfer from Rutgers to Florida International University and having just two months swimming under her belt, Elinah Phillip grabbed a 50y free silver medal in the Conference USA Swimming Championships in Atlanta,

Phillip, who won the same event at the 2020 Big 10 Championships for Rutgers while breaking the 14-year old school record, had a time of 23.01 seconds after a 23.10 in the prelims. She also helped the 4x200 Free Relay to gold in 1:30.56 and was 9th in the 100m free in 50.89.

Phillip's contributions helped the Panthers to their 7th successive C-USA Swimming titleextending the longest streak of successive post season championships in C-USA history, with 956.5 points.

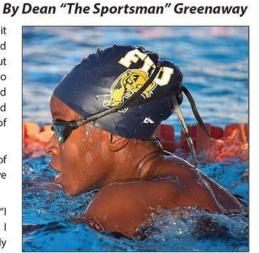
Phillip told Island Sun Sports that the transfer from Rutgers to FIU wasn't difficult as the coaches and athletics department managed it very well and she was able to get some competitions in before the conference championships.

"I really enjoyed conference and I think swimming fast made it a lot easier," Phillip said of her 23.01 seconds time. "The 50 is my favorite race so I really enjoyed that as well. It was also good to swim on a couple of the relays with the girls and that meant a lot because I'm new to the team, so it was a good week overall, I'm satisfied because I know I have just eight weeks of training with my new coaches. To be that close to my best time, I'm happy with it, because I wasn't that far off in any of my races."

Phillip added: "It really means a lot because transferring wasn't an easy decision. Coming to FIU, the environment with the team and the coaches is one that I'm happy that I took because it has really paid off. Since being at FIU, I've realized the importance of a happy environment. I was out of the water for eight months before coming to FIU and on just eight weeks of training I managed to do something that was really special and surprised me, considering how long I was out of the water, so it meant a lot."

She said it's "difficult to describe" the feeling of contributing to the Panthers' seventh successive conference crown.

"It is a very special feeling," Phillip said. "I feel very honored to be part of this team and I definitely wouldn't trade it for anything. It's really amazing to be here and I think it's something you have to experience to be able to understand it. It's very difficult to put into words, but, yeah, I loved it."



FIU Panthers' Elinah Phillip won C-USA 50y silver in 23.01 seconds. PHOTO: FIU Athletics Department

SPORTS4.XXX



Defending champions Hawks retained their Joyce Samuel Primary School inter house title with 407 points to the Doves' 313. The Eagles had 284



Islanders Goalkeeper battles One Caribbean players for the ball of a corner kick



Lady Braves' 3rd Baseman Shari'a Romney makes the final out to preserve a 6-5 victory over defending champions That's Ya Problem



U17 and U20 Girls competing in the 200m during Saturday's Dag Sameuls Development Series



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Dated 26th February, 2021

Sgd. Senta Frick

Voluntary Liquidator

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

ROCKFORD FINANCE S.A. (In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1467977

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from February 26, 2021.

Dated: 26th February, 2021 (Sgd.) Vadim FADEEV Voluntary Liquidator

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act. Davenport Group **Development Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1541667

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from February 26, 2021.

Dated: 26th February, 2021 (Sgd.) Delio José De León Mela Voluntary Liquidator

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act. FOREST INDUSTRIES GROUP S.A.

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1855391 NOTICE is hereby given pursuant Section 208, subsection 3 of the to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from February 26, 2021. Dated: 26th February, 2021

(Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela Voluntary Liquidator [90/10]

BLUEWATER BUSINESS HOLDING S.A.

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1607696

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 26th February, 2021 Dated 26th February, 2021

Sgd. Querube C. De Nuñez Voluntary Liquidator [90/111

WATERROCK OVERSEAS LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1607696 NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 26th February, 2021

Dated 26th February, 2021 Sgd. Querube C. De Nuñez Voluntary Liquidator [90/12]

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

CHINA HONEST GLOBAL INVESTMENTS LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1833392

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 26th day of February, 2021. The liquidator is Ping Jun of Room 202, No. 176, Lane 1069, Guohe Road, Yangpu District, Shanghai, China. Dated: 26th day of February 2021 (Sgd.) Ping Jun Voluntary Liquidator

CAPITAL MARKETS INC. Company No. 29477

(In Voluntary Liquidation) NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that CAPITAL MARKETS INC., is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 26th 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 26th January, 2021. Sgd. QUERUBE CASTILLO DE NUÑEZ Voluntary Liquidator [90/14]

BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004) Ptsource Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation) NOTICE is hereby given that on the 25th 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 Liquidator is:-

Room 2, Floor 5, Unit 1, Building 2, No. 259, Eastern Section of Longyou

Shizhong District, Leshan City, Sichuan Province.

[90/15]

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

Innovray Biopharma Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation) NOTICE is hereby given that on the 25th 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 Liquidator is:-

CAO Tingting of No. 421 Niudun Road. Zhangjiang, Pudong New Area, Shanghai.

[90/16]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 25th 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 Liquidator is:-

LU Jingyi of Room 302, Entrance 4, No. 18, Community 1, Xiyuan, Xiyuan Street, Ranghulu District, Daqing City, Heilongjiang Province, China

ADVANCE CONSULTING SERVICES LTD

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company Number 1523577

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 10th day of February, 2021. The Liquidator is Andrey Predtechenskiy of 144 Warshavskoye shosse, bld.2, ap.699, Moscow, Russia.

Dated this 2nd day of March, 2021 Sgd. Andrey Predtechenskiy

Andrey Predtechenskiy Voluntary Liquidator

APPOINTMENT MUYSTAN GROUP LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1515643

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in Voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on February 24, 2021. The liquidator name is Didio Fausto Carrizo Rodriguez of Betania, Dos Mares, Circunvalacion 13500, F-28, Panama City, Republic of Panama. Sgd: Didio Fausto Carrizo Rodriguez

Voluntary Liquidator

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1913620

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 March, 2021.

Dated: 3rd March, 2021 (Sgd.) ZHANG Meijing Liquidator

[90/20]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004 Weiming Lakeside Holdings Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1913619

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 March, 2021.

Dated: 3rd March, 2021 (Sgd.) ZHANG Meijing Liquidator

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004 Measure Fox Global Holdings

Limited (In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1913618

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 March, 2021.

Dated: 3rd March, 2021 (Sgd.) ZHANG Meijing Liquidator

[90/22]

NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT EUROPEAN FINANCE DEVELOPMENT

> CORPORATION ("the Company") (In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 3rd March, 2021; under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.

The Liquidator is:-

Marsha Corum

of Nerine Chambers, P.O. Box 905 Quastisky Building, Road Town Tortola, British Virgin Islands

[90/23]

PERIBIOL MANAGEMENT

Company No. 1507937 (In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that PERIBIOL MANAGEMENT LTD. is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 22nd January, 2021 and Mag. Iur. Bianca Lenz of Hauptstraase 4, 9494 Au, Switzerland been appointed as the Sole Liquidator.

Dated this 25th day of January, 2021 Sgd. Mag. Iur. Bianca Lenz

Voluntary Liquidator [90/24]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act. MEDEVA VENTURE LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1675649

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from March 2, 2021.

Dated: March 3, 2021

(Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela

Voluntary Liquidator

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

Brixcor LTD

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1804093

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from February 26, 2021.

Dated: March 3, 2021

(Sgd.) Jonathan Sherman

Voluntary Liquidator

[90/26]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

AROSEM TRADING LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1578178

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from February 26, 2021. Dated: March 3, 2021

Voluntary Liquidator

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Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

HOLY CROSS LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 490854

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from February 26, 2021.

Dated: March 3, 2021 (Sgd.) Stelios Ioakim Voluntary Liquidator

[90/28]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

NODELY MANAGEMENT

LTD (In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1724986

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from February 26, 2021.

Dated: March 3, 2021 (Sgd.) Yuliya Agafonova

[90/29]

Kola Gold Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company Number 1813469

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 3rd day of March, 2021. The Liquidator is Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated this 3rd day of March 2021 Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson Voluntary Liquidator

of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 20-

of the BVI Business Companies Act. 2004 GOLDEN JOY ENTERPRISES (FAR EAST) INC.

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 83390

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 March, 2021. The liquidator is Philippa V O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, Blackburne Highway, Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated: 3rd day of March 2021 (Sgd.) Philippa V O'Sullivan [90/31] Voluntary Liquidator

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

MGPFINANCE S.A.

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 536338

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from March 2nd 2021.

Dated: March 3rd, 2021

(Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela Voluntary Liquidator

[90/32]

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

DLS Pharma Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1644409

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act. 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation The voluntary liquidation commenced on March 2nd, 2021. The Liquidator is Mr R Rahul Raj with an address at 17 Philip Street, #05-02 Grand Building,

Singapore 048695. Dated: March 3rd, 2021 (Sgd.) Mr R Rahul Raj Voluntary Liquidator [90/33]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under

Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act. FAITH YIELD GROUP LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 428512

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on March 2nd, 2021. The Liquidator is Delio Jose De Leon Mela with an address at Bloc Office Hub, Fifth Floor, Santa Maria Business District, Panama, Republic of Panama.

Dated: March 3rd, 2021 (Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela Voluntary Liquidator [90/34]

NOTICE

BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT LUCK CHEER LIMITED

("the Company")

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 2nd March, 2021; under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.

The Liquidator is:-

Robin Walser

Of 600 North Bridge Road

#12-09/10

Parkview Square

Singapore, 188778

[90/35]

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

SYSMEDIC LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 2019883

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 March, 2021. The liquidator is Leung Wing Fai of No. 3, G/Fl., 1st Terrace, Man Sau Sun Chuen, Po Lo Che, Sai Kung, Hong

Dated: 3rd day of March 2021 (Sgd.) Leung Wing Fai Voluntary Liquidator

[90/36]

LYNASH BUSINESS MAN-AGEMENT LTD.

Company No. 580144 (In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that LYNASH BUSINESS MANAGEMENT LTD.

has been dissolved and struck off the

Register of Companies with effect from February 19th, 2021.

Dated this 2nd day of March 2021 Sgd. Mrs. Lineth Ponce Voluntary Liquidator

[90/37]

MERRY HILL ENTERPRISES LTD.

Company No. 229397

(In Voluntary Liquidation) NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to

Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that MERRY HILL ENTERPRISES LTD. has been dissolved and struck off the Register of

Companies with effect from February 19th, 2021. Dated this 2nd day of March 2021

Sgd. Mrs. Lineth Ponce

Voluntary Liquidator

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

ShengTang Tongcheng Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 24th day of February 2021, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.

The Liquidator is:-

FEI Yanvu of

No. 12, Unit 3, Building 2,

No. 1, Ziwei East Road, High-tech Zone, Chengdu,

China

BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)

B&O Holdings Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 25th day of February 2021, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidator is:-

GU Yizhe of

Room 1806, No. 1699, Gubei Road, Minhang District,

Shanghai,

[90/40]

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

Jacques Capital Holdings Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation) NOTICE is hereby given that on the 25th day of February 2021, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.

The Liquidator is:-

GU Yizhe of Room 1806, No. 1699,

Gubei Road, Minhang District,

Shanghai,

[90/41]

NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT

(NO. 16 OF 2004) Wiz Family Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation) NOTICE is hereby given that on the

25th day of February 2021, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.

The Liquidator is:-GU Yizhe of

Room 1806, No. 1699,

Gubei Road, Minhang District,

Shanghai, China

[90/42]

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

Grandfly Holdings Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 25th day of February 2021, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.

The Liquidator is:-

GU Yizhe of

Room 1806, No. 1699,

Gubei Road, Minhang District,

Shanghai,

China

[90/43]

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

Dong Fang FeiXiang Holdings Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 25th day of February 2021, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.

The Liquidator is:-

GU Yizhe of

Room 1806, No. 1699,

Gubei Road, Minhang District,

Shanghai,

[90/44]

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

RongKe Holdings Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 25th day of February 2021, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidator is:

GU Yizhe of

Room 1806, No. 1699,

Gubei Road, Minhang District,

Shanghai, China

[90/45]

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

Virbius, Inc.

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1890097

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 19th February, 2021. The liquidator is Philippa V. O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated: 19th day of February, 2021 (Sgd.) Philippa V. O'Sullivan Voluntary Liquidator

[90/46]

ROSSIO LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company Number 1707210

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 3rd day of March, 2021. Dated this 4th day of March, 2021

Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson Voluntary Liquidator [90/47]

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

MMG GROUP LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 2005217

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 3rd March, 2021. The liquidator is WU Changqiang (☐☐☐) of Room 1104, No. 2, Huarong Street, Haizhu District, Guangzhou City, Guangdong

Province, China. Dated: 4th March, 2021

(Sgd.) WU Changqiang ()

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

MOLI EIGHT LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 2009739

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 3rd March, 2021. The liquidator is WU Changqiang (□□□) of Room 1104, No. 2, Huarong Street, Haizhu District, Guangzhou City, Guangdong Province, China.

Dated: 4th March, 2021 (Sgd.) WU Changqiang (□□□)

Liquidator [90/49]

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

MOLI SEVEN LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 2003682

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 3rd March, 2021. The liquidator is WU Changqiang (□□□) of Room 1104, No. 2, Huarong Street, Haizhu District, Guangzhou City, Guangdong Province, China.

Dated: 4th March, 2021

(Sgd.) WU Changqiang (□□□)

Liquidator [90/50]

EDEN STAR PROPERTIES LIMITED

Company No. 171934

(In Voluntary Liquidation) NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that EDEN STAR PROPERTIES LIMITED is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 3rd March, 2021 and Dr. Oliver Nesensohn

of Landstrasse 33, 9490 Vaduz, Principality of Liechtenstein been appointed as the Sole Liquidator. Dated this 4th day of March, 2021

Sgd. Dr. Oliver Nesensohn Voluntary Liquidator

[90/51]

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

Cycan Holdings Limited

(the "Company")

(In Voluntary Liquidation) BVI Business Company No. 1476543 NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on February 21st, 2021. The Liquidator is Cyrille Mauron of Rte de Fruence 80, 1618 Chatels-St-Denis, Switzerland. Dated: February 21st, 2021.

Cyrille Mauron Liquidator 190/521

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

Normanton Investment **Holdings Limited**

(the "Company"

(In Voluntary Liquidation) BVI Business Company No. 1754170 NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on February 21st, 2021. The Liquidator is Cyrille Mauron of Rte de Fruence 80, 1618 Chatels-St-Denis, Switzerland.

Dated: February 21st, 2021. Cyrille Mauron

Liquidator

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

Chobe Investment Holdings

Limited

(the "Company") (In Voluntary Liquidation) BVI Business Company No. 1775963 NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on February 17th, 2021. The Liquidator is Cyrille Mauron of 80 Route de Fruence, 1618 Chatels-St-Denis, Switzerland.

Dated: February 17th, 2021. Cyrille Mauron [90/54]

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

MEGAPOLY Corp.

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1983137

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on March 2, 2021. The Liquidator is Delio Jose De Leon Mela with address at Bloc Office Hub, Fifth Floor, Santa Maria Business District, Panama, Republic of Panama.

Dated: March 4, 2021. (Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela Voluntary Liquidator

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

AZUREX LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1431085

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation The voluntary liquidation commenced on March 3, 2021. The Liquidator is Delio Jose De Leon Mela with address at Bloc Office Hub, Fifth Floor, Santa Maria Business District, Panama, Republic of Panama. Dated: March 4, 2021.

(Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela Voluntary Liquidator

[90/56]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 670602

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

Dated: March 4, 2021 (Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela Voluntary Liquidator [90/58]

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

INVESTLAW DIRECTORS

LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1627701 NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on March 3, 2021. The Liquidator is Delio Jose De Leon Mela with address at Bloc Office Hub, Fifth Floor, Santa Maria Business District, Panama, Republic of Panama.

(Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela Voluntary Liquidator

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

PYRO CORPORATE LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 560492

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 26, 2021. The Liquidator Yap Choo Sim with address at Menara Taiko, No. 5, Jalan Sultan Nazrin Shah, 30250 Ipoh, Perak Darul Ridzuan, Malaysia.

Dated: March 4, 2021. (Sgd.) Yap Choo Sim Voluntary Liquidator

[90/59]

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

BVIHPB 2021/0026

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ANY PERSON, having any objections to the Grant of Letters of Administration to the application shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 25th day of February 2021.

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

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

BVIHPB 2021/0025

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by CHARLES ERNEST RYMER of Brewers Bay, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, the lawful son of the deceased, MARY ALICE BLYDEN, late of Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, USVI, to the High Court of Justice in the British Virgin Islands, in the Probate Division, for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicant who is the lawful son of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 24th January, 2007. ANY PERSON, having any objections to the Grant of Letters of Administration to the application shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 25th day of February 2021.

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

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

CLAIM NO. BVIHPB2020/

IN THE ESTATE OF FRANCOISE CHAMPLONG ABRY LATE OF AVENIDA AURELIO MIROQUESADA 576-DPTO. L L02, SAN ISIDRO, LIMA 27 – PERU, DECEASED

ADVERTISEMENT

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

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

Dated this 24th day of February 2021

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

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

PROBATE NO. BVIHPB 0020 of 2021

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

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

ANY PERSON having an objection to the grant of Letters of Probate to the applicant shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice with the Registrar of the High Court in the Territory of The Virgin Islands.

Dated 25 February, 2021.

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

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

IN THE ESTATE OF AU-YEUNG YIP, SAU YING ANNE, DECEASED

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by HARNEYS CORPORATE SERVICES LIMITED (formerly known as Harneys Corporate and Trust Services Limited) of Craigmuir Chambers, Road Town, Tortola VG1110, British Virgin Islands the intended Administrator of the Estate of the deceased who died on the 16th day of June 2015, domiciled in Hong Kong, has applied to the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the Probate Division for a Grant of Letters of Administration in the Estate of the said AU-YEUNG YIP, SAU YING ANNE, deceased.

ANY PERSONS having any objections to the Grant of Letters of Administration to the said HARNEYS CORPORATE SERVICES LIMITED (formerly known as Harneys Corporate and Trust Services Limited) shall within fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of this Notice lodge with the Registry of the High Court in the Territory of the Virgin Islands a proper document setting out the said objections.

Dated the 3rd day of March, 2021

HARNEY WESTWOOD & RIEGELS LP Solicitors for the Intended Administrator

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 25th day of February 2021, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.

The Liquidator is:-

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

Shanghai, China

[90/60]

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

Sengwin Holdings Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 25th day of February 2021, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.

The Liquidator is:-

GU Yizhe of

Room 1806, No. 1699,

Gubei Road, Minhang District,

Shanghai,

China

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

Lednew Holdings Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 25th day of February 2021, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidator is:-

GU Yizhe of

Room 1806, No. 1699,

Gubei Road, Minhang District,

Shanghai,

China

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

GTIG Holdings Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 25th day of February 2021, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.

The Liquidator is:-

GU Yizhe of

Room 1806, No. 1699,

Gubei Road, Minhang District,

Shanghai,

China

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THIRD SCHEDULE

The Land Surveyors Ordinance, 1970 Notice of Intention to Survey

To:

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

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

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

Dated this 24th day of February, 2021

Sgd. Marc Downing

Licensed Surveyor

Tel. 346-1137 Email: vissltd@gmail.com

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THIRD SCHEDULE

The Land Surveyors Ordinance, 1970 Notice of Intention to Survey To:

Lilt Inc. - Parcel 57, Block 2235B

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

Barbara Connor - Parcel 72, Block 2235B

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

Dated this 24th day of February, 2021

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

PROBATE NO. BVIHPB 038 of 2021

IN THE ESTATE OF ELISEO ANG TAN Late of Philippines, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by REGINE MEI M. TAN of City of Calamba, Philippines for a Grant of Letters of Administration who is the person entitled to administer the estate of ELISEO ANG TAN, the deceased having died intestate on the 21 July, 2020.

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 with the Registrar of the High Court in the Territory of The Virgin Islands.

Dated 3rd March, 2021.

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

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

Persons who received their first dose of

the Oxford AstraZeneca Vaccine

to combat the COVID-19 disease

are asked to report any side effects

to the Ministry of Health and

Social Development

by calling 468-9850

or by emailing covid19vaccine@gov.vg.

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

Minimonster Holding Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 26th day of February 2021 under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register.

The Liquidator is:-

SONG Yaoying of

No. 555 Longyuan Road, Songjiang

District,

Shanghai, China

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

SEARONA LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 26th day of February 2021 under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register.

The Liquidator is:-

ZHANG Furong of

No. 87, West Third Ring North Road,

Haidian District, Beijing, China

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

PERFECT RENOWN LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 26th day of February 2021 under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register.

The Liquidator is:-

ZHANG Furong of

No. 87, West Third Ring North Road,

Haidian District, Beijing,

China [90/66]

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

Hypercube Holding Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

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struck off from the Register.

The Liquidator is:-

ZHANG Furong of

No. 87, West Third Ring North Road,

Haidian District, Beijing,

China

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U.S. – Cuba normalization could increase production of COVID-19 vaccines

By Sir Ronald Sanders

If U.S. President, Joe Biden, eases the trade embargo against Cuba, one benefit to developing countries, including the Caribbean,

could be greater access to coronavirus vaccines at an affordable price.

Cuban scientists have been working on four vaccine candidates to counter the virus. They believe that their most successful candidate, Sovereign 2, will enter a final phase of testing next month.

Vincent Verez, one of the leading scientists on the Cuban team, says that clinical tests, in two trial phases so far, have revealed that Sovereign 2 is "very safe with very few adverse effects".

The scientific team claims that producing the coronavirus vaccine was made more difficult by the sanctions on Cuba. They were not able to buy all the equipment and raw materials they needed, including spectrometers used for quality control. Nonetheless, their work is continuing. They have used a 20-year-old spectrometer that is still powerful enough to analyse the vaccine.

Cuba's biotech sector is well developed, making eight vaccines (for other diseases) administered to children in the country and exported to more than 30 countries. A successful coronavirus vaccine from Cuba would help to break the global control of the market by the big pharmaceutical companies in the US and Europe.

Cuba's geographical location in the Caribbean and its willingness to share a successful vaccine with the developing world, would ease the pressure on CARICOM countries which face a twin problem in relation to inoculating their people. The first is to access vaccines being produced by the large pharmaceutical companies particularly, Pfizer and Moderna, and the second is getting better prices.

CARICOM countries have not been able to vaccinate more than one per cent of their people despite herculean efforts by governments to secure vaccines. The COVAX facility, established by the World Health Organization, to negotiate both supply and price with the major vaccine suppliers, has encountered major obstacles and is yet to deliver any of the vaccines for which Caribbean countries have already paid. A rollout is scheduled to start soon, but it will be less than 10 per cent of the quantities that were ordered.

The generosity of the Indian government in donating 570,000 does of the AstraZeneca vaccines to CARICOM countries has helped them to get the inoculation programme started. But to get to the point of vaccinating 80 per cent of their populations so as to achieve herd immunity, requires access to more vaccines at prices less than the suppliers are offering.

Given that the world's richest countries have pre-ordered and pre-paid for supplies, the big pharmaceutical companies are under no pressure to reduce prices, or ramp up

> production, even as global demand is increasing rapidly. Pfizer expects about \$15 billion in revenue this year from its COVID-19 vaccine developed with BioNTech.

> Further, the governments of in which the large countries, producers of vaccines are located, implemented measures,

restricting exports of COVID-19 vaccines, citing intellectual property rights. Pfizer and Moderna claim the rights to vast amounts of intellectual property that will be useful, if not necessary, for others to develop vaccines in the future.

Sadly, the governments of the countries in which Pfizer and Moderna are located have also spurned urgings to facilitate such exports. Human rights, including the right to life and health, have been disregarded.

For these reasons, it would be beneficial to the Caribbean if the most promising of the four vaccines that Cuba is developing could secure World Health Organization (WHO) authorization after successful testing.

While he was campaigning for the U.S. Presidency, Joe Biden pledged to reverse sanctions placed on Cuba by former President Donald Trump in his efforts to win Florida where a large number of Cuban exiles reside.

One of the most unfounded measures against Cuba is its listing, in the last days of Trump's administration, as a sponsor of terrorism. The critics of this listing have rightly pointed out that it is unjustified and serves no purpose other than to further cripple the Cuban economy. More particularly, it will hamper deals between Cuba and other Governments of Cuba's closest countries. neighbours, including CARICOM, have called for its reversal.

About 20 churches and religious organizations in the U.S. also sent a letter on 17 February, to President Biden asking that the decision to include Cuba on the list of States sponsoring terrorism to be revoked.

At the same time, others, including the new Chair of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Bob Menendez, continue to demand harder and tougher measures against Cuba. The latter represent opposition, most of whom want nothing less than the immediate collapse of the Cuban government.

President Biden's instincts on normalization of U.S. relations with Cuba are grounded in the successful efforts of the Barack Obama administration of which he was Vice President. Nothing good will come from pursuing a decades-old failed policy that no one wants, except disgruntled Cuban-American exiles - a few of whom are in the U.S. Congress.



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THERE IS NO SUCH THING **AS A FREE PIZZA**

Suze Orman - a well-known American author, financial advisor, and television host – said there no such thing as free anything. In the same vein, there is no such thing as free sky miles and cashback on your credit card purchases. Journalist Helaine Olen says that "there's no such thing as a free lunch — or a free dinner."

When an advertisement says "buy one and get one free" it means the price for one was doubled to include the one given free. When the internet mega-sites tell you "free shipping" they simply mean the cost of shipping has already been included in the net price the retailers display. Some readers may think there is nothing wrong with that, it simply makes the buyer feel good. That may be so, but the seller includes a large portion of his shipping costs in each item's retail price.

Any mail-order business, big or small, knows that shipping, handling, packaging, and postage cost time and money. Yet, the public is made to believe they can have it all for free. Some of the auctiontype mega-sites on the internet almost impose on their sellers to sell their goods with "free shipping" offered to buyers as an incentive. It looks good but it all too often translates into hidden costs included in the price. Also, what type of shipping are we talking about: the one that arrives in three months, three weeks, or three days? Free shipping means slow delivery.

Some businesses offer free shipping if you buy more than a certain amount. That means that every single item offered includes some shipping and handling costs. But if you buy – say – less than \$50 you may be paying the hidden shipping costs plus the officially declared shipping costs. In a way, you are paying some of the free shipping for those who have more money than you to spend.

What about free internet social sites? The answer comes from a cartoon featuring two pigs debating the issue of "free" things: "Isn't it great? We have to pay nothing for the barn", says the hog on the left. "Yeah, and even the food is for FREE", says joyfully the pig on the right. The cartoon is captioned "If you are not paying for it, you are not the customer: you are the product being sold". The pigs did not seem to figure out that they would soon become sausages.

The information you have so easily given to the social site or the free browser service, or the free e-mail service provider is being used to generate income by channeling you in certain directions or influencing your shopping decisions.

Most apps are for marketing, not for profit: "The purpose of the free Angry Birds games is to sell angrier and more expensive birds; the purpose of the free United Airlines app is to get you to buy tickets on United Airlines; the purpose of the free Pandora app is to get you to subscribe to the full Pandora service. Folks will pay for more birds, better airline seats, and more music...." So says a blogger on "The Speech Dudes". Next time you see the word "FREE" attached to anything, think twice before you make a decision. Buyer beware!

[Guest editorial by Giorgio Migliavacca]



Beans Coffee are currently seeking a full time barista with managerial experience in a customer facing role. Minimum 5 years barista experience and 3 years managerial experience is required. This is a long term role involving early, late and weekend shifts including bank holidays and Sundays. For more information on the position please email your resume/CV to beansbyi@ gmail.com. Successful applicants will be contacted for an interview. BVIslanders/Belongers

JES Cleaning Services needs One Handyman

preferred.

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Must be able to clean houses, climb ladder, lift appliances and furnishing.

Required to work on Sunday and Holiday.

Punctual, honest, cooperative and customer service oriented. Contact 284-499-5881 [s91]

Caribbean Prestige Roofing is seeking a Full Time Sales & Operational Manager. Person must have at least 5 or more years of experience within required field. Please email resume to: Caribbeanprestige@gmail. com or call 340-7666 for further info.[s91]

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WORLD OF BEAUTY SALON is seeking a Full Time Hairdresser. Please call 547-8109 for more details[s91] A growing IT Company is look for a Cisco certified IT Network Manager to service our clients in the BVI. The applicant must have at minimum a Cisco certification such as CCNA, CCNP preferred and other industry certification of MCSE along with a Master's Degree in Information Technology. Excellent knowledge of OSPF, EIGRP and RIVv2. Please send all written applications to mail@microantix.com.

Belongers strongly preferred.

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

Meridian Construction Company Ltd is currently accepting applications a Tiler and a Labourer. Applicants should have worked in the field for at least 5 years. Successful applicant will be hardworking, self-motivated and prepared to work long hours and weekends. Please submit applications in writing to The Manager, P.O. Box 978, Road Town, Tortola or email hr@meridianbvi.com.

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Doris Christopher is seeking a Gardener / Handyman to work around her properties. Experience a must to get the job done to the best of your ability. Please call 499-3132 for more information.[s90] EMCs Caribbean Ltd. Is looking for a Project Manager with at least 5 years experience in a construction industry. Interested applicants can submit their CV/Resume with cover letter at P.O Box 386 Road Town, Tortola, BVI or call 284-494-1300.[s91]

Pierre Maintenance Services require the services of Two Maintenance Personnel.

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

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

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

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

Paradise Club is seeking a Full Time Bartender. Please call 494-2541 or 345-2541 for more info.[s91]

Tia Fish Market is looking for one Fisherman with 5 years of experience. Call 541-8192 Today. [s91]



Statement from Government of the Virgin Islands on the Amendment to the Register of Interests Act, 2006

On January 19, 2021 the former Governor, His Excellency Augustus J. U. Jaspert, appointed Sir Gary Hickinbottom, to hold a Commission of Inquiry (COI), to inquire into whether corruption, abuse of office or other serious dishonesty in relation to officials, whether statutory, elected or public, ".. may have taken place in recent years."

As a Government, we have promised the people of the Virgin Islands that we welcome a transparent and accountable COI that will allow for a just outcome.

In line with our promise to the people of the Virgin Islands, the Government of the Virgin Islands during the upcoming Sitting of the House of Assembly will seek to amend Section 9 of the Register of Interests Act to remove any barriers that could prevent Members from sharing information held by the Registrar of Interests. This course of action will assist the COI to ascertain such information without any legal impediments.

We will be seeking to amend the Register of Interests Act by inserting an additional circumstance in which the Register of Interests may be open for inspection, namely at the written request of a Commissioner of Inquiry.

The amendment would further permit the Registrar of Interests to provide the Commissioner of the COI with a copy of pages from the Register of Interests.

It is important to note that amending the Register of Interests Act is something your Government sees as essential because we believe in the spirit of cooperation and transparency at all levels. As a responsible Government, we see the need for this amendment to the Register of Interests Act.

The Government of the Virgin Islands believes that it is important to cooperate and engage the Commission consistent with its stated policy of transparency.

The Government will continue to do its part to foster a transparent Commission of Inquiry to allow for a just outcome.

REAL ESTATE

* For Sale:

5 bedrooms, 5.5 bathroom house with swimming pool on 0.51 acres. \$2,000,000 Parcel 59 Block 5042A Virgin Gorda Central Registration Section. Open for offers from interested Belongers. All offers must be submitted no later than 4:00 pm on 12 March, 2021 via email to bernadette.george@smithsgore.com or in hard copy to the office of Smiths Gore. For further information please call 542 2118. [s90]



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Sister Islands Survey Extended To March 31

Deputy Governor, Mr. David D. Archer, Jr has said that facilitating improved access to a wide range of public services is a priority for his office while announcing that the Sister Islands Programme Unit has extended its ongoing survey until the end of March.

Extending the survey will allow more residents on Anegada, Jost Van Dyke and Virgin Gorda to share their feedback regarding services available to the public on these islands.

Deputy Governor Archer, Jr said, "I have been very pleased with the progress being made in rebuilding the public structures on the Sister Islands. We want to have a better understanding of the needs of the residents on the Sister Islands and the services they desire. The survey is designed to provide us with the baseline information required for us to better plan for new and improved offerings."

Mr. Archer added, "It is my vision that once all of the pieces of legislation to support e-governance and digital transformation are approved by the House of Assembly and assented to, the Public Service will introduce the first one-stop payment portal on the island of Virgin Gorda. Feedback on the survey will help to greater impact the vision and plan."

Sister Islands Programme Coordinator, Ms. Sasha Flax said she hopes the additional time would ensure maximum participation.

"Some persons have already shared valuable information that would assist in prioritising the services most needed by residents on the Sister Islands, either via the survey or by reaching out to their District Officers." Ms. Flax said, adding, "We want to ensure every single resident on these islands has a chance to share their needs and ideas."

To make your voice heard, access the anonymous survey at www. surveymonkey.com/r/L5TYKJ2, or pick up a paper survey from a Sister Island District Office.

The goal of the Sister Islands Programme is to promote and facilitate the execution of projects designed to bring about sustained improvement in the quantity, quality and delivery of Government services.



Emergency Medical Services Advancing To Serve You Better

The Emergency Medical Service (EMS) in the BVI is undergoing development to reflect rapid changes in healthcare delivery with the goal of providing advanced medical care at the scene and during

transport to definitive care. **Emergency Disaster Management** Coordinator and Paramedic, Mr. Rodney Braithwaite said that the strategic partnership between the BVIHSA and the H. Lavity Stoutt





Community College will provide prehospital care training in the Territory.

Thirteen students are currently enrolled in the 11-month blended EMT training programme designed by Mr. Rodney Brathwaite and EMS Medical Director, Dr. Domnick Frazer. The course is comprised of lectures, research and online discussion forums. In addition to online sessions, students also take part in simulation lab sessions as well as clinical rotations in the hospital and on the ambulance.

"Medical Spanish and math as well as technical English have also been added to the curriculum. The Spanish component, in particular, was added in order to give prehospital care providers the ability to communicate more efficiently with the BVI's Spanish community," Mr. Brathwaite stated.

Mr. Braithwaite further stated that, "As we enter a new decade, we eagerly look towards the future of prehospital care. This future will include dramatic improvements in patient care thanks to advances in research, information sharing and life changing technology."

The catastrophic events of 2017 highlighted the need for building community-based disaster resilience. The BVIHSA is committed to partnering with key stakeholders to assist with this process by training personnel within communities with the necessary skills to provide prehospital care during disasters.

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



Honourable Carvin Malone at 60th Meeting Of The Presiding Officers Of The Regional Conference On Women In Latin America And The Caribbean

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Monica Zalaquett, Minister of
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Conference on Women
Alicia Barcena, Executive
Secretary of ECLAC
Maria-Noel Vaeza, UN Women's
Regional Director for the
Americas and Caribbean
Honourable Ministers
Distinguished delegates, ladies
and gentleman, good afternoon.

It is my pleasure to provide a brief report on the British Virgin Islands implementation of the Santiago Commitment.

First, I am pleased to inform you that active cases of COVID-19 in the British Virgin Islands are down to zero as of 18th February 2021. This is the result of robust entry and health protocols and their enforcement by the health authorities and local places of business on our islands. We have now entered the vaccination phase of our health response which is in the early stage of rollout.

While we are beginning the process of recovery from the global pandemic, there is no doubt that it has taken a heavy toll on our society, particularly on women.

After the unavoidable emergency closure of our borders in March 2020, which was followed by a lockdown, the tourism sector collapsed. Notably, the sector accounts for roughly a third of GDP and the greatest share of employment compared to other sectors of the economy. Businesses reliant on tourism for income came under intense financial pressure that induced a sharp spike in unemployment. Women were disproportionately affected since they comprise the majority of workers in the tourism sector, employed at hotels, restaurants and other hospitality businesses. Women, and in particular, single family households headed by women, were thrust into financial hardship.

In response to the financial challenges facing women and other vulnerable persons, we approved

a modest economic stimulus package that provided financial and social assistance, including unemployment payments to laid off persons, financial assistance to impacted businesses, and also financial assistance to civil society. We have continued to work with local NGOs such as the family support network to ensure that struggling families are fed. Women are disproportionately benefitting from the assistance being provided by the Government in collaboration with Civil Society, private sector and international partners.

Over the past 12 months as we have maintained curfews, many families and individuals have come under greater social pressure at home. Many women and children have ended up in more vulnerable positions where they can be abused. To a lesser extent some men face similar challenges.

We have continued to campaign through targeted messaging and the stepped up efforts of our social services offices and the police to discourage the abuse of women and children, and to intervene as we required.

In terms of the welfare of children specifically, the containment of the pandemic has allowed us to begin returning children to classrooms in a staged way. This will place them in a safer and healthier environment during daytime hours. We are conscious of how important this is for girls in particular, who can be the target of abusers.

We are also refining our social protection policies and developing our social registry to be able to better protect vulnerable populations, including women. We also continue to provide support through our public assistance and income support programmes.

In terms of investment in our social infrastructure, we are proceeding with development of social housing for those families and persons who do not have a home and would not acquire one otherwise. This will address an important aspect of their welfare over the long-term.

Madam Chair, at this stage I would like to pay tribute to the many

women who are at the heart of the health services and social services in the British Virgin Islands without whom we could not have mounted a robust health and social response to COVID-19. Women are disproportionately represented in the health and social sectors.

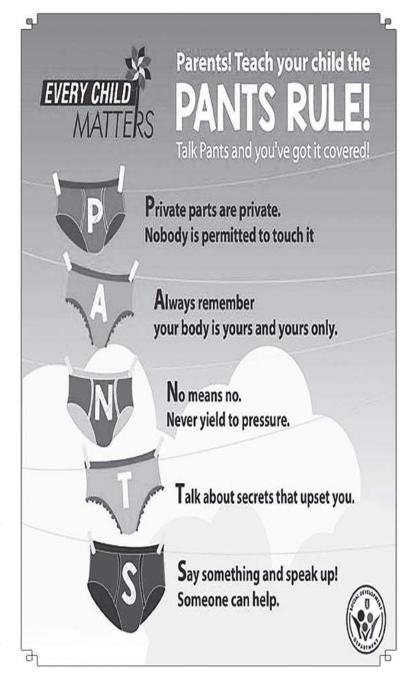
Throughout the pandemic we have done everything in our power to ensure these brave women have the personal protective equipment (PPE) needed to safely do their jobs. We are also ensuring that as we rollout our vaccination programme that they get the needed vaccination so they are protected from illness.

They remain on the frontline of containing the virus. Their lives are continuously at risk in doing everything from testing to monitoring to policy development, coordination and implementation. As minister responsible for health and gender, I am truly grateful.

Finally, as the British Virgin Islands begins to recover economically from the global pandemic, we see women as central. As I mentioned earlier, women are at the heart of our tourism industry. We successfully reopened our borders on 1st December 2020 after eight longs months to receive tourists and other visitors. Our entry and health protocols are working well and have successfully netted imported cases of COVID-19.

Our well-functioning system will allow us to receive greater numbers of tourists that will boost our economy and create more jobs. This will help to absorb those women who need employment. To support this effort, we are providing retraining with the generous assistance of the International Labour Organisation.

Madam Chair, I thank you for the opportunity to deliver this report and look forward to the remainder of our meeting to address the serious challenges women face coming out of the global pandemic.





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BVICCHA Warns of Delayed Economic Recovery

As the proactive Voice of Business, the BVI Chamber of Commerce and Hotel Association (BVICCHA) is continuing to raise concerns that the tourism sector is on life support. We are disappointed at the news that the opening of seaports has been delayed for a second time since the initial announcement to open seaports in December 2020. The seaports are the main point of destination access into the Virgin Islands and a further delay to April 2021 at the end of the regular tourism season is another blow to an already fragile situation. This would mean that for the second year in a row, the accommodations and food services sector, which accounted for over \$80 million in economic activity in 2016, has suffered another major disruption that could result in permanent business closures. While the business community appreciates the priority of public health and safety, a balance is needed to protect livelihoods that, if not preserved, will have a long-lasting impact and result in socioeconomic fallout such as poverty due to chronic under-employment or unemployment.

The tourism sector businesses, which have earned little to no revenue over the past twelve (12) months, are in a dire position and unable to return persons to work or pay severance without going bankrupt. It is important to remember that the local economy is integrated and if one sector(s) is in distress, there is a significant impact across all. For example, the professional services sector, including the transportation, wholesale and retail sectors, will also be negatively impacted. As reported in October 2020, many businesses that rely on tourism dollars, directly or indirectly, have exhausted savings trying to survive thus far, and some are going into debt trying to sustain operations. Some businesses are still reporting that they have not received business relief assistance promised from six months ago. This situation further highlights the need for immediate strategic actions to diversify the economy in the next 3-5 years to limit the economic shockwave of this magnitude. We again make the call for a Comprehensive Economic Recovery & Development Plan to be developed with stakeholder consultations that include unemployment benefit scheme, economic relief/paycheck protection program, bank deposit insurance, moratoriums, and bankruptcy regulations. Longer-term goals such as diversification, workforce development plan, and regulations that make a more business-friendly environment also needs to be included in this plan. A key element to start this planning process is quarterly economic reporting to provide information for planning and decision-making.

The business community has a vital role to play in the Virgin Islands' economic success and to initiate dialogue on the way forward. The BVICCHA will be hosting a virtual Business Stakeholders Meeting on Thursday 11 March 2021, at 5:30 pm.

All business owners are invited to attend to share their concerns and ideas. Register on our website at www.bviccha. org. Remember, Your Business Is Our Business! We Got You! Practice good hygiene and physical distancing. Be safe and be well.



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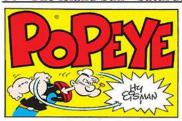
- Assisting with the switching of the high and low voltage electrical circuits, and the synchronizing and taking load off generators.
- Monitoring gauges on control panel and main electrical switch board in the Control Room.
- Recording readings on log sheets and refills radiators with water hourly.
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- 9. Assisting in the restoration of power.
- Assisting with the monitoring and recording of operating conditions of all generators, auxiliary equipment around the power station.
- Accurately recording and reports all generator downtime.

Applications should be sent and addressed to:

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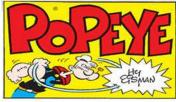


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Why Vegetarianism Is Good For You And The Planet

Even the Utah Beef Council admits, "Several epidemiological studies indicate that vegetarians have lower morbidity and mortality from chronic degenerative diseases." Today, vegetarians only make up about two percent of the population, but everyday more and more people give up eating red meat or try their first bite of tofu. Aside from ethics, what are the main reasons people are turning away from meat? Health and the ecology.

Lower rates of disease amongst vegetarians

Hundreds of different studies concur, showing that vegetarians who eat balanced diets have lower rates of coronary artery disease, hypertension, obesity, and certain cancers. Registered Dietician Winston Craig says that meat eating costs Americans somewhere between \$30-\$60 billion per year in medical expenses for hypertension, heart disease, cancer, diabetes, gallstones, obesity, and food-borne illnesses associated with meat. Craig says that a vegetarian diet is associated with lower cholesterol, lower blood pressure, and less obesity.

In 1997, the World Cancer Research Fund recommended a vegetarian diet for reducing the risk of cancer. Lifelong vegetarians have 24% less heart disease, while vegans have an astounding 57% less. A comprehensive study of a vegetarian religious group, the Seventh Day Adventists, found that they had half the rate of high blood pressure and diabetes, half the rate of colon cancer, and two-thirds the rate of arthritis and prostate cancer as other groups (2001). Furthermore, Cornell University reported that eating less meat did more to reduce osteoporosis than supplementing your diet with calcium.

Do you have to be completely vegetarian to benefit?

In 1999, a meta-analysis of several vegetarian and vegan mortality studies was conducted. The results of these studies were compared together and re-analyzed. The researchers concluded that even reducing meat in your diet had a significant effect on lowering your rate of disease. People who ate meat just once a week had a 20% lower rate of dying from heart disease, and their over-all mortality rate was reduced by 10%.

Those who are only fish saw as much as a 34% reduction in heart disease death, while their over-all mortality was lowered by 18%.

In the same sense, the more you reduce consumption of animal products, the more you appear to benefit. Only 7% of the vegans studied died of cancer (lung, stomach, and colorectal). Alarmingly, 19% of over-all deaths in the US are from cancer.

Vegetarian diets are good for the planet

Every year, meat eaters contribute to the cattle farming industry. This industry uses farm lands that could be producing human food to make grain for cows. As most people know, cows produce large amounts of environmentally-toxic methane gas. Raising cows also uses precious water resources.

Vegetarianism and the rain forrest

What you may not know though is that eating meat also contributes to the destruction of the rain forests. In an effort to make a cheaper Big Mac and Whopper, companies are growing cattle in Central America, where labor and other costs are lower. Eager Central Americans are slashing and burning their native rain forests to make room for the beef industry.

Vegetarianism and carbon dioxide emission

Estimates show that a vegetarian diet saves 1.5 tons of greenhouse gas per person per year. The American Journal of Clin- ical Nutrition reports that producing one calorie of animal protein requires ten times the fossil fuel as producing one calorie of plant protein. Wow! Furthermore, eating a vegan diet reduces more carbon dioxide emissions than driving a hybrid car, according to the New Scientist.

Vegetarianism and water reserves

What's more disturbing is that every hamburger that originated from a rain forest cow required the destruction of roughly 55 square feet of rain forest. Furthermore, studies show that one pound of beef requires 2,500 gallons of water. The water used to produce one hamburger patty is enough for two-week's worth of daily showers.

ARCHAEOLOGISTS FIND INTACT CEREMONIAL CHARIOT NEAR POMPEII



A view of the chariot with its decorative elements found in Civita Giuliana near Pompeii.

MILAN - [Associated Press - VOA] Officials at the Pompeii archaeological site in Italy announced Saturday the discovery of an intact ceremonial chariot, one of several important discoveries made in the same area outside the park near Naples following an investigation into an illegal dig.

bronze decorations and mineralized wooden remains, was found in the ruins of a settlement north of Pompeii, beyond the walls of the ancient city, parked in the portico of a stable where the remains of three horses previously were discovered.

The Archaeological Park of Pompeii The chariot, with its iron elements, called the chariot "an exceptional

discovery" and said "it represents a unique find - which has no parallel in Italy thus far - in an excellent state of preservation."

The eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD destroyed Pompeii. The chariot was spared when the walls and roof of the structure it was in collapsed, and also survived looting by modern-day antiquities thieves, who had dug tunnels through to the site, grazing but not damaging the four-wheeled cart, according to park officials.

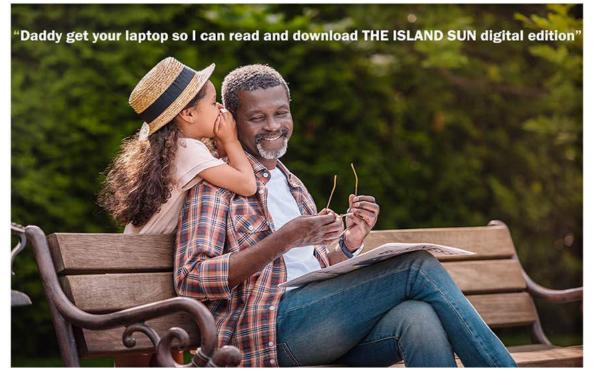
The chariot was found on the grounds of what is one of the most significant ancient villas in the area around Vesuvius, with a panoramic view of the Mediterranean Sea, on the outskirts of the ancient Roman city.

Archaeologists last year found in the same area on the outskirts of Pompeii, Civita Giuliana, the skeletal remains of what are believed to have been a wealthy man and his male slave, attempting to escape death.

The chariot's first iron element emerged January 7 from the blanket of volcanic material filling the two-story portico. Archaeologists believe the cart was used for festivities and parades, perhaps also to carry brides to their new homes.

While chariots for daily life or the transport of agricultural products have been previously found at Pompeii, officials said the new find is the first ceremonial chariot unearthed in its entirety.

The villa was discovered after police came across the illegal tunnels in 2017, officials said. Two people who live in the houses atop the site are on trial for allegedly digging more than 80 meters of tunnels at the site.



Can shoes spread the COVID-19 virus?

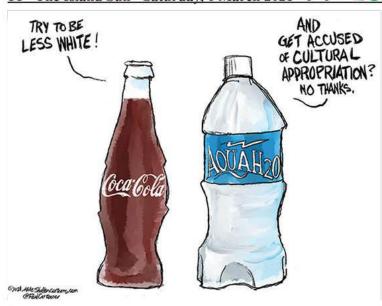
The likelihood of COVID-19 being spread

is very low.

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



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Half of Seniors Have H. Pylori Infection

DEAR DR. ROACH: Could you give some additional information about H. pylori infection? I was diagnosed with it recently, via biopsies taken during an endoscopic procedure. I was given instructions on antibiotics to be taken, which I followed through on. When talking to my doctor's physician assistant, I asked what could have caused the infection, to try to prevent it from recurring. I was given a very cursory response, including that it could have come from eating at "Mom and Pop" restaurants. From research I did after that, it seems that it can be present for a long period of time without being noticed, and many times the cause is unsure.

After I finished the antibiotics, I was told to have a follow-up test to make sure they were effective. I was given a choice of a stool test or a breathing test; I chose the breathing test. I was surprised at how easy it was. Are those tests also used to initially detect an infection, without a biopsy? —A.J.Y.

ANSWER: Helicobacter pylori is an important cause of chronic gastritis (stomach inflammation), the most important cause of stomach ulcers, and is an important factor in stomach cancer and intestinal lymphoma. Between 50% and 66% of the population of the world is affected. The older a person is, the more likely he or she is to have infection: In the U.S., it's about 10% in those between 18 and 30 years old, but 50% in those over 60. This likely represents an improvement in hygiene, as most infections are acquired in childhood and persist throughout life.

It is thought that most infection

occurs person-to-person, possibly through water or from poor handwashing before food preparation. H. pylori is much more common in developing nations. In the U.S., infection is more common in people of lower socioeconomic status.

Not everyone with H. pylori has symptoms or needs treatment. People with ulcers or gastritis are generally treated with several antibiotics for 10-14 days along with antacid medicine. The diagnosis can be made by biopsy, as yours was, or by the stool or breath test.

The breath test is at least 95% specific (if the test is positive, it's very likely to be a true positive) but 90% sensitive, meaning one person in 10 with the bacteria will have a false negative test. The stool test is close to 95% sensitive and specific. Blood testing is more likely to have false positive and false negative results. In addition to making the diagnosis, the stool or breath test is recommended to confirm eradication of the infection.

For more reading, I'd recommend you start at https://medlineplus.gov/helicobacterpyloriinfections.html.

DEAR DR. ROACH: Is chlamydia easy to cure with antibiotics? — Anon.

ANSWER: Although there are several different species of the bacterium Chlamydia, including an important one that causes pneumonia, I assume you mean chlamydia trachomatis, the kind that causes genital disease in both men and women.

Yes, it can be easily cured. The cure rate with either of the first-line antibiotics, doxycycline or azithromycin, is 96% to 100%. The hard part is making the diagnosis, since the infection can be clinically silent, but can still be passed on. Unfortunately, unless all partners are treated simultaneously, it's possible to be reinfected.

Gonorrhea is often present at the same time as chlamydia, and it's important that testing for that infection also be done.

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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• Did the actress who plays the witch Sarah Bishop on "A Discovery of Witches" once play a doctor on "ER?" Also, whatever happened to the actor who played Dr. Greene on "ER?" I always thought he was one of the best actors on television. — W.B.

A • Yes, British actress Alex Kingston used to play Dr. Elizabeth Corday on "ER" from 1997 to 2009. It's easy to recognize her because she doesn't seem to have aged, sporting the same beautiful red curls as she did more than a decade ago.

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"A Discovery of Witches" will wrap up its second season on the Sundance Now channel on Saturday, March 13. It's part of the fantasy genre, based on the "All Souls Trilogy" books by Deborah Harkness. It's about a scholar, played by Teresa Palmer, who rediscovers her powers as a witch after finding an ancient manuscript in the library. She joins forces with another professor, a vampire played by Matthew Goode.

As for Anthony Edwards, who played Dr. Mark Greene on "ER" from 1994 to 2004, he's starred in a few TV series since, but none have achieved the ratings success and pop culture phenomenon as "ER." Most notably, he played the judge in a "Law & Order True Crime" about the Menendez Brothers, and he was a regular opposite Kiefer Sutherland in the third season of "Designated Survivor." I don't think it will be very long before Edwards lands another TV show, if he wants it.

• I've always wondered: Was the Jack Russell dog in the sitcom "Frasier" the same dog for the entire series or was there a double? — P.B.

A.No, there were two different dogs that played adorable Eddie on "Frasier." Moose was the original, and then his real-life son, Enzo, took over in later years. Moose lived to be 16 years old and Enzo 14. Moose was reportedly very mischievous on the set. Recognizing talent when he sees it, Grammer thanked the original Eddie in his Emmy acceptance speech in 1994, stating "Most importantly, Moose, this is for you."

• I've been enjoying the Mar• vel series "WandaVision,"
especially the first few episodes that
parodied sitcoms from the 1960s
and 1970s like "The Brady Bunch."
"WandaVision" can be hard to follow now that it's gotten more complicated, but I think the lead actress
in it is just fabulous. I know she's a
sibling of the Olsen Twins, but is she
older or younger? — G.F.



Marvel Studios

Elizabeth Olsen in "WandaVision"

• Elizabeth Olsen is younger than • her twin sisters Mary-Kate and Ashley, who were very successful child stars on the sitcom "Full House" and are now fashion designers. Elizabeth just turned 32 and the twins will soon be 35. Elizabeth once appeared on her sisters' sitcom when she was 6 years old, but her acting career really took off in the 2011 independent film "Martha Marcy May Marlene." She became a box office success when she joined the Marvel franchise as Wanda Maximoff/Scarlet Witch, the same role she's wowing everyone with these days in "Wanda Vision" on Disney+.

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

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps







"The time has come to put aside party differences and do what's right for the country. ... What am I saying?"

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And how have I wearied you? Testify against Me. For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, I redeemed you from the house of bondage; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. MICAH 6: 3, 4

"Mothers" by Käthe Kollwitz (1919)



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Refreshing Your Relationship: Review Pet Peeves Together

No matter how close we are to our partner, no matter how strong the bond and the mutual likes and dislikes, there are always little things that we do that "bug" our greatest audience. Too often, such personal habits are only discussed in the middle of a heated argument when they are hurled like missiles "And another thing, you always . . ."



Defuse the potential for discord by setting aside time every month or so to sit down and discuss such disconnects objectively and with a lot of good humor. While our tendency is to assure our loved one that there is absolutely nothing they do that we would want to change, there is always something. By concentrating on the irritating action itself, we can avoid criticizing the other as a person, or letting our emotions blow little transgressions into tornados.

Start small with things that only mildly "push your buttons." Such things as leaving the toilet seat up, dropping wet towels on the bathroom floor, always taking a fresh glass for morning juice, or leaving piles of clothes in the corner - all of these can be annoying but are hardly make-or-break aspects of your union.

For every "bugs me" behavior identified, see if you can figure out together how the situation can be resolved. Maybe one of you can agree to watch yourself carefully and try to avoid the activity all together. Maybe

No matter how close we are to our one of you can become more flexible partner, no matter how strong the bond and the mutual likes and dislikes, without the buildup of underlying there are always little things that we resentment.

Make a game of monitoring each other. A cue word or phrase ("mayday"; "boytoy"; "bingo"; "who let the dogs out?") can alert the partner in a humorous, non-threatening way and avoid a defensive response.

If two people care for each other, they will genuinely try to avoid irritating or disturbing each other but because two people will never be in total sync, it is important to develop a tolerance for each other's flaws and foibles.

In the midst of our ever-busy lives, we try to concentrate on too much at once. Our time becomes

so engaged on the problems and challenges of a demanding world that we forget or ignore the little things that our loved one does for us, simply because they care.

So end your discussion of annoying habits and possible solutions by also taking the time to review what things the other person has done that made you feel wonderful - the call to let you know they are running late, the coffee in bed on a Sunday morning, or how grateful you are that your partner handled your son's school problems so well.

You should be able to walk away from your discussion with an upbeat feeling, secure in the knowledge that fate has dealt you the greatest card in the pack: an honest and thoroughly enjoyable union with the most wonderful person you have ever known.



What Is Body Language?

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Our ability to use body language in a positive way and to read other people's minds through their body language separates the men from the boys (or women from girls), and can be a powerful tool to our overall personality development. Imagine creating a great impression for work, business, and love by being knowledgeable in this not-so-common yet powerful field of study. It is the unspoken tool to a successful life.

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