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SUSPENSION OF THE BVI CONSTITUTION CRITICIZED BY OECS AND DR. PICKERING

During the 72nd Meeting of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) Authority, the Heads of Government and Political Representatives on 25 October made a call "for the United Kingdom (UK) Order in Council being held in reserve to suspend the British Virgin Islands constitution to be withdrawn without delay."

The United Kingdom's Order in Council threatens the partial suspension of the British Virgin Islands' Constitution. This means that the Governor will be the leader of the Territory as the elected Leaders will be out of power.

Since the Commission of Inquiry (COI) recommendations made way for the Order in Council

regional organizations such as the OECS have spoken out against the situation. In its revisiting of the matter, the OECS Authority issued a statement this week declaring that it "Objects to the imposition of direct colonial rule over the people of the British Virgin Islands whose human rights and inalienable right to self-determination set out in the United Nations (UN) Charter and relevant UN resolutions should not be violated by any party."

The OECS further commended Premier and Minister of Finance Dr. The Hon. Natalio Wheatley and the Government of National Unity for their firm commitment to good governance and the ongoing successful



Removal Of Sand From Territory's Beaches Is An Offence (more on page 6) (GIS Photo)

implementation of the Framework for the Implementation of the Commission of Inquiry suggested reforms. The OECS also pledged technical assistance to support the

Government of National Unity's implementation of the reform Framework.

This statement from the OECS came days after His Excellency Governor

John Rankin described the Order in Council as necessary insurance in the reform exercise.

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The King's Representative in the Territory made that statement while responding to questions from the media during his press conference on 19 October the Queen's representative stated: "The Order in Council was brought in as insurance. It is if there is a failure in the commitment then swift action would be taken to remedy the situation," he explained.

However, while the Governor has announced the Order in Council as a motivator of the reform process former legislator Dr. Kedrick Pickering is asking the people of the BVI to remain vigilant. He warned that the Order might be implemented while the people of the BVI sleep.

Dr. Pickering who has thrown his hat in the ring as

an At Large candidate for the next general election was a guest on the 20 October edition of ZBVI's Honestly Speaking radio programme. During that interview the former Minister cautioned persons in the Territory who are saying they want the UK to take over the Territory.

Dr. Pickering said: "Be careful what you wish for, you just might get it and if

you get it then, you know, it's a different story," the former Legislator noted.

He said that the Order in Council could be put in place in the early hours of the morning, "If the United Kingdom is going to institute the Order in Council that is sitting over our head, it will happen when we are asleep because it will happen at the start

of their business day and their business day will be 4 'o'clock in the morning for us."

"So by the time we are awake, we will have a different country and we'll have no say and we can stave off that, but we've got to be aware of where we are in order for us to be able to resist that position," Dr Pickering further warned.

NO CRIMINAL OFFENSE COMMITTED BY THE POLICE COMMISSIONER: SAYS NSC

His Excellency Governor John Rankin has refuted claims that the Commissioner was given a pat on the shoulder while a local public servant was hauled before the court in recent high-profile issues. The Governor who referred to the matters as apples and oranges rebuked public cries for both the Commissioner and the Assistant Secretary of External Affairs to get the same treatment.

The Police in Paradise video is a five minutes video that was leaked in June this year. The video which features various officers from the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force speaking about

fighting crime in the Territory sparked outrage across the Territory and resulted in demands for Police Commissioner Mark Collins to be fired. The contention was that the comments made by the officers in the video were allegedly aimed at tarnishing the reputation of the Territory by painting the BVI as a crime-filled destination. Nonetheless, the Commissioner of Police apologized despite calls for his firing after it was discovered that he never secured the Film Commission's permission to shoot the video – the matter was put to rest.

However, the recent arrest and charge of Assistant Secretary of External Affairs at the Office of the Premier Najan Christopher for her decision to write a letter ordering the release of embattled former Premier Andrew Fahie has caused the Police in Paradise matter to be revisited. Many claim that it is very telling that the Commissioner was allowed to escape disciplinary actions while the Assistant Secretary of External Affairs is facing legal charges.

The comparison of the situations was put to the Governor in the form of a question during a press

conference on 19 October. In responding the Governor said: "I think the comparison you made between the two is not an apt comparison. And as you may recall, this issue was due to be considered by the National Security Council and that it has been considered by the National Security Council. The National Security Council, of course, noted that the video had been a matter of high concern and a matter of high interest."

While further explaining why there was no action taken against the Commissioner of Police, the Governor mentioned that the National Security Council "acknowledged that there

had been some consultation between the commissioner of police and an official at the BVI Tourist Board. Council was also informed that there was no contractual agreement drawn up, that there was no exchange of money to produce the video 'Police in Paradise' and Council has received confirmation that the leaked video will not be aired on ITV in the United Kingdom. So that was the consideration which the NSC jointly gave to the issue. There was absolutely no criminal offense committed by the police commissioner in breach of trust or otherwise."



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AIRLINES KEEN ON EXPANDING AIR LINK WITH BVI: RUNWAY REMAINS A PROBLEM

Minister of Transportation and Utilities Hon. Kye Rymer announced that the Territory has received more expressions of interest from international airlines, which means that better airlift for the Territory could be on the horizon.

Hon. Rymer recently attended the Routes World 2022 conference that was held last week in Las Vegas, United States, and announced that the conference provided him with an opportunity to

speak to airline officials and other aviation operatives.

In a report to the House of Assembly on 25 October Hon. Rymer announced that there were airlift prospects for the BVI. The Minister recapped that the BVI's runway length is a hindrance to the airlift opportunity. Nonetheless, he mentioned that some airlines have made practical offers that would be of help to the BVI immediately.

In noting these offers the

Minister of Transportation stated: "We received expression of interest from one airline with respect to charter options to the US mainland which is a possibility with the support of some of our industry partners."

He noted that another popular airline said that it is very interested in considering an arrangement with a ferry service to the BVI from St Thomas (USVI).

Should the BVI move forward with the lengthening of its runway,

it was noted that some of the major airlines will be interested in flying to and from the Territory.

Hon. Rymer stated: "All of the airlines acknowledged that the BVI is a very attractive destination with very high potential and, therefore, they see that we have the demand for their respective profile of passengers. We found a few did not know as much as we would have liked about the BVI as a potential destination for their services. But after speaking with our delegation and viewing our

presentation, they got a fresh perspective."

"The eight airlines our [local] delegation met with were: South West, Jet Blue, Frontier Airlines, Sun Country Airlines, American Airlines, Air Canada, United Airlines and Breeze," Rymer said. He explained that some of the airlines expressed that the length of the runway at the BVI's main airport is a prohibitive factor but are anxious to schedule flights here once this issue is addressed," he further noted.

ISSUE OF TENDER WAIVERS IS STILL WATCHED WITH CONCERN

Following the report of His Excellency Governor John Rankin on the implementation of the COI recommendations it has been announced that UK Minister of State at the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development the Rt. Hon. Jesse Norman MP has decided to head to the BVI.

On 4 October the Governor shared his quarterly review on the reform process and promised to inform the public when he hears from the United Kingdom Government on the matter. On 19 October during a press conference the Governor announced that he was informed by Minister Norman who was just as concerned about the matters mentioned in the report.

The Governor announced that the UK Minister also noted the concerns expressed in the Quarterly Review, including in relation to tender waivers. "He notes that the Framework document contained a clear commitment to ensuring

that "tender waivers are only agreed in exceptional, unavoidable cases, which must be explained publicly" and that under the Public Procurement Act single source procurement must only be used in exceptional circumstances," the Governor pointed out.

He further mentioned that the UK Minister made clear his expectation that there will be immediate and substantial improvement in this area while recognizing that there may be some legacy procurement issues from the previous administration which should be addressed proactively and promptly. "The Minister asks me to submit a report at the start of December on the issue of tender waivers and single source procurement so that he can assess progress ahead of the next Quarterly Review in the public interest," the Governor further noted.

His Excellency noted that the UK Minister also disclosed

the planned to visit the BVI on Thursday and Friday, 27 and 28 October. In response to the announcement of that visit Governor Rankin stated that it will be an excellent opportunity for the Minister to meet the Premier, Ministers and members of the House of Assembly, and other key interlocutors and to listen to their views.

"I know that the Minister's goal is to see a successful, thriving, well-governed BVI. That is a goal which I share as Governor and to which I remain committed. There is more to be done, and more hard work ahead. But if we continue to work together to implement the COI recommendations, then I am confident this can lead to the improved governance, transparency and accountability that the people of the BVI deserve," the Governor said.

Contract Splitting issue

The Governor once again

mentioned the issue of tender waivers during his recent press conference. In further highlighting the problem with this situation Mr. Rankin stated, "The COI found that there was no open tender in two-thirds of all contracts valued over \$100,000 between January 2019 and April 2021. This, combined with contract splitting into petty contracts, was a disregard for good governance, transparency and accountability. That is why in the Framework document it was agreed that Cabinet documents relating to tender waivers should be published."

"Unfortunately such waivers continue to come forward to Cabinet. I recognise that many of these to date have been legacy issues arising from the practices of the previous administration. But it remains important that we avoid tender waivers as much as possible and that the commitment to publication is kept," he added.

Since the Framework document was agreed the new Public Procurement Act has become law. Tender waivers are no longer required, and the Act permits single source procurement in specified circumstances. But single source procurement means no open tendering and the Act expressly makes clear that such procurement should only take place in exceptional circumstances. "So looking forward, if two thirds of all contracts simply become single source procurements, rather than tender waivers, then little will have really changed. I very much hope that will not be the case and I will continue to work constructively with Government to support open tendering as much as possible and to ensure that the new Public Procurement Act is fully complied with," the Governor further explained.

BVI/USVI FRIENDSHIP DAY 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

STATEMENT BY

25 OCTOBER, 2022

HON. NATALIO D. WHEATLEY PREMIER AND MINISTER OF FINANCE
7TH SITTING OF THE 4TH HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

Madame Speaker, 21 October is a significant day in the Virgin Islands.

On that day, 50 years ago in 1972, the first observance of BVI/USVI (British Virgin Islands/United States Virgin Islands) Friendship Day was held here, specifically on Tortola.

This followed the proclamation issued one month earlier by the then Acting Governor, His Excellency Norman Derek Matthews, OBE, when he enjoined all residents of the BVI to actively support and cherish this day.

The origin of this celebration is rooted in the tradition of close ties between the two sets of Virgin Islands. The start of the annual observance was designed to strengthen and build upon that bond of friendship, highlighting the commonalities, the shared history and the shared culture of Virgin Islanders.

Madame Speaker, as you and Honourable Members are aware, last Saturday, 22 October, 2022 we commemorated the 50th Anniversary of our celebration. Saturday's celebration was humbling and significant for me because my grandfather, the late Willard Wheatley, was the Chief Minister at that time when the first BVI/USVI Friendship Day was held.

I had the opportunity and the privilege to welcome Governor Albert Bryan Jr. and his delegation to this year's observance of BVI/USVI Friendship Day, on behalf of the people of the BVI.

Madame Speaker, on this auspicious occasion, both groups of Virgin Islands celebrated in kinship under the theme, Our Golden Jubilee: A Resilient Bond of Friendship.

As we reflect on these celebrations, I pause to pay tribute to the BVI Hotel and Tourism Association (now BVI Chamber of Commerce and Hotel Association) and the St. Thomas-St. John Chamber of Commerce for their foresight in recommending the observance of the first Friendship Day.

Madame Speaker, friends are those with whom we share joys and sorrows, the ones who guide, help, and support us when we experience the highs and lows in our lives and our countries.

As such, BVI/USVI Friendship Day signifies the importance of a harmonious friendship between the Virgin Islands, a friendship where close knitted ties are strengthened, and cultural heritage bonds and practices are celebrated as deeper links of friendships are forged promoting love, peace, and mutual understanding among the people of the two Virgin Islands.

Given the significance of this occasion, the Premier's Office worked diligently with other Ministries, Departments and Statutory Bodies to organise the events to commemorate this year's observance at the Cyril B. Romney Tortola Pier Park. We also ensured to invite the public to join in the celebrations, and

to don their Territorial wear for a magnificent show of its versatility.

Programme participants, Madam Speaker, were drawn from across the Territory from our young students to our golden seniors. The BVI's presentation was a cultural showcase highlighting various aspects of our Virgin Islands' culture. The programme included a mini parade, dance, poetry, drama, music, various cultural displays and demonstrations, and a skit featuring Ms. Janice Stoutt, local playwright, and other local actors in a skit titled, Binding Ties.

Another feature of this year's celebration was a commemorative booklet reflecting on our journey of friendship through the past 50 years. In addition to messages from some of the leaders, it highlighted past and present political leaders on both sides, reflections on sports, food, quotes and pictorial displays through the years, as well as benefits of the relationship between both sets of islands.

Madame Speaker, I wish to thank Permanent Secretary in the Premier's Office, Mrs. Carolyn Stoutt Igwe, for coordinating this year's event supported by Dr. Lavon Chalwell-Brewley, Chair of the Planning Committee and officers drawn from the Premier's Office, the Deputy Governor's Office, the Department of Information and Public Relations, the Immigration Department, the BVI Ports Authority, the H. Lavity Stoutt Community College, the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force,

the Ministry of Communications and Works, and the House of Assembly.

I thank them for their dedicated efforts in planning this milestone celebration and seeking to ensure that this year's events were most memorable for all – as it indeed was.

Thank you, Madame Speaker.

(see photo Highlights on pages 14 and 16)

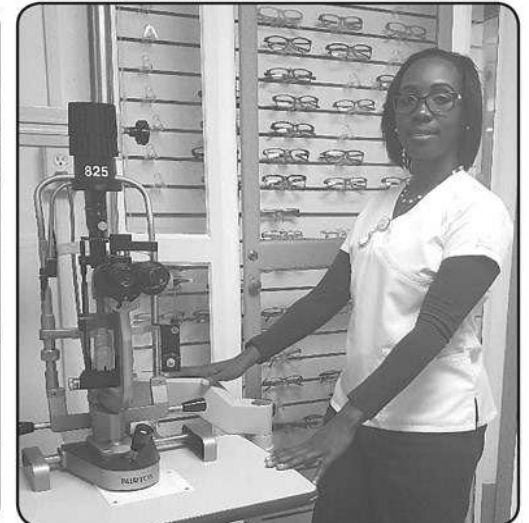




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Removal Of Sand From Territory's Beaches Is An Offence

Residents of the Virgin Islands are reminded that in accordance with the Beach Protection Ordinance CAP 233. 1985, it is illegal to carry out sand mining activities at the Territory's beaches.

Minister of Natural Resources and Labour the Honourable Melvin M. Turnbull said removal of any natural barrier against the sea

including sand, stone, gravel or shingle from any land that is part of the shoreline is not allowed. He said removal of even small quantities from beaches results in damage over a long period.

Honourable Turnbull said, "Human activities such as illegal sand mining and filling in of our ponds have had a negative effect on our beaches like Josiah Bay

and Cane Garden Bay. This coupled with natural extreme weather events like floods and hurricanes, which have also negatively affected the integrity of our beaches and the loss of coastal vegetation. Now more than ever, our beaches are susceptible to erosion and hence must be protected."

Honourable Turnbull stated



that beaches are not only important for recreation, but that they also support nesting leatherback and hawksbill turtles and seabirds along the shore.

The minister said any person removing sand from the beach would be guilty of an offence and is liable to a fine penalty or imprisonment for a term of 6 months or both; and in addition, thereto, any boat, vehicle or animal used in connection with the commission of the offence is liable to forfeiture.

A study in 2013 study titled, "Tourism Value of the Environment" carried out by the Institute of Environmental Studies; University of Amsterdam found that 75.8%

of tourists surveyed agreed "Beaches in the BVI are particularly beautiful". Based on the findings of their study, the researchers concluded, "Beaches are the most important ecological assets of the BVI and may well be considered the engine of the economy. For this reason, the beaches and the ecosystems supporting this ecological asset should be managed well."

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Labour is committed to the preservation of the Virgin Islands ecosystems. For further information, please contact the ministry at telephone number 468-2147 or email nrl@gov.vg.

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- (7:00 PM) INSPIRATION MONDAYS - WITH MEADE MALONE
- (7:30 PM) TRANSFORMING YOUR TOMORROW TODAY - BY TRANSFORMATION CHURCH INTERNATIONAL
- (8:00 PM) NDP RADIO PROGRAM (1ST & 3RD MONDAYS) - BY THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY
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TUESDAYS

- (5:00 PM) HONESTLY SPEAKING PROGRAM - WITH CLAUDE SKELTON CLINE

WEDNESDAYS

- (10:00 AM) THE MORNING SHOW - WITH PAUL HEWLETT
- (1:15 PM) OMOJA - WITH "EDJU EN KA"
- (7:00 - 8:00 PM) DYAS VOICE PROGRAM - (2ND AND 4TH WEDNESDAY) WITH DEPT. OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
- (7:00 - 9:00 PM) THE HOT SEAT REVISED PROG. - (1ST & 3RD WEDNESDAY)
- (8:00 - 10:00 PM) THE HOT SEAT REVISED PROG. - (2ND WEDNESDAY) WITH CARL DAWSON, JULIAN GORDON, AND WALWYN BREWLEY

THURSDAYS

- (5:00 PM) HONESTLY SPEAKING PROGRAM - WITH CLAUDE SKELTON CLINE

FRIDAYS

- (7:00 - 8:00 PM) BODY AND SOUL PROGRAM - WITH REV. DR. PASTOR MELVIN TURNBULL, DR. KEDRICK PICKERING, REV. MICHAEL ANTHONY, PASTOR CALVIN MILLS, AND REV. DR. KEITH LEWIS

SATURDAYS

- (8:00 - 10:00 AM) MORE TALK, LESS MUSIC - WITH ZOE AND JOE JACK
- (10:00 - 11:00 AM) KNOWLEDGE IS POWER HOUR
- (4:30 - 6:00 PM) SPORTS TALK - WITH CLEMENT "BONE CRUSHER" DONOVAN, AND ROY PICKERING (ALTERNATING WEEKS)
- (6:00 - 7:30 PM) A LOOK AT THE COMMUNITY - WITH HOSTS ULRIC SCATLIFFE & DR. HARLAN VANTERPOOL

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- (7:15 - 7:30 AM) HOPE FOR TODAY B'CAST - BY: CHRISTIAN FAITH ASSEMBLY
- (7:30 - 7:45 AM) VOICE OF THE LAMB B'CAST - BY: TRINITY MORAVIAN CHURCH
- (7:45 - 8:00 AM) ADVENT EYE MINISTRY (2ND & 4TH SUNDAY) - BY: BRO. MICHAEL WILLIAMS
- (7:45 - 8:00 AM) FAITH BELIEVING B'CAST (1ST & 3RD SUNDAY) - BY: UPPER ROOM DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE, BOSTON, MA
- (8:00 - 8:15 AM) VOICE OF HOPE B'CAST - BY: APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH
- (8:30 - 9:00 AM) GOSPEL OF JESUS B'CAST - BY: GOSPEL OF JESUS EVANGELISTIC PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
- (9:00 - 9:30 AM) SHOCKING BIBLE PROPHECIES - BY: SEVENTHDAY ADVENTISTS CHURCHES
- (9:30 - 9:45 AM) AGAPE TOTAL LIFE BROADCAST - BY: AGAPE TOTAL LIFE CENTER
- (9:50 AM) HOLINESS AWAKENING B'CAST - BY: CHURCH OF GOD OF HOLINESS, BAUGHERS BAY
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- (10:35 AM) UNSHACKLED RADIO MINISTRY
- (12:30 PM) ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, SEA COWS BAY SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE
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VI Delegation Attends 28th Annual Cruise Conference

Deputy Premier and Minister for Communications and Works, Honourable Kye M. Rymer has said that he was pleased with the positive reviews on the outlook of the Cruise Tourism Industry at this year's annual Florida-

in discussions that will lead to certified transportation training for the industry.

He said, "During the Government Heads meetings, discussions were held by several committees including the Proposing Committee

Honourable Rymer added that his delegation discussed the involvement of a task Force to improve on cruise tourism, employment opportunities for Caribbean nationals aboard cruise lines, sourcing supply chains and analysing the supply chain for product consistency.

The cruise executives present at the conference included: Aida Cruises; Carnival Corporation & PLC; Celebrity Cruises; Disney Cruise Line; Royal Caribbean Group; Royal Caribbean International, and Windstar Cruises.

The Florida-Caribbean Cruise Association (FCCA) was created in 1972 and is a not-for-profit trade organisation composed of 23 member lines operating nearly 200 vessels in Floridian, Caribbean and Latin American waters. The association's mandate is to provide a forum for discussion on cruise operations, tourism development, ports, tour operations, safety, security and other cruise industry issues.

The association seeks to build cooperative relationships

with its partner destinations and develop productive bilateral partnerships with every sector by fostering an understanding of the cruise industry and its operating practices.

The Governments represented at this year's conference were the Bahamas; the Virgin Islands; Cayman Islands; Curacao; Dominican Republic; El Salvador; Guatemala; Honduras; Jamaica; Mexico; Puerto Rico; St. Kitts and Nevis; Saint Maarten and United States Virgin Islands.



Caribbean Cruise Association (FCCA) Cruise Conference. Honourable Rymer led a team of officials to the meeting and said the outlook is also positive for the Virgin Islands as it has an opportunity to continue to deliver the amazing experiences that cruisers have come to love. The Deputy Premier said the VI delegation was engaged

which looked at how to get products aboard ships and integrate logistics with inventory. The Employment Committee discussed the legislation needed to enable Caribbean nationals with the opportunity to work on ships while the Shore Excursion Committee expressed the need for the Private Sectors involvement."

2022 Public Holidays

Monday, 28th November	The Commemoration of the 1949 Great March and the Restoration of the Legislative Council
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TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO'S AGRI-INVESTMENT FORUM & EXPO II AND AFRICARIBBEAN TRADE AND INVESTMENT FORUM

**STATEMENT BY
HON. NATALIO D.
WHEATLEY
PREMIER AND MINISTER
OF FINANCE**

**7TH SITTING OF THE 4TH
HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY OF
THE VIRGIN ISLANDS**

25 OCTOBER, 2022

Madam Speaker, I wish to report to this Honourable House on two recent initiatives aimed at improving trade and commerce within the region, and which I was fortunate to be a part of, representing the Virgin Islands.

I speak of the Trinidad and Tobago's Agri-Investment Forum & Expo II, which was held in Port of Spain, Trinidad, from 19 to 21 September, 2022, and the AfriCaribbean Trade and Investment Forum (ACTIF2022), which was held from 1 to 3 September, 2022 in Bridgetown Barbados.

Madam Speaker, the last few years have been very challenging for economies throughout the world. The situation has been even more difficult for Caribbean nations, the Virgin Islands

included, that depend heavily on imports – whether for goods and services for consumption or for inputs for manufacturing. And, it has gotten much worse over the course of the COVID-19 Global Pandemic which started in 2020 and with the escalation of the Russia-Ukraine conflict earlier this year. Climate change, storms, flooding and droughts have also affected the global food supplies, creating shortages and causing hikes in prices.

Many economies are suffering, and many people are suffering.

And therefore, the initiative taken by the organizers of these two regional forums was quite timely, commendable, and provide a ray of hope if stakeholders are able to follow through and these events bear fruit.

The Trinidad and Tobago's Agri-Investment Forum & Expo II was the second such event organized through CARICOM in recent months. A successful inaugural event was held in Guyana in May of this year. These activities form part of CARICOM's mandate to commercialize the Agri-Food systems across the region, and is conceived as

an ideal platform designed to stimulate conversations among key stakeholders, such as policymakers, potential foreign and local investors, farmers, and distributors, to amplify investments and achieve the vision of reducing the region's food import bill by 25% by 2025.

The Trinidad and Tobago's Agri-Investment Forum & Expo II had as its theme, "Transforming Agriculture through Innovation and Investment". Some of the objectives of the event were to highlight the importance of food security and having a resilient and sustainable agriculture system; to showcase agriculture stakeholders and the advancements made across the sector; to encourage discussions between key stakeholders in the agriculture sector regionally; to create avenues for trade and investment for producers/entities across the agriculture value chain; and to encourage the exchange of technology and/or promote investment in innovative technologies to achieve increased availability of food regionally.

The event was attended by regional Heads of State, Government Ministers, and Technical Officers; Regional Business Chambers; Development Agencies; Financial Institutions; Stakeholders across the Agriculture Value and Distribution Chains; Academic Institutions and many more. Speakers from across the CARICOM region gave presentations on Food and Nutrition, Energy, Trade and Investment, and Innovation and Technology, all in the context of agriculture and the goal of the 25% reduction of the Region's Food import bill by the year 2025.

There were also exhibits on display on subjects such as aquaculture, hydroponics, fisheries, horticulture, apiculture, poultry, livestock, egg hatching, forestry, woodworking, agricultural supplies and heavy equipment, packaging and distribution/warehousing, and education and training. Representatives of banks and financial institutions were also on hand to discuss funding options for persons and organizations that may need it. There was also a farmers' market with produce on display and offerings from over 200 farmers.

Madam Speaker, the Agri-Investment Forum and Expo was very informative and provided the opportunity for networking, sharing of knowledge and bringing together resources. In the presentations, it was mentioned that Guyana, Suriname and Belize have allocated land for farming, and certain investment opportunities are open to persons across the region. There is a regional effort to support the production and supply of food and other products intra-regionally. This is something I would encourage our local businesses, especially our importers and exporters and persons seeing investment opportunities, to explore, as it can result in more affordable supplies for the Virgin Islands, more secure and reliable supplies for us, and it can open up markets for products made in the Virgin Islands. Some of our people may be able to get involved in shipping food and other products between the islands.

I have passed on the relevant information to the International Relations Unit, the Ministry of Agriculture and the Trade Department, so that they can assist persons seeking information and wanting to contact the organizers, participants and exhibitors, to explore and develop business opportunities.

Madam Speaker, turning to the ACTIF2022 event; this also presents opportunities for Virgin Islanders and residents seeking business linkages.

The Trade and Investment Forum was organized by the African Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank), Export Barbados (BIDC) and Invest Barbados. The forum came on the heels of a virtual inaugural Africa/CARICOM Summit, which was hosted on 7 September, 2021 and attended by Heads of States and Governments of CARICOM and the African Union, chairs of CARICOM and the African Union Commission, the Africa Regional Economic Communities, the Secretaries General of CARICOM and the Organization of the African Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS), and the President of the Caribbean Development Bank. Following that virtual Summit, a delegation from Afreximbank visited Barbados, where the strategic value of institutionalizing

the engagement between both regions' private sectors to advance trade and investment relations, was identified.

ACTIF2022 was, therefore, designed to facilitate the Caribbean business community being able to establish new commercial relationships to expand exports to Africa and source necessary inputs for the design and manufacture of high-value products.

The anticipated outcomes from the ACTIF were: enhanced Government-Business relations across Africa and the Caribbean; and increased inter-regional trade and investment leads through effective business matchmaking.

Some of the sectors which were highlighted as bearing high potential include hotel and resort development in the Caribbean, Agri-business, Logistics and Transportation, Infrastructure Development, Water Production and Treatment, Manufacturing, Financial Services, and more.

Some 99 countries across the Caribbean, Central and South America and Africa, and also including countries like Japan, the US, the UK and Australia, participated in the Forum.

I would also encourage Virgin Islanders and residents to visit the AfriCaribbean Trade and Investment Forum 2022 website, where there is a lot of information for persons to peruse about the trade and investment initiatives.

I have passed on the relevant information to the International Relations Unit so that the Unit can assist persons who may want to contact foreign participants of the forum to explore opportunities.

Madam Speaker, it is a good thing to see the countries of the region coming together, working together, and seeking solutions to common problems – problems that may not be unique to the region, but which at times, and especially of lately, we seem to be grappling with on our own, with little interest or concern from the larger countries that are causing these economic shocks.

It is my sincere wish that we will see more of this kind of intra-regional cooperation, and that these labours will bear fruit so that the countries and Territories of the region can enjoy economic stability and growth for the benefit of all their people.

Madam Speaker, I thank you.

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Joint Statement On The Passing of Registrar General, Mrs. Stephanie Benn

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Dr. the Honourable Natalio D.
Wheatley and
Deputy Governor,
Mr. David D. Archer, Jr.
On The Passing of Registrar
General, Mrs. Stephanie Benn**

Tuesday, October 25, 2020



Today, we collectively express our deepest sympathies and regret on the passing of the Registrar General of the Civil Registry and Passport Office, Mrs. Stephanie Benn. Governor, I was both shocked and saddened to learn of Mrs. Benn's passing. She was a first-class colleague much valued across the BVI Public Service. She was also highly regarded by her counterparts in the other Overseas Territories and the Home Office in the United Kingdom for her work on nationality and other Civil Registry matters. On behalf of all staff in the Governor's Office, I offer condolences to her family on their loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with them at this difficult time. As Premier, I must say that my colleagues and I were deeply

saddened when we learned that Mrs. Benn had passed. As I reflect, she was sure-footed, confident, and comfortable in her knowledge of Government business. She was committed to what she believed in and was a key driver of innovation. In other words, as she saw trends in her field, for example, automation services, she did not hesitate to introduce this to her Department to provide quicker and more professional services for the people of the Virgin Islands. I appreciated her service, and we will all miss her.

As Deputy Governor, I was deeply saddened when I received the news. On behalf of my Office and the Public Service, I express my condolences to the immediate and extended families of Mrs. Stephanie Benn. Mrs. Benn was a fine, devoted, exceptional Public Officer and Department Head. In the same vein, I express my deepest sympathies to her work family, especially those within her Department whom she worked with daily and shared her pain, joy and successes as they strive to improve the services the Office delivered. Mrs. Benn served as the Registrar General of the Civil Registry and Passport Office for over 15 years, and left an indelible impact on the organisation.

We are aware that Public Officers are affected by the passing of Mrs. Benn, who was a colleague. Do accept our condolences at this time.

The Government of the Virgin Islands is aware that several Public Officers have lost loved ones in recent months and years. As such, Public Officers are reminded and encouraged to utilise the Employee Assistance Programme (EAP), where trained counsellors and support personnel are in place so that officers experiencing difficult times can be met with

solace, hope and overall help. We ask that members of the public and Public Officers, respect this period of bereavement for the Public Service, particularly for the staff at the Civil Registry and

Passport Office. Please note, the Office is currently closed and will officially resume operations on Thursday, October 27, 2022. In the interim, should there be service related queries,

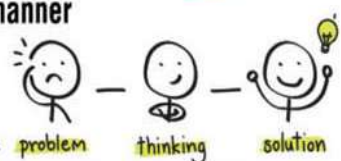
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NOTICE TO TENDERERS

PTN No. 33 of 2022

The Government of the Virgin Islands is seeking the services of a qualified and suitable construction contractor to undertake the Repairs of the East End/Long Look Community Centre on Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

SCOPE OF WORKS

The proposed works comprise of: furnishing all plant, labor, equipment and materials and performing all operations in connection with the phase 2, Repairs to the East End/Long Look Community Centre, Tortola, British Virgin Islands in accordance with the Bill of Quantities.

INSTRUCTIONS TO TENDERERS

Tenderers are required to furnish the following:

- 1) Proof that the company or individual is in good standing with respect to taxes, duties, social security and national health insurance contributions, company registration, or payments due to the Government of the Virgin Islands. Certificates of Good Standing must be obtained from the Director of Social Security Board and National Health Insurance, and the Commissioner of Inland Revenue.
- 2) Tenderers registered as companies in the British Virgin Islands are required to submit a Certificate of Good Standing from the Commercial Registry.
- 3) A Trade License (valid for 2022) for the specific type of work detailed in the tender document.
- 4) A Priced Bill of Quantities in accordance with Section 5 of the tender document.
- 5) A list of projects undertaken by the Tenderer or Key Personnel within the past five (5) years that demonstrate the Tenderer's or Key Personnel experience in delivering similar projects in the form included in Section 6 of the tender document.
- 6) Work Programme and Method Statement that details proposed time schedule and methodology for executing the Works;
- 7) A list of Current Contract Commitments/Work in Progress in accordance with Section 7 of the tender document.
- 8) An organizational chart showing management structure including the names and contact details of the key members of the organization that will be involved with this tender, including the proposed project manager.

Failure on the part of tenderers to enclose the supporting documentation indicated above with each respective tender will render the tender non-responsive on the date of the opening of tenders.

APPLICATION FOR DOCUMENTS

Bid documents will be available from **Monday, 10th October, 2022, on weekdays between 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.** Bidding documents will be sent to bidders electronically upon request to procurement@gov.vg with the subject title "Phase 2 Repairs to the East End/Long Look Community Centre" are advised that the destination mailbox is NOT automated to send bidders a dated and time acknowledgement of receipt and delivery of their message. Therefore, bidders should not assume that their email has been safely received and it is the responsibility of the bidder to follow up with the Procurement Coordinator using the contract information below if an acknowledgement of receipt is not received within two (2) working days of submission of their email. Under no circumstance will GOVI or the Procurement Unit, Ministry of Finance, will be responsible for non-receipt of documents by bidder.

Address for Correspondence Only

Procurement Coordinator
Ministry of Finance
Procurement Unit
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Waterfront Drive
Road Town, Tortola VG1110
British Virgin Islands

Tel: (284) 468-4243/5921
Email: Procurement@gov.vg

A virtual Pre-Tender meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, 20th October at 10:00 am local time.** All prospective tenderers will be provided with the access code and password prior to the meeting. This will be followed by a site visit. All prospective tenderers are invited to attend.

SUBMISSION OF TENDERS

Interested tenderers should submit one (1) original, three (3) copies plus one (1) flash drive containing the bidder's documents. The original bid should be placed in a sealed envelope and marked "ORIGINAL" and the additional copies placed in another sealed envelope and marked "COPIES". Both envelopes should then be placed

in an outer envelope and marked "**Phase 2 Repairs to the East End /Long Look Community Centre**" and addressed to:

The Chairman
Central Tenders Board
Ministry of Finance
Procurement Unit
RFG Place 2nd Floor
Road Town, Tortola VG1110
British Virgin Islands

All tenders must be deposited in the tender box at the Ministry of Finance (Procurement Unit), RFG Place, 2nd Floor, Waterfront Drive, Road Town, Tortola, Virgin Islands, by the bearer not later than **10:00 a.m. local time on Tuesday, 8th November, 2022.** Tenders will not be received after the tender box is closed.

Tenders will be opened at the Procurement Unit, Ministry of Finance, RFG Place, 2nd Floor, Waterfront Drive, Road Town, Tortola at 11:00 a.m local time on **Tuesday, 8th November 2022.** Tenderers are invited to witness this process via WebEx. Tenderers will be provided with the access code and password prior to the opening of bids.

The Government of the Virgin Islands does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any other tender and will not defray any costs incurred by the Tenderer.

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NOTICE TO TENDERERS

PTN No. 34 of 2022

The Government of the Virgin Islands (hereinafter referred to as the "Employer") is seeking the services of a qualified and suitable construction contractor to undertake the Outfitting of the Magistrate's Court, 2nd Floor, Dawson's Building – Joe's Hill, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

SCOPE OF WORKS

The proposed works consist of the construction of sheetrock walls, installation of electrical and plumbing fixtures, conduits and appurtenances, installation of an air conditioning system to complete the outfitting of, installation of fixed furniture and made fit for purpose, the 2nd floor space of the Dawson's Building, Joe's Hill, Tortola, British Virgin Islands in accordance with the bill of quantities and drawings.

INSTRUCTIONS TO TENDERERS

Tenderers are required to furnish the following:

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- 8) An organizational chart showing management structure including the names and contact details of the key members of the organization that will be involved with this tender, including the proposed project manager.

Failure on the part of tenderers to enclose the supporting documentation indicated above with each respective tender will render the tender non-responsive on the date of the opening of tenders.

APPLICATION FOR DOCUMENTS

Bid documents will be available from Monday, 10th October, 2022, on weekdays between 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Bidding documents will be sent to bidders electronically upon request to procurement@gov.vg with the subject title "Outfitting of Magistrate's Court, 2nd Floor, Dawson's Building – Joe's Hill, Tortola, British Virgin Islands" are advised that the destination mailbox is NOT automated to send bidders a dated and time acknowledgement of receipt and delivery of their message. Therefore, bidders should not assume that their email has been safely received and it is the responsibility of the bidder to follow up with the Procurement Coordinator using the contract information below if an acknowledgement of receipt is not received within two (2) working days of submission of their email. Under no circumstance will GOVI or the Procurement Unit, Ministry of Finance, will be responsible for non-receipt of documents by bidder.

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A virtual Pre-Tender meeting is scheduled for **Friday, 21st October, 2022 at 10:00 am local time**. All prospective tenderers will be provided with the access code and password prior to the meeting. This will be followed by a site visit. All prospective tenderers are invited to attend.

SUBMISSION OF TENDERS

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Tenders will be opened at the Procurement Unit, Ministry of Finance, RFG Place, 2nd Floor, Waterfront Drive, Road Town, Tortola at 11:00 a.m. local time on **Tuesday, 15th November 2022**. Tenderers are invited to witness this process via WebEx. Tenderers will be provided with the access code and password prior to the opening of bids.

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GLOBAL NEWS BRIEF

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UNITED KINGDOM - The scrapping of a UK government promise to keep energy prices below £2,500 (€2,875, \$2,820) for two years has rung alarm bells for the growing number of Britons living off-grid in mobile homes such as boats, camper vans and cabins.

From April, energy bills are set to increase by 73%, to an average household cost of £4,350.

UK households will receive £400 towards their bills from October. By comparison, the German state is to pay this December's monthly gas bill for all households and small- and mid-sized businesses.

Those living off the grid, relying on bottled gas or petrol generators, say they will miss out entirely on any government energy support.

"People will be spending more on coal, logs and firewood than they would have done a year ago," Jack Saville, spokesperson for the National Bargee Travellers Association, a volunteer organization that provides support and advice for boat dwellers, told DW. He fears that, without access to fuel, there may be "dire consequences."

"There's a real risk for travelers and boaters of freezing on board," Saville said. "You're surrounded by 7 feet [2.1 meters] of freezing cold water in a punishingly cold winter."

Estimates suggest that between 25,000 and 1.5 million homes are powered off-grid in the UK, with at least 400,000 people set to miss out on financial help. [Deutsche Welle]

LOS ANGELES - Earlier this month, the president of the Los Angeles City Council, Nury Martínez, resigned after she, a labor leader and two fellow Latino council members – all from the Democratic Party – were caught on tape making racist remarks.

The recording revealed an hour-long conversation from October 2021. The main subject of the discussion was how Martínez and councilmen Kevin de León and Gil Cedillo planned to gerrymander municipal districts to favor their allies and increase their political power.

The three municipal politicians also made dozens of racist comments about African Americans and Latin American people of Indigenous descent. At one point, the adopted Black son of a member of the city council was referred to as "changuito" – a monkey – and migrants from Central America and parts of Mexico were called "ugly and dark." The release of the recording sparked fury in Los Angeles and across the country. Even President Joe Biden weighed in, saying that the three council members should resign. While Martínez did so, De León and Cedillo have not.

Cedillo lost his Los Angeles City Council seat in June of this year, meaning that his tenure will end soon. However, De León – a former state senator and a mover-and-shaker in the California Democratic Party – is hoping to hold on to his seat for another two years. He has refused to resign. [El País]

ROME - 2022 has so far been the hottest year in Italy since records began in 1800, the National Research Council (CNR) said Wednesday.

Average temperatures have been 0.96 °C above the average of the thirty-year period between 1990 and 2020, the CNR said.

Bernardo Gozzini, director of the LaMMA environmental monitoring and modelling consortium, said the biggest rise was in temperature highs, which showed a gain of 1.2 °C, while the lows were the third hottest on record. (ANSA).

JAMAICA - Prime Minister Andrew Holness has welcomed an investment amounting to J\$ 300 million by Chinese technology company Huawei, with the inauguration of its new office space, located in St. Andrew.

The complex has 9,000 square feet of space with digital low-carbon solutions and a modern work environment for staff.

In his address at the recent ceremony, the prime minister said the new space signals further expansion of the company's footprint locally.

He lauded Huawei's significant investments and contributions to the sector, which have aided in the digital transformation of Jamaica.

"The company provides cutting-edge connectivity technology and has played an essential role in the growth from GSM to UMTS wireless technology and continues to improve Jamaica's data penetration with LTE deployments," he said, adding that the company's investments signal strong confidence in Jamaica.

"The investment will be of benefit to both Jamaica and the region. We welcome this investment and commend Huawei for taking this decision and look forward to their continued growth in Jamaica and in the region," the prime minister added. [Caribbean News Weekly]

GUYANA - The government of Suriname has declared the illegal border crossing in Nickerie with neighboring Guyana, an official border crossing on Friday.

The authorities have tolerated this informal border crossing for decades as thousands of Surinamese and Guyanese made use of it because of its convenience. Dubbed the 'Back Track route,' the crossing with small speedboats is faster than using the official ferry connection and in turn, boat owners, among others, had a means of living by transporting people and goods via the route.

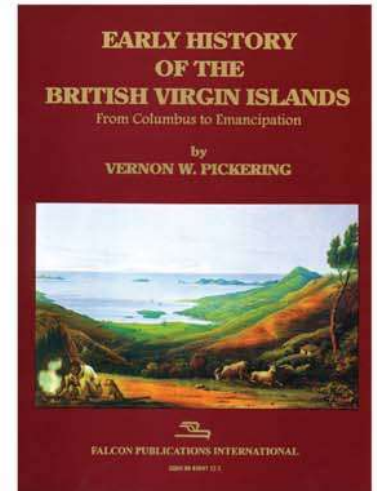
Over the years, successive governments have made attempts to legalize the Back Track route because of the high level of illegality along it, including the smuggling of goods, drugs, and weapons as well as the illegal trafficking of persons. [Caribbean News Weekly]

CHOLERA VACCINE - A lack of global supply has prompted the international body which distributes oral cholera vaccines during outbreaks and emergencies to temporarily suspend the standard two-dose regimen. The International Coordinating Group (ICG), is made up of members from the World Health Organization (WHO), UN Children's Fund UNICEF, Médecins Sans Frontières, and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

The switch to a single-dose approach will help conserve stocks, allowing the oral vaccine to combat the potentially fatal waterborne disease in more countries amid an "unprecedented" rise in outbreaks, said WHO in a press release.

Since January this year, 29 countries have reported cholera cases, including Haiti, Malawi and Syria, facing a mounting caseload. In comparison, in the previous five years, fewer than 20 countries, on average, reported outbreaks.

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"The global trend is moving towards more numerous, more widespread and more severe outbreaks, due to floods, droughts, conflict, population movements and other factors that limit access to clean water and raise the risk of cholera outbreaks," said the UN health agency. [Caribbean News Now]

BERMUDA - Police asked residents to be "vigilant" about receiving candy, especially during Halloween celebrations.

The caution came after a social media message that claimed a lethally strong opiate was being passed off as sweets. A Bermuda Police Service spokesman said: "With Halloween fast approaching, the BPS is aware of information circulating on social media stating that 'Fentanyl' is being packaged as Skittles and Nerds' candy.

"However, there have been no instances locally reported to the BPS. "Nonetheless, members of the public – particularly those that celebrate Halloween – are reminded to remain vigilant regarding any candy they may receive." [Royal Gazette]

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The 50th anniversary of the British Virgin Islands/United States Virgin Islands Friendship Day celebrations



The 50th anniversary of the British Virgin Islands/United States Virgin Islands Friendship Day celebrations was celebrated last Saturday, October 22 at the Cyril B. Romney Tortola Pier Park. The golden jubilee was held under the theme "Our Golden Jubilee: A Resilient Bond of Friendship."

The day featured a cultural showcase that highlighted various aspects of Virgin Islands' culture. The programme also included a mini parade, dance, poetry, drama, music, various cultural displays and demonstrations.

One of the highlights was a skit titled, *Binding Ties* featuring Ms. Janice Stoutt, local playwright, and other local actors.

Following the opening ceremony there was a Lunch and Gifting event hosted by Speaker of the House Hon. Honourable Corine George-Massicote on Ocean 7, Peter Island.

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Ladyburd Talks

Dear Readers: Help Stop Bullying- Watch for Bullying Indicators

Be sure you are able to recognize the most common types of bullying as well as cyberbullying indicators. Also, be aware that boys and girls often bully differently. For instance, boys may resort to physical bullying and girls are more likely to use relational bullying like ostracizing another student.³

Look for what is called "gateway indicators." These are initial behaviors that students display that are often gateways for more intentional types of bullying. Some possible gateway indicators include rolling eyes, laughing under their breath, making jokes, turning their back on others, and using sarcasm. If you see these behaviors, look a little closer. There may be subtle forms of bullying taking place already.

Empower Student Bystanders

Strive to empower the bystanders in your class. Encourage them to stand up against bullying behavior or to report it to you or another adult. Remind them that research has shown that bullying ends when one person takes a stand.⁴ Then provide safe and confidential ways that they can report bullying incidents.

Keep Your Ear to the Ground

Victims of bullying are often afraid or embarrassed to come forward. As a result, you may need to rely on other students to let you know when bullying is occurring. Identify your class leaders early in the school year and check in with them. Let them be your eyes and ears when you cannot be present.

Also, be sure you make it safe for them to alert you of potential issues. No student wants to be called a snitch. So, make sure you implement ways for them to get information to you without the rest of the students knowing who it came from



Ladyburd's Mail Box

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Dear Ladyburd: I am a stay-at-home mom. I was an Executive in a prominent business, however, after I started having my children (I have two), I was unable to deal with the stress at work and the children, so I quit and stayed at home, which I liked a lot, however, I feel like I want to go back out to work, now that the children are a little older. I discussed it with my husband and he is not in agreement with it. Do you think it is right for him to stop me from getting back into the job market? **Ready To Work**

Ladyburd: **Dear Ready To Work:** It was good that you were able to stay home with the children until they got a bit older, not everyone has that luxury to stay home with their children, after they exhaust their maternity leave, which most of the time is 3 months, they have to go back out to work whether they want to or not, so your husband should be encouraging you now, to go back out to work, because that would be good in several ways : You will be able to help with the expenses, feel independent, and the children could go to a day care center if they are not old enough to go to school. I believe your husband is being unreasonable. Try discussing it again with him and make a decision, **this is nothing for him to fuss about.**



Light Bulb Moments

"We need to accept that we won't always make the right decisions, that we'll screw up royally sometimes – understanding that failure is not the opposite of success, it's part of success."

— Ariana Huffington

Poetry Corner

Song For The World

*If I could sing a song for the world, then it would be
A song for peace and love and harmony.*

*To cherish all the moments,
we hold so dear
And only cry those
happy tears.*

*Let's not use weapons to fight,
but fight instead
To bring together every
woman and man.*

*That each child grows up and
knows their worth,
So they can shine their
blessings on earth.*

*Everyone is born with special
gifts sent from above;
It's time to use them all and
spread the love.*

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Tickle My Funny Bones

By Delseita



I'll Sue

One day, an engineer died and went to heaven. But, St. Peter said **"I can't let you in because your name is not on the list."** So, the engineer went down to Hell and was let in. Well, he stayed there for a couple of days and then decided that, it was too hot and everything was inaccessible. So, he built flushing toilets, air conditioning, running water and a lot of other things. One day God calls down and says to Satan, **"So Satan, how's it down there in hell??"** and Satan says: **"Well, it's great, I've got an engineer down here and he has built air conditioning, running water, flushing toilets, and I don't know what else, he's going to build next."** Then God asks, **"You've got an engineer down there?"** **"That's a big mistake, send him up here right now!"** and Satan replies, **"No way this is the best thing that's ever happened to hell."** and God says, **"send him up or I'll sue!!"** and Satan says smirking, **"Now just where are you going to get a lawyer ??"**

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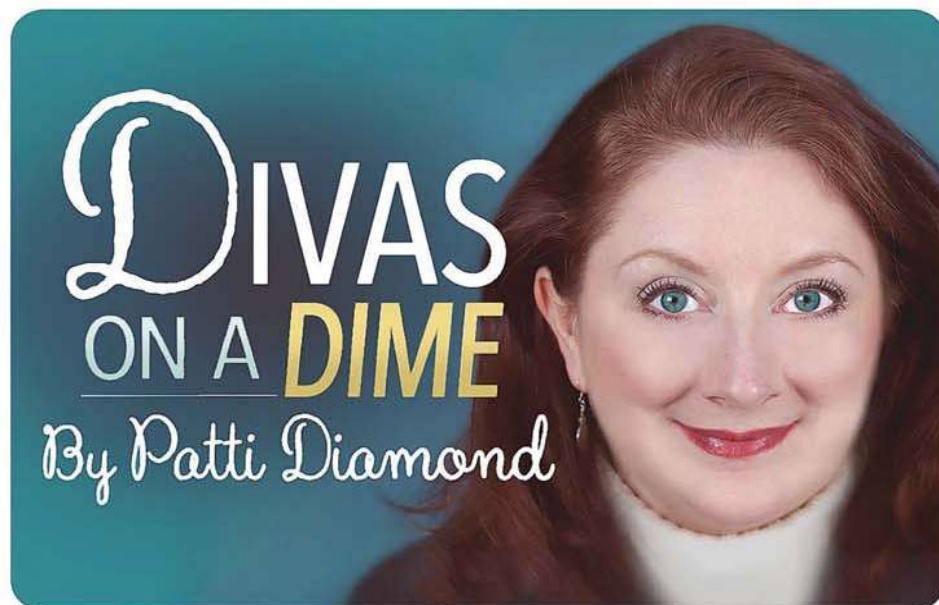
"CAN CRUSHER: Why did the can crusher quit his job?

Because it was soda pressing."

The 50th anniversary of the British Virgin Islands/United States Virgin Islands Friendship Day celebrations

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Meringue Ghost Cookies So Easy It's Scary

Meringue is a light, airy and beautifully sweet French dessert made from stiffly whipped egg whites and sugar. Many people think it's a very difficult and temperamental technique, yet it's actually quite simple. When you see how easy and inexpensive this is, you'll never buy meringues from the bakery again!

To make our adorable little ghost cookies, we need hard meringues. This is meringue that has been baked in an oven. They are solid to the touch and light as air. They can shatter when you bite into them, then dissolve pleasingly on the tongue. Hard meringue can be eaten as a confection, a cookie or used as a base for other desserts.

Making meringue is easiest with a stand mixer, but I've used a hand mixer with no trouble. I wouldn't try to whisk meringues by hand; it's too much work for a Diva.

It's extremely important to keep the yolks separate from the whites. Any fat from egg yolk will prevent egg whites from beating properly.



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These meringue ghost cookies are fa-boo-lous

To avoid an accident, use the three-bowl method. Separate each egg white into a cup or small bowl before transferring the yolk to a second bowl and the whites to a third bowl. Use any white that has even a speck of yolk in it for another purpose.

It's easiest to separate eggs when they're cold, but let the whites come to room temperature before using.

FRENCH MERINGUE COOKIES

Yield: 36 cookies

Total Time: 1 hour 50 minutes

- 3 egg whites, room temperature
- 1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla

Preheat oven to 225 degrees. Line a sheet pan with parchment paper.

Beat the egg whites and cream of tartar in the mixing bowl of a stand mixer (or a metal or glass bowl with a hand mixer). Use the whisk attachment on high speed and whip eggs until they hold soft peaks.

Reducing the speed to medium and whisking constantly, add sugar 2 tablespoon at a time, whisking after each addition, until sugar is well dissolved before adding the next. Continue beating until whites are glossy and stand in stiff peaks. Add vanilla and blend one final time.

Aiming for around 2 tablespoons per cookie, pipe or spoon your meringue onto a parchment-lined baking sheet.

To create ghosts, with a piping bag and a large round tip, use a motion like making a soft serve ice cream cone. If you don't have a piping bag, you can use a zip-top bag with a small corner cut off. That's what I used for the photo. Easy!

Bake for 30 minutes then turn the oven off. Leave them there until completely dry, between one and two hours. Another name for meringue cookies is "Forgotten Cookies," as they can be left in an oven for long periods of time after the cooking is done.

To decorate as ghosts, use melted chocolate and a toothpick to draw faces.

Warning! Cooked meringues cannot be refrigerated or they will become soggy like cardboard. But they will keep for at least a week if you store them in an airtight container.

Now that you know how to make meringue, there are so many ways to enjoy it. For example, little one-bite meringues are called kisses and are eaten as a sweet little confection. They are often made with chopped nuts, cherries or coconut. Alternatively, you can shape them into dessert shells that you fill with ice cream, custard, whipped cream or fruit.

Enjoy your fru-ghoul and fa-boo-lous ghosts, and happy Halloween!

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POLICE NEWS

SERGEANTS ENGAGE IN LEADERSHIP TRAINING



Friday, October 21 – A second and final set of sergeants began a two-week training in leadership and management specifically geared to support

sets necessary for the rank to operate efficiently. “Sergeant rank is vital to the day-to-day function of the Force. Yet, officers of this

skills to fulfill their roles with competence and greater confidence,” the Commissioner noted.

Several sergeants have expressed that they now have a far greater understanding of the need for change in the Force’s culture, of their roles as supervisors, the importance of teamwork, and the benefits of quality leadership in enhancing the organisation.

The two-week course, facilitated by Instructor Darby Allen, former U.K. officer and certified trainer, covers many subjects including interview skills for supervisors, communication skills, transaction and transformation management skills and conflict resolution.

The practical training will ultimately provide an overall improvement in the service provided to the public.



the work of that rank within the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force.

Commissioner of Police Mark Collins said that the Force is seeking to provide the skill

rank have been promoted and asked to do a job without a job description or the prerequisite skills. We have made it a priority to provide the essential leadership and managerial

RVIPF IDENTIFIES TWO DECEASED IN FRIDAY’S SHOOTING

Sunday, October 23 – The Major Crime Team is now able to give the identity of the victims in Friday’s shooting that left two dead and two injured. The two deceased victims are Kadeem Frett, 28, of Long Look and Kawa Cornwall, 38, of Long Bush. The two other male victims injured in the shooting are both in stable condition. One of the injured is a minor.

Commissioner of Police Mark Collins described the early evening assault as brazen and reckless and hopes that members of the public who know the perpetrator or perpetrators will come forward quickly with information. “So many more persons could have lost their lives during the early evening hours of this vicious assault. It shows a grave disregard for human life not often seen in this Territory which impacts the entire community. We are asking for the public’s help in identifying the person or persons responsible. Any information is considered valuable at this point,” he said.

The Major Crime Team is appealing for information as to what led to this incident therefore persons are being asked for assistance with a motive behind early evening assault. Witnesses are also being asked to come forward with information.

Persons with information can contact the Major Crime Team at 368-5682 or the RVIPF Intelligence Unit at 368-9339.

RVIPF Senior Management Appointments Confirmed Second Deputy Post Established



Friday, October 21 – Mr

St. Clair Amory and Mrs Jaqueline Vanterpool have today been appointed as Deputy Commissioners in the RVIPF.

Mr Amory and Mrs Vanterpool had both been previously confirmed as Superintendents of Police but were acting in the post of Assistant Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner respectively since 2021.

In addition, Pam Trevillion, a former UK Superintendent has been appointed to the post of Assistant Commissioner.

Ms Trevillion was previously a



Superintendent of Devon and Cornwall Police in the UK and had recently served in St Helena in the Falkland Islands and the Isle of Man.

All three will take up their posts in November.

Governor John Rankin said: “I’m delighted that we have appointed three excellent senior officers to these important leadership roles. They each bring a wide range of skills and experience to the RVIPF and will continue to help keep the British Virgin Islands safe and secure.”



THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW TO PROTECT FROM STD'S OR SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES

Most of the women die of poor reproductive health as a result of unwanted pregnancies or because of sexually transmitted diseases. Sexually transmitted disease, as the term indicates is any sort of venereal disease caused due to sexual intercourse or other sexual contact.

The microbes which cause STD's are just opportunity bugs that don't consider any gender or sex but only require a warm body. In women, STD's often lead to infertility, miscarriage, infection among the newborn or premature birth of the child.

You should know the below mentioned facts to protect yourselves from sexually transmitted diseases.

1. STD easily spreads when there is any transfer of bodily fluids such as semen, vaginal secretions or blood from any person to another.

2. If a person has any sort of sexually transmitted disease and some other person has sex with that infected person, he or she is the quickest victim of STD. This is the reason why one should avoid having multiple partners or any monogamous relationship where one person is carrying an infection from a prior sexual encounter.

3. Sexually transmitted diseases are very contagious so if a woman has sex with his partner who is already infected with gonorrhea (a kind of STD) then she holds a chance of 80 to 90 percent of getting the disease. In case her partner carries two diseases namely gonorrhea and Chlamydia, she could be infected with both

of them at the same time.

4. Vaginal intercourse carries the highest STD infections but other routes such as anal sex, oral sex or sexual abuse of children and mother to baby infection during child birth are also causes for such diseases.

5. STD's weakens the immune system and therefore if a person is infected with such disease he or she has more chances of getting other infections. Even if a person recovers from a sexually transmitted disease, he or she has a weak immune system.



6. STD among women is not much obvious as compared to men which show clear symptoms of the disease. As such the problem could be misdiagnosed among women.

7. Most of the times, it

happens that women are infected with such diseases but since the symptoms are not clear they unknowingly infect other sexual partner.

8. Men are sometime secretly bisexual and as such they could easily pick up an STD from any homosexual encounter and pass it to an unsuspecting heterosexual partner.

9. Lesbians are supposedly less likely to have STD's as sexually transmitted diseases are not easily spread from woman to woman.

For further information you can visit our recommended website womensreproductivehealth.info

WHY FALSE CLAIMS ABOUT BRAZIL'S ELECTION ARE SPREADING IN FAR-RIGHT U.S. CIRCLES

By Shannon Bond - NPR

Baseless claims that voting machines made by Dominion Voting Systems and Smartmatic are being used to rig voting in Brazil are circulating online and in far-right media in the U.S. — even though neither company's hardware or software is being used in the current election there.

It's the latest example of how debunked election fraud narratives are going international. In many cases, the false claims about Brazil are being pushed in English to American audiences by right-wing influencers and conservative media sites who falsely assert that Donald Trump won the 2020 U.S. presidential election and appear to be planting the idea that similar fraud will occur in the upcoming midterms.

The deceptive narratives feature two companies that were targeted by American conspiracists, who falsely claimed their voting software was used to flip votes from Trump to Joe Biden in 2020.

Dominion and Smartmatic have filed multiple lawsuits against Trump supporters and right-wing media channels that advanced the falsehoods. But despite repeated debunkings, the companies' names have become shorthand for election fraud.

"It shows just how sticky these narratives are," said Lee Foster, senior vice president for analysis at Alethea Group, which helps companies detect and mitigate false and misleading claims.

"Once they gain traction in a particular place, like they did in the U.S. presidential election in 2020, people will start applying those [narratives] to other kinds of events and build out these broad conspiracy theories around them," he said.

Brazil's president attacks his country's voting system

In the first round of Brazil's presidential election on Oct. 2, leftist former President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva finished ahead of far-right incumbent President Jair Bolsonaro but failed to secure an outright majority. The two candidates are headed for a runoff on Oct. 30.

Bolsonaro, who has spent months alleging Brazil's elections are rigged and saying electronic voting machines can't be trusted, performed better in the first round than polling had predicted. But that didn't stop the former president from suggesting the results may have been manipulated.

"There's always the possibility of something abnormal happening in a fully computerized system," Bolsonaro said after the vote, according to the New York Times.

Online, commenters seized on well-worn conspiracy theories to cast doubt on the results. Alethea Group identified multiple false claims that Smartmatic and Dominion machines were used in Brazil's election across mainstream social media sites including Twitter, Facebook and Reddit as well as alternative platforms popular on the right such as Truth Social and Gettr.

Brazil's Superior Electoral Court, which oversees the nation's elections, first debunked falsehoods that Smartmatic machines or software were being used in the country in 2020, shortly after the U.S. election, and updated that fact check this month. Independent fact checkers in Brazil also investigated the claim and found it false.

"The Brazilian ballot boxes were designed by civil servants and technicians at the service of of the Electoral Justice and are produced, under their direct coordination, by companies selected through public bidding and wide competition, which guarantees even more security and transparency to the electoral process," the court said.

According to the court, Positivo Tecnologia, a Brazilian company, won the most recent bid to produce electronic voting machines for this year's election.

Smartmatic and Dominion also confirmed their equipment is not being used in Brazil.

Lies about Brazil also cast doubt on U.S. midterms

But the voting machine claims resurged this month, both in WhatsApp messages in Brazil about Smartmatic and in English-language posts on U.S. social media sites claiming, incorrectly, that Dominion or Smartmatic machines were used in Brazil.

Some pointed to Bolsonaro's early lead as the votes were counted, which Lula overtook as more results came in.

"The election showed similarities with the last US election, such as overtaking the leader by leaps and bounds," a Twitter account with more than 28,000 followers that describes itself as an independent international news agency posted on Oct 3. "Dominion was also used here," the account falsely claimed.

Many posters used the allegations to cast doubt on the U.S. midterm elections.

"Midterms are looking great," wrote one poster on pro-Trump message board Patriots.win. "What do we do when the midterms are stolen?" another replied.

The claims are "being used to seed that ground in terms of expectations of purported fraud occurring in the midterms," Alethea Group's Foster said.

The iterative nature of the falsehoods underscores how conspiracy theories need to continually build on themselves to reinforce and validate their claims.

"It becomes this kind of self-feedback loop. It just continues to grow, almost like a snowball effect," Foster said.

Bannon pushes false fraud narratives in U.S. and Brazil

The vote-rigging narratives were amplified by the far-right U.S. blog The Gateway Pundit, which on the morning after the vote published an article alleging "MASSIVE fraud" in Brazil. That article and others from far-right websites cited claims by conservative activist Matthew Tyrmand that Smartmatic machines were used in Brazil.

Tyrmand has repeatedly shared allegations of election fraud in Brazil, without evidence, to tens of thousands of followers on Twitter and Gettr, the social media site founded by former Trump aide Jason Miller.

He also frequently appears as a guest on former Trump adviser Stephen Bannon's "War Room" podcast, where in recent weeks they've discussed the Brazilian election and drawn parallels with false claims of fraud in the U.S. in 2020. (Bannon was sentenced to four months in prison on Friday for refusing to comply with a subpoena request from the congressional committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021 attack on the U.S. Capitol by Trump supporters.)

The day after Brazilians voted in the first round, Bannon described the election as "a very stark warning to MAGA and to all the Republicans of the games that are being played in these elections."

"People are absolutely crying fraud in Brazil because it's the same thing we saw in 2020," Tyrmand said on the same episode, repeating false allegations that Smartmatic machines were used and echoing a frequent assertion from Bolsonaro that Brazil's electronic voting system is "non-auditable."

Bannon, who along with other Trump allies has developed close ties with Bolsonaro's family, has long pushed the idea of election fraud in Brazil.

celebrity extra

by Dana Jackson

Q. Whatever happened to Sandra Bernhard? I remember her funny appearances on the "Late Night with David Letterman," and she was in a few movies, but I haven't seen her in decades. Is she still in showbiz? — *H.U.*



Sandra Bernhard ("American Horror Story" and "Pose")

A. The now 67-year-old actress Sandra Bernhard started out in stand-up comedy, before landing a scene-stealing role of a stalker in the Martin Scorsese film "The King of Comedy," opposite Robert DeNiro. She followed that with more than 20 appearances on "Late Night with David Letterman" and also landed a recurring role on the hit sitcom "Roseanne" for several seasons.

In recent years, she's had regular roles on sitcoms like "2 Broke Girls" and "Brooklyn Nine-Nine," as well as two Ryan-Murphy-produced series "Pose" and "American Horror Story." Her biggest missed opportunity, though, was turning down the role of Miranda on "Sex and the City" due to "low pay" and a "terrible" script at the time. Cynthia Nixon went on to become a household name after being cast in the role, but Bernhard told Howard Stern in an interview that she doesn't regret her decision.

Fortunately, she's part of the Murphy universe and has a role in the new season of "American Horror Story: NYC" on the FX channel. She also recently wrapped filming for the upcoming comedy film "Out of Order!" starring Brooke Shields and Brandon Routh.

Q. When are the Hallmark Christmas movies starting? With Christmas decorations in stores already, do the movies start in October, too? — *Y.J.*

A. As a matter of fact, yes, Hallmark's "Countdown to Christmas" schedule starts with the movie "Noel Next Door" on Friday, Oct. 21 at 8 p.m. ET, starring Natalie Hall and Corey Sevier. On Oct. 30, Kim Matula and Ian Harding star in "Ghosts of Christmas Always" at 8 p.m. ET on the Hallmark Channel. The schedule really picks up in November and, of course, throughout December, with holiday films featuring favorites like Alison Sweeney, Aimee Teegarden, Jack Wagner and more.

Holiday-themed TV movies aren't exclusive to the Hallmark franchise. The Lifetime network has just as many

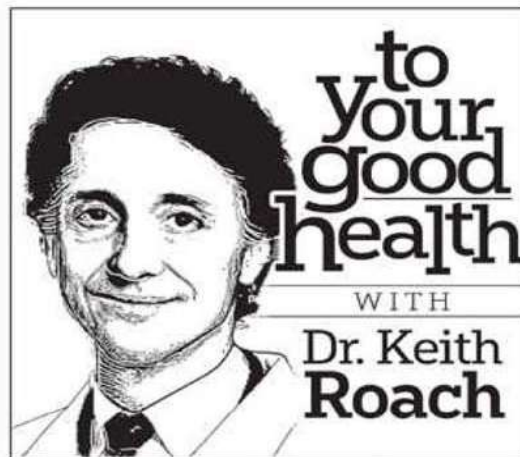
Christmas movies. Mario Lopez, Maria Menounos, Patti LaBelle and Jana Kramer are part of the Lifetime lineup. Even streaming giant Netflix has gotten into the game, with original movies like "Falling for Christmas," which marks Lindsay Lohan's big comeback, premiering Nov. 10.

Q. Are the Golden Globe Awards ever coming back to television? The Emmy Awards now resemble them, with celebrities sitting at tables nearby each other, but I wish the Emmys would go back to rows of seating like the Oscars. — *G.H.*

A. Yes, the Golden Globe Awards will return with a televised ceremony on NBC Jan. 10, 2023, preceded by the nominations being announced on Dec. 12. The network skipped broadcasting it last year, after record-low ratings in 2021 and the discovery that there were no African Americans among its 87-member voting organization, the Hollywood Foreign Press Association. With a more-diversified panel and a post-pandemic increase in movie ticket sales, it's hoped that the Golden Globes can return to being a celebrated, fun event.

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

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Case of Enlarged Pelvic Veins Is Not a Cause for Concern

DEAR DR. ROACH: I'm a 71-year-old female with no children, but I did have an ectopic pregnancy at age 43. Other than that, I have had no "female" issues. I was getting a CT scan for my spleen area, when it was discovered that I had enlarged pelvic veins in my groin. I don't have pelvic pain, nor do I have pain with sex. So, the only symptoms I do have, which may or may not be related, are bloating and some constipation.

I have seen a vascular surgeon and a urogynecologist to ask about this condition and if I need "treatment" for it. Both were rather vague, saying if I'm not experiencing pain, I should just get it imaged every year. Is that sound advice? Can the veins twist and cause blockage? Can they cause a blood clot? I can't really get any info on it. — *J.F.*

ANSWER: Although advanced imaging like CT and MRI scans have led physicians to be able to make more precise diagnoses than before, there is an issue of what to do with "incidental" findings. Many people have written to me about small tumors (which are far more common than we thought), but enlarged pelvic veins are another example of an incidental finding.

Some women do have a condition called "pelvic congestion syndrome," which is a cause of pelvic pain that is worsened by prolonged standing or sexual activity. This condition is found in women in the reproductive age group, especially those who have had multiple children, but is not found in menopausal women. Since you aren't in the age group and don't have symp-

toms, you clearly don't have pelvic congestion syndrome.

Dilated veins in the legs are simply called varicose veins, and they are often due to loss in function of the valves in our legs as we age. Pelvic vein enlargement is the same thing: Veins get bigger as we age.

There are cases of blood clots in the pelvic veins, but it is not clear whether a person like you is at increased risk. I don't see the need to repeat the imaging studies.

DEAR DR. ROACH: Why do multivitamins invariably provide some ingredients with more than 100% — and some with less than 100% — of the daily requirement? Why aren't all ingredients 100%? — *D.H.*

ANSWER: 100% of the recommended dietary allowance (RDA) is intended to provide the nutrient requirements for about 98% of the population. Most people will get what they need from food. Many North Americans feel that more vitamins are better or decide to take a vitamin pill as an insurance policy against an inadequate diet. Both of these have been reasonable hypotheses, but many studies have been done and have not shown any convincing benefit of taking vitamins in absence of a clear medical reason for deficiency.

Vitamin manufacturers put in large amounts mostly for marketing: People are more likely to buy the pill that has 1,000% of B12, for example, since it must be better than the one with 500%. In fact, your body will simply excrete more B12 if you take more, so the supplement with 1,000% of a water-soluble vitamin like B12 is not any better for you.

However, a few nutrients in multivitamins are dangerous at high levels: Vitamin A has a high risk of causing birth defects at high doses, and beta carotene promotes lung cancer growth in smokers, as two examples. Responsible vitamin manufacturers don't put in doses of vitamins that will be toxic if taken as directed.

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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CARICOM Ministers of Education tackling packed agenda in Georgetown

(CARICOM Secretariat, Turkeyen, Greater Georgetown, Guyana - Friday, 14 October 2022) - Ministers of Education in CARICOM have been urged to devise comprehensive recommendations for quality education and to clearly articulate the immediate actions necessary to change how schools re-engage with learners and communities.

At the opening of the 44th Meeting of the Council for Human and Social Development (COHSOD-Education), on Thursday 13 October, CARICOM Assistant Secretary-General, Alison Drayton told the Ministers gathered at the Georgetown, Guyana Headquarters of the CARICOM Secretariat that she is heartened by their commitment to identifying solutions to respond to the setbacks on education from the COVID-19 pandemic.

She expressed optimism that strong and tangible outcomes would emanate from the two-day meeting to strengthen regional strategies to build resilience in the sector.

The Ministers are examining a range of issues including strategies for monitoring the implementation of the CARICOM Human Resource Development (C-HRD) 2030 Strategy, learning recovery and learning acceleration after COVID-19 and recommendations for designing a world-class education system in the Caribbean through a new Caribbean School Model. They

are also considering matters related to the Basic Education Quality Management Framework, CARICOM Standards for the Teaching Profession, Technical and Vocational Education (TVET), and the CARICOM Vocational Qualifications (CQVs).

"In our commitment to act collectively, resilience and agility in education delivery, the theme that guides the thinking for our meeting, requires that we make fundamental paradigm shifts in how we speak of the purpose of education for human capital development, in how we look to resource education and how we re-prioritise strategies within the C-HRD 2030 Strategy for accelerated implementation", ASG Drayton told the Ministers.

Emphasizing the need for education reform to become the Region's recovery, adaptation, and resilience strategy," she referenced research that found that students in grades 1-12 affected by school closures will earn 3% lower income over their lifetime, globally. Conversely, every additional year that a child stays in school, they have the potential to earn a 10% increase in income, Ms. Drayton added.

"Let's do the Math! Our attention needs to be on strengthening the internal efficiencies of our education systems to enhance completion and survival rates, and learning outcomes, for all learners despite, gender, socio-economic class, race, or geography."



ASG-HSD, Ms. Alison Drayton in photo with Regional Ministers of Education and Representatives, at the CARICOM Secretariat, during the 44th Meeting of the Council for Human and Social Development (COHSOD-Education)

Speaking on advocacy for greater efforts for achieving the goals of the C-HRD 2030 Strategy, and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 4 for quality learning and lifelong education, ASG Drayton said,

"We are one-fifth of the way into the decade for action and eight years away from 2030, yet we know that we are a long way away from the development targets that we have set for ourselves regionally."

In this context, she noted the importance of changing the ways the Region monitors, quality assures, governs, and finances Early Childhood Education, teacher recruitment, preparation, leadership development, as well as curriculum diversification reform for skills development.

Chair of the Meeting, Hon. Francis Fonseca, Minister of Education, Culture, Science, and Technology of Belize called on his colleagues to articulate the practical means through which regional, systemic, and local actions can be refocused to ensure that gaps in learning created by school closures will be addressed, and in the process,

mitigate against reductions in national productivity and individual earning power over the next three to five years.

Guyana's Chief Education Officer Dr. Marcel Hutson, in his remarks on behalf of his Minister, underscored the importance of COHSOD as pivotal to the transformation of the education sector in the Region.

As the Community addresses education access, quality, equity, inclusivity, and lifelong learning, he said evidence-based instruction, linking school and home, personalised learning, professional development, and improving governance and accountability of the education system must be brought sharply into focus.

"As we move forward, we must do so with the greatest degree of alacrity and commitment to serve our young people, who are the foundation of a bright and prosperous Caribbean," Dr. Hutson said as he urged the Ministers to take "no shortcuts to the road to success."

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UK Leader Sunak Faces Opposition in Parliament for 1st Time

LONDON —Rishi Sunak faced the opposition in Parliament for the first time as Britain's prime minister Wednesday, seeking to provide assurances that his new government would offer economic stability and continuity after his predecessor's tax plans triggered market tumult.

Sunak, who took office Tuesday, has appointed a government that mixes allies with experienced ministers from the administrations of his two immediate predecessors, Boris Johnson and Liz Truss, as he tries to tackle Britain's multiple economic problems. One of his government's first acts was to delay a key economic statement until Nov. 17, ensuring the most accurate possible forecasts can be considered as the government seeks to tackle the cost-of-living crisis.

"We will have to take difficult decisions to restore economic stability and confidence," Sunak told the House of Commons. "We will do this in a fair way..."

I will always protect the most vulnerable. ... we did that in COVID and we will do that again."

Opposition politicians focused on the baggage his new government carried: ministers from the Cabinets of Johnson — who quit in July after a slew of ethics scandals — and Truss, whose government lasted just seven weeks.

A package of unfunded tax cuts Truss unveiled last month spooked financial markets with the prospect of ballooning debt, drove the pound to record lows and forced the Bank of England to intervene — weakening Britain's fragile economy and obliterating Truss' authority within the Conservative Party.

Sunak is seen by Conservatives as a safe pair of hands they hope can stabilize an economy sliding toward recession — and stem the party's plunging popularity.

Sunak brought in people from different wings of the

Conservative Party for his Cabinet. He removed about a dozen members of Truss' government but kept several senior figures in place, including Foreign Secretary James Cleverly and Defense Secretary Ben Wallace.

He faced a backlash for reappointing Home Secretary Suella Braverman, who resigned last week after breaching ethics rules by sending a sensitive government email from a private account. She used her resignation letter to criticize Truss, hastening the then-prime minister's departure.

A leading light of the Conservatives' right wing who infuriates liberals, Braverman is tasked with fulfilling a controversial, stalled plan to send some asylum-seekers arriving in Britain on a one-way trip to Rwanda.

Sunak denied an allegation by Labour leader Keir Starmer that he had made a "grubby deal" with Braverman in return



British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, alongside Chancellor of the Exchequer Jeremy Hunt, holds his first Cabinet meeting in Downing Street, London, Oct. 26, 2022. (Stefan Rousseau/Pool via Reuters)

for her support in the leadership contest.

Opponents expressed astonishment that Braverman could be back in her job less than a week after her resignation, and before an investigation of her breach of the ethics rules.

Cleverly defended the choice.

"People make mistakes in their work," he told the BBC. "No one goes to work with the intention of making a mistake."

Sunak also kept in place Treasury chief Jeremy Hunt,

whom Truss appointed two weeks ago to steady the markets. His removal likely would have set off new tremors.

Hunt, who had planned to deliver a statement on Oct. 31, will now have a few more weeks to outline the government plans to come up with billions of pounds (dollars) to fill a fiscal hole created by soaring inflation and a sluggish economy, and exacerbated by Truss' destabilizing plans.

IMF Chief Wants Central Banks to Keep Raising Rates to Hit 'Neutral' Level

BERLIN —International Monetary Fund chief Kristalina Georgieva said on Wednesday that central banks should keep raising interest rates further to fight inflation until they hit a "neutral" level, though in most cases they have not reached this point.

Speaking to Reuters in Berlin a day before the

European Central Bank is widely expected to raise rates by 75 basis points, the fund's managing director said it would take until 2024 for the positive effect of central banks raising rates globally to be felt.

The ECB had for months said that its first step will be to raise rates to a neutral setting, where it

was neither driving nor restricting growth, but some policymakers are now advocating more aggressive action, saying the ECB should go further to tame inflationary pressures.

"At this point we look for getting to a neutral mode, and in most places, we are not quite yet there," Georgieva said in an interview.

Central banks have to

bring rates up because "when inflation runs high, that undermines growth, it hits the poorest parts of the population the hardest."

Recent rate hikes by the ECB have come against the backdrop of a deteriorating economic outlook and inflation that hit 9.9% in the euro zone in September, driven by soaring food and energy prices after Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Asked how long she expected central banks to keep raising rates, Georgieva said the IMF projected that "by 2024 to get to a point when central banks are seeing the impact of their actions."

"The benefits would come but they are not instantaneous, this requires some patience in society," she added.

SPORTS



CRICKET

Unbeaten Guyana knocks off BVI for 6 wickets victory

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

Avishkar Sewkarran and Keion DeJesus put on a 107 run second wicket partnership after opener Jamal Mickle was caught by Craig Fisher off the second ball delivered by Earl Prescott, laying the foundation for Guyana's six wickets victory over the British Virgin Islands on Sunday in Greenland, in the Peter Haycraft Nations Cup clash of the unbeaten.

DeJesus, who had three sixes and eight boundaries, took the match away from the BVI before he was bowled by Fisher for 59 off 30 deliveries, as they reached 190 for 4. Sewkarran, who netted 44, went LBW off Fisher, who bagged 2 for 28, while Jagarine "Suga" Persaud contributed 37 not out. BVI fast bowler Prescott grabbed 2 for 49.

The BVI who decided to bat after winning the toss, put 186 for 4 on the board as Guyana's target, with Ferris Pope's stroke filled 69 before he went LBW and Monty Butler—despite a leg injury—adding 44 not out from 21 balls, but was unable to capitalize on singles to pad his total.

Jienick Mingo grabbed 2 for 29 as Guyana's top bowler.

"I think it was a good performance, we posted 186, it was a good total but our bowling didn't click today. It kinda let us down today a little bit," BVI Captain Vishal Bharat told Island Sun Sports. "Guyana is one of the stronger teams in the competition and we showed them a good fight."

Bharat described BVI's batting as being "very positive" led by Pope's 59 along with Butler's 44. The top six he said batted well and posting 186 was a "damn good score."

"Guyana has a strong batting lineup and we tried our best, but they were better than us today," he said. "They just played better than us."

Guyana's manager Colin Campbell said after being off for two weeks, his team started off sloppy in the fielding after missing some practices but it shows that they have to continue playing hard.

"No team playing on this ground should be taken lightly," he said. "The BVI played well—batting and bowling—so it showed that we actually had to come harder to win this game. But it was a good game all and all."

As the only unbeaten team, Campbell said it's not getting easier and they have to play harder,

because each team understands playing hard, making catches and putting runs on the board and defending it, is a really important part of the game.

"Being undefeated is a good feeling but we aren't putting anything to rest right now," he noted. "We're still going to play harder as we go through the tournament."

Grenada's slim chances of staying in the tournament collapsed when they lost four wickets for nine runs and were eliminated from the competition after Vincy secured a 30-run victory in the opening match.

After being sent to bat by Grenada, Vincy batsman Ronniel Jeffrey hammered Grenada's batsmen for 103 not out, with 11 sixes and eight boundaries off 41 balls, as Vincy went on to post 217 for 4 in their 20 overs. Kenrick Leslie had a supporting 30 not out and Curtis Jack contributed a useful 29 before he was caught and bowled by Anthony Panchoo.

Wicketkeeper Captain and middle order batsman Derol Redhead led Grenada's charge back, but after he was caught by Lorenzo Olliverre for 59, things went south for the Spice Isles boys



Guyana bowler Reno Mittelholzer, left and BVI bowler Earl Prescott, took 1 for 28 and 2 for 49 resp

who went down at 187 for 6 in the 20th over, to end their run. Opener Rodney Marrayshow was bowled for 43 and Irwin "Small Man" Lewis chipped in another 29.

Murray Olliverre grabbed 2 for 24 and Jeffrey, 2 for 29.

With Grenada winning the toss, Jeffrey said they had to make the choice of batting or fielding, which was kinda easy for them especially after they were asked to bat—something they wanted. "The team wanted me to stay and bat as long as I could and that is exactly what I did," Jeffrey noted. "(It) feels good to always score and to get to that mark of 100, I'm feeling great."

FOOTBALL

Blowouts, shutouts and ties highlight football play

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

One Love, the 2019 BVI Football Association League champs tied the Wolues, One Caribbean blew out newcomers Positive and Virgin Gorda United shutout Old Madrid, to highlight weekend play.

One Love tied their match with Wolues and shared the points during a 1-1 draw, as Phil Nelson's first half penalty kick was cancelled out by Richard Morgan's second half spot kick, by which time both teams were down to ten men.

"It was a tough game, always physical against One Love and so are we. We got a red card about halfway through the first half, but then we managed to score and were just clinging on for the rest of the game," Nelson noted. "Then they went down to 10 men and we kinda lost our intensity when it was on par with the players really. Maybe its two points struck but at the end of the day, getting a point against One Love isn't a bad result. We're not too disappointed but disappointed because we were winning the game."

One Love's Coach Mark Savage said they played a better second half after missing first half opportunities but a lack of training showed with his players and a lack of discipline to the system.

"Supporting each other on the pitch was really

lacking tonight," he said. "Yes, we came back with a penalty but we had chances to go on top by far and it came back and haunt us so we ended up with one point tonight. No hard feelings. We're going back to the drawing board and taking it up to another level when we come back out."

Nelson said they had a lot of energy sapped from them as they played a large portion of the game with 10 men, which was tiring. "They had a lot of the ball so with the energy sapped out of us, it was tough to get up the pitch to get those chances."

Savage said when the Wolues looked tired in the second half, they should have capitalized.

"Even when the numbers were 10 (to) 11 before we got our red card, we could have dominated the game totally, if we maintained holding the ball, playing the ball on the floor, moving the ball around on the deck," he pointed out. "That's all we had to do and we beat teams that way. (They) just have to follow instructions."

One Caribbean blew out newcomers Positive, 16-1 in their league debut. One Caribbean put them to the sword from as early as the sixth minute on Saturday, when Charles Pieere opened the scoring on his way to a first half hat trick and a final personal

tally of four goals. However, he was outshone by Kelvin Glasgow who completed a double hat trick in the 85th minute to make the final score 16-1.

Anthony Daye did find the back of the net for a consolation goal for Positive, but with additional One Caribbean goals coming from Dylan Cline, Dennis Tayler, Chaz Scott, and Martino Rosier (2) it was really a day to forget for the debutante.

"After a devastating last season and losing five youth players in the transfer window, we have had to rebuild the team," Once Caribbean Coach Morris Mark stated. "Playing against a new team in the league gave us the opportunity to gel the players and allowed us to play our brand of football, passing and moving, and Positive seemed unable to handle the early pressure."

Virgin Gorda United were the other big winners, cruising past Old Madrid, 8-0, on Sunday in Greenland, with Thomas "Manly" Albert netting four times. The other goals came from Devante Samuel, Sheldon Harry, who also got his marching orders late in the second half and Joel Mars who scored twice.

Meanwhile, on the Virgin Gorda Recreation Grounds, reigning league and President's Cup champions Sugar Boys, overpowered Lion Heart, 4-2.



from One Love aerenaers Aicise Savery and Colin Lavia

Donning his Sugar Boys colors after playing Wicket Keeper Captain for Grenada in the Peter Haycraft Cup during a 30-run elimination loss to St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Derol Redhead scored twice and Alejandro Sanchez also twice to put the Boys four goals up. However, Lion Heart gave the Virgin Gorda fans a few nervous moments, scoring twice late on through Sheldon Brown and Owen Bertram, to set up a grandstand finish, but the home side stayed firm.

SPORTS



New BVI Cycling Federation Executive; Darel Christopher Sr., left, President. Mark Stephenson, Vice President. Olympia Fahie, Treasurer. Karl "Dub" Scatliffe, Secretary. PRO Paul Hewlette not pictured



Cedar and One Love Netball Clubs after their match where One Love A beat Cedar B, 33-7 & Cedar A bested One Love, 23-19



One Love's Guillaume Parkins, right, against Wolues defenders for ball control



Guyana batsman Keion DeJesus had three sixes and eight boundaries for his 59 off 30 deliveries before going lbw off Craig Fisher's bowling



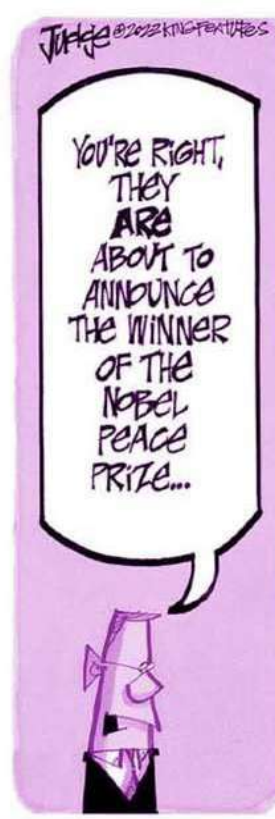
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THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

These people are blemishes at your love feasts, eating with you without the slightest qualm, shepherds who feed only themselves. They are clouds without rain, blown along by the wind; autumn trees, without fruit and uprooted, twice dead.

JUDE 1:12



YOU'RE RIGHT, THEY ARE ABOUT TO ANNOUNCE THE WINNER OF THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE...

"BUT I STILL DON'T THINK YOU NEED TO PREPARE AN ACCEPTANCE SPEECH."

Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Although you love being the focus of everyone's attention, it's a good idea to take a few steps back right now to just watch the action. What you see can help with an upcoming decision.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) "Caution" continues to be your watchword this week, as a former colleague tries to reconnect old links. There are still some dark places that need to be illuminated.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Making a good first impression is important. Revealing your often hidden sense of humor can help you get through some of the more awkward situations.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Are you taking that Cancer Crab image too seriously? Lighten up. Instead of complaining about your problems, start resolving them. A friend would be happy to help.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A widening distance between you and that special person needs to be handled with honesty and sensitivity. Don't let jealousy create an even greater gap between you two.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Congratulations. Your handling of a delicate family matter rates kudos. But, no resting on your laurels just yet. You still have to resolve that on-the-job problem.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You might surprise everyone by being unusually impulsive this week. But even level-headed Libras need to do the unexpected now and then.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A period of turmoil gives way to a calmer, more settled environment. Use this quieter time to patch up neglected personal and/or professional relationships.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A new relationship could create resentment among family and friends who feel left out of your life. Show them you care by making more time for them.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Concentrate on completing all your unfinished tasks before deadline. You'll then be able to use this freed-up time to research new career opportunities.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You're right to try to help colleagues resolve their heated differences. But keep your objectivity, and avoid showing any favoritism between the two sides.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your personal life continues to show positive changes. Enjoy this happy turn of events, by all means. But be careful not to neglect your workplace obligations.

BORN THIS WEEK: People of all ages look to you for advice and encouragement. You would make an excellent counselor.

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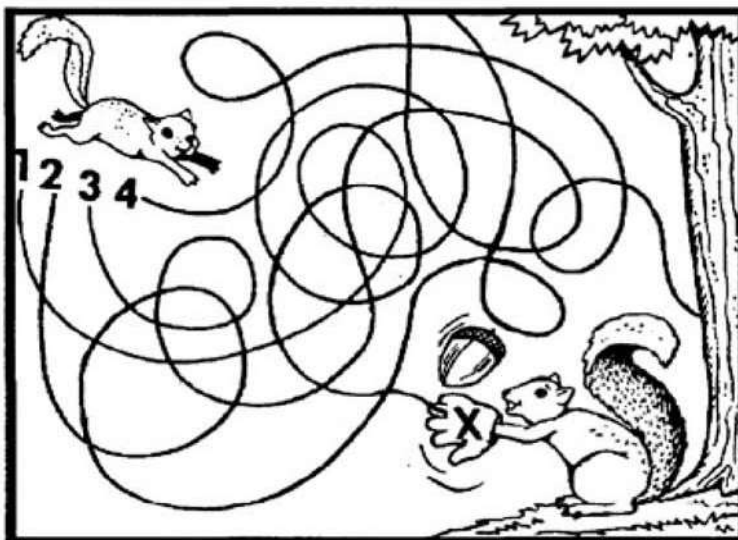


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"That reminds me, Mom — have you told Dad about your car yet?"



Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



NICE CATCH! Which path does the squirrel take to catch the falling acorn? Take a guess, then trace through line or lines.

SHAPE UP! There's a box turtle, a square meal, an angleworm, a conehead, arc welding, an archenemy, a round robin. Can you think of some more definitively shaped terms?

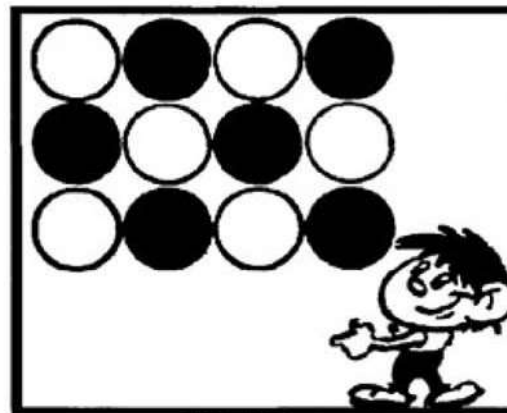
TAG LINES! What's in a name? Or, more specifically, what's in the six names that appear on tags in the diagram below? Well, if you are able to anagram the six names correctly, you can identify each individual's occupation. That is to say, letters can be rearranged to form names of jobs.

- Hints: 1. Delivers mail. 2. Handles copy.
 3. Serves food. 4. Plays in a band. 5. Uses a hammer. 6. Lends money.

What are the jobs?

1. Postman. 2. Editor. 3. Waitress. 4. Musician. 5. Carpenter. 6. Banker.

Junior Whirl by Hal Kaufman



MAKE HEADS OR TAILS OF COIN SWITCH?

LIKE to switch things around? Try your hand at this old poser. P.S.: It has a catch to it, natch.

Arrange a group of 12 similar-size coins, as at left, alternating heads and tails.

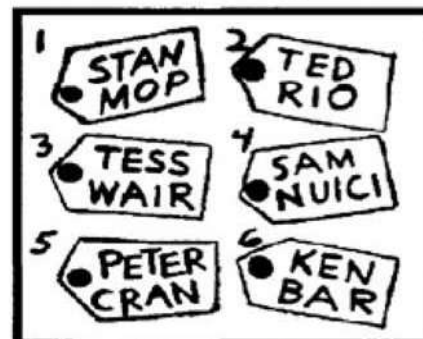
Now then, see if you can rearrange the scheme of things so that each vertical row consists of all heads or all tails simply by touching and manipulating just one coin.

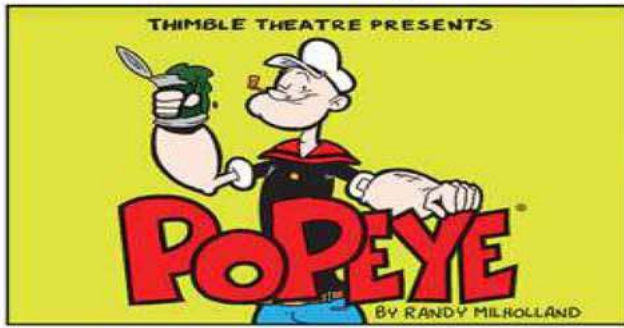
That is to say, rearrange the setup, for instance, so that the first and third rows are all heads, and the second and fourth row tails.

And all this by touching and manipulating one coin.

How is it done?

Move first coin in middle row to opposite side and push entire middle row one coin to the left.





THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME

BY AL SCADUTO



STILL ANOTHER REASON WHY PARENTS GO BONKERS- YOU BUY DAUGHTER LUPINA A DESK, STUDENT LAMP, TYPEWRITER STAND, ETC... SO WHERE DOES SHE DO HER SCHOOLWORK?

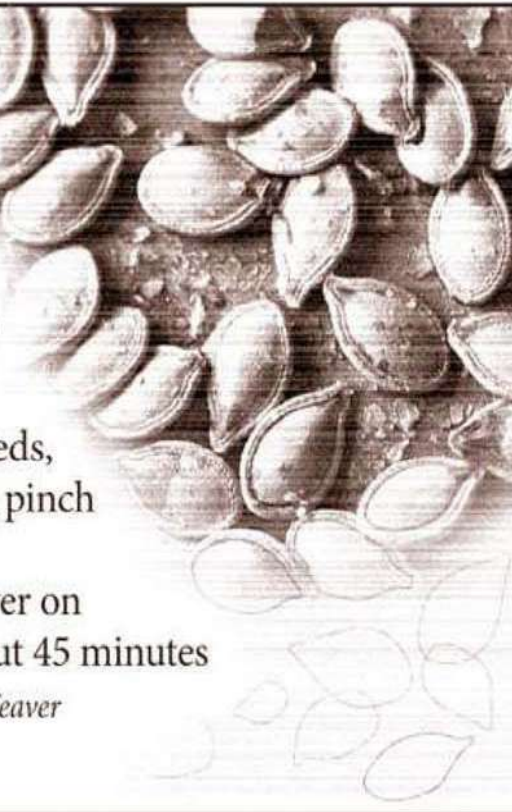




Roasting pumpkin seeds

- Preheat oven to 300° F.
- Toss 1½ cups raw pumpkin seeds, 2 teaspoons melted butter and a pinch of salt in a bowl, mixing well.
- Spread the seeds in a single layer on a baking sheet and bake for about 45 minutes or until golden brown. - Brenda Weaver

Source: Allrecipes.com



GRIN and BEAR IT



“Apparently we are the alternative fuel that they advertised!”

top ten

World's Costliest Spices

1. Saffron
2. Vanilla
3. Mahlab
4. Long pepper
5. Black cumin
6. Kaffir lime leaver
7. Grains of Paradise
8. Cardamon
9. Cloves
10. Cinnamon

Source: AgronoMag.com

MONDAY



Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



The Spats

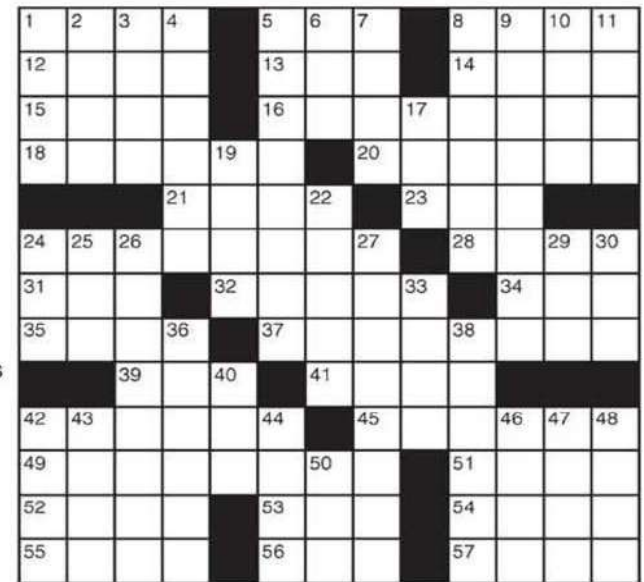
by Jeff Pickering



King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Creche trio
- 5 Sheep's cry
- 8 Espy
- 12 Optimist's credo
- 13 Steal from
- 14 Texas city
- 15 Lost traction
- 16 "Madam Secretary" memoirist Madeleine
- 18 Dutch exports
- 20 Spanning
- 21 Demolish, in Dover
- 23 Jungfrau, for one
- 24 Tirana resident
- 28 Blathers
- 31 Meadow
- 32 Seafood selection
- 34 Gangster's gun
- 35 Lincoln in-law
- 37 Tuna type
- 39 Sneaky chuckle
- 41 Son of Adam and Eve
- 42 You can count on it
- 45 Seduce
- 49 Prince of Monaco who is Grace Kelly's son



- 51 Shark variety
- 52 Check
- 53 Rm. coolers
- 54 Baby carriage
- 55 Golf stroke
- 56 Belly
- 57 Eyelid woe
- 6 MSN rival
- 7 "Waterloo" group
- 8 Making spiral patterns
- 9 Samoan port
- 10 Phil of folk music
- 11 Youngsters
- 17 - Victor
- 19 Skillets
- 22 British nobles
- 24 Flight stat
- 25 Zodiac cat
- 26 Vice
- 27 Mother Teresa, for
- 29 Standard
- 30 Fr. holy woman
- 33 Social appointment
- 36 Not half bad
- 38 Victors
- 40 "Ben- -"
- 42 Seniors' org.
- 43 - cheese dressing
- 44 Male deer
- 46 Scurry
- 47 Fine
- 48 Iditarod terminus
- 50 Post-op area

DOWN

- 1 Fine spray
- 2 Rights advocacy org.
- 3 Author Sheehy
- 4 Prime Minister Gandhi
- 5 Cabbage, broccoli and

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Glasses are missing. 2. Sneaker is different. 3. Socks are shorter. 4. Sleeve is shorter. 5. Dress is different. 6. Memo is moved.

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 22 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. MYTHOLOGY: What are the Nereids in Greek mythology?
2. LITERATURE: Which 19th-century English novel has the subtitle, "The Parish Boy's Progress"?
3. ACRONYMS: In printing, what does the acronym DPI stand for?
4. GEOGRAPHY: Which city lies near the largest natural harbor in the world?
5. ANIMAL KINGDOM: How does a bat find its prey?
6. HISTORY: Who is the youngest person to win a Nobel Peace Prize?
7. LANGUAGE: What does the Latin prefix "super-" mean in English?
8. LAW: What is double jeopardy?
9. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Who founded the American Red Cross?
10. MEDICAL: What vitamin deficiency causes night blindness?

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1. Sea nymphs.; 2. "Oliver Twist" (Charles Dickens); 3. Dots per inch.; 4. Sydney, Australia.; 5. Echolocation (sending high-frequency sound waves); 6. Malala Yousafzai of Pakistan, who fights for children's rights to education.; 7. Above, over (supervise, etc.); 8. Prosecuting a person twice for the same offense.; 9. Clara Barton.; 10. Vitamin A.

Globalisation makes the Rich richer and the Poor poorer

A 2012 survey showed that more than 65% of European participants prefer products made in their home countries. And interestingly enough, more than 80% in the U.S. and a surprising 61% in China said they would pay a premium for American-made goods than for products made in China.

You might have noticed from media reports that there is a widespread anti-imported goods penchant in the western world, or you might have heard it from your neighbour who recently bought some goodies on those tax avoiding platforms on the internet and soon realized that the made in China shoes were the shoddiest he ever bought. We have seen on Facebook several negative comments about imported goods from various countries, but greater emphasis was placed on those imported from the Far East.

In 2011, one of our friends was shopping on the internet for good, but reasonably priced loafers. He found one pair from a good brand with an average retail price of \$80 on Amazon and he thought he saved \$40 on the \$120 he would pay in St. Thomas. Shortly after and much to his dismay, on eBay he saw the same shoes for less than \$50. The first reaction sent his blood pressure beyond the limits; then he decided he would buy two pairs at the lower price to compensate for the overpaid ones. He had set out to buy one pair of shoes and now he found himself with three pairs of the same shoes, or so he thought.

When the shoes arrived he started to use the first pair he had ordered, and set aside the other two for when they would be needed. He was proud of his purchase and the new shoes looked good and felt good. After using the first pair for almost two years he thought it was time to use one of the remaining pairs to go to a cocktail party...looking smart, with shiny new shoes. No sooner he took them out from the box he noticed the sole was literally crumbling. He tried the other pair and was equally disappointed.

This brand is a well-known one in the USA, its shoes are mostly made in China, but packaged, branded and sold in USA and Europe. They are invariably

good shoes, we were told, however our friend had unknowingly bought two faked pairs that were made in the Far East. Notice that the other platform is also a tax avoider; you pay taxes but they avoid them, and you patronize them, as a result your taxes will go up, not down.

It is this kind of experience that causes outrage and convince more and more consumers to buy goods that are genuinely made in their own country. Even our great grandfathers and great grandmothers knew pretty well that the bad apple knocks out the good ones, literally. Food products suffer from similar problems and you must have noticed that when you buy extra virgin olive oil usually labeled as "Product of Italy" it now is described as "Packed in Italy", which means not necessarily Italian or European olive oil; alternatively the label may state "packed in one of these (7) countries - ranging from North Africa to Turkey. Similarly, you buy English jam made in Bulgaria or Poland; and lousy "Italian" pasta made outside of Italy with the wrong type of flour. On page 26 you can read what the doctor has to say about the problems a brand new pair of glasses can cause: it's very educational.

Would you buy cranberry sauce made in Singapore? Or Mexican salsa bottled in Tunisia? Or Jamaican curry made in Argentina? No, but unknowingly you might have already bought such imitations.

The Inc. survey mentioned earlier stated that "Two-thirds of U.S. consumers would pay more for domestically made items in 10 product categories, ranging from baby food and appliances to electronics and apparel. More than half of the Chinese consumers chose to buy American products over cheaper Chinese goods at least once in the month before the survey."

Ultimately there is a good reason why the western world prefers to buy goods and produce of the country they live in. With all the deficit piled up by the various governments it is becoming increasingly clear that "globalisation" was not such a good idea. A deficit means that the country is importing



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more goods and services than it is exporting, and this secret is now becoming apparent to all of us. Globalisation has stolen jobs by way of outsourcing them to distant countries where wages are a fraction of those in the western world. Globalisation was a stroke of genius of the US Republican party [ie: Bush father & son] and the results are here for all of us to enjoy.

Those emerging economies that are benefitting from globalisation will in the long run find their match of competitors who have lower wages; it will be a spiral to slavery wages and many bubbles will burst in the process because they are not sustainable, because they are based on the principle of getting the rich richer while wiping out the middle class. Once you remove the middle class you are left with two extremes: one is called greed, the other, poverty. Such a situation is very, very troublesome and many wars were triggered by that type of imbalances.

Globalisation leads to faster use of coal and gas; it transfers investment spending from developed countries to less developed or developing countries; it leads to massive US and European balance of trade deficits as well as other undesirable consequences; globalisation tends to move taxation away from corporations, and onto individual citizens; it binds countries together, so that if one country collapses, the collapse is likely to ripple through the system, pulling many other countries with it.

While all of this reasoning can be debated ad infinitum et ultra (to infinity and beyond), the results are already here for us to see and "enjoy". In analysing the pros and cons Forbes magazine says the good part is opportunities offered by globalisation; the bad side is competition, risk, uncertainties, tightening of credit by banks, greater risk of domino effects, and less profitability; the ugly side is the risk of trade wars and global depression.

For over 30 years we have seen the good side of globalisation, but during the last five years we have experienced the bad side - Forbes says. Now let's brace ourselves for the ugly side.

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(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2061283

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on September 28, 2022. The Liquidator is **Cyrille Mauron of Rte de Frunce 80, 1618, Chatels-St-Denis, Switzerland.**

Meade Malone
Liquidator
[73/1]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 (as amended)

Rathcliff Capital Corp.

(the "Company")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1899473

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 October 8, 2022. The Liquidator is **Meade Malone of Geneva Place, 2nd Floor, 333 Waterfront Drive, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: October 8, 2022
Meade Malone
Liquidator
[73/2]

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

Dynamic Overseas Services Limited

(the "Company")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1000255

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 October 1, 2022. The Liquidator is **Meade Malone of Geneva Place, 2nd* Floor, 333 Waterfront Drive, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Meade Malone
Liquidator
[73/3]

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

WEJ Property Holdings Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 14th day of October, 2022, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidators is: -

Wayne Francis
Of Nerine Chambers
Road Town, Tortola,
British Virgin Islands
[73/4]

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

Green Lodge Investments Ltd

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 20th day of October, 2022, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidators is: -

Wayne Francis
Of Nerine Chambers
Road Town, Tortola,
British Virgin Islands
[73/5]

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

Tamerton Investments Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 21st day of October, 2022, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidators is:

Wayne Francis
Of Nerine Chambers
Road Town, Tortola,
British Virgin Islands
[73/6]

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

FIRST UNIVERSE FINANCE LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 334695

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (a) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 14th October, 2022. The Liquidator is **Diane Dentith of The Poplars, Victoria Road, Douglas, Isle of Man.**

Dated this 20th October, 2022.
Sgd. Diane Dentith
Liquidator
[73/7]

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

Hannah Estate Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 334695

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (a) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 10th October, 2022. The Liquidator is **Anand Jaisingh Danani of House 235, Arcadia Road, #04-07 BLK A, Arcadia Garden, Singapore.**

Dated this 20th October, 2022.
Sgd. Anand Jaisingh Danani
Liquidator
[73/8]

Baywest Investments (TCI) Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 2090830

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 20th day of October, 2022. The Liquidator is **Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, P.O. Box 2196, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated this 21st day of October, 2022
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[73/9]

ESTRELLA

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1531073

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 20th day of October, 2022. Dated this 21st day of October, 2022

Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[73/10]

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

Moxie Holding Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1934955

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 11 October 2022. Dated: 11 October 2022.

(Sgd.) Hui XIE
Liquidator
[73/11]

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

ABLE EXPRESS INVESTMENT HOLDING LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1987997

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 21st day of October, 2022. The liquidator is **Ms. QIU Guihua of No. 38, Kou Village, Baishi Town, Xinyi City, Maoming City, Guangdong Province, China.**

Dated: 21st day of October 2022
(Sgd.) QIU Huihua
Voluntary Liquidator
[73/12]

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

POLKARARE TECH INC

BC#2059037

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
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 24 October 2022. The Liquidator is **Elizabeth Ryan of 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated 24 October 2022

Elizabeth Ryan
(Liquidator)
[73/13]

APPOINTMENT

LENTILHA SHIPPING LTD

("the Company")

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1729784

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that Lentilha Shipping Ltd is in voluntary liquidation. The date of commencement of liquidation is 19th October 2022.

The liquidator is **Carmine Bailey of Kendall Corporate Services Limited, 2nd Floor Abbott Building, 87 Main Street, Waterfront Drive, P.O. Box 3169; PMB425, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated 24th October 2022

Carmine Bailey
Voluntary Liquidator
[73/14]

APPOINTMENT

CARNAUBA LTD

("the Company")

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1729563

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **Carnauba Ltd** is in voluntary liquidation. The date of commencement of liquidation is 19th October 2022. The liquidator is **Carmine Bailey of Kendall Corporate Services Limited, 2nd Floor Abbott Building, 87 Main Street, Waterfront Drive, P.O. Box 3169; PMB425, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated 24th October 2022

Carmine Bailey
Voluntary Liquidator
[73/15]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

Online Media Entertainment Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1883281

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 October 24th, 2022

Dated: October 24th, 2022

(Sgd.) Theodoros Theodorou
Voluntary Liquidator
[73/16]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

BLACK STAR WEALTH PLAN LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1723556

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 October 24th, 2022

Dated: October 24th, 2022

(Sgd.) Delio José De León Mela
Voluntary Liquidator
[73/17]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

AMAF CONSULTING LTD

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1432119

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 October 24th, 2022

Dated: October 24th, 2022

(Sgd.) Delio José De León Mela
Voluntary Liquidator
[73/18]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

ARFEN SERVICES LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1047919

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 October 24th, 2022

Dated: October 24th, 2022

(Sgd.) Delio José De León Mela
Voluntary Liquidator
[73/19]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

GILLFORT LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1826335

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 October 24th, 2022

Dated: October 24th, 2022

(Sgd.) Delio José De León Mela
Voluntary Liquidator
[73/20]

FinTech Networks Limited

Company No. 1995532

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that FinTech Networks Limited is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 24th October, 2022 and **LI King Shan Sandra of Room 601, Choi Leung House, Choi Tak Estate, Kowloon Bay, Kowloon, Hong Kong** has been appointed as Sole Liquidator. Dated this 25th day of October, 2022.

Sgd: LI King Shan Sandra
Voluntary Liquidator
[73/21]

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Circle Telecoms Limited

Company No. 1994593
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that Circle Telecoms Limited is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 24th October, 2022 and **LI King Shan Sandra of Room 601, Choi Leung House, Choi Tak Estate, Kowloon Bay, Kowloon, Hong Kong** has been appointed as Sole Liquidator. Dated this 25th day of October, 2022.

Sgd. LI King Shan Sandra
Voluntary Liquidator
[73/22]

NOTICE

BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT BAGHERRA LIMITED

("the Company")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 24th October, 2022; 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
Nerine Chambers
PO Box 905
Quastisky Building, Road Town
Tortola, VG1110
[73/23]

NOTICE

BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)

JNLIS Holding Co., Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 25th day of October 2022, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.

The Liquidator is:-
YE Jieping
of No. 19, Xisheheng Street,
Daojiao Town,
Dongguan City,
Guangdong Province,
China.
[73/24]

NOTICE

BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)

Broad-Ocean Motor (BVI) Holdings Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 25th day of October 2022, 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.
[73/25]

LATCHEM TRADING LTD.

Company No. 1882254
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **LATCHEM TRADING LTD.**, is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 24th October, 2022 and **MANUEL ENRIQUE MARTINEZ-HERNANDEZ, of CARRERA 11C NO.53A-70, BARRIO - CIUDADELA METROPOLITANA - DE SOLEDAD - ATLANTICO, BARRANQUILLA, COLOMBIA** has been appointed as the Sole Liquidator. Dated this 25th day of October, 2022.

Sgd. MANUEL ENRIQUE MARTINEZ HERNANDEZ
Voluntary Liquidator
[73/26]

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

Atlantic One Marine Ventures Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 24th October, 2022. The Liquidator is **Mr. Scott Villanueva, with address at 1430 South Dixie Highway, Suite 313, Coral Gables, FL 33146, United States of America.**

Dated: 24th October, 2022.
(Sgd.) Scott Villanueva
Voluntary Liquidator
[73/27]

Miramar Investors Inc.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1707148

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 24th October 2022.

Dated 25th October 2022
Sgd. Engelbert Josef Schrelber
Voluntary Liquidator
[73/28]

BRIX INVESTMENT LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1619069

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 24th October 2022.

Dated 25th October 2022
Sgd. Arno Sprenger
Voluntary Liquidator
[73/29]

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

Lining Cambridge Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 2052504

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 October, 2022. The liquidator is **Ngo Mei Kwan of Flat C, 12/F., Block 10, Whampoa Garden Site 9, Lily Mansions, Hung Hom, Kowloon, Hong Kong.**

Dated: 26th day of October 2022
(Sgd.) Ngo Mei Kwan
Voluntary Liquidator
[73/30]

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

JHP Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1611603

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 21st day of October, 2022. The liquidator is **Philippa V. O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: 26th day of October, 2022
Sgd. Philippa V. O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator
[73/31]

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

SUGAR HILL SEA VIEW LTD

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 438677

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 21st day of October, 2022.

The liquidator is **Philippa V. O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: 26th day of October, 2022
Sgd. Philippa V. O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator [73/32]

PACIFIC HOLDINGS POINT CORP.

Company No. 1774572
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **PACIFIC HOLDINGS POINT CORP.**, is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 26th October, 2022 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 the Sole Liquidator.

Dated this 26th day of October, 2022
Sgd. Querube Castillo de Nuñez
Voluntary Liquidator
[73/33]

SIRAVO TRADING INC.

Company No. 1465490
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **SIRAVO TRADING INC.** is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 26th October 2022 and **Liridona Berisha of Petergasse 20, 8302 Kloten, Switzerland** been appointed as the Sole Liquidator.

Dated this 26th day of October 2022
Sgd. Liridona Berisha
Voluntary Liquidator
[73/34]

CAMDEN HOLDINGS LTD. (the "Company")

Company No. 1943920
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **CAMDEN HOLDINGS LTD.** has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 21st October, 2022.

Dated this 26th day of October, 2022.
Sgd. Mr. LO Tai On
Voluntary Liquidator
[73/35]

TEAM RESOURCES CHINA LIMITED

(the "Company")
Company No. 223696
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **TEAM RESOURCES CHINA LIMITED** has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 21st October, 2022.

Dated this 26th day of October, 2022.
Sgd. Mr. LO Tai On
Voluntary Liquidator
[73/36]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Regulations 13 of the Limited Partnership Regulations, 2018 the "Regulations")

African Opportunities

Hydra L.P.

(the "Partnership")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Limited Partners the process ohip Number:
L.P. 2077

NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant of the Regulation that the Partnership has commenced the process of liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on September 12, 2022.. The Liquidator is : **Audrey Robertson, Commerce House, Wickhams Cay 1, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: September 12, 2022.
(Sgd.) Audrey Robertson
Voluntary Liquidator
[73/37]

FORM "A" "NEW"

To: The Licensing Magistrate
And

The Officer in Charge of Police **I, Kelvin Christopher dba Le Petite Lounge & Sports Bar** now residing at **Free Bottom, Tortola VG1110, in the Territory of the Virgin Islands** do hereby give notice that it is my intention to apply to the Licensing Magistrate at the Special Sitting of the Magistrate's Court to be held at Road Town, Tortola, on the **1st day December, 2022** for a **BAR Licence** to sell intoxicating liquor at my premises situated at **BAUGHER'S BAY VG1110** in the territory of the Virgin Islands and registered Parcel Number **577 of Block 3038B** of the **ROAD TOWN, Registration Section in the Land Registry of the Virgin Island**

Dated this 20th day of October, 2022.

Signed K. Christopher

[74]

FORM "A" "NEW"

To: The Licensing Magistrate
And

The Officer in Charge of Police **I, ALLEN WHEATLEY dba MEXICAN FIESTA** now residing at **East End, Tortola VG1120, in the Territory of the Virgin Islands** do hereby give notice that it is my intention to apply to the Licensing Magistrate at the Special Sitting of the Magistrate's Court to be held at Road Town, Tortola, on the **1st day December, 2022** for a **RESTAURANT Licence** to sell intoxicating liquor at my premises situated at **TORTOLA PIER PARK, VG1110** in the territory of the Virgin Islands and registered Parcel Number **120/1 of Block 2937B** of the **ROAD TOWN, Registration Section in the Land Registry of the Virgin Island**

Dated this 20th day of October, 2022.
Signed Allen Wheatley

[74]

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF LIQUIDATOR UNDER SECTION 204 OF THE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT, 2004

AM SMA LIMITED
(the "Company")

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company Number 1007204
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 17th day of October, 2022. The voluntary Liquidator is **Hélène Anne Lewis of Magnolia Chambers, Mill Mall #23, Wickham's Cay I, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.** Dated the 17th day of October 2022.
(Sgd.) **Hélène Anne Lewis**
Voluntary Liquidator
[73/38]

DEKRENSA INVESTMENTS CORP.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1622322

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 25th October 2022.
Dated 27th October 2022
Sgd. Arno Sprenger
Voluntary Liquidator
[73/39]

Core Treasure Ventures Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1929013

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 26th day of October, 2022.
Dated this 27th day of October, 2022
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[73/40]

CITYMAX SERVICES LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 416396

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, Subsection (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 27th day of October, 2022. The Liquidator is **Cordelia Tang of 812 Silvercord, Tower 1, 30 Canton Road, Tsimshatsui, Kowloon, Hong Kong.** Dated this 27th day of October, 2022
Sgd. Cordelia Tang

Cordelia Tang
Voluntary Liquidator
[73/41]

Toolangi Holdings Ltd.

Company No. 1827218
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that Toolangi Holdings Ltd. is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 26th October 2022 and **Querube C. De Nunez of MMG Tower, 23rd Floor, Avenida Del Pacifico with Avenida Paseo del Mar, Costa del Este, Panama City, Republic of Panama** been appointed as the Sole Liquidator. Dated this 26th day of October 2022
Sgd. Querube C. De Nunez
Voluntary Liquidator
[73/42]

SIRAVO TRADING INC.

Company No. 1465490
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **SIRAVO TRADING INC.** is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 26th October 2022 and **Liridona Berisha of Petergasse 20, 8302 Kloten, Switzerland** been appointed as the Sole Liquidator. Dated this 26th day of October 2022
Sgd. Liridona Berisha
Voluntary Liquidator
[73/43]

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

Kristol Holdings Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1502452

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (a) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 25th October, 2022. The Liquidator is **Angeliki Themistokleous of 86 Markou Drakou, Mesa Geitonia, 4002, Limassol, Cyprus.** Dated this 27th October, 2022.
Sgd. Angeliki Themistokleous
Liquidator
[73/44]

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

Kellyn Investments Inc.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1492010

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (a) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 25th October, 2022. The Liquidator is **Angeliki Themistokleous of 86 Markou Drakou, Mesa Geitonia, 4002, Limassol, Cyprus.** Dated this 27th October, 2022.
Sgd. Angeliki Themistokleous
Liquidator
[73/45]

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

Kellyn Investments Inc.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1492010

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (a) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 25th October, 2022. The Liquidator is **Angeliki Themistokleous of 86 Markou Drakou, Mesa Geitonia, 4002, Limassol, Cyprus.** Dated this 27th October, 2022.
Sgd. Angeliki Themistokleous
Liquidator
[73/46]

FORM "A"

To: The Licensing Magistrate
And

The Officer in Charge of Police

I, MACFAFRLENE-STEVENS, CORINNR VALARIE dba FUSIONS BAR & GRILL now residing at **DUFF'S BOTTOM, TORTOLA VG1110, in the Territory of the Virgin Islands** do hereby give notice that it is my intention to apply to the Licensing Magistrate at the Special Sitting of the Magistrate's Court to be held at Road Town, Tortola, on the **1st day December, 2022** for a **BAR Licence** to sell intoxicating liquor at my premises situated at **DUFF'S BOTTOM, TORTOLA VG1110** in the territory of the Virgin Islands.
Dated this 26th day of April, 2022.
Signed C.V. Macfarlane-Stevens
[74]

FORM "A"

To: The Licensing Magistrate
And

The Officer in Charge of Police

I, MACFAFRLENE-STEVENS, CORINNR VALARIE dba FUSIONS BAR & GRILL now residing at **DUFF'S BOTTOM, TORTOLA VG1110, in the Territory of the Virgin Islands** do hereby give notice that it is my intention to apply to the Licensing Magistrate at the Special Sitting of the Magistrate's Court to be held at Road Town, Tortola, on the **1st day December, 2022** for a **RESTAURANT Licence** to sell intoxicating liquor at my premises situated at **DUFF'S BOTTOM, TORTOLA VG1110** in the territory of the Virgin Islands.
Dated this 26th day of April, 2022.
Signed C.V. Macfarlane-Stevens
[74]

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

CLAIM NO. BVIHPB2022/

IN THE ESTATE OF **ABDULLAH ALI MOHAMMED ALHAMRANI, LATE, OF HOUSE 32 MOHAMMED ABDUL JABAR STREET ALANDALUS DISTRICT JEDDAH SAUDI ARABIA, DECEASED**

ADVERTISEMENT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **Abdulaziz Abdullah Ali Alhamrani of House 32 Mohammed Abdul Jabar Street Al Andalus District, Jeddah Saudi Arabia** for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who is the son of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate at **44 Green Street Westminster London W1K7FT on 25 June 2018.**

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

Dated this 19th day of October 2022

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
[73]

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

IN THE ESTATE OF **ALLAN ERICKSON VANTERPOOL, DECEASED**

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **LENA DOMINGA VANTERPOOL of 14 Beverly Road, West Orange, New Jersey, 07052 United States of America** and **WILLIAM ERICSON VANTERPOOL of 36 Clonavor Road, West Orange, New Jersey 07052 United States of America** for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicants who are the lawful children of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on **27th of November 2009.**

Any person or persons who has or have any objections to the granting of Letters of Administration to the applicants shall within fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of the Notice, lodge with the Registry of the High Court in the Territory of the Virgin Islands the proper document setting out the said objections.

Dated this 18th day of October 2022

Signed: J.S. ARCHIBALD & CO,
Solicitors for the Intended Administrators

[73]

PUBLIC NOTICES

FORM P16: ADVERTISEMENT (RESEALING)

Rule 30 (2)

**The Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
VIRGIN ISLANDS**

**In the Estate of ROGER EDWARD BIRKIN late of
LANGTRY LODGE 1 MILL LANE WEST BROUGH
HU15 1HG who died on 9TH DECEMBER 2021
domiciled in England
deceased**

Notice is given that after the expiration of 8 days application will be made to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the resealing of the Grant of Letters of Administration with Will of ROGER EDWARD BIRKIN late of Langtry Lodge 1 Mill Lane West Brough HU15 1HG granted by the High Court of Justice of England and Wales, Newcastle District Probate Registry, 2nd Floor, Kings Court, Earl Grey Way, North Shields, NE29 6AR, United Kingdom on the 25th day of May 2022.

Philippa O'Sullivan
BGA Law (BVI) Limited
Attorney-at-Law for the Administrators

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

**In the Estate of CHEUNG KIN HING (張堅興) late of Flat B, 7th
Floor, Block 1, Beacon Heights, Phase 1, No.1 Lung Ping Road,
Beacon Hill, Kowloon, Hong Kong, deceased**

FORM P16: ADVERTISEMENT (RESEALING)

Notice is given that after the expiration of 8 days application will be made to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the resealing of the grant of probate of the estate of CHEUNG KIN HING (張堅興) late of Flat B, 7th Floor, Block 1, Beacon Heights, Phase 1, No.1 Lung Ping Road, Beacon Hill, Kowloon, Hong Kong, deceased granted by the High Court of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, Court of First Instance on 16 August 2022.

Filed by: Conyers Dill & Pearman
Attorneys-at-Law for the Executor
Whose address for service is:
Commerce House, Wickhams Cay 1,
PO Box 3140, Road Town, Tortola,
VG1110,
British Virgin Islands

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**LIQUIDATOR'S REPORT
NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF THE
LIQUIDATION**
Pursuant to Section 208(3) of the BVI
Business Companies Act 2004 (as
amended), OF

H UNION. LTD
In Voluntary Liquidation
("the Company")
Registration No. 1765587
To: The Registrar of Corporate
Affairs
Registry of Corporate Affairs
Road Town, Tortola - VG1110
British Virgin Islands

I, the undersigned, as Liquidator of the Company, do hereby inform you pursuant to Section 208 (1) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Liquidation of the Company has been completed. We therefore request you to strike the Company off the register and to issue a Certificate of Dissolution certifying that the Company has been dissolved.

Dated: 26th October, 2022

Claudia David
500 Three Islands Blvd
apt 819,
Hallandale, Beach,
Florida 33009-2840
[73/47]

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

BVIHPB2022/0246

**In the matter of the Intestates Estates Act, Cap 34
AND**

**In the Estate of Candia L. Fahie late of Zion Hill, West
End, Tortola, Deceased**

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Denesha Penn of Zion Hill, West End, Tortola, British Virgin Islands for a Grant of

(c) Letters of Administration to the applicant who is the daughter of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 17th day of August, 2022.

Any person having 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 21st day of October, 2022

Filed by Sarah Potter Washington,
Attorneys-at-Law whose address for service is
Romney Park,
West End, Tortola,
British Virgin Islands.
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**Family Support Network is seeking suitably
qualified persons to fill the role of :
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The prospective candidate must have

- (i) At least 10 years work experience as a Non-Profit Chief Executive Office or similar role,
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- (iii) Knowledge of volunteer recruitment and how to get individuals involved for the organization's success
- (iv) Strong knowledge of financials and how to build financial forecasting documents for the board of directors
- (v) Relevant training and/or certifications as a Non-Profit Chief Executive Officer or similar
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**Please email : FSNBVIRecruitment@gmail.com
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Remuneration: negotiable "

Statement By Deputy Premier And Minister For Communications And Works Honourable Kye M. Rymer On Market Square Project Update

Madam Speaker, the Ministry of Communications and Works commenced in earnest the works at the Market Square in 2021, and we are anticipating the completion of this project will be in the 1st Quarter of 2023.

Honourable Members and the public would be pleased to know that to date, we have installed over One thousand (1,000) linear feet of water lines to ensure that all the kiosks at the Market Square have potable water.

We have also installed electrical lines to power the kiosks and the other structures at the Market Square. The drainage system has also been constructed and is in place, and we have installed fifteen (15) solar lights for the lighting of the general area.

To date, Madam Speaker, twelve (12) of the sixteen (16) kiosks are near to being completed, and the remaining four kiosks are slated to be completed by December 2022.

The bandstand building has been completed and will serve as a central gathering point for any events to be conducted at the Market Square. The bathroom building is currently being constructed and should also be completed by December 2022, which would provide a total of eight stalls combined, for male and female, and would be fully handicap accessible.

Madam Speaker, the construction of the service road to access the Market Square is currently ongoing and should be completed by December 2022, along with the construction of pavements and walkways.

Finally we will



be undertaking the construction of the bus
Honourable Kye M. Rymer

shed, and landscaping as the culmination of this project progresses toward commissioning.

Madam Speaker, you can certainly appreciate the amount of work that has been undertaken to date, and we look forward to completing all the outstanding items for early 2023.

The advent of the new Procurement Act requires that a competitive bid process be undertaken, even for petty contracts or works less than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000). The Ministry of Communications and Works had been using restricted tenders to engage contractors for works at the Market Square project even prior to the Act coming into force.

Madam Speaker, as part of the requirements of the new procurement legislation, procuring entities such as my ministry are required to use the Contractor database, managed by the Ministry of Finance, to obtain registered contractors who are subsequently invited to bid on petty contract works.

To date, Madam Speaker, the Ministry of Communications and Works have invited over 30 different contractors,

taken from the Contractor database, to submit bids for works at the Market Square for six different petty contract works.

Shortly, we will be soliciting bids from landscape contractors for the landscaping works at the Market Square. Also, bids will be solicited for the supply and installation of shutters for the sixteen (16) kiosks.

Madam Speaker, as I mention the kiosks, my ministry has received a lot of questions, as it relates to the kiosks, their use, and who will be able to obtain a kiosk for rent.

The Ministry of Communications and Works, along with the Junior Minister for Trade and Economic Development, Hon. Shereen Flax-Charles and other personnel from the Department of Trade, Investment Promotion, and Consumer Affairs have been conducting meetings to develop a comprehensive application and evaluation process whereby interested persons and vendors can apply for one of the 16 kiosks that will be available at the Market Square upon completion.

There will be six 10 x 10 kiosks and ten 12 x 12 kiosks upon completion. It is anticipated that by the end of the year, an announcement will be made to the general public for persons to apply for a kiosk and the process that will be followed in allocating them to qualifying applicants.

Madam Speaker, I thank you for the opportunity to give an update on the Market Square.

Statement By Deputy Premier And Minister For Communications And Works Honourable Kye M. Rymer On Bvi Ports Authority Miami Office

Madam Speaker, the British Virgin Islands Ports Authority, by board resolution in November of 2019, decided to register a company in Miami, Florida.

The purpose of that company, named the BVI Ports Authority (BVIPA) LLC, was to enable the BVI Ports Authority to rent office space in the Miami area to provide an outreach location for its cruise business. In addition, it was decided that the office space could also host the BVI Tourist Board and the BVI Shipping Registry.

The office space in Miami was intended to be a multi-agency office for marketing and promoting tourism and ship registration. It was also envisioned to serve as a support and resource base where BVI nationals and residents who are students and conducting business require assistance while abroad. The office is strategically situated near the Miami airport. The company was registered not to engage in any revenue-generating business.

To establish the company, Madam Speaker, a minimum of three (3) Directors were required. The Directors named were Roxane Sylvester, Deputy Chair of the BVIPA Board at the time; Kenesha Sprauve Chairman of the BVI Tourist Board at the time; and Oleanvine Maynard, the Managing Director of the BVIPA.

Madam Speaker, the company, BVI Ports Authority LLC, has since been dissolved. The documents were filed on 12 August, 2022, and a copy of the dissolution was received on 23 September, 2022. At this juncture, the office was dissolved mainly because of the ownership structure.

Madam Speaker, the Ministry of Communications and Works has had discussions with the BVI Tourist Board and BVI Shipping Registry regarding the viability of the office in Miami. They both agree that having a physical presence in Miami is a good idea as Miami is the Hub for international business; as such, it enhances the opportunity for air and sea port relationships with international airlines and the cruise industry of Florida. It is also envisioned that the re-establishment of a Civil Aviation Department means that the territory can also target high-net-worth individuals who may own private airplanes. Therefore, the collaboration of these agencies means that the territory can now offer a "one-stop shop" experience to guests. This matter of an office in Miami is now being put before Cabinet for a formal decision before it can be re-established if Cabinet so decides.

Madam Speaker I so thank you

Statement By Deputy Premier And Minister For Communications And Works Honourable Kye M. Rymer Of The Fourth House Of Assembly Of The Virgin Islands On Routes World 2022

Madam Speaker, I wish to provide a brief report to this Honourable House on the Government's continuing efforts to increase airlift to the Virgin Islands so that we can make traveling easier and more affordable for all our residents and visitors, which is important to our tourism industry and our economy.

As I mentioned last week, Madam Speaker, as the Minister responsible for aviation services, I led a delegation that included the Managing Director of the BVI Airport Authority, Mr. Kurt Menal; the Chairman of the BVI Airport Authority Board, Mr. Theodore Burke; the Director of Tourism Mr. Clive McCoy, and members from the Airport Authority, to the Routes World 2022 event in Las Vegas.

The annual Routes World event is the premier global forum for the commercial aviation industry as it brings together over 2,500 major service providers from around the world and in all aspects of the industry under one roof. Routes is used by participating airport authorities, airlines, destinations, and other stakeholders to make introductions, establish and build networks, promote destinations and services, hold meetings and negotiate potential business opportunities. By consistently uniting decision-makers from the global route development community, Routes World significantly influences the world's air services. Over 53% of the world's new routes are connected to meetings at the event. Routes are where the key decision-makers in the aviation industry interact and initiate business relationships and arrangements.

Over the three days of the event, 16 – 18 October 2022, the BVI delegation was able to have substantial discussions with executives from eight major airlines, two airport authorities, one tourism body, and one airport management company.

Madam Speaker, these meetings were very fruitful and provided us with many opportunities for route development in the BVI. We were able to establish a number of valuable leads, which we can now have follow-up discussions with

the organizations we spoke with to increase airlift and tourist arrival and also to grow our tourism market share.

Let me say, Madam Speaker, that it is very important for us to be participating in forums like this, Routes; and having these kinds of discussions with movers and shakers in the industry at this time. Airlines plan their routes years in advance. Therefore, where it is our intention to increase the runway length, to expand the facilities at Beef Island to be able to handle larger volumes of air travelers, and to increase the revenue generation capacity of the BVI Airports Authority and its airports, we must nurture these relationships from now, so that when we complete the expansion, the business is there, ready and prepared, to operate and commence flights.

Madam Speaker, our team, had three core goals in going to Routes. Firstly, and obviously, we want to get direct flights to the US Mainland. Our second aim is to increase connectivity and the overall volume of flights and passengers coming through our airports. And our third aim was to promote the BVI as a top-quality and high-value tourist destination and attract more visitors.

So, our strategy is that in addition to pursuing direct flights with the US, we would scout and initiate other opportunities to generate more business for our tourism industry, which is one of our economic drivers and which is how a large segment of our population earns their livelihood.

The eight airlines our delegation met with were: Southwest Airlines, Jet Blue, Frontier Airlines, Sun County Airlines, American Airlines, Air Canada, United Airlines, and Breeze. All of the airlines acknowledged that the BVI is a very attractive destination with very high potential, and therefore, they see that we have the demand for their respective profile of passengers.

We found that a few did not know as much as we would have liked about the BVI as a potential destination for their services. But, Madam Speaker, after speaking with our delegation and viewing our presentation, they got a fresh

perspective, and this led to some very productive and optimistic conversations. The BVI is now on the radar of those airlines.

We received multiple requests to supply further technical information for airlines to review their position on flying to the BVI and requests for follow-up conversations. We also received interest from one airline with respect to charter options to the U.S. Mainland, which is a possibility with the support of some of some of our industry partners. Another popular airline is very interested in considering a codeshare with a ferry service to the BVI from St Thomas. We also discussed with certain airlines how they can factor into our route development plans to make it easier for persons in more U.S. States to connect with flights to come to the BVI.

For a few of the airlines, the current runway length was a prohibitive factor. However, they emphasized their strong interest in the BVI and that they would be anxious to come to the BVI as soon as we extend our runway. They told us they are seeing that a significant number of their passengers to connecting airports have the BVI as their final destination. So, they know our potential once it becomes possible for them to land and take off. They have no doubt about the viability of our destination. This kind of interest and information will be very handy as we continue working on our plans for extending the runway.

Finally, Madam Speaker, some market expansion opportunities came up whereby we can tap into routes connecting through Guadeloupe. We had some positive discussions on this with Guadeloupe officials. Similarly, we explored opportunities for closer partnership with St Maarten and Puerto Rico that can help us to get more international passengers coming to the BVI.

We also discussed the prospect of staycation programmes between the BVI and St. Maarten, which would benefit the residents of both Territories. I should also point out that St Maartin and Puerto Rico officials promised to improve their

guest experience at their airports for persons travelling to and from the BVI through their airports, which is something I think many of our people will be happy to hear.

Our delegation had some exploratory discussions with a firm of airport developers and managers on the pros and cons of such a company developing and managing our airport. Our aim was to get a deeper perspective on what that kind of arrangement would look like. It is suitable for us to have this kind of knowledge to make informed decisions in the future.

As you can see, Madam Speaker, our delegation, did a lot of work at the Routes World 2022 event. The meetings were very fruitful and informative for us and laid some important and valuable groundwork for us to build on. One of the major takeaways was that the major

airlines do have confidence in destination BVI, especially when we extending the runway length. It was very important for us to hear this firsthand from the airlines as we chart the way forward. Also, we have some potential opportunities for increasing airlifts, which we can now follow up on.

I am also happy and excited about some of the partnerships that we discussed, because the results of these kinds of initiatives would be increased visitor numbers for the BVI, which would create job and opportunities for our people, particularly in our tourism-related sectors.

As we follow up on the leads from these meetings, I will provide Honourable Members and the public with further updates. Madam Speaker I thank you

Statement By Deputy Premier And Minister For Communications And Works Honourable Kye M. Rymer At The On Public Transportation Dispatching Unit And Taxi Tariff Review

Madam Speaker, as we approach the start of the 2022-2023 cruise season and strive to enhance our service standard, the Taxi and Livery Commission, in conjunction with the Ministry of Communication and Works, will be undertaking a few initiatives, including the establishment of a Public Transportation Dispatching Unit under the Taxi and Livery Commission, and a review of the Taxi Tariff.

If I may address the latter first, the Official Taxi Tariff took effect on 26th November 2010, marking 12 years since the last official review was undertaken. Over time, the Virgin Islands has developed tremendously, and we must consider the rise in the cost of living over the last decade, as well as now developed areas that are not in the existing Tariff.

As we progress forward, Madam Speaker, it would be remiss of me not to highlight and remedy some of the challenges faced by our Port Security, who have often doubled as Taxi Dispatchers at our ports of entry. Thanks are expressed to those individuals for undertaking this initiative in the interim.

The Commission proposes developing a Public Transportation Dispatching Unit to alleviate these issues. The Commission will be responsible for educating and training the dispatchers so that all Individuals would be knowledgeable in the Taxi-Cab Regulations.

The Public Transportation Dispatching Unit will be responsible for organizing the movement of people to and from all ports of entry, ensuring that an equitable earning mechanism is in place between Taxi and Livery Operators and that we provide the highest standard of service to our visitors and the traveling public.

I thank you.

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- **DO NOT** ever install your cylinder near any heat source or exposed to sun, rain, dust and heat.
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- **DO NOT** light matches, lighter or stove.



A message from the Department of Disaster Management and Sol

COP – ‘WE CAN ONLY WIN THIS BATTLE TOGETHER’

Wednesday, October 26 – With over 75 firearms and close to 2,100 rounds of ammunition seized in the last year alone, Commissioner of Police Mark Collins says the RVIPF is keeping the pressure on in removing firearms from the streets and arresting those in possession. He stressed, however that the public’s help is needed to expose illegal ports of entry and firearms distributors.

The Commissioner made this observation in light of the shooting last Friday that claimed the lives of two and injured another two.

“This past year alone we seized an excessive number of firearms, many of those are high-powered weapons. All the individuals found in possession of these weapons were arrested. It is, therefore, obvious that these weapons continue to be brought in, not necessarily through our ports of entry but illegal ports and put in the hands of persons who have and will recklessly endanger lives. We can only win this battle if we work together. Our safety and our way of life depends on it,” he said.

He noted that just over a month ago, a semi-automatic assault rifle, a Glock pistol and an imitation firearm were confiscated following a series of search warrants carried out on premises in Baughers Bay, Purcell Estate and Great Mountain. (PIC)

Commissioner is making an appeal again for persons to come forward and share any information that could stem the tide of firearms which are entering the Territory. Persons with information can contact the Intelligence Unit directly at 368-9339.



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GO DANCERS: Must to entertain the crowd with dance routines to add ambience. Music being electronic dance music.

BARTENDERS & BOTTLE SERVICE: Must have experience in serving in the tourist industry. Be entertaining, polite and fast. Phone: 1284-341-0783 or email info@moonstonenightclub.com [s74]

THOMAS & ROSS is looking for Administrative assistant with knowledge in basic accounting, filing and secretarial services. Smart and quick learner. Excel and Quickbooks Online is a plus. Minimums wage is offered. Email: admin@thomasandross.com or Phone:1284-341-0783 if interested. [s74]

MF Trading Services is seeking to employ two Handymen. Must be able to lift heavy boxes and work on holidays. No experience required just a willingness to work and dedication to the job. Send applications to mfttradingbvi2021@gmail.com or call 341 2227. [s74]

Joëlle Food Bar located at TB Lettsome Int. Airport is looking for a cook/ sales clerk. Must have experience in Windward Islands cuisine.. the duties include but not limited to arranging displays, cleaning the work area, placing and receiving orders also keeping record of daily activities. Shift starts at 5:30 am and minimum wage is offered. Email joelle@joellefoodbar.com or Phone:1284-341-0783 if interested. [s74]

MGA Project Management and-Construction Services is seeking to employ a carpenter and one labourer. Send applications to mgapmcs@gmail.com or call 341 2227. [s74]

The Rest Easy Home Health Care Agency is seeking 2 full time trained Home Care Aides. Must be willing to work shifts, weekends and holidays. Please contact 284-541-4047 or Email: resteasyhc@gmail.com [s74]

H&D Department Store needs a full time Manager. Please call 344-5996 for further details. [s74]

K&K Construction seeks 3 Carpenters, 3 Mason and 2 Joiner for upcoming projects. Call 284-341-6421 [s74]

Cut N Style Barbershop & Beauty Studio located in Virgin Gorda is seeking a Full Time (1) Barber, (1) Hairstylist and (1) Nail-Technician with at least 3 years experience. Applicants must be hardworking and honest with great people-skills. Interested persons please call 284-547-3805.or email : galo3722@gmail.com [s74]

The Boys Services Station Ltd is seeking a Full Time Sales Clerk for the Sea Cows Bay location. Please call 494-0555/5416611 for further details.[s74]

Bargain Center Company Limited is hiring, full time Secretary/Office Administrator to carry out general office duties. Interested candidates please send resume to: bccoltld@live.com or call 494-9218. [s74]

FREDO'S BAR AND GRILL (DBA- BANANAS BAR AND GRILL) is seeking to employ the following positions to their team:
1 Trained Cook/Chef with Caribbean/international experience, ability to work on own with great creativity, and eye for quality and cost controls.
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Please send CV to: ahenley284@gmail.com or collect application at Bar (NO calls please) [s74]



The BVI Football Association is seeking motivated persons to fill the following positions:

JUNIOR ACCOUNTANT- The ideal candidate should have experience with QuickBooks Accounting Software, MS Excel and strong analytical skills. The Junior Accountant will report directly to the Finance Director and will need to demonstrate the ability to work proactively and independently in a fast-paced office environment.

Responsibilities:

- Preparation of Payment Vouchers
- Encoding transactions to QuickBooks and any other accounting software
- Reconciliation of bank accounts
- Posting of journal entries
- Assisting with the preparation of financial statements and other reporting requirements

Minimum Qualifications and skills

- Associate Degree in Accounting or at least 3 years working experience in accounting
- Hands-on experience working with QuickBooks
- Strong written and oral communication skills
- Excellent problem-solving skills
- Able to multi-tasks and prioritise work effectively
- Ability to work independently with little or no supervision
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PROJECTS COORDINATOR-

The high-level motivated candidate is required to oversee projects and ensure Forwards Funds are used for specific approved purposes. The Projects Coordinator will report to the General Secretary and President.

Main Responsibilities

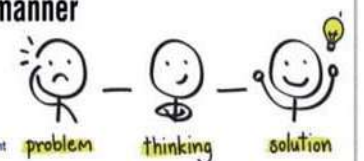
- Draft/Review business plans
- Drafts and review final project reports
- Ensure that SOA requirements are met and reported
- Maintain relevant documentation related to the initiatives
- Coordinate with relevant departments
- Ensures that all initiatives financed are delivered on time
- Oversees the proper compliance with the Program Regulations.

Qualifications

- Bachelor's Degree
- A few years of work exercise is desirable
- Excellent communication and coordination skills
- Good knowledge of Microsoft Office
- Experience in project management /coordination desirable

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
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[s76]

JVL Trading Ltd.
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> Contact 284-499-8700 or email:crystalwaters04@hotmail.com
[s73]

Staff needed for Medical Complex in areas of:
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Contact B&F Medical Complex Ltd. at P.O Box 412
Road Town,
Tortola, VG1110
Email: bfmedicaloffice@yahoo.com and or bfmedical@hotmail.com
Telephone:-494-2196
[s74]

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[s73]

LYNDON'S BAR is seeking a Full Time Bartender. Please call 541-4422 for further details.
[s73]

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[s73]

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ALNANDO FAHIE is seeking the following Musicians, Keyboardist, Bass Guitarist, Lead Guitarist, Drummer, female and male Vocalist. All musicians must be able to play all genres of music. For more information please contact Mr. Fahie at 499-1542
[s74]

Unite BVI is seeking one Programmes-Manager. The successful candidate will work with the team to develop programmes and activities, managing strategic plans, timelines, budgets, resourcing, KPIs, funding requirements and branding/communications. They will draft project summaries and grant agreements to submit for review, and report back on project performance, investment vs. objectives, budget and impact framework to stakeholders and Executive Director. This candidate must be able to create dynamic presentations, plans, reports, and build blogs in order to connect with internal and external audiences. Previous experience in all relevant fields is essential to succeed in this role. Please submit your resume and cover letter in writing to joanna@mohawkbvi.com.
[s74]

S & R General Maintenance of the Valley Virgin Gorda is seeking a reliable individual as a Handy man for a Full-time position. Work experience in field for at least 2-3 years. Must be able to work long hours when needed. Applicant should also have good communication skills, friendly and know how to work individually. Please call for further information (284)342-8739
[s73]

ROAD TOWN FAST FERRY seek the position of full time applicants 2 Boat Crews and 2 Boat Captains. Please call 284-499-2405 for further details.
[s73]

Rona's Ice-cream Parlour requires one full time Sales Clerk. Please call 342-5255 for more information.
[s74]

Unite BVI is seeking one Operations Manager. The successful candidate will be responsible for coordinating all Entrepreneurship Loan awardees' information. They will work with the Executive Director to deliver excellent reports to Trustees, and be responsible for taking all Board and external meeting minutes. They will assist the team with the management of grants and donations, and monitor performance of key partners, and be responsible for managing all financial transactions with the assistance of the Accountant, and for maintenance of all official records. They will be expected to implement efficient office systems and build and implement internal policies to ensure an efficiently run organization. Previous relevant experience is essential. Please submit your resume and cover letter in writing to joanna@mohawkbvi.com.
[s74]

Pelican's - Landing Restaurant and Night Club located at Purcell Estate on Tortola is looking for Bartenders, Cocktail Waitress, Security Officers and Manager.
Call 442-3525 for info. BVI Islanders preferred.
[s73]

Laundry attendant needed. Must be willing to work on weekends and holidays. No experience necessary. For more information send an email to: freemanslaundry@gmail.com
[s74]

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