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REFORM PROGRESS SATISFACTORY, BUT MORE NEEDS TO BE DONE

While Governor John James Rankin CMG praised the Government for the progress that has been made in some areas to date, His Excellency announced that there are areas that are of concern such as the continuous issuing of contracts without tender.

In his first quarterly review of the "Framework for Implementation of the Recommendations of the Commission of Inquiry Report and Other Reforms" on 4 October, the Governor noted that while he has some concerns, he is pleased with the reform progress.

He is pleased with the overall constructive engagement and partnership he has had



Commissioner of Police Mark Collins sworn in 32 new recruits as part of the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force latest cohort. (More on page 18)

with the Premier and Cabinet, and noted that by far most of the deadlines in the framework have been met on time. He also stated that he is satisfied

that those that have been delayed were for legitimate reasons.

However, His Majesty's Representative in the BVI announced that he

has concerns about other areas. In his quarterly review, Governor Rankin noted a number of areas of concern where there has been less progress than

expected, and where he said there has been disappointment with the level of commitment to reform.

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REFORM PROGRESS SATISFACTORY, BUT MORE NEEDS TO BE DONE

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The areas of delayed reform flagged by the Governor include amendments to the Register of Interests Bill which, he said, restricts access to the Register and would only make it publicly available in the most limited way. He also noted the resistance encountered to some of the nominations for the Constitutional Review Commission which ran contrary to the importance of the Commission being representative of the BVI as a whole.

His Excellency also raised concern about the continued tender waivers which are being put forward to Cabinet with insufficient justification.

While explaining his issue with these matters the Governor pointed out that: "The overarching aim of the COI and this reform programme is to improve governance, accountability and transparency for the benefit of all of the people in the British Virgin Islands. It is essential that the areas of concern I have outlined

are addressed and that new governance issues do not arise."

He also explained that while a lot has been accomplished since the reform began there was still "much hard work" to be done.

The Governor announced: "Over the next few months we will start to see the outcomes from the various reviews, audits and investigations that are under way. The next stage will include consideration of those outcomes and

the actions required as a result. Some are likely to involve difficult discussions and further much needed change to previous practices."

The reform process is a result of the Commission of Inquiry conducted recently. The current process is being carried out by the Government of National Unity. This was the first of the quarterly reviews that are part of the United Kingdom Government required accountability and good governance checks and

balances. The Governor's review is a key part of the Framework document that was agreed upon between the UK and the Government of National Unity as it is a method of monitoring the implementation of the COI recommendations.

This review which was read to the public by the Governor has already been sent to Ministers in the UK for consideration. His Excellency has since promised to hold a press conference once he has received a response to the report.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS ON ENDLESS RISE

Domestic Violence is increasing in the Territory, and in an interview on 1 October in observance of Domestic Violence Awareness month, Gender Affairs Coordinator Tara Sue Morgan announced that there is a misconception that domestic violence only relates to persons in intimate or sexual relationships. She said that this is not true and can also include biological family members.

The Gender Affairs Coordinator announced: "It could be violence against your grandmother, a child in the household, or among parents in the household. They don't have to be married; they don't have to be in a relationship because it could be persons who are

just cohabiting."

"Domestic violence is any act of intimidation that's brought against somebody or violent act that is brought against somebody which is normally related to somebody trying to achieve power over the other person. Specifically, to the BVI when we speak about domestic violence, we refer to persons who are intimate partners. So, a lot of times, people will interchange domestic violence for intimate partner violence but it's more than that," she added.

She noted that this is one of the messages that will be harped out during this year's observance of October as Domestic Violence Awareness month. "The mission is to get the word

out to as many persons as we can around the Territory and even if persons want to listen in from outside of the Territory... for persons to know what it is, how you can deal with it and what is there for you – what can be there to help you."

As it relates to the increasing cases, Morgan explained that all cases are not being reported and that even though the ones that are being disclosed have increased: "It's increasing – the reported cases, and if the reported cases are increasing you can imagine."

"From 2016 there is a constant increase... over the years you can see the trend and it always so happened that based on the reports from police that women [are] always double

in reports. It's always double or triple," the Gender Affairs Coordinator added.

While noting why some of the cases are not reported Morgan suggested that shame and embarrassment might be the main reasons. "It's a small community and a lot of people are fearful that once one person knows it is quite likely several people are going to know and then, especially in this era of social media where people can just catch a little tape, a little conversation, you can just say something privately to your friend and next thing you know it's on blast... A lot of people are trying their best to protect their sanity," she noted.



ELECTRICITY PRICE REVIVES ANCIENT CALL FOR ALTERNATIVE ENERGY

The price of electricity does not show any signs of getting cheaper soon, and Premier Dr. the Hon. Natalio Wheatley made it clear during a 23 September press conference that government might not be able to offer more subsidies on high bills across the BVI. This is a global problem that will cause "turbulence" of all kinds.

During the 12 September subsidy announcement by Minister for Communications and Works Hon. Kye Rymer it was announced that Government was sympathetic to the plight

of rising fuel cost in the Territory and was going to subsidize the electricity bills of residents for three months.

Hon. Rymer, while illustrating that the Government is very much aware of what is being reflected on electricity bills across the BVI explained that Government allocated some funds to help to lower residential electricity bills by half. The Deputy Premier stated that Government will be subsidizing 50 percent of the fuel oil surcharge on residential electricity bills for the months of October and

November 2022, and for the month of December 2022 the subsidy will be 100% of the fuel oil surcharge for residential electricity bills.

The Minister also said that the Government hoped that this measure will ease the burden of residents; and he explained that the Government remains committed to doing everything possible to provide the support needed to help you through these scary and challenging times.

However, during his recent press conference, the Premier announced: "I know that people all over

the world are experiencing high prices, but certainly I would love to see the price of the electricity be lowered because, of course, it's only so much subsidization Government will be able to do."

While stating that subsidies will not be totally off the table, the BVI Leader said, "We'll have to examine (whether to continue the electricity subsidy) moving forward based on the resources that we have available, but certainly I think we have to get very aggressive about going into alternative energy because,

of course, we couldn't afford to subsidize throughout the whole year."

Nonetheless, he commented that alternative energy might be the only solution to this electricity high cost that is being caused by a global fuel situation. The Premier in noting the need to go alternative said, "We'd be able to provide a little bit more resilience into our energy sector, we provide a little bit more stability, a little bit more predictability, and I think this is the way that we all have to go."

"MY REPUTATION SPEAKS FOR ITSELF": NDP LEADER SAYS

Leader of the National Democratic Party Hon. Marlon Penn has announced that the Party already has a slate of persons ready to contest the upcoming 2023 general elections. He indicated that most of the persons will be first-timers in the political arena.

The NDP Head made this disclosure during his guest appearance on the Tola Radio Morning Braff programme on 4 October. When asked about the readiness for upcoming

elections Hon. Penn said: "I think we have assembled a group of young men and women who have the capacity to do this, to move this country forward and I think the reality is that we have to focus on the people. We need a people-centric approach to lead in this country."

During that appearance the NDP third-term leader was asked to address comments that were made by political activist Claude Skelton-Cline recently

on his radio programme. The comments related to Skelton-Cline's question of Penn's leadership ability and stating that he might lose the next election.

In response Hon. Penn explained: "I am not going to entertain that rhetoric [of] some boys." He further responded to the comments by stating that the public should compare the track records of himself and those speaking about him. Penn declared: "I'm wary of these persons who come and say

they are speaking on behalf of the public. All you have to do is check their own personal track record and you will see who they are speaking on behalf of."

"At the end of the day, my reputation is going to speak for itself. Wherever I've been, I've left where I was better than it was. I'm a man that is focused on the empowerment of people, empowerment of my Territory... To move this country forward I think the reality is that we have to

focus on people. We need a people-centric approach to leading this country", he added.

Nonetheless, the legislator said that he understands that the comment was someone's personal opinion which they are entitled to. "We are in a level of democracy and persons have a right to express their democratic view and I'll never try to infringe on anyone's democratic view, on their perspective in terms of what they bring forward."



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Orientation for New Board Members of Tourist Board

September 23, 2022

It's a new day for tourism in the Virgin Islands as the newly appointed Board members of the Tourist Board met for their first meeting in an official orientation on Monday, October 3.

Members of the new Board were chosen through an application process where they were interviewed and later recommended and appointed by Cabinet.

Board members include representatives from each of the four main islands and are individuals who possess leadership skills, training, and experience in various tourism industry sectors, including small hotels/villas; large hotels; marine association; taxi and livery services; tour operators/cruise; marine activity/entertainment; cultural activity/entertainment; and night life/bars.

The new group began its new appointment with an orientation session to provide them with an opportunity to share with the Premier in his vision for tourism as well as to be equipped with the necessary information to get started.

Premier and Minister of Tourism Dr. the Honourable Natalio D. Wheatley sent out a resounding message to the new Board to approach the Virgin Islands' tourism product with innovation and a high level of seriousness.

He said, "Tourism is everyone's business, and I am looking forward for a collaborative effort with all of us playing our respective roles and responsibilities in this new Tourist Board, and I am grateful that you have agreed to serve."

"As the Territory goes through



a process of reform, let us take the opportunity to think about how we have been doing things and work on improving them. Let us combine our ideas in ensuring that the BVI Tourism product remains top notch, as we continue to offer our guests the unique Virgin Islands' experience," the Premier encouraged.

Junior Minister of Tourism, Honourable Alvera Maduro-Caines, joined her voice in stressing the importance of working together to ensure success in the competitive tourism arena. She appealed to the new Board members to join forces with the front line offices such as the Immigration and Customs Department to remain customer friendly, adequately trained and sharp in order to give visitors that first and lasting impression.

"We must come up with a plan to involve our front line workers from Immigration, to Customs and our taxi drivers. This is an area which we need to improve, and I am counting on your support to improve this area which is so important," the Junior Tourism Minister said.

Meanwhile, Permanent Secretary in the Premier's Office,



Mrs. Carolyn Stoutt Igwe, in welcoming the members of the Board, informed them of the ongoing reform process in light of the implementation of the COI recommendations. She therefore, highlighted the importance of getting things right from the beginning, understanding where the Tourist Board stands and its priority areas.

She said, "I was able to listen to you during your interviews and hear your passion when it comes to the BVI tourism product. I am really counting on you, as you have a strategic role to play. I take this opportunity to remind you that you are here to make a difference, and I look forward to working with you."

The Chairman of the newly appointed Board is Mrs. Delma Maduro and the members are:

Mr. Andrew Ball

Mrs. Keshia Davis Barnes



Mr. Gregory Callwood

Mrs. Dorcas Fahie

Mr. Oren Hodge

Mr. Allan Parker

Mrs. Shamora Penn - Maduro

Mr. Miles Sutherland Pilch

Mr. Henry Prince

Ms. Lorraine Wheatley

Mr. Dean Fahie - Managing Director BVI Ports Authority

Mr. Clive McCoy - Director of the BVI Tourist Board

Mr. Kurt Menal - Managing Director BVI Aviation Authority

Mrs. Carolyn Stoutt Igwe - Permanent Secretary, Premier's Office

The BVI Tourist Board was established under the Tourist Board Ordinance (CAP 280) under the portfolio of the Premier's Office. The Board's role is to promote, foster and encourage tourist investment within the Virgin Islands utilising measures and strategies as deemed fit.



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Statement From Governor John Rankin CMG - 4 October, 2022

Today I am pleased to share with you my first quarterly review of the "Framework for Implementation of the Recommendations of the Commission of Inquiry Report and Other Reforms" ("the Framework document"), being led by the Government of National Unity. The quarterly review is a key part of the Framework document that was

agreed between the UK and Government of National Unity to monitor the implementation of the COI recommendations.

This review has been sent to Ministers in the UK for consideration and I will hold a press conference once I have received their response to it.

The quarterly review includes a summary of progress against deadlines for implementation

of the COI recommendations. It highlights a number of key areas, including: investigations and audits; reviews of policy and governance; appointments to statutory boards; reform of assistance grants; tendering of contracts; and law enforcement reform. As required by the Framework document it also includes an assessment of the political

culture exhibited in the day-to-day running of government.

I hope you will take time to read the review in full. There has been good progress in some areas to date, and I am pleased with the overall constructive engagement and partnership I have had with the Premier and Cabinet. So far most of the deadlines in the Framework have been met on time and I am satisfied that those that have been delayed were for legitimate reasons. I am pleased that UNICEF has agreed to support the review of assistance grants which is now underway, and that His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary from the UK has agreed to lead the review of the law enforcement and justice system. These are examples of where the delay in starting the reviews was justified to ensure we found the right reviewers through the right processes.

However, in the quarterly review I note a number of areas of concern where there has been less progress than expected, and where I have been disappointed with the level of commitment to reform. These include amendments to the Register of Interests Bill which restrict access to the Register and would only make it publicly available in the most limited way; the resistance encountered to some of the nominations for the Constitutional Review Commission which ran contrary to the importance of the Commission being representative of the BVI as a whole; and the continued tender waivers being put forward to Cabinet with insufficient justification.

The overarching aim of the COI and this reform

programme is to improve governance, accountability and transparency for the benefit of all of the people



His Excellency John James Rankin CMG

in the British Virgin Islands. It is essential that the areas of concern I have outlined are addressed and that new governance issues do not arise.

Much hard work remains to be done. Over the next few months we will start to see the outcomes from the various reviews, audits and investigations that are under way. The next stage will include consideration of those outcomes and the actions required as a result. Some are likely to involve difficult discussions and further much needed change to previous practices.

I will continue to work with the Premier and BVI Government to ensure that the necessary steps to improve governance are taken.

As Governor I remain committed to ensuring that change in the Territory is deep-rooted and that there is an ongoing and sustained effort to improve governance, transparency and accountability in the interests of the people of the Virgin Islands.

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PROGRAM LISTINGS

MONDAYS

- (1:00 PM) OMOJA - WITH EDJU EN KA
- (5:00 PM) TALKING POINTS - WITH MRS. VIOLET GAUL
- (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
- (8:00 - 9:00 PM) NEW COVENANT PRAYER LINE (EVERY 2ND MONDAY) - NEW COVENANT MINISTRIES

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

SUNDAYS

- (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
- (10:05 AM) REVEALED TRUTH B'CAST - BY: SHAMMAH DELIVERANCE MINISTRIES
- (10:35 AM) UNSHACKLED RADIO MINISTRY
- (12:30 PM) ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, SEA COWS BAY SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE
- (1:30 PM) ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL ANGLICAN CHURCH (EXCEPT 2ND SUNDAY)
- (4:30 PM) HYMNS & THEIR MEANINGS PROG. (1ST & 3RD SUNDAY) - WITH BRENDA HERBERT STEWART
- (6:00 PM) METHODIST CHURCH MONTHLY SERVICE (1ST SUNDAY)
- (6:00 PM) ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL ANGLICAN CHURCH (2ND SUNDAY)
- (7:00 PM) YOUR GOSPEL MUSIC PROGRAM - WITH VALERIE LETTSOME AND CLAUDE PARILLON (LAST 3 SUNDAYS)
- (7:30 PM) "VICTORIOUS PRAISES" B'CAST - WITH SIS. ESMIE POTTER (2ND SUNDAY)

2022 Public Holidays

Monday, 17th October

Heroes and Foreparents Day

Monday, 28th November

The Commemoration of the 1949

Great March and the Restoration of the Legislative Council

Monday, 26th December

Boxing Day

Tuesday, 27th December

Christmas Day

(In lieu of Sunday, 25th December)

Anegada Residents to Sharpen Commercial Land Application Skills

Residents on Anegada will be sharpening their skills in developing business plans and draft applications for the future use of commercial land at a workshop in November.

with the stakeholders adding that workshops of this nature can be of benefit to other communities. "Something that is important about the relationship is the decision to take a calculated risk,

developed the proposal and the budget for the upcoming exercise." Executive Director of Unite BVI Dr. Sauda Smith said her organisation was pleased to collaborate in the upcoming event.

Dr. Smith said, "When Mr. Ruan wrote to the ministry and HLSCC, Unite BVI was asked if there was a way that we could assist, and my colleagues said that this idea hit the sweet spot by mixing entrepreneurship and education. I would like to thank Kim Takeuchi for her vision of how this fit into our vision and purpose and I am happy to work with our partners here to ensure that the Anegada people have the resources that they need to run their businesses with the skillsets that they need to move forward."

Chairperson of the Anegada Lands Advisory Committee Mr. Darrell Ruan Jr. said the need for residents to learn about creating business plans came to light while the AALC was conducting their application submission initiative.

Mr. Ruan Jr said, "We realised that many of the residents didn't have business plans and they did not know how to prepare business plans, so what did was came back to the ministry and put our heads together to come up with the workshop where we can fill that gap that was in the application process. I am pleased and happy to see the outcome of this workshop for my people.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Labour continues

to effectively manage and administer the natural resources of the Territory in a manner that ensures long-term sustainability.



The need for the workshop was identified by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Labour in collaboration with the Hamilton Lavity Stoutt Community College (HLSCC), Unite BVI and the Anegada Advisory Lands Committee (AALC). The exercise is expected to contribute

a lot of businesses lack business plans so this workshop will be able to assist them in managing the business that they are getting into, as well as ensure that the businesses are operating as best as they possibly can. I think this is a tool that can continue throughout the community so



to the ongoing implementation of the Commission of Inquiry Recommendation B30 that speaks to the wholesale review of processes for the disposal of Crown Land to ensure that such disposals are the subject of an open and transparent process.

Minister for Natural Resources and Labour Honourable Melvin Turnbull stated he was grateful to be a part of the collaboration

while we start with Anegada, it is probably something that can be developed to benefit the entire BVI community."

President of the HLSCC Dr. Richard Georges expressed thanks to the Dean of Workforce in the Centre for Professional Development Mrs. Veronique Forbes-King for organising and designing the session stating that she has recruited the faculty,



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Closing date for submission of tenders is Monday, October 31, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

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Agriculture And Fisheries' Officials Inspired At Conference To Improve Agricultural Sector



Mrs. Stoutt Igwe and Director James during one of the sessions at the conference.

Permanent Secretary (PS) in the Premier's Office, Mrs. Carolyn Stoutt Igwe whose portfolio includes agriculture and fishing.

The Permanent Secretary and Director of Agriculture and Fisheries, Mr. Theodore James recently returned from Oxford, United Kingdom where they attended the 21st Review Conference hosted by the Centre for Agriculture and Bioscience International (CABI) from 27th – 28th September, 2022.

Mrs. Stoutt Igwe said, "We have indeed returned with a greater zeal for the agricultural sector. The conference was a great networking opportunity and helped us to gain a deeper appreciation for the work that CABI has been doing throughout the world."

PS said she was inspired by the capacity building opportunities through the CABI Academy, access to research and learning in agriculture,

Collaborating with regional and international partners, improving data collection, making data-driven investments, and implementing

structured farm programmes are just a few keys to improving the agricultural sector.

This statement is according to



Stoutt Igwe and Director James meeting with Mr. Nairam Ramnanan, Regional Representative and IAS Coordinator other members of the Caribbean delegation (Jamaica, Barbados, Montserrat and Trinidad).

the environment and the applied life sciences that are available through the CABI Digital Library, as well as the Crop App Index that provides digital tools that support decision making in crop production and plant health.

Director James said, "The conference

support the sustainable use of natural resources.

Other agenda items included a report on the progress of CABI's Medium-Term Strategy (2020 – 2022) and the approval for the Medium Term



PS Stoutt Igwe and Director James displaying agricultural products from female farmers in Malaysia

strengthened my position on the steps the Virgin Islands needs to make in taking agriculture to the next level. One important lesson from the conference is the importance of building the necessary infrastructure to support the farming community."

Additionally, there is an opportunity for farmers to further improve in the area of selecting suitable crops, improving planting schedules, developing pest and disease management plans, improving their record-keeping abilities and being creative with value-added ideas.

On Monday, 26th September, delegates attended a networking dinner hosted by Dr. Richard Shaw, Senior Regional Director, Caribbean and Central America. Two packed days followed with keynote addresses and panel discussions on various topics including: Innovation to respond to climate change risks to plant health; Increasing the reach, application and impact of science in agriculture and the environment; Improving the food security and livelihoods of smallholder communities; Reducing inequality through better opportunities for rural women and youth; How to safeguard biodiversity and

Strategy for 2023 – 2025.

Mrs. Stoutt Igwe stated that the conference reinforced the need for the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries to be staffed with the requisite technical officers to make a greater impact in promoting food security and sustainability. She is looking forward to partnering with Director James to share some of the knowledge and information gained with the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries' team.

CABI is a non-profit intergovernmental development and information organisation that focuses primarily on agricultural and environmental issues in the developing world and the creation, curation and dissemination of scientific knowledge. With over 100 years' experience working in agriculture and the environment, through its projects, CABI works in partnership with Member Countries, donors and partners to help farmers grow more and lose less, combat threats to agriculture and the environment and improve access to scientific information.

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors
National Bank of the Virgin Islands Limited
Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Opinion

The summary financial statements, which comprise the summary statement of financial position as at December 31, 2021, and the summary statement of comprehensive income, summary statement of changes in equity and summary cash flow statement for the year then ended, and related notes, are derived from the audited financial statements of National Bank of the Virgin Islands Limited (the "Bank") for the year ended December 31, 2021.

In our opinion, the accompanying summary financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements, in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS").

Summary Financial Statements

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by IFRS. Reading the summary financial statements and the auditor's report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial statements and the auditor's report thereon.

The Audited Financial Statements and Our Report Thereon

We expressed an unqualified audit opinion on the audited financial statements in our report dated September 30, 2022.

Management's Responsibility for the Summary Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with IFRSs.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISA) 810 (Revised), *Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements*.

BDO Limited

Tortola, British Virgin Islands
September 30, 2022

NATIONAL BANK OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS LIMITED

Summary Statement of Financial Position
As at December 31, 2021
Expressed in United States Dollars

	2021	2020
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	17,748,516	19,501,879
Due from banks	149,440	148,763
Loans and advances to customers	229,679,614	214,671,828
Other customer receivables	2,874,656	2,240,080
Financial investments	18,671,803	35,627,860
Prepayments	417,256	381,029
Property and equipment	8,142,214	9,266,017
Regulatory deposit	500,000	500,000
TOTAL ASSETS	\$278,183,499	\$282,337,456
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Capital and reserves		
Share capital	1,375,793	1,375,793
Additional paid-in capital	23,234,928	23,234,928
Retained earnings	17,399,711	16,506,133
Total capital and reserves	42,010,432	41,116,854
Liabilities		
Amounts owed to demand deposit holders	6,144,112	4,907,347
Amounts owed to savings depositors	70,054,992	70,676,210
Amounts owed to certificate of deposit holders	151,091,713	156,422,760
Preference shares - liability component	4,127,379	4,127,379
Lease liabilities	2,776,580	3,198,800
Trade and other payables	1,978,291	1,888,106
Total liabilities	236,173,067	241,220,602
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	\$278,183,499	\$282,337,456

APPROVED BY THE BOARD

Benedicta Samuels Director
Dr. Benedicta Samuels, Chairman (Ag.)

September 30, 2022 Date approved

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NATIONAL BANK OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS LIMITED

Summary Statement of Comprehensive Income
For The Year Ended December 31, 2021
Expressed in United States Dollars

	2021	2020
Interest and similar income	12,277,295	11,643,351
Interest expense	(2,140,361)	(3,715,068)
Net interest income	10,136,934	7,928,283
Fees and commissions	788,217	532,778
Other operating income	129,870	278,667
Total operating income	11,055,021	8,739,728
Credit loss expenses	(1,023,724)	(600,419)
Net operating income	10,031,297	8,139,309
EXPENSES		
Depreciation	(1,582,208)	(1,341,952)
Other operating expenses	(7,493,600)	(7,385,472)
Total operating expenses	(9,075,808)	(8,727,424)
NET PROFIT/(LOSS) FOR THE YEAR	\$955,489	\$(588,115)

Summary Statement of Changes in Equity
For The Year Ended December 31, 2021
Expressed in United States Dollars

2021				
	Share Capital	Additional Paid-In Capital	Retained Earnings	Total
Balance at the beginning of the year	1,375,793	23,234,928	16,506,133	41,116,854
Net profit for the year	-	-	955,489	955,489
Preference share dividend	-	-	(61,911)	(61,911)
BALANCE AT THE END OF THE YEAR	\$1,375,793	\$23,234,928	\$17,399,711	\$42,010,432
2020				
	Share Capital	Additional Paid-In Capital	Retained Earnings	Total
Balance at the beginning of the year	1,375,793	23,234,928	17,156,159	41,766,880
Net loss for the year	-	-	(588,115)	(588,115)
Preference share dividend	-	-	(61,911)	(61,911)
BALANCE AT THE END OF THE YEAR	\$1,375,793	\$23,234,928	\$16,506,133	\$41,116,854

NATIONAL BANK OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS LIMITED

Summary Statement of Cash Flows
For The Year Ended December 31, 2021
Expressed in United States Dollars

	2021	2020
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Interest, commission and other income received	12,471,032	9,002,316
Interest paid to deposit holders	(5,529,970)	(1,785,504)
Interest paid on lease liabilities	(135,045)	(135,058)
General and administrative expenses paid	(7,439,642)	(6,890,076)
	(633,625)	191,678
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Net increase in loans and advances to customers	(15,875,847)	(12,058,732)
Net increase in demand deposit holders	1,236,765	1,279,737
Net (decrease)/increase in savings deposit holders	(621,218)	6,058,356
Net decrease in certificate of deposit holders	(1,806,393)	(5,886,537)
Cash flows used in operating activities	(17,700,318)	(10,415,498)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Net movement on amounts due from banks	(316)	19,471,872
Net movement on financial investments	16,889,807	(7,003,498)
Purchase of property and equipment	(466,798)	(2,177,709)
Disposal of property and equipment	8,393	131,018
Cash flows from investing activities	16,431,086	10,421,683
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Payment of principal portion of lease liabilities	(422,220)	(500,950)
Preference shares dividend	(61,911)	(61,911)
Cash flows used in financing activities	(484,131)	(562,861)
NET DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(1,753,363)	(556,676)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
At the beginning of the year	19,501,879	20,058,555
At the end of the year	\$17,748,516	\$19,501,879
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS:		
Cash in hand and current account balances with other banks	9,800,075	6,293,337
Fixed deposits with brokers	7,948,441	13,208,542
	\$17,748,516	\$19,501,879

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Community Meetings on Long Bay Beach Management Plan Upcoming

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Labour has continued work on The Long Bay, Beef Island Beach Management Plan since it was initially introduced to the public for feedback earlier this year.

The development of the Long Bay, Beef Island Beach Management Plan is being done in a phased manner. The process began with a Conceptual Plan which was discussed and open for feedback via community meetings held March 29 and March 31. Additional input to the planning process was received via an online public survey. Comments and inputs were taken into consideration

and amendments to the Conceptual Plan made as the basis for moving forward. The Long Bay, Beef Island Beach Management Plan is now in its draft detailed stage, which will be open to more feedback from the public before the Plan is finalised in the coming weeks.

Minister for Natural Resources and Labour Honourable Melvin Turnbull stated that he was pleased that the Plan is progressing and spoke on its importance. He said, "The progression and implementation of the Beach Management Plan for Long Bay, Beef Island is crucial to the overall sustainability of that beach. It is a beach that you can visit year round without

having to worry about riptides or undertows. Long Bay, Beef Island has become a popular location on Tortola for tourists, sharing in the footprint of cruise passengers that is customary in Cane Garden Bay and Brewers Bay, especially after the 2017 hurricanes. My Ministry remains committed to ensuring that the proper balance is struck between economic growth and natural sustainability at all beaches in the Territory."

Environmental Officer in the Ministry of Natural Resources and Labour Ms. Angela Burnett Penn highlighted how much progress has been made since the Conceptual Plan was presented for feedback. She

said, "The conceptual plan focused on a spatial plan for the beach to determine the best placement of facilities and amenities and designation of use zones to support the vision for the beach."

She added, "Now that we have gotten feedback on the Conceptual Plan from the public, additional input through the survey and gathered field data, the Ministry has developed a comprehensive Draft Detailed Plan with input from various agencies and experts. The Draft Detailed Plan includes several layers: the Spatial Plan, Facilities Plan, Environmental Restoration and Protection Plan, Management Measures & Rules, and an Implementation Plan. We are again seeking

feedback from the community to ensure that all stakeholders are as satisfied as possible with the proposed Plan."

There will be a virtual community meeting on Tuesday 11 October on WebEx at 6:30 p.m that will be streamed on Facebook live. The link to join that meeting to give feedback on the Plan is tinyurl.com/3a58fcs4.

The in-person community meeting will take place at the East End Methodist Church Hall at 6:30 p.m on Thursday 13 October. The final Plan will be presented to the Cabinet of the Virgin Islands for approval following any revisions based on public comment.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Labour continues to strive to effectively manage and administer the natural resources of the Territory in a manner that ensures long-term sustainability.

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- Complete needed preparation for year-end auditing purposes and complete timely tax filings.

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Applications, accompanied by full Curriculum Vitae should be emailed to jobs@caribsupply.com with subject no later than October 20, 2022.

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- (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
- (vi) Experience working with domestic violence and at risk victims.

Please email : FSNBVIRecruitment@gmail.com

for full details of the Job Brief and Responsibilities.

Remuneration: negotiable "

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Contract Inked For Demolition Of Temporary Classrooms At Old CTL Building

As the Recovery and Development Agency (RDA) remains steadfast in its quest to deliver four new buildings on the main Elmore

lights, signage, partitions and the data network which all formed part of the teaching environment.

lighting, and sound proofing. This temporary facility is now due to be demolished as the building is to be returned to

its original configuration. Meanwhile, works are steadily advancing towards the completion of the main

campus of the Elmore Stoutt High School, a project being executed by the Recovery and Development Agency.



Stoutt High School campus, a contract was signed to execute demolition works at the old CTL Building.

The RDA in conjunction with the Government of the Virgin

Islands has signed the contract for demolition works of the temporary Elmore Stoutt High School project, located in the old CTL Building. Following Hurricanes Irma and Maria in September 2017, the Ministry of Education fulfilled a mandate to begin school by 5th October 2017. This was achieved



Islands has signed the contract for demolition works of the temporary Elmore Stoutt High School project, located in the old CTL Building.

The contract was awarded to Construction and Engineering Systems (BVI) Limited on 3rd October, 2022 in the amount of US\$97,359.00.

This project will return the Old Clarence Thomas Building to its original configuration and remove existing equipment and infrastructure.

The Scope of Works include the removal of lights, power outlets, doors, frames, acoustic ceilings, emergency

by constructing temporary classrooms that would facilitate a shift system for students and teachers by utilizing a space that was once a business structure.

Thirty-five (35) classrooms were constructed using readily available lumber to separate each room. There is also a teacher's lounge, administrative area, a conference room, a radio station and the Principal's Office inclusive of a waiting area and kitchenette.

This temporary school was upgraded by the RDA in 2020 improving the facility by installing improved AC,



GOVERNMENT OF THE
VIRGIN ISLANDS

VACANCY NOTICE BOARD MEMBER - BOARD OF IMMIGRATION

The Government of the Virgin Islands is seeking qualified persons to fill two vacant positions of Board Member on the Board of Immigration. Persons who wish to serve on the Board should be:

- a) deemed to belong to the Virgin Islands by birth or descent; or
- b) resident in the Virgin Islands for a minimum of 25 years and holding a certificate of belonger status for the same period.

BOARD OF IMMIGRATION

The Board of Immigration was established under Section 14 of the Immigration and Passport Act. The Board's role is to provide advisory and consultative functions, without any executive or administrative functions, concerning or connected with the entry of persons into the Territory, and the residence and occupation in the Territory of persons who do not belong to the Territory.

BOARD MEMBERS

In contributing to the advisory and consultative functions of the Board, prospective candidates must bring special talent, skills and knowledge. This may include Board experience, understanding of basic Board procedures, business, and an enthusiasm for the work of the organisation.

Persons applying to serve on the Board should have the professional competencies and a balance of skills that match the mandate and responsibilities of the Board of Immigration.

THE IDEAL CANDIDATES SHOULD EMBODY THE FOLLOWING QUALITIES:

- a) Willingness to make a professional commitment to the Board in carrying out its vision and mission and actively contribute to the discussion on related topics;
- b) Willingness to learn, the ability to listen and make sound recommendations;
- c) Clearly understand the immigration needs of the Territory;

- d) Partner with the Chairperson to ensure that all Board recommendations are carried out and that actions to achieve the Board's strategic goals are successfully executed;
- e) Demonstrate a commitment to confidentiality, integrity, and good corporate governance;
- f) Capable and willing to attend scheduled Board meetings, and actively contribute to the Board's deliberations;
- g) Develop a good working relationship with other Board members and contribute to the Board's working relationship with the Chief Immigration Officer;
- h) Think strategically, manage complexity and act decisively;
- i) Possess analytical skills, be open-minded and adaptable.
- j) Demonstrate the ability and willingness to work effectively and collaboratively in a group.

TRAINING/SKILLS/EXPERIENCE/ REQUIREMENTS

Board members must possess the requisite leadership skills, sound knowledge of the Territory's cultural heritage, knowledge and/or have a willingness to learn about and analyze emerging issues in law and human rights, both locally and globally.

Applicants should complete the application form, email and/or hand deliver it with a cover letter, resume or curriculum vitae and submit to:

Permanent Secretary
Premier's Office
Cutlass Tower
Second Floor
Road Town, Tortola, Virgin Islands
Tel: (284) 468-2152
Email: premieroffice@gov.vg

CLOSING DATE: 14th October, 2022



GLOBAL NEWS BRIEF

STORIES SELECTED BY GIORGIO MIGLIAVACCA

ITALY - In Italy, an old video has been making the rounds. It shows a beautiful young woman saying things that are not so beautiful. Donning 1990s fashion, her body turned to the back from the front seat of a car, she answers questions for a French television reporter in good if accented French. "For me, Mussolini was a good politician," she says. "Everything he did, he did for Italy, and that is something that is not found in the politicians we have had in the last fifty years."

She will most likely be elected Italy's prime minister next Sunday.

Georgia Meloni is no longer 19 years old, and she no longer speaks so openly of her admiration for Italian dictator Benito Mussolini, but she has never forgotten which political tradition she belongs to. Because fascism was never formally expelled from Italian public life after the second world war. In Germany, the allies imposed a rigorous program that permanently excluded ex-Nazis from power. In Italy, however, fascists were allowed to regroup under a new party, the "Italian Social Movement."

That's what it was still called in 1992, when Giorgia Meloni, then only 15 years old, joined its youth wing. Since then, the party has changed names several times. But let's be clear: Fratelli d'Italia, the party Giorgia Meloni leads, is the successor party to the successor

party to the party founded by Benito Mussolini. It has never renounced il Duce's legacy.

Does this mean that Italy is returning to fascism?

Not necessarily.

The fact that Giorgia Meloni is on the brink of power has less to do with her neo-fascism and more to do with how easily Italian voters are seduced by anti-establishment candidates. Meloni is just the latest in a long string of radical and populist outsiders that have been growing in popularity in Italy since the 1990s. In fact, Meloni's junior coalition partners include the leaders of two of the last three anti-politics waves in Italy: the now elderly Silvio Berlusconi and Matteo Salvini, leader of Lega (the League), yet another far-right anti-establishment party. [El Pais]

ROME - The new Italian government has "difficult decisions" in store due to the country's high public debt and the expected onset of recession in Europe, S&P Global Ratings has said.

The ratings agency highlighted the "limited" room for budget manoeuvre, with the debt set to be around 138% at the end of the year and the deficit coming in at around 6.3%.

"Despite this, we do not expect imminent budget risks in the transition to the new government," it said.

S&P forecasted negative growth of 0.1% for Italy in 2023, with GDP expected to rise by 1.5% in 2024.

Giorgia Meloni is expected to become Italy's first woman premier as her right-wing Brothers of Italy (FdI) party was the driving force of the right coalition's victory in Sunday's general election. (ANSA)

UKRAINE - As the war in Ukraine enters its eighth month, Americans are growing tired of the Biden administration's approach to punishing Russia for the invasion, a new poll suggests.

According to the poll conducted by Data for Progress and commissioned by the Quincy Institute for Responsible Statecraft, 57 percent of likely voters strongly or somewhat support the U.S. pursuing diplomatic negotiations, even if it means Ukraine would have to make compromises with Russia. Comparably, 32 percent of respondents were strongly or somewhat opposed to the idea.

The poll also found that 49 percent of Americans believe that Congress and the Biden administration need to do more diplomatically to help end the war. However, Washington has largely written off wading into negotiations and stuck to just providing military assistance to Ukraine. (Newsweek)

BERMUDA - The Government has tabled legislation to make a number of essential goods duty free in an effort to address the cost of living.

David Burt, the Premier, said the Customs Tariff Amendment (No 3) Act 2022, tabled in the House of Assembly, would drop duty rates on 21 essential

items, including a variety of food and sanitary products.

Mr Burt said: "Since the House rose just before Cup Match, we have been working on concrete measures to address the cost of living. [Royal Gazette]

TRINIDAD - The worldwide Hindu community says it is aghast at reports of continuous vandalizing of Hindu temples in Trinidad and Tobago in recent months.

Hindu statesman Rajan Zed, in a statement in Nevada today, said it was shocking for Hindu communities in various parts of the world to hear about vandalizing of Hindu houses of worship in Trinidad one after the other, the latest being at Kali Mata Temple in Carli Bay on Wednesday, during the Hindu holy days of Navaratri.

It was reportedly highly heartbreaking for the hard-working, harmonious, and peaceful Hindu community of T&T to receive such signals of hatred and to experience the desecration of their places of worship which they held in high reverence. T&T Hindus had made a lot of contributions to the nation and society and continued to do so; Zed, who is president of the Universal Society of Hinduism, noted. [Caribbean News Weekly]

CTO - The newly elected allied board of the Caribbean Tourism Organization (CTO) is underscoring its commitment to help reimagine and rebuild the region's tourism product, in the wake of the fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic.

This follows the CTO Business meetings held in the Cayman Islands earlier this month, where William "Billy" Griffith was re-elected chairman, as one of four directors who will serve another two-year term on the five-member allied board.

He will be joined by returning members - Barry Brown of AFAR Media, Seleni Mateus of George Washington University and Jacqueline Johnson of Global Bridal Group/ MarryCaribbean.com. The new face on the allied board is Anne Brobyn, the founder/president of Hibiscus International Tours.

The Caribbean Tourism Organization is now at an inflection point whilst reimaging and adapting its business model," Griffith said.

"I believe I can also contribute greatly in forging a more cohesive partnership between the private and public sector, raise the profile of the Allied Members and assist significantly in increasing its membership base." (Caribbean News Weekly)

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ST. VINCENT - St. Vincent and the Grenadines Prime Minister Dr. Ralph E. Gonsalves made it clear Saturday night that Vincentian citizenship is not for sale.

"I'm very happy to be here with you on this 'Meet and Greet'," said Gonsalves at a town hall meeting, dubbed "Re-Engaging the Vincentian Diaspora in a Post-Covid, Post-Eruption Era," at the Friends of Crown Heights Educational Center in Brooklyn, New York. "COVID and eruptions prevented us from meeting together.

"What binds us together is the highest office in the land - that of citizenship," said the Vincentian leader after swaying to 'I'm Alive'. "We have rights, and we have obligations. Whatever our differences in this elemental joinder, this is our bond. And, therefore, I will never sell our citizenship.

"The citizenship of our country is not for sale," stressed the prime minister, who, earlier on Saturday, addressed the 77th Session of the United Nations General Assembly Debate. "Similarly, the passport is not for sale." [The Vincentian]

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Through the Lens of The Sunny Side



BVI Cricket Team (Photo by Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway)
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Diva's On A Dime

BVI Cancer Society kicked off its month of activities

“Strong Alone, Unstoppable Together.”



On Saturday 1 October the BVI Cancer Society kicked off its month of activities in support of the globally celebrated Breast Cancer Awareness month with a fun bingo game night. The event was hosted by Mrs. BVI, Dr. Arlene Penn; and featured great winnings and prizes.

The theme of this year's Breast Cancer Awareness is "Strong Alone, Unstoppable Together." Throughout the month's observance, the BVI Cancer Society will be underscoring the message of early detection and diagnosis. The organization believes that this message is valid in the case of all cancers and it should be emphasized continuously.

In order to start the month off on the right now and commence sharing this year's message, the Society attended Sunday church service at the Tower of Faith Ministries. In a recap of the service, the BVI Cancer Society said, "We were touched by the prayers and message of hope that was conveyed by Pastor Frankie Rathanum and the congregation at the Tower of Faith Ministry."

The 2022 Breast Cancer Awareness month activities will culminate with the annual Paint the Town Pink observance on October 28.



(Church Service Photos)





Ladyburd Talks

Dear Readers: If you've ever taken ginger ale for an upset tummy, you understand the health benefits of ginger.

Going back more than 2,000 years in China, the herb has been used to treat nausea, upset stomach and help with digestion and diarrhea.

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

What's ginger good for?

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

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

Source By: Jennifer Nelson-Mother Nature



Ladyburd's Mail Box

delseitaliburd@msn.com

Dear Ladyburd: I recently got back from my honeymoon, which was fabulous, however, I got married into this selfish family, a set of in-laws that are driving me crazy already, I cannot believe it, his mother is in and out of our apartment, unannounced just like she is living there, and she is looking around, for what I do not know.

Also, while we were on our honeymoon, we left our gifts in her care and I believe I am missing some stuff. I am afraid to speak with my husband about these things, because I do not want him to feel I am being petty or too suspicious. What is your take on this matter?
Newly Wed

Ladyburd: **Dear Newly Wed:** Do not be afraid to speak with your husband, because if you do not, resentment will set in sooner or later, and your marriage will fail, because you are going to have conflicts. So, spill the beans now, and tell him everything, and let him know that you are uncomfortable with the situation, she cannot barge in as she likes unannounced. This could not be right, this is suppose to be your matrimonial home, and she needs to respect that, and let you both know if and when she is coming over.

With regards to the stuff you might be missing, that may cause a big melee, you should not be the one to ask her about them, let your husband ask her gentle if there was any other gifts left for her to bring over, or better still, just forget it, just for peace sake, and see if her conscience will bother her to bring them back, if she doesn't, at least you would have maintained the peace.

You just got married you should be enjoying each other and not worry about stuff like that.



Light Bulb Moments

"Procrastination is the thief of time."
— Edward Young

"You don't have to be great to start, but you have to start to be great."
— Zig Ziglar

"Fall seven times, stand up eight."
— Japanese Proverb

Poetry Corner

My Loyal Friend

Outside my bedroom window
Stands an old majestic tree.
She's been standing
there for decades,
Just as proud as she can be.

And every morning
when I wake,
She's the first thing I see.
This lovely constant in my life,
So magnificent and free.

I can see the early, rising sun
Peeking through her
lush green leaves.
I can hear her moving gently,
In the summer's
warming breeze.

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Tickle My Funny Bones

By Delseita



Short Jokes:

A man noticed his credit card has been stolen - but he never reported it. The thief was still spending considerably less than his wife.

I received another letter from some lawyer yesterday. It had **"Final Notice"** written on the envelope. Good. They won't be bothering me anymore.

Source: <https://short-funny.com/>

Just A Little Gas!

A nun was walking in the convent when one of the priests noticed she was gaining a little weight. **"Gaining a little weight are we sister Susan?"** He asked. **"No, Father. Just a little gas,"** Sister Susan explained.

A month or so later the priest noticed that she had gained even more weight. **"Gaining some weight are we Sister Susan?"** he asked again. **"Oh no, Father. Just a little gas,"** she replied again.

A couple of months later the priest noticed Sister Susan pushing a baby carriage around the convent. He leaned over and looked in the carriage and said, **"Cute little gas."**

PUN INTENDED

"Not being able to iron out all of his problems made the dry cleaner very depressed."

"Strong Alone. Unstoppable Together."
BVI Cancer Society
kicked off its month of activities

(Bingo Photos and presentations)





October Brings Pumpkin Bisque With a Twist

Oh, October! It's officially pumpkin-flavored everything month! If you want to see the face of bliss, offer your loved ones this easy-to-prepare scrumptious Pumpkin Apple Cider Soup lovingly paired with adorable grilled cheese croutons.

Although incredibly nutritious, pumpkin on its own is a little bland. We're infusing complexity into it by adding onion, garlic, lots of seasonal spices, apple and apple cider. The cider and the apple bring the perfect balance of sweetness and acidity to this soup. However, this is a savory soup; don't expect a pool of pumpkin pie!

If your budget allows, this is the time to splurge on some good unfiltered cider. You only need one cup for the soup; the rest you get to sip when evenings get chilly.

You can choose to make this soup as chunky or as smooth as you like. The outcome depends on how small you chop the ingredients and if you decide to puree the finished soup. I chose the middle ground with finely diced onion and apple and was very pleased with the results. My family loved the little bursts of apple spiking the rich and savory soup.



This creamy pumpkin soup is sure to be a family favorite

PUMPKIN APPLE CIDER SOUP

Total Time: 40 minutes

Yield: 8 cups

- 1 tablespoon each of olive oil and butter
- 1 cup onion, diced
- 1 cup apple (any variety), peeled, cored, and diced
- 1 teaspoon garlic, minced
- 1 (large 29-ounce) can pure pumpkin
- 4 cups (32-ounce box) chicken or vegetable broth
- 1 cup apple cider
- 1 teaspoon thyme
- 1/2 teaspoon each of cinnamon and ground ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper

Optional for bisque: half and half or heavy cream

Garnish: sour cream, pepitas, roasted pumpkin seeds

In a heavy bottomed soup pot or large saucepan over medium heat, bring the oil and butter up to a sizzle and saute the onion for about 3 minutes. Next, add the apple and continue to saute until both are quite soft. Add the garlic and stir to combine and take a moment to appreciate that amazing aroma. Don't you love a great savory and sweet combo? Now, let's make soup! Add the pumpkin, chicken or veggie broth, apple cider and stir. Now add the spices, thyme, cinnamon, ginger, salt and pepper. Stir to combine and let this simmer for 20 minutes. Remove from heat. Adjust seasoning to taste.

At this point, for a creamier, totally smooth soup, you can use an immersion blender or transfer soup to a blender to puree until it reaches your desired consistency. You also can choose to add half and half or heavy cream to make pumpkin bisque. I'd start at half a cup and add from there.

To serve, ladle into bowls and serve with grilled cheese croutons -- instructions below. For extra Diva flair, you can garnish with little dollops of sour cream (it doesn't dissolve into the soup like heavy cream would) and a sprinkle of bright green pepitas (shelled pumpkin seeds) and/or roasted whole pumpkin seeds.

GRILLED CHEESE CROUTONS

Total Time: 10 minutes

Yield: 12 croutons

- 1 baguette (day old is perfect!)
- 1 (8 ounce) block sharp cheddar cheese, room temperature
- 1/4 cup butter, room temperature

Preheat a skillet on medium-high heat. Slice a baguette into 24 (1/4 inch) slices. Slice cheese into 12 slices. Place a slice of room temperature sharp cheddar cheese between two slices of bread and butter the outsides, like little sandwiches. Grill the croutons in the skillet until golden brown.

Make extra, because these are simply addictive! I kid you not. This is a dish destined to become a fall family favorite.

Lifestyle expert Patti Diamond is the penny-pinching, party-planning, recipe developer and content creator of the website Divas On A Dime -- Where Frugal, Meets Fabulous! Visit Patti at www.divasonadime.com and join the conversation on Facebook at [DivasOnADimeDotCom](https://www.facebook.com/DivasOnADimeDotCom). Email Patti at divapatti@divasonadime.com

POLICE NEWS

ARREST BLOTTER

SEPTEMBER 4 TO OCTOBER 1, 2022

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED DRUG

On 07-09-2022 at 1302hrs, Police arrested and charged Alex Penn King, 19, of Fat Hogs Bay for Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Drugs. He was granted bail in the sum of \$5,000 to appear before Magistrate's Court on 20-10-2022 at 0900hrs.

ASSAULT OCCASIONING ACTUAL BODILY HARM

1. On 15-09-2022 at 1535hrs, Police arrested and charged Robert Browne for Assault Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm. He was granted bail to appear before Magistrate's Court on 1-11-2022.

2. On 19-09-2022 at 1900hrs, Police arrested and charged Denfield Solomon, 48, of Lower Estate for Assault Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm, Burglary and two counts of Criminal Damage.

UNLAWFUL SEXUAL INTERCOURSE WITH A GIRL UNDER THE AGE

On 19-09-2022 at 1530hrs, Police arrested and charged Keron Hodge, 20, of Purcell Estate for Unlawful Sexual Intercourse with a Girl under the age of 16 yrs. He was granted bail in sum of \$5,000 to appear before Magistrate's Court on 01-11-2022 at 0900hrs.

WOUNDING WITH INTENT

On 19-09-2022 at 1930hrs, Police arrested and charged Eswort Barnwell, 35, of Diamond Estate for Wounding, Assault Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm and Armed with an Offensive Weapon. He appeared before Magistrate's Court and was remanded.

CRIMINAL TRESPASS

On 22-09-2022 at 1315hrs, Police arrested and charged James Leonard Jr, 25, of Cooper Island for Criminal Trespass. He was granted bail in the sum of \$5,000 to appear before Magistrate's Court on 10-11-2022.

THEFT

On 23-09-2022 at 1630hrs, Police arrested and charged Glen Henley of Cane Garden Bay for Theft and Common Assault. He was granted bail in the sum \$3,000 to appear before Magistrate's Court on 10-11-2022 at 0900hrs.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT

On 01-10-2022 at 0615hrs, Police arrested and charged Jamal Singh, 31, of North Sound, Virgin Gorda for Disorderly Conduct, Failing to Comply with Lawful Order Given by Police Officer and Indecent Language. He was granted bail in the sum of \$3,000 to appear before Magistrate's Court on 14-11-2022 at 0900hrs.

A RECORD NUMBER IN 2021 RECRUITMENT CLASS

Tuesday, October 4 – Commissioner of Police Mark Collins sworn in 32 new recruits yesterday as part of the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force

latest cohort.

Cohort 6 is made up of 14 constables and 18 auxiliaries, with an even number of males as females. Among the newest recruits is a second officer

from the Philippines.

After completing a six-month basic training programme, the new officers are expected to fill vacancies in the newly restarted community policing division. This division is intended to forge greater or more lasting relations between the public and the Force. This boost in the number of officers will also provide more visibility on the streets and needed public assurance.

In yesterday morning's swearing in ceremony, the Commissioner reminded the new recruits that they represent the Force and the profession 24 hours-a-day and 7 days-a-week.

"Before you take this oath, please remember that this career requires your full pledge and commitment not just when you are working but when you are off duty as well. The Force's standards, performance and conduct are high, and we expect you to meet them," the Commissioner noted.

The new recruits began their first day of training today.



THE WEEK IN CORRUPTION

Attorney General Mark Dreyfus (centre) with Transparency International Australia representatives Clancy Moore (right) and A J Brown (left) after the announcement of the NACC bill.



By Transparency International

After years of debate, public pressure and tireless campaigning by activists - including our chapter in Australia - the country is finally set to create a federal watchdog agency with broad powers to investigate serious or systemic corruption.

Transparency International Australia first made the call for such a body more than fifteen years ago, and this Wednesday, Attorney General Mark Dreyfus introduced the landmark National Anti-Corruption Commission (NACC) bill in the parliament.

According to early reviews by experts, while not perfect, the bill is promising.

The new commission will be independent and able to investigate not just politicians and public officials, but also third parties such as property developers, lobbyists, political donors and unions. Essentially, anyone who could seek to corrupt or adversely affect government decision-making is covered. Moreover, the agency's

powers will be retrospective - so it can investigate corruption that took place before its establishment.

While we're definitely counting our chickens before they're set to hatch in 2023, Transparency International Australia is concerned that NACC would only hold public hearings in 'exceptional circumstances'. They also flagged the current proposal's lack of strong and effective whistleblower protection.

A parliamentary committee will now review the bill and is accepting submissions for improvements until 10 November. There's still a chance that the various shortcomings highlighted by anti-corruption experts can be rectified.

Want to know more about NACC? Join Transparency International Australia's webinar on 4 October.

Despite these issues, we can't help but see this bill as a sorely needed leap in the right direction for Australia. The country hit a record low on the 2021 Corruption Perceptions Index after a decade of declining scores. We said we would be watching Australia closely this year, noting the importance

of establishing a national anti-corruption watchdog to pick up its erstwhile lagging anti-corruption efforts.

Now that things are on track thanks to that important step, Australia also needs to pick up its fight against the dirty money flowing in from foreign shady actors.

In May, our report highlighted that Australia is ill-equipped to track down illicit wealth within its borders, despite promises to freeze and seize suspect Russian assets. The country lags behind its G7 peers in bringing to light owners of anonymous companies, making it an easy target for corrupt individuals from abroad.

The new government led by Prime Minister Anthony Albanese has already promised to establish a public register to record companies' real owners. This reform will further strengthen Australia's - and by extension the world's - defences against the threat of unchecked corruption.

**MORE READERS:
THE ISLAND SUN**

celebrity extra

by Dana Jackson

Q. Have they decided yet who will be performing in the Super Bowl halftime show next year? I hope it's a classic rock band like The Rolling Stones. Have they ever played it before? — N.N.

A. The Rolling Stones were the featured halftime performers for Super Bowl XL, which took place on Feb. 5, 2006, at the home stadium of the Detroit Lions. They performed several of their classic songs, including "Start Me Up" and "I Can't Get No Satisfaction." Prince, Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers, and Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band finished out the decade.

The 2010s started off with The Who, followed by pop stars like Madonna, Lady Gaga and Beyonce, among other big names. Last year's show was a return to retro, with '80s rap stars like Snoop Dogg and Dr. Dre delighting fans at the halftime show.

Rumor had it that Taylor Swift would be the next pop star to grace the stage, but within a day, it was officially announced that Rihanna would be next year's Super Bowl headliner instead. Rihanna is no slouch, as she's sold more than 60 million albums and topped the charts with 14 singles throughout her career. Her fans have been clamoring for a new album from her and a worldwide tour, but in the meantime, this will have to suffice. Super Bowl LVII will take place on Feb. 12, 2023, in Glendale, Arizona.

Q. Will there be another season, or more, of the Netflix show "Dead to Me"? I love that show, but just realized it's been a long time since the last season finale. I hope it didn't get canceled. — D.T.

A. Yes, it's been a long time — two years, in fact — since any new episodes of "Dead to Me" were available for streaming, but fortunately, there will be a third season. According to Deadline.com, the reason for the long hiatus was twofold: In addition to the pandemic halting production, it was also delayed after Christina Applegate was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis.



Rihanna

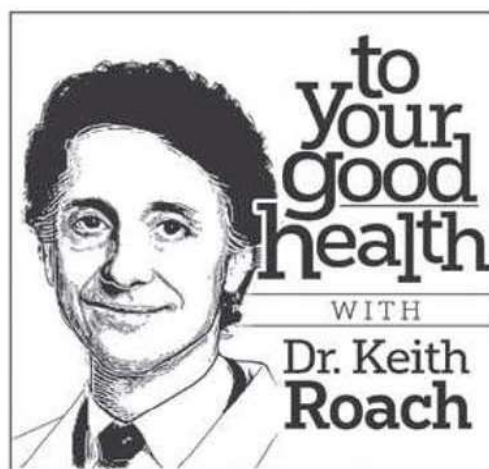
Q. I was surprised to see Steve Carell in another show, and it's not a comedy. What happened to "Space Force"? — T.M.

A. "Space Force" had all the elements for another hit by producer Greg Daniels. He was teaming up once again with Steve Carell, the former star of his cult hit comedy series "The Office," and he had a super talented supporting cast that included Lisa Kudrow ("Friends") and Ben Schwartz ("Parks and Recreation"). Alas, it just didn't click with viewers, and the series was canceled by Netflix after just two seasons.

Carell has already moved on with a new series, a suspenseful drama on Hulu, in which he plays a therapist held captive by a serial killer. "The Patient" also stars Domhnall Gleeson ("Star Wars: Rise of Skywalker") as the titular character. Carell is as adept at drama as he is at comedy. In 2015, he was nominated for an Academy Award for his performance in "Foxcatcher," which was the polar opposite of his character on "The Office," Michael Scott. He has quite the range.

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

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Cardiac Stent, While Helpful, Can Bring Risks

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am a 71-year-old woman diagnosed with coronary artery disease. My latest calcium score was 801. My right coronary artery was 80% blocked, and the left artery was 25%. My cardiologist asked me to decide if I want to do angioplasty or not. I don't have any symptoms, only shortness of breath on exertion. I can't decide what to do. My cardiologist seemed against getting a stent, not that he said that exactly, but he stressed the risk of getting one. — M.C.

ANSWER: A cardiac stent is a device placed into an artery of the heart after it is re-opened, usually by a balloon in a procedure called an angioplasty. Stents help reduce the risk of the artery closing off after the procedure. In people with stable coronary artery disease, opening up a blood vessel can reduce symptoms, but has not been shown, despite many studies, to reduce risk of heart attack or death.

You said you were asymptomatic, but shortness of breath is one of the major symptoms of blocked coronary arteries, which are the blood vessels that provide oxygen-rich blood to the heart muscle. It can be very difficult at times to judge whether a person's shortness of breath is coming from blockages in the artery or not, and stress testing can help answer whether this is likely. People can have shortness of breath on exertion for many reasons, including lung problems, anemia, lack of exercise or persistent symptoms after a COVID infection.

While the decision is ultimately up to you — it's your body — it's best if

the cardiologist gives you a definite recommendation and the reasoning behind it. You can't make an informed decision without being informed. A stent might improve your shortness of breath, but there are risks of bleeding, infection and even heart damage from a stent placement. It's not to be undertaken lightly.

If your cardiologist doesn't feel that your shortness of breath stems from the blockages, then a stent is not likely to be helpful. Revisit with your cardiologist to get a clear idea of the potential benefit and harm specific for your case, and bring a friend or family member to assist you.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I take Antabuse to help me quit drinking. Do I need to worry about the alcohol in hand sanitizers? — L.W.

ANSWER: Antabuse is a medication that makes people feel very sick even if they drink small amounts of alcohol. It is not frequently used anymore, but it is still an effective and time-tested option for medication treatment in people with problem drinking.

Hand sanitizers are made from either ethyl alcohol, which is the alcohol in alcoholic beverages, or from isopropyl or rubbing alcohol. There have been case reports of people developing a reaction to the alcohol from practicing hand hygiene, from aftershave, and even from inhaling fumes after practicing hand hygiene. According to a study during the pandemic, of 42 people on Antabuse who routinely used hand sanitizers, 20% had a reaction to the ethyl-alcohol-based sanitizer, and 10% had a reaction to the isopropyl-based sanitizer. Seven percent of people had severe reactions, but the rest were mild and self-limited.

There clearly is a risk for developing symptoms after even the smallest amount of alcohol that can be absorbed through the skin or inhaled through fumes. People on Antabuse with a reaction to skin sanitizers should wash their hands rather than use sanitizers.

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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Join us for our Walk for the Cure

Saturday, 8 October, 2022 at 5:30 am

Join us for the BVI's 11th annual CIBC FirstCaribbean Walk for the Cure held in conjunction with the BVI Cancer Society to raise awareness about cancer. **All are welcome!**

Registration fee: \$20.00

Registration forms are available at the Road Town branch and The BVI Cancer Society.

Route:

The carpark at CIBC FirstCaribbean International Bank, Road Town continuing along Water Front Drive and on to the Ebenezer Thomas Primary School in Sea Cow's Bay and back to the bank.



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Caribbean News / Regional News

NEW ALLIED BOARD COMMITTED TO TOURISM RE-THINK

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, Sep 30, 2022 - The newly-elected Allied Board of the Caribbean Tourism Organization has underscored its commitment to helping reimagine and rebuild the region's tourism product, in the wake of the fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic.

This follows the CTO Business Meetings held in the Cayman Islands earlier this month when William "Billy" Griffith was re-elected chairman, as one of four directors who will serve another two-year term on the five-member Allied Board.

The managing director of WCG Consulting Ltd, Griffith will be joined by Barry Brown of AFAR Media LLC, Seleni Matus of George Washington University and Jacqueline Johnson of Global Bridal Group/MarryCaribbean.com, as those returning.

Anne Brobyn, the Founder/President of Hibiscus International Tours, is the new face on the Allied Board.

"The Caribbean Tourism Organization is now at an inflection point whilst reimagining and adapting its business model," Griffith said.

"I believe I can also contribute greatly in forging a more cohesive partnership between the private and public sector, raise the profile of the Allied Members and assist significantly in increasing its membership base."

Brobyn, who brings the experience of being a former employee and marketing representative for the CTO, said the Caribbean's emergence from the COVID-19 pandemic called for "creative thinking and strategic development".

"The time is right for change and through the CTO Allied Board of Directors, we have a voice to reach the decision and policy makers within the Caribbean region," said Brobyn, also an award-winning travel expert.

"Together, we must find responsible and sustainable solutions

to address the critical issues which impact tourism throughout the Caribbean and beyond."

Brown, AFAR Media's executive director for the Caribbean, added: "I believe the diverse expertise and insight of Allied membership is more critical now than ever to help refuel a robust and sustainable rebound of Tourism after the crises of the past few years."

Matus, a former Belize director of tourism who now serves as executive director of the International Institute of Tourism Studies at George Washington University, said: "I am thrilled to work with affiliates to create a more sustainable tourism industry in the Caribbean by leveraging the strengths of the affiliate network."

Johnson, meanwhile, said she was ready for the challenge of "developing marketing and communication strategies for a completely different marketplace".

"We live in an age of continuing and continuous change - an evolutionary

process that is the key to survival in a dynamic marketplace," she noted.

The new Allied Board, elected from among ten members representing sectors ranging from health care to marketing, will sit on the recently elected CTO Board of Directors while Chairman Griffith also joins the CTO Executive Committee. Together, the Allied Board will represent the interests of the Allied Members at the CTO Board and Executive Committee level.

In consultation with its membership, the Allied Board identifies opportunities aimed at enhancing CTO's non-government membership programme, organises activities during CTO events, and also offers recommendations to the CTO Board of Directors on regional tourism initiatives.

Allied Members are non-government members representing several sectors which play key roles in the development of regional tourism.

CARIBBEAN TOURISM ORGANIZATION CHAIRMAN COMMEMORATES WORLD TOURISM DAY 2022

GEORGE TOWN, Cayman Islands, September 27, 2022 - The Caribbean Tourism Organization (CTO) joins the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) in commemorating the 27th September as World Tourism Day 2022.

"This year's theme of 'Rethinking Tourism for People and Planet' is an apt one for the Caribbean region as we have had to rethink and reimagine what tourism looks like for all our islands after two years of limited travel during a global pandemic," said the CTO's new Chairman, Hon. Kenneth Bryan Minister for Tourism & Transport in the Cayman Islands.

The tourism industry, which employs millions of people across the Caribbean region, was negatively affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, but with most islands fully reopening their shores to visitors the industry is showing promising signs of growth and the Caribbean is ready to rethink how their people can best benefit from the industry.

At the recent CTO business meetings held in the Cayman Islands the CTO member countries pledged to work together to continue this growth and support a renewed and revitalized tourism product in each jurisdiction noting the threats of climate change.

"During hurricane season the importance of rethinking tourism for the planet as we deal with the effects of climate change becomes abundantly clear," said Mr. Bryan.

"As a region we are resilient and looking at ways to ensure that our tourism product is sustainable is a major focus for each island and the CTO as a whole."

Other priorities for the CTO include multi-destination travel, and information sharing to ensure that best practices are followed throughout the region.

"Though we are separate countries, we are strong as a region and can create a unified and renewed approach to tourism that connects us, sparks inward investment, and offers jobs for our people," Mr. Bryan added.

"I have confidence that together we can forge a common vision for the recovery of tourism in the Caribbean on a whole. By continuing to focus on existing possibilities like multi-destination travel and developing an innovative approach to coordinated sustainable practices, we can continue to create opportunities which benefit the people of each member country," Mr. Bryan continued.

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Hurricane Ian Rescue, Recovery Efforts Continue in Florida

More than 500,000 homes and businesses in Florida remain without power nearly a week after Hurricane Ian struck the southeastern U.S. state and left a trail of destruction and devastation.

Ian struck Florida September 28 as a dangerous Category 4 storm with maximum sustained winds of 240 kilometers an hour, and left more than two million customers across the state without power. Officials with utility companies say it will likely be Friday or Saturday before electricity is restored to at least 95% of its customers.

More than 1,500 people have been rescued as search and rescue crews engage in a painstaking door-to-door search for victims among destroyed homes and buildings. The U.S. death toll from Ian has risen to more than 100 people from Florida to the state of North Carolina, with the majority of the fatalities in Florida. More than 50 deaths were reported in Florida's Lee County, which bore the brunt of Hurricane Ian when it came ashore. Reuters says another 21 deaths have been reported by state officials from nine other counties.

Four deaths were reported in North Carolina.

Lee County includes the hard-hit areas of Fort Myers and Sanibel and Pine Islands. The two barrier islands are cut off from the mainland after Ian destroyed the only bridges that connected them, prompting rescue crews to drop supplies by helicopter on Pine Island. Governor Ron DeSantis told reporters Monday that temporary bridges will be built to reconnect Sanibel and Pine Islands to the mainland.

DeSantis on Monday defended officials who



Federal Emergency Management Agency personnel and Lee County Sheriff officers walk through a trailer park after Hurricane Ian caused widespread destruction, in Fort Myers Beach, Florida, Oct. 3, 2022.

have come under increasing scrutiny over the timing of their evacuation orders.

U.S. President Joe Biden and first lady Jill Biden will travel to Florida Wednesday.

The Bidens visited Puerto Rico Monday to get a first-hand look at the devastation from Hurricane Fiona, which struck the island just days before the emergence of Hurricane Ian.

Hurricane Ian Evacuees Return to Devastated Homes, Communities in Florida

NEW ORLEANS —

Brandie Rae Chapman was at home in Fort Myers Beach — a tiny island town — when she learned a rapidly strengthening Hurricane Ian would hit southwest Florida last week as a Category 4 storm.

Grabbing her dog and cat, Chapman opted to abandon her late father's house and evacuate, a decision that may have saved her life.

When she returned days later, Chapman was in shock.

"Water reached the roof on the outside, and was four

feet high on the inside," she told VOA. "Everything I own was in that home, including a lifetime of family memories. It's heartbreaking. My dad's house, our neighborhood — our entire island, really — is just gone."

Days after Ian made landfall in the United States with sustained winds of more than 240 kilometers an hour, the death toll from the storm continues to rise, as do damage estimates running in the tens of billions of dollars. Hundreds of thousands of Floridians remain without electricity and internet as search and rescue operations

have pivoted to relief and recovery efforts.

Americans mobilize to help

Nina Phelps is volunteering with the United Cajun Navy, a Louisiana-based relief group that formed during Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and responds to disasters by helping with search and rescue efforts, getting essential supplies to victims and assisting with recovery efforts. She sees a long and painful road ahead for hurricane-battered areas, especially the island communities Ian pummeled.

"People in this area are finding parts of their home



Responders from the de Moya Group survey damage to the bridge leading to Pine Island, to start building temporary access to the island in the aftermath of Hurricane Ian in Matlacha, Florida, Oct. 2, 2022.

a mile away from where it should be," she told VOA. "Boats are in the middle of the road, and on stretches of the coast I'd say 85% of homes are destroyed. Even the 15% that aren't still have roof damage, which means the homes probably need to be gutted. This recovery will

definitely take a year if not longer."

The American Red Cross says more than 1,300 workers are supporting disaster relief efforts in Florida and elsewhere. Phelps said the need for assistance is overwhelming.

SPORTS

HURDLES

McMaster: 'A Therapist Is Essential' Not Just In Track And Field

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

Kyron McMaster closed his season by repeating as NACAC 400m Hurdles champion, when he ran the second fastest time of his career in Freeport, Bahamas and improved his own meet record of 48.18 seconds, after stopping the clock at 47.34. That came after becoming only the second repeat Commonwealth Games titlist in the event since 1930, joining Australia's Ken Roche who pulled off the feat in 1962 and 1966.

In Track Town USA, Eugene Oregon in July, McMaster was unable to go after a coveted World Athletics Championships prize, when he pulled out of the semis with a hamstring injury. Unlike his rivals, he didn't have a dedicated therapist—massage or physio—to work with, but had to rely on someone else, whenever they finished their duties with another country, a position the eight fastest 400m Hurdler in the history of the event All Time with his 47.08 seconds best, should not be in.

McMaster compares the stress he puts his body through with someone doing construction work for the first time, working long hours lifting blocks, sifting sand, mixing sand and when you go home you're mashed up and tired. Imagine feeling like that every day he added, noting day in day, out, you're beating your body up like that. If you don't have somebody there to maintain your body, either you're gonna burst or drop dead, he said.

"That's been happening to me for quite some time now but I don't really complain. I do what I have to do, put the legs up and let the blood run," he told Island Sun Sports during an exclusive interview

on his recent home visit. "But, a therapist is one of the most essential persons—not just in track and field—in sports in general. Personally, I would pay my therapist more money than I'm making because that person is making sure that my body is in the position to win. You have to take care of the people around you and put them in a position where they can solely deal with you. I'm a firm believer in that—putting them in a position where it benefits you."

McMaster added: "You can't have a therapist on your team but he's not legit where you pay him a little change, he's not going to take his job seriously. You need somebody who doesn't look at you just as the next athlete—you need somebody who looks at you as the next world record holder—so for me, having a therapist is like having a parent. You need that structure in your life."

On the Sports Beat Magazine program on CBN 90.9 FM, Massage Therapist Levi James who has worked with BVI athletes in different sports, said persons in charge must buy in to having the requisite athlete services.

"We're left to wonder how greatness can be expected without the support for greatness to be achieved," he said. "You expect Kyron to run 46.5. You expect Chantel (Malone) to jump 7.16m (23'6"), but then they need that help," James explained. "It's almost like you're sending your car to the track without a mechanic, to make sure everything is always in tip top shape. Until the people who are responsible to put people like us in those places,



Kyron McMaster clears Hurdle 6 in the 400m Hurdles at the World Athletics Championships in Eugene, Oregon in July

realizing the importance, we'll continue to suffer, and in some cases, waste supreme talent, because of a lack of support."

Also a Sports Beat Magazine guest, Kinesiologist and athletic therapy trainer Shaun Williams—who has also worked with BVI athletes—explained that between rounds of competition, besides a recovery massage, the time is used to do a mental and physical assessment of the athlete.

"As therapists, we have to be able to give them a recovery massage and a pre-race massage—which are two totally different massages," he pointed out.

"And also take them through a range of motion, depending on the event they're doing."

Courtney Bascombe, another program guest and physio who has worked with Trinidad and Tobago athletes, said when athletes compete, they're competing at their best and when they run as hard as they can, there might be muscle discomfort and a lactic acid build up.

"If that stays there, you cannot go and run another round and expect the same high performance all the time, so it's important to get that therapy," he said. "These things are very technical and are key on that day, in terms of performance. It's key to performance."

CRICKET

VI Fends Off Jamaica For 28 Run Victory In Haycraft Cup

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

Despite the heroics of Jamaica's 16-year old Ameri Hinds, who for the third straight game was their leader with the bat and taking out the BVI's first two batsmen for ducks on successive balls, seventh man Monty Butler's 39 from 23 balls, guided them to a 28 run victory in their first match after two rainouts.

With a supporting 30 from Wicketkeeper Sylvester Mitchel before he was removed by Hinds, 19 from Ricky Singh and a contributing 17 off the bat of Sheldon John before he was caught by Hinds laid the foundation for the BVI's 150, before restricting Jamaica to 122.

Hinds, who bagged 3 for 27, narrowly missed a half century before he was bowled by John for 48, the third straight game he has led all scorers. Courtney Smiley had a knock of 14 not out with another 10 from Kelvin Lewis.

"It was an important victory for us because we had two games washed out, hopefully, we'll get them played back, we're still waiting for that decision," BVI Captain Vishaldev Bharat told Island Sun Sports. "It was important to start off on a winning note, have a large group of players to choose from and we have a decent team. We expect to win a few games and

show the BVI and the public that we're not an easy walk over team. Monty had 39 and he was the one who pulled us up to 150 and it was a defendable total."

Jamaica's Richard Francis said the batting failed his team. "I think we could have made some smarter choices in terms of the lineup and in terms of some of the decision making and in terms of when the batsman went out to bat," he explained. "I think we could have played a bit more responsible out there on the crease."

Guyana over Vincy by 5 Wickets

Guyana bowlers Reno Mitteleholzer and Jagnarine "Sugar" Persaud ripped through the St. Vincent and the Grenadines order as they slumped to 40 for 6, before Morray Olliverre's 20 pulled them to 88 as he was run out.

Mitteleholzer bagged 3 for 18 and Persaud 3 for 25, anchored Guyana's bowling before they responded with 94 for the victory, tying the game at 88-88, then ended it with a six. Royston Duggin stroked 24 as Guyana's top batsman, with Keon DeJesus dropping 21. Vincy's Ronniel Jeffrey snatched 2 for 35.



In its first game after two rainouts, the BVI team picked up their first victory against Jamaica

"We know they're a strong team—one of the bigger teams in the tournament—so our main aim was to go out, stick to the game plan our bowlers went out and did the job," Guyana's manager Colin Campbell said. "A little too many wickets fell for us, but we got the job done."

Vincy's Cameron Williams said he was 'happy' with the team's performance. "To be honest, there

are some areas we need to improve in, we just didn't come out and bat the way we were supposed to bat," he noted. "But I know the guys, they can do better than that in the batting because 20 more runs on that total, would have put Guyana in a more difficult position. We do have batting up to number 11, so I was pretty confident that we could have scored at least a 120."

SPORTS



Jamaica's Brian Daley Jr., follow through on a swing as the BVI's Sylvester Mitchell awaits the ball



Guyana's Deko Khemraj celebrates the run out of St. Vincent and the Grenadines' Morray Olliverre, as they were out for 88



The BVI Cricket team after their 28 run win over Jamaica in the Peter Haycraft Nations Cup



Mourant College Classic Series kicked off on Virgin Gorda with 42 participants
PHOTO: Junior 'Mango Man' Daniel



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Now the king was attracted to Esther more than to any of the other women, and she won his favor and approval more than any of the other virgins. So he set a royal crown on her head and made her queen instead of Vashti. And the king gave a great banquet, Esther's banquet, for all his nobles and officials.

ESTHER 2: 17-18

Detail of "Queen Esther" by Edwin Long (1879)



MARGULIES
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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your ideas earn the respect of your colleagues. But, you'll have to present some hard facts and figures if you hope to persuade those who make the big decisions to support you.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Keep those bright Bull's eyes focused on the project at hand. Avoid distractions. There'll be lots of time for fun and games later. Expect to get welcome news this weekend.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You soon might have to decide about moving a relationship from its current status to another level. Don't let anyone influence your decision. It must be yours and yours alone.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You finally can get off that emotional roller coaster and get back to focusing on your goals without interruptions through the rest of the week. A nice change is due by the weekend.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Trying to make an impression on some people runs into a bit of a snag at first, but it all works out. An old and almost forgotten personal matter once again needs attention.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A rise in your energy level helps you finish an especially demanding task. Take some time now to spend with family and friends before starting a new project.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) This is a good time to re-establish contact with trusted former associates who might be able to offer good advice regarding that career change you've been contemplating.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your resourcefulness combined with a calm, cool approach help you work your way out of a knotty situation, and avoid a potentially serious misunderstanding.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A calm, quiet period allows you to recharge your energies. But, you'll soon be ready to saddle up and gallop off in pursuit of your goals.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Family matters need your attention. Check things out carefully. There still might be unresolved tensions that could hinder your efforts to repair damaged relationships.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) It's a good time to take a stand and show as much passion on your own behalf as you do when arguing for the rights of others. You might be happily surprised by the reaction.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You bring sense and sensitivity to a confusing situation. Things soon settle down, leaving you free to enjoy a weekend of fun and relaxation with friends and family.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a talent for being able to perceive possibilities where others only see problems.

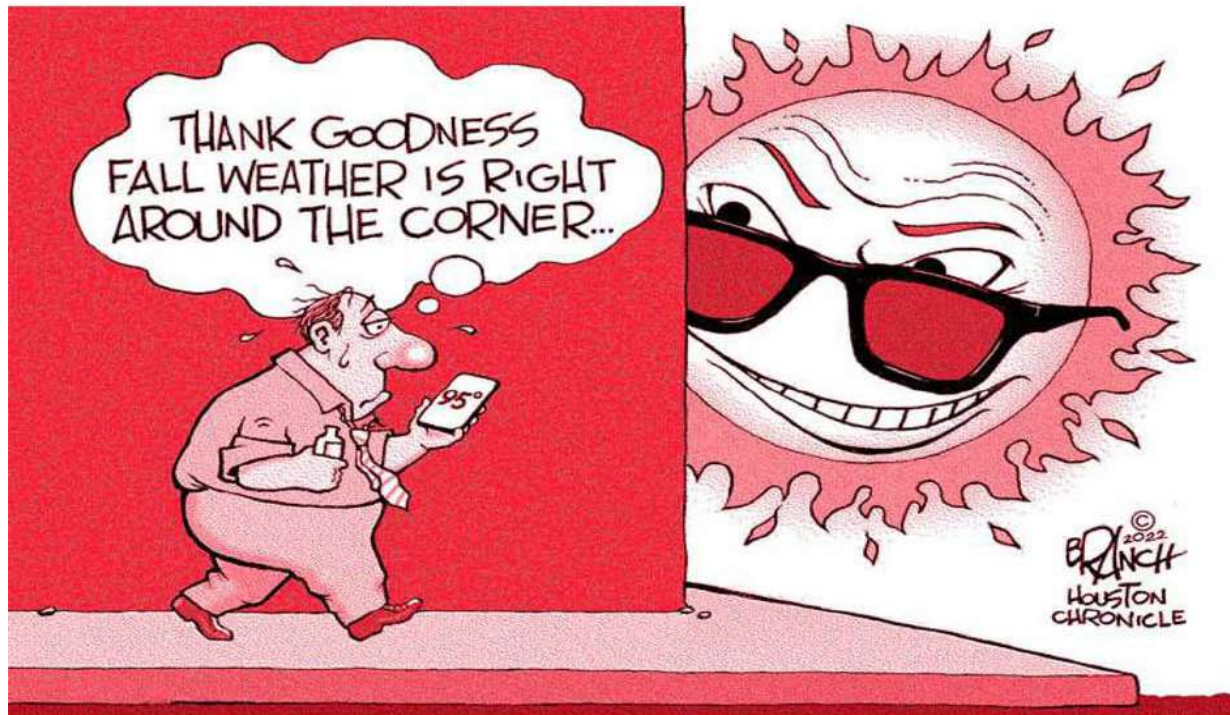
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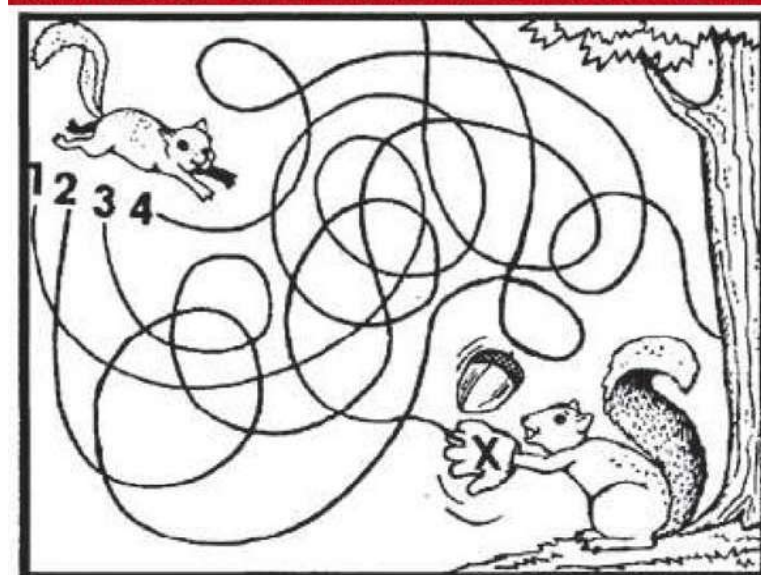
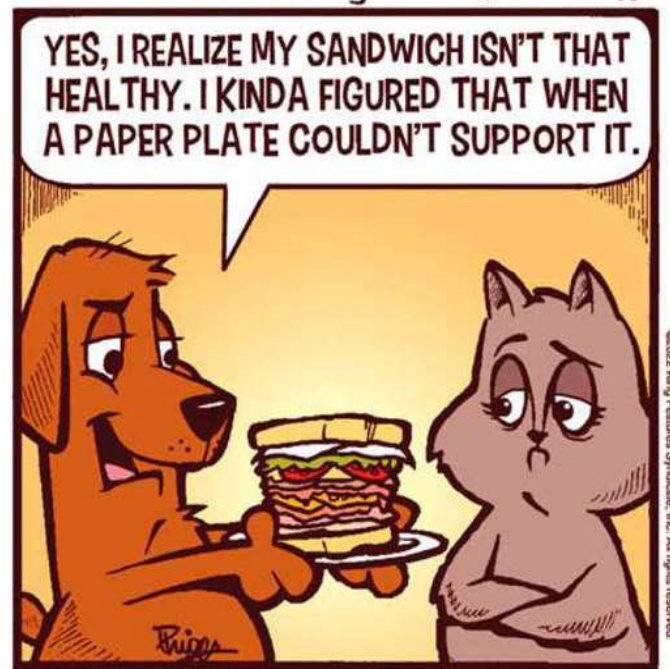
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"Our next speaker needs no introduction. He changed his mind and stayed home."



Just Like Cats & Dogs

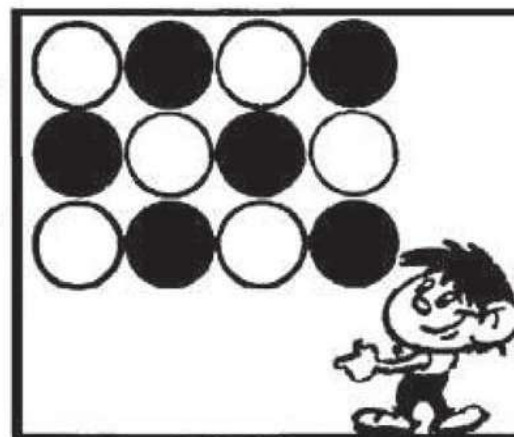
by Dave T. Phipps



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

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.

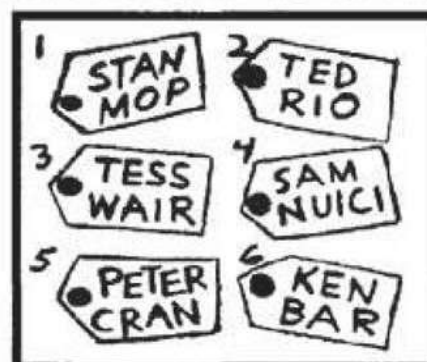
How is it done?
Move first coin in middle row to opposite side and push entire middle row one coin to the left.

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.

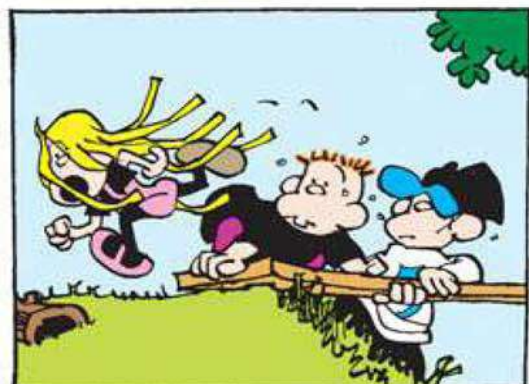
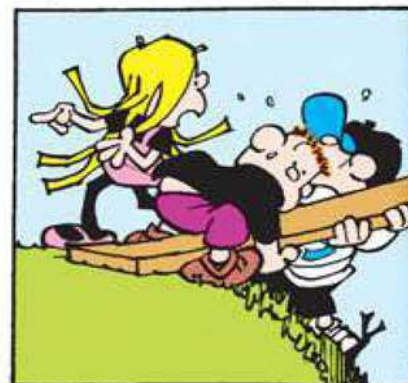
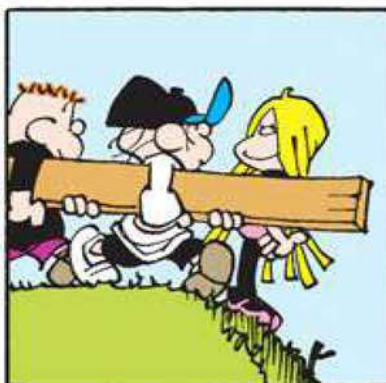
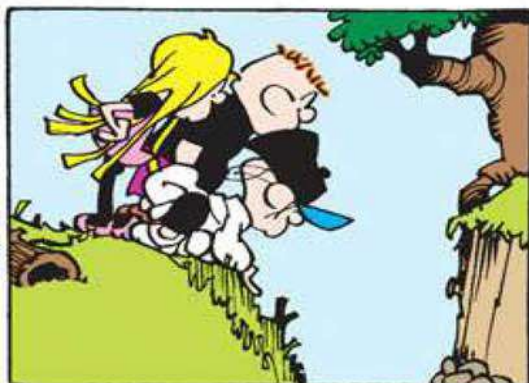
What are the jobs?



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

TIGER


by BUD BLAKE



top ten

Male Dog Names

1. Bailey
2. Max
3. Charlie
4. Buddy
5. Rocky
6. Jake
7. Jack
8. Toby
9. Cody
10. Buster



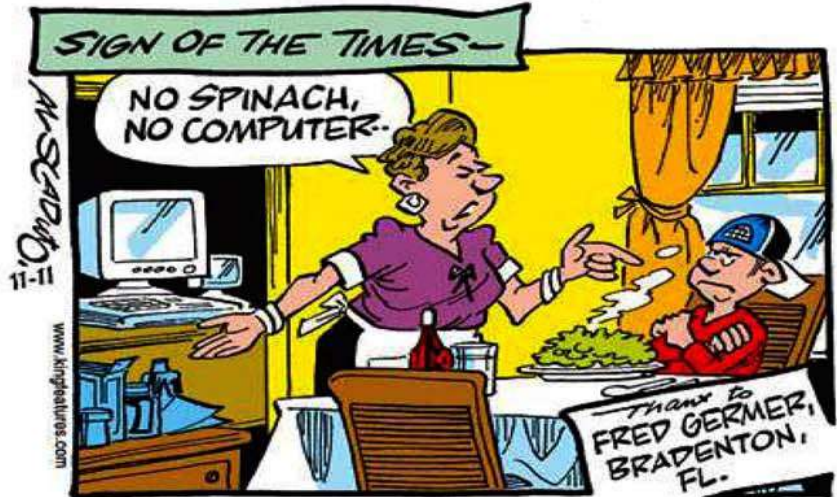
Source: DogTime.com

THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME

CLICHÉS WE NO LONGER BELIEVE...



BY AL SCADUTO



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HOCKMORE DIDN'T WANT TO SPEND THE FIFTY BUCKS THE LANDSCAPER WANTED TO CUT DOWN THE OLD TREE--SO HE DECIDED TO DO THE JOB HIMSELF AND SAVE MONEY--SOME SAVING, EH?



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HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the

Goldenrod

Ragweed

Ragweed pollen is perhaps the worst single seasonal allergen in North America. Skin contact may even cause dermatitis. The much more colorful goldenrod plant is often mistaken for ragweed, as they are similar in appearance, come into flower about the same time (late summer through autumn) and share farm fields, urban landscapes and areas along roadways and riverbanks. Ragweed heights can range up to several feet; the "giant" variety grows up to 18 feet. - Brenda Weaver

Source: pollen.com

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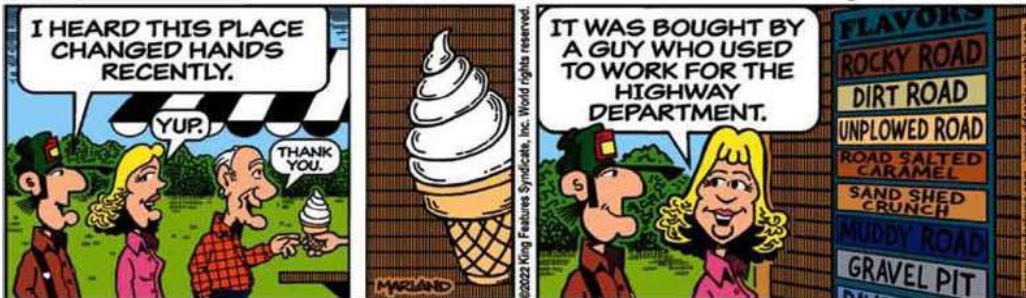
Amber Waves

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R.F.D.

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The Spats

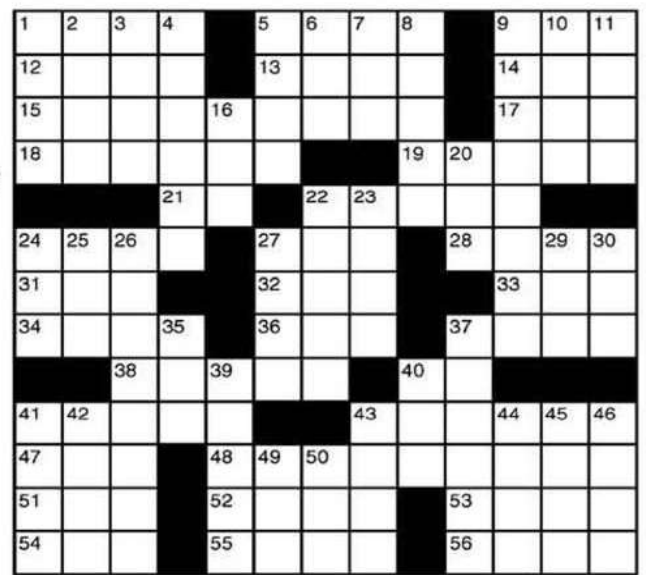
by Jeff Pickering



King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Black, in verse
5 Galoots
9 Stitch
12 Oompah band member
13 One
14 La-la lead-in
15 Post-WWII period
17 Texas tea
18 Hot and humid
19 "Haystacks" painter
21 Infinitive part
22 Follow
24 Merit badge holder
27 Chopper
28 Fury
31 Mom's mate
32 Morsel
33 "Gosh!"
34 Dieter's target
36 UFO fliers
37 Phone inventor
38 Small change
40 Rocky Balboa's greeting
41 Words to live by
43 Sounded content
47 Grazing land
48 Period before one's golden years



- 51 "Life of Pi" director Lee
52 "Dream on!"
53 "East of Eden" son
54 Born abroad?
55 Feet, slangily
56 Minus
6 Italian article
7 Showbiz job
8 Rose parts
9 Prehistoric period
10 Canal of song
11 Poet Whitman
16 "As I see it," in a text
20 Owned by us
22 Departs
23 Tennis barriers
24 Beach lotion letters
25 MSN alternative
26 Period that started with
Sputnik
27 Help a hood
29 Solidify
30 Slithery fish
35 Foundation
37 Northern
39 Wanderer
40 Actor Brynner
41 Family
42 Actress Russo
43 Shareable PC files
44 Exceptional
45 Swelled heads
46 Cozy rooms
49 Equal (Pref.)
50 Use a shovel

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

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

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Hair is different. 2. Plant is different. 3. Black eye is missing. 4. Stripes are missing. 5. Bush is different. 6. Number is different.

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 25 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

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1. "Scooby-Doo, Where Are You?"; 2. "Jaws"; 3. Doughboys; 4. Having a hoarse or raspy voice; 5. Four (Jackson, Mississippi; Lincoln, Nebraska; Madison, Wisconsin; and Jefferson City, Missouri); 6. Temporal lobe; 7. Fear of change; 8. Four: England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland; 9. Eggs whites and sugar; 10. California.

Trivia Test Answers

JOIN THE INTERNATIONAL FIGHT FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE

By Sir Ronald Sanders

(The writer is Antigua and Barbuda's Ambassador to the United States of America and the Organization of American States. He is also a Senior Fellow at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies, University of London and Massey College in the University of Toronto)

On September 23, at the 77th Session of the United Nations General Assembly, the Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda, Gaston Browne, made a clear and unequivocal statement, concerning the impact of Climate Change.

He said: "Mr. President, the effects of global warming are universal; they reach every country. But it is vital that we all understand that, in as much as global warming is universal, its damaging effects are not the same; the burden falls mostly on the poor in small developing nations, such as mine. That is why, as the representative of the people of Antigua and Barbuda, I must stand up for their rights; including their right to livelihoods and to life."

Prime Minister Browne continued: "My voice cannot be stilled while danger gathers in the skies above my small and vulnerable country. I have no choice but to fight unrelentingly for climate justice".

The statement by the Antigua and Barbuda leader resonates with all leaders of small island states across the world who are frustrated with the failure of the world's worst polluting nations to honour their pledges to provide funds for adjustment and for building resilience to the extreme weather conditions, which their actions are causing.

More particularly, the leaders of small island states are demonstrating their readiness to fight back in the face of disregard for the persistent loss and damage they are experiencing without any effort to compensate them.

Thus, Vanuatu is seeking the approval of the UN General Assembly, during this current session, for an opinion by the International Court of Justice on the rights of present and future generations to be protected

from the impacts of climate change.

Similarly, Antigua and Barbuda along with Tuvalu, Palau, and Niue have established the Commission of Small Island States on Climate Change and International Law (COSIS), which is registered with the UN.



The objective of the Commission is to seek an advisory opinion directly from the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) on compensation for persistent loss and damage caused by Climate Change.

The Vanuatu initiative, and the Commission established by Antigua and Barbuda and three other small islands, reflect their joint frustration with the failures of the COP process to address the damage being done to small countries.

The efforts of these small countries are winning active support from international legal experts. A team of 17 highly regarded international lawyers has joined COSIS to provide legal advice on the approach to ITLOS.

There is also wider support from organizations such as the Commonwealth Foundation and "The Stop Ecocide Foundation", a charitable fundraising and commissioning body, which was founded with the intention of getting Ecocide recognized as an international crime at the International Criminal Court (ICC). The Ecocide Foundation is partnering with "Stop Ecocide International" - a panel of expert lawyers who want to see ecocide outlawed internationally.

"Ecocide" is defined as "unlawful or wanton acts committed with knowledge that there is a substantial likelihood of severe and either widespread or long-term damage to the environment being caused by those acts". Given the wide body of evidence, gathered by international environmental experts, there can be no government of any country that can claim, with any credibility, that they do not know that pollution is causing "widespread or long-term damage to the environment being caused by those acts".

But there is still a long road ahead before the Ecocide definition could be adopted by the court. One of the court's 123 member countries would



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need to submit the definition to the United Nations Secretary-General, triggering a formal process that could lead to an amendment of the Rome Statute, which sets the court's rules.

There would, of course, be great opposition to this by the world's greatest polluters. Consequently, enormous pressure would be put on small states not to pursue any of the legal initiatives now being contemplated by Vanuatu, by Antigua and Barbuda, Tuvalu, Palau and Niue, and by The Ecocide Foundation.

However, as I told a "Virtual Islands Summit 2022 Symposium", organized by the Stop Ecocide Foundation on September 29: "Something has to give in this unlevel playing field in which small island states and low-lying coastal states are made to suffer. The peoples and governments of small island states cannot sit back while their countries are destroyed and they, themselves, are dislocated from their homelands".

A global alliance of small island states and states with low lying coastlands can be a powerful global force for the protection of each other, and of all life on Earth.

It calls for Caribbean countries, especially the most vulnerable such as The Bahamas, and the smaller islands of the Eastern Caribbean, to join the COSIS and Stop Ecocide initiatives. These countries have the most to lose; therefore, they must fight the hardest.

The destruction wreaked by Hurricane Fiona in the Eastern Provinces of Canada, and the decimation and loss of lives in Florida and South Carolina in the United States, over the last two weeks, should, at last, persuade the remaining doubters in governments and industry, in these two countries, that their present circumstances are bad, and their future will be worse unless they also take immediate action.

Prime Minister Browne spoke for the peoples of all small states when he told the UN general assembly: "My voice cannot be stilled while danger gathers in the skies above my small and vulnerable country".

There is a global train for climate justice that is now running on an international railroad; all small countries should board it.

PUBLIC NOTICES

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

HUGE TECH INVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2025510

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 30th day of October, 2022. The liquidator is **CHENG, Chung Fai** Geoffrey of Flat 1103, 11/F., Chuen Shui House, Shui Pin Wai Estate, Yuen Long, N.T., Hong Kong. Dated: 3rd day of October 2022
(Sgd.) **CHENG, Chung Fai Geoffrey**
Voluntary Liquidator [70/1]

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

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(Sgd.) **LIU Zhenhua**
Voluntary-Liquidator [70/2]

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Company Number 1742034

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Sgd. XU Fangying

XU Fangying
Voluntary Liquidator
[70/3]

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

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(Sgd.) **Yizhe GU**
Liquidator
[70/4]

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

Katford Invest Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No: 1944559

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Dated: September 29th, 2022
(Sgd.) **Danyel Falcon**
Voluntary Liquidator
[70/5]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

GCGC Investments Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2050085

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Dated: October 3, 2022
(Sgd.) **Delio Jose De Leon Mela**
Voluntary Liquidator
[70/6]

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Dated: October 3, 2022
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Voluntary Liquidator
[70/7]

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Company No. 1920669

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Dated: October 3, 2022
(Sgd.) **George Hadjipavlou**
Voluntary Liquidator
[70/8]

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(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1678920

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(Sgd.) **Ekaterini Panayi**
Voluntary Liquidator
[70/9]

NOTICE

BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)

De Qin Jia Shang Sports Industry Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 26th day of September 2022, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidator is:-
Qing ZHAO
of Room 011,
Unit 3, Building 1,
Jianguomenwai-Diplomatic Residence Compound,
No. 1 Xiushui Jie,
Chaoyang District,
Beijing,
China.
[70/10]

NOTICE

BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)

ENERGY SPORTS CO., LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 26th day of September 2022, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidator is:-
Qing ZHAO
of Room 011,
Unit 3, Building 1,
Jianguomenwai Diplomatic Residence Compound,
No. 1 Xiushui Jie,
Chaoyang District,
Beijing,
China.
[70/11]

BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)

VISION GIANT YJD INTERNATIONAL LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 28th day of September 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,
[70/12]

NOTICE

BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)

FUTURE GLOW LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 28th day of September 2022, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidator is:-
WU Xu
of Room 601, No. 2,
Lane 2054,
Pudong South Road,
Pudong New Area,
Shanghai,
China.
[70/13]

BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)

Huahongjiixin investment (international) Co. LTD

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 29th day of September 2022, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidator is:
Qing ZHAO
of 2-2H Beijing International Friendship Garden,
A2 Zuoqiaozhuang Road,
Chaoyang District,
Beijing 100028,
China.
[70/14]

NOTICE

BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)

Bold International Investment Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 29th day of September 2022, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidator is:-
LI Dan
of No. 73,
Tianye Avenue,
Guanqiao Town,
Jiayu County,
Hubei Province,
China.
[70/15]

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

A.Q Holding Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No: 1761828

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from September 30th, 2022.
Dated: September 30th, 2022
Sgd: Philippa O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator
[70/16]

NOTICE

BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)

Rovato Financial Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 27th day of September, 2022, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidators is:-
David Meier
Of c/o Toendury + Partner AG,
Austrasse 15,
PO box 101,
9495 Triesen,
Liechtenstein
[70/17]

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

Kebing Qiyun Holdings Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2000054

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 30th day of September, 2022. The liquidator is **LIU Zhenhua** of No. 17, Group 5, 01 street, Sanpodi Village, Nianzhang Town, Xia County, Shanxi Province, China. Dated: 30th day of September 2022
(Sgd.) **LIU Zhenhua**
Voluntary Liquidator
[70/18]

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

Mingming Qiyun Holdings Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1999947

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 30th day of September, 2022. The liquidator is **LIU Zhenhua** of No. 17, Group 5, 01 street, Sanpodi Village, Nianzhang Town, Xia County, Shanxi Province, China. Dated: 30th day of September 2022
(Sgd.) **LIU Zhenhua**
Voluntary Liquidator
[70/19]

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

Tiansheng Qiyun Holdings Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2000050

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 30th day of September, 2022. The liquidator is **LIU Zhenhua** of No. 17, Group 5, 01 street, Sanpodi Village, Nianzhang Town, Xia County, Shanxi Province, China. Dated: 30th day of September 2022
(Sgd.) **LIU Zhenhua**
Voluntary Liquidator
[70/20]

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

Chenling Qiyun Holdings Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2000053

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 30th day of September, 2022. The liquidator is **LIU Zhenhua** of No. 17, Group 5, 01 street, Sanpodi Village, Nianzhang Town, Xia County, Shanxi Province, China. Dated: 30th day of September 2022
(Sgd.) **LIU Zhenhua**
Voluntary Liquidator
[70/21]

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Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004
Mingliang Qiyun Holdings Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2000052
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 30th day of September, 2022. The liquidator is **LIU Zhenhua** of No. 17, Group 5, 01 street, Sanpodi Village, Nianzhang Town, Xia County, Shanxi Province, China.
Dated: 30th day of September 2022
(Sgd.) **LIU Zhenhua**
Voluntary Liquidator
[70/22]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004
Guogang Qiyun Holdings Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2000060
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 30th day of September, 2022. The liquidator is **LIU Zhenhua** of No. 17, Group 5, 01 street, Sanpodi Village, Nianzhang Town, Xia County, Shanxi Province, China.
Dated: 30th day of September 2022
(Sgd.) **LIU Zhenhua**
Voluntary Liquidator
[70/23]

APPOINTMENT
CARMEL INVEST & TRADE INC.

("the Company")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1632407
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that: **CARMEL INVEST & TRADE INC.** is in voluntary liquidation. The date of commencement of liquidation is October 3, 2022. The liquidator is **Pinar AKKAS** of Badenerstrasse 13b, 8180 Bülach, Switzerland.
Dated October 3, 2022
Pinar AKKAS
Voluntary Liquidator
[70/24]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2034242
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 28 September 2022.
Dated: 28 September 2022.
(Sgd.) **Zhen SUN**
Liquidator
[70/25]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.
LEI Innovation Holdings Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2082038
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 28th September, 2022. The liquidator is **Xuejing DUAN** of No. 1, Huizhong'an, Chaoyang District, Beijing, China.
Dated: 28 September 2022.
(Sgd.) **Xuejing DUAN**
Liquidator
[70/26]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.
JB.M Holding Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1991223
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 29th September 2022. The liquidator is **Dandan ZHAO** of No. 25, Ruida Yiheng Road, Zhongda Street, Anpu Town, Lianjiang City, Guangdong Province, China.
Dated: 29 September 2022.
(Sgd.) **Dandan ZHAO**
Liquidator
[70/27]

APPOINTMENT
BREDLAW INVESTMENT LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 607154
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in Voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 29th September 2022. The liquidator's name is **Eleni Korelidou** of 22 DIAGOROU, CYLAND COURI, FLAT 202,3012 LIMASSOL, Cyprus.
Sgd: **Eleni Korelidou**
Voluntary Liquidator
[70/28]

APPOINTMENT
EARLVILLE FINANCE LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 603488
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 30th September 2022. The liquidator's name is **Eleni Korelidou** of 22 DIAGOROU, CYLAND COURI, FLAT 202,3012 LIMASSOL, Cyprus.
Sgd: **Eleni Korelidou**
Voluntary Liquidator
[70/29]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act
Merit SK Holdings Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
(BC No. 2068304)
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204(1), subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on September 21, 2022. The Liquidator is **Audrey Robertson** of Commerce House, Wickhams Cay 1, P.O. Box 3140, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.
Dated: September 30, 2022
Audrey Robertson
Voluntary Liquidator
[70/30]

Mnetwork Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1833726

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 30th day of September, 2022.
Dated this 30th day of September, 2022
Sgd. **LAW Kar Ping**

LAW Kar Ping
Voluntary Liquidator
[70/31]

Welming Holding Limited
Company No. 1924763
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **Welming Holding Limited** is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 30th September, 2022 and **LI King Shan Sandra** of Room 601, Choi Loung House, Choi Tak Estate, Kowloon Bay, Kowloon, Hong Kong has been appointed as Sole Liquidator.
Dated this 4th day of October, 2022.
Sgd: **LI King Shan Sandra**
Voluntary Liquidator
[70/32]

TRIBUNE SERVICES LIMITED

Company No. 545854
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **TRIBUNE SERVICES LIMITED** is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 22nd September, 2022 and **Mrs. LINETH PONCE** of MMG Tower, 23rd Floor, Avenida del Pacifico with Avenida Paseo de Nar, Costa del Este, Panama, Republic of Panama has been appointed as Sole Liquidator.
Dated this 4th day of October, 2022.
Sgd: **Mrs. LINETH PONCE**
Voluntary Liquidator
[70/33]

POWERNET RESOURCES LIMITED

Company No. 348302
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **POWERNET RESOURCES LIMITED** is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 14th September, 2022 and **Lui Wing Kwong Gilbert** of Room 604-7 Dominion Centre, 43-59 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong has been appointed as Sole Liquidator.
Dated this 4th day of October, 2022.
Sgd: **Lui Wing Kwong Gilbert**
Voluntary Liquidator
[70/34]

ECON INE ENTERPRISES INC.

Company No. 643813
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **ECON INE ENTERPRISES INC.** is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 22nd September, 2022 and **Demetris Roti** of 195, Arch. Makariou III Ave., 3030 Limassol, Cyprus has been appointed as Sole Liquidator.
Dated this 4th day of October, 2022.
Sgd: **Demetris Roti**
Voluntary Liquidator
[70/35]

GREAT WORLD ASSOCIATES INC.

Company No. 1769145
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **GREAT WORLD ASSOCIATES INC.** is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 28th September, 2022 and **LI King Shan Sandra** of Room 601, Choi Loung House, Choi Tak Estate, Kowloon Bay, Kowloon, Hong Kong has been appointed as Sole Liquidator.
Dated this 4th day of October, 2022.
Sgd: **LI King Shan Sandra**
Voluntary Liquidator
[70/36]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2004377
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 3rd day of October 2022. The Liquidator is **Franco Reinson** of Libertad 2088, Vicente Lopez, Florida, Buenos Aires Argentina.
Dated this 3rd day of October 2022
Franco Reinson
Voluntary Liquidator
[70/37]

GNDB Invest Ltd.

Company No. 1779095
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **GNDB Invest Ltd.** is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 3rd October 2022 and **Mr. Andreas Karapatakis** of 243, 28th October str. Christiana Bldg. 3rd Floor, 3600 Limassol Cyprus been appointed as the Sole Liquidator.
Dated this 4th day of October 2022
Sgd. **Mr. Andreas Karapatakis**
Voluntary Liquidator
[70/38]

Oak Investments Holdings Ltd.

(In voluntary liquidation)
(Company No 1849994)
(the Company)
NOTICE is given pursuant to section 204(1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation of the Company commenced on 23 September, 2022. The voluntary liquidator of the Company is **Rudy Tan** of 20 Malacca Street #04-00, Malacca Centre, Singapore 048979.
Dated: 23 September, 2022.
Rudy Tan
Voluntary Liquidator
[70/39]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004
Clean Water Investments Inc.

(the "Company")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2021581
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 27, 2022. The Liquidator is **Meade Malone** of Geneva Place, 2nd Floor, 333 Waterfront Drive, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.
Meade Malone
Liquidator
[70/40]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.
POND 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 5th October, 2022. The Liquidator is **Mr. Eligio Rodriguez**, with address at Credicorp Bank Plaza, 26th Floor, Nicanor de Obarrio Avenue, 50th street, Panama, Republic of Panama.
Dated: 5th October, 2022.
(Sgd.) **Eligio Rodriguez**
Voluntary Liquidator
[70/41]

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

PROBATE NO. 0219 OF 2022

In the Estate of VLADIMIR IGOREVICH KOGAN late of
3 Soldatsky Lane, Apartment 6, Saint Petersburg, Russia,
deceased

FORM P7: ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by
LIUDMILA VALENTINOVNA KOGAN of 3 Soldatsky Lane,
Apartment 6, Saint Petersburg, Russia, for a Grant of Letters of
Administration to the applicant who is the wife of the deceased,
the deceased having died intestate on 19 June 2019.

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 20th day of September 2022

Filed by: Conyers Dill & Pearman

Attorneys-at-Law for the Executors

Whose address for service is: Commerce House, Wickhams Cay
1, PO Box 3140, Road Town, Tortola VG1110, British Virgin
Islands

[71]

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE VIRGIN ISLANDS PROBATE NO. 0229 OF 2022

In the Estate of AMRUEY CHAIRONNARONG late of 473 Soi
Soonvijai 4, Bangkapi Sub-district, Huaykwang District, Bangkok,
Thailand, deceased

FORM P7: ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by NAPAT CHUEN-
IM OF 473 Soi Soonvijai 4, Bangkapi Sub-district, Huaykwang
District, Bangkok, Thailand for a Grant of Letters of Administration
to the applicant, who is the son of the deceased, the deceased having
died intestate on 26 November 2021.

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

Dated the 3rd day of October 2022

Filed by Conyers Dill and Pearman, Legal Practitioners for the
Applicant, whose address for service is Commerce House, Wickhams
Cay 1, P.O. Box 3140, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands
VG1110. Tel: 1 (284) 852 1000 Fax: 1 (284) 1001

Email: Robert.Lindley@conyers.com

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

Online Media Entertainment Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1883281

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 October 5th, 2022. The Liquidator
is Theodoros Theodorou with an
address at Foti Pitta 15 Nicosia,
Cyprus.

Dated: October 5th, 2022

(Sgd.) Theodoros Theodorou
Voluntary Liquidator

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Companies Act. Murari Holdings Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1508954

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant
to Section 208, subsection 3 of the
BVI Business Companies Act, 2004
that the Company was dissolved and
struck off the Register of Companies
with effect from September 30th,
2022

Dated: October 5th, 2022

(Sgd.) Delio José De León Mela
Voluntary Liquidator

[70/43]

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

MIH TC Holdings Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1686618

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to
Section 204(1), subsection (b) of the
BVI Business Companies Act that the
Company is in voluntary liquidation.
The voluntary liquidation commenced
on 29 September 2022. The Liquidator
is Mister Shing Chun Kwan, 22B, Yue
Sun Mansion Block 2, 89-99 Third
Street, Sal Ying Pun, Hong Kong.

Dated: 30 September 2022

Sgd. Mister Shing Chun Kwan,
22B, Yue Sun Mansion Block 2,
89-99 Third Street,
Sal Ying Pun, Hong Kong
Voluntary Liquidator

[70/44]

NOTICE

BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT

Honey Buzzard Limited

("the Company")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the
4th 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:-

Didier Parsad
of Clermont Consultants (MU)
Limited,
18 Unicity Office Park,
Black River Road,
Bambous 90522,
Mauritius

[70/45]

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

IN THE ESTATE OF BEIREL ZUKERMAN, DECEASED

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by RENATA
ZUKERMAN CALDERON of Rua Domingos Fernandes, 496, Vila
Nova Conceição, São Paulo - SP, 04509-011, Brazil, the intended Ad-
ministrator of the Estate of the deceased who died intestate on the 27th
day of January 2022, domiciled in Brazil, has applied to the Eastern
Caribbean Supreme Court in the Probate Division for a Grant of Let-
ters of Administration in the Estate of the said BEIREL ZUKERMAN,
deceased.

ANY PERSONS having any objections to the Grant of Letters of Ad-
ministration to the said RENATA ZUKERMAN CALDERON shall
within fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of this Notice
lodge with the Registry of the High Court in the Territory of the Virgin
Islands a proper document setting out the said objections.

Dated the 4th day of October, 2022

HARNEY WESTWOOD & RIEGELS LP
Solicitors for the Intended Administrator

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

IN THE ESTATE OF CHARLES NJONJO, DECEASED

In the estate of CHARLES NJONJO, late of Shavania House,
Naivasha Avenue, Muthaiga, Nairobi, Kenya, deceased.

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Devvrat Periwal
of W501A, Saaha Offices Block C, Palace Hotel Downtown, Dubai,
United Arab Emirates, and Atiq Saifuddin Karimbhai Anjarwalla
of W501A, Saaha Offices Block C, Palace Hotel Downtown, Dubai,
United Arab Emirates, for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above
named deceased who died on the 2nd day of January 2022 without
revoking a Will bearing the date of the 24th day of May 2020 wherein
the aforesaid Devvrat Periwal & Atiq Saifuddin Karimbhai Anjarwalla
are named the executors.

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

Dated the 3rd day of October, 2022

Filed by Devvrat Periwal & Atiq Saifuddin Karimbhai Anjarwalla
whose address for service is
c/o Harney Westwood & Riegels LP, Craigmuir Chambers,
PO Box 71, Road Town Tortola
VG1110, British Virgin Islands

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

IN THE ESTATE OF JOÃO CARLOS DI GENIO, DECEASED

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by SANDRA REJANE GOMES MIESSA of Alameda Franca, 910, Apartment 181, Jardim Paulista, São Paulo - SP, 01422-002, Brazil, and NILTON RIBEIRO LANDI of 1240, Manoel da Nóbrega, Apartment 111B, São Paulo - SP, 04001-901, Brazil, the intended Administrators of the Estate of the deceased who died intestate on the 12th day of February 2022, domiciled in Brazil, has applied to the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the Probate Division for a Grant of Letters of Administration in the Estate of the said JOÃO CARLOS DI GENIO, deceased.

ANY PERSONS having any objections to the Grant of Letters of Administration to the said SANDRA REJANE GOMES MIESSA & NILTON RIBEIRO LANDI shall within fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of this Notice lodge with the Registry of the High Court in the Territory of the Virgin Islands a proper document setting out the said objections.

Dated the 3rd day of October, 2022

HARNEY WESTWOOD & RIEGELS LP
Solicitors for the Intended Administrator

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

In the Estate of LIN, HSUEH-TSUN also known as LIN, HSUEH TSUN late of 5F., No. 34, LN. 103, Neighbourhood 19, Sec. 2, Gang Fu Vil., Nei-hu Rd., Nei-hu Dist., Taipei City 114, Taiwan, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by LIN, SHIH-CHI also known as ANDY LIN of 1st Floor, No.338, Section 2, Nei-hu Road, Nei-hu District, Taipei, Taiwan, for a Grant of Letters of Administration of the above named deceased who died intestate on the 7th day of December 2021.

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

Dated this 29th day of September 2022.

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

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NOTICE OF VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION OF VOLKA FINANCE LTD. (In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 375873

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that VOLKA FINANCE LTD. #375873 is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 29th day of September 2022. The Voluntary Liquidator is Astra Penn of 49 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.
Dated this 05-Oct-2022
Sgd. Astra Penn
Voluntary Liquidator [70/46]

NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT BHRAMA INVESTMENTS LTD ("the Company") (In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 4th 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:-
Marsha Corum
of Nerine Chambers,
P.O. Box 905
Quastisky Building,
Road Town, Tortola, VG1110
British Virgin Islands [70/47]

Core Treasure Ventures Limited (In Voluntary Liquidation) Company Number 1929013

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 5th day of October, 2022. The Liquidator is Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.
Dated this 5th day of October, 2022
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[70/47]

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

NEGESCO INTERNA- TIONAL CORPORATION BC#330001 (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 28 September 2022. The Liquidator is Robert Willem de Ruijter, with address at Rua Tibagi 294, Office 1902, Curitiba, Brazil 80.110-060.

Dated 28 September 2022
Robert Willem de Ruijter
(Liquidator) [70/49]

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

IN THE ESTATE OF IVAN HRYHOROVYCH PINCHUK, DECEASED

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Lesia Oleksandrivna Pinchuk of 25a Kashtanova Street, Pohreby, Kyiv Oblast 07416, Ukraine, and Nataliya Ivanivna Pinchuk of Apt 197, 40 Patriarkha M Skrypnyka Street, Kyiv 03035, Ukraine, the intended Administrators of the Estate of the deceased who died intestate on the 10th day of November 2016, domiciled in Ukraine, has applied to the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the Probate Division for a Grant of Letters of Administration in the Estate of the said IVAN HRYHOROVYCH PINCHUK, deceased.

ANY PERSONS having any objections to the Grant of Letters of Administration to the said LESIA OLEKSANDRIVNA PINCHUK & NATALIYA IVANIVNA PINCHUK shall within fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of this Notice lodge with the Registry of the High Court in the Territory of the Virgin Islands a proper document setting out the said objections.

Dated the 3rd October, 2022

HARNEY WESTWOOD & RIEGELS LP
Solicitors for the Intended Administrator
[71]

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

BVIHPB2016/0143

In the Estate of Dubylovskyy Mykhaylo Yosypovych,
late 56 Chemin de Beauregard, 13100 Aix en Provence,
France, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that DUBYLOVSKA IRYNA MYKHAILIVNA, currently residing at Spicers Field, Oxshott, Leatherhead, Surrey KT22 OUT, United Kingdom; Investment Manager, a lawful child of DUBYLOVSKYY MYKHAYLO YOSYPOVYCH, deceased (the Deceased), who died on the 24th day of December, 2009 domiciled in France, intestate, has applied to the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the Probate Division for a Grant of Letters of Administration in the estate of the Deceased.

ANY PERSON having any objection to the grant of Letters of Administration to the said DUBYLOVSKA IRYNA MYKHAILIVNA, shall within fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of this Notice lodge with the Registry of the High Court in the Territory of the Virgin Islands a proper document setting out the said objections.



Solicitors for the Intended Administratrix

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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

CLAIM NO. BVIHPB2022/

IN THE ESTATE OF FONG, YUN WAH (方潤華) LATE OF FLAT 1, 15TH FLOOR,
BLOCK C, EVERGREEN VILLA, 43 STUBBS ROAD, HONG KONG, DECEASED

ADVERTISEMENT

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 Probate of Fong, Yun Wah Fong, Yun Wah (方潤華) late of Flat 1, 15th Floor, Block C, Evergreen Villa, 43 Stubbs Road, Hong Kong, deceased granted by the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Court of First Instance in Hong Kong on the 22nd day of June 2022.

Dated this 5th day of October 2022

Nelcia St. Jean
McW Todman & Co
Legal Practitioners for the Executor

DYNAMIC SENSE INTERNATIONAL LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1544299

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 5th day of October, 2022.
Dated this 5th day of October, 2022
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[70/54]

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(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 584592

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 6th day of October, 2022. The Liquidator is **Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated this 6th day of October, 2022
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
970/55]

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

ARFEN SERVICES LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1047919

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 October 6th, 2022. The Liquidator is **Delio Jose De Leon Mela** with an address at Bloc Office Hub, Fifth Floor, Santa Maria Business District, Panama, Republic of Panama.
Dated: October 6th, 2022
(Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela
Voluntary Liquidator [70/56]

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

GILLFORT LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1826335

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 October 6th, 2022. The Liquidator is **Delio Jose De Leon Mela** with an address at Bloc Office Hub, Fifth Floor, Santa Maria Business District, Panama, Republic of Panama.
Dated: October 6th, 2022
(Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela
Voluntary Liquidator [70/57]

(Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela
Voluntary Liquidator [70/57]

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

BVIHPB 2022/0233

IN THE ESTATE OF CHARMAINE AGATHA FRANCIS-ROBINSON late of Huntums Ghut, Tortola, Territory of the Virgin Islands, deceased

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **ZELTER RICARDO ROBINSON** of Huntums Ghut, Tortola, Territory of the Virgin Islands (hereinafter referred to as "the Applicant" or "the Intended Administrator"), for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the estate of the above-named deceased ("the Deceased") who died on the 22nd day of August, 2022, at Surgical Unit, Dr. D. Orlando Smith Hospital, Tortola, Territory of the Virgin Islands, domiciled in the Territory of the Virgin Islands. The Applicant is the surviving spouse and widower of the Deceased.

ANY PERSON having an objection to the Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicants shall file an objection with the Registrar of the High Court in the Territory of the Virgin Islands within fourteen (14) days of the date of publication of this Notice.

Dated this 6th day of October, 2022.

Filed by: **VIGILATE LAW**,
Legal Practitioners for the Applicant/Intended Administrator, whose address for service is at: C/o the offices of VIGILATE LAW, 185 Main Street, Lagoon Plaza, Ground Floor, Road Town, Tortola, Virgin Islands (British), Tel: (284) 340-8484.

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

IN THE ESTATE OF YIM AH SOO, DECEASED

In the estate of YIM AH SOO also known as Edward Yim Sau Hung also known as Yim Ah Soo also known as Edward Sau Hung Yim late of 543 Trinidad Lane, Foster City, California 94404, United States of America, 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 probate of the Deceased granted by the High Court of Hong Kong, Probate Jurisdiction, on the 24th day of May 2022 to **Margaret Choi Cheung Yim** of Atria Willow Glen, EV23, 1660 Gaton Drive, San Jose, California 95125, United States of America.

Dated the 06 October 2022

Filed by **Margaret Choi Cheung Yim**, Propounder whose address for service is c/o Harney Westwood & Riegels, Craigmuir Chambers, PO Box 71, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110, British Virgin Islands.

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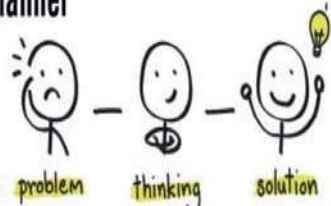
Before you discipline a child

S - stop! Calm yourself and your child

T - take a few deep breaths

O - observe the needs of your child

P - proceed in a kind but firm manner



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RESILIENT CARIBBEAN: ENGAGING AND TRAINING YOUTH, STRENGTHENING INTERGRATED SOCIAL PROTECTION SECTOR DELIVERY

REMARKS BY HONOURABLE MARLON A. PENN
MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
AT THE LAUNCH OF THE
UNITED NATIONS JOINT PROGRAMME

BASSETTERRE, ST. KITTS/VIRTUAL EVENT

*Ministerial Colleagues,
UN Resident Coordinator and
other UN partners
Head of Human and Social
Division, OECS Commission
Permanent Secretaries and
other Senior Government
Officials
Distinguished Ladies and
Gentlemen,
A very pleasant Good Morning
to all of you.*

I am honoured to extend greetings on behalf of the Government and people of the Virgin Islands, and to express our deep appreciation for the unwavering commitment of the United Nations to supporting Government-led efforts to build a more resilient Caribbean.

On this important occasion, we, too, applaud the UN agencies represented here today. We appreciate your continued efforts to bring essential resources to bear, as we work collectively to expand universal and sustainable social protection systems, and skills development of young people, through this Joint Programme.

We join hands in striving to reduce poverty, vulnerability, and inequality of households, and to help our youth develop the competencies, and skills that are necessary as they prepare for the future development of our respective jurisdictions.

Therefore, I take this opportunity to encourage you to continue this very important work of technical cooperation and institutional strengthening, which are vital to shaping sustainable democratic economies. Additionally, with you being a force for change in promoting human rights and improving living standards for the people of the Caribbean region, this partnership could only serve as a



catalyst and positive step forward.
HON. MARLON A. PENN

It is no secret that the Virgin Islands is at a critical juncture in its development, being engaged in significant reform initiatives to strengthen our governance systems, while rebuilding from the ravages of Hurricanes Irma and Maria five years on; and rebooting from the social and economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. These events have shown us just how devastating shocks can be, how long it can take to recover, and therefore how vital it is to build a resilient society in preparation for the future.

Enhancing social protection mechanisms so that they are increasingly able to prevent, withstand and respond to climatic, public health and economy-related threats should now be considered business as usual, and we welcome the opportunity that this Joint Programme provides in advancing these aims.

For the Virgin Islands in particular, this Joint Programme is very timely given our recently adopted COI Framework Agreement under which a long overdue review and necessary streamlining of Social Assistance Benefits and Grants Administration Systems are taking place.

In addition to this, the Joint Programme has been agile and

able to respond to the specific needs of the Virgin Islands; providing tailored support, including the development of a social protection policy and action plan; the development of a digitised Management Information System; as well as the design of mechanisms for workers in the informal economy to better access social security.

These are important strides towards institutional strengthening that will improve our reach to the poorest and most vulnerable, and provide labour market access opportunities as a means to overcome generational poverty. Further investment in workforce development, including the skills and capacities of young people, is a key strategy for ensuring sustainable socio-economic growth and development.

With these goals in mind, our government looks forward to the implementation of these activities under the Joint Programme, and to our continued collaboration with the United Nations and the OECS Commission to enhance economic security for the people of the Virgin Islands.

We also look forward to forging closer ties with counterparts in Anguilla, Grenada, and St. Kitts and Nevis. With the destinies of our Eastern Caribbean islands intertwined, it is certainly to our benefit to work together, learn from each other, and maximise economies of scale, as we continue to invest in human capital development.

In closing, I once again offer warm congratulations to all the governments, UN agencies, and regional partners involved in this Programme, and extend our very best wishes for continued success.

Thank you.

Residents Encouraged To Practise Earthquake Safety

The Department of Disaster Management (DDM) invites all Virgin Islands residents and visitors to improve their earthquake readiness by joining the global ShakeOut earthquake exercise on October 20, 2022 at 10:20 a.m.

DDM Training Manager Carishma Hicks said that the exercise is an important opportunity for persons to gain experience before an earthquake occurs.

"Since earthquakes happen without warning, it's important to be ready to respond safely and calmly. The more times persons practise safer earthquake response, the better prepared they will be in case of an actual earthquake," Ms. Hicks said.

During the self-led exercise, participants will practise the "Drop, Cover, and Hold On" safety method endorsed by emergency officials and first responders worldwide.

DROP where you are, onto your hands and knees. This position protects you from being knocked down and allows you to stay low to crawl to shelter if nearby.

COVER your head and neck with one arm and hand

- If a sturdy table or desk is nearby, crawl underneath it for shelter
- If no shelter is nearby, crawl toward an interior wall (away from windows)
- Stay low; bend over to protect vital organs

HOLD ON until shaking stops

- Under shelter: hold it with one hand; move with your shelter if it shifts
- No shelter: hold on to your head and neck with both arms and hands.

Participants are also encouraged to create or review earthquake response plans and practise them together as a family or organisation. After the exercise, DDM encourages participants to share photos or video on social media with the #BVIShakeOut hashtag.

For earthquake preparedness resources or advice on how to customise a ShakeOut drill for your organisation, please call (284) 468-4200 or email bviddm@surfbvi.com.

Register your participation in this year's BVI ShakeOut exercise at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2022Shakeout>.

Get Ready to Shake Out.

October 20, 2022
10:20 am

To register, scan code above or visit
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ST. JOHN'S, Antigua, October 6, 2022 – Condé Nast Traveler announced the results of its annual Readers' Choice Awards with Antigua and

Barbuda recognized as the #9 Top Island in the Caribbean and Atlantic.

More than 240,000 Condé Nast Traveler readers submitted responses rating their travel experiences across the globe to provide a full

snapshot of the top places they enjoyed this year and can't wait to return to next. The Readers' Choice Awards are the longest-running and most prestigious recognition of excellence in the travel industry and the full list of winners can be found here.

“It's always an honour to receive recognition from such a reputable entity, it is the direct result of the efforts of our teams and our various stakeholders that ensures Antigua and Barbuda remains on the path to becoming the number one destination in the Caribbean.” said CEO of the Antigua and Barbuda

Tourism Authority Colin C. James.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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

BVIHPB2022/0235

In the estate of Alice M. Babrow, late of Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that GWENDOLYN BABROW RIVERA (formerly known and referred to as “GWENDOLYN BABROW-GEORGE” and “GWENDOLYN BABROW”) of 25 Riverwood Crest, Dallas, Georgia 30157, United States of America, an Executor named in the Will (the Will) of ALICE M. BABROW, deceased who died on the on the 1st day of May, 1993 domiciled in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands (the Deceased), has applied to the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the Probate Division for Probate of the Will bearing the date 1 August 1991.

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



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