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POLITICAL LEADERS WARN ABOUT POSSIBLE ACTIVATION OF ORDER IN COUNCIL

Despite Premier Dr. the Hon. Natalio Wheatley's announcement that elections will be held next year, At Large Representative and Opposition Hon. Carvin Malone is warning residents that the current UK-implemented Order in Council calls for caution. Hon. Malone said that as long as the Order in Council is in place the elections are up in the air. The Opposition member made the comment during his contribution to the Educational and Constitution Forum held as part of the review of the Territory's Constitution.

The forum was held at the Eileen L. Parsons Auditorium of the H. Lavity Stoutt Community College on 8 December and featured a number of comments and discussions on the proposed constitutional changes. Mr.

Malone announced that the calm currently being exuded in the Territory can lull residents into a false sense of security.

The At Large Representative indicated that there are tough decisions and days ahead and he cautioned residents to prepare. Similarly, the Legislator bemoaned the Order in Council passed via the Privy Council.

The United Kingdom's Order in Council threatens the partial suspension of the British Virgin Islands' Constitution. Once implemented, the Governor will become the leader of the Territory; and the elected Leaders will be out of power.

The seriousness of the UK Order in Council was noted by His Excellency Governor John Rankin during a joint press conference with Premier Wheatley on 8 June



RVIPF OFFICER INTRODUCES NEW PROGRAMME in three Primary Schools: Willard Wheatley, Enis Adams, and Ivan Dawson Primary School (More on page 18)

when he explained: "The UK Government has put in place the framework to do this through an Order in Council. This is the procedural Order put before the Privy Council of the UK which is

required in order to make changes to the Constitution of the BVI. This will allow the Foreign Secretary to swiftly provide me with the powers needed to take corrective action if progress against the milestones is unsatisfactory.

If the Government of the BVI delivers on the commitments and promises they have made, then the Order in Council will be kept in reserve and will not need to be used."

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On the same day former United Kingdom Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth, and Development Affairs Elizabeth Truss discussed the situation in the BVI with the UK House of Commons and noted that the Privy Council order for the partial temporary suspension of the Territory's Constitution is currently on the back burner as the UK Government works with the Government of National Unity to implement necessary reforms.

Four Months later, following media and regional concerns about the Order His Excellency

explained during his press conference on 19 October that "The Order in Council was brought in as insurance. It is if there is a failure in the commitment then swift action would be taken to remedy the situation."

Now, days before the year comes to an end, Hon. Malone is cautioning the Territory not to get comfortable with that Order on the back burner. The At Large Representative told the gathering at the Constitutional Review forum that the Order should be a matter of grave concern for the people of Territory.

Hon. Malone stated that the elections are constitutionally scheduled for 2023, in his opinion are up in the air as long as the Order in Council remains in place. While explaining this position the At Large Representative explained that the Order brings a sense of uncertainty to Territorial matters. Hon. Malone is not the first to criticize the UK-imposed Order. In fact, back in October during the 72nd Meeting of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) Authority, the Heads of Government and Political Representatives on 25 October made a call "for the United Kingdom

(UK) Order in Council being held in reserve to suspend the British Virgin Islands constitution to be withdrawn without delay."

Since the Commission of Inquiry recommendations, which made way for the Order in Council were announced regional organizations such as the OECS have spoken out against the situation.

Similarly, former legislator Dr. Kedrick Pickering warned that the Order might be implemented while the people of the BVI sleep. Dr. Pickering who has thrown his hat in the ring as an At Large candidate for the next general election while a guest on the 20 October

edition of Honestly Speaking said: "If the United Kingdom is going to institute the Order in Council that is sitting over our head, it will happen when we are asleep because it will happen at the start of their business day and their business day will be 4 o'clock in the morning for us."

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

TERM LIMITS FOR LEGISLATORS DEBATED

The Constitutional Review Commission (CRC) which is tasked with the review of the 2007 Constitution has commenced its public fora and Chair of the CRC Lisa Penn-Lettsome disclosed that one of the public suggestions has been term limits for legislators.

Lettsome recently appeared on the Real Talk Show and explained that members of the public believe that term limit should be specified for members of the House of Assembly. The CRC Chair told the Show's Host Karia Christopher that the call for term limits has been repeated. "Our job is to solicit from the public

what their views are and what they would like to see. So since we started the public consultations, we have actually heard this suggestion [term limits] quite a number of times and their pros and cons. Some people are for it and some people are against it," Lettsome noted.

While elaborating on the public concern the CRC Chair noted: "One of the disadvantages with it... Something is not right with accountability if one person is in the legislature for decades without any break or so in between, especially if that's the case, if they are consecutive terms."

"It would probably make it less attractive for them

because we have to bear in mind when politicians give up their day-to-day, ordinary 9 to 5 job, it's very difficult for them to get back into the mainstream if they're not successful in politics," she added.

Lettsome pointed out that the call for term limits for politicians was also faced with the counterpoint that such limits will decrease the number of eligible candidates. "One of the drawbacks that we have heard is that those who are against it say it would lessen the pool of persons who are potentially interested. We have to bear in mind that when politicians give up their day-to-day jobs, it's very difficult for them to get

back into the mainstream if they're not successful in politics. So the argument is that it may make it more unattractive for persons," the CRC Chair pointed out.

Ms. Lettsome said that a consideration of a term limit will need to balance both concerns. "So instead of saying that you can only run for two consecutive terms and that's it, say you can only run for two consecutive terms but then a break of at least maybe five years or 10 years needs to be in between and then you can run again and your term limit will then refresh, the counter will be reset," she noted.

Former legislator and member of the Constitutional Review

Commission Ronnie Skelton who was also a guest on the show also weighed in on the matter of term limits for legislators. He said, "If you are going to be the Premier forever, I would say that shouldn't happen. You can have term limits for the Premier and for the Speaker, you can have term limits for certain people in the system," Skelton noted. "What we look at is the US system but if you take the US senate, there's no term limit. Where there are term limits is the President and Governor."

"I want to add that you should have a recall system. If a constituency wants to recall the elected person, then there should be a system for that," Skelton added.

HON. JULIAN FRASER CALLS FOR "SURGICAL AMENDMENT" OF THE CONSTITUTION

Premier Dr. the Hon. Natalio Wheatley has blasted the current relationship the Territory has with the United Kingdom and the powers that this relation devolves to the Governor. In his call for self governance, the BVI Leader called on the people of the Territory to take a good look at the current relationship.

While speaking at the recent Constitutional Review Educational and Consultative Forum held by the Constitutional Review Commission the Premier alluded to the Governor and his powers and stated: "We have an individual who is unelected who has tremendous powers and the people of the Virgin Islands, the voters, cannot hold that individual accountable. And so it's important for our young persons viewing here tonight, and it's important for the people of the Virgin Islands to know that is not something which is normal. It is not something which is acceptable."

While calling for change Hon. Wheatley declared: "We may

have some issues which may be considered peripheral and not necessarily fundamental. This constitution must deliver on fundamental change as it pertains to our relationship with the United Kingdom government in keeping with international norms and what is moral and acceptable in the world."

Even though the Premier did not outrightly call for the Governor's powers to be scaled back; it seems clear that this is the intention based on his calls for more autonomy for the Territory. The reference to the Governor follows a long list of legislative calls for similar consideration.

In fact, one of the strongest calls for the scaling of the Governor's powers was made two years ago by the current Leader of the Opposition and Third District Representative, Hon. Julian Fraser during the debate of the Motion for the Constitutional Review Commission which took place in the House of Assembly on 27 July 2020. In his address

to his colleagues Hon. Fraser in reference to the Governor declared, "Too much power, too much power."

In his now two-year-old call for the revision of the Governor's powers, the Opposition Leader noted that the word "governor" is mentioned numerous times in the Constitution. With the 2007 Constitution in hand at the time, Hon. Fraser cited areas of his concern and encouraged legislators to consider the changes to be made.

In his lamenting of the current powers of the Governor Hon. Fraser told the House: "It's too much power...There are those of us in our community who doesn't care, who doesn't mind; who feel so subservient that they don't mind that somebody could wield so much power...You got to have some kind of conscience where something like this must [take] Gaul in the 21st century. The powers and authority of the Governor in this day and age has to be revisited with a serious look at having them modified."

He noted that the post of Governor is a weighty role and mentioned that in various areas of the current Constitution this is noted. "I dare you to show me a page in this document that does not have the word Governor in it and also challenge you to tell me how many times it shows up. It is not frivolously placed. Every time you see that word Governor attached to it is a lot of power and influence."

Hon. Fraser explained that a prime example of the extensive reach the Governor has can be seen in Section 81 of the Constitution. In pointing this out the Legislator said: "Take for instance Section 81, Governor's reserved power...that any Bill introduced or any Motion this section shall have effect. Then if the House fails to pass the Bill or carry the Motion within such time and in such time as the Governor thinks fit and not withstanding any provisions of this kind...The Governor may subject to subsection two declare that such Bill or Motion shall have effect as if it had been

passed or carried by the House. Either in the form of which it was introduced or proposed or with such amendments as the Governor thinks fit."

While giving an example of the power of the Governor that he thinks should be changed the Third District Representative said: "The point I am trying to make is we have no choice in reviewing this Constitution but to look at this particular aspect in the Constitution where a Governor can be so powerful. It takes 13 members of the House of Assembly...plus an Attorney General, plus a Speaker to pass a bill in this House...but one person in the form of a Governor can do that...Something isn't right about that picture Mr. Speaker."

"This Constitution is going to require some serious surgical amendment to yield radical reform Mr. Speaker...We got to have the stomach to do it...I cannot live with myself the way this document is," Hon. Fraser added.

"STAMP OUT FIREARMS!" FORMER COMMISSIONER OF POLICE SAYS

Former Commissioner of the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force Michael Matthews is still very concerned about the presence of illegal guns and ammunition in the Territory. He noted his concern on the matter while a guest on the Talking Points radio programme recently.

The former COP noted the high number of firearms that were seized and speculated that they were being snuck into the BVI under the cover of darkness. He said: "I think it's highly unlikely that guns are coming through our legitimate ports of entry, there was very little evidence of that when I was the police commissioner...But we are porous. We are extremely open as a territory. It is not difficult for a boat to enter during the

hours of darkness from the US Virgin Islands as an example with weapons on board or other contraband."

While noting the quantity of weapons found over the years Matthews pointed out, "If the RVIPF is seizing over 70 firearms this year, that's a lot of weaponry that's here illegally in the Territory. Which means there are still far too many illegal weapons in the Territory."

During his time in office Matthews often bemoaned the presence of illegal firearms in the BVI and was especially critical of the situation.

In an October 2020 television interview Matthews commented: "On the back of two homicides in September to capture four

loaded firearms out there in the space of a week that's alarming for me. It's a great success story for the force of course but it is still alarming for me. If we caught four in the space of a week then how many are they carrying out there at the moment."

"It is quite astonishing isn't if you think just over a week... We have seized four firearms and ammunitions all loaded at the time; obviously all lethal weapons. In respect of two of those cases we currently have people in custody awaiting court appearance and we are seeking remands and custody for those individuals," the then Commissioner further stated.

At that time Matthews explained that he was noticing a worrying pattern of the persons

who are being found with these unlicensed firearms. He said that it appeared that it is mostly young males that are carrying these guns. "This tells me something that is a sad reflection... Generally speaking - and I don't like to generalize too much -, but I have got to be factual on this. Generally speaking, it is young males that are involved in carrying these firearms. I don't know whether it is an egotistical thing - whether this is gang culture or whether this is for what they perceive to be their way of protecting themselves. Whatever the reason is, it is reckless and dangerous," he explained.

While further expressing concern that many of the persons often found with unlicensed firearms are young people

Matthews declared: "I think it is horrifying; and one of the young men arrested and sitting in my custody at the moment is just 19 years old - hardly begun his life and already if successful in our prosecution in court he's going to have a criminal record for the rest of his life' which is going to be a difficult one to live down. During that 2020 television interview, Matthews mentioned that he would like to see the BVI try to prevent this matter by toughening the gun possession penalties. He said, "I hope and pray that the government never weakens its gun laws here. I hope if anything it strengthens them. I hope we see increased sentences for the use and carriages of them because the only real way to stay safe is to stamp out firearms full stop."

PRESS STATEMENT BY HIS EXCELLENCY GOVERNOR JOHN RANKIN CMG

ON HIS ASSENT OF THE REGISTER OF INTERESTS (AMENDMENT) ACT.

In my first Quarterly Review of Implementation of the Commission of Inquiry Recommendations I noted that there had been good progress in a number of areas, which I continue to welcome.

I also set out some areas of concern, including in relation to the Register of Interests (Amendment) Act.

After much consideration, I have decided to assent to the Act as passed by the House of Assembly. I do so in the hope that members of the public will make such proper use of the information contained in the Register as they can, and with a clear expectation that the House of Assembly will return to this subject within 1 year to design a new system for registration of interests.

Under the Virgin Islands Constitution Order 2007 and the Register of Interests Act 2006, Members of the House of Assembly are required to register their interests. The Commission of Inquiry clearly established that despite the best efforts of the Registrar of Interests, supported by Governors, Members of the House of Assembly (across all political parties) had failed to meet that obligation. The Commissioner

concluded that collectively, elected officials had "deliberately, persistently, undermined the system of controls imposed by the Constitution."

The Government of National Unity of the Virgin Islands in the Framework for Implementation of the Commission of Inquiry Report recommendations undertook to make the Register of Interests public. The purpose of a public Register is clear: to produce greater transparency around the interests of Ministers and others who are making decisions on behalf of the people of the Virgin Islands, including for example about the use of public money in awarding of Government contracts where Ministers are involved, or the declarations of interests which might be directly or indirectly related to the business of Government.

That in turn can help to promote good governance and reduce the risk that a person has failed to register their interests properly, as clearly happened in the past.

As noted in my first Quarterly Review of Implementation of Commission of Inquiry Recommendations, the Register of Interests (Amendment) Act passed by the House of Assembly in July set out penalties for any Member of the House who fails to declare his or

her interests on time. I welcome that aspect of the Act.

In my Review I also noted, however, that when passing the Act the House of Assembly made several amendments which severely restrain the degree of public access to the Register of Interests. Anyone wishing to view the Register must make a written application and pay a fee for each member whose record is inspected. The Registrar must verify the identity of the person inspecting the Register and keep a record of every person inspecting it. In addition, a person who is inspecting the Register must do so in the presence of the Registrar and, most restrictively, cannot make any kind of copy or, it would seem, even notes of the content of the Register.

In my view, these amendments made by the House of Assembly run counter to the principle of transparency and the intent underlying the commitment made by the Government in the Framework for Implementation of the Commission of Inquiry Report, namely that the House of Assembly make the Register of Interests public. At best, the Register will only be made public in a highly limited way.

My assent to the Act is therefore being made together



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with my clear expectation that the House of Assembly will return to this subject within 1 year.

That is because of the commitment in Framework Document on the design and development of a new system for registration of interests to cover both elected and public officials. This system should be based on international best practices, accompanied by an implementation plan inclusive of costing for the introduction and maintenance of the new system.

It is vital that the commitments made under the Framework Document are adhered to. So, I look forward to being informed by the BVI Government of progress made in this area, and will report further on the matter in my next Quarterly Report in January 2023.



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Tariffs Change For Transportation Industry After 12 Years

Deputy Premier and Minister for Communications and Works, Honourable Kye M. Rymer, has approved new rates for the Transportation Industry within the Virgin Islands in an effort of aligning fares with the current cost of living and the cost of operating the service.

The revised fares are contained in Statutory Instrument 2022 No 106 - Road Traffic (Passenger Fares) (Amendment) Regulations, 2022, which was published in the Virgin Islands Official Gazette on

Wednesday, December 7, 2022. Section 66(1)(k) of the Road Traffic Act, Revised Edition of the Laws of the Virgin Islands 2013, authorises the Minister to make and amend regulations for passenger fares.

During the SEVENTH SITTING OF THE FOURTH SESSION OF THE FOURTH HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS, held on October 25, Honourable Rymer by way of the topic of Public Transportation Dispatching Unit and Taxi Tariff Review said, "Over

time, the Virgin Islands has developed tremendously, and we must consider the rise in cost of living over the last decade, as well as, now developed areas, which are not in the existing tariff."

The Minister disclosed that the new tariffs are as a result of a meeting with the Transportation-for-Hire Industry on October 31, where the majority voted for the increase in the tariffs and proposed the now revised passenger fares amendment.

"We have updated the fares for

taxi tours to all destinations in the Virgin Islands and island tours, as well as the cost of travel between cruise ship disembarkation and popular locations throughout the Territory," Honourable Rymer said.

Minister Rymer added that, "The last official taxi tariff took effect 12 years ago, on November 26, 2010; and it is our hope that the new fares will allow our hardworking taxi and tour operators to earn a

fair income as they provide quality service to the public, considering the domestic and international economic factors that affect them as they provide this service."

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- (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)
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The Government of the Virgin Islands is therefore seeking dynamic persons, who are innovative thinkers and qualified industry leaders and experts who share in this vision for prosperity, to fill the position of Board Members for the Virgin Islands Trade Commission Board.

VIRGIN ISLANDS TRADE COMMISSION BOARD

The Virgin Islands Trade Commission Board (VITCB) was established under the Virgin Islands Trade Commission Act, 2020 under the portfolio of the Premier's Office. The Board's role is to provide general oversight and govern the affairs of the Virgin Islands Trade Commission within the legislative framework of the National Trade Policy of the Virgin Islands, in achieving the overall mission and mandate for Trade and Economic Development of the Virgin Islands.

The Board is given the legal authority and responsibility for the achievement of the Trade Policy objectives for the sustainable development of the economy of the Virgin Islands. This is to ensure well-balanced and stable approaches to development by providing systematic linkage with other relevant policies and legislation, in the pursuit of similar objectives for the development of trade and business.

Membership of the Board

The Virgin Islands Trade Commission Act, 2020, requires that the Board be comprised of seven (7) persons appointed by the Cabinet, as follows:

- a) the Trade Commissioner, ex officio;
- b) a legal practitioner;
- c) a representative from the environmental sector;
- d) a representative from the education sector;
- e) a representative from the social sector;
- f) a representative from business and trade associations;
- g) a representative of the private business sector.

comprised of seven (7) persons appointed by the Cabinet, as follows:

- a) include a person from the Sister Islands;
- b) include a young person between the ages of eighteen to thirty-five years old; and
- c) may be from the public or private sector.

Members of the Board may serve for two consecutive terms, where the length of a term is three years.

BOARD MEMBERS' TRAINING/SKILL EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS

Prospective candidates must bring special talents, skills, and knowledge to serve on the Board in order to contribute towards the governance and policy direction of Virgin Islands Trade Commission Board. They should have the professional competencies and a balance of skills that match the mandate and responsibilities of the Board, and serve in at least one of the following key areas including; Law and legal affairs, environmental; education, social community, business and trade association, and the private business sector. This may also include Board experience, understanding of basic Board procedures, business, and an enthusiasm for the work of the organisation, willingness to learn Board skills, technical skills, and the ability to listen.

Additionally, candidates may be from the public or private sector, where at least one of the candidates must be a person from one of the Sister Islands and one must include a young person between the ages of eighteen to thirty-five years old.

THE IDEAL CANDIDATES SHOULD EMBODY THE FOLLOWING QUALITIES

- a) Innovative thinkers, industry leaders and experts within various sectors of the economy who desire to make significant contribution towards our development to positively impact the economy of the Virgin Islands.
- b) 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.
- c) Must have a clear understanding of business and trade, and the need for overall development of the economy of the Virgin Islands.
- d) Must be willing to partner with members of the Board to ensure resolutions are carried out and that actions to achieve the Board's strategic goals are successfully executed.
- e) Ability to 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 deliberations.
- g) Ability to develop a good working relationship with other Board members and contribute to the Board's working relationship with its senior management.
- h) Ability to think strategically, manage complexity and act decisively.
- i) Demonstrate ability and willingness to work effectively and collaboratively in a group.

Applicants must reside in the Virgin Islands and meet all the conditions of eligibility.

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Statistics On Virgin Islands Festival 2022 Now Complete

Data from a survey of the Virgin Islands Festival 2022 has been gathered and the statistics are now complete and available for consideration. The Central Statistics Office

carried out a post-event survey from August 2022 to September 2022 to gather feedback from the general public on this year's events whether or not they attended or participated.

Director of Statistics Mr. Raymond Phillips said, "The objective of the survey was to collect data which would be used to make the decision-makers aware of the public's sentiments on the celebrations with a view to identifying actions towards improvement."

Mr. Phillips added that the survey, although widely circulated, had a very low response rate. He said, "There were just over 200 responses which accounts for just around 1% of the 20,000 plus adult population. However, while this low response rate might not be representative of

the entire population, it will serve as a good indication as to how persons in the Virgin Islands feel about the Festival celebrations and shed some light on what are some suggestions for improvements.

Respondents to the Festival 2022 survey were analysed based on different demographics characteristics, such as sex, age and nationality.

They were also analysed on their level of participation and attendance. They provided feedback on what they thought would be a fair cost to attend events. They also rated events as well as made suggestion as to how the Festival should be funded. Opinions as to the suitability of the existing locations for events were also solicited.

Many potential events were suggested for consideration, and a long list of ideas for improving the celebrations was given from the survey respondents. Organisers of the festivities can now critically review the information gathered to chart the way forward for the future Festival celebrations of the Virgin Islands.



Water Quality Monitoring Programme To Be Strengthened

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Labour has received a €927,980 (approx. \$933,189) grant from the European Union (EU) through Expertise France to improve the water quality testing capabilities in the

exist within the Territory's water quality monitoring programme through institutional strengthening, capacity building, equipment, hardware and software acquisition, and establishment of a baseline for new priority

cooperation agency of the Government of France supports sustainable human development efforts in 12 Caribbean Overseas Countries and Territories (OCTs) including the BVI.

The RESEMBID project is expected to be conducted over a period of 14 months in collaboration with Hamilton Lavity Stoutt Community College's Centre (HLSCC) for Applied Marine Sciences, where the water quality laboratory is located. It is anticipated that the products of the project will contribute to the increased resilience of the coastal and marine environment and biodiversity through better environmental planning, thus reducing the impact of extreme and recurrent natural events in the Virgin Islands.

Minister for Natural Resources and Labour Honourable Melvin Turnbull said that the project

would further create a strong scientific evidence base that will further support enhanced environmental legislation, marine spatial planning and decision-making that will contribute to the increased resilience of our coastal and marine waters and biodiversity.

He said, "I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the European Union, Expertise France, and our colleagues at RESEMBID for the financial resources required to take action and protect our marine resources. Our lives depend on a clean and healthy natural environment and this project will significantly assist the Territory to achieve its sustainable development goals for the conservation of our precious natural resources."

In congratulating the BVI for

its initiative and progressive thinking, Programme Director, Fabian McKinnon said, "The RESEMBID programme seeks to support the BVI in its thrust to deliver clean and safe potable water to the people of the BVI. I do believe that clean water is the most efficient way to change the world. Fresh, clean water cannot be taken for granted. This project will ensure that BVI has significantly improved water quality testing capabilities which can only redound to the benefit of the entire population."

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Labour continues to manage the natural resources in the Territory in a manner that ensures long-term sustainability and this RESEMBID project will certainly contribute to this long-term goal.



British Virgin Islands (BVI). The Resilience, Sustainable Energy and Marine Biodiversity Programme (RESEMBID) seeks to address the limitations that

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HLSCC Partners with Guttman College to Promote Collaborative Opportunities

The H. Lavity Stoutt Community College (HLSCC) has signed a Statement of Shared Interest agreement with the Stella and Charles Guttman Community College at the City University of New York to promote

and/or organisation of other academic exchanges agreeable to both institutions.

President of HLSCC, Dr. Richard Georges said that HLSCC is proud to partner with Guttman Community College to develop avenues

faculty, staff, and students even more.

Vice President Smith-Thompson said, "The signing of this articulation agreement is a significant step for HLSCC and Guttman College. Based on our interactions to date, I am convinced that both of our institutions can benefit greatly from the synergies that could be created between us as we share many organisational similarities and common student-focused goals, therefore making it quite easy to facilitate the many exchanges that will take place in 2023 and beyond in mutual support of our faculty, staff, and students."

President of Guttman College, Dr. Larry Johnson explained that establishing a partnership with HLSCC confirms Guttman's commitment to promoting access to unique undergraduate research opportunities for a diverse student body. He said, "Enabling Guttman faculty to extend their research interests beyond New York City is paramount to the ideals of scholarship and service to which defines the Guttman Model."

Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost of Guttman College, Dr. Nicola Blake added that Guttman's commitment to traveling abroad has long been a key component of the educational experience. "We are thrilled to partner with our sister college in the British Virgin Islands to further bring these opportunities to fruition," Guttman Provost Blake stated.

The Statement of Interest agreement was signed during a virtual signing ceremony by President of HLSCC, Dr. Richard Georges and President of Guttman College, Dr. Larry Johnson.

They were supported by Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs of Guttman College and Provost, Dr. Nicola Blake; Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Arlene Smith-Thompson; Vice President of Operations and Quality Assurance, Dr.

LuVerne Vanterpool-Baptiste and Dean of Arts, Sciences, and General Studies, Dr.

Jasmattie Yamraj; and other representatives from Guttman College.



collaborative academic opportunities between the innovative

The signing ceremony, which took place on 5th December, formalised the partnership between the community colleges and considers a diverse range of mutually beneficial exchanges among faculty, research staff and students (undergraduate and/or graduate); summer schools and faculty led programmes; joint research programmes; joint conferences or workshops;

of opportunity for its combined faculty, staff, and students and believes that this agreement can aid both institutions in realising their missions in meaningful and transformative ways.

HLSCC Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Arlene Smith-Thompson added that given the common student-focused goals, she is confident that the partnership agreement between the two colleges will augur well for the institutions as they seek to enrich the experiences of their



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BRUSSELS - Greek MEP Eva Kaili is among four suspects charged and remanded in custody on Sunday in Belgium in connection with a corruption scandal at the European Parliament involving World Cup hosts Qatar, media reports said.

"Four individuals have been arrested by the Brussels investigating judge who is leading the investigation," the Belgian federal prosecutor's office said in a statement.

"They are charged with participation in a criminal organization, money laundering and corruption. Two persons have been released by the investigating judge." Following the revelations, Kaili was stripped of her powers as a vice president of the parliament, which sits in Brussels and in Strasbourg, but she is still an MEP and would normally enjoy immunity from criminal prosecution.

Kaili's arrest led to calls for her formal resignation. Greece's leftwing PASOK party has expelled her and the European leftist political group to which PASOK belongs has announced her suspension.

The Belgian Prosecutor's Office said that it had suspected for several months that a Gulf state — identified by Belgian media as Qatar — had paid large amounts of money and offered gifts to influential people within the European Parliament. [Deutsche Welle]

BUDAPEST - In late November 2022, Ukrainian special forces arrested a suspected Russian agent at the Ukraine-Hungary border. The man had been attempting to smuggle secret information into EU member state Hungary on a flash drive that he had allegedly concealed in his anus.

The flash drive contained stolen personal information about senior figures and staff at the Ukrainian domestic secret service SBU and the Ukrainian military intelligence service GUR, as well as sensitive data on Ukrainian army bases, weapons and logistics.

Investigative journalist Szabolcs Panyi recently wrote about the case for the website Balkan Insight. He has been researching Russian espionage activity in Hungary for quite some time now.

Panyi fears that Budapest could become a centre of Russian espionage within the EU. Over 50 accredited diplomats are currently working at the Russian Embassy in Budapest, while just over 20 are working in Prague, Warsaw and Bratislava put together.

Hungary's "golden visa" program also posed a considerable security risk. It allowed foreigners who bought so-called "residency bonds" for €300,000 (\$317,000) and paid a processing fee of €60,000 to obtain a five-year visa for the Schengen

Area, effectively allowing them to travel freely around much of Europe. The program was launched in 2013 and was terminated four years later following pressure from the EU. [Deutsche Welle]

ROME - Four Italians including a leftwing former MEP and the current head of the International Trade Union Confederation ITUC were arrested Friday in a probe into alleged illicit lobbying by Qatar to allegedly influence the political and economic decisions of the European Parliament, Belgian daily Le Soir reported.

The former member of the parliament, 67-year-old leftwing Article One party member Antonio Panzeri, and 53-year-old ITUC Secretary-General Luca Visentini were among those arrested in Brussels Friday, the daily said.

As part of the probe, Le Soir said, Brussels police carried out 14 searches and they reportedly found half a million euros in cash in Panzeri's house there. The other two Italians arrested are a director of an NGO and a parliamentary aide, the newspaper reported.

Panzeri and Visentini are well-known figures in Brussels circles.

Panzeri, a member of the directorate of the Socialists and Democrats alliance, the oldest European caucus, served as an MEP for three terms from 2004 to 2019, serving as chair of the subcommittee on human rights.

Visentini has been a leading figure for European trade unions for years.

He started his career for UIL in Friuli and was elected federal

secretary of the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) in March 2011, going on to be elected secretary general in 2015, a post confirmed in 2019.

He became head of ITUC, the world's largest organized labour group, at a congress in Melbourne at the end of last month. [ANSA]

JAMAICA - CMC News-- Jamaicans are being encouraged to report corrupt public officials and high-level criminals by utilizing the new tip line established by the Major Organised Crime and Anti-Corruption Agency (MOCA) in partnership with Crime Stop.

The country's first anti-corruption tip line, 888-MOCA TIP, was officially launched during a press conference at MOCA's Corporate Area headquarters on Friday to mark International Anti-Corruption Day.

It will give members of the public an opportunity to make reports related to public-sector corruption, organized crime, lottery scamming and other serious crimes, and to receive rewards for information leading to successful operations and arrests.

These rewards range from J\$10,000 to J\$1 million.

Speaking at the launch of the initiative, MOCA's Director General, Colonel Desmond Edwards, said the citizenry is perhaps the most critical stakeholder in the fight against corruption, noting that approximately US\$750 million is lost annually due to corrupt activities. He said the new tip line is "an effort to empower and encourage our citizens" and expressed the hope that the program will help to develop "good intelligence and, ultimately, good cases".

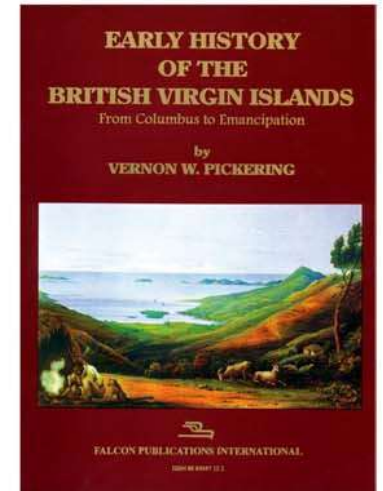
UN News - Spiralling debt in low and middle-income countries has compromised their chances of sustainable development, the head of the UN trade facilitation agency UNCTAD has warned.

Speaking in Geneva, Rebeca Grynspan said that between 70 and 85 per cent of the debt that emerging and low-income countries are responsible for is in a foreign currency.

This has left them highly vulnerable to the kind of large currency shocks that hit public spending - precisely at a time when populations need financial support from their governments.

HAVANA TIMES - The regime in Havana is aware that its end is near. In the last three years the system's undeniable collapse has become evident. The "circumstantial" crisis announced by Diaz-Canel in 2019

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has been growing and worsening irreversibly. Applying the "Ordering Task" economic reforms amid the pandemic turned out to be a foolish and suicidal act, which increased inflation, shortages, and popular discontent. The official discourse can't manage to generate a single new idea and is limited to recycling old babble. But now the ones who believe the story of the blockade [i.e. the US embargo] as a perennial excuse are ever fewer, very few have faith that the system will turn out to be prosperous and sustainable and no one believes the threat of a foreign invasion anymore. The reality is that Cuba is not a priority for the Government of the United States. "David" has lost his slingshot and desperately seeks to do business with "Goliath." The ripe fruit is about to fall to the ground and no one seems interested in taking it.

On the other hand, the citizenry has lost its fear at a rapid pace. Never before had the regime had to confront so many protests, in all corners of the country. Social media is a battlefield where the government has lost by a landslide.

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Divas On A Dime

The Church of God Holiness, East End celebrated the sounds of the season



The Church of God Holiness, East End celebrated the sounds of the season with the staging of its annual Sing Out. This year marked the 30th staging of this musical extravaganza and from all reports, the event which was held on 4 December was a success.

While noting how well the event turned out, one of the organizers stated, "Just like the shepherds, angels, wise men and animals gathered around the manger on that first Christmas, we all gathered around our new church building to sing praises to Jesus; the reason for the season."

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Ladyburd Talks

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Light Bulb Moments

Some Christmas tree ornaments don't just glitter and glow, they represent a gift of love given a long time ago.

The loving, sharing, and giving of Christmas should not just be enjoyed for one day, it should never be put away.

It's not about how much we give, but about how much love we put into giving.

Poetry Corner

Year-Round Joy

*Christmas is full of shiny things
That sparkle, gleam and glow.
These holiday pleasures dazzle us,
And yet, deep down, we know...*

*That Christmas has its special gifts,
But our year-round joy depends
On the cherished people in our lives,
Our family and friends.*

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Tickle My Funny Bones

By Delseita



Special gift

An older, white-haired man walked into a jewelry store one Friday evening with a beautiful young gal at his side.

He told the jeweler he was looking for a special ring for his girlfriend. The jeweler looked through his stock and brought out a \$5,000 ring and showed it to him. The old man said, "I don't think you understand, I want something very special."

At that statement, the jeweler went to his special stock and brought another ring over.

"Here's a stunning ring at only \$40,000," the jeweler said.

The young lady's eyes sparkled and her whole body trembled with excitement.

The old man seeing this said, "**We'll take it.**"

The jeweler asked how payment would be made and the old man stated by check. "**I know you need to make sure the check is good, so I'll write it now and you can call the bank on Monday to verify the funds and I'll pick the ring up Monday afternoon,**" he said.

Monday morning, a very teed-off jeweler phoned the old man. "**There's no money in that account**" "I know", said the old man, "**but can you imagine the weekend I had?**"

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PUN INTENDED

"A mistle-toast to the holiday season."

The Church of God Holiness, East End celebrated the sounds of the season



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The 2022 Sing Out featured performances from: The Upper Room Victory Church, Sunbeam Sunday School from the Church of God of Prophecy (Long Look), Adult group from the Church of God of Prophecy (Long Look), The Trumpeters, Psalmist Julia Leonard, the Long Look Full Gospel Sunday School, the Children's Choir and Young Adults from Church of God Holiness, East End, DonMan's School of Music, Sis. Tracia Patterson, Bro. Elliot Jackson, W&B Turnbull Chorale, Zion Steel Orchestra, Bro. St. Clair James, Church of God Holiness Baugher's Bay, The Joyful Singers, The God Movement, and Zion Sounds.



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How to Make the Best Latkes for Hanukkah

Beginning at sunset Sunday, Dec. 18, the Festival of Lights begins.

The eight-day Jewish Festival of Lights, also known as Hanukkah, is celebrated by lighting the menorah, playing the game of dreidel and eating special holiday foods.

Hanukkah celebrates the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem after it was defiled by the Seleucids in 164 B.C. During the rededication, a miracle happened. A small quantity of oil that was sufficient only for one day continued to burn for eight days. Therefore, Hanukkah is one of the happiest Jewish holidays of the year. The roots of this holiday include liberation from oppression, religious freedom, divine miracles, and courage.

Of all the traditional foods eaten on Hanukkah, the potato latke is always a favorite. This is a potato pancake fried in oil, which references the miracle of the oil in the temple.

Even if you don't celebrate Hanukkah, you'll love having this delicious and inexpensive recipe in your rotation. Latkes are crispy on the outside, light, soft and tender on the inside, and full of flavor.



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Celebrate the Festival of Lights with these traditional latkes

There are lots of ways to make latkes, and each family loves the ones their "bubbe" makes. I don't want to step on any bubbe's toes, but this recipe is a classic.

Traditional toppings are applesauce and sour cream, but you can top them with many other delectable goodies. To stay somewhat traditional, try smoked salmon with sour cream and chives, or pastrami with brown mustard.

CLASSIC POTATO LATKES

Yield: about 20 latkes

Total Time: 1 hour

- 5 large russet potatoes, peeled
- 1 large onion
- 1/3 cup matzah meal, cracker meal or dry breadcrumbs
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt • Freshly ground black pepper
- 2 eggs • 1 cup vegetable oil + more as needed

Using a good old-fashioned box grater, grate the potatoes and onion together. The onion juice slows the potatoes from oxidizing and turning brown. You could use a food processor with a grating blade, but you won't get that beautiful rustic look of hand grating.

Transfer the mixture to a clean dish towel and squeeze, then squeeze some more to wring out as much of the liquid as possible. This is the secret to crispy latkes. Place the mixture into a large bowl. Add the matzah or breadcrumbs, salt and pepper, and distribute through the potato mixture. Add the eggs and mix well. After this is mixed, transfer the mixture to a colander and place it back in the bowl. This is to keep the mixture from sitting in liquid, making sure there are no soggy latkes at the end of cooking.

Pour about 1/2 inch of the oil in a medium heavy-bottomed pan and place over medium-high heat. Once the oil is at 350 F (a drop of mixture placed in the pan should sizzle), drop heaping tablespoons of the mixture into the hot oil, flattening with a spatula and cooking in batches. When the edges of the latkes are brown and crispy, flip. Cook until the second side is golden brown. Transfer the latkes to a paper towel-lined plate to drain, and sprinkle with salt while still warm. Add oil as needed. Repeat, then eat!

Current trends show people adding all kinds of ingredients into the latke, like sweet potato, zucchini, cilantro, cheese, apple and such. Also, some air-fry them. Although we usually like to use less oil, the symbolism of the oil is really the point of latkes for Hanukkah.

Variety is fun, but for Hanukkah, it's best to be a purist.

In this holiday season, let's say thanks a lot, for lots and lots of latkes.

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

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POLICE NEWS

RVIPF OFFICER INTRODUCES NEW PROGRAMME

Wednesday, December 14 – An officer of the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force has

from kindergarten to grade six; to help children make wise decisions when faced with adversities, and peer-pressure to do something



introduced a new programme in three Primary Schools: Willard Wheatley, Enis Adams, and Ivan Dawson Primary School. DARE, which stands for Drug Abuse Resistance Education, is a ten-week programme for students

harmful or unsafe. Being a trained DARE officer himself, PC Zamfir Adams, teaches topics such as understanding that rules and laws are put in place to keep them safe, saying no to

drugs, what to do in an emergency, handling conflict without violence, avoiding gangs and gang violence, understanding traffic signs and symbols among many others. Commissioner of Police, Mark Collins, embraces this new initiative and welcomes the opportunity to help shape young minds and steer them away from bad thoughts. "I am quite happy that PC Adams has thought to implement this new programme in our schools, where future minds are most vulnerable. I look forward to getting the Community officers involved and expanding to more schools."

As the end of the school semester approaches, there was a competition amongst the three schools to sing the DARE cheer song for a chance to win prizes. The winning school was the Grade 3 class of the Enis Adams Primary School who received their prize on Wednesday, December 7 from PC Adams himself.

The Administration team of the Enis Adams Primary School extended gratitude to the RVIPF, especially PC Adams for including them in the DARE programme. "This initiative has created an invaluable bond between our students and police officers, as they truly believe and have a deep understanding that officers are their friends and are here to help keep all of us safe" Said the team. The timely sessions on stranger awareness, and being drug free gave our students insight into how to stay safe in different situations. The Manner in which officer Adams delivered the content was indeed engaging and we look forward to seeing more of him throughout the school year." They concluded.

It is the vision for Community officers to get involved in this new initiative and for the programme to expand to more schools throughout the Territory in 2023 with the motto "reaching the minds, one school at a time". The programme will resume in the new school semester with the conclusion of grades five & six at the current schools.



POLICE IDENTIFY SHOOTING VICTIM

Wednesday, December 14 – On December 12 at 3:00 pm, the RVIPF received a report of a shooting in the Major Bay area. Police responded and conducted investigations and one male subsequently identified as Mr. Kadeem Jimenez a 31-year-old resident of Brady Ghut was pronounced dead at the scene. Persons are invited to come forward and assist Police with any information that can help in identifying a perpetrator in this case. Anyone with information can contact the Major Crime Team by calling 368-5682 or RVIPF Intelligence Unit at 368-9339.

Investigations are ongoing in the matter.

WITH THE CELEBRATORY STAMP OF THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY THE VATICAN WINS THE 2022 INTERNATIONAL PHILATELIC ART ST. GABRIEL AWARD

By Danilo Bogoni

In the year in which the fiftieth anniversary of the letter with which Paul VI proclaimed the Archangel St. Gabriel, former patron saint of telecommunications by the will of Pius XII, patron saint of postal services, and consequently of philatelists, the Vatican with the commemorative stamp of the century of The Catholic University of the Sacred Heart of Milan, a work by the renowned Milanese illustrator Marco Ventura, was awarded in Legnago (Verona) on 23 October 2022 with the St. Gabriel International Prize for Philatelic Art, now in its thirty-eighth edition. Suspended for two years due to the Pandemic (the 2020 and 2021 awards will be presented next year), the prize went to a stamp that is undoubtedly different from the usual in that it does not include graphic appeal to saints or angels, themes in which the vivid creativity of the artist can give the best of himself.



The Vatican stamp celebrating the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart which won the San Gabriele Prize for religious philately

Here was a building expressly requested by the client, Poste Vaticane – Filatelia: the facade of the ancient monastery of Saint Ambrose designed by Bramante and purchased by the University in 1927, adapted by the architect Giovanni Muzio, with the statue of Christ

King by Giannino Castiglioni placed in the niche above the balcony, and on the side the image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus inspired by the painting by Lodovico Pogliaghi placed in the heart of the University Chapel, a reproduction of which is given to all students on the day of their graduation.

The design is completed by a book, which represents knowledge enlightened by faith, and a parchment, a symbol of the academic degree achieved. In a small space, with great skill, balance and elegance, Marco Ventura has arranged to fit together the essence of the University. The headquarters, the image of the Sacred Heart indicating the book of knowledge and the academic parchment.



Marcello D'Agata in his cell - study in the Milano Opera penitentiary.

Evidently all these elements induced the members of the judging panel - Cardinals Christoph Schönborn, Archbishop of Vienna and Angelo Scrofa, Archbishop emeritus of Milan; monsignor Luigi Bressan, Archbishop emeritus of Trento; the Spanish artist Raul Berzosa; the creative Franco Filanci; the artist Daniela Longo; the president of the World Union of Saint Gabriel Wilhelm Remes; the president of St. Gabriel organisation of Poland, Michalak Bogddan and postal historian Giorgio Migliavacca – to converge their preferences on the Vatican stamp. Closely followed by the Portuguese issue in memory of the half millennium of the death of Ferdinand Magellan.



Marco Ventura receives the award bestowed on the Vatican from the hands of Federico Melotto, director of the Fioroni Museum and Sara Mantovani, managing director of the Italian Post Office branch in Legnago.

The ceremony for the proclamation and delivery of the Prize named after the Archangel Gabriel took place, as customary, in the Ceramics Hall of the Fioroni Museum in Legnago, in the presence of the president



The Angel of the Annunciation designed by Marcello D'Agata featured on the Poste Italiane postcard and special postmark saluting the St. Gabriel Prize.

Luigi Tin, his deputy, Paola Bellinazzo and the director Federico Melotto who underlined the importance of the Award which honors philatelic art in a religious artistic creation. For her part, Sara Mantovani, director of the Legnago branch of the Italian Post Office, underlined the coincidence of the Award with the half-century of St. Gabriel, patron saint of the Post Office.

The plaque with the “Annunciation”, by the sculptor Enrico Mandrini (1917-2004) presented by Poste Vaticane - Filatelia was ceremonially bestowed on Marco Ventura to whom the “Sergio Rettondini” Philatelic and Numismatic Society awarded the “Cavalcaselle” medal.

Just as in 2017, the Archangel of the Annunciation which acts as the leitmotif of this edition of the St. Gabriel Philately Award, has been created by Marcello D'Agata (his daughter Marzia was present at the ceremony in Legnago), who in the House of imprisonment of Milano Opera has discovered an artist who has improved year after year (recently one of his works with Jesus asking Peter if he loves him, was placed in the church of Pederobba, near Treviso). The delicate work adorned the souvenir postcard and for the Poste Italiane commemorative postmark.

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celebrity extra

by Dana Jackson

Q. I'm so excited about the new "Yellowstone" prequel with Harrison Ford. I also watched the earlier one with Tim McGraw, but I could swear I saw another one in the works that has a number for a title. Am I mistaken? — L.H.

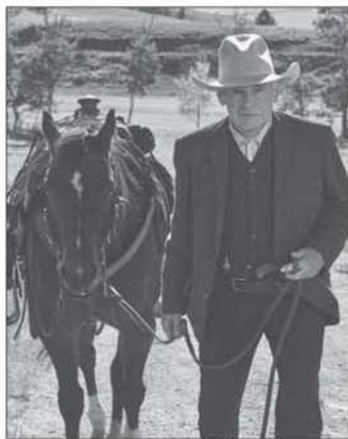
A. Paramount Network's "Yellowstone" series starring Kevin Costner as patriarch John Dutton has spawned two prequels and a spin-off. The first prequel, "1883," is about the Dutton family when they fled Tennessee and eventually settled on their land in Montana. The series ran for 10 episodes and starred Sam Elliott as well as husband-and-wife country music stars Tim McGraw and Faith Hill.

The Dutton story continues with Harrison Ford and Helen Mirren in "1923." According to an official description from Paramount+, "1923" will "explore the early 20th century when pandemics, historic drought, the end of Prohibition and the Great Depression all plague the mountain west, and the Duttons who call it home." It's set to premiere on the streaming service Dec. 18.

Another number to commit to memory is "6666," the title of the upcoming present-day "Yellowstone" spin-off series set at the Four Sixes Ranch in Texas. According to Us magazine, "the property appeared in season four of the flagship show when Jimmy Hurdstrom (Jefferson White) put down roots there with his fiancée Emily (Kathryn Kelly)." A premiere date hasn't been announced yet, but "6666" is supposedly going to be available on the Paramount Network and not just exclusively on its subscription streaming platform.

Q. I was showing my son "Christmas Vacation," starring Chevy Chase, for the first time. It occurred to me that I haven't seen actress Beverly D'Angelo in anything in quite some time. How is she doing? — A.J.

A. Three decades after the Griswold family's "Christmas Vacation" film was released, Beverly D'Angelo has a new holiday film out in theaters right now titled "Violent Night." It's an action comedy starring David Harbour ("Stranger Things") as "Father Christmas" and D'Angelo as a wealthy corpo-



James Minchin III/Paramount+
Harrison Ford as Jacob Dutton
in "1923"

rate shark.

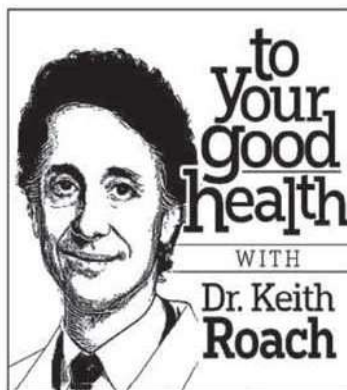
Time hasn't slowed the 71-year-old D'Angelo down at all, since she was nominated for a Golden Globe award for her portrayal of Patsy Cline in "Coal Miner's Daughter" in 1980. She also received an Emmy nod for the iconic role of Stella Kowalski in a television production of "A Streetcar Named Desire." She's been acting steadily ever since and even gave birth to twins in 2001. The twins' father is actor Al Pacino, with whom D'Angelo had a long-term relationship until 2003.

Q. Is "The Gilded Age" returning to HBO for a second season? If so, when? I can't wait. — P.P.

A. Rest assured, "The Gilded Age" has been renewed for season two on HBO Max, but an exact premiere date hasn't been given. When it debuted in January 2022, it was a bonafide hit and got the green light for renewal last spring. Most of the original cast is set to return except for Thomas Cocquerel, who played Tom Raikes. You can read more about the series and keep tabs on upcoming episodes through its official site at HBO.com/the-gilded-age.

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

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Follow-up Colonoscopy Necessary After Result of Eight Polyps

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am a 73-year-old male. This year, I had a colonoscopy. They found some small polyps and one larger polyp. All polyps tested negative for cancer. I have had two previous colonoscopies in the past 10 years. Polyps were found in each one. My gastroenterologist said I should have another colonoscopy in one year. There has been no colon cancer in my family.

As you age, is it safe to continue with a colonoscopy? I don't feel safe having one every year. At what age should seniors stop having a colonoscopy? My previous gastroenterologist told me to have one in five years. I do a stool test yearly, given by my primary doctor. — F.Q.

ANSWER: I read your reports, which showed a total of nine polyps, all "sessile" (flat, which is higher risk for development into cancer than those with a stalk), the largest being 8 mm. The pathology report confirmed these as tubular adenomas, none of which had the worrisome finding of high-grade dysplasia.

The official guidelines of the American College of Gastroenterology recommend a follow-up colonoscopy in three years. I definitely agree with that in people who are otherwise healthy. Colon cancer does definitely run in families, but at least 80% of colon cancer occurs in people with no known family history, meaning you can't be complacent even if there isn't any his-

tory in your family.

There is no absolute age cut-off for screening colonoscopies: Age 75 might be reasonable in someone who really doesn't want to have another and whose previous results have all been normal, but I would be unlikely to recommend a screening exam in a person older than 85. People who have serious medical conditions outside the intestinal tract get less benefit from screening.

Age 73 is not so old that I would recommend against screening in otherwise healthy people, and given that you have had eight polyps, I definitely recommend a three-year follow-up. I don't know why the gastroenterologist said one year, based on the reports you sent me.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I'm 59 and have a pea-sized osteoma near the top-middle section of my forehead. My grandmother had one in the same place and never got it removed. It grew to be the size of an egg! I want to have mine removed before it gets any larger (it's doubled in size over the past three years). What do you recommend? — J.K.

ANSWER: An osteoid osteoma is a common benign tumor of the bone. They often occur in the thigh or leg, but the forehead is not unusual and, of course, is cosmetically important. Most do not grow and, in fact, more commonly shrink over time.

I've not seen an osteoma get as big as your grandmother's, and I can understand why you would be concerned. It is very reasonable to get an evaluation. An orthopedic surgeon with special expertise in bone tumors is a good person to see, and some plastic surgeons also have expertise in removing bone tumors in such a way as to provide the best cosmetic result.

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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Don't Let Holidays Stress Your Pets

Many owners want to include their pets in traditional holiday celebrations. After all, one-third of small-animal owners in the United States consider their pets to be a part of the family. So, how do you keep both humans and animals happy during the hectic season while sticking to time-honored rituals?

- Relax. With a house full of people, both you and your pet are under more strain than usual. Take time out away from the crowd in the front room, and sit quietly with your pet for a while.

- Make time for fun. Take your dog for his walk at the same time as always to assure him or her of a normal routine. But add some outdoor (or indoor) playtime with a game of fetch. Help your cat work off energy by dangling a favorite toy in front of him. Extra activity an hour or two before a big party will keep pets from getting too excited or anxious among the crowd.

- Limit visits to the party. Keep pets in a quiet, secure room away from celebrations, with lots of toys, treats, food and water. Bring them out only once an hour (or less) to meet guests, and supervise them the entire time so they don't eat the hors d'oeuvres or the decorations.

- Safety first. It may be the last item on this list, but it should be foremost in your mind. Make certain that electrical cords and glass decorations are out of kitty's reach, and keep candy (especially chocolate) away from all pets. On Christmas morning, pick up wrapping paper and trimmings immediately, as well as small objects.

Take precautions and give your pet plenty of TLC, and you'll have a fun holiday!



COMMENTARY

HONESTY IS ALWAYS THE BEST POLICY

By Dickson Igwe



Dickson Igwe

The most critical road to a safe, secure, and prosperous Virgin Islands, is honest and accountable governance. Now, there has been a lot of asserting by the media and others on the virtues or the lack of virtue thereof, of the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office holding a legal instrument that will suspend the Virgin Islands Constitution if there is any willful defiance of adopting fully the recommendations of the Virgin Islands Commission of Inquiry.

The reality is that the country would not have been in this unpredictable and unstable place had the virtues of honesty and integrity in governance and society been coveted and pursued with rigor, vigor and enthusiasm, in past decades.

Honesty in society is both virtue and culture. Honesty is a way of life.

The world's most famous investor Warren Buffet has stated that in assessing a business partner or employee the most important factor is the honesty of the person.

In Warren's own words: "a person may have talent, but if that person is dishonest then all the talent is meaningless. On the other hand, a far less gifted person that is honest is of much more use to the organization."

Honesty is both an individual and national trait. It is crucial to good governance. It begins at the grassroots, in the family.

Honesty is molded into the child by parents, and then by the wider community and school, by adults who themselves have been properly socialized, spreading the virtues of honesty to the wider society. Conversely, dishonesty is learned. Honesty is the grease that oils the engine of a wholesome, successful, and prosperous society.

One caveat is that the measure of religiosity is not a measure for honesty. Religion appears to have zero influence on morality and honesty in the present day. In-fact nonreligious societies appear more honest and sincere than religious ones. The reason for that is a mystery: It may have to do with the material orientation of much of modern day religion, especially in the Evangelical Faith. Pious behavior is not honesty. Religion has been a cover for all manner of evil for centuries.

OK. Honest societies covet the Rule of Law and Integrity, and pursue these values with effort, exactness,

and diligence.

A simple comparison between countries described as relatively honest- Singapore, Northern European states, Canada, Australia, South Korea- and countries that have a reputation for dishonesty and-corruption-Nigeria, Haiti, Russia, a number of Sub Saharan States, Mexico-reveals the vastly better quality of life of the more honest societies.

Countries with a culture of integrity and honesty get a "bigger bang for the taxpayer buck." Every dollar invested goes directly into the social and economic infrastructure, and public services, save for that part spent on administration and management.

On the other hand, where there is high incidence of conflict of interest with the added evils of looting and corruption, a significant proportion of a contract- up to 70% in a country such as Nigeria, enters back pockets and secret accounts. This is public cash stolen, with the result that the quality of infrastructure and services is poor, sub-par, or even dangerous to the public.

In the end, any material gain by the population is an illusion. As public cash for much needed services is wasted and abused, there may appear an increase in the standard of living. That increase is limited to specific public officials and their allies. That increase is in reality illusion. The physical environment deteriorates as the quality of life of the middle classes and the most

vulnerable diminishes.

Unwarranted poverty is a direct result of dishonest government.

In the long run there is the realization that the country would have been far better

off had honest leaders been in charge of the "cookie jar," and not the proverbial "cookie monster."

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ST LUCIA JOINS COMMISSION OF SMALL ISLAND STATES IN LEGAL EFFORT FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE

St John's, December 7... St Lucia has become the most recent nation to join the Commission of Small Island States on Climate Change and International Law (COSIS) whose purpose is seek climate justice for small island states, utilizing the international legal system.

The Instrument of Accession was signed today by St Lucia's Prime Minister Philip Joseph Pierre.

Antigua and Barbuda Prime

Minister, Gaston Browne, who is Co-Chair of COSIS, an organisation which he founded with the Prime Minister of Tuvalu at COP26 in Edinburgh last year, said "I am personally and officially delighted that the Government of St Lucia has joined this initiative to seek climate justice for small islands that have suffered, and are continuing to endure, the harmful impact of Climate Change on our countries".

"Prime Minister Pierre and I discussed this prospect in Egypt during COP 27 last month and we agreed on the value that COSIS adds to our fight for compensation to our island states for the damage caused to us by major polluting countries".

In noting that St Lucia is the second country to join COSIS over the last week, Prime Minister Browne expressed the hope that other Caribbean countries would get on board "in our collective interest".

Vanuatu, a South Pacific nation, joined on December 2nd.

He noted that COSIS now consists of 6 small island states that will shortly be seeking an opinion from the International Tribunal on the Law of the Sea (ITLOS), regarding their legal rights for compensation for climate change damage.

As the depository country for the COSIS treaty, Antigua and Barbuda today deposited St Lucia's Instrument of Accession with the United Nations Secretariat

CUBA JOINS CARICOM TASK FORCE ON AGRICULTURE

(CARICOM Secretariat, Turkeyen, Greater Georgetown, Guyana - Wednesday, 7 December 2022): Cuba has accepted an offer from the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) to join the Community's Ministerial Task Force on Agriculture. Both sides also agreed to observe October 6 as CARICOM Cuba Day Against Terrorism.

These were among the major outcomes of the 8th CARICOM-Cuba Summit held in Barbados on Tuesday

as the 50th Anniversary of diplomatic ties was celebrated. A Declaration was issued following the meeting which outlined the areas of agreement and co-operation.

CARICOM's Special Ministerial Task Force on food production and food security was established to propel the Region's thrust towards reducing its food import bill by 25 percent by 2025. The participation of Cuba is a boost particularly to the technological aspects

of the initiative. Closer collaboration with Cuba in the area of agriculture will include the establishment of a food terminal to provide a consistent supply of food items to Cuba.

The Heads of State and Government declared October 6 as the CARICOM-Cuba Day against terrorism in memory of the 73 people who died including CARICOM and Cuban nationals in the bombing of the Cubana Airlines in the waters off Barbados on October 6,

1976, and for which there has been no accountability. Later in the day they laid wreaths during a ceremony at Payne's Bay where there is a monument in memory of those who died in the explosion.

Cuba announced further assistance to CARICOM Member States in the fields of Health and Environmental Management. This includes a supply of vaccines and training in epidemiological surveillance, nursing and medical specialties, the rehabilitation of coastal areas through a project funded by South Korea and the preservation of coral reefs.

REGIONAL FERRY SERVICE L'EXPRESS DES ILES RETURNS TO ANTIGUA WITH SERVICES FROM GUADELOUPE

St. Johns, Antigua (December 12, 2022) - As the Antigua and Barbuda Cruise Tourism season officially kicked off this past week, the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority (ABTA), alongside the Antigua Cruise Port, welcomed the return of the regional ferry service, L'Express des Iles from Guadeloupe. After a three-year hiatus due to the pandemic, the Guadeloupe based ferry arrived in Antigua Saturday morning carrying 415 passengers on its chartered day service. CEO of the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority Colin James, ABTA Marketing Consultant

for the Caribbean & Latin America, Charmaine Spencer along with other ABTA executives, were on-hand to greet and welcome the passengers with a vibrant cultural display of stilt walkers, dancers, and steel pan. The ferry and its visitors came right in time for the holiday season to engage in shopping and enjoying the local holiday festivities that Antigua has to offer.

L'Express des Iles, or L'Express as it's more commonly known, has been in operations for over 30 years providing a fast, reliable, and affordable ferry service for French travellers between

the islands of Guadeloupe, Martinique, Les Saintes and Marie Galante, all French International departments, as well as offers services to Dominica and St. Lucia.

The ferry's management company, Jeans for Freedom, is delighted to resume its charter services to Antigua, and has already announced trips for April and May 2023, and is also planning scheduled dates to facilitate persons wanting to visit for Antigua's Carnival in August 2023.

"We look forward to growing this business with Jeans for Freedom because it's great to connect Antigua and

Barbuda with our regional brothers and sisters. Antigua and Barbuda have always been a regional hub by air, and now we hope to also have it be a regional hub by sea," said Colin C. James, CEO of the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority.

Charmaine Spencer, ABTA Marketing Consultant for the Caribbean & Latin America, noted, "We are elated to see the resumption of this intra-regional seaferry, because it helps to build both connectivity and capacity for the destination and is a step in the right direction for boosting regional travel".

L' Express Captain Olivier Fedor, expressed how happy he is to be back in Antigua and looks forward to bringing more passengers to our shores in the coming months.

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Famine in Somalia Averted, for Now, UN Report Says

GENEVA — A United Nations acute food insecurity report on Somalia issued Tuesday finds famine in that country has been narrowly averted due to the response of humanitarian organizations and local communities to the crisis.

While famine has not been officially declared in Somalia, the United Nations said the country is not yet out of the woods. Jens Laerke, a spokesman for the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, said the underlying crisis has not improved. He warned that famine remains an ever-present threat.

"Even though that technically there is not declared a famine, that all the

technical thresholds have not been met, does not mean that people are not experiencing catastrophic food shortages. ... The number of people who are expected to experience this is going to rise from 214,000 to 727,000 people."

Laerke said the situation can hardly become worse. If assistance is not scaled up, he said, famine is expected to occur between April and June 2023 in southern Somalia. He said aid in the sectors of health and water, sanitation and hygiene are particularly critical.

Without such help, he warned that hundreds of thousands of agropastoral populations in Baidoa and Burhakaba districts, and among displaced



Somali women and children who left rural areas due to drought receive nutritional assistance at a camp for the internally displaced, on the outskirts of Baidoa, Somalia, Oct. 12, 2022.

populations in Baidoa town and Mogadishu, will face starvation in the second quarter of next year.

Findings in the U.N. report show Somalia's food crisis will deepen and widen, with about 8.3 million facing

acute hunger. Additionally, Laerke said some 2.7 million people are expected to be in what the U.N. classifies as an IPC Phase 4 emergency. This, he explained, is a state of humanitarian emergency that is just one step below famine.

"This phase is characterized by major food shortages, very high acute malnutrition and excess mortality. So, people die," he said. "Already, widespread crop loss, livestock deaths and the prospect of outright starvation have forced hundreds of thousands of people to flee their homes in search of assistance."

The United Nations reports five consecutive years of failed rains, increasing global food prices, and persistent armed conflict and instability have driven the population to the brink of disaster.

It said international support can head off a devastating famine and prevent the deaths of hundreds of thousands of people.

US House Advances Stopgap Government Funding Bill

WASHINGTON — A stopgap spending bill to avoid a partial shutdown of the U.S. federal government began moving through the House of Representatives on Tuesday, as Congress scammed to meet a midnight Friday deadline when existing funds expire.

The one-week, government-wide funding bill is designed to give lawmakers additional time to finish negotiations on a year-long "omnibus" spending bill that would expire on September 30, 2023, the end of the current fiscal year.

A first, procedural vote on the legislation was set for Wednesday.

The larger of the two bills is expected to appropriate more than \$1.5 trillion for the U.S. military and a range of non-military programs. The measure is also expected to contain new emergency funds to aid Ukraine in its battle against Russian forces.

Ukraine could get billions more, after Biden asked Congress last month for \$37 billion.

The House was expected to pass the one-week "continuing resolution" on Wednesday or Thursday, Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, a Democrat, told reporters.

"We have no intention of shutting down the

government of the United States, which is costly and harmful in almost every respect," he said.

Once passed by the House, it would be sent quickly to the Senate for passage no later than Friday, in time for President Joe Biden to sign it into law.

Then, all attention would shift to the omnibus bill next week. Besides containing the aid to Ukraine, it also is expected to fold in an unrelated bill reforming the way Congress certifies U.S. presidential elections.

The latter is aimed at avoiding a repeat of the deadly turmoil of January

6, 2021, when supporters of then-President Donald Trump tried to stop the certification of Biden as the winner of the 2020 presidential election.

Negotiations continued on other parts of the large spending bill, including increases to non-military spending that Democrats, who narrowly control Congress, want in the face of Republican opposition.

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell warned his Republicans want work on the omnibus bill wrapped up by December 22. "We intend to be on the road going home on the 23rd," he told reporters.

Failure to reach agreement by then, he added, would

mean that another temporary funding bill, going into early next year, would be necessary.

That is a result Democrats — and some Republicans — want to avoid as the negotiations on the funding bill would get more complicated next year, when Republicans take majority control of the House.

Conservative Republicans have been clamoring for deep domestic spending cuts Democrats want to avoid.

"There's a lot of work left to do," Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, a Democrat said. "But we're optimistic that if we preserve the good faith we've seen so far, we will get there."

SPORTS



NETBALL

Rockets grab 26-23 Netball victory over Aces after relaunch

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

After being grounded by One Love Blazers during a 21-15 loss a week ago, the BVI Netball Club Rockets relaunched, then fended off One Love Aces charge, 26-23 on Sunday at Cedar School, to finish second in the BVI Netball League.

Rockets Center Melissa Thomas told Island Sun Sports that it was an 'amazing' feeling to get the victory. "We played really hard for the whole competition, they actually put up a good game, but we're very proud of ourselves right now," Thomas said, noting that it was strategy and communication that led them to victory, after Aces made their run to get back in the game. "We fed the ball properly. In the quarter breaks, we discussed how we were going to play. We discussed with Shanique (Dr. Beckett-Davis), she was Goalkeeper and we told her once she's planted, she doesn't need to move from that very tall (Aces) Goal Shoot (Caroline Gordon)—she played very well—but we told our Goalkeeper not to move and she was able to block and intercept some of those balls."

Ladanna Duncan said it was a challenging game as most of her players didn't turn up.

"We played with who we had. I don't normally shoot. I'm the Goal Attack so I did

what I had to do," she said, noting that they challenged the Rockets. "We came back in the third quarter, tried to nail it but we couldn't."

Asked what they saw in Aces that they capitalized on, Thomas said her squad had 'more energy and a better fitness level.'

"They had better shooting than us," Duncan noted. "My shooter didn't show up today and that hampered my team a lot and she didn't miss shots."

Duncan said she felt 'comfortable' in the role as Goal Shooter and will probably take it on as she likes feeding the ball to her shooter to a level where she knows she's putting in the shots. "The real shooters, if they were here today, it would have been different," she said. "I think we missed about four shots and those four shots dimmed us. We were tired and didn't have any extra players to sub, so we just played and we enjoyed ourselves."

In assessing the Rockets' season, Thomas said they had their downs but also had their strong moments. "It was really nice to see all the women coming out," she said. "We have a lot of male dominated sports here, so it was nice that we have a group of women and it helped to build networking at the same time. All of

us work in different sectors, so it was nice to communicate and have links or contacts with the different sectors.

Duncan who's also BVI Netball Vice President, said they had to cut the league short as other sports were coming on stream. There was a Dominican Republic Basketball tournament on the Long Bush court that they use as their home field, for example, that was booked for the same time as their matches.

"The league was fair, the umpires were fair, but it's just the players that should have shown up for my team (today) but I guess they're busy at work," she said. "I would like to see the sport more advanced and go to the full length, because we had to close earlier than planned because of the other sports coming on stream, it was forced to a close today and that hampered my team to show their true potential."

Thomas said she's looking forward to the next season. Playing with different strength levels she said, you adopt certain strategies. "You learn how to be flexible to be honest, because not all the time you play against the same people," she said. "You have a lot of subs that come into the game at various times, so for the next season, we'll just do our best, keep up



Rockets Center Melissa Thomas snags a pass ahead of the One Love Aces' Wing Defense, Abie Lamorelle

our fitness levels and just be victorious again, hopefully—but we came second."

In last week's match with One Love Blazers, she said several of her teammates were not feeling well. "The energy was lacking and it wasn't a successful game for us," he noted. "But last week we lost, we took it humbly and we came out this week in order to strengthen ourselves, play better and not allow certain calls to get to us, keep our heads in the game and just be focused."

FOOTBALL

Lion Heart pins first loss on Virgin Gorda United, 3-2

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

A Tyrone Buddah hat trick, helped Lion Heart pin the first loss on Virgin Gorda United 3-2, on Sunday night, which catapulted them into sixth place in the BVI Football Association's Men's League standings, after the visitors had been reduced to ten men.

Buddah found the net in the 7th, 19th and 67th minutes for his trio. Shelon Harry's 36th legger and Jadon Abrams' score in the 56th were all that VG United could muster.

"Lion Heart really took it to us, they really started the game with a lot of pressure, really aggressive," VG United's Coach Jermain Abrahams told Island Sun Sports. "But I think in the second half, we came back as a team and really settled them down and at key moments we brought the game to a 2-2 tie after a free kick. I think we really let up on the defense. We had their team under pressure, in my opinion, it was a really soft goal for that third goal."

Lion Heart's Manager, Winston Brown said that it was a good victory for his team. "We

came out knowing that we had this game. I told my guys just go out there and bounce around the ball, don't play the ball fast, settle down the game and we got the victory," Brown said. "Those young guys are very aggressive, fast and fit, so we had to play aggressively to get the victory."

One Love's march up the standings continued unabated as they closed the gap at the top to just three points, after league champs Virgin Gorda Sugar Boys played the Wolues to a 1-1 draw and they beat Panthers 2-1, on goals by Colin Lavia in the 15th and Shayne Prince in the 39th. Ezra Allyene scored in the 41st for the Panthers.

"We came under some pressure in the last seconds of the second half, but we emerged victorious," One Love's Coach Mark Savage noted of the 2019 champs. "This brings us up to second place in the league, hopefully in the New Year, we'll maintain this momentum that we have going and see if we can win this league."

The Wolues needed a last gap penalty to secure a share of the points with Sugar Boys as Marcus Robinson struck from the penalty spot in the ninth minute of added time at the end of the game to level the score, after Romaine Henry had put the Boys ahead in the 12th minute.

"We felt the first half was evenly balanced," Wolues' Chris Pease said. "Sugar Boys always pass the ball around well, but we created lots of problems for them out wide and with our pace up front. As the game went on, we felt we were the better team and it was therefore a big relief to get the goal at the end. If we had come away with no points it would have been a harsh result. Importantly we've kept the gap to four points so if we can win the return fixture it should keep the pressure on them in the title race."

Islanders bounced back from a loss with a 10-0 win against Positive after the game was halted during the second half as Positive were reduced to less than the required players on



Lion Heart's Terondo Gilbert, left, and Virgin Gorda United's Sheldon Harry Jr., have their eyes on the ball as they fight for control on Sunday night

the pitch following a sending off.

The Islanders goal scorers were DeAndre Rogers (5th min), McTair James (23rd, 31st and 38th), Primo Francis 33rd and 40th), Enrico Bowen (47th), Devon Letteen (53rd and 54th) and Tugel Regisford penalty kick in the 69th.

SPORTS



BVI Netball Club Rockets (blue) and One Love Aces following Sunday's match



BVI Football Association's Clubs meeting with the Competitions Committee on Tuesday night in East End



One Love Aces Goal Shoot Caroline Gordon, attempts a shot between Rockets defenders



A Virgin Gorda United player tries to kick the ball as he slides under Lion Heart defender, Tennison Brown



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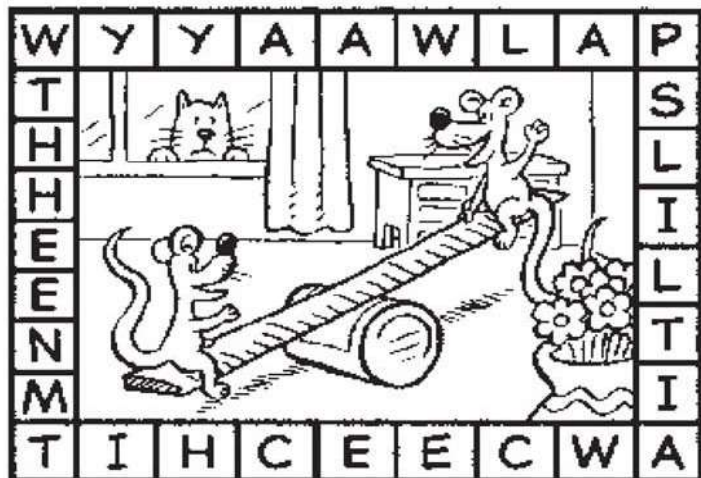
...There were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people." LUKE 2: 8-10



MISTER BREGER By Dave Breger



"Try not to be so careless in your baking, dear — in your last cake I almost broke a tooth on a HACK SAW, of all things!"



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A TEETER-TOTTER TALE! Hidden in the above frame is a famous old saying. You can find it by reading every other letter as you go around it counterclockwise. The trick is finding the right first letter.

Answer: Starting with the "W" in the upper left corner: "When the cat is away the mice will play."

A TOPSY-TURVY TEST! Professor Flunkum wants you to find two more words in the English language that will read the same when turned upside down as they do when right-side up.



Answers: SWIMS and MOW.

TRY LIGHTING UP THESE WORDS! In this puzzle, all of the words get progressively longer, and they all start with LIT. Some hints are:

1. Turned on (given).
2. Two percent milk.
3. Very supple.
4. Type of test.
5. Exact meaning of.
6. Made a mess.



Answers: 1. Lit. 2. Lite. 3. Litter. 4. Litmus. 5. Litteral. 6. Littered.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

THE PYRAMID OF WORD POWER



Can you harvest the right words from our "Garden of Knowledge"? Starting with the given word GARDENING at the bottom of our word pyramid, try dropping one letter at a time as you work your way up, so that the remaining letters, at each level, will spell out a new word. The following helpful hints are in ascending order, beginning with GARDENING.

1. Cultivating vegetables and flowers.
2. Provoking or making mad.
3. Almost there.
4. To get back again.
5. The staff of life.
6. To acquire.
7. To scold constantly.
8. Variant of ONE.
9. Blood type.

Answers: (from the bottom up): Gardening, angering, nearing, regaining, grain, gain, nag, an,



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your work on a recent job assignment is impressive and sure to be noticed. Meanwhile, expect to receive news about an upcoming holiday event you won't want to miss.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Saving the world one person at a time is what you were born to do. So accept it when people ask you for help, especially during the holiday season.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Now that you've resolved all doubts about an important decision, you can surprise a lot of people by defending your stand with strong and well-reasoned arguments.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The holiday mood stirs your need to nurture everyone, from the family cat to great-grandma. But don't overdo it, especially with teens, who like to feel grown up.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Enjoy basking in the warm love of family and close friends this holiday season. But don't fall into a prolonged catnap yet. There's still much to do before you can fully put up your paws and relax.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Avoid pushing others to work as hard as you do on a common project. Instead, encourage them to do their best, and they might well reward you with a pleasant surprise.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Like the sensible Libra you are, you no doubt already started your holiday shopping. But be careful to keep within your budget. Shop around for the best buys.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Love and friendship remain strong in your aspect over the next several days. This is a good time to develop new relationships and strengthen old ones.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A beloved family member has news that will brighten your holidays. Also expect to hear from friends who had long since moved out of your life.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Family and friends are in for a surprise when you accept the need to make a change without being talked into it. (Bet it surprised you, too, didn't it?)

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Restoring an old friendship might not be as easy as you had hoped. You might want to explore the reasons for your former buddy's reluctance to cooperate.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your party-going activities pick up as the holiday season takes off. Enjoy your plunge into the social swim as you make new friends and renew old friendships.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are caring and considerate — two wonderful attributes that endear you to people of all ages.



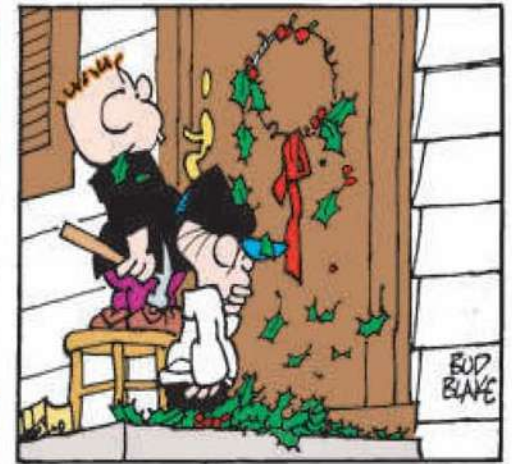
I have come to the conclusion that politics are too serious a matter to be left to the politicians.

Charles De Gaulle (1890 - 1970)



TIGER

by BUD BLAKE





Source: "The Future of Frankincense" by Davison-Bongers-Phillips

Frankincense Boswellia trees exude a healing resin when their bark has been damaged. As this resin hardens, it is collected and sold as *frankincense*. In response to concerns about the conservation, legislation and trade developments affecting this industry, a Global Frankincense Alliance was formed in 2020 to address the long-term future of frankincense trees and the communities that harvest them.

- Brenda Weaver

GRIN and BEAR IT Wagner



"I set the alarm for April."

top ten

GREATEST FEMALE ATHLETES OF ALL TIME

1. Serena Williams
2. Babe Didrikson Zaharias
3. Jackie Joyner-Kersey
4. Simone Biles
5. Mia Hamm
6. Diana Taurasi
7. Florence Griffith Joyner
8. Steffi Graf
9. Allyson Felix
10. Lisa Leslie

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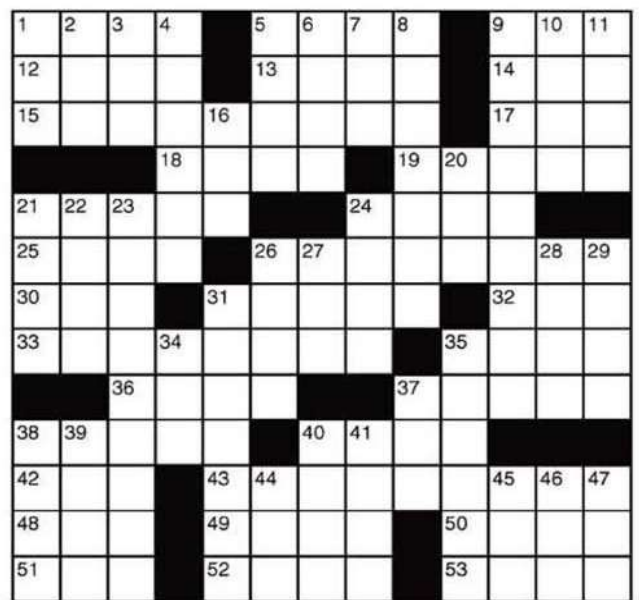
by Jeff Pickering



King Crossword

ACROSS

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- 5 Wild canine
- 9 Yoga pad
- 12 Close
- 13 Actress Perlman
- 14 Green prefix
- 15 Requiring low temperatures
- 17 Moo — pork
- 18 Boy, in Barcelona
- 19 Big name in racing
- 21 Antlered animals
- 24 Jubilation
- 25 Billions of years
- 26 German
- 30 Aachen article
- 31 Postpone
- 32 Wildebeest
- 33 Romance-free, as a relationship
- 35 Head, to Henri
- 36 Sweet wine
- 37 King of Judea
- 38 Snapshot
- 40 Graceful bird
- 42 Slithery fish
- 43 Looking good on the tube, say
- 48 Part of TNT
- 49 Lettuce unit



- 10 Dull pain
- 11 Go sightseeing
- 16 USO patrons
- 20 Ultramodernist
- 21 Leak out slowly
- 22 Work hard
- 23 Maryland's capital
- 24 Avocado dip, for short
- 26 Camp shelter
- 27 Peyton's brother
- 28 Grooving on
- 29 Prompted
- 31 Girl in "The Wizard of Oz"
- 34 Nanny's charge
- 35 Beliefs
- 37 Crone
- 38 Anti-fur org.
- 39 Cattle group
- 40 Cabbage salad
- 41 Marries
- 44 Shoe width
- 45 Diarist Anais
- 46 — tizzy
- 47 Bottle top

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DOWN

- 1 Org. for a major party
- 2 — Lingus
- 3 Spring month
- 4 Plug parts
- 5 Wee songbird
- 6 "It can't be!"
- 7 Floral neck-lace
- 8 Teaching staff
- 9 Courier

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. Cane is different. 2. Chair back is missing. 3. Cap is different. 4. Left is smaller. 5. Hair is different. 6. Antenna is smaller.

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Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 23 mins.

Answers

King Crossword



1. MOVIES: What was the name of the fictional kingdom in "Frozen"?
2. HISTORY: How many people died as a result of the Boston Massacre of 1770?
3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What was the name of Scrooge's business partner in "A Christmas Carol"?
4. TELEVISION: In what city is the long-running drama "Grey's Anatomy" set?
5. GEOGRAPHY: Which two cities were the original endpoints of the Orient Express?
6. ANIMAL KINGDOM: How many legs does an ant have?
7. LITERATURE: What is the title of Toni Morrison's first novel?
8. MATH: How many minutes are in a week?
9. BUSINESS SLOGANS: Which company's slogan is, "Expect more. Pay less"?
10. EXPLORERS: What is the home country of Roald Amundsen, the first to reach the South Pole?

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Trivia Test Answers

1. Arendelle; 2. Five; 3. Jacob Marley; 4. Seattle, Washington; 5. Paris and Istanbul (Constantinople); 6. Six; 7. "The Blue Eye"; 8. 10,080; 9. Target; 10. Norway.

PROTECTING SCHOOL CHILDREN AND ENDING GANG VIOLENCE: NO TIME TO WASTE

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)



Gang violence, particularly in schools, and directed at school children, is fast becoming a grave concern throughout the Caribbean.

Recent reports of school children being attacked by hooded gangs with knives and cutlasses and suffering serious injuries, have alarmed parents in Antigua and Barbuda, The Bahamas, Barbados, Jamaica, St Lucia and Trinidad and Tobago. Especially troubling, is an observation, made in November 2021, by the Commissioner of Police of St Lucia, Milton Desir, that criminals have been targeting school children for recruitment into gangs and a life of crime.

In The Bahamas, concerns heightened about school safety earlier this year, following several stabbings and violent encounters between students at public schools. This led to the Education Minister, Glenys Hanna-Martin, telling Parliament that there will be "zero tolerance" for school violence.

In Barbados, after 2 years of incidents at schools, including stabbings, and several violent crimes that resulted in many deaths, the popular on-line publication, Barbados Today, in an Editorial on October 14, warned that if "authorities do not get in front of this issue it will fester and grow".

The Ministry of Social Transformation in Antigua and Barbuda is clearly so anxious about the emergence of gangs and violence against school children, that one of the remedial actions it proposed in late November, is "developing legislation that makes gang membership and [gang]activity illegal".

There are strong reasons for this anxiety, and good cause for a national consultation on how the issue of gang violence should be handled, involving all stakeholders in the society. The problem won't be solved by governments alone, though they must organise national consultations.

Gang violence in school is not only a threat to the safety of children, it has the potential to grievously disrupt the

education system, and, also, to feed the development of gangs, which foment criminal activities that terrorizes societies and stunts economic growth. Haiti is a deeply disturbing example of how armed gangs have taken control of large parts of the country, confronting police, kidnapping persons for ransom, "barbecuing" people they regard as enemies, and completely disregarding any form of the rule of law.

Of course, the dastardly and awful conditions of Haiti, which have consigned the majority of its population to abject poverty, and little opportunity for social and economic improvement while a small elite profits, are at the root of the emergence of gangs. But Haiti's disorder is also a warning to other Caribbean countries that social, political, and economic circumstances should not deteriorate to the point where remedying them become a mammoth, costly and difficult task.

The illegal entry of weapons into Caribbean countries, in support of drug trafficking and other criminal activity, is growing. If this trend continues, along with an increase in gangs which recruit which recruit and groom school children, the implications for peaceful and sustained stability and growth are worrying.

Just four months ago, the U.S. Department for Homeland Security (DHS) disclosed that they had found a substantial increase in the number of weapons being illegally trafficked to the Caribbean. A spokesman for the DHS said, "In the wrong hands, these weapons could cause mass casualties", adding that "guns trafficked from the U.S. have been linked to a surge of gang-related and reprisal murders in The Bahamas this year".

The problem of school violence, therefore, has two dimensions. The first is the safety of children and the impact on the education system. The second is the looming prospect that gangs would become so emboldened, that they would seek to control countries, challenging law enforcement bodies in the process.

Apart from Haiti, developments in two Central American countries - El Salvador and Honduras - should be closely studied by Caribbean authorities, such



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as the CARICOM Implementation Agency for Crime and Security, for the lessons they present.

In El Salvador, between March 25 and 27, eighty-seven people were murdered in violence that Salvadoran authorities blamed on two of the country's most notorious criminal gangs - both of them had migrated from Los Angeles in the U.S. The victims varied widely demographically and most of them had no known connection to any gangs.

In response, the government declared a thirty-day state of emergency that curtailed several constitutional rights, including freedom of assembly and the right to legal counsel. The President of the country also authorized the national police to conduct warrantless raids and mass arrests; as of April 26, more than seventeen thousand suspected gang members had reportedly been arrested. Almost 60,000 suspected gang members have been arrested since March.

The Salvadorian government was criticised for its methods by international human rights bodies. However, the government's actions resulted in a considerable drop in homicides, and a significant easing of fear in the society.

In neighbouring Honduras, the government, also faced the criminal activities of gangs that held sway over businesses in the capital, Tegucigalpa, and the northern hub of San Pedro Sula. Taking a leaf from the El Salvador playbook, on December 5, the Honduras government imposed a 'state of exception' suspending some constitutional rights to help fight street gangs. A former Police Commissioner said, "The intent is to penetrate these criminal structures to get to the leaders, noting that it would also be important to go after lesser criminals, as well as repeat offenders".

Armed gangs are already an unwelcome phenomenon in Caribbean countries. This is not a problem that can afford delays.

The approach of the governments of El Salvador and Honduras came after the activities of gangs were so grave that they could not be ignored. Consequently, draconian measures were introduced which encroached on civil liberties. Those governments would argue that, in fulfilment of their duty to keep their populations safe, they had no choice.

Caribbean countries, except Haiti, still have time to address this growing problem within the rule of law. Dealing with it, based on national consultations and consensus, is urgent.

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Splendourum Holdings Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 1st day of December 2022, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidator is:-
GU Yizhe
of Room 1806,
No. 1699,
Gubei Road,
Minhang District,
Shanghai,
China.
[80/14]

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

Wise Seed Tech Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 1st day of December 2022, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidator is:-
GU Yizhe
of Room 1806,
No. 1699, Gubei Road,
Minhang District,
Shanghai,
China.
[80/15]

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

SIC Partners Investment Ltd

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 1st day of December 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 Zuojiashuang Road,
Chaoyang District,
Beijing 100028,
China
[80/16]

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

TinaKuang Ltd

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 5th day of December 2022, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidator is:-
CHEN Mengyu
of No. 512,
Shangjiuwu Village,
Shangjiuwu Town,
Baofeng County,
He'an Province,
China.
[80/17]

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

Xin'Chen'Yang Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 5th day of December 2022, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidator is:-
YU Ying
of No. 85,
Lintong Dongguan Street,
Lintong District,
Xi'an City,
China
[80/18]

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

ShiJueDongFang Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 5th day of December 2022, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidator is:-
YU Ying
of No. 85,
Lintong Dongguan Street,
Lintong District,
Xi'an City,
China
[80/19]

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

Rumimidexter Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 5th day of December 2022, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidator is:-
YU Ying
of No. 85,
Lintong Dongguan Street,
Lintong District,
Xi'an City,
China
[80/20]

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NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
(NO. 16 OF 2004)
MA International Investment Corp.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 5th day of December 2022, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.
The Liquidator is:-
YU Ying
of No. 85,
Lintong Dongguan Street,
Lintong District,
Xi'an City,
China.
[80/21]

NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
(NO. 16 OF 2004)
Brilliant Info Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 5th day of December 2022, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.
The Liquidator is:-
YU Ying
of No. 85,
Lintong Dongguan Street,
Lintong District,
Xi'an City,
China.
[80/22]

NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
(NO. 16 OF 2004)
Beefit Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 5th day of December 2022, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.
The Liquidator is:-
YU Ying
of No. 85,
Lintong Dongguan Street,
Lintong District,
Xi'an City,
China.
[80/23]

NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
(NO. 16 OF 2004)
Qingxing Ltd.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 5th day of December 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 Yingcai
of No. 7,
171 Deputy 7 Zhenxing South Road,
Tuquan Town,
Tuquan
County,
Xing'an League,
Inner Mongolia,
China
[80/24]

NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
(NO. 16 OF 2004)
Huahongjiaxin Investment Co. LTD
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 5th day of December 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 Zuojiazhuang Road, Chaoyang District, Beijing 100028,
China
[80/25]

NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
(NO. 16 OF 2004)
Huahongjiaxin Development Co. LTD
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 5th day of December 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 Zuojiazhuang Road, Chaoyang District, Beijing 100028,
China.
[80/26]

NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
(NO. 16 OF 2004)
Huahongjiaxin Management Co. LTD
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 5th day of December 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 Zuojiazhuang Road, Chaoyang District, Beijing 100028,
China
[80/27]

NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
(NO. 16 OF 2004)
WEGENEZHENG Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 5th day of December 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 Zuojiazhuang Road, Chaoyang District, Beijing 100028,
China.
[80/28]

NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
(NO. 16 OF 2004)
Denovome Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 5th day of December 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 Zuojiazhuang Road, Chaoyang District, Beijing 100028,
China
[80/29]

NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
(NO. 16 OF 2004)
PBX Enterprises (BVI) Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 8th day of December 2022, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.
The Liquidator is:-
YANG Zhiqin
of Room 102, No. 3,
Lane 801, Nenjiang Road,
Yangpu District,
Shanghai,
China
[80/30]

NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
(NO. 16 OF 2004)
Zhixiang Ltd.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 8th day of December 2022, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.
The Liquidator is:-
CHEN Mengyu
of No. 512,
Shangjiuwu Village,
Shangjiuwu Town,
Baofeng County,
He'nan Province,
China
[80/31]

NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
(NO. 16 OF 2004)
DF-Link TECHNOLOGY LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 8th day of December 2022, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.
The Liquidator is:-
CAI Maojing
of Room 304, Unit 1,
Building 2, No. 38
Luotang Road, Jianye District,
Nanjing City, Jiangsu Province,
China
[80/32]

NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
(NO. 16 OF 2004)
Good Trip Capital Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 8th day of December 2022, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.
The Liquidator is:-
GU Yizhe
of Room 1806,
No. 1699,
Gubei Road, Minhang District,
Shanghai,
China.
[80/33]

NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
(NO. 16 OF 2004)
Micheng Ltd.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 8th day of December 2022, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.
The Liquidator is:-
CHEN Mengyu
of No. 512,
Shangjiuwu Village,
Shangjiuwu Town,
Baofeng County,
He'nan Province,
China
[80/34]

NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
(NO. 16 OF 2004)
Mvcapital Ltd.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 8th day of December 2022, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.
The Liquidator is:-
CHEN Mengyu
of No. 512,
Shangjiuwu Village,
Shangjiuwu Town,
Baofeng County,
He'nan Province,
China
[80/35]

NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
(NO. 16 OF 2004)
PRIMROSE NOBEL LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 8th day of December 2022, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.
The Liquidator is:-
HUANG Mei
of c/o Alibaba Group,
Chao Yang Qu Tian,
Ze Lu 16 Hao Yuan Run Shi
Zhong Xin,
2 Hao Lou 20 Ceng
Beijing,
China 100125
[80/36]

NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
(NO. 16 OF 2004)
Qianxian Ltd.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 8th day of December 2022, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.
The Liquidator is:-
CHEN Mengyu
of No. 512,
Shangjiuwu Village,
Shangjiuwu Town,
Baofeng County,
He'nan Province,
China
[80/37]

NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
(NO. 16 OF 2004)
SERENITY SPACE LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 8th day of December 2022, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.
The Liquidator is:-
HUANG Mei
of c/o Alibaba Group,
Chao Yang Qu Tian,
Ze Lu 16
Hao Yuan Run Shi Zhong Xin,
2 Hao Lou 20 Ceng
Beijing,
China.
[80/38]

NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
(NO. 16 OF 2004)
Huagai Jiyu Holdings Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 9th day of December 2022, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.
The Liquidator is:-
GU Yizhe
of Room 1806,
No. 1699, Gubei Road,
Minhang District,
Shanghai,
China.
[80/39]

NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
(NO. 16 OF 2004)
SHARP UNIVERSAL Holdings Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 25th day of November 2022, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.
The Liquidator is:-
GU Yizhe
of Room 1806, No. 1699,
Gubei Road,
Minhang District,
Shanghai,
China.
[80/40]

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NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
(NO. 16 OF 2004)
Yong Li Capital Ltd
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 2nd day of December 2022, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidator is:-
DENG Yuting
of No. 025, Group 15, Huaqiao Village, Duoshan Town, Lengshuijiang, Hunan, China
[80/41]

NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
(NO. 16 OF 2004)
Data Link Entertainment Ltd
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 2nd day of December 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 Zuojiazhuang Road, Chaoyang District, Beijing 100028, China
[80/42]

NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
(NO. 16 OF 2004)
Su Peng Co., Ltd
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 2nd day of December 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 Zuojiazhuang Road, Chaoyang District, Beijing 100028, China
[80/43]

NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
(NO. 16 OF 2004)
Huagai Qiandao Holdings Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 9th day of December 2022, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidator is:-
GU Yizhe
of Room 1806, No. 1699, Gubei Road, Minhang District, Shanghai, China.
[80/44]

NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
(NO. 16 OF 2004)
CHENGYI MANAGEMENT CO LTD
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 5th day of December 2022, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidator is:-
YU Ying of No. 85, Lintong Dongguan Street, Lintong District, Xi'an City, China
[80/45]

Aurum Exploration Resources Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1667246
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 12th day of December, 2022.
Dated this 13th day of December, 2022
Sgd. John N Greenwood

John N Greenwood
Voluntary Liquidator
[80/46]

AR Exploration Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1667224
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 12th day of December, 2022.
Dated this 13th day of December, 2022
Sgd. John N Greenwood

John N Greenwood
Voluntary Liquidator
[80/47]

Aurum Holdings Resources Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1667249
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 12th day of December, 2022.
Dated this 13th day of December, 2022
Sgd. John N Greenwood

John N Greenwood
Voluntary Liquidator
[80/48]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004
LANDS END HOLDINGS LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1068044
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 12th day of December, 2022. The liquidator is **John Gary Tyrer of Roslyn House, Alexander Drive, Douglas, Isle of Man.**
Dated: December 13, 2022
(Sgd.) John Gary Tyrer
Voluntary Liquidator
[80/49]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act.
MARA INVESTMENTS LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 188047
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 December 13th, 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: December 13th, 2022
(Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela
Voluntary Liquidator
[80/50]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act.
Amber Tech Holding Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1928420
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 November 18, 2022. The Liquidator is **Chrysovalanto Christofidou, with address at Antheon 13, 7103 Aradippou, Larnaca, Cyprus.**
Dated: November 20, 2022.
(Sgd.) Chrysovalanto Christofidou
Voluntary Liquidator
[80/51]

THE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT, 2004
Oak Investments Holdings Ltd.
(In voluntary liquidation)
(Company No 1849994)
(the Company)
NOTICE is hereby given that the Company has been dissolved and struck-off the Register of Companies with effect from this Date-
Dated: 13 December 2022.
Rudy Tan
Voluntary Liquidator
[80/52]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act.
MACONDO HOLDINGS INC.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2050622
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 December 13th, 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: December 13th, 2022
(Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela
Voluntary Liquidator
[80/53]

STRUCK OFF
Liquidator's Final Notice
RIDGEWELL PROPERTIES LIMITED
(“the Company”)
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1776927
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to section (208) (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 12th December 2022.
Dated 13th December 2022
Carmine Bailey
Voluntary Liquidator
[80/54]

AR (Aurum Resources) Holdings Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1667125
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 12th day of December, 2022. The Liquidator is **John N Greenwood of Fin-Law, Arawak Chambers, PO Box 2196, 3rd Floor, Mandar House, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated this 12th day of December, 2022
Sgd. John N Greenwood

John N Greenwood
Voluntary Liquidator [80/55]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004
FAIRFIELDS ASSETS ENTERPRISES INC.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1796050
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 9th December 2022. The liquidator is **Claudia David of 500 Three Islands Blvd apt 819, Hallandale Beach, Florida 33009-2840.**
Dated: 12th day of December, 2022
(Sgd.) Claudia David
Voluntary Liquidator [80/56]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act.
Pokani Corp.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1932592
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 December 9th, 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: December 12th, 2022
(Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela
Voluntary Liquidator
[80/57]

The BVI Business Companies Act
Advertisement of Liquidator's Appointment Section 204(1)(b)
OWL INVESTMENT HOLDINGS LTD
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
BC No. 135378
(the “Company”)
NOTICE is hereby given in accordance with Section 204(1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the above mentioned company has commenced liquidation and dissolution as of December 8, 2022. **Mr. Ryan Geluk of BDO Limited, Sea Meadow House, Tobacco Wharf, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands**, has been appointed liquidator.
Ryan Geluk
Voluntary Liquidator
[80/58]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
JOLLY ASIA LTD.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 659119
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 December 9, 2022.
Dated: December 9, 2022
(Sgd.) Yiu Lai Man
Voluntary Liquidator
[80/59]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
LAESCO Freight Forwarders Ltd
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 507593
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 December 9, 2022.
Dated: December 9, 2022
(Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela
Voluntary Liquidator
[80/60]

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Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
SEIGER MANAGEMENT LTD
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1897069

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 December 9, 2022.

Dated: December 9, 2022
(Sgd.) *Delio Jose De Leon Mela*
Voluntary Liquidator
[80/61]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
VERMELL COMMERCIAL LTD
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1470354

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 December 9, 2022.

Dated: December 9, 2022
(Sgd.) *Margarita Sofokleous*
Voluntary Liquidator
[80/62]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004
DIGITAL DERIVATIVES LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2032437

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 13th day of December, 2022. The liquidator is **Yao, Xiaoyun of Room 2302, East Tower, Yangcheng International Trade Center, Tiyu East Road, Tianhe District, Guangzhou City, Guangdong Province, China.**

Dated: 14th day of December 2022
(Sgd.) *Yao, Xiaoyun*
Voluntary Liquidator [80/63]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004
ACTIVE PLUS ENTERPRISES LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1037166

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 13th day of December, 2022. The liquidator is **MA Wing Hung of Suite No. A, 11/F, Ritz Plaza, 122 Austin Road, Tsimshatsui, Kowloon, Hong Kong.**

Dated: 14th day of December 2022
(Sgd.) *MA Wing Hung*
Voluntary Liquidator
[80/64]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004
SCARLET BRIGHT LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1728251

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 13th day of December, 2022. The liquidator is **Mr. LAM, Siu Lin Alfred of Flat 303, 3/F, Choi Yee House (Block 4), Choi Tak Estate, Site 2, Ph 2, Choi Wan Road, Ngau Tau Kok, Kowloon, Hong Kong.**

Dated: 14th day of December 2022
(Sgd.) *Mr. LAM, Siu Lin Alfred*
Voluntary Liquidator
[80/65]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.
PERHAM FINANCE LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1689098

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 December 13th, 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: December 14th, 2022
(Sgd.) *Delio Jose De Leon Mela*
Voluntary Liquidator
[80/66]

Greata Holdings Inc
Company No. 1650795
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that Greata Holdings Inc. is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 13th December 2022 and **WENG YIJUN of Room 202, No. 34, Lane 310, Zhangyang Road, Pudong new District, Shanghai, China** been appointed as the Sole Liquidator.

Dated this 14th day of December 2022
(Sgd.) *Querube C. De Nunez*
Voluntary Liquidator
[80/67]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
MACY WAY LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 575178

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 December 12, 2022.

Dated: December 13, 2022
(Sgd.) *Yiu Lai Man*
Voluntary Liquidator
[80/68]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
Alpha Trade Development Ltd.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1962978

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 December 12, 2022.

Dated: December 13, 2022
(Sgd.) *Delio Jose De Leon Mela*
Voluntary Liquidator
[80/69]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
Amber Tech Holding Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1928420

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 December 12, 2022.

Dated: December 13, 2022
(Sgd.) *Chrysovalanto Christofidou*
Voluntary Liquidator
[80/70]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
MORAL EMPIRE LTD.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1427381

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 December 9th 2022.

Dated: December 9th, 2022
(Sgd.) *Yiu Lai Man*
Voluntary Liquidator
[80/71]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.
SEAWORLD HOLDINGS LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 345891

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 December 9th, 2022. The Liquidator is **LEUNG Shiu Tong with an address at 16th Floor, Jonsim Place, 228 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong.**

Dated: December 9th, 2022
(Sgd.) *LEUNG Shiu Tong*
Voluntary Liquidator
[80/72]

FinTech Networks Limited
(the "Company")
Company No. 1995532
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that FinTech Networks Limited has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 30th November, 2022.

Dated this 9th day of December, 2022.
(Sgd.) *LI King Shan Sandra*
Voluntary Liquidator
[80/73]

Circle Telecoms Limited
(the "Company")
Company No. 1994593
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that Circle Telecoms Limited has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 30th November, 2022.

Dated this 9th day of December, 2022
(Sgd.) *LI King Shan Sandra*
Voluntary Liquidator
[80/74]

LATCHEM TRADING LTD.
(the "Company")
Company No. 1882254
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **LATCHEM TRADING LTD.** has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 30th November, 2022.

Dated this 9th day of December, 2022.
(Sgd.) *Lineth Del Carmen Ponce Vergara*
Voluntary Liquidator
[80/75]

MULLICA FINANCE INC.
(the "Company")
Company No. 1798690
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **MULLICA FINANCE INC.** has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 30th November, 2022.

Dated this 9th day of December, 2022.
(Sgd.) *Querube Castillo de Nunez*
Voluntary Liquidator
[80/76]

Alliance Express Holdings Inc.
Company No. 1671949
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that Alliance Express Holdings Inc. is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 8th December 2022 and **Goh Mui Poh of 1 Raffles Place #39-01 One Raffles Place Singapore 048616** been appointed as the Sole Liquidator.

Dated this 8th day of December 2022
(Sgd.) *Querube C. De Nunez*
Voluntary Liquidator
[80/77]

RICHTIMER INTERNATIONAL LIMITED
Company No. 1540777
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **RICHTIMER INTERNATIONAL LIMITED** is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 21st November 2022 and **Wang Xuefeng of No. 136, Haigang Haibin 5th Road, Binhair New Area, Tianjin City, China** been appointed as the Sole Liquidator.

Dated this 23rd day of November 2022
(Sgd.) *Wang Xuefeng*
Voluntary Liquidator
[80/78]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.
KEROL INTERNATIONAL 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 13th December, 2022. The Liquidator is **Mr. Marcelo Rozemblum, with address at Avenida 18 de Julio 878/1204, Montevideo, Uruguay.**

Dated: 13th December, 2022.
(Sgd.) *Marcelo Rozemblum*
Voluntary Liquidator
[80/79]

NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
(NO. 16 OF 2004)
Chun Zheng Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 17th day of November 2022, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register

The Liquidator is:-
Qing ZHAO
of 2-2H Beijing International Friendship Garden, A2 Zuoji Zhuang Road, Chaoyang District, Beijing 100028, China
[80/80]

PUBLIC NOTICES

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 17th day of November 2022, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register

The Liquidator is:-

Qing ZHAO

of 2-2H Beijing International Friendship Garden, A2 Zuojiashuang Road, Chaoyang District, Beijing 100028, China

[80/81]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 17th day of November 2022, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register

The Liquidator is:-

Qing ZHAO

of 2-2H Beijing International Friendship Garden, A2 Zuojiashuang Road, Chaoyang District, Beijing 100028, China.

[80/82]

NOTICE
**BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
(NO. 16 OF 2004)**
SIP Oriza ChongYuan M&A Co. Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 17th day of November 2022, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register

The Liquidator is:-

CHU Lingling

of Room 2306, Building 6, Heqiao Lijing Apartment, Suzhou Industrial Park, Jiangsu Province, China.

[80/83]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 17th day of November 2022, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register

The Liquidator is:-

SHI Shaoqing

of No. 4, Lane 6, Longtan Village beside Guangshan Highway, Donghai Town, Lufeng City, Guangdong Province, China.

[80/84]

OAKARD LTD.

Company No. 1952671

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **OAKARD LTD.** is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 30th November 2022 and **Querube Castillo de Nunez of Paseo del Mar and Pacific Avenues, Costa del Este, MMG Tower, 23rd Floor, Panama City, Republic of Panama** been appointed as the Sole Liquidator. Dated this 14th day of December 2022.

Sgd. Querube C. De Nunez

Voluntary Liquidator

[80/85]

GM Group Holding Limited

Company No. 2068602

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **GM Group Holding Limited** is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 30th November 2022 and **NESTOR GUSTAVO CARDOZO GARCIA of CL JUNCAL 1305 TUPI A1104 MONTEVIDEO MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY** been appointed as the Sole Liquidator.

Dated this 14th day of December 2022

Sgd. Querube C. De Nunez

Voluntary Liquidator

[80/86]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 2nd day of December 2022, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register

The Liquidator is:-

WANG Fengwei

of Room 501, Unit 1, Building 68, No.5 Jingfang Community, Jianggan District, Hangzhou City, China.

[80/87]

NOTICE
**BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
(NO. 16 OF 2004)**
CGC Best Dynamic Investment Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 8th day of December 2022, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register

The Liquidator is:-

XIAO Jing

of No. 26 Mianhua Hutong, Xicheng District, Beijing, China

[80/88]

NOTICE
**BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
(NO. 16 OF 2004)**
Chuanglan 1 Holdings Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 12th day of December 2022, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.

The Liquidator is:-

SONG Zhenguang of Xiaojiaowan No. 003, Xinshi Village, Hetangpu County, Hetang District, Zhuzhou City, Hunan Province, China.

[80/89]

NOTICE
**BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
Pactum Investments Limited**

("the Company")

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 13th December, 2022; under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck from the Register.

The Liquidator is:-

Mr. Ian Simon Osborn

79 Robinson Road

#18-03

Singapore, 068897

[80/90]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1869053

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 December 14th, 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: December 14th, 2022

(Sgd.) **Delio Jose De Leon Mela**

Voluntary Liquidator [80/91]

BLUE RING ENTERPRISES LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company Number 1768738

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 14th day of December, 2022. The Liquidator is **LIM SOON MOI of House 128B Jalan Pari Burong, Singapore 488780.**

Dated this 14th day of December, 2022
Sgd. LIM SOON MOI

LIM SOON MOI

Voluntary Liquidator [80/92]

Drorage Investmetnts Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company Number 1670147

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 14th day of December, 2022. The Liquidator is **Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, P.O. Box 2196, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated this 14th day of December, 2022

Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson

Voluntary Liquidator

[80/93]

DeepColor Investment Consulting Co., Ltd

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company Number 2045928

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 9th day of December, 2022. The Liquidator is **CHEN Yuanming of Room 701, No. 7, Lane 289, Xinyu East Road, Changning District, Shanghai City, China.**

Dated this 9th day of December, 2022

Sgd. CHEN Yuanming

CHEN Yuanming

Voluntary Liquidator

[80/94]

HAPPY SOUL LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company Number 1947355

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 9th day of December, 2022.

Dated this 9th day of December, 2022

Sgd. Tse Ka Yi

Tse Ka Yi

Voluntary Liquidator

[80/95]

APPOINTMENT
DESERT ROSE WEST LINAPACAN LIMITED

("the Company")

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 2026476

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that: **Desert Rose West Linapacan Limited** is in voluntary liquidation. The date of commencement of liquidation is 12th December 2022. The liquidator is **Carmine Bailey of Kendall Corporate Services Limited, 87 Main Street, Waterfront Drive, P.O. Box 3169; PMB 425, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated 15th December 2022

Carmine Bailey

Voluntary Liquidator

[80/96]

**THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS
(PROBATE)**
CLAIM NO. BVIHPB2022/

IN THE ESTATE OF WONG WUN MING (黃煥明), LATE, OF FLAT B, 41/F, TOWER 8, IMPERIAL CULLINAN, 10 HOI FAI ROAD, TAI KOK TSUI, KOWLOON, HONG KONG, DECEASED

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TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Chen Bihua (陳碧華) of Flat B, 41/F, Tower 8, Imperial Cullinan, 10 Hoi Fai Road, Tai Kok Tsui, Kowloon, HONG KONG for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who is the widow of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate at Nanjing Drum Tower Hospital, No. 321 Zhongshan Road, Gulou District, Nanjing, Jiangsu, China on 7 July 2022.

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

Dated this 5th day of December 2022

Filed by McW. Todman & Co, Attorneys-at Law for the Administrator whose address for service is:

McNamara Chambers, 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands; email: nsjjean@mctodman.com

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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

Virgin Islands

BVIHPB2022/0281

In the estate of Doo, Alexander Kenneth, late of Flat 2B, Main Building, Matilda and War Memorial Hospital, 41 Mount Kellett Road, The Peak, Hong Kong, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that CHIU, YUEN TUNG IVY of Flat J ON 1st Floor, Kam Yuen Mansion, No.3 Old Peak Road, Hong Kong, the lawful widow of DOO, ALEXANDER KENNETH, deceased who died on the 4th day of July, 2021, domiciled in Hong Kong (the Deceased), and LEE SHUK LING LINDA of Flat 15B, Hollywood Heights, 6 Old Peak Road, Mid-levels, Hong Kong, a Solicitor, have 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 CHIU, YUEN TUNG IVY and LEE SHUK LING LINDA, 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 Administratrices
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**THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
(PROBATE)
THE VIRGIN ISLANDS**

BVIHPB 2022/0291

IN THE ESTATE OF LEONEAL JACK (also referred as LEONEL JACK) late of Pasea Estate, Tortola, Territory of the Virgin Islands, deceased

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APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by DWIGHT M. FRANCIS (also known as DWIGHT MAXWELL FRANCIS) of Pasea Estate, Tortola, Territory of the Virgin Islands (hereinafter referred to as "the Applicant"), for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above-named deceased ("the Deceased") who died on the 23rd day of September, 2022, domiciled in the Territory of the Virgin Islands, without revoking a Will bearing the date of 09th day of September, 2022, wherein the Applicant is named sole executor.

ANY PERSON having an objection to the Grant of Probate to the Applicant 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 8th day of December, 2022.

Filed on behalf of the Applicant herein, by VIGILATE LAW, Legal Practitioners for the Applicant, whose address for service is at C/o VIGILATE LAW, Lagoon Plaza, Ground Floor, 185 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, 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

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to section 28 of the Trustee Ordinance of the Laws of the Virgin Islands Revised Edition 1991 (Cap 303) that any person having a claim against or an interest in the estate of JOÃO CARLOS DI GENIO, late of Alameda Franca, 910, Apartment 18, Jardim Paulista, São Paulo - SP, 01422-002, Brazil, who died on the 12th day of February 2022 (the Deceased), is hereby required to send particulars in writing of his or her claim or interest to Harney Westwood & Riegels LP of Craigmuir Chambers, P. O. Box 71 Road Town, Tortola British Virgin Islands (Attention: Myles Chingara), the Solicitors acting for Sandra Rejane Gomes Miessa and Nilton Ribeiro Landi, the Administrators and Trustees of the Deceased's estate, and to send such particulars not later than the 9th day of February 2022 after which date the said Administrators will distribute the estate among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice and will not, in respect to the property so distributed, be liable to any person of whose claim they shall not then have notice.

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

BVIHPB 2022/0293

In the Estate of FRANCISCO DE ASIS FERNANDEZ DE GAMBOA Y MACHIMBARRENA late of C/Chemin D, Artzainkoborda 560, Urrugne, France, deceased

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TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by TERRELL ALSTON MONTGOMERY of C/Chemin D, Artzainkoborda 560, Urrugne, France for a Grant of Letters of Administration with the Will Annexed of the above-named deceased who died on the day 28th of January 2019 without revoking a will bearing the date of day 21st November, 2016 wherein the applicant is named residuary legatee. Any person having an objection to the Grant of Letters of Administration to the application shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 12th day of December 2022

FILED by KENDALL Law, Attorneys at law for the Administrators whose address for service is c/o KENDALL Law 2nd Floor Abbott Building, Waterfront Drive, Road Town Virgin Islands VG 1110 [81]

**THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
VIRGIN ISLANDS
PROBATE NO...OF 2023**

In the Estate of CHIN LAN HONG (~~CHIN LAN HONG~~) late of Apartment A on 18th Floor, The Albany, No.1 Albany Road, Hong Kong, deceased

FORM P16: ADVERTISEMENT (RESEALING)

Notice is given that after the expiration of 8 days application will be made to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the resealing of the grant of probate of the estate of CHIN LAN HONG (~~CHIN LAN HONG~~) late of Apartment A on 18th floor, The Albany, No.1 Albany Road, Hong Kong, deceased granted by the High Court of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, Court of First Instance on 19 July 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

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Feedback On Public Service Transformation Is Invited

The Public Service Transformation Plan has undergone a Midterm Review and the public is now invited to submit individual feedback on the Plan.

The Midterm Review and Future Outlook presentation allowed each Ministry to provide updates on the progress on their respective Ministerial Plans since the Public Service Transformation Programme's initial launch in 2018. Ministerial Plans provide details on the prioritised areas of focus of the ministry and its departments. The future goals of the Transformation Programme extend to 2025 and were also covered in each presentation.

Speaking at the Midterm Review, His Excellency the Governor, Mr. John J. Rankin affirmed that while there will be some challenges to achieving Public Service Transformation, it can be done and has already been done in different contexts.

"At the end of the Transformation Programme the need is to have achieved real, measurable progress, with a positive change in performance, better results,

better service delivery," the Governor said.

In his remarks, Premier and Minister of Finance, Dr. the Honourable Natalio D. Wheatley, pledged his continued support for Public Service Transformation.

"It is absolutely important for us to have a Public Service which certainly is client-focused, a Public Service that is efficient and effective, and a Public Service that meets the needs of our community," the Premier said.

Deputy Governor, Mr. David D. Archer Jr., also offered remarks and assured attendees of his confidence in the Public Service Transformation Programme.

"We will have a world-class Public Service. It's going to happen, and you can quote me on this. One employee at a time, one department at a time, one initiative at a time," the Deputy Governor said.

The overall goals for the Public Service Transformation include, but are not limited to, improvements in: customer service, accountability, transparency, public financial management, leadership, employee morale and engagement, change

management and capacity, revenue generation; green practices efficiency and accountability; monitoring, evaluation, and reporting mechanisms for services and programmes; science and technology; security judicial system with modern laws and consistent enforcement; and increased community engagement and public/private partnerships.

More specifically, within the Premier's Office, priority will be made toward the coordination of cross-sectorial policies and programmes, promoting cultural awareness and heritage preservation, providing efficient and effective immigration regulation, and promoting the sustainable development of the Virgin Islands to ensure a well-informed, prosperous, cohesive and stable society.

Similarly, the goals of the Ministry of Finance include providing strategic, economic and fiscal leadership that promotes the sustainable economic development of the Virgin Islands.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Communication and Works will focus on ensuring the continued development

and maintenance of public infrastructure in keeping with international standards so that public utilities are reliable and affordable in support of an enhanced community life for every resident and visitor in the Virgin Islands.

The Ministry of Health and Social Development's plans include the provision of leadership that promotes health, social wellbeing and a safe environment as positive resources for living and sustainable development.

Additionally, the Ministry of Education, Youth Affairs and Sports' goals are centred around the education and development of life-long learners, as well as the facilitation of youth empowerment and sports.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Labour will aim to provide effective and efficient management of natural resources for the

Territory, as well as developing and empowering the local workforce to meet national needs.

Finally, the Office of the Deputy Governor's goals include ensuring effective public governance, strengthening democracy and human rights, promoting economic prosperity and social cohesion and deepening confidence in government and administration.

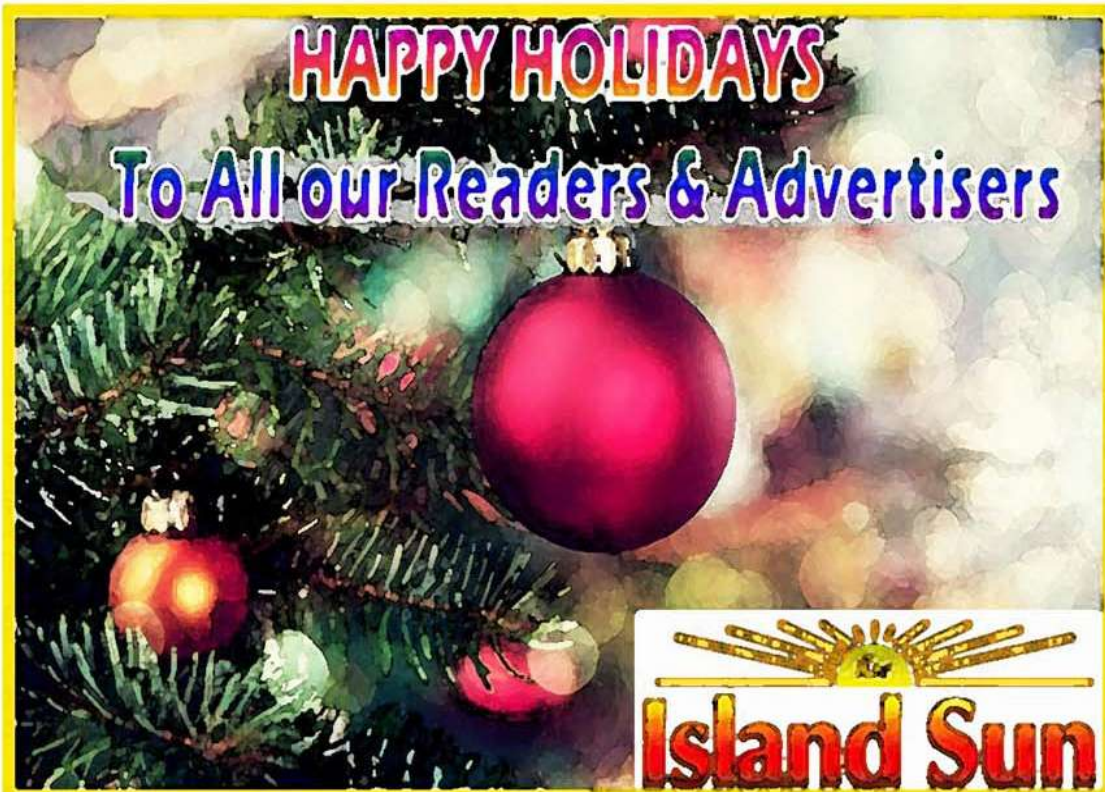
To review the complete VI Public Service Transformation Programme Plan, persons can visit the Governor's Group/Deputy Governor's Office page on the Government website at www.bvi.gov.vg and access the document under the publications tab. In addition, feedback can be submitted via a survey at bit.ly/pst-feedback, which also contains a link to the full plan.

Deputy Governor Archer To Act As Governor December 15-22



Deputy Governor, Mr. David Archer, Jr. will act in the Office of Governor, December 15 – 22, 2022 in the absence of His Excellency the Governor, Mr. John J. Rankin CMG, who will be out of the Territory.

Deputy Governor Archer, Jr.'s appointment is in accordance with section 37 (1) (a) of the Virgin Islands Constitution Order 2007 which states, "During any period when the office of Governor is vacant, or the Governor is absent from the Virgin Islands or is for any other reason unable to perform the functions of his or her office, the Deputy Governor shall during His Majesty's pleasure, act in the office of Governor and shall perform the functions of that office accordingly."



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The 2 successful applicants as **GENERAL WORKER** must have worked previously in a bar/restaurant and is knowledgeable. This position requires a strong mature individual who is firm, polite, friendly with an out-going personality, and excellent customer service. Must be a team player and be able to multi-task and work unsupervised. Should be trustworthy, able to do simple math, take customers orders, serve, prepare tabs, physically fit and be able to lift, stretch, stand on feet for long time, work long late hours, and some housekeeping as necessary; must be willing to be flexible and work a split-shift, weekends, and public holidays.

The 2 successful applicants as **WAITRESS** must have worked previously in a bar/restaurant and knowledgeable in bartender/serving. This position requires a strong mature individual who is polite, friendly with an out-going personality, and firm in administering their duties; must be a team player and be able to multi-task and work unsupervised. It is the responsibility of the waitress to make sure the bar is fully stock at all times and is ready at the start and end of each shift, and assist as needs demand. Individual should be trustworthy, able to do simple math, take customer order, prepare tabs, physically fit and be able to lift, stretch, stand on feet for a very long time, work long late hours, and some housekeeping as necessary; must be willing to be flexible

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

IN THE ESTATE OF LORD DAVID ANTHONY JACOBS,
DECEASED

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to section 28 of the Trustee Act of the Laws of the Virgin Islands Revised Edition 1991 (Cap 303) that any person having a claim against or an interest in the estate of LORD DAVID ANTHONY JACOBS, late of 90 Eaton Square, London SW1W 9AG, United Kingdom, who died on the 21st day of June 2014 (the Deceased), is hereby required to send particulars in writing of his or her claim or interest to Harney Westwood & Riegels LP of Craigmuir Chambers, P. O. Box 71 Road Town, Tortola British Virgin Islands (Attention: Matthew Howson), the Solicitors acting for Andrew Denys Hine, the Administrator of the Deceased's estate, and to send such particulars not later than the 9th day of February 2023 after which date the said Administrator will distribute the estate among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interests of which he has had notice and will not, in respect to the property so distributed, be liable to any person of whose claim he shall not then have notice.

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Job Vacancy: A Value Ltd is seeking a Store Assistant/Deli assistant. Successful applicant must be able to prepare healthy salads and quick meals. Bake from scratch and work with par-baked goods is a plus. Person must be able to work with commercial equipment and display knowledge of a healthy approach to preparation. Call 541-7012 to set an appointment or email info@avaluebvi.com [s81]

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