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FORMER BVI PREMIER OFFICIALLY RETIRES FROM POLITICS

"Our best days are yet ahead," were the closing words from former Premier Hon. Andrew Fahie in his official letter of resignation and announcement of retirement from politics in the Territory.

The letter which was noted by Speaker of the House Hon. Corrine Massicote officially brought a close to the more than two decades of legislative service of Hon. Fahie. It also brought a close to the matter of representation for the First District as Hon. Fahie has now resigned from that post as well.

The unfortunate closure of the career of a legislator that entered the political space as one of the youngest leaders of the Territory is marred by the current legal and criminal matters looming. These matters were cast by the 28 April arrest of Hon. Fahie in Miami and the multiple criminal charges he is currently facing.

In his letter, the former Premier commenced his

farewell by recalling the growth and development the Territory has made thus far. He said, "Our foreparents have built our Virgin Islands through prayers to God, and like Moses, used the little that was in their hands en route to the promised land. They accomplished plenty. They built the prosperous and beautiful Virgin Islands as it is known today."

He also alluded to what can be interpreted as the current constitutional review and the matter of the COI noting, "The way forward at times may result in debates on which is the most effective methodology. However, as long as everyone in the Virgin Islands stays connected to the common thread, which is love for God, love for the Virgin Islands and thereby striving for what is best for the Virgin Islands, then and only then – in spite of any delays or shortcomings or minute differences, the bright and prosperous future of the

modern-day Virgin Islands, filled with opportunities for the people of the Virgin Islands and all who call the Virgin Islands home, can never be denied."

He also gave some advice to the men and women that he served with in the House of Assembly; the majority of which served under his VIP leadership. In his advice the former leader urged his colleagues to learn from what has happened before in the Territory. "As the journey continues today, our Virgin Islands – especially through the House of Assembly – must continue to do like our foreparents — learn from the mistakes of the past while embracing the challenges of the present and thereby turning them into opportunities for the present and future generations. Also, learn to pause at times and celebrate the victories along the way."



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He also called for unity by admonishing persons "to remain laser-focused on the areas that unite rather than those that divide and allow God through time to do what only he does best with time – which is to be the only true and fair judge while healing all wounds."

RESIGNATION AND RETIREMENT

In what was his final

address as First District Representative to the House of Assembly and his constituents Hon. Fahie announced: "I, Andrew Alturo Fahie, now respectfully take this time to officially inform you Madam Speaker, through this written notice with effect from 24 November 2022, of my retirement from serving in the capacity as a member

of the House of Assembly of the Virgin Islands and First District representative and from active politics at this time. Madam Clerk, Deputy Speaker and all other members of the House of Assembly, you are all also duly officially informed by a copy."

"I also take this time to acknowledge receipt of your 2nd September

2022 correspondence in response to my 18 July 2022 correspondence. Madam Speaker, I humbly and respectfully request of you to please officially convey my retirement that comes into effect from the 24th November 2022, to all the requisite authorities especially to all members of the House of Assembly, as well as to the people of the

Virgin Islands – especially my beloved people of the First District on the floor of the House of Assembly via this letter, among other means you may deem appropriate. My deepest appreciation and love I express to all. May God forever bless our Virgin Islands and the people of the Virgin Islands as our best days are yet ahead," he added.

VIRGIN GORDA PEOPLE STILL NOT GETTING THE BANKING SERVICES THEY NEED

Despite the previous promise that Virgin Gorda's banking woes would be a thing of the past, Ninth District Representative Hon. Vincent Wheatley explained that his constituents are still not getting the financial services that they need.

The Legislator - who was the fact that only three days during the week the lone bank on that island is opened - told his colleagues that something needs to be done. In his complain to the member of the House of Assembly Hon. Wheatley stated that for five years the people of Virgin Gorda have had less

than standard banking offering.

"We went from no banks in 2017 to one bank about three days a week. Now, we have to push that up. It's been too long now that we're here still limping on one bank for three days. In Anegada, [there is] no banking at all," the Ninth District Representative stated.

The complaint of Hon. Wheatley is of note, considering that Virgin Gorda's banking situation was seemingly solved in November 2019 when Banco Popular opened a branch on that sister island. At the time of the opening, it was declared that the service would make things

better for residents because it brought an end to the need to travel to Tortola for banking services.

It was during the opening ceremony that Bank officials announced that the Virgin Gorda Banco Popular branch was not going to operate daily. Instead, it was explained that the branch will operate lobby operations on Monday, Wednesdays and Friday from 9:00 to 4:00. In addition to the lobby services the Bank officials said that the Branch was also going to offer 24 hours ATM with easy deposit feature, and a night deposit service.

While lauding the service President/CEO at

Popular Inc. Ignacio Alvarez described the Bank's opening as taking a 'chance,' that led to the solving of a major problem: "We solved the problem because there was a partnership between government and the private sector," he stated.

In explaining why the decision was referred to as a chance Alvarez said: "When we do the numbers it looks very difficult. We would talk to the Premier and we would share with him what our concerns were. Our concerns was the difficulty of bringing money back and forth – the cost. He said isn't there a way we can work it out, and I would go back to our team and say ...Isn't there

a way we can work it out because I really wanted to be here, I didn't want to see another Bank's sign there."

In further noting that the venture was somewhat of a leap of faith the Banco Popular CEO said: "With some creativity the Premier and his government, following the steps of prior governments were creative and came up with a solution. We were creative, we took a chance. We took a chance because we do see the future in Virgin Gorda. I'm personally bias, but I think all of us view it. We see the future not only of Virgin Gorda, but we see the future of the Territory as a whole. We're very committed," he said.



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MUSIC FESTIVAL TO BE REVIVED

Music Festival will be resurrected! This was one of the announcements made by Premier and Minister of Finance Dr. the Hon. Natalio Wheatley during the presentation of the 2023 Budget Estimates in the House of Assembly on 29 November.

Hon. Wheatley in his first Budget Address ignited enthusiasm and excitement as he announced that the once internationally renowned musical weekend will be relaunched – ten years after it went dormant.

In making the

announcement the Premier said: “2023 will also see the return of a VI Music Festival to help develop and bolster our tourism sector through the development of entertainment tourism. Again, this is an effort to provide more value to our product and improve the experience of our visitors while attracting new ones.”

The news about the reactivation of the famous May weekend activity is of interest to many because there was never a formal farewell. The event was being planned in 2014 and

then silence.

Back in 2014 many pushed for the event to be held. However, it was noted at the time that allegedly funding issues were causing the event’s stall. Up to March that year the community was given hope that the show would go on when the organizing Committee announced that the plans were on.

In a Facebook post the organizers wrote on 25 March, 2014: “We are finalizing our sponsors and adding some new twists to the event! Look out for our

“All Inclusive” options! More delight for your dollar! We hope to launch one week from tomorrow! All will be revealed.”

Prior to that announcement, the Committee stated: “Fans it won’t be much longer before we make the Grand Announcement regarding this year’s BVI Music Festival. The theme this year is ‘The Reunion’! We are looking at some of your favourite artistes from the past 14 years! Who were your favourite two artistes of all time?”

The Committee also mentioned that some minor

changes were also being considered for the 2014 event. “We are going back to the drawing board to bring you the most enjoyable BVI Music Festival. Stay tuned, get your friends and relatives to like the page and be prepared to win special prizes and enjoy a great event.”

Unfortunately, the event never happened and enthusiastic residents and fans never got over the loss and expectations. The failure to stage a 2014 event, meant that the Music Festival held in 2013 was the last.

PATHETICALLY LANGUISHING PROSPECT REEF TO GET SOME ATTENTION

After many promises by various governments, Premier and Minister for Finance Dr. the Hon. Natalio Wheatley said that his administration intends to advance the development of the Prospect Reef pathetically languishing property early next year.

The Prospect Reef Hotel, which is a government-owned hospitality operation was destroyed by the 2017 hurricanes and remains in an unjustifiably deplorable state. However, it is being noted that changes are coming in months. This announcement was made by the Leader of Government Business during his 2023 Budget address on 29 November.

Some have referred

to Prospect Reef as a preposterous eyesore and absurd waste of prime real estate; however, the Premier is noting that things are about to change. He further noted that government has intentions to move ahead with the property’s improvement.

While noting that his administration has plans for tourism development, Hon. Wheatley told the House of Assembly, “One such area for development is Prospect Reef. I have discussed the matter with the Chairman of the Prospect Reef Board and we intend to have a request for proposal in early 2023 if not sooner.”

However, this budgetary announcement for improvement to Prospect

Reef is not new. In fact at the start of this year reporters insistently questioned former Premier Andrew Fahie about the ongoing neglect of the prime property.

Members of the media noted at a press conference on 28 January that 2022 ushered in another year that the Prospect Reef resort remains in a dilapidated state and were informed that the condition was not an indication that government had turned a blind eye.

In fact, the previous VIP Premier explained that efforts to improve the current state of the facility continue to be a hurdle. He explained, “Prospect Reef seems to be an entangled weave; every time you straighten out one

thing with Prospect Reef, something else comes in.”

“I say it in that parable because there are some legal concerns that have been raised lately, so I wouldn’t want to say anything more about that until we pass that hurdle, which will hopefully be the last hurdle with Prospect Reef,” Hon. Fahie further explained.

Nonetheless it was stated that work to improve the lot of Prospect Reef has been occurring behind the scenes. “We have made great progress although it doesn’t look that way in terms of physical movement, but there was a lot of legal entanglement and measures that we had to get past with Prospect Reef; hopefully this is the last one.”

He further noted that there are details that cannot be explained at this time. “It was more of a legal nature with the legal issues that were involved in some areas, so based on the nature we cannot make that public as yet. But we will get there,” Fahie further stated.



Caribbean Insurers Ltd. to kick off year-long 50th Anniversary Celebrations



Caribbean Insurers Limited staff past and present, gathered on Thursday to mark the company's 50th anniversary of serving the BVI community

Caribbean Insurers Ltd, (CIL) the longest-serving insurance agency in the British Virgin Islands, will kick start its year-long 50th Anniversary celebrations at Christmas in the City on December 3, 2022. Since its 1973 founding, CIL has provided the residents of the British Virgin Islands with a widerange of insurance coverages. Including auto, home, marine, life, health and a full suite of commercial insurance products such as property, contracts works and professional indemnity insurance.

To start its year-long celebrations, Caribbean Insurers Ltd. will have two

activities targeting Primary School children and adults, during Christmas in the City. There will be a Primary School old time BVI Christmas essay competition for 10-13 year olds with cash prizes.

The winning entry will be read during the children's segment of Christmas in the City on Saturday, December 3, 2022.

There will also be a Christmas Around the World traditional cake competition, with the winner decided on December 3rd 2022 and there will be cash prizes for the top entries.

Activities will continue in May 2023, with the annual CIL Charity 5K Run/Walk and also the CIL Health Expo, which targets everyone in the territory.

In October 2023, CIL will have its traditional Soap Box Derby, a fun-filled day for all ages. "Caribbean Insurers Ltd. has been an integral part of the British Virgin Islands community since 1973 and we have supported the community that has supported us," CIL Director Simone

Monsanto said, noting that

plans are well underway for the kick off events in December. "We sincerely thank the British Virgin Islands community for its support and we will continue to provide the insurance services they require and continue to give back to our community.

Among the range of services CIL offers are:

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BVI Airports Authority Team Trained In Airport Economics

The Board of Directors and Management of the BVI Airports Authority (BVIAA) received training as they hosted the Director General of the Airports Council International for Latin America and the Caribbean (ACI-LAC), Dr. Rafael Echevarne from November 21 to 22.

Dr. Echevarne facilitated an Airports Economics Seminar with the senior members of the BVIAA staff and board. He reviewed and explored the principles and characteristics of airport economics and the economic regulations to consider when generating revenue and developing new models of

business.

Managing Director of BVIAA Mr. Kurt Menal said Dr. Echevarne was invited to engage in discussions surrounding ACI, capacity building and advise on airport development.

“As we continue our focus on enhancing the traveler’s experience and



by improving the efficiency of the organisation, we look forward to ACI’s many contributions in assisting us to obtain this goal,” said Managing Director Menal.

As a member of ACI, the BVIAA receives a myriad of benefits including opportunities for staff training, in related fields and serving on ACI committees such as Safety and Technical; General Aviation; Economics and Marketing among others.

During the visit the Director General had a joint courtesy call with Premier of the Virgin Islands, Dr. the Honourable Natalio D. Wheatley; Deputy Premier and Minister for Communications and Works (subject minister) Honourable Kye M. Rymer; Financial Secretary, Mr.

Jeremiah Frett; Chairman of the BVIAA Board of Directors, Mr. Theodore Burke; Managing Director BVIAA, Mr. Kurt Menal; and Deputy Managing Director for Administration, BVIAA, Mrs. Luce Hodge-Smith.

Airports Council International (ACI) represents the collective interests of airports around the world to promote excellence in the aviation industry. Working with governments, regional ACI members, experts, and international organisations like the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) enables ACI to develop policies, programmes and best practices that advance airport standards globally.



PROGRAM LISTINGS

MONDAYS

- (1:00 PM) OMOJA - WITH EDJU EN KA
- (5:00 PM) TALKING POINTS - WITH MRS. VIOLET GAUL
- (7:00 PM) INSPIRATION MONDAYS - WITH MEADE MALONE
- (7:30 PM) TRANSFORMING YOUR TOMORROW TODAY - BY TRANSFORMATION CHURCH INTERNATIONAL
- (8:00 PM) NDP RADIO PROGRAM (1ST & 3RD MONDAYS) - BY THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY
- (8:00 - 9:00 PM) NEW COVENANT PRAYER LINE (EVERY 2ND MONDAY) - NEW COVENANT MINISTRIES

TUESDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

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

THURSDAYS

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

FRIDAYS

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

SATURDAYS

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

SUNDAYS

- (7:15 - 7:30 AM) HOPE FOR TODAY B'CAST - BY: CHRISTIAN FAITH ASSEMBLY
- (7:30 - 7:45 AM) VOICE OF THE LAMB B'CAST - BY: TRINITY MORAVIAN CHURCH
- (7:45 - 8:00 AM) ADVENT EYE MINISTRY (2ND & 4TH SUNDAY) - BY: BRO. MICHAEL WILLIAMS
- (7:45 - 8:00 AM) FAITH BELIEVING B'CAST (1ST & 3RD SUNDAY) - BY: UPPER ROOM DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE, BOSTON, MA
- (8:00 - 8:15 AM) VOICE OF HOPE B'CAST - BY: APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH
- (8:30 - 9:00 AM) GOSPEL OF JESUS B'CAST - BY: GOSPEL OF JESUS EVANGELISTIC PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
- (9:00 - 9:30 AM) SHOCKING BIBLE PROPHECIES - BY: SEVENTHDAY ADVENTISTS CHURCHES
- (9:30 - 9:45 AM) AGAPE TOTAL LIFE BROADCAST - BY: AGAPE TOTAL LIFE CENTER
- (9:50 AM) HOLINESS AWAKENING B'CAST - BY: CHURCH OF GOD OF HOLINESS, BAUGHERS BAY
- (10:05 AM) REVEALED TRUTH B'CAST - BY: SHAMMAH DELIVERANCE MINISTRIES
- (10:35 AM) UNSHACKLED RADIO MINISTRY
- (12:30 PM) ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, SEA COWS BAY SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE
- (1:30 PM) ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL ANGLICAN CHURCH (EXCEPT 2ND SUNDAY)
- (4:30 PM) HYMNS & THEIR MEANINGS PROG. (1ST & 3RD SUNDAY) - WITH BRENDA HERBERT STEWART
- (6:00 PM) METHODIST CHURCH MONTHLY SERVICE (1ST SUNDAY)
- (6:00 PM) ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL ANGLICAN CHURCH (2ND SUNDAY)
- (7:00 PM) YOUR GOSPEL MUSIC PROGRAM - WITH VALERIE LETTSOME AND CLAUDE PARILLON (LAST 3 SUNDAYS)
- (7:30 PM) "VICTORIOUS PRAISES" B'CAST - WITH SIS. ESMIE POTTER (2ND SUNDAY)



COI Implementation Unit Reports On Progress For The Month Of October

The Commission of Inquiry Implementation Unit is advising the public that it has reported to the Governor and Premier on the status of work completed up to the end of October 2022.

Based on the timelines agreed in the Framework for Implementation of the Recommendations of the Commission of Inquiry Report and Other Reforms, the Director of the Unit Ms. Hadassah Ward has advised that work on 48 of the 50 Framework recommendations has begun. The remaining two are scheduled to begin in 2023.

Ms. Ward said, "One Recommendation that was originally scheduled to begin in 2023 was begun early. The number of Recommendations completed remains at 13. Of the 35 recommendations being actioned now, 73.1 percent are in progress and on track and 26.9 percent are in progress with challenges to meet deadlines."

She said that the Dashboard gives a pictorial summary of the status of the fulfilment of the COI recommendations as agreed in the Framework. The Key shares each of the 50 Framework Recommendations, now being worked on as the main focus of Government of the Virgin Islands to raise our standards of governance in our beautiful Territory, so you can track the status of work on each recommendation.

If you have any specific questions on the implementation of any of the COI Framework Recommendations, please email the COI Implementation Unit directly at implementationunit@gov.vg.

The COI Implementation Unit assists in coordinating the overall delivery of the COI recommendations, which includes providing support to ministries in developing work plans for the delivery of recommendations, assist in drafting policy directions, and the development of new programmes and systems.

The unit is also responsible for preparing monthly progress reports, reports on specific work programmes, and reports to identify key issues associated with implementation and suggest remedies. The unit reports directly to the Permanent Secretary Mrs. Carolyn Stoutt Igwe in the Premier's Office, who chairs the COI Implementation Steering Committee. The Governor and Premier receive the monthly report on the 15th of each month.

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Premier Wheatley Announces \$399.33 Million Budget For 2023

Premier of the Virgin Islands, Dr. the Honourable Natalio D. Wheatley, delivered his maiden Budget Address in the Virgin Islands House of Assembly earlier today, with a fiscal package totaling \$399.33 million, of which \$335.08 million is allocated for recurrent expenditure and \$41.59 million for capital expenditure.

The theme of the 2023 Budget is "Resilience, Revenue, Reform, and Recovery: the Virgin Islands in Transition",

which, according to the Premier, represents "a simple but largely comprehensive matrix of what we have accomplished this year and what the priorities and parameters of our mission in the upcoming year and beyond should be, given the international geopolitical and economic climate, and the situation closer to home."

Major allocations in the 2023 Budget include: \$73.07 million to the Ministry of Health and

Social Development; \$62.51 million to the Ministry of Communications and Works; \$55.7 million to the Ministry of Education, Culture, Youth Affairs and Sports; \$52.3 million to the Governor's Group; \$43.3 million to the Premier's Office; \$7.77 million to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Labour; \$54.23 million for pensions, public debt and contributions to various funds; and \$8.67



Dr. the Hon. Natalio D. Wheatley,

million to constitutionally established departments. Some \$24.9 million in development projects that will be managed by Central Government, and \$12.17 million will be for development projects that will be managed by the Recovery and Development Agency.

According to Premier Wheatley, based on the economic strategy and in consideration of the state of the global economy, the Virgin Islands economy is projected to experience 2.9% growth in the upcoming year, "all things being equal". Total recurrent revenue of \$373.03 million is being projected with a recurrent surplus of approximately \$36.7 million. The Virgin Islands' tourism industry continues on the path of recovery and growth with around 703,000 visitors expected in 2023, of which about 292,000, would be overnight visitors. The financial services industry is expected to continue its strong performance and yield about \$222 million in revenues in 2023.

Commenting on the focus on resilience, Premier Wheatley

explained that resilience refers not only to constructing buildings and infrastructure to withstand the forces of nature, but it also applies to having an economy that can hold up against impacts from local and foreign threats and major crises. This, he said includes, "ensuring that our people have the skills, knowledge and ability to thrive when conditions change from the familiar to the unfamiliar. It means reducing not just the vulnerability of the economy but of our people. It means being able to take a lot of blows before you bend, and being able to get back up quickly if and when you do." Based on this definition, and the way the Virgin Islands economy and people have stood up to recent challenges, the economy and people of the Virgin Islands have demonstrated great resilience.

The full 2023 Budget Address can be accessed on Facebook at username @BVI Government or via the link:

<https://www.facebook.com/BVIGovernment/videos/5617822014977259>



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Rotary Club of Tortola & Unite BVI Partner to Restore Roger Downing Mangrove Boardwalk

Wednesday 30th November 2022, Road Town, Tortola: The Rotary Club of Tortola (RCT) is pleased to announce its partnership with Unite BVI to restore the already complete portion of the Roger Downing Boardwalk (RDB) that was badly damaged during the 2017 hurricanes Irma and Maria.

No Limit Construction will carry out the works that should take a few weeks. Residents, school age children and visitors will soon be able to one's again have an Emerson's experience in the mangroves at Paraquita Bay and learn about mangroves, the types that exist within



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Past President and Project Co-Chair, Michael Killourhy; Vice President and Project Co-Chair, Abigail O'Neal; Charlie Stanislaus, Unite BVI; Raja Smith of No Limit Construction; Thor Downing representing the Downing Family.

the area and how mangrove ecosystems are important to the Virgin Islands.

"This is the first step in a major push by the RCT to complete the plans that we have had for quite a while for the Roger Downing Mangrove Boardwalk (RDB). This includes an observation tower and a complete loupe emerging at an interpretation centre." said Vice President, Abigail O'Neal and Co-Chair on the project. She continued, "There will be educational place cards along the path as well as benches that organizations may sponsor."

The project is to be complete by the members of RCT no later than June 2025 but the RCT of Tortola believes that they can accomplish this sooner.

Dr. Sauda Underwood Smith, Executive Director, Unite BVI, "Unite BVI is proud to partner with the Rotary Club of Tortola to restore this place of enjoyment, discovery and natural beauty. We are grateful for the opportunity to assist in the preservation of our Mangrove forests."

Thor Dowling, "On behalf of our late father, Roger Downing we are incredibly pleased and excited to see that movement is being made to restore this incredible structure and we are greatly looking forward to the future. We thank Rotary and Unite BVI for keeping our family included in this project and for the amazing work being undertaken."

It is unclear to some persons how our natural environment can affect our everyday lives and not realize how much of it we take advantage of its free services. This ranges from the air we breathe, the food we eat and the beaches we travel to for recreational activities.

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TAXI AND LIVERY COMMISSION

The Taxi and Livery Commission is the regulatory body of the land transportation-for-hire industry of the British Virgin Islands.

The Government of the Virgin Islands is seeking qualified persons to fill the following positions:

- Chairman
- Member representing the Taxi-Cab Operator on the Sister Islands
- Member representing the Livery Service Operators

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THE COMMEMORATION OF THE 1949 GREAT MARCH AND THE RESTORATION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

MESSAGE BY PREMIER AND MINISTER OF FINANCE
THE HON. NATALIO D. WHEATLEY ON

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2022

Greetings people of the Virgin Islands.

Today we celebrate the Great March of 1949 which led to the restoration of the Legislative Council in 1950. This march was incredibly significant to us as a Virgin Islands people because it was an overwhelming pronouncement of the people's desire for democracy, for the right to have a voice in their society, to play a leading role in their governance, to become a more autonomous and self-determined people. 1500 people marched on the 24th of November 1949 at a time when the population was under 7000 persons. This means between 20 and 25 percent of the population marched at a time when we had no social media, no ferries, none of the modern conveniences that we have today. They marched because the right to rule their destiny was important to them. Their actions helped us take a giant leap forward for the restoration of the Legislative Council, eventually allowed the people to vote and select representatives who worked on behalf of the people and jump started the development of the modern Virgin Islands. They worked to help develop our economy; they partnered with pioneers in the private sector to build a tourism and financial services industry. They made laws; they passed policies; they designed systems that would improve our healthcare, our education, our environmental protections, our labour practices, and so much more. They became the architects of the Virgin Islands we have today, which remains one of the most successful societies in the world despite what you may have been told. We have highly educated people; we have low crime; we are polite and hospitable; we are hardworking and innovative; we are entrepreneurial with a high degree of land and home ownership. No we are not perfect. Yes we have our faults, but we have done a good job of building our society, which attracts people from all over the world. We can be proud of what we have achieved.

This government administration was successful in staving off the threat of direct rule following the release of the Commission of Inquiry report. We believe very firmly that democracy is the key to improving our systems of governance. The hopes, dreams, and aspirations of the people must be at the heart of the reform process. They must participate in the conversation about what must be improved and how it will be improved. This must not be imposed by local or foreign officials. We must respect the intelligence, the morality, and the good intentions of the Virgin Islands people, and we must trust them to make choices in their own best interest.

Let us not take our democracy for granted. Theodolph Faulkner, Isaac Fonseca, Carlton deCastro and the 1500 worked too hard to claim it. We must not allow our House of Assembly to be taken away. Hope Stevens and the Civic League worked too hard. We must not allow our Cabinet to be taken away. Those who ushered in ministerial government toiled too hard. We must raise up a new generation of leaders who will reform and strengthen our institutions and lead us to our ultimate destination on the road to self-determination.

I do hope that everyone has a restful, safe, and enjoyable holiday and please take some time to view the documentary, titled "March On Virgin Islanders", produced by the House of Assembly, the Virgin Islands Communal Association, and the Virgin Islands Studies Institute of H. Lavity Stoutt Community College in commemoration of the 1949 Great March and Restoration Day.

May God pour his richest blessings upon the people of the Virgin Islands.

2022 Hurricane Season Closes With Minimal Impacts To VI

The Department of Disaster Management (DDM) is thanking the Territory for its diligence in staying prepared throughout the 2022 Atlantic Hurricane Season, which ends today, November 30.

DDM Director Jasen Penn said, "We are very grateful that the Virgin Islands did not experience major impacts this hurricane season, but even more grateful that the community was able to work together to #BeReady." The director said that the 2022 hurricane season was an unusual one.

"Forecasters initially observed several factors that would typically point toward a more active season. However, with the lingering Sahara Dust in the area, we actually saw lower than average activity in the early part of the season," Mr. Penn said.

No tropical systems formed during the month of August, which has only been observed during two prior seasons since 1950. Also unexpected was the rare formation of two storms during November, a month that would usually see only one system form.

According to the National Hurricane Centre, this season produced 14 named storms, including eight hurricanes. Two systems – Fiona and Ian – strengthened to major hurricanes before dissipating.

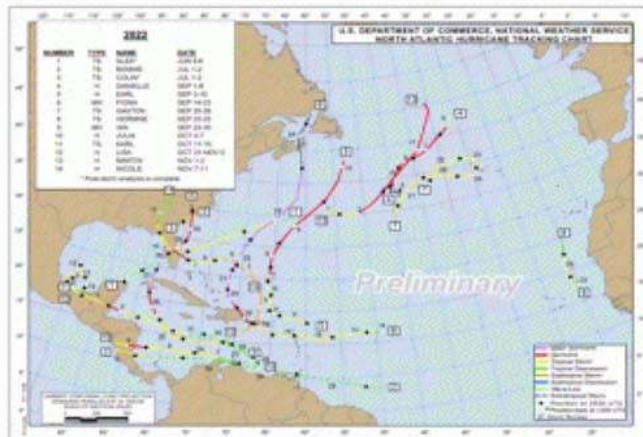


High surf and falling rocks were a relatively minor impact from the close passage of Fiona in September. (Credit: DDM)

Mr. Penn said such surprises are likely to be the norm as global climate change impacts continue, which should remind all residents to stay vigilant when it comes to being prepared for hazards like tropical storms.

"Even though the hurricane season has concluded, we know that storms can continue to form outside of the season. We also know that we are vulnerable to other hazards like earthquakes, so it continues to be very important for individuals and businesses to stay prepared," he said.

Residents can access resources to help them plan and prepare for possible disasters, including the emergency shelter list, emergency plan templates for families, and continuity planning templates for businesses, on the DDM website www.bviddm.com.



A National Weather Service map shows the preliminary paths of all 14 named storms from the 2022 Atlantic Hurricane Season. (Credit: NWS)



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BVI Electricity Corporation

The British Virgin Islands Electricity Corporation is responsible for the generation, transmission, supply, distribution and sale of electricity throughout the British Virgin Islands.

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GLOBAL NEWS BRIEF

STORIES SELECTED BY GIORGIO MIGLIAVACCA

ROME - Right-wing extremists, some direct or indirect descendants of fascist parties, are coming to power in Europe—most recently in Italy, where Giorgia Meloni has made it to the summit of government. The black thread of her Fratelli d'Italia goes back through the 'post-fascist' Alleanza Nazionale and the 'neo-fascist' Movimento Sociale Italiano to the real thing. In Austria, the Freiheitliche Partei Österreichs (FPÖ), whose predecessor emerged in the 1940s as a sort of ex-Nazi rallying point, has already tasted power more than once.

But even freshly minted ultra-right parties, such as the Sweden Democrats on whom the new government of the right in that country depends, are not simply 'populist'. To put it schematically, they have more in common with Benito Mussolini than Juan Perón and the eponymous 'ism' to which his authoritarian-populist rule in Argentina gave rise.

Avoiding the f-word

We nevertheless abjure the f-word. The new ultra-right would indignantly reject the label 'fascism': they would insist, after all, that under their rule there would be no suppression of dissent, no lawlessness or street violence—never mind concentration camps. Opponents of the far right avoid the term too, intuitively knowing this

would only be presented as further evidence that 'the establishment' wanted to undermine its legitimacy and second-guess its abused voters. (Social Europe)

ARGENTINA - Cristina Fernández de Kirchner, who claims to be a victim of political persecution, is facing 12 years in prison and a lifetime ban on holding office if she is found guilty on December 6 of leading a scheme that diverted \$1 billion in state funds

"Last words..." said Cristina Fernández de Kirchner from her office in the Senate, staring at the camera. She paused for a second, smiled and delivered the line she had already envisaged as a headline. "Never has a judicial term been so appropriate to define what this court is: it is a firing squad."

Her words were aimed at three federal judges who on December 6 will decide whether she is guilty of leading an alleged scheme to divert state funds through public works contracts. The prosecution wants Fernández de Kirchner to spend 12 years behind bars and be permanently barred from holding public office.

Fernández de Kirchner, 69, has been charged with "illicit association" and "aggravated fraudulent administration" in connection with a corruption case involving 12 other defendants

and known in Argentina as the Vialidad Case. The 51 contracts under scrutiny were awarded in the province of Santa Cruz, the political cradle of Kirchnerism, to companies owned by a friend of the Kirchners, Lázaro Baez, over a 12-year period (Baez has since been sentenced to 12 years in prison for money laundering). Prosecutors said many contracts were inflated and some were never carried out. They have estimated that the scheme cost the state around \$1 billion. The defendants include officials accused of collecting bribes and businesspeople suspected of paying them. [El País]

RUSSIA - Russia's Kartsev Institute of Computing has announced it will begin production of a new drone designed to disperse crowds next year, state news agency TASS reported on Tuesday.

The Shershen, or hornet, is a hexacopter drone that functions in much the same way as a more typical quadcopter drone, though it uses both ultrasound and infrasound to disperse crowds, and is designed for use in a domestic security context.

The move could signal increasing concern among the country's elite that civil unrest might break out as frustration grows over Russia's international isolation and punishing Western sanctions over the war in Ukraine.

"We are planning to enter serial production of the Shershen after the New Year. From mid-December to January, we will already be able to show the hexacopter in action," Vitaly Dolgov, the head of

the Research Institute's research laboratory for unmanned vehicles, told TASS. [The Moscow Times]

BERMUDA - Police said yesterday that they are working on the island and with organisations overseas to address and remove social media posts accusing people of providing information that may have led to criminals being jailed.

Darrin Simons, the Commissioner of Police, feared that spreading the material put lives at risk and assured the public that there were measures in place to protect residents who supplied intelligence.

He said: "The Bermuda Police Service is aware of a number of social media posts accusing individuals of providing information which may have led to criminals being incarcerated.

"In the strongest possible terms, I condemn this activity. It is dangerous and has the propensity to put the lives of individuals at risk, all the more if the information is wrong.

"An individual has been identified that we believe is responsible for these posts and steps are being taken at various levels both locally and internationally to address the situation and have the posts withdrawn."

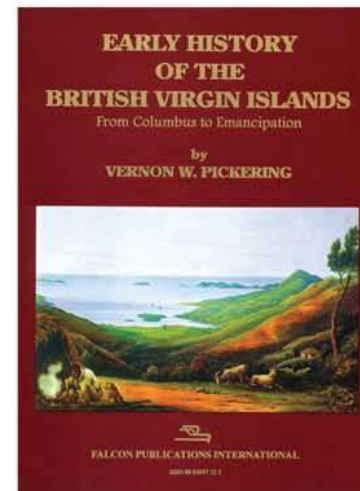
He added: "Rest assured, the BPS has systems in place to protect the identity of members of the public who do the right thing in assisting us to provide closure to families whose loved ones have become the victims of violent crime.

"This system is so strict that not even I, as the Commissioner of Police, is normally privy to information regarding the identity of individuals who co-operate with police investigations." [Royal Gazette]

PUERTO RICO - More than a dozen municipalities in Puerto Rico have filed a class action lawsuit against fossil fuel companies for their alleged role in the 2017 hurricane season that devastated the island, causing billions in damages and leaving thousands dead, according to a statement from Milberg Coleman Bryson Phillips Grossman LLC on Monday.

The first-of-its-kind lawsuit seeks financial compensation from oil and coal companies for marketing and selling carbon-based products that they intentionally misrepresented to the public, according to the suit. It describes how companies that include Exxon Mobil, Royal Dutch Shell, Chevron, BP, ConocoPhillips, and Arch Coal worked together to publicly conceal the climate risk changes from their products while

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internally acting on climate science to safeguard their own assets. The municipalities are represented by the aforementioned law firm.

"Puerto Rico was hit by the perfect storm and is the ultimate victim of global warming," Milberg partner Marc Grossman said. "This is an opportunity to finally get justice for all that Puerto Rico sacrificed in 2017."

The municipalities of Bayamón, Caguas, Loíza, Lares, Barranquitas, Comerío, Cayey, Las Marías, Trujillo Alto, Vega Baja, Añasco, Cidra, Aguadilla, Aibonito, Morovis and Moca seek to recover damages from the defendant oil and coal companies for 2017 storm losses, including social, educational and economic losses.

Climate scientists overwhelmingly agree that anthropogenic greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, primarily in the form of CO₂, are the main driver of global warming and sea level rise. From 1965 to 2017, the defendant oil and coal companies were responsible for 40.01% of all global industrial GHG emissions, the statement reads. [San Juan Daily Star]

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Through the Lens of The Sunny Side



The Ministry of Education & Premier's Office mass choir, ended Culture & Tourism Month on Thursday, by serenading several businesses, banks and government offices around Road Town and kicked off the traditional Christmas Caroling season in the process (Photo By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway)

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Divas On A Dime

Xaria Penn crowned the 2022 – 2023 Miss World BVI



Xaria Penn

During a coronation dinner that was held at Seven at the Pier on Sunday 27 November, Xaria Penn was crowned the 2022 – 2023 Miss World BVI.

Xaria who previously served as Miss Universe BVI has experience in one the major big four international

pageants and will no doubt help to propel the standing of the BVI in the pageant that usually sees 120 countries competing.

The new Miss World was crowned by the previous titleholder Miss World 2019 Rikkiya Brathwaite; who made history at the

2019 show when she made the top 40 in that competition. Rikkiya who was fast-tracked to that spot after winning the Sports Challenge is the first BVI pageant contender to make it to the top 40 of an international pageant.

VI Represented at the OECS Fourth Meeting Council of Ministers for Trade



Junior Minister for Trade and Economic Development Honourable Shereen Flax-Charles is currently attending the Fourth Meeting of the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) Council of Ministers: Trade in Antigua today.

The Junior Minister will engage in discussions in the area of strengthening OECS trade policy coordination through Establishing National and OECS Trade Policy Committees. This also includes discussion on developing a private sector trade facilitation and engagement strategy.

Honourable Flax-Charles said, "This

meeting comes at a most appropriate time in which the Virgin Islands is progressing towards developing our trade regime. This is evident in the development of the National Trade Policy framework from, which the Virgin Islands Trade Commission Act was established."

While at the meeting, Honourable Flax-Charles will also take the opportunity to make contributions to discussion on operationalising the OECS Customs Union and the free circulation of goods through harmonising the policy, legislative, regulatory and institutional framework.

She will also participate in discussion on trade for development including strategies for enhancing trade competitiveness and improving OECS trade and transport logistics, among other areas.

In referring to the many discussions she is participating in today, the Junior Minister added, "Key to this, is the establishment of The Virgin Islands Trade Commission, which is responsible for trade and economic development. It is evident from these various initiatives, that the Virgin Islands is well on its way towards achieving a key component of the mandate set forth by the OECS, for its

members, in order to strengthen trade policy coordination."

She is accompanied by Ms. Lizette George, Policy Analyst/Strategic Adviser in the Premier's Office.

The Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) is an international organisation dedicated to economic harmonisation and integration, protection of human and legal rights, and the encouragement of good governance among independent and non-independent countries in the Eastern Caribbean. The BVI is currently an Associate Member of the OECS.



Ladyburd Talks

Dear Readers:

It's a good thing to get organized for Christmas--Create a Game Plan:

Make a grocery list.

Once you have your recipes set, use them to create a grocery list. It's easiest to organize your shopping list the way the store is laid out: produce, meat, dairy, canned goods, grains, sweets and snacks. The best option here to keep a list that can become a running-flexible list as you have those light bulb moments "oh, I forgot the cranberries!" Keep in mind this may be more than one trip.

Get your appliances and serving dishes ready.:

What appliances do you need on hand? Are they in storage? Do they need to be washed?

Decide what you can do ahead of time:

What prep work can you do ahead of time? Chopping vegetables, baking pies, etc. The turkey needs to go into the oven that morning, but most desserts can be done ahead of time. Similarly, vegetables should be cooked the day of, but you can chop and wash them a few days ahead and store them in your fridge.

Schedule your shopping and prep work.

When will you do that prep work? How far ahead can you begin preparations? Make sure to block ample time off on your calendar, like the Sunday afternoon and Tuesday night ahead of the big day. Try to leave Wednesday open for anything you might have forgotten, and then get to work that evening and organized for Christmas: again: Create a Game Plan:, so that you can enjoy your holidays without too much stress.



Ladyburd's Mail Box

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Dear Ladyburd: I hope you are fine. I appreciate your column. Ladyburd. I am married to my husband for 3 years and we decided that we did not want to have any children. But for the past year he is bugging me about us having a child and it is stressing me out. We kept trying and just get false alarm, but I am not getting pregnant. I feel that if he continues to bug me about it, I think I am going to leave ,,,,Do you think I am being hasty... **Stressed**

Ladyburd: Dear Stressed: Stop worrying. you and your husband make an appointment with your doctor so he or she can rule certain things out...So that you can know what you are working with. If all fails adopt a child . There are a lot of children who would love a happy home. See if that helps.



Light Bulb Moments

"Doubt kills more dreams than failures ever will"

"The Secret to getting ahead is getting started"

"No matter how you feel, just get up dress up, show up and Never Give up".

Poetry Corner

It's Christmas Time Again

*Put your problems on probation
Run your troubles off the track,
Throw your worries out
the window Get the
monkeys off your back.*

*Silence all your inner critics
With your conscience make
amends,
And allow yourself some
happiness
It's Christmas time again!*

*Call a truce with those
who bother you
Let all the fighting cease,
Give your differences a breather
And declare a time of peace,*

*Don't let angry feelings taint
The precious time you
have to spend,
And allow yourself some
happiness
It's Christmas time again!
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Tickle My Funny Bones

By Delseita



Shorts Jokes to make you smile

After a crime, a detective noted that he thought it was foul play. The other detective said, "You mean, he was playing with birds?"

I said to the Gym instructor "Can you teach me to do the splits?" He said, "How flexible are you?" I said, "I can't make Tuesdays."

Doc, I can't stop singing the 'Green Green Grass of Home'. He said: "That sounds like Tom Jones syndrome." "Is it common?" I asked. "It's not unusual" he replied.

A group of chess enthusiasts checked into a hotel and were standing in the lobby discussing their recent tournament victories. After about an hour, the manager came out of the office and asked them to disperse.

"But why?" they asked, as they moved off. "because," he said "I can't stand chess nuts boasting in an open foyer."

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"No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery."

The Interact Club of Road Town brought Thanksgiving lunch

Thanksgiving lunch



The Interact Club of Road Town brought Thanksgiving lunch to the residents of the Safe Haven Transitional Centre.

Members of the Club visited the Centre on 25 November packed with a full Thanksgiving spread. In addition to food, the Members of the Club facilitated the playing of games which kept the residents entertained.

While recalling the wonderful day the Club members stated, "There was food, games, and smiles all day. We are thankful to the residents and staff at Safe Haven for having us again."





Hot Cocoa Boards a Favorite Holiday Trend

You're familiar with charcuterie or cheese boards, right? Well, it's time for brie and crackers to step aside, because beautiful hot chocolate "charcuterie" boards are here.

What I love about the idea is it takes something simple -- a cup of hot cocoa -- and makes it an event.

These boards can be as simple or as elaborate as you choose. While it's easy to drop a serious chunk of change on upscale cookies and candies, these boards don't have to be expensive to be festive. You can pick up cocoa mix, a bag of marshmallows and a package of assorted cookies for under \$10. Then arrange a lovely board. You also can make a board with only marshmallows and whipped cream.

The dollar store is a treasure trove for goodies to make these boards. You'll find seasonal platters, mugs and plates -- even cocoa, marshmallows and other fun holiday treats to brighten up your board.

To assemble your abundant board, start with the largest items first, spaced evenly around the board. Odd numbers tend to look best. Be sure you have

something to add height and visual interest, like candy canes. Next, arrange the medium-size items, like cookies, looking for contrast in shape, color and texture. Avoid straight lines and go for curves instead. Lastly, fill in any empty space with small items like candies, leaving no bare board.

To add interest, add elements like ribbons, ornaments and mini lights. But don't include anything that's not edible that might look edible to the kiddies (poinsettias and holly berries!). That's a recipe for disaster.

What to put on your board? Here are some ideas to get you started: marshmallows, whipped cream, chocolate chips, peppermint sticks and candies, caramels, peanut butter cups, chocolate truffles, any kind of cookies, meringues, gingerbread, brownies, sprinkles, candied ginger, candied orange zest, flavored syrups, ground cinnamon or cinnamon sticks, instant coffee or espresso powder. Be sure to add something salty to balance all that sugar; mixed nuts are perfect.

For the adults, feel free to spice things up with Irish cream, coffee liquor, coconut rum and, of course, peppermint schnapps to mingle cheerfully with chocolate.

The easiest method to make hot chocolate is to purchase cocoa mix at the store. But since the ingredients list of most cocoa mixes includes hydrogenated oils, corn syrup solids and other unpronounceable ingredients, here's an easy and affordable alternative.

EASY DIY HOT CHOCOLATE MIX

With such a small list of ingredients, quality matters. Purchase the best unsweetened cocoa powder you can comfortably afford.

Yield: Just shy of 3 cups of mix or approximately 24 servings of hot cocoa

What You'll Need:

- 1 cup plus 2 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 3/4 cups granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon table salt
- Whole milk to serve

Here's How:

Sift the cocoa powder (to remove any lumps), sugar and salt into a large bowl. Whisk all ingredients until fully combined. Store in an airtight container.

To serve: Warm 1 cup of your choice of milk (or non-dairy alternative), add 2 tablespoons hot cocoa mix and give it a good stir. To make 8 servings, add 1 cup mix to 8 cups hot milk.

To prepare a quantity of hot cocoa, use your crockpot to heat the milk and keep the finished cocoa warm for hours. A crockpot is less likely to scorch your hot chocolate than the stovetop

So, let's warm up winter with everything you need to customize your next-level cup of cocoa. Is there a better way to share a cup of cheer? I think not.

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Try this chocolate twist on a charcuterie board



Phil Vanterpool, foreground and Claudius "Sacko" Sam, preparing Lobsters for patrons at Potters By The Sea, during the Anegada Lobster Fest



*In his first Anegada Lobster Fest, Chad Grant digs into a Lobster at Potters By The Sea
(Photos By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway)*

POLICE NEWS

IDENTITY OF TWO MISSING BOATER RELEASED

Tuesday, November 29 – The Royal Virgin Islands Police Force is now able to release the identity of the two men reported missing at sea following boat mishap.

The lone survivor identified Lucien Roy Gabriel and Gabriel Bryan, both residents of St. Maarten, as the two men that were onboard of the 16.5' Wahoo with one 70hp Yamaha outboard engine.

The survivor said that on Tuesday, last week, the three boarded the vessel from Baie De Grand Case on the French side of St. Maarten and headed toward Baie Du Marigot. He said that along the journey, a wave struck the vessel causing it to overturn and all safety equipment was lost. He stated that all three persons drifted for four days until Saturday when local boaters spotted the overturned vessel.

The lone survivor stated that within 24 hours of being rescued both Gabriel and Bryan released their hold on the boat and disappear below the water.

Officers of the Police Marine Branch continue their search for the missing boaters.

UMI FASHION FAMILY FRIDAY'S EDITION

The Royal Virgin Islands Police Force announces that in its December observance of Family Friday, UMI Fashions is teaming to host a Special UMI Family Friday's Fashion Edition this Friday, December 2. The public is invited to come out and see the latest in fashions presented by couples within families in and out of RVIPF – husband/wives, parents/children, cousins and siblings -- at UMI's Flagship Store on Waterfront Drive at 5pm. Alternatively, persons can tune in to UMI Fashions Facebook Live at 5.

Family Friday is every first Friday of the month and families are encouraged reconnect, love on one another, and provide support as we reset values and restore hearts for the sake of the child, the young man or woman, and the elders within the community. Persons are encouraged to gather in backyards or one of the many restaurants offering sizeable discounts to parties of seven or more. Participating restaurants are listed on the Facebook page - Family Fridays BVI. Download a discount card from the Family Friday's Facebook page or collect one at Police Headquarters. Take photos of your gatherings, post them with the hashtag Family Fridays BVI. Help to rebuild strong communities one family at a time.

MAN CHARGED IN MAY'S DEATH OF PEDESTRIAN

Tuesday, November 29 – The Royal Virgin Islands Police Force on Friday formally charged Alixson Auguiste of Sea Cows Bay with causing death by dangerous driving in the traffic fatality on Waterfront Drive that claimed the life of a woman in May of this year.

The deceased, Sophia Wilson, a native of Jamaica, was struck by the vehicle driven by Auguiste while she walked east on the sidewalk near the Dr. D.O. Smith Hospital. She was taken to hospital and later transferred overseas for medical care but later succumbed to her injuries.

Auguiste was granted bail in the sum of \$25,000 with one surety to appear before Magistrate's Count on 23 February 2023.

THE WEEK IN CORRUPTION

By Transparency International

This March, we celebrated the revision of the global standard on company ownership, which now requires that all countries collect information in centralised registers. But years before that, an important victory was scored in the EU where public registers of beneficial ownership became a requirement. Some countries did this better than others, and during the last couple of years we've focused on pushing governments to make their registers truly public.

Yet now, in a disappointing twist, the EU Court of Justice (CJEU) on Tuesday ruled that the real individuals behind anonymous companies should be shielded from public scrutiny - effectively reversing progress of recent years.

It all started with a law firm representing a man - whom court documents refer to as "WM" - suing the Luxembourg Business Registers for denying his request to exclude his ownership of 35 companies and an investment firm from public records. WM argued that by disclosing his identity, the Luxembourg register would be exposing him to risks of fraud, kidnapping and even death.

Instead of scrutinising these claims, the Luxembourg district court asked the CJEU - also situated in Luxembourg - to weigh in. But they posed a much bigger question: does public disclosure of information on companies' true owners infringe on their rights to privacy and data protection?

Corporate transparency opponents have long claimed that public disclosure comes with unacceptable security risks for the owners of secret companies. And while this

requires attention, they are yet to demonstrate that it is specifically public beneficial ownership registers that create such risks.

On the other hand, no one can refute the overwhelming evidence that anonymous companies are used to channel bribes, launder money and evade taxes. While EU public registers haven't been around for long, we already have many examples showing how they make investigations - that would have previously hit a dead-end - possible in the EU and beyond.

And yet, CJEU judges have ruled that they do not see an added value to opening up registers to all of the public.

Kleptocrats and their accomplices are probably rejoicing - especially those out there trying to keep their wealth out of reach of authorities that have sanctioned them. Nosy activists, journalists and even government investigators have already been locked out

of registers set up by Austria, Luxembourg and the Netherlands.

The law firm representing WM, that appears to be on a mission against corporate transparency, is publicly celebrating. They have hailed the court's decision as proof that "single-minded transparency campaigners" were wrong to have pushed for public access. But it's not just us: there's a much bigger coalition calling for an end of the corporate secrecy era.

The judges did agree, however, that civil society and media play a role in the fight against money laundering, and that they have grounds for accessing such data. We'll use this to make sure that no unscrupulous actor can dispute our right to unmask and hold them accountable.



celebrity extra

by Dana Jackson

Q. Whatever happened to the actor who played "Napoleon Dynamite"? I haven't seen him in years. —U.R.

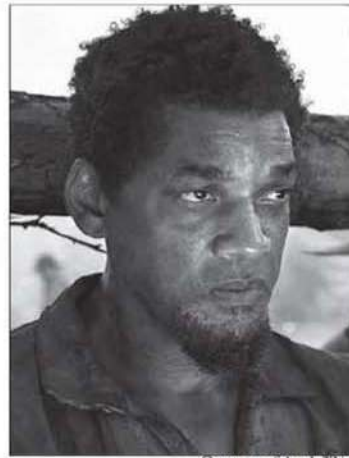
A. Jon Heder will probably always be linked to his cult-comedy character Napoleon Dynamite. The indie comedy has endured as a cult classic, inspiring Halloween costumes for almost two decades since its premiere, but Heder has remained under the radar. After that success, he starred in silly comedy films "Blades of Glory" and "The Benchwarmers." In recent years, Heder starred in the Thanksgiving film "Funny Thing About Love" and voiced the character of Tybalt in the new animated film "Pinocchio: A True Story."

Q. Is Will Smith's career over after he lost his temper and hit Chris Rock at the Oscars? I know he's been banned from the awards ceremony, but will anyone hire him as an actor again? —B.W.

A. Academy-Award-winning actor Will Smith has been banned from attending the Oscars for 10 years, but he can still be nominated for an award. He actually has several projects in the works, but we'll see if movie audiences still accept him as these projects are rolled out. First up is "Emancipation," which is based on a true story about a slave who escapes captivity during the Civil War. It will be available to watch on AppleTV+ starting Dec. 9, a week after its theatrical release.

Smith will also team up with Martin Lawrence in "Bad Boys 4." Just to give you an indication of how high the bar is for this one to be a hit, the third "Bad Boys" film, "Bad Boys for Life," generated more than \$400 million at the box office in 2020. Sony producer Tom Rothman said that despite Smith's violent outburst earlier this year, the movie is still on track to begin filming in the near future.

Q. Whatever happened to Troy Landry from "Swamp People" and Duane and Beth Chapman from "Dog the Bounty Hunter"? —S.W.



Will Smith in "Emancipation"

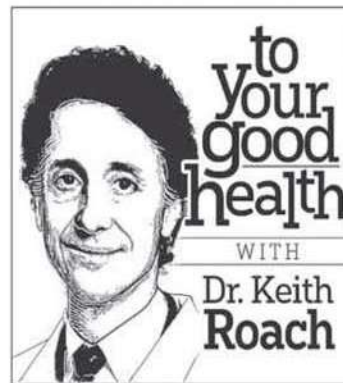
A. According to the History Channel's biography on him, Troy Landry, otherwise known as "King of the Swamp," is one of the most "fearless alligator hunters in the bayou." Along with his sons, Jacob and Chase, "the Landry gang runs an armada of boats each season to help control the gator population."

Jacob recently addressed the status of his father's whereabouts in a Facebook Live video, saying that Troy was on the road to recovery after having his prostate removed due to cancer, but that there would be a 14th season of "Swamp People" at some point.

As for Duane and Beth Chapman from "Dog the Bounty Hunter," Duane was widowed after Beth passed away in 2019 from throat and lung cancer. The series ran from 2002 to 2012. He's now married for the sixth time to widow Francie Frane, but he doesn't currently have a reality show. The couple has been focusing on their charity group, The D.O.G. Foundation, which provides housing, counseling and life-skills training to trafficking victims.

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

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Decade-Long High Lymphocyte Count Isn't a Cause for Concern

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am a female and almost 75 years old. My vital signs are always normal, and I am active, but slightly overweight. I get quarterly blood draws, and every reading is in the normal range except for the lymphocytes. That count is higher, just outside the normal range (the lab's range is 850 to 3,900 cells/uL, and my absolute lymphocytes are 4,377 cells/uL).

This has occurred in the blood draws from the last two or three years, with the exception of one that was back in the normal range. About 12 years ago, after several abnormal results, I saw a hematologist, who reported nothing wrong after doing more extensive blood work. No reason could be given for it. I am concerned, but not obsessing over it. Is there any reason you can give for the slightly high lymphocyte count? —S.M.

ANSWER: Lymphocytes are one of the two major types of white blood cells found in the blood (the other are the granulocytes, the most common of which are the neutrophils). High levels of lymphocytes raise suspicion for serious blood disorders such as some leukemias, lymphomas and related blood diseases, but there are other causes. Acute stress can do it, but you have been living with this for many years. Not having a spleen causes high levels of lymphocytes, whether you are born without one or have it surgically removed. Chronic infection is another reason.

I suspect your hematologist did a more sophisticated set of tests looking for blood disorders, and the fact that your level is the same after 12 years also supports my suspicion that this level is normal for you. Normal levels are generally defined as what is found in people without evidence of disease 95% of the time. So, by definition, 5% of normal people will have their result on any given lab fall outside of the normal range. Since yours is just outside of the normal range and, as I said, unchanged for years, I think you can relax your level of anxiety. Periodic blood tests do seem prudent, however, and further testing would be recommended in the event that the count starts getting higher or you develop any new symptoms.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am a 67-year-old male in relatively good health. I exercise regularly (four times a week). I have been taking medication for hypertension, which is getting much better since I started a plant-based diet three months ago. About every three months or so for the last five years, there are two half-dollar-sized blood stains on my pillow coming from my right ear. I have no headaches, and my hearing is what it is for my age. My wife is concerned, but I am not. What do you think? —J.G.

ANSWER: I think your wife is wise to be concerned. This is not something I commonly encounter, and the answer is very likely to be found inside your ear through a clinical exam. I do sometimes see small infections in the ear that may bleed, and there are benign tumors of the ear canal and eardrum that may sometimes bleed as well. I have read about a very rare condition of an aneurysm bleeding from the ear. This has been going on a long time, so it's definitely worth an evaluation.

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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Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• It was noted 20th-century British dystopian author George Orwell who made the following sage observation: "The nationalist not only does not disapprove of atrocities committed by his own side, he has a remarkable capacity for not even hearing about them."

• If you're like the average 75-year-old American man, you've spent a total of 37.5 days in the act of shaving.

• According to the World Health Organization, the United States ranks 48th in the world in alcohol consumption per capita, with the average adult drinking the equivalent nearly 2.5 gallons of pure, undiluted alcohol per year. You might be surprised to learn that Russia didn't top the list; Moldova and Lithuania beat out the Russians, and Belarus scored the world's biggest drinkers, with the average adult consuming a whopping 4.6 gallons annually.

• Actors Kevin Spacey and Val Kilmer were classmates in high school.

• In a 2014 survey conducted by Nutrisystem, 32 percent of respondents said that they hadn't worn a bathing suit in public in the past five years, 20 percent said it had been 10 or more years, and 5 percent said they had never worn a swimsuit in public.

• In ancient Egypt, there was a ban on the export of cats, which, by the law of supply and demand, increased the value of the pets in the rest of the known world. This situation was an irresistible invitation to smugglers, of course; once Phoenician sailors managed to surreptitiously bring some felines to buyers around the Mediterranean, breeders took over and ruined the business.

• The vast nation of Canada got its name from the Iroquois word "Kana-ta," which means "village."

Thought for the Day: "A book must be an axe for the frozen sea inside of us." —Franz Kafka



COMMENTARY

COLLABORATE AND DO NOT COMPETE WITH THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS

By Dickson Igwe



Dickson Igwe

November 21, 2022

This first of two articles argues that in today's highly interconnected and networked world, collaboration prevails over competition.

This is despite the pushback against globalization, by a number of authoritarian rulers and states.

One crucial lesson the UK is learning post leaving the European Community-BREXIT- is the reality that it is unwise to walk away from a huge market and political bloc close to your country.

Yes, regional markets have rules to follow. Regional organizations pool the power of member nations for the benefit of countries in the region. Then there is the further caveat that market regulations dictate the parameters within which market members operate.

For the global marketplace, this denotes a loss of sovereignty, or better-stated shared sovereignty.

However, markets are rising tides that lift people and businesses to greater prosperity across cultures

and geographies. That is the central idea behind market capitalism.

A simple trip to Paris or any European Union City in Northwest Europe by a UK traveler will reveal to that traveler from the UK the folly of Brexit.

British travelers have to queue at a number of European Union airports in long lines for non-European travelers; UK businesses face EU tariffs and EU regulations while their European counterparts face much less regulation; there is a clear difference between the seamless rail links within the European Continent and those in the UK. Travel between major cities of Europe is seamless, pleasant, and convenient, once the traveler leaves Britain. Europe is in effect a single jurisdiction in terms of markets and travel.

Cooperation between European leaders who belong to one single marketplace has enhanced physical security, infrastructure development, and economic growth.

Yes, there are the drawbacks: loss of some sovereignty for Union Countries, and the imposition of rules and regulations uniformly followed.

A single currency is the loss of national currencies. However most Europeans will readily assert that the single currency and a European Common Market is more convenient and

business friendly.

On the continent of Africa, there is the belief that if Africa possessed a single market it would have prevented war, poverty, and horrific governance.

Now, The British Virgin

Islands and United States Virgin Islands share a common geography and a close social and cultural history. Both jurisdictions are a good analogy for what is happening in Europe, and why cooperation and

collaboration are better than competition and even conflict in the journey towards greater social and economic prosperity.

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Caribbean News / Regional News

CARICOM SECRETARIAT GOES "ORANGE" TO HIGHLIGHT ENDING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS

INITIATIVE PART OF "16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM" IN COLLABORATION WITH UNDP SPOTLIGHT INITIATIVE

Wednesday, 30 November 2022

(CARICOM Secretariat, Turkeyen, Greater Georgetown, Guyana): The CARICOM Secretariat illuminated its Headquarters in Georgetown, Guyana, with orange spotlights on Tuesday, 29 November, in recognition of "16 Days of Activism" which is being observed internationally. The awareness activities aim to bring attention to ending violence against women and girls.

The observance was held in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Regional Spotlight Initiative and formed part of the Secretariat's awareness activities for the 16 Days of Activism, which commenced Friday, 25 November.

In her feature address, Dr. Carla Barnett, CARICOM Secretary-General, illustrated the significance of the building illumination and emphasised that the "16 Days of Activism" campaign is intended to galvanise action to end violence against women and girls. "Its focus is to challenge harmful gender norms and end the impunity, silence, and stigma that have allowed violence against women and girls to escalate and/or remain normalised in far too many countries", stated the Secretary-General. She also highlighted that the colour orange was particularly significant as it symbolises a brighter future "in which all women and girls can live free of violence".

Dr. Barnett highlighted that the Lighting Ceremony was occurring on Women Human Rights Defenders Day, the second of four signature observances which anchor the "16 Days" campaign. She underscored that Human Rights Defenders worldwide are under threat, even as more formal state commitments are implemented to respect, protect and fulfil legal human rights obligations without discrimination. "Data from Front Line Defenders demonstrate that the killings of women human rights defenders are on the rise, as women are routinely targeted with violence, harassment, hate speech, discrimination, dissemination of personal or intimate information, defamation, and other forms of online violence to silence or punish their activism," stated Dr. Barnett.

The Secretary-General shared the sentiments of the UN Resident Coordinator,



who spoke earlier, by highlighting "unsettling" data from prevalence surveys conducted globally and in the Caribbean; "violence against women and girls remains the most widespread and pervasive human rights violation affecting more than an estimated one (1) in three (3) women globally, a figure that has remained relatively unchanged over the last decade," stated Dr. Barnett, "As my colleagues from the UN highlighted, the Caribbean may surpass the global average with unacceptably high rates of intimate partner violence," she said.

Dr. Barnett further stated that the COVID-19 pandemic had exposed existing systematic inequalities supported by gender norms which threaten to reverse decades of progress in women's equality. She praised the work of international and regional agencies which have raised awareness, mobilised advocacy, and inspired individual and collective action to combat gender-based violence. The Secretary-General challenged stakeholders to work towards creating comprehensive and inclusive approaches that create the space for all to become activists for the prevention of violence against women, including civil society actors, human rights

defenders, academia, artists, the private sector, governments, and men and boys. "This is not a struggle for feminist women alone," Dr Barnett pointed out.

As she turned on the switch to illuminate the Secretariat, Dr. Barnett reiterated the Secretariat's commitment to ending violence against women and girls.

"The Secretariat is pleased to light up our building as a beacon of our promise to stand by women and girls and advocate for their protection," she said.

Ms. Yeşim Oruç, UN Resident Coordinator, Guyana, commended the CARICOM Secretariat for highlighting the significance of the "16 Days of Activism" and expressed appreciation for the "Spotlight Initiative" collaboration. She shared that the investments in gender equality and ending violence against women and girls by development partners, notably the European Union (EU) and the United Nations at large, along with Member States, is a pathway to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the Region.

The UN Resident Coordinator referred to gender-based violence (GBV) as a scourge and emphasised that the rates of

violence against women in the Caribbean are above global averages. Referring to recent data, she highlighted that one (1) in every two (2) women in CARICOM Member States experienced intimate partner violence or domestic violence in their lifetime; however, Ms. Oruç expressed pride in the fact that Member States are implementing programmes to combat violence against women.

"Belize, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago are implementing very successful Spotlight initiatives", stated Ms. Oruç, "what we are recognising with this observance is that addressing issues of GBV, gender equality and women's empowerment require a regional approach, and it is a testimony to the commitment of our international development partners, including the EU, to regional solutions for regionally shared problems and working through regional institutions, such as CARICOM, with whom we are very proud to be collaborating on the regional programme for Spotlight".

The Secretariat will remain illuminated in orange until 10 December, which is observed internationally as Human Rights Day.

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EU Seeks Special Court for Russian Crimes Against Ukraine



FILE - Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, right, and European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen talk during her visit to Kyiv, Ukraine, Sept. 15, 2022.

European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen called Wednesday for a special court to prosecute Russian crimes against Ukraine.

Von der Leyen proposed a court backed by the United Nations "to investigate and prosecute Russia's crime of aggression."

She also said Russia and Russian oligarchs need to pay for costs to rebuild Ukraine from the damage done by Russian forces since they invaded Ukraine in February.

"Russia's horrific crimes will not go unpunished," von der Leyen said.

She spoke as NATO foreign ministers met in Romania on the final day of meetings that include discussing the conflict and support for Ukraine.

NATO chief Jens Stoltenberg said Tuesday Ukraine would one day join the Western military alliance in direct defiance of Russian President Vladimir Putin.

"NATO's door is open," Stoltenberg said, renewing a commitment for Ukraine membership first made in 2008 but stalled since then. He noted that North Macedonia and Montenegro recently joined the West's chief post-World War II military alliance,

and that Sweden and Finland also will do so soon.

"Russia does not have a veto" on countries joining, Stoltenberg said. "We stand by that, too, on membership for Ukraine."

"President Putin cannot deny sovereign nations to make their own sovereign decisions that are not a threat to Russia," the former Norwegian prime minister said. "I think what he's afraid of is democracy and freedom, and that's the main challenge for him."

But Ukraine will not soon join NATO, which under terms

of the alliance's charter, would likely push the armed forces of the 30-member nations directly onto the battlefield fighting Russian troops. It would be a commitment far beyond the billions of dollars in military and humanitarian assistance the United States and its allies have already sent to the Kyiv government to help Ukrainian fighters defend their country.

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken announced that the United States is sending Kyiv another \$53 million to support the purchase of critical electricity grid equipment in the face

of weeks-long Russian airstrikes targeting Ukrainian infrastructure to knock out power and water systems as winter weather takes hold in the country.

The top U.S. diplomat said the equipment would be sent to Ukraine on an emergency basis and include distribution transformers, circuit breakers, surge arresters, disconnectors, vehicles and other key equipment.

Some information for this report came from The Associated Press, Agence France-Presse and Reuters.

SPORTS



RACE

Struiken fends off Farley for 28 seconds Half Marathon victory

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

After hearing his footsteps, Clif Struiken fended off fast charging Julius Farley by 28 seconds, to win Saturday's 17th Deloitte-Ogier BVI Sunrise Half Marathon destination race from Road Town to Smugglers Cove, in 1 hour 27 minutes and 28 seconds, to Farley's to 1:27:57.

"It was my first race in the BVI in a long time. I took off and actually tried to stay relaxed but Julius took off relatively fast and he basically sling-shotted me into a pace that I wasn't planning on running," Struiken explained. "I kept up that pace for a while, but one thing for a long while, but then I think one thing I underestimated was that ridiculous hill (Steel Point) at the end which was a nice equalizer. I think I built up a nice gap up until that point but in the last few hundred meters, I had to speed up because I heard Julius coming behind me. He managed to get over the hill a bit faster than me. Luckily, I had something in my reserves to sprint it off."

Farley said that he started off trying to put himself in a good position and did that for the first three miles before Clif opened a 400m

gap, until toward the end in Steel Point. "I was surprised while coming off the hill, I saw him about five meters ahead of me, so I tried to speed up and he heard my footsteps, took off and that was it," Farley said. "He took the win as usual. It's Clif you're racing against. With Clif, you're always second best."

Like Struiken, Farley said while the first part in Steel Point was good, he forgot about the middle part. "That was the killer," he said. "When you've used up your energy in the first part of the hill, then you have the next part of the hill still to go before the decline—that was the challenge. I had to walk for a few meters and had to stop, because my legs were killing me."

Rown Victor was third among the men and fourth overall in 1:44.49, hanging on to beat Mark Stephenson by .02 with his 1:44.51 time. Asked about his debut Victor said: "It was torture," he said. "Like anybody's first long race, not knowing what to expect but coming out and doing it, the rest of the guys pushed me, I'm grateful to finish. That's all I can say right now."

Steel Point Victor said it was the hardest part

of the race. "I started to walk from there and said my race is done," said Victor, who was passed by Katrina "Kat" Lindsay and she placed third overall in 1:37.35. "But then I saw Mr. Stephenson said 'let me finish before he catches me.'"

He said after Lindsay passed him, he said to himself: "You go girl. You go. Do your thing," he reflected. "This is my first time running this distance, so I'm very proud of myself. Great job to the other guys though."

Stephenson said he missed the start by five minutes and did a lot of catching up. "I was a tough first half really, because I was doing 4 minutes 15 (miles) catching up to most people except for the front five," he noted. "At the hill, I couldn't take this young gentleman (Victor). He kept it up so it was a good race, but it will teach me to set my alarm clock a little earlier."

Lindsay said the race was 'hard' and 'tough coming over those hills.' "I was glad that I didn't have someone right on my shoulder because I would have really struggled," she said. "I've been running about 1:36 and was on a good pace, but when I hit the hills, I knew that wasn't going to



Clif Struiken, left, Julius Farley and Roan Victor, at the Deloitte water stop in Fort Recovery

happen. So getting under 1:40, I'm really pleased with that."

Her father Gordon was eight overall in 1:59.09 and said it was 'so nice' competing with him.

The Scotsman said it was as hot as he expected it to be. "That hill—I like hills—but that was just a killer there," he said. "After that I had to walk a bit, but Kat was there cracking the whip to push me on. I'm quite pleased with my time. Sub two hours, so quite happy."

RACE

After destination race Reddy reflects on Half Marathon courses

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

One thing runners can't say is that the Deloitte-Ogier BVI Sunrise Half Marathon courses are boring.

Saturday's 17th edition was a destination race from the A.O. Shirley Grounds to Smugglers Cove. When the race began in 2006, for the first three years, the race started in the West End and ended in Pasea. "In the third year, we had that 35, 40 knots wind, but we were running into it and it was squally," Road Racing Director Kay Reddy recalled following Saturday's race. "That was the toughest race I ever remember. I think I was standing still most of the time. A very, very hard race. That's when we decided we can't have this race again. Anybody that did that, got the medal they deserved it—that was a good race."

The next course was from town to Pockwood Pond and return, a course Reddy said that she actually liked. "Every runner got to see the lead racer and that was where

Michael Aish set the course record of 1hr and 07, because it's fast. It's flat all the way down to Pockwood Pond. The only problem with that course, you're flying down to Pockwood Pond, turn around and you have to get back and there might be a little bit of wind again."

After that, Reddy noted the course was switched again and Public Works helped with some road closures on the stretch of road from Prospect Reef to Duffs Bottom. "We ran a couple of years on a looped course and that was really nice," she stated. "It was great to see everyone in the race, everyone was cheering each other on. Some people said loops are boring but it turned into an absolutely fantastic social run. And the road closure was absolutely awesome so we enjoyed that course. Post Irma, we did the loops again just because the roads were a little beaten up and then we thought well let's try a destination course."

Reddy said last year was the first and they

ended in West In in the Ferry Terminal car park. "A car park is not the best place to end a race," she pointed out. "You just want to have a beer, enjoy the sun, enjoy the glory, so this year we switched it up to finish at Smugglers and I think this is the nicest place to finish we've ever had in the 17 years. The 17th edition is one of the best."

Reddy said finishing at Smugglers Cove is 'one of the best things we've ever done,' an 'absolutely stunning course.' "We live on Tortola, we have the most beautiful beaches in the world, it's probably one of the best things we've ever done, an absolutely stunning finish at Smugglers Cove. I'm looking out here right now at the white sand, the blue sea, the blue skies, you can't get better than that. How many races in the world can you do a Half Marathon, go through the finish line and into the gorgeous Caribbean 82 degree sea? It was a stunning race today. The guy at the front was fast, 1 hr 27 despite a few hills that we threw in, and everybody after him went



Relay runners in the Deloitte-Ogier BVI Half Marathon at the Fort Recovery final exchange

straight through that finish line and into the sea. The nice cold drink. We had some lovely breakfast burritos, and some fantastic medals from Teriforma. Our sponsors Deloitte and Riteway brought some beer as well. So here we are now after the race sitting on the beach, with our burritos, with our beer, soaking up the sun. It doesn't get better than this."

SPORTS



Deloitte-Ogier BVI Sunrise Half Marathon medalists with awards



Participants in the BVI Football Association's Competitions Committee Women's meeting on Tortola



Clif Struiken, center won the Half Marathon, Katrina "Kat" Lindsay was 1st woman and 3rd overall and Julius Farley was 2nd



History: St. Kitts-Nevis' Shandor Wilkerson is the 1st woman to be center referee in a BVI Football Association match. She's with Emrol Amsterdam, left and James Ramprashad PHOTO: Javierto Mar

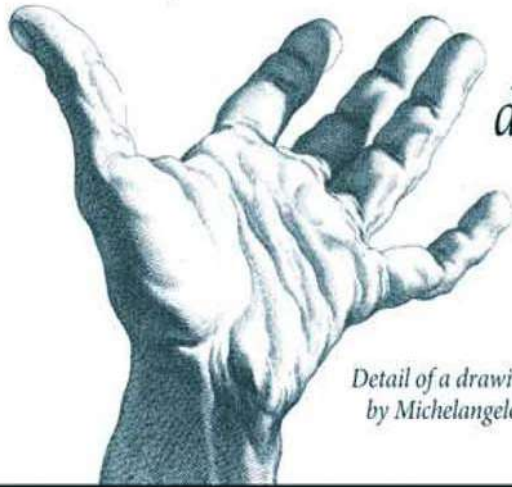


BREAK THE SILENCE... STOP CHILD ABUSE NOW!



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

For out of the heart come evil thoughts: murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander. These are what defile a person; but eating with unwashed hands does not defile them.



Detail of a drawing by Michelangelo

MATTHEW 15:19, 20



Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman

SUM SQUARE! You are challenged to insert the numbers 1 through 9 in the nine blank spaces of the diagram at right in such a way that the sum of the three numbers in each horizontal or vertical row is equal to the amount shown either at the side or bottom.

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Remember, rows are to equal respective amounts at side or bottom. Disregard diagonals. For what it's worth, digit 5 belongs in the center square.

Top row—932; next 456; next 178; bottom 178, will do it.

RIOT ACT! Al Riot and Ed Riot are brothers. Each has a different occupation. How quickly can you unscramble letters in names to discover their jobs?

Al Riot is a tailor; Ed Riot is an editor

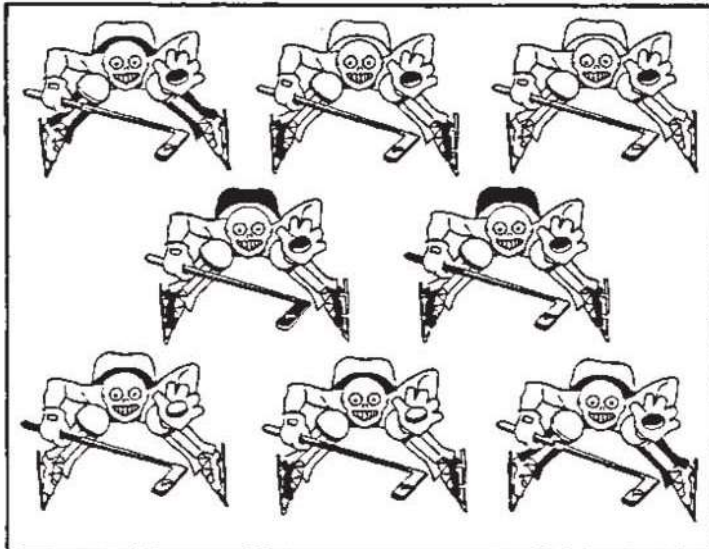


LETTER RIP EXERCISE

Rip Van Winkles's not only getting some Z's above, but is dreaming of a batch of other letters that in themselves may serve as substitutes for words, symbols, etc. They are defined below (Ex. 1, T for tea):

1. A beverage _____
2. An insect _____
3. A bird _____
4. Female sheep _____
5. Waiting line _____
6. Kind of curve _____
7. Gravity force _____
8. Building wing _____
9. A kiss symbol _____

All nine letters involved are included in Rip's dream balloon, above.



GOALIE, GEE! Two of eight scary hockey goalies above look enough alike to be twins. Which two is for you to decide.



TRACK STAR! Tracks by Big Foot? Naw, just a jokester kidding around. Add these colors: 1—Red. 2—Lt. blue. 3—Yellow. 4—Lt. brown. 5—Flesh tones. 6—Lt. green. 7—Dk. brown. 8—Dk. blue.

SPELLBINDER

SCORE 10 points for using all the letters in the word below to form two complete words:

SABOTAGE

THEN score 2 points each for all words of four letters or more found among the letters.

Try to score at least 50 points.

Possible twosome: Boat, sage.

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1—T, 2—B, 3—J, 4—U, 5—O, 6—S, 7—G, 8—L, 9—X

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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~~Because When I left office three years ago in disgrace, after profiting from the presidency, empowering racists, extorting Ukraine, getting impeached TWICE, and sparking an INSURRECTION,~~
America was poised for its golden age.



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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your work requires increased effort during the next few days. But it all will pay off down the line. Things ease up in time for weekend fun with family and/or friends.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your genuine concern for others could prompt you to promise more than you can deliver. It's best to modify your plans now before you wind up over-committed later.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A situation that seems simple at first glance needs a more thorough assessment before you give it your OK. Dig deeper for information that might be hidden from view.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Careful: Right now, things might not be quite what they appear. Even the intuitive Crab could misread the signs. Get some solid facts before you act on your suspicions.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your energy levels are high, allowing you to complete those unfinished tasks before you decide to take on a new project. A social invitation could come from an unlikely source.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You might think you're helping, but unless you're asked for a critique, don't give it. If you are asked, watch what you say. Your words should be helpful, not hurtful.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your attempt at mediating disputes might meet some opposition at first. But once you're shown to be fair and impartial, resistance soon gives way to cooperation.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Go ahead. Reward yourself for helping settle a disturbing workplace situation. On another note: A personal relationship might be moving to a higher level.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A sudden change of heart by a colleague might create some momentary uncertainty. But stay with your original decision and, if necessary, defend it.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Rely on a combination of your sharp instincts along with some really intense information gathering to help you make a possibly life-changing decision.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Instead of worrying if that new person in your life will stay or leave, spend all that energy on strengthening your relationship so it becomes walkout-resistant.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A sudden financial dry spell could reduce your cash flow to a trickle. But by conserving more and spending less, you'll get through the crunch in good shape.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your ability to keep secrets makes you the perfect confidante for friends, family and co-workers.

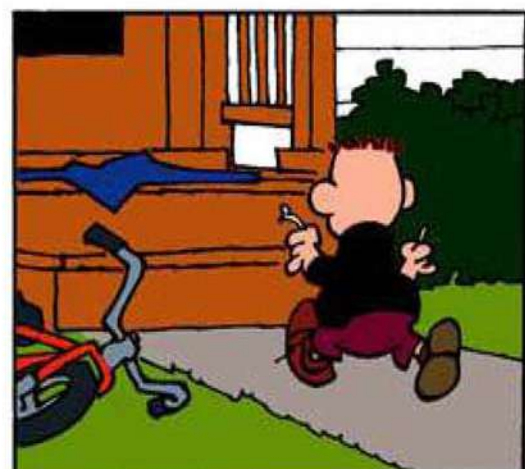



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TIGER

by BUD BLAKE





Making wreaths

from natural items has been done since ancient times. In Mediterranean cultures, wreaths worn on the head showed a person's job, social rank and achievements. Laurel wreaths crowned the victors in the Olympic Games. Wreaths were made from the harvested crops and hung up to show how the gods had blessed the household during the year.

Sources: www.getty.edu, wikipedia

- Brenda Weaver



"I'll be back when the turkey runs out."

top ten

Best States for Doctors

1. Iowa
2. Minnesota
3. Idaho
4. Wisconsin
5. Kansas
6. South Dakota
7. Montana
8. Mississippi
9. Alabama
10. Tennessee

Source: WalletHub



Wishing Well®

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

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



The Spats

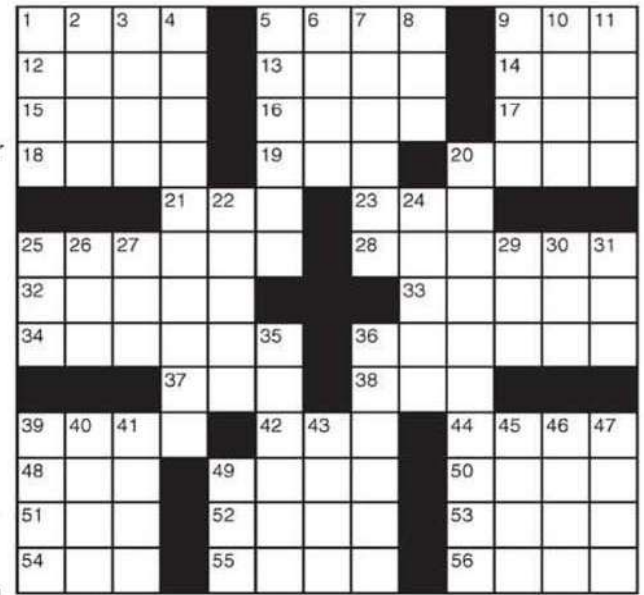
by Jeff Pickering



King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Asian desert
- 5 Weep loudly
- 9 Swiss peak
- 12 Mideast gulf
- 13 "Night" author Wiesel
- 14 Life story
- 15 Pantheon members
- 16 Quest
- 17 Director Howard
- 18 Region
- 19 Texter's "Wow!"
- 20 Full house, e.g.
- 21 Dolphins' org.
- 23 Here (Fr.)
- 25 Used a hoe
- 28 Put a price on
- 32 Dole out
- 33 Stage
- 34 Show bad posture
- 36 Creatures
- 37 Your
- 38 Ornate vase
- 39 Corn castoffs
- 42 Tavern
- 44 Party pooper
- 48 Small battery
- 49 Ireland
- 50 Theater box
- 51 Norm (Abbr.)
- 52 Swampy terrain
- 53 Portent



- 7 Improvise
- 8 Allow
- 9 Start of a spell
- 10 King of the jungle
- 11 Frogs' hang-out
- 20 Everywhere
- 22 Command to Fido
- 24 Prank
- 25 "Now, where - I?"
- 26 Right angle
- 27 "Xanadu" band
- 29 Cooking fuel
- 30 Ballpark fig.
- 31 - Moines
- 35 Cross
- 36 Stovetop feature
- 39 Mama - Elliot
- 40 Swearword
- 41 Commanded
- 43 Suffix for billion
- 45 "Arrivederci -"
- 46 On in years
- 47 Actor Hackman
- 49 Punk-rock subgenre

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

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

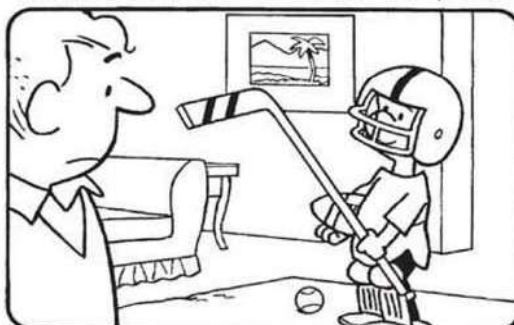
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Neckline is different. 2. Lamp is missing. 3. Table leg is different. 4. Tape is missing. 5. Stripes are missing. 6. Number is missing.

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: Which country is the most forested in the world?
2. HISTORY: When were tanks first introduced in war?
3. TELEVISION: What is the name of the Netflix sequel to the "Karate Kid" movies?
4. MUSIC: Which music prodigy was signed to a record deal at age 11?
5. ASTRONOMY: In which year will Halley's Comet reappear?
6. LAW: Which justice served on the Supreme Court for the longest?
7. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What kind of dogs did President Obama's family have in the White House?
8. FOOD & DRINK: Where did the first White Castle restaurant open?
9. ANATOMY: What is the rarest human blood type?
10. LITERATURE: What is Harry Potter's middle name?

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Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 21 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

- Trivia Test Answers
1. Russia; 2. 1916, Battle of the Somme; 3. "Cobra Kai"; 4. Stevie Wonder; 5. 2061; 6. William O. Douglas (36 years); 7. Portuguese water dogs; 8. Wichita, Kansas; 9. AB negative; 10. James

NOT A MOMENT TO WASTE: SMALL ISLAND STATES MUST DEFEND THEMSELVES

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)

Call me a cynic, but years of participation in negotiations between developed and developing countries have schooled me to be cautious about grand announcements and promises. The devil is usually in the detail. Experience has taught me to remain hopeful, but to be vigilant in ensuring the commitments, pledges and promises are kept.

That experience has been garnered in negotiations in the Commonwealth, the World Trade Organization, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Organization of American States, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, the Financial Action Task Force and in direct bargaining between European Union countries and the Caribbean. In each of these fora, the countries of the developed North have sought advantage over the underdeveloped countries of the South. By various stratagems, the developed countries have got their way, including by making commitments at major occasions such as COP27 which concluded on November 20.

In the words of Barbados' Prime Minister, Mia Mottley, at the opening of COP27, "This world looks, still, too much like when it was part of an imperialistic empire".

Therefore, while the leaders of small island states, including Antigua and Barbuda's Prime Minister, Gaston Browne, who, for years, as the Chair of the Association of Small Island States (AOSIS) has been advancing the argument for a fund to pay for loss and damage caused by Climate Change, are to be applauded for gaining acceptance by developed nations that such a fund should be created, the game is not yet over. The negotiated text has recognized the need for financial support from a variety of sources, but no decisions have been reached on who should pay into the fund, where the money will come from, and which countries will benefit.



When COP27 had to be extended into the weekend of 19 and 20 November to address the loss and damage issue, Ministerial negotiators for many small island states had already departed Egypt. It was left to Antigua and Barbuda's Environment Minister, Sir Molwyn Joseph, and the Environment Minister of the Maldives, Shauna Aminath, with their technical teams, to ensure that the concerns of small island states were adequately met.

Much work remains to ensure that the loss and damage fund is established and adequately resourced. Further, it has to be clear that new money will finance the Fund, and not a shifting of monies already pledged for other purposes which, regrettably, happens far too often.

It should be recalled that wealthy nations still have not fulfilled an outstanding pledge to provide \$100 billion to help vulnerable countries adapt to the impact of Climate Change that they have been suffering for decades.

It is critically important for small island states and other developing countries to monitor, and participate actively in, the work of the 'transitional committee' which was established at COP27. That committee is tasked with "making recommendations" on how to operationalize the loss and damage Fund, including new funding arrangements to resource it. That committee is expected to meet before the end of March 2023, but its "recommendations" won't be considered until COP28 in Dubai in November-December 2023. Note the committee will make "recommendations".

We can be quite certain that the bargaining within the 'transitional committee' will be intense and that many developed nations will seek to avoid or minimize their obligations.

So, while praise must be given to the leaders of small island and other developing states for finally getting 'loss and damage' on the COP agenda, there are still hurdles to be jumped before they can realistically say that the problem has been functionally and effectively addressed.

A credible Fund will require sufficient money. Adapting to the impact of Climate Change will require a comprehensive approach, including building sea walls and creating drought-resistant crops.

This could cost developing countries



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anywhere from US\$160-US\$340 billion annually by 2030. The number could rise to US\$565 billion by 2050 if Climate Change accelerates. That's the estimate of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in its 2022 Adaptation Gap Report.

These numbers have been made convincing by the fact that not enough was done at COP27, or by any of the previous COPs, to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions responsible for the climate crisis. The final agreement mentioned "the urgent need for deep, rapid and sustained reductions in global greenhouse gas emissions" to limit global warming to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels.

However, a UNEP report, released just before COP27, painted a worrying picture for small island states and low-lying countries, such as Bangladesh. The report was clear "there is no credible pathway to a 1.5°C future". What is more, the report points out that "for each fraction of a degree that temperatures rise, storms, droughts and other extreme weather events become more severe".

This is why, as Prime Minister Gaston Browne, pointed out at COP27, the worst emitters, including China and India, must begin to act beyond their own interest to include the interests of the world. The development of a few countries should not happen at the expense of many others.

It is more than likely that both the initiative by Vanuatu to seek an advisory opinion by the International Court of Justice on the rights to be protected from climate change, and the establishment by Antigua and Barbuda, Tuvalu, Palau and Niue of a Commission of Small Island States (COSIS), backed by 17 international legal experts, to seek a similar opinion from the International Tribunal on the Law of the Sea, sufficiently worried major developed countries to encourage them to consider a loss and damage fund at COP27. They can influence the latter, while cases before international courts are beyond their control. It was a case of better the devil you know.

In the fight against the present damage and clear danger to their existence, all Caribbean Island States should join in using the international legal system to preserve their rights against the world's major emitters of greenhouse gases. All small island states should actively back the Vanuatu initiative and join COSIS.

The United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change says that emissions must decline by 45% to limit global warming to 1.5°C if the already ravaged world is to be saved. There isn't a moment to waste.

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Gotcha Djabidze
Voluntary Liquidator
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Liquidator
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(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2023357

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 23rd November 2022. The liquidator is **Yanqing ZHANG of Room 1001, No. 2, Lane 2707, Songhuajiang Road, Hongkou District, Shanghai, China.**
Dated: 23rd November 2022.
(Sgd.) Yanqing ZHANG
Liquidator
[78/9]

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

SUGAR HILL SEA VIEW LTD.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1516927

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act, 2004
SUGAR HILL SEA VIEW LTD
Company No. 1516927
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 November 25, 2022.
Dated: 25th day of November, 2022.
Sgd. Philippa V. O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator
[78/10]

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

JHP Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1611603

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act, 2004
JHP Limited
Company No. 1611603
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 November 25, 2022.
Dated: 25th day of November, 2022.
Sgd. Philippa V. O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator 78/11]

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

Star Alliance Business Company Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 22nd 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 Liquidators is: -
Yee Yuan Ang
J. Advisory Group BSBH Private Limited,
50 Raffles Place, #30-00,
Singapore Land Tower,
Singapore 048623
[78/12]

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

Ruthfly Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 18th 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.
[78/13]

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

Broad-Ocean Motor (BVI) Holdings Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 24th 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:-
GU Yizhe
of Room 1806, No. 1699,
Gubei Road,
Minhang District,
Shanghai,
China.
[78/14]

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

JOSEPHINE BUSINESS LTD.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 552145

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on October 26th, 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: November 10th, 2022
(Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela
Voluntary Liquidator
[78/15]

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

RENDERD HOLDINGS LTD
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1750311

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on October 21st, 2022. The Liquidator is **Maria Koutsou with an address at 60 Johnston Road, J Residence, Floor: 19, Flat: 8, Wan Chai, Hong Kong.**
Dated: November 10th, 2022
(Sgd.) Maria Koutsou
Voluntary Liquidator
[78/16]

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

JOLLY ASIA LTD.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 659119

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 22nd, 2022. The Liquidator is **Yiu Lai Man with an address at Room 1012, 10/F., C C Wu Building, 302-8 Hennessy Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong.**
Dated: November 23rd, 2022
(Sgd.) Yiu Lai Man
Voluntary Liquidator
[78/17]

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

ESSEX MANAGEMENT CONSULTANCY LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 573937

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 25th day of November, 2022. The liquidator is **Lo Wing Sum of Flat E, 19/F., Block 4, Lok Hin Terrace, Chai Wan, Hong Kong.**
Dated: 25th day of November 2022
(Sgd.) Lo Wing Sum
Voluntary Liquidator [78/18]

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

JAMISON ENTERPRISES LTD
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. - 1493184

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 15th day of November, 2022.
Dated: 25th day of November 2022.
(Sgd.) Elmarie Ibanez

Elmarie Ibanez
Liquidator [78/19]

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

CRESTHAVEN GROUP INC
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. - 1068921

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 22nd November, 2022. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan, of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: 25th day of November, 2022.
(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan
Philippa O'Sullivan
Liquidator [78/20]

PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004
WINDGRASS INVESTMENTS LIMITED
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. - 1901707
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 17th November, 2022. The liquidator is **Ms. Christiana Blakki of 65 Prodromou, flat 703, Strovolos, 2063 Nicosia, Cyprus.**
 Dated: 25th day of November, 2022.
 (Sgd.) Ms. Christiana Blakki

Ms. Christiana Blakki
 Liquidator [78/21]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004
BROOKBUILD LTD.
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. - 572187
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 22nd November, 2022. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan, of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
 Dated: 25th day of November, 2022.
 (Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan

Philippa O'Sullivan
 Liquidator [78/22]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004
COLORADO SPRINGS LTD.
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. - 347775
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 23rd November, 2022. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan, of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
 Dated: 25th day of November, 2022.
 (Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan

Philippa O'Sullivan
 Liquidator [78/23]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004
WEST AFRICA PUMPING SERVICES LTD
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. - 584190
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 17th November, 2022. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan, of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
 Dated: 25th day of November, 2022.
 (Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan

Philippa O'Sullivan
 Liquidator [78/24]

NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)
Mappleton Holdings Ltd.
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 16th day of November, 2022; under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck from the Register.
 The Liquidators is:-
Ruzica Glavas
 Claridenstrasse 36,
 8002 Zurich
 Switzerland
 [78/25]

NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)
Douwin Portfolio Ltd.
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 16th day of November, 2022; under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck from the Register.
 The Liquidators is:-
Ruzica Glavas
 Claridenstrasse 36,
 8002 Zurich
 Switzerland
 [78/26]

NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)
VETRO UNITED S.A.
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 16th day of November, 2022; under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck from the Register.
 The Liquidators is:-
Inka Farhana Binte Jeffery
 Blk 145 Tampines Street 12
 #09-346
 Singapore 521145
 [78/27]

NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)
PEARL STAR TRADING LIMITED
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 16th 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 Liquidators is:-
Wayne S. Francis
 Nerine Chambers,
 Quastisky Building
 P.O. Box 905
 Road Town, Tortola,
 British Virgin Islands
 VG 1110
 [78/28]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act.
GOLDZTAR LTD.
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 1749913
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 29th, 2022. The Liquidator is **Marios Fieros with an address at 75 Prodromou Avenue, Oneworld Parkview House, 2063, Nicosia, Cyprus.**
 Dated: November 29th, 2022
 (Sgd.) Marios Fieros
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [78/29]

APPOINTMENT
CHALICE INVESTMENTS LIMITED
 ("the Company")
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 1475351
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that: **Chalice Investments Limited** is in voluntary liquidation. The date of commencement of liquidation is 25th November 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 28th November 2022
Carmine Bailey
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [78/30]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004
Chanceton Alliance (II) Investments Holdings Limited
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 1647093
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 29th day of November, 2022. The liquidator is **Mr. CHEUNG Shun Lim Ignatius of Flat A, 2/F, Block 16, Villa Rhapsody, 533 Sai Sha Road, Clear Way Bay, N.T., Hong Kong.**
 Dated: 29th day of November 2022
 (Sgd.) Mr. CHEUNG Shun Lim Ignatius
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [78/31]

NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
ALORION MANAGEMENT LIMITED
 ("the Company")
 (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:-
Demetris Achilleos
 of Agias Fylaxeos & Zinonos Rossidi 2,
 1st Floor, 3082,
 Limassol
 Cyprus
 [78/32]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 (as amended)
Auburn Investment Holdings Ltd
 (the "Company")
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 1956954
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 November 3, 2022. The Liquidator is **Cyrille Mauron of Rte de Fruence 80, 1618, Chatels-St-Denis, Switzerland.**
Cyrille Mauron
 Liquidator
 [78/33]

C.P.J. Holding Ltd.
 Company No. 1502419
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **C.P.J. Holding Ltd.** is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 25th November 2022 and **Querube C. De Nunez of MMG Tower, Paseo del Mar Avenue, Costa del Este, Panama City, Republic of Panama** been appointed as the Sole Liquidator.
 Dated this 29th day of November 2022
Sgd. Querube C. De Nunez
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [78/34]

NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
Rostan Alpha Limited
 ("the Company")
 (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:-
Elad Shasha
 of 18 Bet Hashoeva,
 St Ra'anana,
 4356614,
 Israel
 [78/35]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
AMHURST ADVISORS LTD.
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 289008
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 November 25, 2022.
 Dated: November 29, 2022
 (Sgd.) **Delio Jose De Leon Mela**
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [78/36]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004
Rathcliffe Capital Corp.
 (the "Company")
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 1899473
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was liquidated on November 21, 2022.
 Dated: 29 November, 2022
Meade Malone
 Liquidator
 [78/37]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 (as amended)
CASA DE VERDE LTD.
 (the "Company")
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 1054118
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 November 3, 2022. The Liquidator is **Meade Malone of Geneva Place, 2nd Floor, 333 Waterfront Drive, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Meade Malone
 Liquidator
 [78/38]

CABILDO INVEST & TRADE LTD.
 Company No. 157925
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **CABILDO INVEST & TRADE LTD.** is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 25th November 2022 and **Frank Buser of Jenatschstrasse 1, 8002 Zurich/Switzerland** been appointed as the Sole Liquidator.
 Dated this 29th day of November 2022
Sgd. Frank Buser
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [78/39]

Lionel Associated Ltd.
 Company No. 1734491
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **Lionel Associated Ltd.** is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 25th November 2022 and **Liridona Berisha of Petergasse 20, 8320 Kloten, Switzerland** been appointed as the Sole Liquidator.
 Dated this 29th day of November 2022
Sgd. Liridona Berisha
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [78/40]

PUBLIC NOTICES

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS
(PROBATE)
CLAIM NO. BVIHP 2022/0273
IN THE ESTATE OF JIAN-PING LEE DECEASED
ADVERTISEMENT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Tsai, Hsiang-Yun and Lee, Yi-Hsuan of No. 7, Ln. 21, Sec. 1, Hangzhou S. Rd., Zhongzheng Dist., Taipei City 100, Taiwan for, for a Grant of Letters of Administration, who are the children of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 20th day of September, 2022 in Taiwan, R.O.C.

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 20th November 2022

Filed by Travers Thorp Alberga,
Attorneys-at Law for the Administrator
whose address for service is:
2nd Floor Jayla Place, Road Town, Tortola,
British Virgin Islands;
email: mpeters@tta.lawyer
[78]

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

In the Estate of CECILIO BUNEDER FACUSE, late of Calle Fernández Concha N° 477, Departamento 33, Comuna de Las Condes, Santiago de Chile, Chile, Deceased

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by FERNANDO RICARDO DE LOURDES ABUD CUEVAS of Rol Único Tributario N° 65.041.194, 3 Número Inscripción 33416 con fecha 07.02.2001. Domicilio: Avenida Las Condes N° 9460, Of. 1105, Comuna de Las Condes, Santiago de Chile, Chile, for a Grant of Probate of the will of the above named deceased who died on the 10th day of November 2018 wherein the applicant wherein the applicant is the second named executor

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

Dated this 23rd day of November 2022.
Filed by Walkers Attorneys-at Law whose address for service is 171 Main Street
Road Town, Tortola
British Virgin Islands
VG 1110
[78]

Coldplay Invision Ltd.

Company No. 1736054

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that Coldplay Invision Ltd. is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 25th November 2022 and Liridona Berisha of Petergasse 20, 8320 Kloten, Switzerland been appointed as the Sole Liquidator. Dated this 29th day of November 2022

Sgd. Liridona Berisha
Voluntary Liquidator [78/41]

Capital Investments Consultants Corp.

Company No. 1521306

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that Capital Investments Consultants Corp. is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 25th November 2022 and Ramon Ortiz de Taranco of Ruta 8, Km. 17.500, Of 120 A-002 91600 Zonamerica, Montevideo, Uruguay been appointed as the Sole Liquidator. Dated this 29th day of November 2022

Sgd. Ramon Ortiz de Taranco
Voluntary Liquidator
[78/42]

SIRAVO TRADING INC.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1465490

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 25th November 2022.

Dated 29th November 2022
Sgd. Liridona Berisha
Voluntary Liquidator
[78/43]

CALMAR GLOBAL LIMITED

Company No. 1765364

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that CALMAR GLOBAL LIMITED is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 25th 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 29TH day of November 2022
Sgd. Querube Castillo
Voluntary Liquidator
[78/44]

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS
(PROBATE)
CLAIM NO. BVIHP 2022/0272
IN THE ESTATE OF NARCISO DA FONSECA CARVALHO, DECEASED
ADVERTISEMENT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by VERA ODENBREEIT CARVALHO of Rua Nascimento Silva, #543, 101, Ipanema, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil for a Grant of Letters of Administration, who is the person entitled to administer the estate of NARCISO DA FONSECA CARVALHO, the deceased having died intestate on the 13th day of August, 2020 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

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 22th November 2022

Filed by Travers Thorp Alberga,
Attorneys-at Law for the Administrator
whose address for service is:
2nd Floor Jayla Place, Road Town,
Tortola,
British Virgin Islands;
email: mpeters@tta.lawyer
[78]

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

In the Estate of Chow Tak Fung late of
Flat F, 18th Floor, Block 1, Castello, No. 69 Siu Lek Yuen
Road, Shatin, New Territories, Hong Kong, deceased.

Notice is given that after the expiration of 8 days, application will be made to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the resealing of the grant of letters of administration of the estate of Chow Tak Fung late of Flat F, 18th Floor, Block 1, Castello, No. 69 Siu Lek Yuen Road, Shatin, New Territories, Hong Kong, granted by the High Court of Hong Kong at LG1, High Court Building, 38 Queensway, Hong Kong dated the 28 day of January, 2022.

Filed by BGA Law (BVI) Limited whose address for service is Sea Meadow House, P. O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands
[78]

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

HAREX ASSETS LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1060657

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 29th, 2022. The Liquidator is Lilia Judith Tovar De Leon with an address at **Bloc Office Hub, Fifth Floor, Santa Maria Business District, Panama, Republic of Panama.**

Dated: November 30th, 2022
(Sgd.) *Lilia Judith Tovar De Leon*
Voluntary Liquidator
[78/45]

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

SELLINO ENTERPRISES

LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1014372

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 28th day of October, 2022. The liquidator is **Evelyn Ng Poh Geok of Block 7, Flat B, Hong Kong Garden, Tsing Lung Tau, Sham Tseng, N.T., Hong Kong.**

Dated: 30th day of November 2022
(Sgd.) *Evelyn Ng Poh Geok*
Voluntary Liquidator [78/46]

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

ZITTY HOLDINGS LTD

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1938338

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 30th day of November, 2022.

Dated: November 0, 2022
(Sgd.) *VIKTOR ARAMPANTZIS*
Voluntary Liquidator
[78/47]

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

OMEGA TRADERS INC.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 25th November, 2022. The Liquidator is **Mrs. Andrea Marie Mejia Paniagua, with address at Jacinto Ignacio Mañón No. 5, El Avellano Suite 9A, Ens. Paraíso, Santo Domingo, National District of the Dominican Republic.**

Dated: 25th November, 2022.
(Sgd.) *Andrea Marie Mejia Paniagua*
Voluntary Liquidator
[78/48]

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

UNIVERSAL PROMOTIONS GROUP 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 25th November, 2022. The Liquidator is **Mr. Pietro Moggi, with address at Via S. Balestra 2, 6900 Lugano, Switzerland.**

Dated: 25th November, 2022.
(Sgd.) *Pietro Moggi*
Voluntary Liquidator
[78/49]

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

CORYPHAENA LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1064844

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 30th day of November, 2022. The liquidator is **CHAN Hing Chi Liza of Room 1102, Tower 2, Lippo Centre, 89 Queensway, HONG KONG.**

Dated: 30th day of November 2022
(Sgd.) *CHAN Hing Chi Liza*
Voluntary Liquidator
[78/50]

GH Asset Group Limited

Company No. 1667666
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that GH Asset Group Limited is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 8th November 2022 and **Querube C. De Nunez of MMG Tower, 23rd Floor, Avenida Del Pacifico with Avenida Paseo del Mar, Costa del Este, Panama City, Republic of Panama** been appointed as the Sole Liquidator.

Dated this 8th day of November 2022
Sgd. *Querube C. De Nunez*
Voluntary Liquidator
[78/51]

BERKLEY HOLDING INTERNATIONAL LTD.

Company No. 598648
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **BERKLEY HOLDING INTERNATIONAL LTD.** is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 18th 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** has been appointed as Sole Liquidator.

Dated this 30th day of November, 2022.
Sgd: *Querube Castillo de Nunez*
Voluntary Liquidator
[78/52]

TOSSMAH HOLDINGS INC.

Company No. 27918
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **TOSSMAH HOLDINGS INC.** is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 18th November, 2022 and **LEON BASSAN NAHMAD of PH Punta del sol, Piso 21, Calle Winston Churchill, Punta Paitilla, Panama** has been appointed as Sole Liquidator.

Dated this 30th day of November, 2022.
Sgd: *LEON BASSAN NAHMAD*
Voluntary Liquidator
[78/53]

A & G SIX INC.

Company No. 630547
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **A & G SIX INC.** is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 16th 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** has been appointed as Sole Liquidator.

Dated this 30th day of November, 2022.
Sgd: *Querube Castillo de Nunez*
Voluntary Liquidator
[78/54]

Lake Shore Strategies Ltd.

Company No. 1500656
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **Lake Shore Strategies Ltd.** is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 7th November, 2022 and **JULIO ISMAEL PINERO FERRO of ZORRILLA DE SAN MARTIN, J. LUIS 55 FARO A 202, MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY** has been appointed as Sole Liquidator.

Dated this 30th day of November, 2022.
Sgd: *JULIO ISMAEL PINERO FERRO*
Voluntary Liquidator
[78/55]

PENSALES LTD.

Company No. 2025553
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **PENSALES LTD.** is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 8th 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** has been appointed as Sole Liquidator.

Dated this 30th day of November, 2022.
Sgd: *Querube Castillo de Nunez*
Voluntary Liquidator
[78/56]

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

BVIHPB2022/0279

**IN THE ESTATE OF LUIZ DE FRANCA LEITE LATE OF AV.
BOA VIAGEM, 5450, AP 2001, RECIFE, PERNAMBUCO,
BRAZIL 51030-000, DECEASED**

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **Abel Severiano Malta Leite of Av. Quintas do Pajeu, Condominio Quintas da Colina 2, n 3, Quadra H3, Caruaru, PE, Brazil and Luiz Borges de Medeiros Neto of av Gov Argemiro de Figueiredo, 1730, Jardim Oceania, Brazil** for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above named deceased who died on the 11th day of November 2021 without revoking a Will bearing the date of 5th day of January 2021 wherein the applicants are named as Executors.

Any person having an objection to the grant of Probate to the applicants shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 23rd day of November 2022.

Sabals Law, Solicitors for the Executors whose address for service is 87 Main Street, 2nd Floor, Abbott Building, Waterfront Drive, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands

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

**PROBATE NO BVIHPB2022/0280
IN THE ESTATE OF RAYMOND ALFREDO PENN
PUBLIC NOTICE**

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **LUCE JACQUELINE SOPHIA PENN CAMERON of ST THOMAS UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS**, the lawful child of the deceased aforesaid, who died intestate on 12th day of January 1998 at Harris County, Houston, Texas, United States of America for the Grant of Letters of Administration to the Estate of the said **RAYMOND ALFREDO PENN**, deceased.

Any Person having objections to a grant of representation to the Intended Applicant 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 document setting out the said objections.

DATED: this 23rd day of November 2022

PHOENIX LAW

10 Russell Hill Road, Road Town Tortola, British Virgin Islands
Tel: 1-284-495-7459 Legal Practitioners of the Applicant

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PUBLIC NOTICES

**The Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court
In the High Court of Justice
(Commercial)**

BVIHCom 2022/0221

1st Applicant CDH FUND V, L.P.
2nd Applicant CDH GRAND CATTLE HOLDINGS LIMITED

Applicants

And

Respondent CMBICDHAW INVESTMENTS LTD
Respondent

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to the Insolvency Act, 2003 Section 165 that an Originating Application was filed on the 16th day of November 2022 on behalf of CDH FUND V, L.P. & CDH GRAND CATTLE HOLDINGS LIMITED of 1503, Level 13, International Commence Centre, 1 Austin Road West Kowloon, Hong Kong & Kingston Chambers, PO Box 173, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands respectively seeking the appointment of a liquidator of CMBICDHAW INVESTMENTS LTD, a company registered under the BVI Business Companies Act 2004, with its registered office at Vistra Corporate Services Centre, Wickhams Cay II, Road Town, Tortola VG 1110, British Virgin Islands. The Application shall be heard by the High Court of Justice commercial division, Main Street, Road Town, Tortola on 16th January 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

Any person intending to appear on the hearing of the Application (whether to support or oppose it) must give notice of intention to do so to the Applicant's solicitors by 16:00 hours on the 13th day of January 2023. A copy of the Application and supporting evidence will be furnished to such person upon request to the Applicant's solicitors.

The Applicant's solicitors are Kendall Law of 2nd Floor Abbott Building 87 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola VG1110, British Virgin Islands, email:admin@kendallbvi.com.

Dated this 29th day of November 2022

John Carrington K.C.
KENDALL LAW
Legal Practitioners for the Applicants
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*Final Notice of Dissolution under the
BVI Business Company Act.*
GRANCHESTER BUSINESS LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 682197

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 November 25, 2022. Dated: November 30, 2022
(Sgd.) **Mark Ian DAWES**
Voluntary Liquidator
[78/59]

*Final Notice of Dissolution under the
BVI Business Company Act.*
JERMYN BUSINESS LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 463557

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 November 25, 2022. Dated: November 30, 2022
(Sgd.) **Delio Jose De Leon Mela**
Voluntary Liquidator
[78/60]

*Final Notice of Dissolution under the
BVI Business Company Act.*
HANSARD ASSETS INC.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1758850

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 November 29, 2022. Dated: November 30, 2022
(Sgd.) **Anastasia Evripidou**
Voluntary Liquidator
[78/61]

*Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator
under Section 204 of the BVI
Business Companies Act, 2004*
Last Fighter Standing Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1841674

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (a) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 30th November, 2022. The Liquidator is **Juana Kan of 8/F 299 qrc, 287-299 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong.** Dated this 2nd December, 2022.
Sgd Juana Kan
Liquidator [78/62]

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

IN THE ESTATE OF CHEN CHING YOU FRANK, DECEASED

In the estate of CHEN CHING YOU FRANK late of A8, Grenville House, 1 Magazine Gap Road, Hong Kong, deceased

Notice is given that after the expiration of 8 days application will be made to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the resealing of the probate of the Deceased granted by the High Court of Hong Kong, Court of First Instance, on the 30th day of November 2021 to CHEN CHIU SHIRLEY of A8, Grenville House, 1 Magazine Gap Road, Hong Kong.

Dated the 25th day of November 2022

Filed by CHEN CHIU SHIRLEY, Propounder whose address for service is c/o Harney Westwood & Riegels, Craigmuir Chambers, PO Box 71, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110, British Virgin Islands.

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

(PROBATE)

CLAIM NO. BVIHP 2022/0285

IN THE ESTATE OF LI WOO, TZE HA, also known as LI

WOO, TZE HA DAISY, DECEASED

ADVERTISEMENT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by EAST ASIA INTERNATIONAL TRUSTEES LIMITED of East Asia Chambers, P.O. Box 901, Road Town, Tortola British Virgin Islands. for a Grant of Probate, who is the sole person entitled to administer the estate of LI WOO, TZE HA, also known as LI WOO, TZE HA DAISY, the deceased having died intestate on the 26th day of February, 2015 in Hong Kong, leaving a will.

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

Dated this 1st December 2022

Filed by Travers Thorp Alberga, Attorneys-at Law for the Administrator whose address for service is:
**2nd Floor Jayla Place,
Road Town, Tortola,
British Virgin Islands;
email: mpeters@tta.lawyer**

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**Business Worldwide
Resources S.A.**

Company No. 1521312
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that Business Worldwide Resources S.A. is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 15th November 2022 and **Ramon Ortiz de Taranco of Ruta 8, Km. 17.500, Of 120 A-002 91600 Zonamerica, Montevideo, Uruguay** been appointed as the Sole Liquidator.

Dated this 30th day of November 2022

Sgd. Ramon Ortiz de Taranco
Voluntary Liquidator
[78/57]

**Latin American Capital
Group Inc.**

Company No. 650185
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **Latin American Capital Group Inc.** is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 7th November 2022 and **Leon Bassan Nahmad of PH Punta del Sol, Piso 21, Calle Winston Churchill, Punta Paitilla, Panama** been appointed as the Sole Liquidator.

Dated this 30th day of November 2022

Sgd. Leon Bassan Nahmad
Voluntary Liquidator
[78/58]

PUBLIC NOTICES

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act. Greenwood Opportunities Inc.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1789703
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 November 30, 2022
Dated: December 1st, 2022
(Sgd.) *Tatiana Vozdovscaia*
Voluntary Liquidator
[78/63]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1862378
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 1st, 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 1st, 2022
(Sgd.) *Delio Jose De Leon Mela*
Voluntary Liquidator
[78/64]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1952539
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 23rd, 2022. The Liquidator is **Stelios Ioakim with an address at 29 Edessas Street, 3115 Limassol, Cyprus.**
Dated: December 1st, 2022
(Sgd.) *Stelios Ioakim*
Voluntary Liquidator [78/65]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 540075
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 30th, 2022. The Liquidator is **Luis Gonzalo Mejia Uribe with an address at Panama, Republic of Panama.**
Dated: December 1st, 2022
(Sgd.) *Luis Gonzalo Mejia Uribe*
Voluntary Liquidator
[78/66]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1825681
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 1st, 2022. The Liquidator is **Margarita Sofokleous with an address at 84, Spyrou Kyprianou Avenue, AGP Chambers, 4004 Limassol, Cyprus.**
Dated: December 1st, 2022
(Sgd.) *Margarita Sofokleous*
Voluntary Liquidator
[78/67]

Before you discipline a child

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



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Be SMART when using Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG) most commonly used for cooking.



DO's

- Before using your LPG cylinder, check the valve and other joints to make sure there is no leakage
- Keep your cylinder in a vertical position with the valve on top
- Install cylinder at ground level on flat surface
- Replace rusty cylinders
- Keep cylinder away from electrical sources, air conditioners and switch boxes
- Ensure regulators to be used on cylinder are the same diameter as the cylinder valve
- Check your lines once a year, many leaks are due to corrosion



DON'TS

- **DO NOT** ever install your cylinder near any heat source or exposed to sun, rain, dust and heat.
- **DO NOT** place cylinder inside a closed compartment.
- **DO NOT** fill up above the 85% fill mark. You must leave 'dead space' to allow for the expansion of LPG from liquid state to gaseous.



IMPORTANT NOTE IN CASE OF LEAKAGE

- Open all doors and windows.
- Turn OFF the regulator.
- Call a qualified inspector.
- **DO NOT** switch ON/OFF any electrical equipment inside the house.
- **DO NOT** light matches, lighter or stove.



SOL

A message from the Department of Disaster Management and Sol

BVIPA Port Facility Security Officer Training & Port Terminal Safe Working Practice



29 November 2022– Members of the British Virgin Islands Ports Authority (BVIPA) Security and Marine Officers recently participated in training facilitated by Bridgewater Maritime & Security Services Ltd. from Trinidad and Tobago.

Officers were trained in improved security awareness and enhanced safety in the workplace. Eight (8) officers are now certified as Port Facility Security Officers.



The Cabinet Of The Virgin Islands - Post Meeting Statement Cabinet Decisions

His Excellency, the Governor Mr. John J. Rankin, CMG, chaired the Meeting held on 13th October, 2022, which was held at the Financial Services Commission's Resource Centre, Jones Building.

All Members were present, with the exception of the Minister for Education, Culture, Youth Affairs and Sports, who was on medical leave



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China Softens Tone on COVID Severity After Protests



A member of the Chinese People's Armed Police Force wears a face mask as he keeps watch on a street amid coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreaks in Beijing, Dec. 1, 2022.

China is softening its tone on the severity of COVID-19 and easing some coronavirus restrictions even as its daily case toll hovers near record highs, after anger over the world's toughest curbs fueled protests across the country.

Several cities in the world's second-largest economy, while still reporting new infections, are breaking with practice by lifting district lockdowns and allowing businesses to reopen.

Health authorities announcing the relaxation of measures did not mention the protests, which ranged from candlelit vigils in Beijing to clashes with the police on the streets of Guangzhou on Tuesday and at an iPhone factory in Zhengzhou last week.

The demonstrations marked the biggest show of civil disobedience in mainland China since President Xi Jinping took power a decade ago and come as the economy is set to enter a new era of much slower growth than seen in decades.

Despite near-record case numbers, Vice Premier Sun Chunlan, who oversees COVID efforts, said the virus's ability to cause disease was weakening, state media reported.

"The country is facing a new situation and new tasks in epidemic prevention and control as the pathogenicity of the Omicron virus weakens, more people are vaccinated and experience in containing the virus is accumulated," Sun said in comments reported in state media.

Sun also urged further "optimization" of testing, treatment and quarantine policies.

The mention of a weakening pathogenicity contrasts with earlier messages from authorities about the deadliness of the virus.

Changing rules

Less than 24 hours after violent protests in Guangzhou, authorities in at least seven districts of the sprawling

manufacturing hub north of Hong Kong, said they were lifting temporary lockdowns. One district said it would allow in-person classes in schools to resume and would reopen restaurants and other businesses including cinemas.

Demonstrators protesting over coronavirus disease (COVID-19) restrictions throw glass bottles towards riot police in Guangzhou, Guangdong province, China in this screen grab taken from a social media video released November 30, 2022.

Some changes are being implemented with little fanfare. A community of thousands in east Beijing is allowing infected people with mild symptoms to isolate at home, according to new rules issued by the neighborhood committee and seen by Reuters.

Neighbors on the same floor and three stories above and below the home of a positive case should also quarantine at home, a committee member said.

That is a far cry from quaran-

tine protocols earlier in the year when entire communities were locked down, sometimes for weeks, after even just one positive case was found.

Another community nearby is holding an online poll this week on the possibility of positive cases isolating at home, residents said. "I certainly welcome the decision by our residential community to run this vote regardless of the outcome," said resident Tom Simpson, managing director for China at the China-Britain Business Council.

He said his main concern was being forced to go into a quarantine facility, where "conditions can be grim to say the least".

Prominent nationalist commentator Hu Xijin said in a social media post on Wednesday that many asymptomatic carriers of coronavirus in Beijing were already quarantining at home.

The southwestern city of Chongqing will allow close contacts of people with COVID, who meet certain conditions, to quarantine at home, while Zhengzhou in central China announced the "orderly" resumption of businesses, including supermarkets, gyms and restaurants.

National health officials said this week authorities would respond to "urgent concerns" raised by the public and that COVID rules should be implemented more flexibly, according to a region's conditions.

Re-opening next year?

Expectations have grown around the world that China, while still trying to contain infections, could look to re-open at some point next year once it achieves better vaccination rates among its elderly.

Health experts warn of widespread illness and death if COVID is let loose before vaccination is ramped up.

Chinese stocks and markets around the world dipped initially after the weekend protests in Shanghai, Beijing and other cities, but later recovered on hopes that public pressure could lead to a new approach by authorities.

More COVID outbreaks could weigh on China's economic activity in the near term, the International Monetary Fund said on Wednesday, adding it saw scope for a safe recalibration of policies that could allow economic growth to pick up in 2023.

China's strict containment measures have dampened domestic economic activity this year and spilled over to other countries through supply chain interruptions.

Following downbeat data in an official survey on Wednesday, the Caixin/S&P Global manufacturing purchasing managers' index showed factory activity shrank in November for a fourth consecutive month.

While the change in tone on COVID appears a response to the public discontent with strict measures, authorities are also seeking out for questioning those present at the demonstrations.

China Dissent Monitor, run by U.S. government-funded Freedom House, estimated at least 27 demonstrations took place across China from Saturday to Monday. Australia's ASPI think tank estimated 43 protests in 22 cities.

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Meavado Bar & Restaurant needs 1 full time **BARTENDER**. Telephone 343-3547 [s78]

4Ds Construction & Maintenance has a need for workers in the capacity of **Masons, - Carpenters, Foreman, - Manager, Steelmen, Rought Carpenter, Joiner, Sheetrock workers and-Architect**. Please call 340-0103. [s78]

Zacxan, is seeking to employ a full-time marine carpenter/laminator. Experience in fiber glassing and structural repairs. Expected to have more than 3 years experience in boatbuilding. Please email zacxanbvi@gmail.com or call 284-547-8100 before 6th December 2022 [s78]

MGA Project Management and Construction Services is seeking to employ Full time: three carpenters and one mason. Send applications to mgapmcs@gmail.com or call 341 2227. [s78]

BRBS Cleaning Services needs: 1- full time cleaner 5 years cleaning or experience should be able to iron pleasant personality, a good team player, include your resume at: brbscleaning@gmail.com or call 542-0927 [s78]

The Wheel House Restaurant & Bar is seeking the following: Full time: 1 cook with knowledge of baking. 1 Kitchen-helper/commercial pressure fryer operator 1 Bartender Telephone: 5417600 [s78]

Assurance-Security Services seeks Security Officers, Manager and Office Assistant. Please contact 345-1953 for more information [s79]

Seeking two (2) Sales Vendors for Craft Alive Gift Shop at the Waterfront to start immediately. Contact 284-343-5921 for details [s79]

Pierre-Maintenance Services-requires Maintenance personnel as Carpenters, Masons, Painter and Gardeners. Experience a must. Please call 341-3868 for more information. [s79]

EMC's Caribbean Ltd. is seeking to fill the position of a Housekeeper with at least 5 years of experience in the hospitality industry. Interested applicants can submit their CV/Resume with cover letter at P.O. Box 386, Road Town, Tortola or call 284-494-1300. [s79]

The Caribbean Hidden Secret Ltd. requires a Captain, Cleaner, Secretary, Crew Member, and Stewardess. Please contact 345-9220 for more informatio [s79]

Rose's Deep Cleaning Service needs Cleaners, and Housemen. Experience a must. Please call 341-3868 for more information. [s79]

Baker needed urgently at Bobby's Market Place, Wickhams Cay, Road Town Tortola BVI or contact 284-494-2189. [s79]

BERICKS & SONS POULTRY-FARM-JOSIAH'S BAY is seeking a full time FARM LABOURER to work on the farm. You can contact us at telephone 284-345-4134 [s79]

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