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SKELTON-CLINE GOVT CONTRACTS EXAMINED BY AUDITOR GENERAL

The investigation into government contracts and dealings with political consultant Claude Skelton-Cline, which is one of the most anticipated Audit reports following the Commission of Inquiry (COI) has been completed. This announcement was made by the Director of the Commission of Inquiry Implementation Unit, Hadassah Ward on 19 January.

In that recent update, Ward advised the public that the Commission of Inquiry Implementation Unit reported to the Governor and Premier on the status of work completed up to the end of December 2022. Among the listed completed tasks was the mention of the "Claude Skelton-Cline Government contracts" Auditor General report which was submitted.

The announcement of the report suggests that the document is in the process of the prescribed delivery as stipulated in Section 20 of the Audit Act No 13 of 2003. This Act states that the report must be first submitted to the Governor before being

sent to the House of Assembly. According to Section 20 (2) of the Audit Act, "the Governor shall, within three months of receipt of a Special Report from the Auditor General, cause the report to be laid before the Legislative Council (House of Assembly)."

The matter of the Claude Skelton-Cline government contracts was a very sensitive topic; and the wait is now on -- for the report to make its way to the House of Assembly and be made public. An insight into some of the allegations against Skelton Cline who over the years has received multiple government contracts was gleaned during the 2021 COI hearings. The disclosures during the COI interview of Skelton-Cline on 4 October 2021 caused a public outcry as it was emphasized that there was scanty sign of results regarding the contracts that he was awarded.

COI COMMISSIONER CALLED FOR SKELTON-CLINE INVESTIGATION

Under Recommendation B22, Commissioner of Inquiry Sir



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Gary Hickinbottom requested an audit and possible criminal investigations into Skelton-Cline contracts in order to determine if he delivered value for money.

The Commissioner said: "In respect of the government contracts with Claude Skelton Cline since 2019, I recommend that, as soon as practical, a full audit of these contracts be performed by the Auditor General

or some other independent person or body instructed by her, and a report on that audit be presented to the Governor."

Sir Gary Hickinbottom pointed out that the terms of that exercise should include consideration of the evidenced work done by Skelton-Cline under these contracts, the contractual obligations of Skelton-Cline under these contracts, and any mismatch

between those obligations and the work done, to the extent that he was not performing his contractual obligations. Sir Hickinbottom said that the investigation should consider the circumstances in which Skelton-Cline was paid out of the public purse, and whether the contracts provided value for money.

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“Unless in the meantime the relevant BVI authorities consider otherwise, further steps including any criminal investigation and steps to recover public money (including recovery from any public official who has acted improperly) can await the outcome of that audit,” the Commissioner added.

From the onset of the hearing, Skelton-Cline objected to being part of the Inquiry. He announced that the COI was to investigate governance and matters of government and not private citizens. Skelton-Cline who received the contracts as a government Consultant also rejected the Auditor General's report on which the COI relied.

Skelton-Cline told Commissioner of Inquiry Sir Gary Hickinbottom: “I am the only private citizen in a private capacity that you have summoned to this COI. I question that because it is too glaring to ignore, which leads me to a conclusion because it feels like targeting and victimization to me in my private capacity as a private citizen.”

However, there was not sympathy from Sir Hickinbottom who responded to the concern stating: “You are not the only private citizen;

and secondly, the evidence that I need to take properly to investigate governance and serious dishonesty in public office is a matter for me. The focus is on governance... It will remain on governance. But at the moment there are serious suggestions in the evidence of really, really poor governance, and some of those suggestions relate to matters in which you have become--in which you have been involved, and I need to drill into those matters, and you can help me do that.”

Skelton-Cline also questioned the veracity of the COI and Public Accounts Committee reports which were relied upon heavily by the COI team. In noting his disapproval of these two documents Skelton-Cline said: “the Auditor General's Report and the Public Accounts Committee's Report, are wrong on so many -- and in so many ways with some of the things that have been said because it's a conflating, a confusion of this whole process and what took place.”

ISSUES FLAGGED DURING COI HEARING

The concerns surrounding the Skelton-Cline contracts sandwiched three administrations. The VIP 2008-2011 administrations

Neighbourhood Partnership contracts; the NDP 2011- 2015 Tortola Pier Park Consultation, and the VIP 2019 to present multiple Advisory contracts.

As it relates to the first VIP arrangement it was noted the first contract was received in 2008. It was noted that the Auditor General's Report on the Virgin Islands Neighborhood Partnership Project shows that “Claude Ottley Consulting Limited received \$696,800 through four consultancy contracts between October 2008 and December 2010. It was explained that the purpose of the Neighbourhood Partnership programme was to “establish a Neighborhood Partnership between key stakeholders of the communities such as churches, schools, parents and organisations, to work for the common good of the youth and to guide them in a holistic wholesome approach to life”.

It was noted that the Project operated centers. During the COI it was noted that the Auditor General's team received feedback from the various centers. In relation to Virgin Gorda, the feedback received from church leaders indicated that financial and other support needed to make the programme viable

was not received. Further the COI report indicated instances of the programme funds being used for unspecified purposes.

As it relates to the Tortola Pier Park project the COI questioned why Skelton-Cline was selected for the job; and what made him the most qualified person for the task. In response the government Consultant said: “My experience is in leadership, and that was the reason for me being engaged. My leadership skills to mobilise, marshal people, manage things to make it happen. That's where my skill set is, and that's why I was engaged.”

The final concern related to the contracts Skelton-Cline's company Grace Consulting received from the Andrew Fahie administration. The first of those contracts - , it was disclosed - was intended to be for a six-month period running from 14 March 2019 to 17 of September 2019. With additional contract extensions.

Public perception of those contracts was that it was repayment for Skelton-Cline's assistance in getting the government elected. However, this notion was disputed by Skelton-Cline when he appeared before the COI. In his denial of such

a suggestion the Consultation said: “If the suggestion is, Mr Commissioner, that somehow the contract was a political favor, then I would have to say very quickly again, you know, there is a certain skill that Claude Skelton-Cline has that God has gifted me with. One reason or another, it is sought out and has been particularly by governments for the purposes of which we speak because Grace and I do other things.”

The series of contracts were given specific areas of focus which included climate change, renewable energy; jobs programme; youth empowerment; telecommunications; and Prospect Reef. The Agreement with Skelton-Cline asked that he devote sufficient time and attention to the performance of service under this Agreement; and to ensure that all milestones and deliverables are met in the manner and by the dates agreed.

During COI hearing the deliverables and milestones of the focus areas were examined and among other things it was noted that a number of projects Skelton-Cline submitted documents and reports were completed by third parties as part of his deliverability.



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CANNABIS LICENSING MAKES SOME PROGRESS

Premier and Minister for Finance Dr. the Hon. Natalio Wheatley is pleased that the United Kingdom government has shown interest in moving the Cannabis Licensing Act forward.

In July 2020 the House of Assembly passed the Cannabis Licensing Act which the Government said could result in earning the Territory millions of dollars. However, former Governor Augustus Jaspert made a decision to forward the Bill to the FCO for review rather than assent to it.

This has resulted in the document being in a sort of limbo and attracted repeated requests for its assent from various members of the House of Assembly.

While delivering the first substantive update on the Cannabis Licensing matter, the Premier who recently returned from a United Kingdom visit announced during his press briefing on 23 January that conversation on the matter took place during his visit to the UK.

Hon. Wheatley disclosed that he "was also very pleased that the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office and UK Home Office had very good discussions with my delegation on medicinal cannabis."

While it was not stated that the Bill would be assented in the near future by His Excellency Governor John Rankin, the Premier pointed out that advancement of Cannabis Licensing will result in patients being able to use medicinal cannabis for

their healing. The Premier said: "We have found a way forward on this aspect of medicinal cannabis, and are proceeding to put the necessary regime in place for approval. I am grateful to the UK Government for their support in this area."

The UK support in putting the necessary regime in place seems to be a follow up on the arrangement that was announced by His Excellency Governor John Rankin in April 2021. At that time the King's Representative said that his office is interested

in working with the government to promote what is best for the Territory and he mentioned that this is an area that requires collaboration. "I am keen to encourage effective conversation between development agencies here and their opposite numbers in the UK so we can make sure those regulations and licensing arrangements are in place. I certainly hope we can make progress in that area," the Governor noted.

PARAQUITA FARMLANDS SQUATTERS TO BE REMOVED

"They have to be removed, absolutely," Premier Natalio Wheatley declared during a press conference on 23 January in response to disclosures that expatriates were living on the farmlands at Paraquita.

The Premier said that the matter of the squatters came to his attention and steps are being taken to remove them from the land and have the land remain for farming only. Hon. Wheatley told reporters that in a recent conversation with persons from the Ministry and Department of Agriculture he asked that the matter be dealt with.

Hon. Wheatley said: "One of the tasks I gave them was being able to

come up with standard leases. For everybody who on Paraquita Bay, and everybody who has a standard lease for the land they have to adhere to the conditions of that lease. One of those conditions is that it has to be used for agricultural purposes. No squatting, whatsoever, will be tolerated."

The Premier who said that he would have wanted the situation rectified urgently noted that there was a lag in fixing the matter. He noted: "The PS (Permanent Secretary) is here and she can tell you oftentimes I am pulling out air, air ... wondering why it can't go more quickly. We had a meeting, I think it was about two weeks ago, and they updated me on their

progress and I made it clear under no uncertain terms that I need that standard lease and I need everybody who is on Paraquita Bay to be on a lease."

"We have to be accountable how we use the precious resource of land, especially given the fact that we have a scarcity of flatland in the Virgin Islands and food security is a priority for us," the Premier added.

During the Standing Finance Committee sitting, Leader of the Opposition and Representative for the Third District, Hon. Julian Fraser disclosed that the land at Paraquita Bay was subdivided to allow farmers to get plots of land to farm. However, he said that to his understanding

the plots of land have been transformed into living quarters in some instances.

Hon. Fraser stated that he does not know what course of action needed to be taken but something ought to be done.

While commenting on the matter, Director of Agriculture and Fisheries, Theodore James stated that from his perspective, there were buildings that were approved to be built and were later destroyed. He stated that persons have sheds on the lots.

Hon. Fraser told the Committee: "The notion is that there are a lot of non-local persons who took up residence. However, locals are allowing persons to occupy the land."



STATEMENT BY PREMIER AND MINISTER OF FINANCE DR. THE HONOURABLE NATALIO D. WHEATLEY ONE-ON-ONE PRESS BRIEFING WITH UPDATES ON HIS RECENT OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE UNITED KINGDOM

JANUARY 23, 2023

Members of the Press Corps

Ladies and gentlemen

People of the Virgin Islands

A pleasant good morning. I am pleased to have another press conference to keep the public informed. My update today is on my official visit to the United Kingdom which concluded yesterday.

First, however, I would like to extend my deepest condolences to the families of the two men, Vincent Huggins and Seddy Callwood, who lost their lives, as well as the wider Jost Van Dyke community.

I know that you are hurting right now, and I pray that God will ease your pain in time. I want to encourage everyone to be as vigilant as possible when driving on our roads. Let us pray that we do not see more car accidents and loss of life in our beloved Virgin Islands.

Turning to my official visit to the UK, I am pleased to report that my delegation and I had a successful week of meetings and engagements to advance the economic, political and environmental interests of the Territory.

Let me say at the outset that I initiated this visit. I was not asked to come to London by the new Overseas Territories Minister Lord Goldsmith. In fact, I requested the meeting with Lord Goldsmith, because it is important that the Virgin Islands and United Kingdom remain politically engaged on various issues of interest and concern to us. That is what it means to be in a mature partnership. You talk and engage.

I was very pleased to have a bilateral meeting with Lord Goldsmith. Our discussion was constructive, warm and frank. I very much appreciated his great interest in the sustainable development of the BVI. He was very keen on tapping UK support to assist the BVI's efforts to both conserve and sustainably use the marine environment. He also pledged to provide as much UK technical assistance as possible to assist us with continuing the work of reform.

I did raise the concern about the Order in Council currently being held in reserve.

The Minister agreed that we would have a dedicated discussion on this in the very near future. While that issue needs to be resolved, I felt Lord Goldsmith was genuine about wanting a stronger partnership between the UK and BVI that fairly considers the interests of both sides. I am aware that he will travel to the Territory in a few weeks' time and I look forward to seeing him again.

I was also very pleased that the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office and UK Home Office had very good discussions with my delegation on medicinal cannabis, particularly with respect to the licencing of medical practitioners in the Virgin Islands to administer medicinal cannabis to patients. We have found a way forward on this aspect of medicinal cannabis, and are proceeding to put the necessary regime in place for approvals. I am grateful to the UK Government for their support in this area.

In terms of the UK Parliament, we had very successful engagement with UK Parliamentarians. A reception at parliament was graciously hosted by Mr. James Sunderland MP, who serves as the Chair of the BVI All Party Parliamentary Group. My delegation and I interacted with many parliamentarians who have a very keen interest in the BVI. Many of them genuinely want to see the UK be as supportive as possible to the Overseas Territories. I got very good insight and advice on issues of interest to us, and I believe we are making progress in improving the view of the Virgin Islands in that political institution.

I also had a very good bilateral meeting with the Shadow Overseas Territories Minister Mr. Stephen Doughty. He explained the views of the Labour Party on the Overseas Territories. I gave him a clear understanding of the Virgin Islands' economic, political and environmental priorities. He pledged to take these into account in future debates in the House of Commons and in discussions within the Labour Party.

Of course, I was very pleased to have a bilateral meeting with the Speaker of the House of Commons The Honourable Lindsay Hoyle. The Speaker is a champion of the Virgin Islands and Overseas

Territories and was very gracious with his time. We had an excellent discussion on how the Register of Interests works in the UK Parliament. He also provided other very helpful insights that I will discuss with my colleagues in the House of Assembly.

On the economic front, my delegation and I had a very productive roundtable discussion with the financial services industry in the UK. The industry was represented by those firms who also operate out of the Virgin Islands. We were able to update them on legislative developments and plans for the year ahead. The feedback was very good, and together we are committed to ensuring the jurisdiction remains competitive.

I also attended a business roundtable with the Caribbean Council to gauge interests in investment in the Virgin Islands in the tourism sector and our airport expansion. I was also able to talk with some of our existing suppliers of certain goods and services. There is keen interest in the Virgin Islands economy and an appetite to invest. My team will be following up with our business partners and those with an interest in investing to help my move our economy forward.

In terms of environmental partnerships, I had an excellent visit to Southampton where I signed a Memorandum of Understanding between the University of Southampton and the Virgin Islands. This is an excellent partnership that will assist the Virgin Islands in researching and documenting our environment and finding solutions to problems such as climate change. The blue economy will also be a major focus.

I also attended a meeting with one of our existing partners: the National Oceanographic Center. They presented to me the progress being made on their work in mapping our marine environment. We will soon better know what these assets are, and how they can be leveraged to help address the climate problem, particularly using carbon markets that will be beneficial to us in the Virgin Islands.

In terms of our educational and cultural cooperation, my delegation and I also visited Hertfordshire County Council, with



Dr. The Hon. Natalio D. Wheatley

whom we also have an MOU. We discussed cultural and academic exchange, and cooperation in relation to tourism. We will be following up on this very soon.

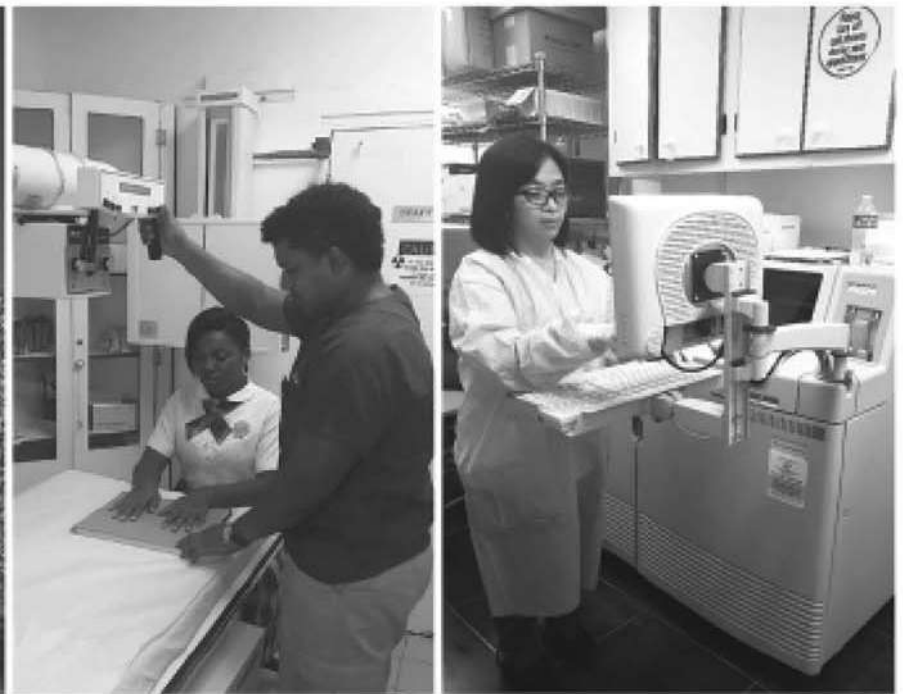
Regarding engagement with Virgin Islanders in the UK, I was very happy to virtually engage with our students and citizens who attended a townhall and luncheon at BVI House. Fortunately, Permanent Secretary Mrs. Carolyn Stoutt-Igwe and I were able to participate once our hotel in Antigua and Barbuda was available. We were unable to travel to London due to technical difficulties with our flight that grounded the plane. I listened to the students concerns and responded to them, and also updated them on matters at home. I was very pleased that by the end of the townhall, three students had been paired with Government agencies for summer internships.

Finally, it was my pleasure to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the BVI London Office at the annual Premier's reception. Many of our friends and supporters were present for the occasion, as well as members of the diplomatic corps in London.

I would like to thank my entire delegation and BVI London Office for their support in making my official visit a success.



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Premier's Meetings And Engagements With UK Officials A Success

Premier and Minister of Finance, Dr. the Honourable Natalio D. Wheatley has stated that the past week of meetings and engagements in the United Kingdom were successful in the advancement of the economic, political and environmental interests of the Territory.

Premier Wheatley led a delegation to London, United Kingdom to promote the

socio-economic and political interests of the Virgin Islands between January 14 and 22.

During his official visit, the Premier and his delegation engaged in bilateral political meetings with Overseas Territories Minister Lord Zac Goldsmith which he said generated productive and constructive results.

"I very much appreciated his great interest in the sustainable

development of the BVI. He was very keen on tapping UK support to assist the BVI's efforts to both conserve and sustainably use the marine environment. He also pledged to provide as much UK technical assistance as possible to assist us with continuing the work of reform," Premier Wheatley reported.

Lord Goldsmith is scheduled to travel to the Virgin Islands in

a few weeks to further discuss the Order in Council, which is currently held in reserve.

Premier Wheatley also stated that progress in relation to the use of medicinal cannabis was achieved through positive discussions with United Kingdom Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office and United Kingdom Home. These discussions specifically underscored the licencing of medical practitioners in the Virgin Islands to administer medicinal cannabis to patients.

Consultations were not only held with members the ruling Conservative Party, but with other parliamentarians, including Shadow Overseas Territories Labour Minister Mr. Stephen Doughty, who committed to promoting the economic, political and environmental priorities in upcoming debates in the House of Commons.

The delegation included Permanent Secretary in the Premier's Office Mrs. Carolyn Stoutt Igwe, Financial Secretary Mr. Jeremiah Frett, Managing Director of BVI Financial Services Commission Mr. Kenneth Baker, Executive Director of BVI Finance Ms. Elise Donovan, Director of the



Dr. the Hon. Natalio D. Wheatley

International Tax Authority Ms. La Toya James, Assistant Secretary for External Affairs Ms. Dwynel Davies, Special Envoy of the Premier Mr. Benito Wheatley, Director of the BVI London Office Ms. Tracy Bradshaw, Deputy Director of the BVI London Office Ms. Siobhan Flax, and Director of Policy and Research at BVI FSC Mr. Chernow Jallow.

The Government of the Virgin Islands remains resolute in the promotion of the overall development of the Territory, through deepening and strengthening its relationship with the United Kingdom.

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- (7:30 PM) "VICTORIOUS PRAISES" B'CAST - WITH SIS. ESMIE POTTER (2ND SUNDAY)

STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO ERRONEOUS POST ON FACEBOOK

22 January 2023

The Government of the Virgin Islands is aware of misinformation that is posted by Guavaberry Media Inc. on Facebook and is being circulated via social media about Premier and Minister of Finance Dr. the Honourable Natalio D. Wheatley's recent travel to the United Kingdom. The public is advised that the information is irresponsibly communicated by others and is inaccurate and misleading. On 6th January during his press briefing, the Premier advised that he would be updating the public on the outcome of the visit upon his return from the United Kingdom.

**STATEMENT BY ACTING PREMIER
AND MINISTER OF FINANCE
HONOURABLE KYE M. RYMER
ON FATAL ROAD ACCIDENTS**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20TH 2023

Good day to all the beautiful people of the Virgin Islands.

I greet you today with a heavy heart upon hearing the news of lives lost within our Virgin Islands community.

We have lost within the last 24 hours, two males in road fatalities.

One in Tortola and the other in Jost Van Dyke. Their untimely demise has once again sent shock waves throughout our homes and collectively the Virgin Islands.

Sincere condolences are extended to the bereaved families, friends and colleagues who have experienced loss by these tragic events.

The Government of the Virgin Islands, extends our prayers and ask that our Lord God, comfort the families and friends during this time of immeasurable loss.

I wish to take this opportunity to further encourage the residents and visitors of our shores, to remain cautious when using the Territory's roadways.

Godspeed.

Tax-Payers At The Heart Of New System

The Inland Revenue Department is seeking to improve its database to allow taxpayers greater access and flexibility.

The department in collaboration with the Department of Information Technology is preparing the Standard Integrated Government Tax Administration System – SIGTAS 3.0 to go live in March 2023, to facilitate the submission of online payments via the Government e-payment gateway. The new system will also automate the administration of all taxes and licenses.

Commissioner of the Inland Revenue Department Mrs. Karen Smith-Aaron recently revealed that taxpayers will be able to submit registration forms online, print registration certificates, make queries about accounts, check unfiled tax periods, follow the status of pending requests, and communicate easily with the tax administration through an embedded messaging centre.

Mrs. Smith-Aaron said, "Taxpayers are at the heart of the new system. They are now empowered to view their tax information."

The commissioner said in order to facilitate this upgrade, all residents of employable age are required to be registered. She said members of the public must provide either a valid passport or driver's license along with their Social Security Card, and an email address to ensure that registration is successful.

Mrs. Smith-Aaron said the Inland Revenue Department is "committed to assessing the taxes, licences and fees due to the Government of the Virgin Islands while applying the tax laws with fairness and integrity, and in an atmosphere of mutual respect."

The Inland Revenue Department strives to maintain compliance according to local and international standards, while fostering the economic and social well-being of the Virgin Islands.



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Person Specifications:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent verbal and written communication and presentation skills. • Excellent interpersonal and customer service skills. • Sound knowledge of media, communication, and strategic planning, sense of design. • Thorough understanding of typography, drawing, and lettering techniques. • Ability to assess costs and quote prices for prospective clients. • Excellent organizational skills and attention to detail. • Proficient in art and print methods to suit organization's product and packaging needs. • Ability to create, implement, and monitor budgets. • Thorough understanding of principles and methods used to promote, display, and sell products and services.
Closing Date:	February 15th 2023
How to Apply:	<p>Please address Applications to:</p> <p>Human Resources Manager, Clarence Thomas Ltd Home Center Box 56, Fish Bay, Road Town, Tortola VG1110 British Virgin Islands</p> <p>Email: mmark@ctlbvi.com Drop-off: CTL Customer Service Desk.</p>

Caribbean nations call for urgent action on dementia following skyrocketing dementia forecasts and stalling progress in the region

□ The Caribbean is set to see dementia cases rise by 155 per cent forecast by 205

□ Dementia is the 7th leading cause of death globally and the 3rd in

the Americas □ In the British Virgin Islands, no data currently exists on the

number of people living with dementia currently

□ Only 16 per cent per cent of Caribbean countries and territories have made any progress in developing National Dementia Plans, most of which have inadequate funding

□ Alzheimer's-Disease International (ADI) and national Alzheimer's associations across

the region are uniting to call for urgent action as most Caribbean countries are yet to see a single fully funded and implemented National Dementia Plan British Virgin Islands – 23 January 2023: Despite recent statistics showing that dementia prevalence is set to increase in the Caribbean by 155 per cent by 2050, regional progress in tackling the neurodegenerative condition is far too slow, say Alzheimer's Disease International (ADI), the global federation for 105 Alzheimer's and dementia associations across the world.

Only 16 per cent of Caribbean countries and territories have made progress in developing a National Dementia Plan, most of which have inadequate funding. ADI is calling for the public across the Caribbean to urge their governments to take urgent action on dementia, teaming up with Alzheimer's associations in Barbados, Bonaire, British Virgin Islands, Dominica, Grenada, Puerto Rico, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Sint Maarten, St Lucia, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago to launch a regional campaign 'What's Your Plan' (#WhatsYourPlan). **Urgent action is required now: Dementia care is a human right**

While a few countries in the region, like the Dominican Republic and

Cuba have implemented National Dementia Plans, unfortunately most are without adequate funding.

The-Caribbean-ADI members participating in the #WhatsYourPlan campaign are yet to have any fully funded, implemented National Dementia Plan in their countries.

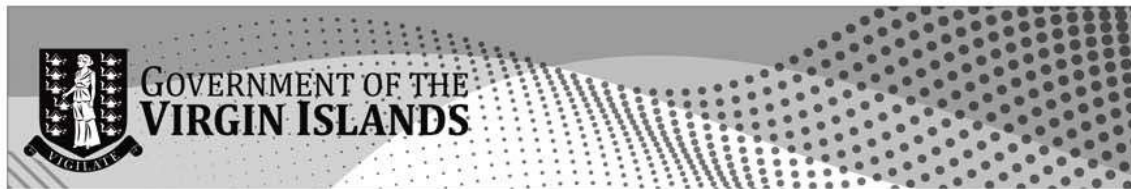
Ryan Geluk, President of the Virgin Islands Alzheimer's Association, says, "Dementia is one of the most critical illnesses that our generations are facing and it needs to start to get the needed attention though a National Dementia Plan. Developing a National Dementia Plan has always been the critical step to getting the necessary foundation in the Virgin Islands becoming a dementia-friendly society, which is the vision of the Virgin Islands Alzheimer's Association."

Paola Barbarino, ADI's CEO, says developing, funding, and implementing National Dementia Plans is essential to improving health outcomes for people living in the Caribbean with dementia. "A National Dementia Plan is a vital step in helping those living with dementia to have access to the support and services they need to live well, for longer," says Barbarino.

Caribbean territories with Alzheimer's-associations participating in ADI's 'What's Your Plan' indicated in bold:

Antigua and Barbuda, Anguilla, Aruba, Bahamas, Belize, Barbados, Bonaire, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Cuba, Curaçao, -- Dominica, Dominican-Republic, Grenada, -Guadeloupe, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Martinique,

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VACANCY NOTICE TAXI AND LIVERY COMMISSION (TLC)

The Government's Vision to transform the Virgin Islands into a leading economy through entrepreneurship, innovation and local and foreign investment. This means creating a thriving, vibrant, diversified and innovative, knowledge-based economy, with an attractive business environment that ensures full employment and full participation in global trade.

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

Persons applying to serve on the Board should have the professional competencies that exemplify integrity, respect and a balance of skills and experience that match the purpose, mission and values of the Commission.

THE IDEAL CANDIDATES EMBODY THE FOLLOWING QUALITIES:

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- a) Possess the requisite leadership skills and experience in sectors directly relevant to the Commission's functions and responsibilities. Clearly understand the industry and the needs of its stakeholders.
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- i) Possess an innovative spirit and the ability to think out of the box.

TRAINING/SKILL/EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:

Board Members must have commercial experience and acumen within a substantial private sector business or past public sector experience ideally from a relevant environment in the field of expertise which may include: leisure and tourism, maritime, finance, law, economics, management, among other related business sector leadership.

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Montserrat, Puerto Rico, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Martin, Saint Barthelemy, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sint Maarten, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Turks and Caicos Islands, and United States Virgin Islands.

“Access to support and a care plan, including care at home and in community settings, at home adaptations, and respite for carers, alongside medical treatments, are vital for people living with dementia, as well as their carers and family.”

“By denying the British Virgin Islands and those across the region this support, governments are doing a disservice to their communities,” says Barbarino. “All people living with dementia in the Caribbean deserve access to the kinds of support and services a National Dementia

Plan makes available. It’s their human right.” As the world’s population gets older, the prevalence of Alzheimer’s disease and dementia is rapidly increasing, threatening to overwhelm health services in many countries. In 2019, dementia was ranked the 3rd leading cause of death in the Americas, accounting for over 390,000 deaths. ADI is calling on people living in Caribbean countries participating in the #WhatsYourPlan campaign to urge their governments to develop a National Dementia Plan that features, improvements in care for those living with dementia, support for carers and to implement key policies to help delay or reduce up to 40 per cent of the possible number of cases of dementia in the future.

“We’re talking with the various Ministries of Health, Age & Social Support in many Caribbean countries, and while in some cases it can lead to progress it is often too slow. For a condition like dementia, time is of the absolute essence. People cannot wait,” says Paola Barbarino.

“We need people from all over the Caribbean to speak up for people with dementia so that their governments might actually listen and act.”

Empty promises and blunt tools: Lack of funding stalling progress in the Caribbean While some progress has been made in developing National Dementia Plans in the Caribbean, Paola Barbarino, ADI Chief Executive Officer, says that a lack of funding for these plans means many communities are missing out.

“A National Dementia Plan is a government’s best tool for preparing for this looming global health crisis,” says Barbarino. “Despite some progress to develop plans in a few Caribbean nations, without adequate funding to implement them, these plans are laying unused on the desks of bureaucracy across the region - more empty promises, and blunt tools.” “Continued inaction now will lead to much greater health, care and societal challenges in managing dementia later,” continues Barbarino. “Governments must have robust dementia strategies funded and in place, to save healthcare systems from being overwhelmed as dementia cases rise in the future.”

Over 740,000 people: While progress stalls, the number of people in the Caribbean living with dementia continues to soar

The latest estimates show that there will be over 740,000 people living with dementia in the Caribbean by 2050. However, it’s not possible to obtain the true number of people living with dementia in the British Virgin Islands currently, as it is not measured by the government; an issue which would be ameliorated by a National Dementia Plan.

Research has found that the greatest risk factors for dementia in the Caribbean include Cardiovascular health, diabetes, family history, older age, education. Further, women with lower levels of education in rural areas are overrepresented in dementia statistics in the Caribbean. Risk reduction should be designed with a life-course approach in mind, targeting both older and younger populations, with a focus on the modifiable 12 risk factors estimated to contribute to 40 per cent of the cases of those living with dementia.



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BVI Electricity Corporation

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Wickham's Cay Development Authority
177 Main Street, HR Penn Building
Road Town, Tortola
British Virgin Islands

Job Vacancy

Maintenance Supervisor

Position Summary:

The primary role of this position is to manage the functions and daily activities of the maintenance of Wickhams Cay I & II. This includes written and verbal communication with the Maintenance Officers, the administrative staff, and the City Manager. This role requires a candidate with excellent skills in managing subordinates under laborious circumstances and can converse and resolve any occurrences in a professional manner. Additionally, the successful candidate will be required to work closely with the City Manager to curate effective exercises and identify areas of concentration where enhancements can be performed.

Duties:

- Supervise, motivate, evaluate, and train Maintenance Officers assigned to the Authority
- Advise, coordinate, and oversee all works and renovations related to the upkeep of Wickhams Cay I & II
- Advise on plans and ideas that are submitted for the beautification of Wickhams Cay Development Authority and facilitate effective management of such
- Oversee the regular assessment of Wickhams Cay I & II and its immediate surrounding areas to determine maintenance needs
- Coordinate and oversee the upkeep of buildings, parks, public facilities, and surrounding areas under the Authority's portfolio of responsibility
- Prepare reports on the physical conditions of areas under the Authority's responsibility in order to keep the City in a presentable manner
- Prepare maintenance schedule for all areas
- Secure the services of skilled workers
- Perform other duties as assigned by the Client
- Work alongside the City Manager to coordinate activities for Wickhams Cay Development Authority

Qualifications and Experience

- An Associates Degree in Business Management or High School diploma with minimum 10 years' work experience in a supervisory position
- Experience in landscaping and maintenance of landscaping tools

Skills and Abilities

- Must have knowledge of the social dynamics concerning the city, its stakeholders and nuances.
- Must be computer literate in Microsoft Office
- Must be available to work from 5:00AM
- Excellent problem solving and negotiations
- Ability to work under pressure to meet targeted projects in a timely manner
- Proficient in the English language
- BVIlander or Belongers preferred

CIBC FIRSTCARIBBEAN'S WALK FOR THE CURE RAISES RECORD \$51,500 FOR BVI CANCER SOCIETY!

Road Town, Tortola, 24, January 2023 – The BVI Cancer Society received its largest single donation cheque to date on January 19 when Mr. Fabian Devonish, Branch Manager, Retail, Platinum and Business Banking presented a cheque of \$51,500 to Ms. Gloria Fahie, President of the BVI Cancer Society. The monies were funds raised by the 2022 CIBC FirstCaribbean Walk for the Cure activities.

The presentation took place at the bank in the company of representatives of event sponsors whose support helped to surpass the \$50 000 2022 Walk for the Cure target set last January by the organizers.

"We have been excitedly waiting for this moment since we completed the registration of the last walk participant in October but have had to be patient while we completed our tally from the bank's regional sponsors," said Mr. Devonish. "We are delighted to have topped our original target with big thanks to the outstanding support of the business community and all who took part in the fundraising initiatives throughout the year."

"The bank's Walk for the Cure committee also recognises the partnership with the BVI Cancer Society and applauds their efforts which were key in helping us to raise these funds."



Ms Fahie and members of the BVICS were visibly delighted with the donation which surpassed the 2021 record breaking amount of \$35,000.

"Thank you so much to the bank and Mr Devonish and his team for the consistent support of the work of the Cancer Society. We also thank all the sponsors without whose help we would not have this most generous donation," said Ms Fahie.

"The BVI Cancer Society believes that early detection and support for medical interventions can save lives and receiving this money at the start of the year has taken a big weight off our proverbial shoulders. With the help of our corporate partners like CIBC FirstCaribbean Bank and the Walk for the Cure sponsors and participants, we now have the reassurance of having funds in the bank to take care of some of the upcoming costs of the services we provide for cancer patients and their care givers," she added.

The Walk for the Cure initiative in the BVI started in 2012 with just 90 staff members and their families and raised \$1,250. Participation and funds raised increased incrementally each subsequent year and in 2021, the Walk for the Cure Committee expanded its activities and started the community outreach and fund-raising efforts earlier in the year.



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CIBC FIRSTCARIBBEAN'S WALK FOR THE CURE RAISES RECORD \$51,500...(Continued from page 10)



The successful formula now includes a family gathering in June titled “Men in Pink”, a Hike for the Cure which takes place in July in partnership with Hike BVI and a Hunt for the Cure car rally in September. The activities culminate with the walk, which this year will take place on Saturday, October 7.

The Walk for the Cure was supported by local corporate sponsors to include Diamond sponsors, Tradewinds, Walkers; Gold sponsors Harneys, O’Neal Webster; Silver sponsors BCQS, Captain Mulligans Ltd, Conyers, Island Sun, Maples, Nagico, CG Insurance; Bronze sponsors Alphonso Warner Insurance Agency, Advocates BVI, Capriccio di Mare, Carey Olsen, Caribbean Insurance Limited, CCT, Coldwell Banker, Driftwood Spa, FLOW, HikeBVI, Premier Dental, Smiths Gore, Sol, Top Priority Security, Tradewinds Mexican Grill and Trellis Bay Market, Bar & Grill.

The funds generated from the walk are used primarily to assist with the purchase and maintenance of equipment used in the diagnosis and treatment of cancer patients.

They are also used to provide assistance, care and counselling to patients and their families as well as to raise awareness, and stress the importance of early detection, through education campaigns across the region.

Issuing an invitation to the community to join in the bank’s upcoming fundraising activities to help raise \$75,000 for the 2023 Walk for the Cure, Mr. Devonish, acknowledged the early commitments confirmed by recurrent sponsors and encouraged businesses to consider supporting the cause. “I am pleased to confirm that we have early commitments from Alphonso Warner Insurance, Smiths Gore and Horizon Yacht Charters and we look forward to welcoming more sponsors on board over the next few months,” said Mr. Devonish.

“Walk for the Cure relies on the participation of the whole community,” said Mrs. Vernecia Holder, Head of International Banking. “The bank is encouraging all sectors to get involved by joining in the initiatives that are being hosted throughout the year as well as sharing the calendar of events through their institutions, social clubs, church congregations, community clubs, on the company intranet, or on social media and pulling together family, friends, and colleagues to participate in the walk itself.

“We are grateful for the support of all sponsors of the Walk for the Cure. Sponsorship opportunities are available at all levels from Diamond tier through Raffle or Giveaway sponsorship.”

Businesses and organisations interested in supporting the 2023 Walk for the Cure in the BVI should contact Fabian Devonish by email at fabian.devonish@cibcfib.com. The BVI Cancer Society can be contacted by email at Bvicancersociety@gmail.com or by telephone on (284) 499 0022.



CLARENCE THOMAS LTD HOME CENTER VACANCY NOTICE 2/2023

Clarence Thomas Ltd Home Center (CTL) invites qualified professional applicants to apply for the post of:
CTL APPLIANCES, REFRIGERATION AND AIR CONDITIONING TECHNICIAN

Salary Scale:	Commensurate with qualifications and experience
Accountability:	Reports to the Managing Director
Nature & Scope:	Installation, maintenance, repair, and servicing of commercial and residential washers, dryers (gas and electric), air conditioning systems and units, water-cooling systems, and refrigerators.
Major Responsibilities, Tasks and Duties:	<p>Refrigeration and Appliances:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Responsible for repairing and maintaining appliances, stoves, refrigerators, by diagnosing and troubleshooting special service problems following all building codes, blueprints, instructions, and manuals. 2. Processing and completing work orders. 3. Reading and interpreting compliance schematics. 4. Observing and testing newly installed systems. 5. Troubleshooting refrigeration and appliance equipment failures. 6. Maintaining parts stock levels. 7. Carries out overhauling and servicing of refrigeration units by repairing, changing, or reworking broken parts of compressors, condensers, and vacuum pumps; inspect freon level in refrigeration units and fix any leak observed, and charge units as required; clean and change filters on ice machines and similar equipment; inspect heating elements and change if bad 8. Carries out maintenance checks on heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems; clean evaporator drain-pans, coils, and filters; lubricate fan and motor bearings; repair and change motors, electrical wiring, belts, compressors, thermostats, fans, floating elements, and defrost timers 9. Performs repairs or adjustments on piping connections, valves, couplings and fittings by riveting, bolting, welding, brazing, and soldering applying hand tools, drill press, prestolite and acetylene torch 10. Takes away pumps and motors, change bearings and shafts, re-packs and perform re-installations; perform adjustment on expansion valves; change, fix, and recalibrate humidistats and thermostats, change hinges, gaskets, and hardware 11. Processes orders for replacement of equipment parts as required, performs repairs as ordered, and keeps records of servicing on equipment 12. Carries out restructuring, installation, positioning, and re-mounting of modular offices and space, including furniture, work surfaces, wall panels, lighting, file cabinets, storage bins, etc. to maximize office space and meet user needs
Minimum Requirements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical training in HVAC systems • Technical training in appliance repair • Five (5) years’ experience in related field.
Person Specifications:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certification in refrigerant transition and recovery • Working experience maintaining and repairing heating ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems and other related systems such as electrical systems, DX units, heat pumps, and chillers. • Valid driver’s license • Ability to perform physical activities such as climbing, bending, balancing, stooping, kneeling, squatting, crawling, reaching, crouching, push/pull objects, etc. • Ability to work with manual or power tools and operate motorized vehicles • Ability to sit, walk, and stand for extended periods of time.
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GLOBAL NEWS BRIEF

STORIES SELECTED BY GIORGIO MIGLIAVACCA

LONDON - On February 1st Britain will experience something close to a 21st-century general strike. Hundreds of thousands of teachers, university lecturers and civil servants will stop work, together with the railway workers whose industrial action has already paralysed the network for weeks. Five days later, nurses will begin a two-day shutdown, while the strike calendar for ambulance workers stretches well into March.

This is not a French-style, politicised mass movement. Union leaders are forbidden by law from co-ordinating action, while the Conservative government's new anti-strike law will force public-service workers to guarantee minimum service levels. But to borrow from Galileo, eppur si muove (and yet it moves).

This sudden upsurge of union militancy is partly down to double-digit inflation. Real-terms pay for junior doctors, for example, is 26 per cent below its 2009 level. Nurses' real wages are 8 per cent below where they were in 2010. The Universities and Colleges Union calculates that lecturers' pay is down 20 per cent since 2009.

But that is combined with a strategic skills shortage: everything from the railways to accident-and-emergency units relies on voluntary overtime or agency staff. And staff

shortages are acute not just because of 'Brexit'—which has choked off the supply of skilled and unskilled workers from mainland Europe—but because public- and private-sector pay have rapidly diverged. [Social Europe]

ROME - Several Italian regions have been put on alert due to a wave of extreme weather in Italy, with many part of the country hit by freezing cold, torrential rain or snow and powerful winds.

Marche and parts of Emilia Romagna have been put on orange alert by the civil protection department, which is one notch down from the maximum red alert and means the weather poses a danger to people and property.

Abruzzo, Basilicata, Campania, Umbria and other parts of Emilia Romagna were on yellow alert.

Schools were closed on Monday due to the weather in the southern city of Potenza and in areas of the northern provinces of Rimini and Modena.

A homeless man who was found dead in Milan at the weekend is thought to have been killed by the cold. (ANSA).

BRAZIL - Brazil and Argentina aim for greater economic integration, including the development of a common currency, Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva

and Argentine leader Alberto Fernandez said in a joint article they penned.

"We intend to overcome the barriers to our exchanges, simplify and modernize the rules and encourage the use of local currencies," says the text published on the Argentine website Perfil.

"We also decided to advance discussions on a common South American currency that can be used for both financial and commercial flows, reducing costs operations and our external vulnerability," the article said.

Earlier in the day, the Financial Times reported the neighboring nations will announce this week that they are starting preparatory work on a common currency. The plan, set to be discussed at a summit in Buenos Aires this week, will focus on how a new currency which Brazil suggests calling the "sur" (south) could boost regional trade and reduce reliance on the US dollar, FT reported citing officials. [El Pais]

BRAZIL - The highest authorities of the Republic of Brazil were summoned by the newly-inaugurated president, Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva – popularly known as "Lula" – this past Monday. The subsequent high-level meeting took place only 24 hours after a mob of rioters assaulted the government institutions in Brasilia. The violent protestors were supporters of Jair Bolsonaro, 67, who narrowly lost his re-election bid to Lula in October 2022.

The 77-year-old president – who previously governed Brazil from

2003 until 2010 – convened the session at the Planalto Palace, the official workplace of the presidency. Attendees included Supreme Court President Rosa Weber, President of the Chamber of Deputies Arthur Lira and Senate President Rodrigo Pacheco. Defense Minister José Múcio and the recently-appointed heads of the Armed Forces were also summoned.

Lira – despite being a supporter of Bolsonaro – joined the unanimous condemnation of the assault by the highest representatives of the country's democratic institutions.

After the meeting, the leaders of the three branches of government released a joint statement, condemning the "terrorism, vandalism and criminal acts" committed on Sunday. The storming of key government buildings was described as an "attempted coup."

Ibaneis Rocha – the governor of the Federal District – has been suspended from office for three months by the Supreme Court, for not having done enough to stop the extremists from storming the headquarters of the country's democratic institutions.

On Monday afternoon, Lula also met with the governors of Brazil's 26 states, after speaking by phone with the prime minister of Portugal, António Costa, and with US president Joe Biden, who invited him to visit the White House at the beginning of February. The Brazilian president has accepted, according to a note from his team.

President Biden has expressed the "unconditional support of the United States to Brazilian democracy and to the will expressed by the people in the last elections, which Lula won."

On the ninth day of his new term, Lula is facing the most serious threat to Brazilian democracy since the end of the military dictatorship in 1985. [El Pais]

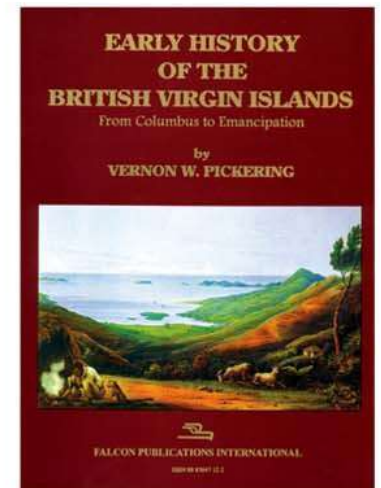
BERMUDA - Customs officers will be recognised for their crucial work as border organisations around the world prepare for International Customs Day.

The customs department will hold several events this week in the run up to the day, on Thursday.

Lucinda Pearman, the Collector of Customs, said: "The customs department continues to play an important role in the Bermuda economy by meeting its mission of protecting Bermuda's border and promoting economic development.

"We are committed to the continued economic development of the island and protecting Bermuda's borders."

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The World Customs Organisation has dedicated 2023 to "nurturing the next generation" and "promoting a culture of knowledge-sharing and professional pride in customs".

Events started yesterday with a virtual church service to honour fallen customs officers in Bermuda.

Tomorrow will see several customs officers attend Port Royal Primary School in Southampton to entertain and educate pupils and staff about the role that they play.

Current and former customs officers have been invited to participate in the annual Colin Smith Road Race in St David's on Wednesday.

On Thursday, the department will honour its employees during two awards ceremonies.

Michael Weeks, the Minister of National Security, said: "I am pleased to recognise the professionalism of the women and men who make up our customs department.

"They are Bermuda's unsung heroes, and I look forward to joining them on Thursday to both celebrate International Customs Day and present long-serve awards to employees who have made a career of the service." [The Royal Gazette]

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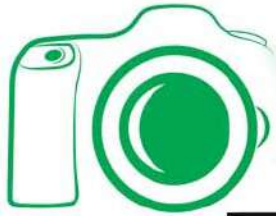
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Through the Lens of The Sunny Side



Penny Haycraft, third right, is joined by members of the BVI Diabetes Association, Astrid Wenski, left, Jean Vanterpool and Xandra Adamsom, after she presented her slideshow of Tortola photos from the 50s and 60s, at the Tortola Sports Club, as a fundraiser for the association.

Photo By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

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The BVI Red Cross Home Care Basics Aide GRADUATION CEREMONY

On 19th January 2023, the BVI Red Cross held its 2022 Home Care Basics Aide graduation ceremony. The ceremony was held in the Edris O'Neal Conference Room at the organizations headquarters. Guest speaker for the ceremony was the Distinguished Kareem Nelson Hull. Graduates were also inspired by Honorable Marlon Penn, Minister for the Ministry of Health & Social Development. The graduates are as follows:

Marilyn Freeman, Sonia Matthias, Nakeda Harrigan, Loraine Glasgow, Laceyann Love, Sharon Omogo, Kalema King, Chemika Martin, Roxanne Ramprashad, Shanelle Ramsay, Metheline Alexander, Amoy Richards, Janice Francis, Mackeisa Bulter-Barnwell, Laceyann Love, Sharon Omogo.

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Ladyburd Talks

Dear Readers: Patience Is a Virtue (2 of 2)

Here are some general tips on how to become more patient in life. Keep these in mind next time you feel yourself growing frustrated.

4. Practice acceptance

Sometimes there's nothing you can do to change a situation.

In those cases, impatience solves nothing. Once you accept the conditions of the present moment, everything becomes more bearable.

5. Get comfortable being uncomfortable

Little acts of self-control can help you get used to discomfort. For example, trying to avoid scratching an itch.

This will help you build the discipline to be a more patient person.

6. Slow down

Your deadlines probably aren't as rigid as you think. If you're feeling rushed, ask your superiors if you can take more time to complete a task.

Otherwise, you risk producing shoddy work or cracking in the heat of the moment.

7. Improve your listening skills

Active listening is an important tactic in how to be more patient with others. When you hear their concerns, you'll be more compassionate. This kind of emotional intelligence will help you keep your cool.

8. Remember, it's not all about you

In some ways, impatience is a selfish mindset. Remember that you're part of something bigger: a world full of people with their own worries, ambitions, and perspectives. When you put yourself in their shoes, you'll have less to be frustrated about.

Everyone is going through something you don't know.

9. Focus on priority tasks

Use the Pareto principle (or the 80/20 rule) to organize your to-do list by impact.

Prioritize the 20% of tasks that contribute to most of your productivity.

Doing this will help you reduce stress and thus improve your patience.

10. The dangers of being too patient

While patience is a virtue, it's important to know its limits.

It's not an ideal reaction for every scenario.

You need to be assertive and stand up for yourself when other people cross the line.

Otherwise, you let people off the hook for bad behavior.

Believe it or not, you can hold people accountable without losing patience.

In fact, doing so can make you a more effective and charismatic leader.

Sources: <https://www.betterup.com/blog/how-to-be-more-patient>



Ladyburd's Mail Box

delseitalibur@msn.com

Dear Ladyburd: I enjoy reading your column. My problem is : I am with my girlfriend for six months now, and I love her very much, but I do not think I know her enough to commit to her, however, she has been harassing me all the time about when we are going to get married.

I am not ruling out the fact that she could be my wife, but I think we need to know more about each other, before I move to the next level.

What do you think? Need To Be Sure.

Ladyburd: Dear Need To Be Sure: Thanks for your letter. It is understandable that you want to be sure before you pop the question to your girlfriend.

I would say give the relationship another six months, and get to know each other better, likes, dislikes, wants and needs, communicate with each other, be honest with her and let her know whether or not you just want a romp in the hay or you are serious about the relationship.

Remember a relationship is a gamble, so if you both are serious about each other and are willing to make it work, then why not.

Good luck to you.



Light Bulb Moments

*"Celebrate endings—
for they precede new
beginnings."*

—Jonathan Huie

*"The only place where
success comes before work
is in the dictionary."*

—Vidal Sassoon

Poetry Corner

Passion for Life

*The path in your life,
may never be straight.*

*Contain bumps and curves,
where many are great.*

*Your personal experiences,
have shaped who you are.*

*Embrace your mistakes,
and each unique scar.*

*There's always new things,
in life we may learn.*

*With every page,
and chapter we turn.*

*There's just one simple,
but very important rule.*

*Your passion for life,
should be used
as your fuel.*

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Tickle My Funny Bones

By Delseita



Express-Prayer

A little boy had only heard his grandfather pray at Thanksgiving, Easter, and other special occasions; when he, typically, said a long prayer over the food. One night, after a fun camp-out and fishing trip, grandfather (to the little boy's surprise) said a very brief blessing on the food. With a gleam in his eye, the little boy grinned at his Grandfather and said, "You don't pray so long when you're hungry, do you Grandpa?"

What The Stress Really Is

A gentleman stopped and picked up a nice hitchhiking girl. Suddenly she loses consciousness and he took her to the hospital. This is stress.

In the hospital he was being told that she is pregnant and doctors start congratulating him with the future newborn. He explained that just an hour ago he saw her for the first time in his life, but she starts telling them that he is the father. This is a big stress already. You require a DNR analysis.

Then the doctors tell him silently, that actually he can't be a father since he is genetically sterile.

This is a stress, combined with a relief he said.

On his way back home he remembers, that he has three children. That's what the real stress is.

PUN INTENDED

" Police officer asked me where I was between 5 and 6. He seemed irritated when I said kindergarten School "
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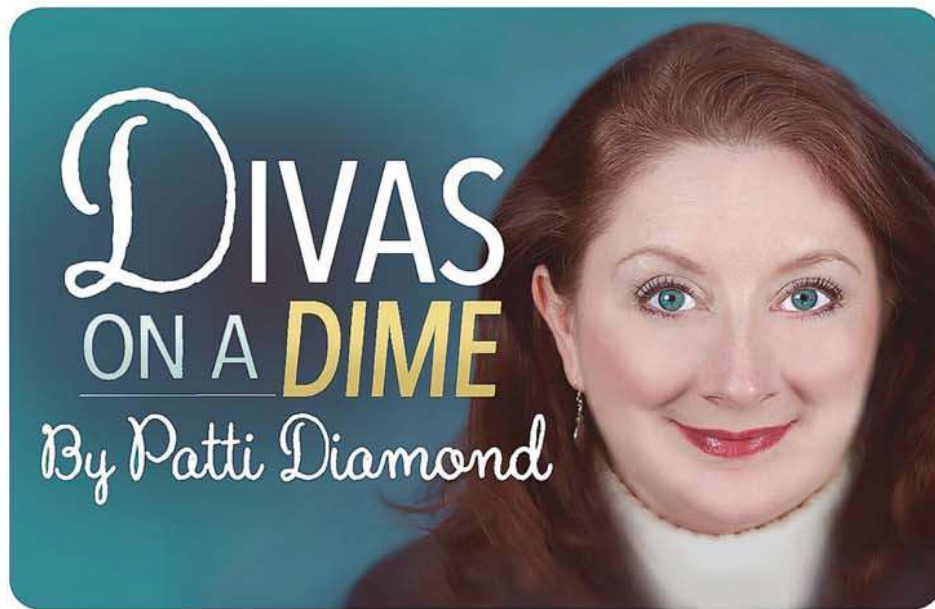
The BVI Red Cross Home Care Basics Aide GRADUATION CEREMONY

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The Home Care Basics programme adequately address in a holistic way the care needs of the aging and bed bound population.

The program consists of 35 hours of classroom instruction and 40 hours of supervised clinical training inclusive of laboratory skills which will is completed in 60 calendar days or three (3) months.





Top Uses for Pasta Sauce Besides Pasta

You know those inexpensive pasta sauces? While they're indispensable for making quick spaghetti dinners, these sauces are useful for so much more than pasta. Here are several ideas that think outside the pasta box. Not a noodle in sight.

Easy Creamy Tomato Soup -- In a saucepan, lightly saute 1/2 cup fresh basil (minced) in 1 tablespoon butter or olive oil. Add one (24-ounce) can of pasta sauce, 2 cups water and heat through. Remove from heat and stir in 1/2 cup heavy cream. Yields 4 servings. This soup told me it's lonely without its best friend. So please make a grilled cheese sandwich, too.

Sloppy Joes -- Brown 1 1/2 pounds ground beef with one (16-ounce) bag frozen pepper and onion blend. Add 2 cups pasta sauce, 2 tablespoons cider vinegar, 1 1/2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce and 1 tablespoon brown sugar. Divide the mixture between 4 to 6 hamburger buns.

Tomato Butter -- In a food processor or mixing bowl with a hand mixer, blend 1 stick (1/2 cup) softened butter, 1/4 cup pasta sauce and 1/4 cup



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Try this slow-cooked roast over mashed potatoes or polenta

chopped parsley or basil. Use plastic wrap to roll the compound butter into a log; refrigerate. Slather on fresh baked breads, fish, chicken, cooked vegetables or rice.

ITALIAN POT ROAST

Yield: 4 to 8 servings

Total Time: 2 to 3 hours, 15 minutes

Here's a great recipe for those times when you can linger in the kitchen and enjoy your home leisurely filling with the aroma of a slow-cooked roast.

What You'll Need:

- 3 to 5 pounds chuck roast
- 1/4 cup flour
- 1 teaspoon each: salt, pepper, garlic powder
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 onion, sliced (about 1 1/2 cups)
- 3 carrots, peeled and chopped (about 1 cup)
- 3 celery ribs, chopped (about 1 cup)
- 4 - 6 cloves of garlic, minced
- 1 cup red wine
- 1 (24 ounce) can pasta sauce
- 1 (14.5 ounce) can Italian style diced tomatoes
- Mashed potatoes or polenta for serving, optional
- Chopped parsley, optional garnish

Here's How:

In a small bowl, mix flour, salt, pepper and garlic powder. Sprinkle the flour mixture evenly over the roast. In a Dutch oven, heat the olive oil over medium-high heat. Add the meat and brown well on all sides. Remove to a plate and set aside.

Reduce heat to medium-low. Add the onions, carrots and celery and cook until softened, about 5 minutes. Add the garlic and continue cooking for another 2 minutes. Then add the wine, scraping all the lovely, browned bits off the bottom of the pan, and cook until it reduces a little, about 5 minutes. Add the pasta sauce and canned tomato and stir to combine. Then return the roast to the pot and cover. Turn the heat down to low and let it simmer gently for 2 to 3 hours, until fork tender.

When finished cooking, transfer the meat to a chopping board and let rest for about 10 minutes before slicing. If the sauce isn't thick enough for your liking, you can continue boiling over medium-high heat, uncovered, until it reduces enough to reach your desired thickness. Taste and adjust seasoning. Cut the roast into gorgeous big chunks and return to the sauce to serve.

Some of these recipes don't use the entire can of sauce. You can easily freeze extra sauce for future fun recipes by placing the sauce in ice cube trays or muffin tins, then freeze and store in plastic freezer bags.

So next time you're feeling a little saucy, remember life is about exploring all the pasta-bilities, even those beyond pasta.

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The Arvia Makes Inaugural Call To The VI

Deputy Premier and Minister for Communications and Works, Honourable Kye M. Rymer, Junior Minister for Tourism Honourable Alvera Maduro-Caines and other tourism officials welcomed the Arvia Cruise ship on its inaugural call to the Cyril B. Romney Tortola Pier Park on Monday, January 23.

Honourable Rymer who is Minister for Ports, along with Honourable Caines presented a plaque to Captain Paul Brown on behalf of the Government and people of the Virgin Islands commemorating the Arvia's inaugural call to the Territory.



I would like to acknowledge Island Shipping for being the agent to bring this ship to the British Virgin Islands (BVI), plus the team here, with BVI Tourist Board," Honourable Rymer said.

He congratulated Captain Brown and officially welcomed him and his team and stated that he looks forward for increased return vessel calls to the Virgin Islands for the next few years.

"The VI now has direct flights from Miami, and we hope that you would make here a home port," Honourable Rymer added.

Meanwhile, Captain Brown in presenting a plaque to Minister Rymer said the stop in the Virgin Islands is the ship's first port-of-call.

"I have been coming to the Virgin Islands for about 25 years, from when there was nothing more than an anchorage and a little pier where we would tender our guests in," the captain said. He added, "I have seen this pier built, I have seen it extended as well as the devastation of Hurricane Irma, but I am delighted that you have rebuilt and it's a fantastic facility now for our guests."

Captain Brown said the Arvia is a British ship and that his guests particularly love calling at the British Virgin Islands. He thanked the Government for hosting the crew and passengers, and gave praises on the beauty of the islands.

Hotel General Manager onboard the Arvia, Helen Kimber said that there is about 4600 guests and 1700 crew members. "Tortola is our first stop. Additional stops before heading back to Barbados are, Antigua, St. Maarten, St. Kitts, Dominican Republic and St. Lucia," Ms. Kimber said.

The ship joined the P&O Cruises fleet in December, 2022. The Government of the Virgin Islands continues in its responsibility in welcoming the safe arrival of seafaring passengers as well as the reception, handling and security of cargo and sea-based trade.



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FirstCaribbean International Bank Limited

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS Annual Meeting

When: Friday, March 10, 2023 at 10:00am Barbados time
Where: Barbados: <https://web.lumiagm.com/240467616>
Meeting ID and Password: Shareholders who wish to attend the annual meeting must contact us by March 8, 2023 at agm@cibcfib.com to register and obtain credentials to join the meeting.

NOTICE is hereby given that the twenty-ninth annual meeting of the shareholders of FirstCaribbean International Bank Limited ("the Company") will be held in Barbados on Friday, March 10, 2023 at 10:00 am Barbados time for the following purposes:

1. To receive audited accounts for the year ended October 31, 2022, and the report of the directors and auditors thereon.
2. To elect the following directors to serve until the next annual meeting of the Company:

(i) Mr. Christopher de Caires	(vi) Mr. Achilles Perry
(ii) Mr. Robert Frentzel	(vii) Mrs. Paula Rajkumarsingh
(iii) Mr. Craig Gomez	(viii) Mr. Alasdair Robertson
(iv) Mr. Wayne Lee	(ix) Mr. Mark St. Hill
(v) Mr. Brian McDonough	(x) Mr. Willem (Pim) van der Burg
3. To consider, and if thought fit, to adopt the following resolution:

"WHEREAS:

(a) Section 34.2 of the By-Law states that the directors must submit any Permitted Amendment (as defined in the By-Law) to the shareholders of the Company for ratification and approval by ordinary resolution at the next annual meeting of the Company;

(b) Having considered this, the directors think it appropriate for a Permitted Amendment to be submitted to shareholders at the next meeting of the shareholders of the Company after the making of the Permitted Amendment regardless of whether it is an annual or special meeting;

(c) Accordingly, the directors amended section 34.2 of the By-Law on September 1, 2022 as follows ("the 2022 Permitted Amendment"):

"34.2 The directors must submit any Permitted Amendment to the shareholders of the Company for confirmation, amendment or rejection by ordinary resolution at the next meeting of the shareholders of the Company after the making of the Permitted Amendment."

BE IT RESOLVED that the By-Law, as amended by the 2022 Permitted Amendment, be confirmed as the By-Law of the Company."

4. To appoint Ernst & Young Ltd. as auditors and to authorise the directors to fix their remuneration.
5. To discuss any other business which may be properly considered at the annual meeting.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Brian Clarke KC
 General Counsel & Group Corporate Secretary
 January 27, 2023



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POPE DEcriES VIOLENCE IN MYANMAR, PERU AND UKRAINE

By Deborah Castellano Lubov

Pope Francis has made an impassioned appeal for an end to the violence in Myanmar, also known as Burma, where a Catholic Church was destroyed.

Following his Sunday Angelus address to the faithful gathered in a frigid St. Peter's Square, the Pope expressed his sorrow for the tragic events taking place in Myanmar, recalling specifically the attacks on places of worship, including the recent arson and destruction

of the Catholic Church of Our Lady of the Assumption in Chan Thar, one of the oldest and most important places of worship in the country. The Pope said he is close to the civilian population, suffering greatly in many cities, and he prayed that the conflict may end soon and a new time may open up marked

by forgiveness, love and peace. He then invited all present in the Square to join him in praying a Hail Mary for Myanmar.

VIOLENCE IN MYANMAR

In the wake of the recent destruction of the church by the Burmese army, and other violence, the religious leaders in Myanmar, including Cardinal Charles Maung Bo of Yangon, launched a "passionate appeal for peace," urging that "all of us need to undertake the pilgrimage of peace." Since the 2021 military coup that overthrew the democratically elected government, the southeast Asian nation has suffered a series of political, social, and economic crises, and has descended into a spiral of violence since the 2021 military coup that overthrew the democratically elected government.

Thousands of people have subsequently been arrested

or killed without cause.

APPEALS FOR PERU, UKRAINE AND CAMEROON

The Pope also decried violence in Ukraine and Peru, while expressing his hope that steps toward peace can continue to come out of Cameroon.

Pope Francis said he was concerned about the critical situation in Peru, and called for dialogue and peaceful solutions to the crisis. The Pope united his voice with that of the Peruvian Bishops in saying, "no to violence from wherever it comes!, no to death!"

In Peru, demonstrations continue to intensify in the South American nation's capital of Lima, as more protesters arrive from the Andean region demanding the resignation of the President and calling for immediate elections.

The Holy Father said to pray for the Latin

American country. The Pope also made another heartfelt appeal for peace in Ukraine, recalling the great pain suffered by the Ukrainian people, as the war continues to rage on, for almost an entire year. He prayed that the Lord may give them comfort and support. Lastly, the Pope turned his attention to Cameroon, where he noted positive developments that bring hopes for a resolution of the conflict in the anglophone regions.

He offered his encouragement to all involved in implementation of peace-seeking agreements to persevere in the way of dialogue and mutual understanding, as only in encountering one another can the future be built together.

In Cameroon, the nation's government and some separatist factions in the English-speaking regions of the country have agreed to enter into a process aimed at resolving a conflict that has killed over 6,000 people.



Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church in Chan Tharn, Myanmar

celebrity extra

by Dana Jackson

Q. What is Bryan Cranston's new show "Your Honor" about? Does he play a judge? Where can I stream it? — *L.J.*

A. Yes, Bryan Cranston does play a judge in Showtime's "Your Honor," but it's not your typical courtroom drama. It's about a father who must confront his deepest convictions after his son is involved in a hit-and-run accident and becomes the target of a crime family. In addition to the four-time-Emmy-winning Cranston ("Breaking Bad"), "Your Honor" boasts a stellar cast that also includes Oscar nominee Rosie Perez ("Fearless") as an assistant U.S. attorney.

Season two premiered this January on Showtime, which can also be streamed as an add-on service through existing streamers like Hulu, Prime Video, Paramount+ and AppleTV+.

Q. When is "The Mandalorian" returning with new episodes? I vaguely remember the season two finale having a very young-looking Luke Skywalker. How did they make Mark Hamill appear so young? — *D.A.*

A. It's been more than two years since the second chapter of the Disney+ Star Wars saga "The Mandalorian" concluded. Mark Hamill, who has played Luke Skywalker since the first "Star Wars" movie wowed audiences in theaters during the summer of 1978, made a surprise cameo in the season two finale. Richard Bluff, industrial light and magic VFX supervisor, explained to IndieWire.com that they tried to recreate Luke as he looked in "Return of the Jedi," and they used both Hamill as well as a younger body double.

They then used Lola Visual Effect's 2.5D process and compiled photographs and scenes of Hamill from "Return of the Jedi," using Lola's Photoshop-like technique involving skin smoothing and shape warping through 2D compositing. The end result was an astonishingly believable likeness of a young Luke Skywalker.

Season three of "The Mandalorian" premieres on Disney+ March 1.

Q. I was so upset when they canceled "Good Girls." What are



Bryan Cranston ("Your Honor" and "Breaking Bad")

the three female stars doing now that it ended? — *W.C.*

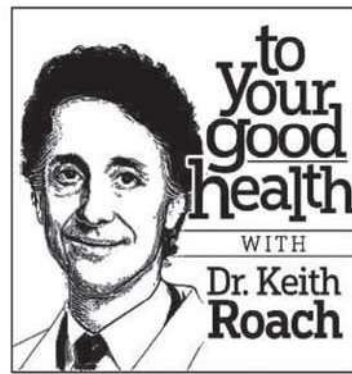
A. Christina Hendricks, Retta and Mae Whitman reportedly agreed to take pay cuts if NBC renewed their series, "Good Girls," for a fifth season, but unfortunately, it wasn't enough for the show to avoid the ax. It's been rumored that failed negotiations with Manny Montana, who played fan favorite Rio on the show, were what ultimately ended any chances of another season. Apparently, there was no love lost between Hendricks and Montana either, but Hendricks was disappointed in the show's cancellation.

Up next for Whitman is "Up Here," a new musical comedy series premiering on Hulu in March, co-starring Carlos Valdes ("The Flash"). And Hendricks has joined the cast of an upcoming series on AppleTV+ based on Edith Wharton's unfinished final novel, "The Buccaneers."

Retta signed a talent-holding deal with NBCUniversal to find projects for her to headline. In the meantime, she's been hosting "Ugliest House in America" on HGTV and is filming the upcoming film "Hitman," co-starring Glen Powell ("Top Gun: Maverick").

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

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Chalazions Continue to Develop in Both Eyelids

DEAR DR. ROACH: Are oral antibiotics ever prescribed to treat chalazions, in addition to eye drops and ointment? I have had two this year for seemingly no reason. They were treated with tobramycin eye drops, ointment and warm compresses. The first one didn't resolve with those meds and was excised surgically. That eyelid then became infected without a chalazion and was treated with a second round of antibiotic drops. It remains a bit puffy and pinkish in color, which I chalked up to the new normal appearance.

Now, a chalazion has developed in the other eyelid. I don't wear eye makeup and use an eyelid cleanser recommended by my ophthalmologist. I am an otherwise healthy 76-year-old woman. Could there be a systemic bacterial or viral infection causing chalazions to keep developing? — *M.W.*

ANSWER: The terms for different types of eyelid lesions can be a bit confusing. Most people are familiar with a sty, which is a localized inflammation of the upper or lower eyelid, most commonly caused by an infection of one of the glands of the external eye, usually by the bacteria *Staphylococcus aureus*. A sty is also called a hordeolum. An external hordeolum is in the eyelash follicle or the lid margin, whereas an internal hordeolum is inflammation in the meibomian glands, the ones that secrete mucous to help keep the eyes lubricated.

Makeup can block these glands and predispose someone to hordeola. Hordeola are treated with warm compresses and sometimes by an eye specialist, with

thalmologist is necessary if it doesn't get better within one to two weeks. If the infection gets into the skin around the eye, it may need oral antibiotics.

A chalazion is not an infection. It's a usually painless rubbery mass in the eyelid. A chalazion can be a complication of a hordeolum, since the glands are blocked by inflammation, leading to thickened secretions from the gland. Since it's not an infection, neither oral nor topical eye antibiotics are useful. These also usually get better with warm compresses over weeks to months. People with recurrent chalazia should be considered for biopsy, since they can turn out to be tumors in rare circumstances.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am a 72-year-old female with numerous health issues, including three types of epilepsy. About two years ago, I experienced watching my pillow turn into bubbles and ants marching across my bedroom ceiling. They remained there and did not join me in bed, thankfully. After some time, they went away — until this week. I am awake and alert when I see them, and it always happens at night. Due to a staphyloma, I only have vision in one eye. I was also born with cataracts and had those, along with age-related ones, removed at age 69 and 70. I am wondering if these visions I am experiencing could be yet another form of epilepsy. — *S.G.*

ANSWER: Although epilepsy can certainly cause visual hallucinations, they usually last only seconds and are not normally as complex as what you describe. Rather, I think this is more likely to be Charles Bonnet syndrome, which is associated with visual loss (that does not have to be complete). These visions are usually colored and may stay still or move, and hallucinations of animals and people are well-described. Moving the eyes toward and away from the hallucinations rapidly may suppress them. There are available medications to make them go away, which some people want and others do not.

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.



- MUSIC: Which band sang the theme song to TV's "Friends"?
- ANATOMY: What is the only bone in the human body that isn't attached to another bone nearby?
- LITERATURE: What is the setting for the "Anne of Green Gables" novel series?
- TELEVISION: Who plays the lead role in the sitcom "Mr. Mayor"?
- GEOGRAPHY: Where are the Spanish Steps located?
- HISTORY: How long did the first man in space, Yuri Gagarin, orbit the planet?
- AD SLOGANS: Which restaurant chain advises customers to "eat fresh"?
- SCIENCE: What is the only form of energy that can be seen with the human eye?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: With which animal do humans share 98.8% of their DNA?
- MOVIES: Which movie features the famous line, "I see dead people"?

Answers

- The Rembrandts ("I'll Be There for You").
- The hyoid bone.
- Prince Edward Island.
- Ted Danson.
- Rome, Italy.
- 108 minutes.
- Subway Restaurants.
- Light.
- Chimpanzee.
- "The Sixth Sense" (1999).

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COMMENTARY

Values make the nation



Dickson Igwe
January 19, 2023

A country is as weak or strong as the values of its residents

A country without an appropriate set of guiding values and principles: invisible rules of conscience and morality that sit in the hearts and souls of its residents, is a vessel with neither compass nor rudder. It will end up on the rocks.

A country is the sum total of the thinking and behaviors of the people who inhabit that land. If the critical mass of those residents hold values that are honest and wholesome, the country is honest and wholesome. If on the other hand the majority possess

morals that are those of the thief and scammer, then the country is lost.

As these Virgin Islands prepare for a General Election, it is imperative that its leaders after the Election hold the values that drive the Virgin Islands towards a vision that is safe, wholesome and prosperous. Without sound and moral values as guiding principles for the country's people, there can be no achieving any type of vision for the future. Eldorado will never be

Now, the man and woman of character and virtue are the sole guarantors of honest and accountable governance. That is so, even in the private sector. Successful businesses are values driven. A business is its strategy, mission and vision of course. However if the values of the employees are not in line with that mission and vision, then all is in vain, and the owners of the business have to replace their staff or simply go

bust.

The great challenge Post the Commission of Inquiry is the wholly reactionary nature of the response from too many of the country's residents and leaders. Proactive behavior is preferred to reactive. Quite clearly, this is the moral challenge we all face. There is a "harping" on about UK Foreign Office

conspiracies, subterfuge, and bad intentions, that in this observer's opinion is simply absurd.

The longer this country avoids the correction of what were clearly pitfalls revealed in the Commission's Report that led to the edge of the abyss, the more likely the Virgin Islands remains underdeveloped, or even plunges over the edge.

The Commission's Recommendations instead of viewed as burdensome should be swallowed as bitter medicine that will lead to a cure for the patient.

As the Philosopher Publilius Syrus once upon a time stated, "from the errors of others, the wise man corrects his own. Connect with Dickson Igwe on Facebook and Twitter

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THE TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS WINS 3 OF 7 OF USA TODAY'S 2023 10BEST READERS' CHOICE AWARDS

Providenciales, Turks and Caicos Islands (January 23, 2022) – The Turks and Caicos Islands Tourist Board is ecstatic to announce that 3 entities in the Turks and Caicos Islands have won USA Today's 10Best Readers' Choice Awards – with an additional 3 being recognized as "10Best" in their categories.

Winners from the Turks and Caicos Islands were the Royal Turks and Caicos Golf Club, which won Best Golf Course in the Caribbean, The Sands at Grace Bay, which won Best Resort in the Caribbean, and Hemingway's, which won Best Restaurant in the Caribbean. Da Conch Shack was voted the 6th Best Beach Bar in the Caribbean, The Shore Club was voted the 10th Best Resort in the Caribbean, and Grace Bay Beach was voted the 8th Best Beach in the Caribbean.

For the USA Today's 10Best Readers' Choice Awards, travel experts selected the top 20 nominees in each category and invited the public to vote for their top choices daily. After four weeks of voting, the results of the 2023 10Best Readers' Choice Awards were finalized.

"The results of USA Today's 10Best Readers' Choice Awards showcase that the Turks and Caicos Islands and its entities stand out to both travel experts as well as to general visitors to our islands. And this is further emphasized by our islands having 6 nominees across 5 of the 7 categories – and winning 3 of categories," said Acting Director of Tourism, Mary Lightbourne. "We are extremely proud that 3 entities in the Turks and Caicos Islands were voted as winners and we thank those who took their time to vote for all of our nominees," added Lightbourne.

This is a strong start for tourism in the Turks and Caicos Islands in 2023 – following an incredibly impressive 2022. In Fall 2022, the Turks and Caicos Islands was the World's Top Trending Travel Destination – having the fastest growing demand based on year-over-year growth – as showcased by TripAdvisor data. At the World Travel Awards' Caribbean & The Americas Gala Ceremony in August, the Turks and Caicos Islands won two awards – Caribbean's Leading Beach Destination



Acting Director of the Turks and Caicos Islands Tourist Board, Mary Lightbourne



Minister of Tourism, Turks and Caicos, Hon. Josephine Connolly

and Caribbean's Most Romantic Destination. Following this, the Turks and Caicos Islands was then nominated for three World Travel Awards – the top tier of the World Travel Awards programme – World's Leading Island Destination, World's Most Romantic Destination, and World's Leading Beach Destination. Then, in October, for the 2022 Condé Nast Traveler's Readers' Choice Awards, the Turks and Caicos Islands was voted the #3 Island in the Caribbean and The Atlantic, and resorts in the Turks and Caicos Islands claimed 9 of the top 15 spots for the Top 15 Resorts in the Atlantic Islands category – including the top spot, which was earned by COMO Parrot Cay.

In addition to the USA Today's 10Best Readers' Choice Awards wins, the hot start to tourism in 2023 also includes the Turks and Caicos Islands and 20 of its resorts being nominated for Travel + Leisure's World's Best Awards.

"It is evident that the momentum of the Turks and Caicos Islands' tourism industry in 2022 has carried over into 2023. For this, I thank all of our tourism stakeholders who work tirelessly to continue to elevate the Turks and Caicos Islands' tourism product to greater heights," stated Minister of Tourism, Hon. Josephine Connolly. "With our plans for tourism in 2023, the year looks to be extremely promising and exciting. We encourage all Turks and Caicos Islanders, as

well as residents and visitors of these islands to facilitate this momentum increasing by voting for the Turks and Caicos Islands in the 2023 Travel + Leisure's World's Best Awards," added Hon. Connolly.

Voting for Travel + Leisure's World's Best Awards 2023 will be live until Monday, February 27, 2023 and the results will be published in Travel and Leisure's August issue, as well as online at travellandleisure.com. Votes can be cast online at <https://wba.m-rr.com/home>.

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Germany Confirms Plans to Ship Powerful Leopard 2 Tanks to Ukraine

WASHINGTON —

The United States and Germany are moving ahead with plans to supply Ukraine with highly advanced battle tanks to bolster its fight against the nearly one-year old Russian invasion.

A spokesman for German Prime Minister Olaf Scholz issued a statement Wednesday saying Berlin will provide 14 of its Leopard 2 tanks to Kyiv, the first step in establishing two battalions with the powerful tanks in Ukraine.

The statement said the tanks will come directly from Germany's military stocks. It also said that Ukrainian troops will soon begin training in Germany, and that Germany will also provide logistics and ammunition.

Factfile on the German-made battle tank, Leopard 2A4.

Prime Minister Scholz is expected to formally announce the decision during a parliamentary session later Wednesday.

Germany's decision comes hours before the administration of U.S. President Joe Biden is expected to announce that it will send M1 Abrams tanks to Ukraine. The decision, first reported Tuesday by The Wall Street Journal, is part of a diplomatic understanding with Germany over its donation of Leopard 2 tanks.

U.S. news outlets say the administration is considering sending a little more than 30 of the sophisticated tanks to the Ukrainian battlefield.

A U.S. official familiar with the deliberations told VOA on Tuesday the White House is working to finalize a plan to get Ukraine the coveted tanks, though it could be some time before Kyiv would be able

to take delivery and use them on the battlefield.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitive nature of the plans, said the tanks would likely be provided through the Pentagon's Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative (USAI). The fund allows the Defense Department to purchase weapons and systems either from defense manufacturers or from other sources, rather than draw them directly from U.S. stocks.

In this case, the official said the United States might seek to purchase the M1 Abrams tanks from other countries and refurbish them, before sending them to Ukraine.

British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, who has pledged 14 of his country's Challenger 2 tanks to Ukraine, welcomed the news from the U.S. and Germany in a post on his official Twitter account Wednesday, calling it "the right decision by NATO allies and friends" which will "strengthen Ukraine's defensive firepower."

"Together, we are accelerating our efforts to ensure Ukraine wins this war and secures a lasting peace," Sunak wrote.

Russia: tanks will be 'destroyed'

But Anatoly Antonov, Russia's envoy to the United States, described the pending U.S. decision as "another blatant provocation against Russia" in remarks posted on the embassy's Facebook page.

"It is obvious that Washington is purposefully trying to inflict a strategic defeat on us," Antonov said, while vowing the American tanks "without any doubt will be destroyed as all other samples of NATO military equipment."

Russian government spokesman Dmitry Peskov dismissed the news as "a failed plan" during a telephone press briefing Wednesday. Peskov said the deployments of the U.S. and Germany tanks as an "overestimation" of its potential to help the Ukrainian army, and predicted the machines "will burn like all the rest."

US changes mind on M1

The move to provide Kyiv with the tanks would represent an about-face for U.S. officials, many of whom have dismissed the idea of sending Abrams tanks to Ukraine, warning that while Abrams tanks are very capable, they are difficult to maintain and require more fuel than Kyiv can spare.

"We should not be providing the Ukrainians systems they can't repair, they can't sustain, and that they, over the long term, can't afford, because it's not helpful," Under Secretary of Defense for Policy Colin Kahl told reporters last week.

Pentagon press secretary Brigadier General Patrick Ryder echoed those concerns Tuesday.

"Our focus has been on providing Ukraine with capabilities it can employ right now on the battlefield," he said. "The M1 [Abrams tank] is a complex weapon system that is challenging to maintain. ... That was true yesterday. It is true today. It will be true in the future."

The shift in the U.S. position on sending Ukraine the M1 Abrams tanks came as multiple German news outlets reported that Germany had decided to send some of its Leopard 2 tanks to Ukraine in addition to clearing the way for other countries to send their German-made Leopard tanks to Kyiv.

Earlier, following a meeting in Berlin, NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg welcomed Germany's decision to allow allies, led by Poland, to send Ukraine the coveted German-made tanks.

"At this pivotal moment in the war, we must provide heavier and more advanced systems to Ukraine, and we must do it faster," Stoltenberg said.

He added that providing battle tanks to Ukrainian forces is important in order to both repel Russian advances and to help Ukraine retake its territory.

Ukrainian officials have said Western battle tanks, like the Leopard and the Abrams, will allow their forces to maneuver more effectively, with greater firepower and protection, as they seek to push back Russian forces occupying their country.

"A few hundred tanks for our tank crews — the best tank crews in the world. This is what is going to become a real punching fist of democracy against the autocracy from the bog," Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's chief of staff, Andriy Yermak, wrote on Telegram Tuesday.

In the meantime, the U.S. signaled that despite an initial reluctance to provide Ukraine with some weapon systems, it remains willing to shift gears as conditions on the ground change.

"We have not taken capabilities off the table," State Department spokesman Ned Price told reporters Tuesday. "This is a conversation based on what our Ukrainian partners need, where they need it, when they need it."

SPORTS



HURDLES

Morton punches Carifta Games ticket in two events on 'amazing day' *By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway*

Jah'Kyla Morton, a 2022 Carifta Games U17 Girls High Jump bronze medalist, punched her ticket to the 50th edition of the championships in Nassau, Bahamas, April 8-10, in two events on Saturday, during the 2nd Dag Samuels Development Series meet.

"Today has been an amazing day. I qualified two times in both events I'm training for on the same day," Morton told Island Sun Sports. "It was not expected, but I'm glad it happened. I was very surprised. I was not expecting to run 15.09 (seconds) in the (100m) Hurdles. I thought I would have run at least 15.20 or something."

Morton said that leading up to the meet, training has been a 'real struggle' trying to get the technique for each event spot on. During the morning session, she cleared 1.59m (5'2½") to qualify in her pet event, the High Jump and said she didn't feel pressured when she became the first to qualify for the Carifta Games. "My best is actually 1.60 (5'3") which I did in Carifta, but I'm passing that this year," she said. "I'm aiming for first place this year. My goals have gotten bigger. If I don't get first it's okay, I'll deal with second. I'm not dealing with third, not this year."

Morton's goal is to become an Olympic High Jumper and said the event is 'peaceful in

a way.' "It's the most technical event, but I like it," she said. "Love that event actually."

Malik John opened his season with a 49.15 seconds run in the open 400m.

"It was really windy today so the homestretch was kind of hard, I did my best to come off the turn and try to come home; 49.15 wasn't really the target for today," he noted. "But, for the season opener, we'll settle with it, hope for the future and see where it takes us."

Collegiate Scene

UCF's Beyonce DeFretias eclipsed Ashely Kelly's 7-year old 23.69 seconds 200m Indoors National Record, when she stopped the clock at 23.54 to finish 3rd in the Texas Tech Red Raiders Open, after running a personal best, 7.50 seconds in the 60m.

Northern Iowa Area Community College's Bruce Huggins, lowered his 200m indoors best to 23.61 seconds in the Jack Jannett Invitational and was eight overall. He was 4th in his 60m Heat in 7.40, a mark good for 10th overall.

Washburn's Kimberly Smith won the Washburn Rust Buster Long Jump with a 5.66m (18'7") leap to qualify for the NCAA Division 2 Indoor Championships and ran 8.26 seconds in the 60m.

"I didn't get the mark I wanted to jump or the time I wanted to run, but I got the job done," Smith said.

It was a 7.14 seconds 60m debut performance for Miles Creque of Iowa Central at the Jim Emmerich Alumni Invitational. "I really enjoyed my first college race," he said. "It wasn't the time I wanted to run, but there's room for improvement and there are more meets coming up so I can improve on those things."

It was a 'new experience' for Northern Michigan's Jahtivya Williams, who won her 400m Heat at the Lake Michigan Open in 1:02.68, then without full recovery, ran the 55m finals in 7.52 seconds for second place after winning her heat in 7.41. It was Williams's first 400m indoor race and she learnt where she had to make the break. "Five minutes after I did the four, I had to run the 55 meters finals. That was crazy because I was exhausted," she reflected. "My head was still spinning and the lactic acid was crazy, but I did what I had to do and got second in the finals. It was an experience I will never forget."

North Dakota State Heptathlete A'Keela McMaster, made her 400m debut in 58.92 seconds. "I was happy with my time because I



Jah'Kyla Morton, right, leads teammate A'Sia McMaster and Tenesha Herbert in the 100m Hurdles, where she ran 15.09 second to qualify for the Carifta Games, after leaping 1.59m earlier and qualified in two events

put in the work for the 400 and even though it was my first time, I know that I can do better," she said. "I'm going to work very hard to see that progress."

Montverde Academy's sprint sensation Adayjah Hodge, ran 55.70 for second in the RADD Sunshine Girls Showcase 400m, finishing second behind teammate, Michelle Smith of St. Croix, who ran 55.38.

Between them, they won five Carifta Game U17 Girls Division gold medals in Jamaica last year.

FOOTBALL

One Love keeps Positive winless with 6-0 victory *By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway*

A new and improved Positive held One Love to 2-0 at the half, before One Love muscled their way to a 6-0 victory in the BVI Football Association's Men's League, that saw them leapfrog into second place in the standings, just three points behind Sugar Boys with a game in hand.

One Love's five game winning streak came from two Collin Lavia goals (53, 63) and two from Shane Prince, (67, 72). Chavaughn Williams opened the scoring in the 19th and Julian Davidson gave them a 2-0 lead at the half with his 43rd minute legger.

"Good game. Started out sticky, playing their game hit and chase, hit and chase," noted One Love's Coach Mark Savage. "But we're superior to them. We started scoring in the first half and in the second half, took full control. It could have been more, but six-nil is enough to show our dominance."

Positive's Coach Jeffrey "Zambi" Demming, said he wasn't satisfied but with the transfer window opened through Jan 31, they're still expecting to add players. "We ran into some injuries and fitness showed too," he said. "We need to get on the field and work on our fitness level. That played a part in the second half."

Savage said Positive—who has only scored one goal this season—definitely played a better first half. "Football evolves and the team has gotten better, so I have to give that to them, they really stood out tonight," Savage noted. "But they need some more work."

With five straight victories, the 2019 champs said they have been training now, something he hopes can be maintained as they did win the title four years ago. "We're putting everything in place," he said of the move to be among the Big Four. "Definitely, staying on top, that's what we're aiming for. Staying on top and

being the champion of the league this year."

Lion Heart, though shorthanded, had no problem in dealing with Old Madrid, 6-1, as they started with only eight players but were able to dominate their opponents from the first whistle. Maxwell Clark netted a hat trick (41, 57, 9+2), Tyrone Buddah a brace (17, 24) and Michael Butt, (3), rounded out the scoring as Lion Heart secured their fourth win of the campaign and applied some pressure on the top four.

Lion Heart Manager, Winston Brown, said it was "a big victory" for his team. "We created history as far as I can recall, starting the game with just eight players and with the intention to add the remaining players as the game progressed," Brown said. "However, we had to play the entire game with only the eight players and still came out victorious. We approached the game skillfully, executed our defending



One Love's Guillaume Parkins kicks the ball off a corner kick ahead of an unidentified Positive player, left.

style and did not give our opponent a chance to weigh in on us. We give the Almighty God all the thanks for the win."

Kenmore Peters scored what turned out to be a consolation goal for Old Madrid in the 86th.

SPORTS



Othneil Gillings drives out the blocks in the 400m during Saturday's 2nd Dag Samuels Development Series meet



Andre Smikle in the middle of his Discus Throw rotation, during Saturday's Dag Samuels Development meet



Coach Priya Mohamed with the U9 Girls, after their work in the Girls Football Academy in Greenland on Saturday



After developing Boys over the years, Coach Cass Gregg has turned her attention to Girls' development



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She made a vow and said, "O Lord of hosts, if You will indeed look on the affliction of Your maidservant and remember me, and not forget Your maidservant, but will give Your maidservant a son, then I will give him to the Lord all the days of his life, and a razor shall never come on his head."

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Detail of "Les Morphinomanes" by Paul-Albert Besnard (1887)



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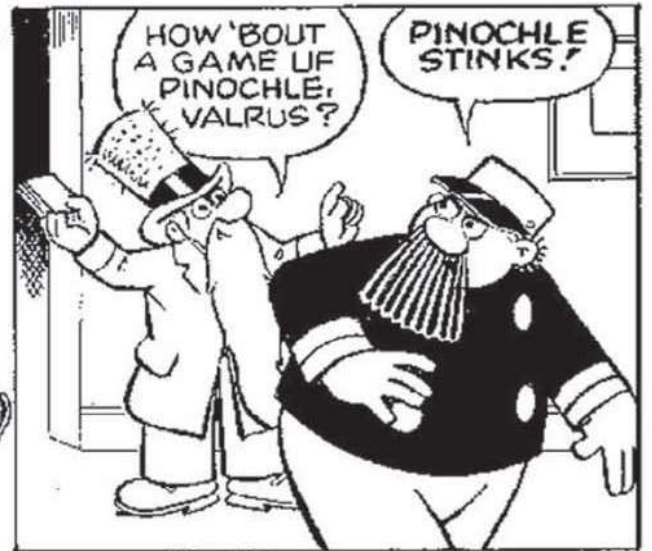
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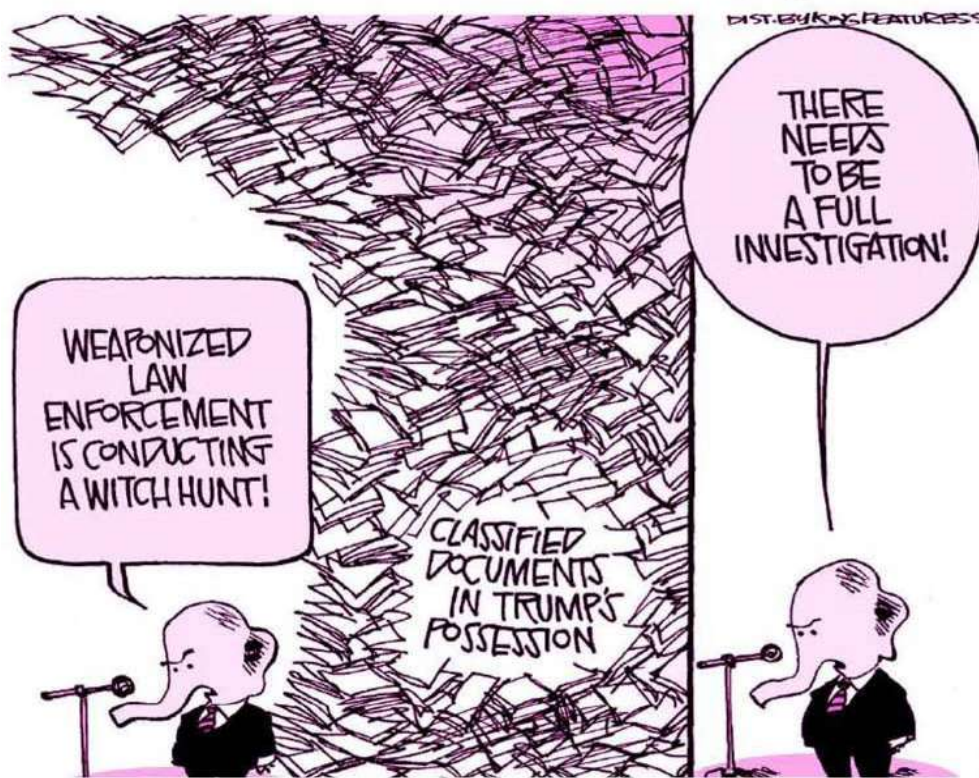


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KATZENJAMMER KIDS

BY HY EISMAN





"Plowing right ahead ..."

Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might be hurt by a colleague's harsh criticism. But don't let it shake your confidence in what you're trying to do. A more positive aspect starts to appear by week's end.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're torn between your sensible self and the part of you that enjoys acquiring lovely things. Best advice: Wait for a sale, and then buy yourself something wonderful.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your artistic side has practical applications this week, such as redecorating your home or redesigning your personal stationery. Whatever you do, someone special will like it.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You could be drawn into a problem between friends or family members. Best bet: Ask the questions that go to the heart of the matter, and then get them all together for a group hug.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) As much as you love being the center of attention, your big Lion's heart impels you to share the spotlight with a colleague who helped you with that well-praised project.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your eagerness to act on a challenge is wisely tempered early in the week by a lack of necessary information. Things begin to clear up during the weekend.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A relationship you'd hoped would keep going seems to be going nowhere. Close it out and move on to a brighter romantic aspect just beginning to manifest itself.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Things don't go completely as planned this week. But enjoy the surprises, even if you have to adjust your schedule. Some of them could be quite delightful.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Making choices is usually easy for you straight-shooting Archers. But a new development could deflect your aim. Try to put off decisions until you know more.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) While part of you might prefer taking a more familiar path, let your more daring and — admit it — super-curious self see what the unexplored has to offer.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Those nasty types have slithered back under the rocks and present no more problems. Now's the time to move ahead on that promising new relationship.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A new offer could clear up that lingering money problem. Also, a more confident attitude on your part might help you get that personal situation back on track.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of turning chaos into order. You're also generous with your help for those who seek it.

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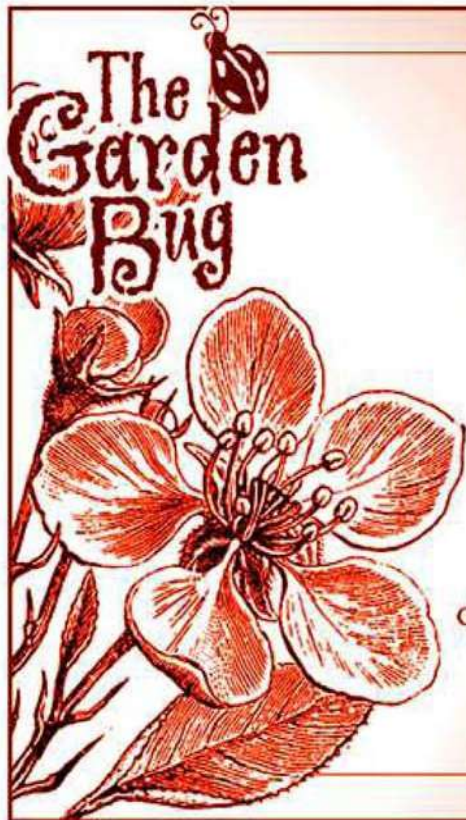
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I've had a perfectly wonderful evening. But this wasn't it.

Groucho Marx





“Pear Blossom”

All alone by the veranda railing,
teardrops drenching the branches,
although her face is unadorned,
her old charms remain.
Behind the locked gate,
on a rainy night,
how she is filled with sadness.
How differently she looked
bathed in golden waves
of moonlight, before the darkness fell.

Chinese poet Qian Xuan (1280)

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top ten

Most-Searched People in the World: 2022

1. Johnny Depp
2. Will Smith
3. Amber Heard
4. Vladimir Putin
5. Chris Rock
6. Novak Djokovic
7. Anna Sorokin (Delvey)
8. Andrew Tate
9. Rishi Sunak
10. Simon Leviev

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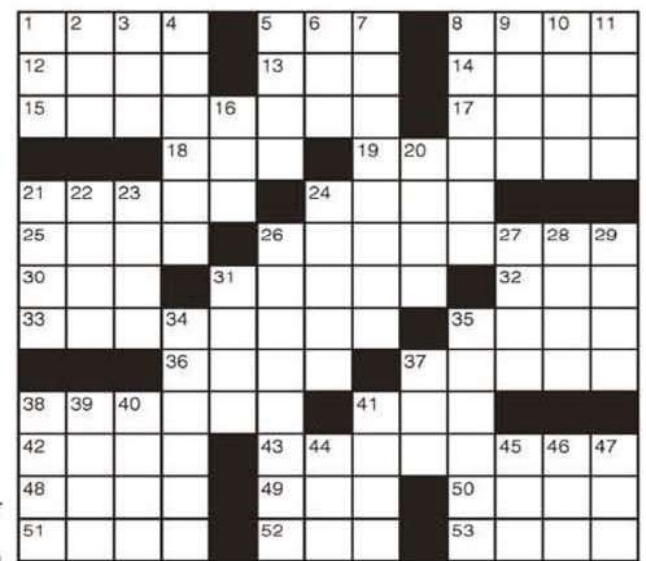
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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Choir voice
- 5 Right angle
- 8 Dallas team, to fans
- 12 Check
- 13 Sheep call
- 14 Out of the storm
- 15 Rub with an emery board, perhaps
- 17 Speck
- 18 Author Fleming
- 19 T-shirt fabric
- 21 Primitive
- 24 Spartan queen
- 25 Hamilton-Burr showdown
- 26 Criticize again and again
- 30 Nabokov novel
- 31 Two-tone cookies
- 32 Ms. Thurman
- 33 Road marker
- 35 Help a crook
- 36 Temporary calm
- 37 Steinway product
- 38 "With any luck"
- 41 Fragrant tree
- 42 2004 on a cornerstone
- 43 Color akin to turquoise



- 7 Guinevere's lover
- 8 Rum cocktail
- 9 Oodles
- 10 Presidential power
- 11 Penn or Astin
- 16 Calendar box
- 20 Praiseful pieces
- 21 Dutch cheese
- 22 German car name
- 23 Authentic
- 24 "The Sound of Music" teenager
- 26 Drags out
- 27 Hefty horn
- 28 Portent
- 29 Peacekeeping org.
- 31 Piece of work
- 34 Football team
- 35 Boeing rival
- 37 Chart format
- 38 Med. plan options
- 39 Skip
- 40 Tower city
- 41 Change
- 44 — pickle
- 45 Baton Rouge sch.
- 46 Exploit
- 47 Hosp. parts

DOWN

- 1 "Bow-wow!"
- 2 Island garland
- 3 Up to
- 4 "Anna Christie"
- 5 Black, in verse
- 6 Murphy's —

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



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Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 23 mins.

Answers

King Crossword



1. MUSIC: Which band sang the theme song to TV's "Friends"?
2. ANATOMY: What is the only bone in the human body that isn't attached to another bone nearby?
3. LITERATURE: What is the setting for the "Anne of Green Gables" novel series?
4. TELEVISION: Who plays the lead role in the sitcom "Mr. Mayor"?
5. GEOGRAPHY: Where are the Spanish Steps located?
6. HISTORY: How long did the first man in space, Yuri Gagarin, orbit the planet?
7. AD SLOGANS: Which restaurant chain advises customers to "eat fresh"?
8. SCIENCE: What is the only form of energy that can be seen with the human eye?
9. ANIMAL KINGDOM: With which animal do humans share 98.8% of their DNA?
10. MOVIES: Which movie features the famous line, "I see dead people"?

MORE READERS: THE ISLAND SUN

Trivia Test Answers
 1. The Rembrandts ("I'll Be There for You"); 2. The hyoid bone; 3. Prince Edward Island; 4. Ted Danson; 5. Rome, Italy; 6. 108 minutes; 7. Subway Restaurants; 8. Light; 9. Chimpanzee; 10. "The Sixth Sense" (1999).

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ECONOMIC INEQUALITY AT THE ROOT OF PROTESTS: POLICE BRUTALITY NOT THE ANSWER

By Sir Ronald Sanders

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in Marie Arana's assertion in, *Silver, Stone and Sword*, that "... extractive societies such as Latin America's are built on social injustice. They are designed and maintained by a ruling class whose primary goal is to enrich themselves and perpetuate their power. They thrive when absolute

privilege reigns over absolute poverty".

None of this is to say that, over the years, progressive elements in Latin America have not succeeded in pushing for institutional change. They have been aided in the work of the United Nations Human Rights bodies, and in the efforts of the Inter-American Commission and Court on Human Rights. Authoritative external organizations have been hugely instrumental in pushing governments to adopt international treaties on human rights and non-discrimination.

But adherence to treaties and laws is only as good as effective implementation of their values. In this connection, not all law enforcement agencies and governments have been as dutiful as they could have been. Thus, inequality has continued and the desire by the disadvantaged to overturn it has escalated.

The role of the military has also not been neutral or respectful of their constitutional requirement to be apolitical servants of the executive branch and subordinate to their civilian commander-in-chief, the President. As social unrest escalated throughout Latin America in the decades between 1964 and 1985, military dictatorships took control in several countries including Brazil, (1964), Chile (1973), Uruguay (1973), and Argentina (1976).

It was the military that pressured Evo Morales in November 2019 to abandon his disputed Presidency in Bolivia. The same military acted heavy-handedly to subdue street protests over the controversial installation into the Presidency of the right-wing, opposition representative Jeanine Añez.

While in Argentina and Chile, the return to democratic regimes was "accompanied by transitional justice, a reckoning with the past and a recognition that the armed forces had strayed from their constitutional mission", as one political commentator put it, the role of the military in Brazil and

Many countries in South America are now in a state of troubling unease. Recent events in Peru have catapulted it to the forefront of security concerns in all its dimensions. But worry also exists about other countries which are tiptoeing through political minefields that could explode overnight.

Although the causes of these conditions of dysphoria are ascribed to hostilities between political parties in their constant battles to control power, the root of the problem lies in inequality, injustice and racial and ethnic discrimination.

The dispossessed, throughout Latin America, found a voice and a champion among left-leaning parties which demand change. The elite and the privileged, including the military, maintain their economic and social advantage through right wing political parties and alliances with powerful multinational companies from North America and Western Europe. The two sides are persistently in conflict.

These conditions have been portrayed in the poetry of Pablo Neruda, the novels of Isabelle Allende, Gabriel García Márquez, and Mario Vargas Llosa among others; and in the painstaking research and raw descriptions in the works of Marie Arana and Eduardo Galeano.

In his seminal work, *Open Veins of Latin America*, in one sentence, Galeano poignantly describes the structural divide in many Latin American societies – "The system has multiplied hunger and fear; wealth has become more and more concentrated, poverty more and more widespread. That is recognized by the documents of specialized international organizations in whose aseptic vocabulary our oppressed territories are 'countries in the process of development' and the pitiless impoverishment of the working class is 'regressive income distribution'."

And, inasmuch as the judgement may seem harsh, there is a sobering truth



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Peru remains questionable.

Brazil's President Lula da Silva dismissed the country's army chief, General Julio Cesar de Arruda, in the aftermath of the storming of several government buildings by the supporters of former President Jair Bolsonaro on January 8. Lula said he suspected collusion by "people in the armed forces".

In Peru, where elected President, Pedro Castillo, was ousted on December 8, after an ill-advised and clumsy attempt to suspend the Congress, which was seeking to impeach him, his vice-president, Dina Boluarte, was sworn in to replace him. He was carted off to prison at a police base that triggered protests in the rural areas and poorer neighbourhoods in the capital.

In response, police raided San Marcos University, detaining hundreds of protestors. This was part of a violent crackdown on the protestors which has left many dead or seriously injured. The UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in Peru condemned the Peruvian administration over the violence used to curb the protests.

But the fundamental problems, driving the unrest remains ignored - a huge gap between rich and the poor, particularly the people in the South of the country who feel neglected by its institutions and, most of all, its hugely unpopular congress, which is largely viewed as a tool of the rich and powerful.

Hemispheric institutions, such as the Organization of American States (OAS), should seek a constructive role in Peru, and they must keep a watchful eye on the military and right-wing forces in Brazil which may yet turn on President Lula.

It is difficult to see what practical role the OAS can play in resolving the political issues in Peru, but, at the very least, the member states must let the Peruvian government know that further brutality against protestors will receive the strongest condemnation; and, instead, they should seek meaningful dialogue to address the deep-rooted issues in the country.

In the meantime, Caribbean governments and political parties should ensure that, in their own countries, economic inequalities must be discouraged. Dissatisfaction is fuelling the fire of unrest in Peru and other Latin American countries; it must not spread to the Caribbean.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act
GoPato International Holdings, Inc.
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 (BC No. 1930837)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204(1), subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on January 17, 2023. The Liquidator is **Audrey Robertson of Commerce House, Wickhams Cay 1, P.O. Box 3140, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
 Dated: January 19, 2023
Audrey Robertson
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [85/1]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
MN&MC VENTURES LTD
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 1888758

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 January 23rd, 2023.
 Dated: January 24th, 2023
(Sgd.) Geraldine Arnaud
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [85/2]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
ALDEN COMMERCE LIMITED
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 1059524

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 January 20th, 2023.
 Dated: January 24th, 2023
(Sgd.) Mrs. Karin Elisabeth Janse van Rensburg
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [85/3]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
TAO'S UK LTD
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 668546

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 January 20th, 2023.
Dated: January 24th, 2023
(Sgd.) WANG XIAOYING
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [85/4]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
Tex Real Estate Advisors Limited
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 621810

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 January 20th, 2023.
 Dated: January 24th, 2023
(Sgd.) Stella Herodotou
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [85/5]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
Starmex Holdings Ltd
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 2049137

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 January 20th, 2023.
 Dated: January 24th, 2023
(Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [85/6]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
Manalapan Limited
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 676458

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 January 20th, 2023.
 Dated: January 24th, 2023
(Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [85/7]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
SPECF HOLDINGS LTD.
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 327264

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 January 23rd, 2023.
 Dated: January 24th, 2023
(Sgd.) Russell Homer
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [85/8]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
SAFFRON INTERNATIONAL ASSETS LIMITED
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 1912775

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 January 23rd, 2023.
 Dated: January 24th, 2023
(Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [85/9]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
Golden Swan Business Limited
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 1971643

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 January 23rd, 2023.
 Dated: January 24th, 2023
(Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [85/10]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
CADUZ MARKETING S.A.
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 1758966

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 January 23, 2023.
 Dated: January 24, 2023
(Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [85/11]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
Lissmont Management (PTC) Limited
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 1963692

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 January 23, 2023.
 Dated: January 24, 2023
(Sgd.) Elena Gabriel
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [85/12]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
CHIOS INVESTMENTS HOLDINGS LTD.
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 1552881

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 January 23, 2023.
 Dated: January 24, 2023
(Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [85/13]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
DAVENHILL ASSETS LIMITED
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 64716

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 January 23, 2023.
 Dated: January 24, 2023
(Sgd.) Kan Ribes Man Wai
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [85/14]

NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)
3NV Family Holdings Ltd.
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 13th day of January, 2023, 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:-
Inka Farhana Binte Jeffery
 Blk 145 Tampines Street 12
 #09-345 Singapore
 521145
 [85/15]

NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)
A&A Universe Ltd
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 5th day of January, 2023, 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:-
Katja Monika Beate Daborn
 20/F, 88 Gloucester Road,
 Wanchai,
 Hong Kong
 [85/16]

NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)
Sunderland Investment Holding Ltd
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 13th day of January, 2023, 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:-
Inka Farhana Binte Jeffery
 Blk 145 Tampines Street 12
 #09-345 Singapore
 521145
 [85/17]

VALE ASSET MANAGEMENT LIMITED
 ("the Company")
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 1055100

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that:
Vale Asset Management Limited is in voluntary liquidation. The date of commencement of liquidation is 12th January 2023. The liquidator is **Carmine Bailey of Kendall Corporate Services Limited, 2nd Floor Abbott Building, 87 Main Street, Waterfront Drive, P.O. Box 3169; PMB425, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
 Dated 23rd January 2023
Carmine Bailey
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [85/18]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
DUCOF HOLDINGS LIMITED
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 1885051

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 January 20, 2023.
 Dated: January 23, 2023
(Sgd.) Elias Economou
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [85/19]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004
Continental KST Ltd
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 1695064

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 20th day of January, 2023.
 Dated 23rd day of January, 2023
Sgd. Zaira Huseynova
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [85/20]

GOOD HUNTER LIMITED
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company Number 2015473

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, Subsection (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 20th day of January, 2023. The Liquidator is **Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
 Dated this 20th day of January, 2023
Sgd. Brian Jackson
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [85/21]

PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.
TIAN CHING CO., LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2037354
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 12 December 2022. The Liquidator is **CHENG Yueh-Mao** of 5F., No. 23, Ln. 251, Sec. 5, Nanjing E. Rd., Songshan Dist., Taipei City 105, Taiwan (R.O.C.). Dated 30 December 2022
(Sgd.) **CHENG Yueh-Mao**
Voluntary Liquidator(s)
[85/22]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
Vidar Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2097527
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 16 January 2023. Dated 24 January 2023
(Sgd.) **ZHAO, JINGYA**
Voluntary Liquidator(s)
[85/23]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
Rebelism Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2076853
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 12 January 2023. Dated 24 January 2023
(Sgd.) **ADAM JUHASZ**
Voluntary Liquidator(s)
[85/24]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
Raabhya Corporation

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2063592
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 16 January 2023. Dated 24 January 2023
(Sgd.) **Harry J. Thompson**
Voluntary Liquidator(s)
[85/25]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
Septogram Investment Private Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2056694
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 16 January 2023. Dated 24 January 2023
(Sgd.) **Harry J. Thompson**
Voluntary Liquidator(s)
[85/26]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
NEWPORT HOUSE HOLDINGS LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1062642
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 17 January 2023. Dated 24 January 2023
(Sgd.) **Frank Arthur MAYES**
Voluntary Liquidator(s)
[85/27]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
TYJ Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1402000
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 23 January 2023. Dated 24 January 2023
(Sgd.) **John Grimshaw**
Voluntary Liquidator(s)
[85/28]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
Hamix Management Inc.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1850930
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 January 24, 2023. Dated: January 24, 2023
(Sgd.) **Anna Nikolaidou**
Voluntary Liquidator
[85/29]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
Solomon Legend Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2004090
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 January 23, 2023. Dated: January 24, 2023
(Sgd.) **Eduard Davydov**
Voluntary Liquidator
[85/30]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
NetZero Helios Limited

Company No. 2100758
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 January 23, 2023. Dated: January 24, 2023
(Sgd.) **Delio Jose De Leon Mela**
Voluntary Liquidator
[85/31]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
Jaime Overseas Corp.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2061792
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 January 23, 2023. Dated: January 24, 2023
(Sgd.) **Delio Jose De Leon Mela**
Voluntary Liquidator
[85/32]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
ALASKAR LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1561346
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 January 23, 2023. Dated: January 24, 2023
(Sgd.) **Angeliki Themistokleous**
Voluntary Liquidator
[85/33]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1708426
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 January 23, 2023. Dated: January 24, 2023
(Sgd.) **Georgia Constantinou**
Voluntary Liquidator
[85/34]

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

In Voluntary Liquidation
Company No. 1834313
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 20th January, 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa V. O'Sullivan** of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola VG1110, British Virgin Islands. Dated: 20th January, 2023
Sgd. **Philippa V. O'Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator
[85/35]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 324159
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 23, 2022. The Liquidator is **Delio Jose De Leon Mela** with address at Bloc Office Hub, Fifth Floor, Santa Maria Business District, Panama, Republic of Panama. Dated: December 23, 2022.
(Sgd.) **Delio Jose De Leon Mela**
Voluntary Liquidator
[85/36]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
CELTIC VISTA INVESTMENT LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 222905
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 January 24, 2023. Dated: January 24, 2023
(Sgd.) **Bernadette Marie GICQUEL**
Voluntary Liquidator
[85/37]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
FUSION RENTING INTERNATIONAL LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2031669
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 January 24, 2023. Dated: January 24, 2023
(Sgd.) **Antonio Palacio Rodriguez**
Voluntary Liquidator
[85/38]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
MAGNOLIA FIELDS CORP.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1544135
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 January 24, 2023. Dated: January 25, 2023
(Sgd.) **Delio Jose De Leon Mela**
Voluntary Liquidator
[85/39]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1625311
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 January 25th, 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean** with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands. Dated: January 25th, 2023
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator
[85/40]

APPOINTMENT
PALAIS HOLDINGS LIMITED

("the Company")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1940265
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that: **Palais Holdings Limited** is in voluntary liquidation. The date of commencement of liquidation is 24th January 2023. The liquidator is **Carmine Bailey** of Kendall Corporate Services Limited, 2nd Floor Abbott Building, 87 Main Street, Waterfront Drive, P.O. Box 3169; PMB425, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands. Dated 25th January 2023
Carmine Bailey
Voluntary Liquidator [85/41]

APPOINTMENT
CHATEAU INVESTMENT GROUP LIMITED

("the Company")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1940352
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that: **Chateau Investment Group Limited** is in voluntary liquidation. The date of commencement of liquidation is 24th January 2023. The liquidator is **Carmine Bailey** of Kendall Corporate Services Limited, 2nd Floor Abbott Building, 87 Main Street, Waterfront Drive, P.O. Box 3169; PMB425, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands. Dated 25th January 2023
Carmine Bailey
Voluntary Liquidator [85/42]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
DRUM SOUND LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 324159
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 January 25, 2023. Dated: January 25, 2023
(Sgd.) **Delio Jose De Leon Mela**
Voluntary Liquidator
[85/43]

PUBLIC NOTICES

The Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

Virgin Islands

BVIHPB2022/0268

In the estate of Gay Cull Addicott also known as Gay Cull, late of 2023 Lyndway Road, Lyndhurst, Ohio, United States of America, deceased

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to section 28 of the Trustee Ordinance of the Laws of the Virgin Islands Revised Edition 1991 (Cap 303) that any person having a claim against or an interest in the estate of GAY CULL ADDICOTT also known as GAY CULL, deceased, late of 2023 Lyndway Road, Lyndhurst, Ohio, United States of America, who died on the 5th day of August, 2022 domiciled in Ohio, United States of America (the Deceased), is hereby required to send particulars in writing of his/her claim or interest to O'Neal Webster of 2nd Floor Commerce House, 181 Main Street, P.O. Box 961 Road Town, Tortola British Virgin Islands, the Solicitors acting for STEPHEN P. BAN, the Executor named in the Will of the Deceased, and to send such particulars no later than Friday March 10, 2023 after which date the said Executor will distribute the estate among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interests of which he has had notice and will not, in respect to the property so distributed, be liable to any person of whose claim he shall not then have notice.



Solicitors for the Executor
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THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE VIRGIN ISLANDS

In the estate of JOU YEN-PONG, late of 8F, No.1313, Zhongzheng Rd, Neighborhood 9, Mingde Village, Taoyuan District, Taoyuan City, Taiwan (R.O.C.), deceased

TAKE NOTICE that CHU SHIH-PEI of 8F., No.1313, Zhongzheng Rd, Taoyuan District, Taoyuan City, Taiwan (R.O.C.), the lawful widow and intended administratrix of the estate of JOU YEN-PONG, who died on the 2nd day of August, 2021, domiciled in Taiwan (R.O.C) (the Deceased), has applied to the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the Probate Division for a Grant of Letters of Administration in the estate of the Deceased.

ANY PERSON having an objection to the Grant of Letters of Administration to the said CHU SHIH-PEI, shall within fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of this Notice lodge with the Registry of the High Court in the Territory of the Virgin Islands a proper document setting out the said objections.



Filed by O'Neal Webster,
Attorneys-at-Law
for the Administratrix, whose address
for service is 2nd Floor Commerce House,
181 Main Street,
P.O. Box 961, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands VG 1110.

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Inland Revenue Department Upgrades Tax Payment System

The public is advised that the Inland Revenue Department has upgraded to the Standard Integrated Government Tax Administration System to allow taxpayers greater access and flexibility for online payments, via the Government e-payment gateway.

Residents are to provide a valid passport or driver's licence, along with their Social Security card, and an email address to register.

To register go to www.eregisterfortax.gov.vg.



THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT THE VIRGIN ISLANDS IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE (PROBATE) PROBATE NO. BVIHPB 0236 of 2022 IN THE ESTATE OF KENNIE LARGARDO THOMAS Late of Tortola, British Virgin Islands, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by MARK HIAWATHA VANTERPOOL of Lambert Estate, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, for a Grant of Letters of Probate, who is the person entitled to administer the estate of KENNIE LARGARDO THOMAS, the deceased having died on the 4 June 2022 leaving a Will.

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

Dated 16 January, 2022.

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

[86]

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

CLAIM NO. BVIHPB2023/

IN THE ESTATE OF WING YI KAN, LATE OF 12/F., DIBDIN HOUSE, MAIDA VALE, LONDON, GREATER LONDON W9 1QE, UNITED KINGDOM, DECEASED

ADVERTISEMENT

Notice is given that after the expiration of 8 days application will be made to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the resealing of the Grant of Letters of Administration of the estate of Wing Yi Kan, Late of 12/F., Dibdin House, Maida Vale, London, Greater London W9 1QE, United Kingdom granted in the High Court of Justice, Principal Registry of the Family Division in the United Kingdom on 23 March 2018 to Pui Kwan Hui and Chi Hang Kan of B605 Ming Leung House, Ying Ming Court, Tseung Kwan, Hong Kong.

Dated this 25th day of January 2023

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

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PUBLIC NOTICES

**FORM P7: ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION
FOR GRANT
[Rule 15]**

The Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
VIRGIN ISLANDS
Administration No. 0008 of 2023
The Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court

In the Estate of MR. KEDARNATH GUPTA late of Villa No. J8, Julnar Street, Emirates Hills, Dubai UAE who died on 9th December 2021 domiciled in Dubai deceased

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by ROHIT KEDARNATH GUPTA for a Grant of Letters of Administration, the applicant who is the son of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on 9th December 2021.

Any person having an objection to the grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.
Dated this day of 19th January 2023.

Filed by BGA Law (BVI) Limited whose address for service is Sea Meadow House, Road Town, VG1110, BVI.

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

BVI HPB 2023/
In the Estate of GERDA FRETT, deceased, late of Thomas Land, East End, Tortola, Virgin Islands

**ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION**

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Natasha Diane Frett and Natoya Denise Frett, both of Thomas Land, East End, Tortola, Virgin Islands for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the estate of the deceased who died intestate on the 31st day of May, 2022 at Dr. D. Orlando Smith Hospital, Road Town, Tortola, Virgin Islands. The applicants are the only children of the deceased.

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

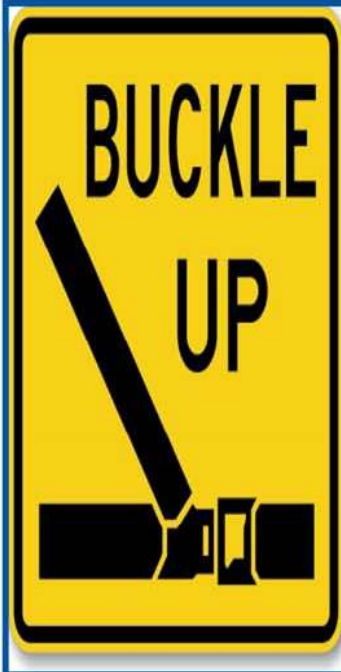
Dated this 24th day of January, 2023.

Filed by Natasha D. Frett and Natoya D. Frett
The Applicants in person

The Court Office is at Sakal House, James Walter Francis Highway, Wickhams Cay 1, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110, Virgin Islands. Telephone number 284-468-5001, Fax 284 468 5002. The office is open between 9 a.m and 3 p.m Mondays to Fridays except public holidays. [86]

*Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator
under Section 204 of the
BVI Business Companies Act, 2004*
Jacobs Capital Limited
(the "Company")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1632715

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 January 20, 2023. The Liquidator is Meade Malone of Geneva Place, 2nd Floor # 333, Waterfront Drive, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.
Dated: January 26, 2023
Sgd. Meade malone
Liquidator
[85/44]



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

CLAIM No. BVIHPB 2022/0289

**IN THE ESTATE OF ASHA CARMENA
GORDON, DECEASED**

TAKE NOTICE that SHAHEEM TAREEK SHABAZ PARSONS of Long Trench, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, who resides in Florida, USA, intends to apply to the Probate Division of the High Court of Justice of the Virgin Islands for Letters of Administration of the estate of his late mother ASHA CARMENA GORDON, (Deceased), late of Long Trench, Tortola, British Virgin Islands who died in San Juan, Puerto Rico on 17th day of June, 2021.

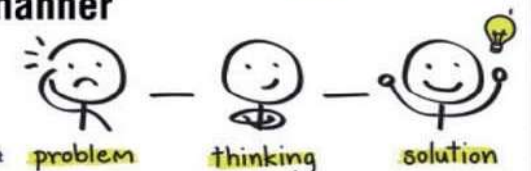
ANY PERSON having objections to a grant of representation to the Intended Applicant shall within fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of this notice lodge with the Registry of the High Court in the Territory of the Virgin Islands a document setting out the said objections.

DATED: this the 24th day of January, 2023.
Quantum Legal Associates, Ltd
Solicitors for the Applicant.

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Before you discipline a child

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



This message was produced by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Youth Affairs, Fisheries and Agriculture in collaboration with UNICEF and funded by the UK Government.

28 EDUCATORS UNDERGO LEADERSHIP TRAINING WITH HLSCC INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION

On Wednesday, 18th January, educators throughout the public and private primary and secondary school sectors began an 8-month leadership training programme with the H. Laverty Stouff Community College (HLSCC) Institute of Education in collaboration with the Ministry of

Sandy Harrigan-Underhill explained that the training programme is a major and significant initiative designed to address leadership training gaps, build leadership capacity, and particularly to address succession planning in education.



The programme, which is intended to support the transition to leadership for new principals and assistant principals and prepare future leaders for the ever-changing and complex roles of leadership in education, has been organised by the HLSCC Institute of Education, in collaboration with the Ministry of

field work and collaborative projects. Participants are expected to develop an eportfolio to document their experience and to chronicle their expected growth and development as a leader.”

Dr. Underhill added, “We are happy to report the overwhelming amount of interest in this initiative. We started the programme at

Wednesday, 25 January either holding leadership positions throughout the public and private primary and secondary school sectors or are aspiring leaders in the education system.

We have since had several requests from the public and private schools to join the programme, including requests from our own HLSCC faculty as well.” The Director continued, “We are making every effort to accommodate this additional interest, even if it means virtual attendance for late registrants as we recognise the importance of this type of training in Education at all levels.”

Over the course of the programme, the Institute will cover topics such as Adjusting to the Role of Principal, Leading with Emotional-Intelligence, Leading Positive Behaviour

Management, Leading Special-Education, Stakeholder-Relations, Leadership - for Accountability, -and Transformational Leadership.

The HLSCC Institute of Education works closely with the Territory’s schools - both public and private - through the Ministry of

Education, to obtain data that will inform decisions about the Territory’s Education Training needs. Its mission is to develop effective educators who demonstrate progressive ideals, through research driven innovative and reflective practice, that

inculcate critical thinking skills and encourage capabilities for life-long learning in students.

To learn more about the HLSCC Institute of Education, contact Dr. Sandy Harrigan-Underhill via telephone at (284) 852-7039.



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POLICE NEWS



ROYAL VIRGIN ISLANDS POLICE FORCE INTELLIGENCE UNIT

Road Town Police Station
12 Station Avenue, Road Town, Tortola VG1110, British Virgin Islands
Tel: 284.368-9339 Fax:284.494.6926 Email: pmiekle@rvipolice.vg

INTELLIGENCE BULLETIN

Thursday 26th January, 2023

MISSING PERSON



Jevonte Pierre Wattley alias "JD"

AGE: 24

WEIGHT: Unknown

HEIGHT: 5' 7"

EYES: Brown

COMPLEXION: Dark

INFORMATION DETAILS

On Wednesday, 25 January 2023, Jevonte Pierre Wattley left home for work dressed in a black shirt, red hoodie, long track cotton pants, wearing glasses. However, he was last seen wearing a green T-shirt with blue sleeves, black long jogging pants and black crocs leaving work at 1100hrs.

Persons who have any information regarding the whereabouts of Jevonte Pierre Wattley are kindly asked to contact the Intelligence Unit at 368-9339 or 368-9593.

RVIPF SEEKS ASSISTANCE IN LOCATED MISSING MAN

Thursday, January 26 – Police are asking the public's assisting in locating 24-year-old Jevonte Wattley, alias J.D., of Cane Garden Bay who did not return to his home after work last night as is customary.

Wattley was last seen leaving his workplace at the RiteWay Supermarket in Pasea about 11am yesterday and has not been seen since by family or friends. He also did not report to his workplace this morning.

Wattley is described as a dark male, about 5'7 in height and wears glasses. He was last seen dressed in a green t-shirt with blue sleeves, long black jogging pants and black crocs.

Anyone with information into the whereabouts of Jevonte Wattley is asked to contact the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force through its access number 311 or the Intelligence Unit at 368-9339 or 368-9593.

The BVI CHRISTIAN COUNCIL
Invites You To Attend



General Clergy MEETING

AGENDA

Referendum on Same Sex
Marriage and the BVICC
Educational Campaign

Monday 30 January 2023

6PM

Methodist Church Hall
Road Town

NOTICE REGARDING DORMANT ACCOUNTS



This notice is being given in accordance with Section 6 (3) of the Dormant Accounts Act, 2011.

1. The name of the institution is FirstBank Puerto Rico with office located at 15 Wickham's Cay, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG 1110.
2. FirstBank Puerto Rico holds dormant accounts in respect of the listed persons below. If a transaction or activity is not effected in respect of the dormant account by the account holder not later than three months from the date of the notice, the moneys in the account shall be transferred to the Dormant Account Fund with the Government of the British Virgin Islands, without further notice to the account holder.
3. Any interested person should contact the institution to prove ownership of the account.
4. The account holder is entitled, subject to this Act, to claim repayment of the

moneys in the dormant accounts from FirstBank Puerto Rico, subject to any lawful charges agreed to by the dormant account holder and the bank and any additional information that may be prescribed by the Minister of finance, British Virgin Islands Government.

Dated: January 10, 2023

Angel E. Dawson, Jr.
SVP/BVI Manager

Wickham's Cay 1 Road Town
Tortola, British Virgin Islands
Telephone: (284) 494-2662

NAME OF ACCOUNT HOLDER	ADDRESS OF NOTICE	CURRENCY	AMOUNT
ALLEN D GEORGE	PO BOX 1103 THE VALLEY VIRGIN GORDA BVI	UNITED STATES DOLLAR (USD)	\$313.19
COLIN GREGORY	PO BOX 3252 RD TOWN TORTOLA BVI	UNITED STATES DOLLAR (USD)	\$4,883.58
ENRICO DONNER	PO BOX 552 CANE GARDEN BAY TORTOLA VG1130	UNITED STATES DOLLAR (USD)	\$7,399.51
DANIELLE A YOUNG	PO BOX 856 GRAND TOWN GRAND CAYMAN KY1-1103	UNITED STATES DOLLAR (USD)	\$2,870.40
KEITH WALTON	GEN DELY RD TOWN TORTOLA BVI	UNITED STATES DOLLAR (USD)	\$6,046.63
MICHAEL B DOYLE C/O HARNEY WESTWOOD & RIEGELS	PO BOX 71 RD TOWN TORTOLA BVI	UNITED STATES DOLLAR (USD)	\$33,072.81
ALLAN G BOYD	PO BOX 3093 RODUS BLDG TORTOLA BVI	UNITED STATES DOLLAR (USD)	\$527.77
JOANNA E LUXTON C/O BARRY GOODMAN	PO BOX 146 RD TOWN TORTOLA BVI	UNITED STATES DOLLAR (USD)	\$2,886.98
SYLVIA MCCLEAN	4608 DALE BLVD WOODBRIDGE VA 22193-4740	UNITED STATES DOLLAR (USD)	\$245.80
JAMES L WEBER	409 MIRAMAR DR REDONDO BEACH CA 90277-3833	UNITED STATES DOLLAR (USD)	\$1,500.00
JAMES H HULBERT	895 PATTERSON LANE VERSAILLES KY 40383-0000	UNITED STATES DOLLAR (USD)	\$2,120.90
ROBERT BRENNAN	PO BOX 3198 RD TOWN TORTOLA, BVI	UNITED STATES DOLLAR (USD)	\$108.26
FRIENDS OF THE BVI NATIONAL PARKS TRUST	P.O. BOX 860 ROAD TOWN, TORTOLA BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS	UNITED STATES DOLLAR (USD)	\$23,829.14
WILLIAM G EDWARDS	19884 GRAND VIEW DR TOPANGA CA 90290-3314	UNITED STATES DOLLAR (USD)	\$690.62
PATRICK KAVANAGH	PO BOX 71 ROAD TOWN TORTOLA BVI	UNITED STATES DOLLAR (USD)	\$423.03
STUART THOMSON	SHIRESHEAD CORRAGE FORTON PRESTON LANCASHIRE PR31DR EN GLAND	UNITED STATES DOLLAR (USD)	\$649.24
CHARMAINE O'NEAL	PO BOX 35 RD TOWN TORTOLA BVI	UNITED STATES DOLLAR (USD)	\$470,248.59
WENDELL ANTHONY	PO BOX 64 MORRILTON AR 72110-0064	UNITED STATES DOLLAR (USD)	\$1,218.45
LENNOX MCKENZIE GEN DELY	RD TOWN TORTOLA BVI	UNITED STATES DOLLAR (USD)	\$513.99
LILLIAN A ROMNEY OR PATRICIA M ROMNEY C/O ROMNEY ASSOCIATES CONSULTANTS	PO BOX 437 RD TOWN	UNITED STATES DOLLAR (USD)	\$12,168.52
ELDON G BRATHWAITE	PO BOX 271221 TAMPA FL 33688-1221	UNITED STATES DOLLAR (USD)	\$267.90
ROBIN L RADLEIN	GEN DELY RD TOWN TORTOLA BVI	UNITED STATES DOLLAR (USD)	\$1,115.37
DORIS A CONNOR	PO BOX 3126 RD TOWN TORTOLA BVI	UNITED STATES DOLLAR (USD)	\$118.81
BEYONCE E JOHNSON	GEN DELIVERY RD TOWN TORTOLA BVI	UNITED STATES DOLLAR (USD)	\$185.59

NAME OF ACCOUNT HOLDER	ADDRESS OF NOTICE	CURRENCY	AMOUNT
ESTHER E COLLYMORE	GENERAL DELIVER ROAD TOWN TORTOLA, BVI	UNITED STATES DOLLAR (USD)	\$206.06
RITZIA TURNBULL	PO BOX 420 RD TOWN TORTOLA BVI	UNITED STATES DOLLAR (USD)	\$928.33
SAMUEL BASCOMBE	PO BOX 1097 VALLEY VIRGIN GORDA BVI	UNITED STATES DOLLAR (USD)	\$7,644.09
SAMUEL BASCOMBE	PO BOX 1097 VALLEY VIRGIN GORDA BVI	UNITED STATES DOLLAR (USD)	\$808.96
GLANVILLE BROWNE	NOT AVAILABLE	UNITED STATES DOLLAR (USD)	\$288.20
DAWN J SMITH	NOT AVAILABLE	UNITED STATES DOLLAR (USD)	\$2,319.24
CHARLES S SIMMONDS	NOT AVAILABLE	UNITED STATES DOLLAR (USD)	\$306.41
CLAUDIUS WHEATLEY	NOT AVAILABLE	UNITED STATES DOLLAR (USD)	\$290.56
CARL M TODMAN	NOT AVAILABLE	UNITED STATES DOLLAR (USD)	\$322.51
JULIE L SWARTZ	NOT AVAILABLE	UNITED STATES DOLLAR (USD)	\$416.09
INEZ V TURNBULL	NOT AVAILABLE	UNITED STATES DOLLAR (USD)	\$221.14
JANET HAJJ	NOT AVAILABLE	UNITED STATES DOLLAR (USD)	\$1,133.35
SECURITY BENEFIT	NOT AVAILABLE	UNITED STATES DOLLAR (USD)	\$9,000.00
RBC ROYAL BANK	NOT AVAILABLE	UNITED STATES DOLLAR (USD)	\$2,058.20
SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD	NOT AVAILABLE	UNITED STATES DOLLAR (USD)	\$231.37
SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD	NOT AVAILABLE	UNITED STATES DOLLAR (USD)	\$954.07
SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD	NOT AVAILABLE	UNITED STATES DOLLAR (USD)	\$299.16
SMITH GORE	NOT AVAILABLE	UNITED STATES DOLLAR (USD)	\$500.00
NEICHIE L RICHARDSON	NOT AVAILABLE	UNITED STATES DOLLAR (USD)	\$100.00
PATRICK HAREWOOD	NOT AVAILABLE	UNITED STATES DOLLAR (USD)	\$160.39
JAMES R MELLON	NOT AVAILABLE	UNITED STATES DOLLAR (USD)	\$325.79
SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD	NOT AVAILABLE	UNITED STATES DOLLAR (USD)	\$954.07
MICHAEL DEKOCK	NOT AVAILABLE	UNITED STATES DOLLAR (USD)	\$3,092.23
BVI DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANT LTD	NOT AVAILABLE	UNITED STATES DOLLAR (USD)	\$450.00
BVI SOCIAL SECURITY BARD	NOT AVAILABLE	UNITED STATES DOLLAR (USD)	\$954.07
BCQS	NOT AVAILABLE	UNITED STATES DOLLAR (USD)	\$600.00
SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD	NOT AVAILABLE	UNITED STATES DOLLAR (USD)	\$399.54
HARNEYS	NOT AVAILABLE	UNITED STATES DOLLAR (USD)	\$100.00
JUDITH G BATCHELOR	NOT AVAILABLE	UNITED STATES DOLLAR (USD)	\$473.91
GWENDOLYN SMITH	NOT AVAILABLE	UNITED STATES DOLLAR (USD)	\$125.00
GWENDOLYN SMITH	NOT AVAILABLE	UNITED STATES DOLLAR (USD)	\$100.00
HARNEY WESTWOOD RIEGELS	NOT AVAILABLE	UNITED STATES DOLLAR (USD)	\$1,065.25
SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD	NOT AVAILABLE	UNITED STATES DOLLAR (USD)	\$195.39
SAMUEL RICHARDSON & CO.	NOT AVAILABLE	UNITED STATES DOLLAR (USD)	\$45,730.54
DUNCAN W POTTER	NOT AVAILABLE	UNITED STATES DOLLAR (USD)	\$984.54

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The work demands creative flair, up-to-date knowledge of industry software and a professional approach to time, costs and deadlines.

Must be proficient in QuarkX-Press, Adobe Illustrator & Adobe Photoshop

Please email resume to trinindomakmur@gmail.com
Telephone 284 494 1300

[s86]

BCQS International are seeking to employ a Project Manager. Suitable qualified candidates should possess at least 10 years' experience in this field with some Quantity Surveying experience. Candidates must have a relevant University Degree and be proficient in both FIDIC and JCT Forms of Contract and AutoCAD and Revit.

Please send CV by email to:-
BCQS Limited
P.O. Box 3160
Road Town, Tortola, VG 1110
British Virgin Islands
Email: bbutler@bcqs.com
Tel: 284 494 7144

[s86]

CTL is accepting applications for:
Four (4) qualified hospitality-trained Cleaners

One (1) Plumber/ Electrician

One (1) Kitchen Assistant

Please address Applications to:

Human Resources Manager,
Clarence Thomas Ltd Home Center

Box 56, Fish Bay, Road Town,
TortolaVG1110 British Virgin Islands

Email: mmark@ctlbvi.com
Drop-off: CTL Customer Service Desk.
[s86]

CURA UNIVERSAL LTD LOCATED IN SOUTH VALLEY, VIRGIN GORDA, IS SEEKING AN ELIGIBLE CANDIDATE TO JOIN THEIR TEAM OF PROFESSIONALS. THE FOLLOWING POSITION IS VACANT:

1 CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE

RESUMES SHOULD BE SENT TO admin@curabvi.com OR CALL (284) 495-5868 FOR MORE INFORMATION FROM INTERESTED CANDIDATES WITH EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS.
[s86]

The Vault Bar and Restaurant is in need of fulltime Waitresses/ Barmaids. Please email your resume at Vaultbvi@gmail.com or call 345-8383.

KIMINS SALON needs a full time Barber & Hairdresser. Please call 544-3824.
[s86]

MATURE-CANDIDATE DO - PROVIDE SANITATION SERVICES. MUST BE ABLE TO WORK EARLY MORNINGS AND LATE NIGHTS.-PLEASE SEND ALL INQUERIES TO-info@phxlawbvi.
Telephone 495-7459
[s86]

HIVE INTERMEDIARY SERVICE is looking for an executive secretary who can speak English and Spanish fluently with at least 3 years of experience, enough knowledge in office package and files. The ability to do various tasks, good presence and available to work weekends, Holidays & Overtime. Interested person can submit their resume to Hiveintermediaryservices@gmail.com
[s86]

J&L Welding Garage & Body Shop is seeking a full time Welder to work 5- 6 days a week, able to work extra hours. For info call 284-342-7180. [s86]

5C's Welding & Fabrication seeks full time Welder with the ability to cut and fabricate designs, with at least 2 years experience , interested persons contact Andy Chalwel at 344-3340.
[s86]

NORBERT-DONOVAN PAINT SERVICE needs 2 full time Painters. Please call 440-1267 for further information.[s86]

TOUCHDOWN CLUB AND RESTAURANT is looking for a full time Bartender for information. Please call 284-442-6884. [s86]

**MORE READERS:
THE ISLAND SUN**

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.



A message from the Department of Disaster Management and Sol

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STAFF WANTED

Fischer's Cove Beach Hotel and Restaurant in Virgin Gorda is seeking to fill the following full-time/ Part-time positions: Administrative, Front Office Clerk, Kitchen Help, Gardener/Groundman, Handyman, Chef/ Cook, Waiter/Waitress, Sales Clerk (Lady Norma's souvenir and gift shop) beach walker, Dish washer, Laundry attendant, Bartender/ barmaid, Cosmetologist, Masseuse, Housekeeper, General Cleaner. Applicants should have at least 3 years experience in hospitality or in a similar position. Applications can be collected at Fischer's Cove Beach hotel Monday- Friday between 10am - 4pm Telephone 284-495-5253 [s84]

P E D R O - W E L L S WOODWORK SHOP needs **TWO** full time JOINERS. TELEPHONE: 544-3139 [s85]

BK C-Store Fashion & Auto Stop hiring Cashier / Store Attendant, FULL-TIME or PART-TIME. Complex Inventory and Computer Systems are essential to Store Operations and Applicants MUST understand importance of mixing BRAIN (follow system requirements and Management Instructions) with BRAWN (not lazy), and must be able to work in Store and Storeroom conditions. Formal inquiries only - Email: bkcstore@yahoo.com or WhatsApp: 284-442-1842. Absolutely no Telephone nor Walk-in enquiries. Belongers Preferred." [s85]

Seeking a live-in Home-care Worker to take care of a patient with Dementia, who is a senior citizen in Tortola, British Virgin Islands. Must be qualified and have experience. Must be caring and able to exercise extreme patience. Commitment is a must. Applications and name of references can be emailed to rhenique@hotmail.com and kaylibaby@hotmail.com. For serious inquiries you may also call 284-540-7857 or 284-346-0240. [s85]

Uber Car Rental Ltd. is currently seeking the following:

Experienced Accountant - Must be ACCA or CPA certified and have a Bachelor's Degree in Accountancy. Have 5 years or more relevant experience. Have previous experience in General Accounting/Reporting/Audit. Have strong background in automated accounting system (Quickbooks/Xero, etc.) and financial statements. Advanced MS Excel skills including Vlookup and Pivot Tables. Experienced - Assistant Accountant. Must have a Bachelor's Degree in Accountancy. Have 2 & 1/2 years or more relevant experience. Have previous experience in General Accounting/Reporting/Audit.

Have strong background in automated accounting system - (Quickbooks/Xero, etc.) and financial statements. - Advanced MS Excel skills including Vlookup and Pivot Tables. *BVI Islanders or Belongers preferred. Please send resume to hr@tagbvi.com.* [s85]

Open Seas Shipping requires: Full-Time Position Operation Assistant Attend to Clients, Run Sales, Computer Savvy Bi-lingual required (Spanish and English) BVI Islander Preferred Email: info@openseasshipping.net Contac number: 1284-441-3019 [s85]

Handyman-Employment Vacancy Required Experience: Plumbing, Electrical, Carpentry, Masonry 25+ years old; manual transmission driver's license. Submit resume to: P. O. Box 4372, Road Town, Tortola VG1110 284-344=1101. [s85]

Energetic Sales Clerk with good customer service and computer skills, especially around Point of Sales systems. Belongers and residents of Virgin Gorda are preferred. 541-9192 [s85]

Technical Staff needed for Medical Complex in areas of Medical Laboratory, Pharmacy, Medical Imaging and Eyecare & Dentistry. Contact B&F Medical Complex Ltd. at P.O Box 412 Road Town, Tortola, VG1110 Email: bfmedicaloffice@yahoo.com and or bfmedical@hotmail.com Telephone: 494-2196 [s85]

Open Seas Shipping: Full-Time Position Warehouse Personnel Clear containers, forklift operations, stock cargo etc. BVI Islander Preferred E m a i l : info@openseasshipping.net Contac number: 1284-441-3019 [s85]

Local Construction company seeks a Fiber Glass Pool Installation Technician to assist with pool installations, repairs and fitting. Must have at least two (2) years experience in this industry. Contact: 284-496-0969 for details. [s85]

Blossoms Florist has an opening for a florist with a minimum of 6 years, and who is able to work-unsupervised Please call 494-3309 for more information. [s85]

TDD CLEANING SERVICES is seeking a responsible and honest person who has experience in cleaning. We are looking for a candidate with strong work ethic and the ability to engage with people. General responsibility of domestic and outdoor cleaning. Contact information for interested parties is email to maclower@hotmail.com [s85]

Handyman-Employment Vacancy Required Experience: Plumbing, Electrical, Carpentry, Masonry 25+ years old; manual transmission-driver's license. Submit resume to: P. O. Box 4372, Road Town, Tortola VG1110 [s85]

ONE SERIOUS AND RESPONSIBLE FEMALE needed to care for an elderly person. must be willing to work some weekends, Serious applicants ONLY call 540-3-446 or 440-3446 [s85]

Rosie's Caribbean Cuisine has a need for employees in the capacity of Cook, Kitchen Helper and Waitress. Please call 341-3868 for more information. [s85]

HONEY & SPICE BAKERY needs 1 full time BAKER. Telephone 342-1677 [s85]

HAIR CARE SALON needs 1 full time CASHIER. Telephone: 499-2973 - [s85]

WELLS HOME CENTER needs two full time TILER. Telephone : 544-3139 [s85]

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