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ELECTIONS MAY BE HELD EARLIER THAN EXPECTED

While still not announcing a date for going to the polls, Premier and Minister for Finance Dr. the Hon. Natalio Wheatley announced that the Government of National Unity intends to make the most of the less than three months he has in office.

During both the 24 and 26 January sittings of the House of Assembly Hon. Wheatley highlighted ways in which his government intends to leave an impression on the Territory as the Mid-May Constitutional date approaches and in the process, their days in office come to an end.

The BVI Leader in a statement on the 26 January announced: "The General Elections are constitutionally due by May of this year, the House of Assembly will have to be dissolved by March 2023. While the Government of National Unity will

attempt to tackle as much of the legislative work that is possible before elections, we recognize the challenges to see the full legislative programme through."

Nonetheless, the Premier explained that the continuity is a major factor and concern of his government and will be a consideration going forward. "What this means, however, is that the incoming Fifth House of Assembly and the Government will be in a position to carry forward the baton when it is handed over, and to proceed with ample pace," Hon. Wheatley added.

The commitment to doing a lot in the little time ahead was mentioned by the Premier on 24 January following the Speech from the Throne and reconvening of the new session of the House of Assembly. In his comments on the road ahead Hon. Wheatley told



his colleagues: "Happy to start a new session here with the House of Assembly. It is going to be a very short session and so we expect to be very efficient in terms of how we do our business.

"It does not mean that we do not go through all of the customary processes that we need to or we do any

short cuts. It just means that we will have to be extremely focused, work extremely hard; and be extremely sharp; which we know all members of the House here will do," the Premier added.

The aggressive workplan highlighted by the BVI Leader is not only applicable to the legislative agenda of

the House of Assembly, but also the operations and projects of central government. In this regard the Premier stating that the Government will also be working aggressively to accomplish and complete a number initiatives.

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As it relates to funding the many projects and initiatives that are in the pipeline the Premier stated that a priority list will be made. In this regard Hon. Wheatley commented: "I intend to do a supplementary, a schedule of additional provisions at some time between now and the dissolution of the House. We will look at all our priorities and determine where funds will be allocated."

While over the last two election processes a date was announced by the incumbent government prior to the constitutional period; all indications are that the 2023 general elections will go close to the Constitutional period. This was implied by Premier Wheatley during a one-on-one press briefing on 2 December.

In that media briefing, the

BVI Leader said: "I should say that the House of Assembly has to be dissolved within four years from the first sitting.... the first sitting was March 12, 2019, so that means that the House of Assembly has to be dissolved... no later than March 12, 2023, and based on the constitution, you have up to 60 days after that to have an election, but we haven't set that exact date as yet."

The extended period is being excused by many as a result of the Commission of Inquiry that took place recently. In fact, some persons in the community have also speculated that the elections might be delayed until the Constitutional recommendations are all implemented.

However, Hon. Wheatley has rubbished this election

uncertainty report. He is on the record debunking these claims at a press conference on 23 September last year. During that press briefing Hon. Wheatley said: "I'm not quite sure why there is some uncertainty about whether there will be elections, elections will be constitutionally due in 2023, and so the constitution outlines when we will have elections."

A NUMBER OF PUBLIC SERVANTS AND OTHER OFFICERS CHARGED WITH OFFENSES ARE ON PROBATION

A number of public servants were sent home from the public service because of reports and cases of improprieties. However, Premier and Minister for Finance Hon. Natalio Wheatley explained that the Public Service has contingencies to cope while some officers are away from duty.

The disclosure came in response to a question asked by At-Large Representative and Opposition Member Hon. Carvin Malone during the House of Assembly sitting on 26 January.

Hon. Malone asked the Premier to tell the House of Assembly the number of civil servants, public officers or statutory boards officers

who are charged with offenses, and currently are on probation with partial or full salaries being paid, and not allowed to report to work pending their appearance before the justice system/the outcome of their cases.

In response the Premier noted that currently there are 10 public officers who fit that description. Hon. Wheatley mentioned that these interdicted officers are not permitted to return to work until the completion of an investigation or criminal proceedings against the officer.

The BVI Leader admitted that efforts had to be made to complete and carry out the day-to-day work that these officers were hired to

do. He explained that this was necessary because, "inadequate staffing levels for whatever reasons throughout Ministries and Departments impact the overall efficiency and productivity of the public service and available funds should be provided to fill such vacancies."

While noting that the ten officers were still being paid, the BVI Leader noted that their total salaries equated to \$370,000. However, it was explained that these interdicted officers must be paid. "The accounting officers are required to maintain full emoluments for those officers on interdiction should the charges be withdrawn against the officer or should the officers be vindicated.

All withheld monies are returned to the officer," the Premier explained.

Nonetheless, the extended absence of these officers have caused other employees to have to work harder in an effort to absorb their tasks and functions. In this case, the Premier said that additional remuneration had to be considered: "To maintain the efficient running of the departments, Ministry's accounting officers may need additional funding to remunerate officers who may be asked to take on additional responsibilities in the absence of those officers on interdiction or to engage a substitute officer. Unfortunately, contingency plans require additional

funding, and those money which require accounting officers to find additional monies within existing budgets may derogate from the programs and services provided to the public," the Premier explained.

Nonetheless, a solution is being sought in this matter. According to Hon. Wheatley: "The Department of Human Resources has sought legal advice on the ways to improve the efficiency of the disciplinary process to avoid the administrative delays. Unfortunately for matters involving officers with criminal proceedings, which are subject to the systematic delays in the justice system which significantly exasperates the problem



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WITHERS/COX REPORT IS NEEDED BEFORE THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS

At Large Representative and Opposition member Hon. Carvin Malone is still concerned that the government has not received the Withers/Cox report that was commissioned in response to the Commission of Inquiry investigations. A report that it is assumed will provide the other side of the issues raised in the COI investigation. With time running out for this current House of Assembly Hon. Malone has asked the Premier to secure the report before the upcoming general elections.

In January 2021 Withers was hired to advise the Government in relation to the Commission of Inquiry. This arrangement included the expertise of Rt. Honourable Sir Geoffrey Cox, MP; who - it was explained - has extensive legal knowledge and professional experience regarding Overseas Territories.

However, following the delivery of the scathing report where a number of governance issues were flagged, Hon. Malone has repeatedly questioned why there was no response the Government Counsel in the

case Withers/Cox. The At Large Representative has also called for the promised Withers/Cox report.

In raising the matter recently Mr. Malone during the Questions and Answers segment of the 26 January sitting of the House of Assembly asked Premier Natalio Wheatley to: "Agree that the completion and submission of the Withers/Cox report, with details of their findings following months of parallel investigations and stellar works with or on behalf of the Attorney General's Chambers with regards to the Commission of Inquiry, is in the best interest of the people of the Virgin Islands."

Hon. Malone also asked the Premier to state that: "the negotiated sum required to secure or attain the Withers/Cox report would be paid forthwith, and The Withers/Cox report once received would be made public immediately upon receipt thereof."

In response, the Premier agreed that the report has significance. Hon. Wheatley stated: "I believe that the

Withers report from a historical perspective is important to have, therefore at some time in the future we will budget those funds and once the report is complete it will be made public."

As a followup to the question Hon. Malone also asked the Premier if the report would be acquired before the dissolution of the House of Assembly on or before 12 March 2023, to which the Premier stated that this will be looked into.

Hon. Wheatley said, "I intend to do a supplementary, a schedule of additional provisions at some time between now and the dissolution of the House. We will look at all our priorities and determine where funds will be allocated."

SIGNIFICANCE OF WITHERS/COX REPORT

In a previous attempt to gain insight on the situation Hon. Malone stated that he felt that Withers should have responded to Sir Gary Hickinbottom's Commission of Inquiry report. The former Minister of Health noted that Withers was paid

a hefty sum of money for representation; and that it was not good that they did not defend against the report.

Hon. Malone went on to say that the non-report by Withers "is akin to going to court and you said it was such a well-defined case submitted, that you have no defense."

NO REPORT SUGGESTED

During the July 2022 sitting of the House when Hon. Malone enquired about the report Premier Wheatley pointed out that the Terms of Reference of the legal representation from Withers/Cox did not mention a parallel report: "The terms of engagement did not include this parallel report that the member referred to, but it was intended that a written response would come forward."

Hon. Wheatley told the House of Assembly: "After the publication of the report and the subsequent negotiations with the UK Government and our agreement to implement the reforms, we decided to hold on this written response but Withers

stands ready to move forward once instructed."

The Premier further stated that the Unity Government will have to decide whether one million dollar would be allocated towards the response to the COI report. He noted that the government will have to discuss how to proceed because they have already begun implementing the Report's recommendations. Additionally, the Premier said that the government will have to choose whether to use one million dollars to fund needed development or pay for a report.

This response did not seem to sit well with Hon. Malone who retorted: "I am asking about the funds for the written response to a very important document which 300 years from now will be read back... If we want to debate whether or not monies will be spent that could have gone to schools and so forth, we can have that [discussion], but we can't stop here with this \$1 million, so I will rather not go there... so let's stick to the issue," Hon. Malone said.

KEVON LETTSOME REMAINS ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

There was shock in the community last week as Kevon Shack Lettsome who has been the second most vocal campaigning candidate for the upcoming 2023 general elections was arrested and taken before the Magistrate's Court to face charges of uttering a forged document.

Lettsome launched his candidacy on 25 April last year and has since been constantly sharing his views and vision for the Seventh District which is currently being represented by Premier and Minister for Finance Dr. the Hon. Natalio Wheatley. As a candidate Lettsome has maintained his campaign mode by consistently highlighting

issues affecting the District.

Therefore, the news of his arrest and court appearance came as a shock and disappointment to many. However, the candidate issued a statement on 27 January asking persons to remember that he is innocent until proven guilty.

In his statement, Lettsome informed that he did appear in the Magistrate's court, but noted that he was back on his campaign route. He said, "Yesterday (26 January) I appeared in Magistrates Court to address a complaint of uttering a forged document. I am now happily at home with my family and looking forward to continuing to meet with

the amazing people of the community I call home."

While asking the public to wait on the court's decision Lettsome stated: "I know the temptation to try matters before the court of public opinion is sometimes easiest, but I trust that the gracious people of these islands will allow this case, if there is one, to be tried before the court where I will prove my innocence."

"Though this is an unfortunate experience to endure, the opportunity to clear my name is an advantage that I look forward to, as I have not knowingly uttered and forged any documents," he added.

Lettsome also criticized the

media story that first alerted the public of his legal dilemma he stated: "I respect the press' right to report all matters before any court, but I find the angle taken by Guavaberry Media to be irresponsible and politically driven as they sought to link this unproven matter to the separation of FirstCaribbean International Bank and I, and to cast a shadow on my prospective standing for General Election."

While lamenting that the news of his arrest aims to tarnish his political reputation, Lettsome assured that he was not fired from his employment at the bank for such improprieties: "There is no link between the

two matters that resulted in the separation from where I used to work. Persons who have dealt with me personally or professionally on the job can speak to my great track record on delivering what the bank had to offer. An official copy of the correspondence from the bank explaining the reason for separation is available for release if necessary. I'm also happy for the opportunity and experience gained at that great banking institution. The connection created in the freshman reporting is intended to deter me from representing the people of my community. I will not succumb to the malicious attempt," he said.

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Unauthorised Use of Beaches in the Territory

Statement by the Honourable Melvin M. Turnbull, Minister for Natural Resources and Labour Second Sitting of the Fifth Session of the Fourth House of Assembly

26th January 2023

Madam Speaker, I rise to address the important and concerning issue of a significant increase in the unauthorised use of beaches in the Territory. Beaches are arguably BVI's most important asset, contributing significantly

to our quality of life as residents and to our economy. A 2013 study titled, Tourism Value of the Environment carried out by the Institute of Environmental Studies, University of Amsterdam, found that 75.8% of tourists surveyed agreed that "beaches in the BVI are particularly beautiful".

Like any asset that is valuable, yet fragile and expected to stand the test of time, our beaches must be cared for and wisely managed. Madam Speaker, our beaches are instead suffering from misuse and abuse and what may be described as a management crisis. The Ministry of Natural Resources

and Labour is responsible for the management of all beaches in The Virgin Islands that fall outside the boundaries of declared National Parks. The Ministry is continuing to take steps to improve management of beaches in the Territory and the degree of success of these efforts depends on the level of understanding and cooperation of the public.

As part of the Ministry's management measures to ensure that the use of beaches does not degrade the beach environment, or result in conflicts between different users, the Ministry has had a long-standing practice requiring permission for all commercial uses and certain non-commercial uses of the beach. That practice was formalised as policy in 2020 with Cabinet's approval of The Virgin Islands Beach Policy, which is available on the Ministry's website: bvi.gov.vg/environment.

The Beach Policy requires that persons apply to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Labour for permission to use beaches for any commercial activity, regardless of the size of the operation, presence or absence of a structure, type of structure, or whether it is a temporary or permanent operation. This applies to all bar or restaurant operations, snack vending, souvenir or craft vending, beach chair rental, water sport operations, other nature-based activities, hair braiding services, spa/massage services, or any other activity involving the sale of goods or services at the beach.

The Policy also requires the Ministry's approval of non-commercial activities in cases where there would be groups larger than 50 persons, loudspeakers or open fires. Madam Speaker, this may include, for example, large or loud private parties or barbecues, public entertainment events, sporting events, family



Hon. Melvin M. Turnbull

reunions, camping, church events, corporate events, cultural events and so on.

Madam Speaker, the Ministry is aware that many persons and organizations are carrying out commercial activities and non-commercial events on beaches without the required permission. In carrying out these activities, in addition to violating the Beach Policy, in many instances persons are building structures on the beach illegally and even squatting on Crown land. Persons are also operating without basic legal requirements like a trade licence, liquor licence and food handler's licence.

In addition to requiring permission for use as outlined above, Madam Speaker, the Beach Policy sets out parameters within which persons must operate to ensure the protection of the beach and the enjoyment of all users. For example, the Policy states that no equipment or beach chairs should remain on the sandy area of the beach unless they are in use. All items not in use must be immediately removed from the sandy area. This is a provision that we see blatantly violated at several beaches, including Cane Garden Bay and Long Bay, Beef Island. This violation impacts on the public's ability to enjoy the beach as the sand is often covered with empty beach chairs during the weekend, preventing users from

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- (8:30 - 9:00 AM) GOSPEL OF JESUS B'CAST - BY: GOSPEL OF JESUS EVANGELISTIC PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
- (9:00 - 9:30 AM) SHOCKING BIBLE PROPHECIES - BY: SEVENTHDAY ADVENTISTS CHURCHES
- (9:30 - 9:45 AM) AGAPE TOTAL LIFE BROADCAST - BY: AGAPE TOTAL LIFE CENTER
- (9:50 AM) HOLINESS AWAKENING B'CAST - BY: CHURCH OF GOD OF HOLINESS, BAUGHERS BAY
- (10:05 AM) REVEALED TRUTH B'CAST - BY: SHAMMAH DELIVERANCE MINISTRIES
- (10:35 AM) UNSHACKLED RADIO MINISTRY
- (12:30 PM) ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, SEA COWS BAY SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE
- (1:30 PM) ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL ANGLICAN CHURCH (EXCEPT 2ND SUNDAY)
- (4:30 PM) HYMNS & THEIR MEANINGS PROG. (1ST & 3RD SUNDAY) - WITH BRENDA HERBERT STEWART
- (6:00 PM) METHODIST CHURCH MONTHLY SERVICE (1ST SUNDAY)
- (6:00 PM) ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL ANGLICAN CHURCH (2ND SUNDAY)
- (7:00 PM) YOUR GOSPEL MUSIC PROGRAM - WITH VALERIE LETTSOME AND CLAUDE PARILLON (LAST 3 SUNDAYS)
- (7:30 PM) "VICTORIOUS PRAISES" B'CAST - WITH SIS. ESMIE POTTER (2ND SUNDAY)



CLARENCE THOMAS LTD HOME CENTER VACANCY NOTICE 1/2023

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| Clarence Thomas Ltd Home Center (CTL) invites qualified professional applicants to apply for the post of: CTL MARKETING COORDINATOR | |
| Salary Scale: | Commensurate with qualifications and experience |
| Accountability: | Reports to the General Retail Store Manager |
| Nature & Scope: | Coordinate and develop marketing policies, graphics design, direct the production and layout of artwork and platemaking, programs, campaigns, departmental workflow. |
| Major Responsibilities, Tasks and Duties: | <p>Gather and analyze information to identify new markets and customers, demand for products and services, and efficacy of existing marketing campaigns and strategies, inclusive of analytical tools such as surveys and questionnaires.</p> <p>Conduct market research, sales forecasting, and strategic planning to assess and ensure the sale and profitability of products. Conduct pricing research and analysis to ensure competitive product and service pricing. Maintain knowledge of trends and developments in the market; identify needs for new products and services; make recommendations to management.</p> <p>Calculate project cost estimates based on materials and resources required; maintain pricing list or system for recurring or standard projects. Ensure finished projects align with customer and project requirements before product leaves department for printing, delivery, and/or distribution</p> <p>Analyze and evaluate financial aspects of product development. Collaborate, participate in, and coordinate promotional activities or trade shows. Create and coordinate advertisements, newsletters, media pages and programs. Disseminate information, including, but not limited to, speech writing, public presentations, public relations, press conferences, and other communication matters.</p> |
| Minimum Requirements: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor's Degree in Marketing, Public Relations, or equivalent qualifications. • Five (5) years' experience in related field. • Proficient with Microsoft Office, internet, and related software. • Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite or related software and graphic design software |
| 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> |

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accessing preferred areas of the beach and obstructing views. Madam Speaker, in addition to managing beach use, as an important measure to stabilise and conserve beaches for generations to come, the Beach Policy prohibits persons from cutting beach vegetation. Yet, Madam Speaker, we see instances, including very recently at Long Bay, Beef Island, where commercial operators take it upon themselves without any discussion with or approval from the Ministry to clear cut large areas of beach vegetation.

Madam Speaker, while it falls within the Ministry's mandate, everyone has a collective responsibility for proper management of our beaches by complying with the Beach Policy and respecting all applicable laws of the Territory.

Madam Speaker, one reason for my intervention today is to again make the public aware of the requirements to apply for permission to use beaches for any commercial activity as well as non-commercial uses in cases where there would be groups larger than 50 persons, loudspeakers or open fires, and to remind persons of other requirements around beach use, set out in the Beach Policy. However, Madam Speaker, the main purpose of my intervention today is to warn all members of the public and commercial operators that the Ministry will not continue to tolerate such blatant violations around beach use and management. The Ministry will collaborate with the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force, the Town and Country Planning Department, Trade Department, the Attorney General's Chambers and other relevant authorities to uphold the Beach Policy and enforce all applicable legislation. This means that, in the future, persons can expect for unapproved events and commercial activities to be shut down.

Madam Speaker, Members of the House would be aware that as an important part of its efforts to enhance beach management in the Territory, last year the Ministry led the process to develop the Long Bay, Beef Island Beach Management Plan which will serve as a pilot for development of other beach management plans. There is funding approved in this year's budget for implementation of the Plan. In the context of that beach, all existing operators can expect to receive formal correspondence from the Ministry shortly, including the beach rules they must observe and the consequences for breaking those rules, as the beach management plan is implemented.

Madam Speaker, we all love our beaches and we benefit greatly from them but those benefits will soon stop flowing if as a community we don't quickly learn to work together to respect the beach environment and fellow beach users. I urge all listening to partner with the Ministry by supporting our efforts to enhance beach management in the Territory for everyone's benefit and enjoyment.

Ministry Of Health And Social Development Office Relocating

The public is notified that the offices of the Ministry of Health and Social Development have relocated to the Vornicia's House of Commerce - Lesmore Smith's Building, located in Long Bush.

Normal office operations are expected to commence at the new location on Wednesday, February 13. Some interruption to service can be expected for the duration of the relocation period.

Persons who may need urgent assistance can call Customer Service Care Centre at 468-3701. Any inconvenience caused during this time is regretted.

Statement By Honourable Rymer On The New Road Town Market Square

STATEMENT BY DEPUTY PREMIER AND MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND WORKS HONOURABLE KYE M. RYMER AT THE SECOND SITTING OF THE FIFTH SESSION

Thursday 26th January 2023
Madam Speaker, on 12th October, 2020 the Government

of the Virgin Islands broke ground at the New Market Square location in Road Town.

Subsequent to the groundbreaking ceremony, we were able to successfully, temporarily

relocate the vendors that operated at the market square location over to a temporary location adjacent to the Road Town Fire Station.

Madam Speaker, the Road Town Market Square is a historical site established in the 1970s and was the fourth (4th) official Market Day venue in the Territory. Therefore, this project is a signature project of the Government and is intended to foster entrepreneurship and economic growth.

Madam Speaker, I will take this opportunity to describe, in brief, the summary of works that have taken place to achieve the overall product before us today.

Works commenced with demolishing the previous Market Square building, and other adjacent structures. Water and electrical conduits were laid to service the kiosks and bandstand building.

The first building constructed on the site was the bandstand building, which will serve as a central gathering area for future events at the Market Square.

Sixteen (16) kiosks were constructed. Ten (10) kiosks are 12 by 12 feet in dimension, while six (6) kiosks are 10 by 10 feet.

The kiosks are outfitted with a sink and faucet, lighting, a duplex outlet and a countertop for vending purposes. Although not installed yet, each kiosk will have shutters to enclose the kiosks to protect against vandalism and provide adequate security.

All kiosks are equipped with a sink for sanitary purposes. They are also fitted with lighting and power supply to facilitate vendor operations, even during the night-time.

Solar lights are also installed to provide sufficient lighting to the square and reduce the overall electricity consumption charges.

Madam Speaker, the restroom building is fitted with a total of eight (8) stalls. Five (5) stalls on the female side, with one being handicap accessible. The male side has 3 stalls with one being handicap accessible and three (3) urinals. Also, each side (male and female) has a baby changing station and a concrete trough sink for handwashing.

Madam Speaker, special attention was given to ensure that the building is resilient and secure with concrete divider walls and shutters at the closure of the entrances.

The construction of concrete box drains and the trenching and laying of drain pipes have been completed. Careful attention was given to ensure that the Market Square has adequate drainage to ensure the area remains a viable site for business operation during heavy rain events.



Hon. Kye M. Rymer

Madam Speaker, you may have been inconvenienced by the works to install the drain crossing that is intended to discharge the storm water collected in the Market Square into the existing public drainage system. Additionally, we have altered the design to include a soft landscaping with grass, shrubs, and trees to allow for better drainage during inclement events.

The road and walkways are complete. The concrete road will serve as a service road to allow vendors to drop off and pick up supplies. The road will also service the adjoining buildings in the Market Square site. The concrete walkways serve as the central pathways for access to the kiosks, bandstand, restrooms and bus shelter by identifying a defined pathway for patrons to enjoy the overall ambience of the Market Square. The landscaping will complete the entire upgrade, with the installation of grass areas, palm trees and small shrubs.

The final building to be constructed is the bus shelter that will be the main hub for the collection of passengers. This will alleviate the dangerous practice of bus operators collecting passengers at the beginning of the Sir Walter Francis dual carriageway. The bus shelter is expected to be 36 feet in length and is estimated to accommodate over thirty persons to ensure that there is a safe sheltered area for passengers.

In preparation for opening the facility, we have offered, first rights of refusal to the original vendors of the old Market Square who were temporarily displaced during construction.

Madam Speaker, I take this opportunity to invite applicants to apply for one of the sixteen kiosks. We are currently offering the 10 by 10 Kiosks at a rate of \$300.00 and the 12 by 12 Kiosks at a rate of \$450.00 monthly.

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Vi Government Moves To Secure Tourism Product

Monday, 30 January – Minister for Natural Resources and Labour Honourable Melvin M. Turnbull has said that the Government of the Virgin Islands is creating opportunities to help secure the Territory’s tourism product for generations to come.

Honourable Turnbull in his statement in the Second Sitting of the Fifth Session of the Fourth House of Assembly said the recent signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Government of the Virgin Islands and Southampton University’s Southampton Marine and Maritime Institute (SMMI) and Public Policy will also secure the overall quality of life, and the success of the blue economy.

Minister Turnbull stated, “We cannot speak about the economy of the VI or even our reputation, without acknowledging the importance of our natural resources being preserved and further developed. This partnership therefore creates opportunities to help secure the VI tourism product, our overall quality of life, and the success of the blue economy, for generations to come.”

Honourable Turnbull said Southampton University ranks among the top 100 universities in the world, and is among the top 1 percent of all the world’s educational institutions. “Their Marine and Maritime Institute is the largest entity of its kind in the world, with expertise in everything from naval architecture to the social sciences,” he added.

The Territory’s environmental units and educational institutions are expected to benefit in several ways from the Memorandum of Understanding over the next five years and possibly years to follow. These include:

The exchange of scientific, academic, and technical information and materials of mutual interest, to also include organisation and participation in joint activities such as seminars and conferences.

Mutual visits of faculty and school members to pursue research and innovation opportunities.

The opportunity to join in research and development in disciplines of mutual interest.

Development of joint research funding applications on areas of mutual interest; and

Identification of opportunities for commercialisation of technology.

Honourable Turnbull also mentioned the recently approved Blue Economy Roadmap and what the MoU means for the Territory. He said, “This MoU with the University of Southampton is actually an investment in this Territory that is far reaching. We are a small island developing state, with the opportunity to develop existing ocean-based sectors such as fisheries and tourism, as well as create new sectors, but are now much more empowered to do so while still ensuring our ocean’s sustainable use.”

A full transcript of Honourable Turnbull’s statement can be viewed on the Government of the Virgin Island’s website at www.bvi.gov.vg.

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In addition, Madam Speaker, as this Market square is in the Territory’s capital, it is important that the Virgin Islands be represented in whole, as a result we have dedicated a Kiosk specifically for our brothers and sisters from the outer islands to add to the creative product in our Territory’s Capital Market Square.

The kiosk will be available for persons coming from the sister islands, to be able to have a space and would be able to offer their produce or their product in the Market Square.

Madam Speaker, we consider this project to be substantially completed and ready for occupancy, so today, I want to announce to this Honourable House, that the opening of the facility is scheduled for 13th February, 2023.

The new facility will be initially

managed and operated by the Wickham’s Cay Development Authority, however we will be inviting tenders for a Management contract to oversee the Road Town Market Square.

It is anticipated that the Market Square will not be considered as just a market only but as a general attraction for patrons to enjoy a leisurely time strolling through and patronising a diverse selection of vendors providing various goods and products.

Madam Speaker, applications can be collected from the Wickham’s Cay Development Office on Main Street. This historical Market Square redevelopment will enhance the town’s overall appeal, aesthetics and general outlook to the benefit of residents and visitors alike.

Madam Speaker I thank you.



CLARENCE THOMAS LTD HOME CENTER VACANY 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

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| 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 re-calibrate 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. |
| Closing Date: | February 15, 2023 |
| How to Apply: | <p>Please address Applications to: 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</p> |



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

EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAMME

STATEMENT BY HONOURABLE SHARIE B. DE CASTRO
MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
SECOND SITTING OF THE FIFTH SESSION OF THE FOURTH
HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
THURSDAY, 26TH JANUARY, 2023



Madam Speaker, I thank you for the opportunity to inform this Honourable House and this Community about the Effective Leadership Training Programme which commenced on January 18th through a partnership between the Ministry of Education, Youth Affairs and Sports and The Institute of Education at H. Lavity Stoutt Community College.

Madam Speaker, four newly appointed principals and assistant principals and thirty aspiring principals comprise the cohort of educators who will be trained as part of this initiative. The position of the Ministry of Education is that effective school leadership is necessary for school success, teacher retention and student achievement. World-wide, regional and local data corroborates that thriving schools are led by visionary, transformational leaders who are innovative and driven to ensure that their students are exposed to engaging and effective learning opportunities. Against this backdrop, we have partnered with the Institute to develop a robust training programme intended to strengthen the leadership capacity of present and future school leaders and by extension strengthen this Territory's schools.

Madam Speaker, the programme is comprised of face-to-face sessions on topics such as Instructional Leadership, Emotional Intelligence, Leading Change and Innovation, Managing Human Resources and Leading Special Education, among others. Madame Speaker, modules such as Instructional Leadership will offer insight into the importance of monitoring classroom practice, identifying effective practice and supporting teachers to become experts in the classroom. Leadership requires Emotional Intelligence and this module provides insight into how leaders should expertly handle the varying personalities that undoubtedly comprise any organization. The Ministry has secured several local experts in the field of educational leadership to facilitate these three-hour sessions.

In addition, Madame speaker, the participants will be tasked with developing an e-portfolio to chronicle their growth and development as they move through the programme. They are also required to collaborate with other leaders at their school site to develop initiatives and programmes to address some of our school's most pressing needs. The Ministry looks forward with anticipation to the increased leadership capacity that will result from this leadership training.

Madam Speaker, this school year the Ministry implemented mandatory professional development of 20 hours per teacher each school year. The Effective Leadership Training Programme is yet another avenue to fulfill that professional development requirement and to support teaching and learning in the Virgin Islands. I thank the team at the Ministry of Education and the Institute of Education at HLSCC for their continued commitment and I look forward to continued collaboration with the Institute and its affiliate universities to continue the Ministry's mandate of increasing opportunities for training and development of educators in the Virgin Islands.

Thank you Madam Speaker.

APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR VI ASIA STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMME

The Ministry of Education in partnership with the VI Hong Kong Office have announced the opening of the 2023 to 2024 Asia Abroad Scholarship Programme.

The programme provides financial support to eligible Virgin Islanders to pursue Bachelors, Masters, Doctoral, and language programmes at world class universities in Hong Kong, Macau, Singapore, and Taiwan.

The Asia scholarship programme supplements the existing 30-year relationship between the Virgin Island's Financial Services Sector and the Asia-Pacific, and presents Virgin Islanders with opportunities to familiarise themselves with the region through a wide range of academic, professional, and cultural experiences. The scholarships are based on a three-way funding model between partnering Asian universities, the VI Government, and the private sector.

Students undertake studies in Computer Science, Information Technology, Engineering, Environmental & Sustainable Development, Education, Media Studies, Tourism, Hospitality, Nursing, Public Health, Public

Administration, Public Policy, Chinese Language (Mandarin), and other available subjects of necessity to the Territory's economy.

Awardees are also eligible for a combination of tuition, housing, return flight tickets, and a living allowance based on eligibility, course of study, and availability of funds. To apply, prospective students will need to email a letter of interest including their name, age, employment, student status, and study area to studyinasia@bvihongkongoffice.com.hk.

Fully complete online university applications to two (2) of our participating universities at www.bvihongkongoffice.com.hk/en/education-asia-studyabroad-scholarship-programme.

Applications close Monday, February 15 at 11:59 p.m.

The BVI Hong Kong Office is the Government of the Virgin Island's office tasked with representing the broad interests of the Territory in the Asia-Pacific Region.

Strategically located in the centre of East & South East Asia, the Hong Kong Office was launched in September 2013 initially to facilitate the greater expansion of the VI's Financial Services Industry into China, East Asia, and South East Asia markets.

Over the course of a decade, the role of the office has evolved to facilitate VI's interests in the areas of

education & cultural exchange, environment, finance, foreign direct investment, international development cooperation,

provincial & city level partnerships, and tourism across the region.



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Applications are available at the Wickham's Cay Development Authority (WCDA) on Main Street across from the Prison Museum. Applicants may also request applications and submit by email, at tempwcd@gmail.com. For more information contact 1(284) 494-3172.

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GLOBAL NEWS BRIEF

STORIES SELECTED BY GIORGIO MIGLIAVACCA

COLORADO - The Colorado baker who won a partial US Supreme Court victory after refusing to make a gay couple's wedding cake because of his Christian faith lost an appeal Thursday in his latest legal fight, involving his rejection of a request for a birthday cake celebrating a gender transition.

The Colorado Court of Appeals ruled that the cake Autumn Scardina requested from Jack Phillips and Masterpiece Cakeshop, which was to be pink with blue frosting, is not a form of speech.

It also found that the state law that makes it illegal to refuse to provide services to people based on protected characteristics like race, religion or sexual orientation does not violate business owners' right to practice or express their religion.

Relying on the findings of a Denver judge in a 2021 trial in the dispute, the appeals court said Phillips' shop initially agreed to make the cake but then refused after Scardina explained that she was going to use it to celebrate her transition from male to female. [El Pais]

MEMPHIS - The young Black man died in Memphis, three days after being beaten by five police officers - all of them African-American - with the violent arrest being caught on video. The ambulance took 22 minutes to arrive on the scene.

A protest - "I didn't do anything!" - a plea - "I'm just trying to get home" - and an anguished cry for help to his mother - resounded across the United States on Friday night, after a shocking video was released showing five police officers beating a young Black man to death. The victim - Tyre Nichols, 29 - died in hospital three days later, from the injuries resulting from his violent arrest.

After nearly a week of refusing to release the tape, the municipal authorities in Memphis, Tennessee finally released the recording. It has since captured national attention, once again placing the spotlight on police brutality in the United States. [El Pais]

LONDON - Sunak said Conservative Party chair Nadhim Zahawi breached ministerial code. Zahawi is accused of omitting information about his tax affairs while he was in charge of the UK Treasury last year.

UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak fired Conservative Party chairman Nadhim Zahawi from his government on Sunday, amid a scandal over Zahawi's tax affairs.

Zahawi engaged in 'serious breach' of ministerial rules

Zahawi was sacked from his position in the cabinet as a minister without portfolio. In a letter to Zahawi posted on social media,

Sunak said a probe into Zahawi's tax affairs revealed a "serious breach" of ministerial code.

"As a result, I have informed you of my decision to remove you from your position in His Majesty Government," Sunak said. [Deutsche Welle]

ROME - A fresco from Pompeii is among 60 archaeological finds that have been returned from the United States where they had been sold by international art traffickers, Italy's crack art cops said Monday.

The works, worth over \$20 million, have returned to Italy thanks to the collaboration between the Carabinieri for the Protection of Cultural Heritage (TPC), Italy's world-famous art cops, and the New York County District Attorney's Office (DAO).

Among the recovered artifacts is a Pompeian fresco from clandestine excavations in the Vesuvian area, showing the Baby Hercules with Snake, dating back to the 1st century AD. [ANSA]

POLAND - According to the Deputy Defense Minister, a possible attack on Poland by the Russian army is unlikely, but not out of the question.

"We, today, are doing everything so that armed aggression against Poland and against NATO does not happen," Wojciech Skurkiewicz said, when asked on private broadcaster Radio Plus whether the threat of an attack on Poland has increased in less than a year since Russia's invasion of Ukraine began.

"First of all, please be aware that we are a member of the North Atlantic Alliance. Any attack

targeting Polish territory is an attack targeting the North Atlantic Alliance, NATO. We are committed to the Washington Treaty and all issues related to the Washington Treaty. Article 5, collective defense, is related to the defense and protection of Poland," he added.

"Please remember that also the Washington Treaty says this, that each member state should provide for its own security, so the issue of deterrence is crucial. If we arm ourselves, if we have a strong army, if we have a well-equipped military, if we have a military that is dislocated close to a potential line of attack, then of course we constitute a force that is capable of repelling any attack," he argued. [Warsaw Voice]

BERMUDA - A cruise ship was forced to cancel a trip to Bermuda last week owing to severe weather in New York.

According to the website Cruise Hive, the Norwegian Gem was supposed to head for the island, the first destination on her itinerary, on Wednesday afternoon, but gale-force winds forced her to stay in New York overnight and instead leave yesterday morning.

Because of the delay, the ship skipped Bermuda and will instead spend three more hours in her next destination, St Thomas in the US Virgin Islands. [Royal Gazette]

CAYMAN ISLANDS - Starting 2 Feb., the UK government will be increasing passport fees for all applications, the UK Home Office has announced.

The fee increase is also extended to those in the Cayman Islands applying for a UK passport, Deputy Governor Franz Manderson confirmed on Friday.

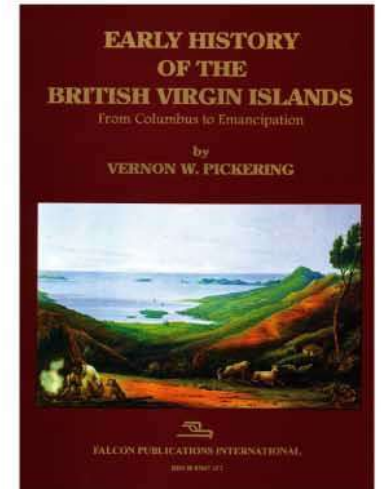
The UK Home Office, in a statement this week, announced the fee changes, saying it is the first time in five years that the cost of applying for a passport has increased. [Cayman Compass]

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC - As of this Saturday, seven people remained hospitalized for suspicion of cholera in different hospitals of Greater Santo Domingo.

This was announced to Diario Libre by Dr. Yocasta Lara, director of Hospitals of the National Health Service (SNS), after confirming that yesterday three other patients were discharged because they tested negative for the disease, of which 36 cases have been registered at the national level from October to date.

The doctor explained that they are awaiting the results of the tests performed on those hospitalized

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to confirm or rule out the disease and recalled that stool cultures take three days to conclude.

Of the seven patients, five are at the Dr. Felix Maria Goico Hospital in the National District, one at the Dr. Rodolfo De La Cruz Lora Hospital in Pedro Brand, and one at the Dr. Hugo Mendoza Pediatric Hospital in Santo Domingo East.

Yocasta Lara said that the balance of patients admitted for suspicion of the disease is done every day at 8:00 a.m., so she cannot say if more people have been revealed this Saturday.

Since October 2022, 8,700 cholera tests have been applied in the country. However, so far, the health authorities have not provided information on the post-mortem tests used on five residents of the Villa Liberation sector, Santo Domingo East, who, according to their relatives, died of symptoms associated with cholera.

It is recalled that the authorities began to apply the Euvichol-Plus cholera vaccine to people from one to 60 years of age, residents of vulnerable areas where cases have already been detected. [Dominican Today]

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INTRODUCTORY NIGHT CLASS OF 2023 OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS SCHOOL OF TECHNICAL STUDIES

(Picture with Education Minister on Page 1)

On Saturday 28 January the Class of 2023 of the Virgin Islands School of Technical Studies held their Introductory Night at the Marias By the Sea restaurant in Road Town. As part of the night of vocational celebrations members of the

class displayed their talents and took the opportunity to thank their parents, family members, principals, teachers, counselor and other support persons and friends for the impact and contributions to their life journey thus far.





Ladyburd Talks

Dear Readers: Unique and Romantic Valentine's Day Ideas for Everyone (Part 1 of 2)

While Valentine's Day isn't everyone's cup of tea, there are many ways to celebrate the Day whether you're part of a couple, hanging out with friends, or flying solo. The trick is just to celebrate the Day in your own way.

To help you have a memorable February 14—whether you want to practice self-love or show your partner how much you care—we turned to relationship experts Sean Davis and Brenda Wade for ideas. The activities seriously run the gamut, including all-out pampering, charitable endeavors, cultural events, and laid-back things you can do with someone special, a friend, or on your own.

Turn Your Bathroom Into a Spa

Wade suggests creating a romantic, relaxing environment in the privacy of your own home. This is a great solo activity, too. "Turn your bathroom into a spa with candles, music, and your favorite, refreshing adult beverage on ice," Wade says. To make the date even more special, gift your loved one (or yourself!) a luxury robe, a new pair of slippers, or some gourmet chocolates to eat after a soak in the tub.

Take Breakfast in Bed

This luxury shouldn't just be reserved for hotel stays. Wake up an hour early, whip up something special like a childhood favorite or a twist on your most indulgent brunch order, and settle in for some undivided together time before you head off to work.

Hire an In-Home Massage Therapist

You'll enjoy a shared experience of relaxation and tranquility while letting any stress melt away—emerging refreshed and renewed with new energy to bring into your relationship.

Source: <https://www.brides.com/things-to-do-on-valentines-day-4788071>



Ladyburd's Mail Box

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Dear Ladyburd: I am asking for your advice, in this matter concerning my older daughters, they still feel and act as if I am to still treating them as babies, they are ages 22 years and 18 years old, they want me to clean, wash, cook, pay bills etc for them. Both of them are working, what do you think I should do?...**Miriam**

Ladyburd: **Dear Miriam:** I believe you should have a conversation with your daughters and explain to them what you are expecting of them and decide amongst yourselves, what each of them can contribute to. I would not pressure them to contribute more than they can afford, but surely, they should contribute, that will teach them responsibilities, also, everyone being adult, should pick up and clean up after themselves, without any issues, because that is only fair. I can not understand why they would think they could create messes and you are to clean up after them that's not logical.

This is the time when you and your daughters should bond together and work all these issues out.



Light Bulb Moments

"The Difference between Ordinary and Extraordinary is that Little Extra push"

"If it is important to you, you will find a Way. If not, you will find an Excuse."

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

<https://kiiky.com/45-powerful-motivational-quotes-students/?gclid>

Poetry Corner

Success

The road to success is not straight.

There is a curve called Failure,

A loop called Confusion, Speed bumps called Friends,

Red lights called Enemies, and

Caution lights called Family.

But if you have a spare called Determination,

An engine called Perseverance,

Insurance called Faith, and

A driver called Jesus,

You will make it to a place called Success!!

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Source: <https://www.familyfriendpoems.com/poem/what-it-takes-to-succeed>

Tickle My Funny Bones

By Delseita



New Date

Woman says, "Oh John! I am so sorry... I really want to be married before I sleep with someone."

John nods calmly, "I totally understand that, Margaret. Just call me when you're married."

Customer Feedback

A student at a management school came up to a pretty girl and hugged her without any warning.

The surprised girl said, "What was that?"

The guy smiled at her, "Direct marketing!"

The girl slapped him soundly.

"What was that?!" said the boy, holding his cheek.

"Customer feedback."

PUN INTENDED

"What's the difference between roast beef and pea soup?"

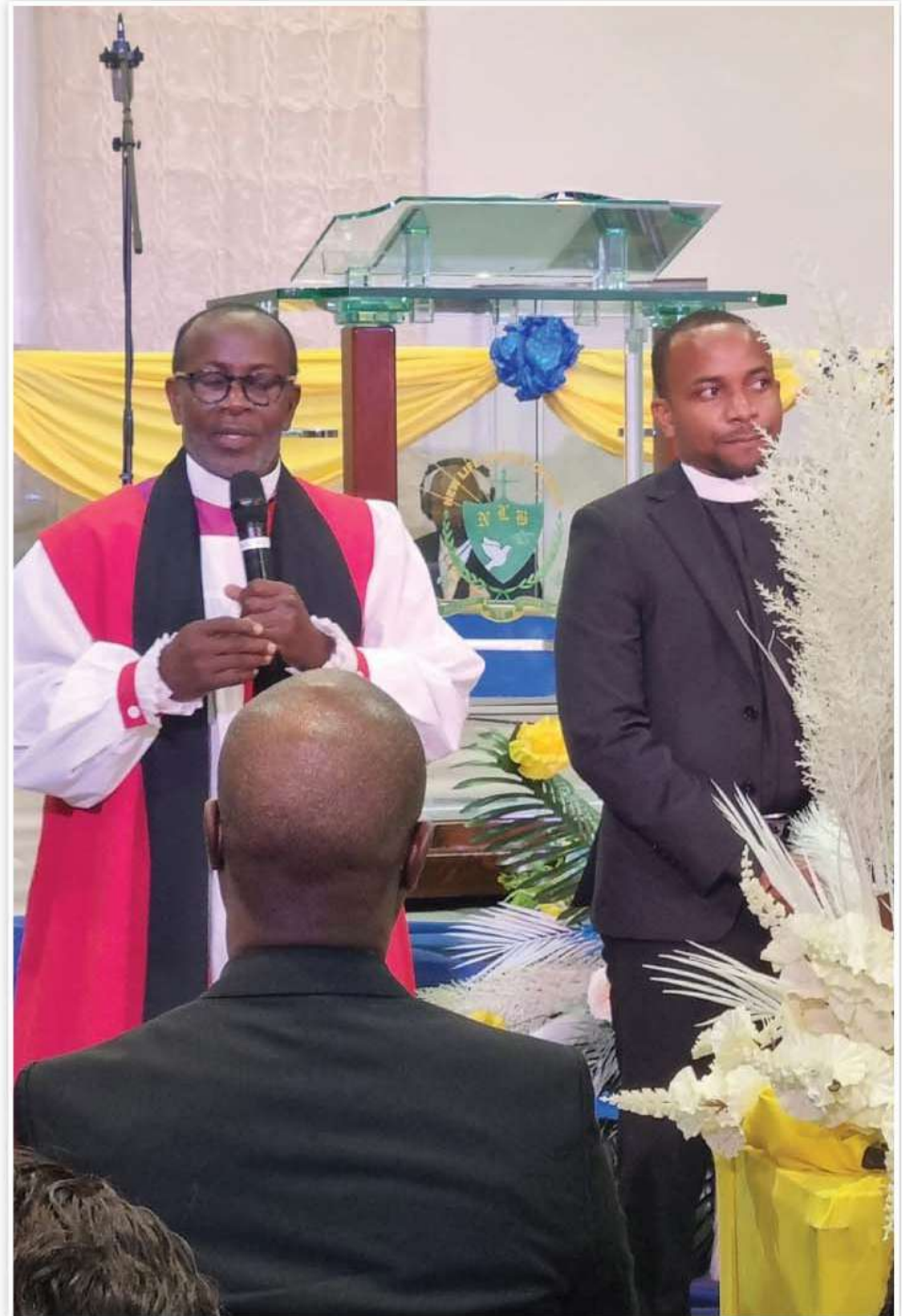
Anyone can roast beef but nobody can pee soup!"

<https://roysutton.co.uk/laugh-out-loud/>

NEW LIFE BAPTIST CHURCH BISHOP JOHN CLINE PASSED THE BATON

After 30 years of leadership and service to the New Life Baptist Church Bishop John Cline passed the baton and the helm of one of the BVI's largest congregations to his son Pastor Jovan Cline.

The transition took place on 29 January during a very moving and well-attended service at the New Life Baptist Church in Duffs Bottom.





Easy, Elegant Meal on a Budget

At Divas on a Dime, I'm always on the lookout for exceptional recipes that use inexpensive ingredients. So, how do you serve a salmon entree to four people for under \$10? The answer is simple: make Easy Salmon Souffle.

Souffle is a tastefully classy brunch, lunch, dinner or late supper. Fluffy, moist eggs rising heavenward past the rim of the baking dish, blended with canned salmon and a touch of dill. This is cheap eats at its absolute finest. The closest eggs can get to being Queen for a Day.

Souffles have a reputation for being difficult, but that's undeserved. If you follow instructions, it works every time. If you can whip egg whites and make a white sauce, you can totally make souffle.

It's important to have everything gathered, measured and ready before you begin. Before you beat the egg whites, make sure your bowl and beaters are impeccably clean with no traces of oil or yolk. Either will prevent the whites from forming bubbles and attaining full volume.



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This salmon souffle makes a classy and affordable brunch.

EASY SALMON SOUFFLE'

Yield: 2 to 4 servings

Total Time: 60 minutes

- 1 (14.75 ounce) can salmon
- 3 tablespoons + 1 teaspoon butter
- 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
- 4 eggs, separated, at room temperature
- 1 tablespoon green onion, thinly sliced
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 1 cup milk
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 teaspoon dried dill

Begin by flaking the salmon, removing any bones and dark skin, then set aside.

Butter a round souffle or baking dish (7 1/2 to 8 inches in diameter and 3 inches deep) with 1 teaspoon butter. Sprinkle with grated Parmesan cheese. Set aside. Separate your room temperature eggs, being certain the whites have absolutely no yolk in them.

Place oven rack in the bottom third of the oven; preheat oven to 400 F.

In a medium saucepan, over medium-low heat, melt remaining butter. Add the onion and saute until softened. Whisk in flour and cook for 2 minutes. Whisk constantly as you add milk, salt, pepper and dill. Switch to a wooden spoon, stir and simmer until very thick. Remove from heat, add the salmon, and let cool a few minutes. Add the yolks, one at a time, combine and set aside. This is your base.

With a stand or hand mixer, beat egg whites until they form stiff peaks. Using a spatula, fold one-third of your whites into the base to lighten the mixture. Gently fold the rest of the whites into the base until just combined. Don't over mix, or you'll deflate your souffle.

Pour into the prepared baking dish. Place souffle in the oven and turn the temperature down to 375 F.

Bake for 35-40 minutes or until golden brown. Don't peek! Don't open the oven door until at least 35 minutes have passed. To test for doneness, insert a bamboo skewer or a piece of dry spaghetti into the souffle. If it comes out clean, it's done. Serve immediately. The souffle will begin to deflate in about 3 minutes, so have the camera ready.

To serve, plunge two serving spoons, back-to-back, into the center of the souffle and pull the crust apart. Divide into servings.

Suggested sides are a green salad, steamed little potatoes, sauteed asparagus and baguette. Wine pairings would be champagne or sparkling wine, chardonnay, dry rose or sauvignon blanc.

Remember this recipe for Valentine's Day to impress your sweetheart. As you bring this cloudlike perfection to the table you say: "Oh, this little ol' thing? I made this just for you because I'm a DIVA!"

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

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POLICE NEWS

PUBLIC WARNED, OF UPSURGE IN THEFT OF LICENCE PLATES URGED TO SECURE PLATES ON VEHICLES LEFT ON ROADSIDES

Wednesday, February 1 – Police are urging persons with disabled or inoperable vehicles along roadsides or in unsecured lots whether temporarily, or permanently to secure their licence plates. The Force has recorded an upsurge in theft of not one but both licence plates from vehicles left at unsecured locations.

Road Town Chief Inspector Smyrna Brewley says these licence plates could easily be used on other vehicles to commit crime and evade detection from police and is advising vehicle owners to remove and secure their plates and all other easily removable items in and around the vehicle.

She is also advising persons to make a report to Police as soon as their licence plates are discovered missing.

Police are inviting persons with information on suspects stealing licence plates from vehicles to contact the **RVIPF Intelligence Unit at 368-9339**.

INVESTIGATORS SEEK WITNESSES IN FATAL ACCIDENT

Friday, January 27 – Police are asking persons who were at the scene or provided care to the victim of the fatal accident on Fort Hill to come forward and assist with the investigation.

Investigations indicate that while descending Fort Hill, a scooter rider collided with a vehicle travelling in the opposite direction on the evening of Thursday, 19 January. The rider, Vincent Huggins, 19, of Hodge's Creek, received fatal injuries and was pronounced dead upon arrival at the Dr. D. Orlando Smith Hospital.

Officers of the Road Policing Unit seek information from the persons who either witnessed the accident or rendered medical assistance at the scene. The information provided could be beneficial in this investigation.

UPDATE: MISSING MAN FOUND

Friday, January 27 – Police confirm that Jevonte Wattley, 24, was located this morning unharmed.

Police had asked the public's assistance in locating Wattley, alias J.D., of Cane Garden Bay who did not return to his home after work on Wednesday as is customary. He was last seen leaving his workplace at the RiteWay Supermarket in Pasea and was not seen since by family or friends. He also did not report to his workplace the following morning.

Head of the Criminal Investigation Department Unit Chief Inspector Israel Sergeant noted his appreciation to the public for the concern and responsiveness to this missing person's report.

ARREST BLOTTER

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DRUNK WHILE IN CHARGE OF A VEHICLE

On 01-01-23 at 2015hrs, Police arrested and charged Darrell Thomas, 39, of Major Bay for the offences of Drunk while in charge of a Vehicle, Failing to Stop at the Scene of an Accident, Driving without a Driver's License, Indecent Language and Using a Motor Vehicle When Not Covered by a Policy of Insurance. He was granted bail in the sum of \$5,000 to appear before the Magistrate's Court for 10-02-2023.

ASSAULT CAUSING ACTUAL BODILY HARM

On 04-01-23 at 1345hrs, Police arrested and charged Shakeme Hackshaw, 27, of The Settlement Anegada for the offence of Assault Causing Actual Bodily Harm. He was granted in the sum of \$5,000 with one sign surety to appear before Magistrate's Court on 20-02-2023.

WOUNDING

On 11-01-23 at 0935hrs, Police arrested and charged Shakoi White of Anegada for Wounding and Armed with an Offensive Weapon. He was granted bailed in the sum of \$5,000 with one surety to appear before Magistrate's Court on 20-02-2023.

INFLECTING GREIVIOUS BODILY HARM

On 06-01-23, Police arrested and charged Marshall Senhouse, 27, of Brandywine Bay for Inflicting Grievous Bodily Harm and Armed with an Offensive Weapon. He appeared before Magistrate's Court and was remanded.

RECKLESS DRIVING

On 18-01-23 at 1325hrs, Police arrested and charged Germaine Stevens, 48, of Parham Town for Reckless Driving. He was granted bailed in the sum of \$500 to appear before Magistrate's Court on 03-03-2023.

RAPE

On 20-01-23, Police arrested and charged Gabriel "Junior" James, 44, of Purcell Estate with four counts of Rape, one count of Assault Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm and one count of Threats to Kill. He appeared before the Magistrate's Court and granted bail in the sum of \$80,000 for his later appearance.



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POPE: CRITICS HELP US GROW, BUT I WANT THEM TO SAY IT TO MY FACE

Associated Press interviews Pope Francis
By Salvatore Cernuzio

Pope Francis has addressed a wide variety of topics - from the death of Benedict XVI, criticism of Francis' papacy, homosexuality, relations with China, the case of Father Rupnik, and even his "good" health despite his age - in an interview released today by the Associated Press, an American news agency. It is the pontiff's first interview since the death, on 31 December 2022, of his predecessor Joseph Ratzinger, whose character Pope Francis outlines in his interview with correspondent Nicole Winfield, which took place on Tuesday at Casa Santa Marta.

WHEN FACED WITH DOUBT, I WOULD GO TO BENEDICT XVI

The Pope described Benedict XVI as "a gentleman" and said that with his death "I lost a father": "For me, he was a security. When faced with doubt, I would call for the car, go to the monastery and ask [him about it]." Asked once again about the possibility of resignation, the Pope said that if he ever renounced the Petrine ministry, he would use the title "bishop emeritus of Rome" and live in the Casa del Clero (a residence for clergy) in Rome." "Benedict's experience," he added, already gives future popes greater freedom to choose to resign.

Pope Francis explained that his predecessor was still bound to a certain conception of the papacy: "In this, he was not completely free, because he might have wanted to return to his own land of Germany and continue studying theology from there. But he did everything he could to be as close as possible. And that was a good compromise, a good solution."

CRITICISM HELPS TO GROW

Pope Francis also reflected on his own pontificate, which will reach the ten-year mark on 13 March. At first, he recalled, the news of a South American pope was greeted with surprise by many inside and outside the Church; later, he said, "they began to see my flaws and they didn't like them."

Concerning criticism he has received recently, through books or documents circulated among cardinals under pseudonyms, Pope Francis said that for him, as for everybody, it is better not to be criticized, for the sake of his "peace of mind." But although criticisms are "like a rash, they are a bit annoying," the Pope said, "I prefer them, because it means there is freedom of speech." What is important, he said, is that criticisms should be made "to our faces because that's how we all grow." Criticism is worse, the Pope said, when it is "underhanded."

The Pope noted that he had spoken with some of his critics. "Some of them have come here and yes, I have discussed things - normally, as one speaks among mature people. I did not argue with anyone, but I expressed my opinion and they expressed theirs. Otherwise, you create a dictatorship of distance, as I call it, where the emperor is there and nobody can say anything to him. No, let them say because the companionship, the criticism, helps us to grow and make things go well."

DISTINGUISHING BETWEEN SIN AND CRIME

In the interview, Pope Francis was then asked about the issue of homosexuality. Being homosexual, he said, "is not a crime" but is a part of the "human condition." With regard to the rights of people who identify as LGBT, the Pope said, "We are all children of God, and God wants us as we are and with the strength that each of us fights for our dignity."

Then, as he often does in his preaching or interviews, the Pope imagined a dialogue between two people. Someone might say that homosexuality "is a sin." In response, the Pope clarified, "First we distinguish between sin and crime," adding, "It is also a sin to lack charity toward one another."

This was an opportunity for the Pope to address a criticism of laws that criminalize homosexuality, which he described as "unjust." "I think there are more than 50 countries that have legal condemnation and of these, I think about 10, a little bit more or less, have the death penalty [for homosexuality]. They don't mention it directly, but they say "those who

have unnatural attitudes."

He also called on bishops who discriminate against persons with homosexual attractions and "LGBT" communities to take a different approach. In this area, the Pontiff recalls the Catechism of the Catholic Church which affirms "that people with homosexual tendencies must be welcomed, not marginalized..."

No one should be discriminated against, the Pope insisted, adding that this is not just a question of homosexuality. "Even the worst murderer, the worst sinner should not be discriminated against. Every man and woman should have a window in their life to which they can turn their hopes and where they can see the dignity of God."

SURPRISED AND HURT BY THE CASE OF FR RUPNIK

At a certain point, the interview turned to the issue of sexual abuse by members of the clergy and other people associated with the Church. Pope Francis was asked about the case of Jesuit Father Marko Rupnik, a famous artist who has been accused of sexual and psychological abuse, and abuse of conscience, by a number of nuns. The abuse is alleged to have taken place some thirty years ago.

"For me it was a surprise, really," Pope Francis said. "This, a person, an artist of this level, for me it was a big surprise and a wound." The Pope insisted that he did not play a role in the management of the case but intervened only procedurally "in a small process that reached the Congregation of the Faith in the past." Specifically, he explained that he gave indications so that a second set of charges would be dealt with by the same tribunal that had screened the first. Pope Francis then gave a glimpse of his reasoning: "Let it continue with the normal tribunal... Otherwise the procedural paths get divided and everything gets confused."

Asked why he did not waive the statute of limitations in Rupnik's case, Pope Francis affirmed that it is "always" right to waive the statute of limitations "always" in cases involving minors and "vulnerable adults," but that it is important to maintain traditional legal safeguards with cases involving other adults, as was the case with Fr. Rupnik.

CONTINUED DIALOGUE WITH CHINA "ESSENTIAL"

The Pope went on to discuss several other issues, including the diplomatic work carried out by the Holy See. In this regard, he spoke directly on the issue of relations with China, stating once again, "We have to walk patiently." Regarding possible openings, Pope Francis said, "We are taking steps," while noting that Chinese authorities "are sometimes a bit closed, sometimes not." He repeated once again, "The essential thing is that dialogue not be interrupted."

Turning to the German "Synodal Path," which has made demands such as opening the priesthood to women and the abolition of priestly celibacy, Pope Francis warned of the risk of the process becoming damagingly "ideological." Dialogue itself is good, he said, while affirming that "the German experience does not help." The Pope noted that, so far, the process in Germany has been led by an "elite" while not involving "the whole people of God." He said, "The danger is that something very, very ideological comes in. When ideology gets involved in church processes, the Holy Spirit goes home, because ideology overcomes the Holy Spirit."

Pope Francis also commented on Chinese Cardinal Joseph Zen, who he described as "fascinating." The Holy Father received Cardinal Zen recently, on January 6, at the Vatican. Cardinal Zen, the Pope noted, is now doing pastoral work in prison - "and he is in prison all day. He is friends with the communist guards and the prisoners. Everyone welcomes him. He is a man of great sympathy." Cardinal Zen "is brave," but also "a tender soul" the Pope said, recalling that the Cardinal "wept like a child" in front of the statue of Our Lady of Sheshan that he saw in the papal apartments in Casa Santa Marta.



celebrity extra

by Dana Jackson

Q. I read somewhere that “The Good Doctor” is going to have a spin-off series. I hope this doesn’t mean that this series is ending anytime soon. Who will be in the spin-off? —A.P.

A. “The Good Doctor,” which stars Freddie Highmore as a young autistic surgeon, is currently in its sixth season on ABC. It’s based on a series out of South Korea with the same title. Actor Daniel Dae Kim (“Lost,” “Hawaii Five-O”) bought the rights to the series and sold it to ABC here in the U.S. The show has been a hit for ABC, so I don’t see it going anywhere, unless Highmore and/or the show’s creators decide not to continue.

“The Good Lawyer,” the upcoming spin-off series, will premiere on March 6 on ABC. It stars Felicity Huffman (“Desperate Housewives”), Kennedy McMann (“Nancy Drew”) and Bethlehem Million (“Sick”). According to TVLine.com, Highmore’s character will appear in the first episode, as he “seeks legal representation to help him win a case and puts his faith in a promising young lawyer [played by McMann] who has obsessive compulsive disorder.”

Some wondered if Huffman’s acting career would ever recover after her involvement in the college admissions scandal, resulting in her serving a short jail sentence in 2019. That appears to be behind her, as it looks like she’ll soon be adding another hit show to her resume.

Q. I thought “Criminal Minds” was returning, but I can’t find it anywhere in my channel guide. Is it not coming out for another year? —L.J.

A. In 2020, after 15 seasons, the violent crime procedural ended its run on CBS in what was assumed to be its series finale. Two years later, it was announced that a reboot was in the works for CBS’s subscription streaming service, Paramount+. Returning cast members include Joe Mantegna, Paget Brewster and Aisha Tyler, but fan-favorite Mathew Gray Gubler as Dr. Spencer Reid was absent due to a scheduling conflict.

The show now has a new title, “Criminal Minds: Evolutions,” and is one of



Felicity Huffman (“Desperate Housewives”)

Paramount+’s top streamed programs. It’s also been given the green light for a second season.

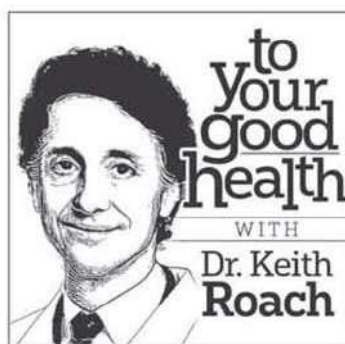
Q. How is Michael J. Fox doing lately, and how many years has it been since he was first diagnosed with Parkinson’s disease? —B.B.

A. In a new documentary for AppleTV+, Michael J. Fox discusses with filmmaker Davis Guggenheim that he first noticed symptoms in 1991 but kept his diagnosis hidden until 1998. Two of the biggest roles of his career came his way by luck, even though he was blessed with talent. First, when Matthew Broderick backed out of the sitcom “Family Ties,” Fox was cast as Alex P. Keaton, the role that ended up launching his career. Then, when Meredith Baxter-Birney, who played his onscreen mom, went on maternity leave, Fox was able to play Marty McFly in the blockbuster film “Back to the Future.”

His last major acting role was a two-episode guest appearance in “The Good Fight” as the character he portrayed for a recurring basis on “The Good Wife.”

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

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Case of Hot Flashes Yet to Be Resolved Despite Therapy

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am 78; I had a hysterectomy in 1976 due to excessive vaginal bleeding, but I still have my ovaries. I have had hot flashes since undergoing menopause — they usually last three to five minutes, and I have them about every two hours around the clock (which obviously interferes with my sleep).

Over the last 28 years, I have tried Premarin (which gave me bad headaches), gabapentin, venlafaxine, Bellerag, melatonin, black cohosh, clonidine, DHEA, Pro-Gest cream (chamomile, hops and valerian root), progesterone and estrogen (together), avoiding caffeine, and eliminating dairy products. None of these has helped.

I would appreciate it if you could offer any suggestions. —L.E.

ANSWER: I’m sorry to hear of your difficulties. You have certainly tried about all the available therapies.

There are two additional ones you might want to consider: Megestrol is a hormonal therapy that is helpful for some women, but the fact that you haven’t responded to estrogens and progestins is not promising. The other is called a stellate ganglion block. You can ask your physician about it.

DEAR DR. ROACH: After a patient has had megadoses of IV and oral antibiotics, is there anything they should do to restore the balance in their body, such as eating probiotics or yogurt? Or is that all nonsense? —N.W.

ANSWER: The idea makes perfect sense: Antibiotics not only kill the bad bacteria that is infecting us, they also kill many of the healthy bacteria that help us with digestion and other functions. (The whole suite of healthy bacteria living in

our gut is termed the “microbiome.”) Why not help the gut return to normal by giving it some healthy bacteria, such as those found in yogurt with live cultures, or specific probiotics, which are just the healthy bacteria?

The answer is that it has been very hard to prove that there is any benefit in doing so. In people with no symptoms after finishing an antibiotic course, there probably aren’t any benefits.

At least one study showed what researchers called a “very severe disturbance” in the person’s microbiome and actually slowed the return to a person’s normal microbiome, which they had prior to antibiotics. Worse still, very rarely, infections have been transmitted through probiotics.

Symptoms after antibiotic therapy, especially diarrhea and fever, could indicate a very severe infection called Clostridioides difficile (“C. diff”), which does not respond to probiotics and usually needs powerful antibiotics to treat. Probiotics have not been found to prevent C. diff.

DEAR DR. ROACH: Why are older patients always asked, “Have you ever fallen?” It is annoying, and I wish you would stop asking. —L.M.B.

ANSWER: Falls in older adults are a major cause of disability. Falls can lead to fractures, and fractures lead to poor movement, sometimes to a progressive decline.

A history of a fall is a major risk for future falls, so any person with a history of indoor falls should undergo a comprehensive evaluation as to why they fell and see what can be done to prevent future falls. This includes, of course, managing any chronic illness, but also correcting vision as much as possible; evaluating the home for risks such as poor lighting and area rugs; and evaluating gait and balance, with a referral to a physical therapist for exercises to improve these, and for assistive devices if necessary.

Falls may also be the first indication of a significant medical or neurological condition that may benefit from treatment. I’m sorry you find it annoying, but it’s an important question.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual questions, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu.

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Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• It was 20th-century American poet, physician, educator, researcher and essayist Lewis Thomas who made the following sage observation: “We haven’t yet learned how to stay human when assembled in masses.”

• Those who study such things say that when Jell-O is hooked up to an EEG machine, the movements registered are almost identical to those produced by the human brain.

• Historians claim that notorious pirate Blackbeard made himself fearless to enemies by tying lighted fuses into his beard.

• In a survey conducted in five major U.S. cities, men were asked to choose which activity they’d rather do: spend a romantic evening in a hotel with a sexy woman, or go to the Super Bowl. Three-quarters of respondents chose the football game.

• There were no domestic cats in North America until they arrived with voyagers from Europe.

• You’ve probably noticed that St. Pauli Girl beer has on its label the image of a buxom blond beauty. You probably aren’t aware, however, that the beer was named after the St. Pauli neighborhood of Hamburg, Germany — a notorious red-light district. So while you may think the lovely image is that of a simple serving girl, it’s not out of the question that the lady’s occupation may have been somewhat less savory.

• If you’re planning to wrap a mummy in the proper Egyptian manner, you’ll need about 500 feet of linen to finish the job.

• Parts of Australia have been undergoing an intense drought for more than a decade. The water shortage has been so severe that in 2002, the nation’s environmental minister issued a plea for those in affected areas to shower with a partner in order to conserve the scarce resource.

Thought for the Day: “The higher we soar, the smaller we appear to those who cannot fly.” —Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche



COMMENTARY

Choose Honest Governance



Dickson Igwe

January 24, 2023

The choices voters make at elections in any free democracy mothball into the social and economic outcomes of a country, all things being equal. The choices made by a country's government chart the course of that country. Choices lead to both positive and negative outcomes. Therefore, choices are critical for good governance, especially choices that are honest. Good or poor governance begins with voters recognizing the virtue honesty and leaders who can be trusted. The direct result of honest governance and good policy decisions made in the crucible of integrity is a country that is safe and prosperous. Good governance is a great legacy for future generations.

OK. A controversial notion is that honesty is a difficult choice in a culture that rewards dishonesty. There is validity in that assertion. However that the honest choice is always the best choice long term is standard opinion and undisputed. Ethical governance is good governance.

That there is dishonesty in Virgin Islands working and business culture is also undisputed. This appears to be the outcome of the growth of tourism and financial services. Economic prosperity has driven moral decline.

Now, there is a song and dance every few months on the leadership of the Virgin Islands and the choices of politicians and decision makers, one way or the other. The country possesses a lively and engaged media culture that is tumultuous, even vicious.

However, given the opportunity, voting residents go into an election and repeat the same patterns of placing people in power because these characters talk a good talk, sing a great song, and possess even greater footwork. Moreover, the party system is perfect in ensuring the country makes the same choices repeatedly, mistakes may be a better word. The party system from simple observation of the model is here to stay, a catch 22 indeed. A party system entrenches both the both the flaws and virtues of a country's politics. A Party system once established is permanent. That is a lesson of political science and history.

Then a commentator goes on the radio and a media personality drives a 'juicy' narrative. Eventually all are 'hypnotized' and repeat the person's mantras and fairytales. Voters make a choice.

Five years down the line, after an election, the people scream and shout foul! 'Give the red card for heaven's sake.' They are deceived they claim. Nevertheless, poor -better described as dishonest-choices placed the country in that place. The preceding is a very common song.

Another cliché is appropriate: 'you get the leader's you deserve. This Observer has long stopped the blame game on leaders who are the simple result of choices of voters. The reality is that the leadership of

a land is a reflection of the root, trunk, and branch. This may appear extreme. The leader and the voter share a symbiotic relationship: both joined at the hip.

However, tyrannies are tyrannies because the masses accept the rule of the tyrant, even love him; corrupt states possess populations that turn a blind eye to public theft not realizing their kids and grandkids will pay down the line; successful democracies on the other hand contain voters who refuse to tolerate low ethical standards from their

leaders.

Shortly, in just a matter of weeks, voters in the Virgin Islands will make a choice. For all the talk in the media, which is a good thing, the voter will decide.

Recent history is a great guide. The voter has a narrative of the near past to observe. Post the upcoming elections if the voter gets it wrong: there will be no one to blame. Look back ten years at least, and that is a good guide of what and who to choose for the next ten.

Ignore the soothsayers and prophets: their hold on the

public has been a disaster. Their predictions are mostly absurd. Flee the commentator with swagger and a dubious background; ignore the empty rhetoric; look for honesty in candidates. Honesty offers a better return for the voter.

Think! Vote with a logical head and a strong heart, and leave the fairytales for little children. Getting it wrong is an option, but do not lament at a poor choice, do understand that a country gets the leaders it deserves.

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2023 SAINT LUCIA JAZZ & ARTS FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES HEADLINERS STING, SHAGGY AND MORE

Feature Performances May 11-14, 2023 Showcase Pure Jazz, Kingdom Gospel, Caribbean Fusion and World Beats, with More Artists to Be Added Soon

ASTRIES, SAINT LUCIA (January 25, 2023) - Renowned as the biggest and best music event in the Caribbean for three decades, the Saint Lucia Jazz & Arts Festival returns from May 5-14, 2023 after a three-year hiatus. The 2023 Festival will include headline performances from Sting featuring Shaggy, as well as many globally recognized performers. Tickets go on sale February 15, 2023 at www.stlucia.org/jazz.

Spanning classic jazz to world beats, the 2023 Saint Lucia Jazz & Arts Festival will again attract visitors from around the world as the lineup includes international, local and Caribbean music. Genres include Afro beats, jazz, gospel, Soca, reggae, Zouk, pop and an array of cultural beats and exciting rhythms. The iconic and historic Pigeon Island National Park is the waterside backdrop for the open air performances.

"The 2023 Saint Lucia Jazz & Arts Festival promises to be the best yet, as we continue our tradition of hosting the Caribbean's premier jazz and arts event. The Festival will showcase music, the performing

arts, fine arts, creole cuisine and the effervescence of Saint Lucia's creative industries," said Minister of Tourism, Hon. Dr. Ernest Hilaire.

The Lineup

As of January 25, 2023, the musical lineup is as follows, with more details to be announced:

Friday, May 5 - Kick-Off: Caribbean genres with some of the biggest names from the region headlined by reggae superstar Shenseea and Kes the Band

May 6-9 - Entertainment & Community Jazz: Explore authentic Saint Lucian culture and people through an eclectic mix of local events

Wednesday, May 10 - Kingdom Gospel Night: A riveting, inspiring showcase of praise and worship with some of the best names in Gospel, to be announced at a later date

Thursday, May 11 - Pure Jazz: Grammy winner, pianist, and composer Gustavo Casenave and special tribute to Saint Lucia's Luther François, the godfather of Saint Lucia jazz

Friday, May 12 - Caribbean Fusion: Featuring Buju Banton, Bunji Garlin, Fay Ann Lyons

Saturday, May 13 - World Beats: Journey the globe with the best of Afro beats with Rema, Ayra Starr, CKay and Kizz Daniel



Sting and Shaggy

Sunday, May 14 - The Ultimate Celebration and Culmination on Mother's Day: The most distinctive and influential musician of the century, 17-time Grammy Award winner Sting will headline the evening with Shaggy

The arts scene in Saint Lucia is also celebrated at the Festival. Beginning May 5, there will be community-based events across the island, emphasizing the jazz and arts scenes throughout key communities.

The Arts component of the

Saint Lucia Jazz & Arts Festival will be held under the theme "Art and the City" from May 7-11. The Arts will include visual art, literary art, theater, fashion, an Icon Series, craft and souvenir markets, and a variety of events at the Derek Walcott Square, William Peter Boulevard, Constitution Park, Pointe Seraphine, and Serenity Park. From the visual arts to the theater, visitors will be immersed in the creativity and vibrancy of Saint Lucia.

Tickets and Travel Packages

Saint Lucia Tourism Authority, Ministry of Tourism and Cultural Development Foundation have collaborated to develop a Festival that will have strong appeal across the Caribbean, United States, Canada, the U.K. and the world. Signature Saint Lucia accommodations and events across the island suit all interests and budgets. The events will immerse visitors in a destination-wide experience.

Ticketing and packages will be available at www.stlucia.org/jazz.

CARICOM Statement on Haiti Violence

The Caribbean Community (CARICOM) is deeply concerned that the contrasting incidents involving the Haitian national Police indicate the severity of the challenges that the police face as well as further

breakdown in security in Haiti.

CARICOM strongly condemns the killing of police officers and expresses its condolences to the families of the officers who lost their lives in the line of duty. The anger

and dismay of the police at the gruesome killings of their colleagues, 78 killed since July 2021 and 14 to date this January, are shared by all. However, abandoning the role of the security forces to protect every

citizen and maintain public order further destabilizes the country. The protest actions by members of the police service against the Prime Minister cannot be condoned.

CARICOM urges the

members of the Haitian National Police to safeguard peace and order and refrain from actions which could only serve to foster even greater damage to the country and its people.

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India Upbeat About Economic Growth, Despite Slowdown

NEW DELHI —

India's economic growth will slow marginally this year, but the government expressed optimism Wednesday that the country's economy is performing well as it moved to create more jobs ahead of general elections next year.

Despite a global slump, India has estimated that its economy will grow at around 6.5% in 2023 compared to the 7% growth expected in the current financial year, which ends in March.

"The Indian economy is therefore on the right track, and despite a time of challenges, heading towards a bright future," Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said, presenting the country's annual budget in parliament. "After a subdued period of the pandemic, private investments are growing again."

Sitharaman said that the government will hugely ramp up capital spending by 33% to over \$122 billion. The massive boost in spending on projects such as roads and railways aim to create jobs in a country that has been struggling with high unemployment rates.

As India holds elections in nine states this year and then heads into general elections next year, Prime Minister Narendra Modi is under pressure to address joblessness.

Modi rose to power in 2014 on the promise of creating millions of jobs, but while growth in India has bounced back since the COVID-19 pandemic, critics point out that the recovery has been uneven and



vast sectors of the economy such as agriculture and small industries are still struggling with a slowdown.

But some economists said that spending on infrastructure alone would do little to boost employment. "Construction of highways and rail projects are highly automated now and the employment generation is very low," economist Arun Kumar told VOA. "Modern infrastructure is not employment intensive."

Sitharaman said the government's focus is on ensuring "inclusive" growth and announced higher spending on several projects such as providing affordable housing to the urban poor and free grain for poor people.

The government also said it would lower income tax for middle-

income earners, a measure aimed at winning the support of India's huge middle class. India, which has set a goal of going carbon neutral by 2071, also committed more than \$4 billion toward clean energy initiatives.

Some economists, who have been calling for more spending on rural welfare programs, expressed concern that the government has slashed spending on a rural jobs program that promises 100 days of work in a year to rural families and is seen as a crucial social buffer.

"Demand for this program has been going up in the last 2½ years because of reverse migration from cities to villages during the COVID-19 pandemic and it still remains high," according

to economist Santosh Mehrotra at New Delhi's Jawaharlal Nehru University. "It is surprising that the funds for this have been reduced though demand has not fallen off from those still facing distress."

The overall projections for India however remain upbeat with economists saying that if economic growth stays on track this year, it will remain the world's fastest growing major economy for a second straight year.

The International Monetary Fund said on Tuesday while giving an update on the World Economic Outlook that together, China and India will account for half of global growth this year, while the United States, and the Euro-area combined will account for 10%.

SPORTS



ATHLETICS

Collegians improve indoor marks in regional competitions'

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

New Mexico Jr. College Freshman Khybah Dawson, led the way as several of the territory's Collegiate athletes improved their respective indoor track and field performances.

Dawson chopped .33 seconds off his 21.84 season opening 200m performance, when he stopped the clock at 21.51 seconds in winning his heat at the New Mexico Open and was fourth overall, to qualify for Jr. College Nationals.

He told Island Sun Sports that in his first race having no indoor experience he was "testing out" the rack and was cautious. "This time, knowing I have the feeling of the track and how to run, I actually went out and ran but still messed up a bit coming off the second bank," he reflected. "There's still room for improvement."

He then followed up with an unlooked for 6.99 seconds time in the 60m—an event he rarely runs—did a few starts in practice but nothing for a serious attempt in the shorter distance. "I ran it because I didn't jump at this meet," he said. "My start was bad but my drive phase was okay to get me back in the to come fourth, but still a lot of room for improvement."

Dawson, who was promoted to the "A Team" after his debut run with the "B Team" then contributed a 48 flat 3rd leg carry on the 4x4 Relay,

which ran a school record 3:08.19.

North Western State U's Djimon Gumbs, was 2nd in the Wendy's Pittsburg State Invitational Shot Put with a season's best 17.98m (59'0"), in a meet where four of the territory's athletes saw action. Twin brother Diamante was 8th with a PB 16.85m (55'3½"). He was also 8th in the Weight Throw with 17.64m (57'10½"). Teammate Akira Phillip, had a 14.06m (46'1½") in the Weight Throw, while Butler's Tashira Edwards contributed a 2nd leg carry to her team's 4x4 Relay that ran 4:03.21.

Djimon, who has an 18.62m (61'1") indoor best from 2022, said while it was a season's best, it wasn't the performance he wanted. "It's kinda challenging when you have the potential to do something and it just ain't connecting," he said. "That was just one of the major issues—not being able to connect—but still happy with my performance overall. I was kinda down about it. It's still early in the season but to be able to throw what I did and really not be able to put it together says something big is coming. I just have to trust the process. It's back to the drawing board, working on my craft and doing what I need to do. These meets are just a tune up for the Conference."

After extending his season's best in the 35 lbs Weight Throw, Diamante was delighted with his Shot Put best which came 2 hrs after competing in

the Weight. "I was kinda fatigued, started off slow, but as the rounds progressed caught my footing, Coach fired me up, my teammates fired me up and I was able to get a PR on tired legs," he noted. "For the Weight, I still had some challenges technically, but I was still able to put one together, the 17.64. I just have to work on what I do in practice and put it into competition."

South Florida's Jaleel Croal, was fourth in his 60m heat in 6.78 seconds, at the PNC Lenny Lyles Invitational. He also anchored his team's 4x4 that ran 3:20.91, to place 9th overall.

Meanwhile, Iowa Central's Miles Creque, shaved .14 off his 60m best to finish 6th in his heat in 7.00 seconds, at the Jack Johnson Invite. He also ran an indoor PB 23.54 seconds in the 200m.

Northern Michigan's Jahtivya Williams, was 4th in the Jet's Pizza 60m in 8.04 seconds after advancing with 7.97. She ran 26.10 in her 200m Heat.

Northern Iowa Area CC Bruce Huggins, was 2nd in his 60m heat in 7.40 second, the 15th best mark overall in the Grinnell Invitational. He led off the 4x200m Relay that ran 1:35.65 for 5th, then anchored the 4x4 to 8th in 3:49.78.

Monroe College's Vadley Sylvester, ran a season's best 22.81 seconds in the Boston John



BVI athletes Djimon Gumbs, left, Akira Phillip, Tashira Edwards and Diamante Gumbs competed at the Pitt Invite in Kansas

Thomas Terrier Classic 200m and 50.83 in the 400m
Hodge gets record, dips under 7.30

Montverde Academy Jr., Adaejah Hodge, eclipsed teammate Michelle Smith of St. Croix week old facility and Youth Record of 55.38 seconds, when she won the Legends of Alachua County Track Meet Girls 400m Dash in 54.95 seconds. Already the BVI's fastest teenager ever indoors over 60m with 7.24 seconds, Hodge dipped under 7.30 for a second time, stopping the clock at 7.29 seconds and was 2nd behind teammate and Montverde Sr., Micayah Holland's facility and Youth Record, 7.25.

Only Tahesia Harrigan-Scott has ever run faster than Hodge.

FOOTBALL

One Love extends streak with 3-2 win over VG United

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

One Love extended its streak to six successive victories in the BVI Football Association's Men's League, when they fended off visiting VG United 3-2 in Greenland on Saturday night.

The 2019 champs, who are now 8-1-1, tied Virgin Gorda Sugar Boys at the top of the pile with 25 points.

Richard Morgan put his side 1 nil up in just the 18th minute and just before the break, Collin Lavia put One Love ahead in the 44th, after Devante Samuels had levelled the game at 1-1 for Virgin Gorda United, in the 41st.

VG United's Sheldon Harry Jr., made it 2-2 in the 64th, but Lavia popped up to net the winner, when he added a second goal in the match in the 73rd, as One Love secure all 3 points on offer, and the victory sent them into a tie for the top spot with the Virgin Gorda Sugar Boys at the top of the standings on 25 points, but technically second with a lesser goal difference.

"Great game tonight," One Love's Coach Mark Savage told Island Sun Sports. "VG, a very tough team, a running team, they don't give up. Those young boys were at our heels, so we decided to take a different strategy tonight, compact the middle, dictate the pace of the game and that made us come out victorious."

Savage said his team is now tied with the Sugar Boys at the end of the first round. "We're going for it," he said of the league title.

In the only other game played in an abbreviated schedule, Lion Heart also had a resounding 7-1 victory over rivals Positive—after several of their players transferred to Positive who joined the league this season. Positive, who scored just their second goal of the year, played better but also did themselves in after Deran Williams scored in the 31st, they gave up an own goal by

Sheldon Brown in the 34th to equalize the match.

Tyrone Buddah went joint top of the Golden Boot race, when he scored his 10th of the season in added time of the first half as Lion Heart led 2-1 at the break—their best showing all season.

However, the inexperience of the new mix of players began surfacing late in the second half, as Lion Heart's Stevan Williams scored in the 70th, then Shavaughn Thomas padded the score in the 81st. Four minutes later, Positive's Deran Williams helped Lion Heart with an own goal, before Bison Richards made it 6-1 in the 87th.

Buddha then earned his league equaling 11th goal of the season in the 89th as Lion Heart walked off as 7-1 winners.

With the victory, Lion Heart, who are on an unbeaten run of eight successive games,



Positive's Denniel "Ras" Jones, controls the ball ahead of his Lion Heart counterpart

moved into joint third in the standings, level on points with Wolues with 19 points, but have a long way to go to make up on goal difference, if that becomes important.

SPORTS



A Lion Heart player kicks the ball ahead of his Positive counterparts



Referee Shevorne "Sha Sha" Vanterpool, left, (debut) Guillaume Parkins, (debut) Alfred Reid and Chandni Wattley (debutant) we assessed during a Referees course



St. Kitts-Nevis' Malcolm Ramsey, conducting a Football Referee's training course



Alfredo Quiros of Concacaf, 7th right, explaining a point to participants from Rebels, Old Madrid, One Caribbean, Avengers and One Love, during a BVIFA Club's Development Workshop



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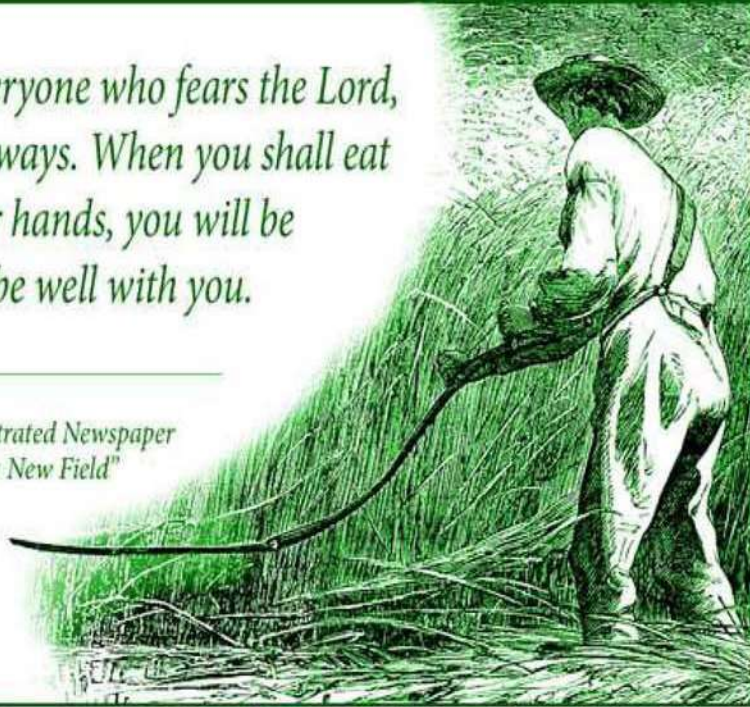


THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

How blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in His ways. When you shall eat of the fruit of your hands, you will be happy and it will be well with you.

PSALM 128:1-3 *128*

Detail of Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper version of "The Veteran in a New Field" by Winslow Homer (1867)



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

"WHAT DOESN'T KILL YOU MAKES YOU STRONGER" SHOULD BE THE CAMPAIGN SLOGAN FOR THIS HEALTH CEREAL.



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Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman

HAT STUFF! Suppose 10 counters bearing the numbers one through 10 are placed in a hat. They are mixed up, and five persons are asked to draw two each. The sums of the individual pairs of numbers drawn by the five persons are 16, 11, 4, 7 and 17.

Question: What counters make up each of the pairs drawn?
Hint: Explore possibilities of lowest sum first.



Respective pairs are 6 and 10, 4 and 7, 1 and 5, 8 and 9.

HERE YE! "Nothing is so powerful as an _____ whose time has come," said Goethe. What word is missing? This should make a light bulb go on inside your head.

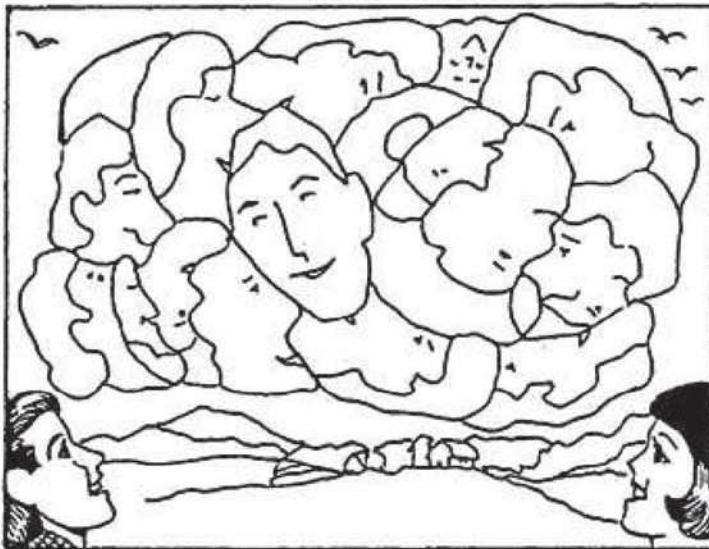
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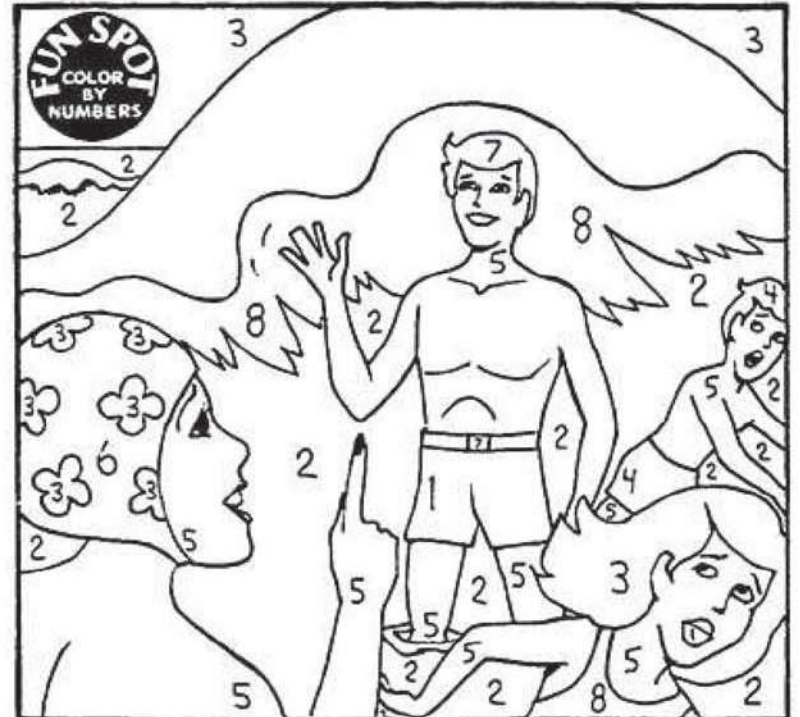
Let's see if you can deal with this state of the ART word test. Six eight-letter words in which the word ART is stepped off progressively (see diagram above) are defined in order as follows:

1. Vessels that carry the blood.
 2. Visitors from another planet.
 3. Having the most brains, skills, etc.
 4. Left town.
 5. "O'er the _____ we watched..."
 5. Big talker; blowhard.
- Time limit: two minutes.

1. Arteries, 2. Martians, 3. Smartest, 4. Departed, 5. Ramparts, 6. Braggart.



AIR HEADS! Our artist says there are at least 16 assorted faces among the clouds above. How many faces can you find?



WET ALERT! Hey there, bather, watch out below! Apply these colors by numbers: 1—Red, 2—Lt. blue, 3—Yellow, 4—Lt. brown, 5—Flesh tones, 6—Lt. green, 7—Dk. brown, 8—Dk. blue.

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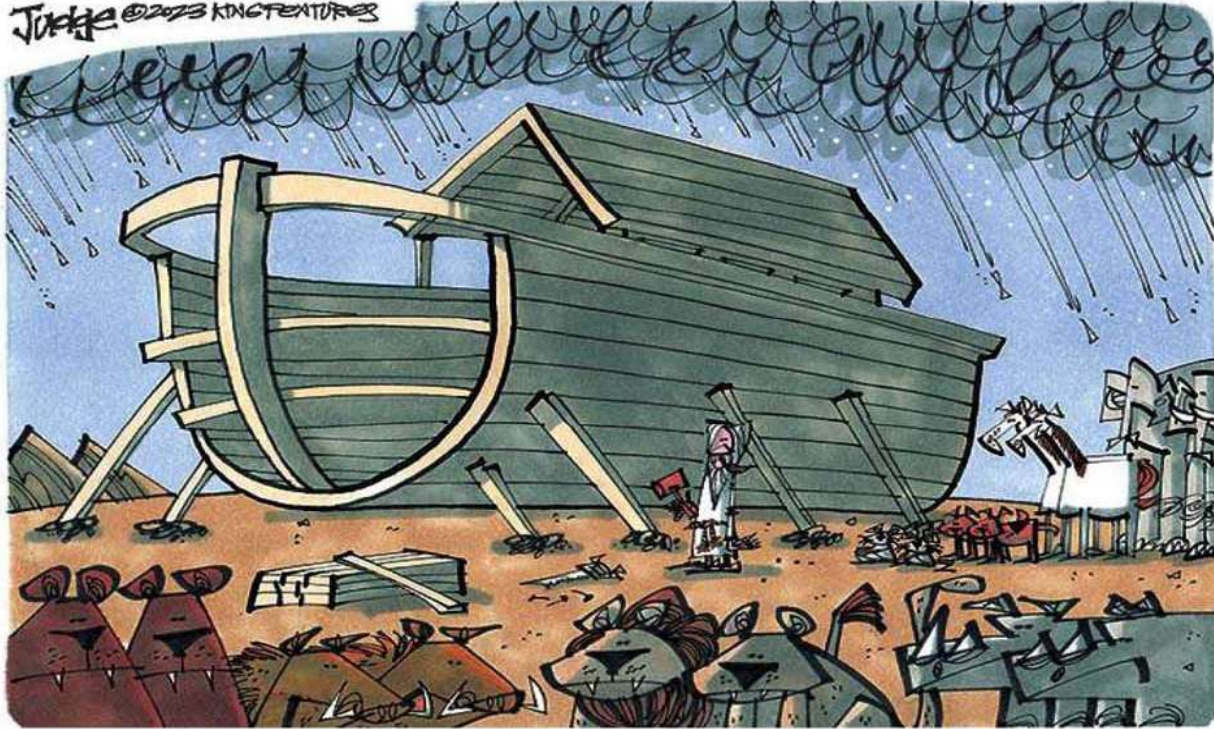
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"We've lost communication until after the Super Bowl."

Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Guess what, Lamb? You're about to experience a new perspective on a situation you long regarded quite differently. What you learn could open up more opportunities later.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The Bold Bovine is tempted to charge into a new venture. But it might be best to take things one step at a time so that you know just where you are at any given point.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It's a good time to go on that fun getaway you've been planning. You'll return refreshed, ready, and, yes, even eager to tackle the new challenge that awaits you.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The Moon Child loves to fantasize about magical happenings in the early part of the week. But the sensible Crab gets down to serious business by week's end.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) What goes around comes around for those lucky Leos and Leonas whose acts of generosity could be repaid with opportunities to expand into new and exciting areas of interest.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your concern about your job responsibilities is commendable. But it's time for you to take some quiet moments to share with someone who has really missed being with you.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Aspects favor getting out and meeting new people. And, as a bonus, you might find that some of your newly made friends could offer important business contacts.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You might take pride in wanting to do everything yourself. But now's a good time to ask family members to help with a demanding personal situation.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Pay more attention to the possibilities that could come with a workplace change. It could show you the way to make that long-sought turn on your career path.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your need to succeed might overwhelm obligations to your loved ones. Ease up on that workload and into some well-deserved time with family and friends.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Love rules for amorous Aquarians who can make good use of their ability to communicate feelings. Don't be surprised if they're reciprocated in kind.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Fishing for compliments? No doubt, you probably earned them. But it's best to let others believe they were the ones who uncovered the treasure you really are.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your good work flows from an open, generous heart. Nothing makes you happier than to see others happy as well.

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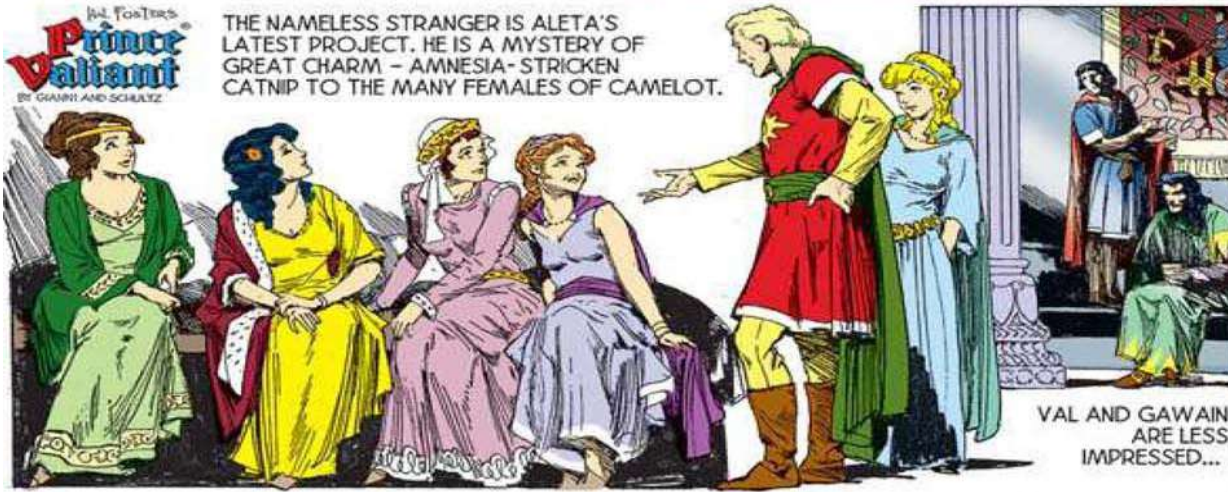
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HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6,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

Although friends are usually the ones who we grow with and add joy to our lives, through time, friendships can dissolve because of underlying unfavorable qualities or differences.

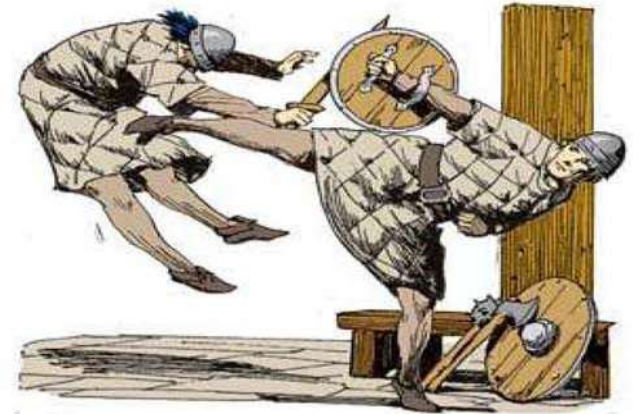
Prince Valiant
BY GRANT AND SCHLITZ

THE NAMELESS STRANGER IS ALETA'S LATEST PROJECT. HE IS A MYSTERY OF GREAT CHARM - AMNESIA-STRICKEN CATNIP TO THE MANY FEMALES OF CAMELOT.



VAL AND GAWAIN ARE LESS IMPRESSED...

... ALTHOUGH THEY MUST ADMIT THAT HIS WAYS IN THE ART OF COMBAT ARE EFFECTIVE ...



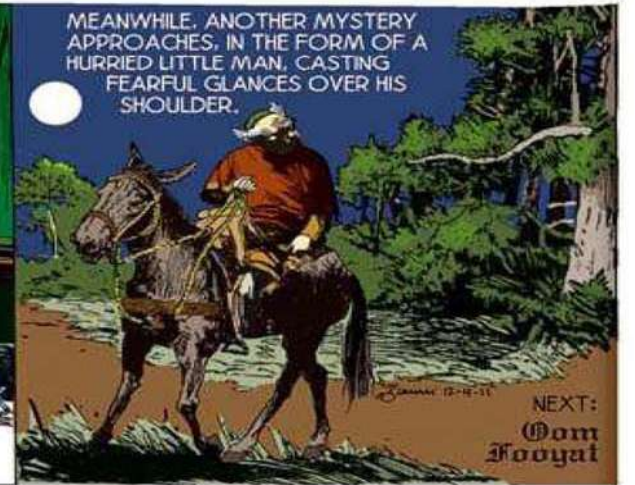
... AND THEY CANNOT HELP BUT ADMIRE HIS EQUESTRIAN SKILLS. HE EVEN INTRODUCES A NEW RIDING COMPETITION, INVOLVING THE STRIKING OF A SMALL SPHERE WITH A POLE.



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FOR ALL THE ATTENTION, HE IS OUT OF PLACE, AND KNOWS NOT HOW TO RETURN HOME.



MEANWHILE, ANOTHER MYSTERY APPROACHES. IN THE FORM OF A HURRIED LITTLE MAN, CASTING FEARFUL GLANCES OVER HIS SHOULDER.

NEXT: **Dom Fooyat**



Y'KNOW, POPEYE, RESCUING SEA HAG FROM MY BROTHER AND EX-BOYFRIEND WASN'T HOW I EXPECTED TODAY TO GO.



IS YA OKAY, OLIVE? YA SOUNDS WORRIED.

I AM WORRIED. IT'S STILL JANUARY. WHAT IF I'M USING UP MY WHOLE YEAR'S SUPPLY OF SCHADENFREUDE?



SERIOUSLY, OYL. I DON'T NEED YOURS, TOO. I HAVE ENOUGH REGRETS.

YEAH, YEAH. GET ON THE BOAT, YOU NUMBSKULLS.

WE'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE UNTIL YOU GIVE ME A SECOND CHANCE, OLIVE!

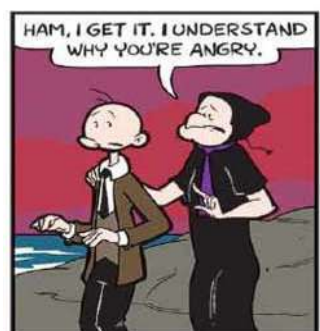
MORE LIKE THREE HUNDRED- AND SECOND CHANCE. I'M OUT, HAM.



C'MON, HAM. WE KIN TALKS 'BOUT IT ON THE RIDE HOME.

TALK WITH YOU?! YOU CAUSED ALL OF MY PROBLEMS!

YOU TOOK MY GIRL, MY BEST FRIEND, AND—



HAM, I GET IT. I UNDERSTAND WHY YOU'RE ANGRY.



YOU SEE EVERYONE AND EVERYTHING CHANGING...

BUT YOU'RE STAYING THE SAME AND FEEL LEFT BEHIND.



BUT WHEN I'M ANGRY AND THINGS AREN'T GOING MY WAY, I REMEMBER ONE SIMPLE WORD.

"DISTRACTION."



HOW IS DISTRACTION GONNA MAKE ME PROBLEMS GO AWAY--!



I DUNNO, BUT IT SURE FIXED MINE!

I THINK I KNOW WHAT I WANT FOR VALENTINE'S DAY INSTEAD OF FLOWERS!

ZZZZ

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The Garden Bug

Watering sustainably

Making plans now to reduce water usage in your garden in the coming months can save money and increase sustainability.

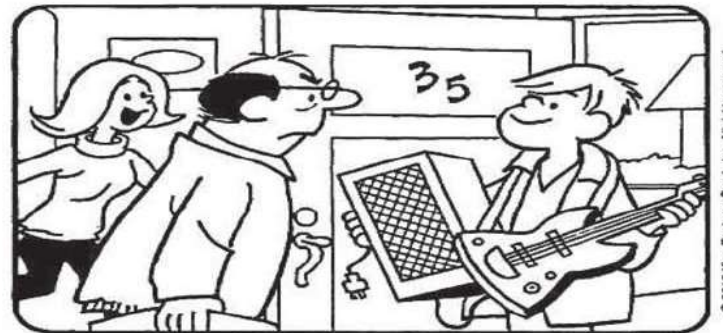
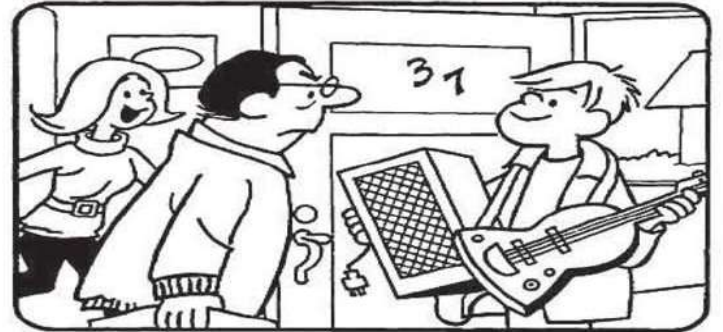
Will you use soaker hoses instead of sprinklers, or set up a rain barrel to collect rain water? How about using a rain gauge? Do you need to reposition sprinklerheads so that the water avoids paved areas? Are your outdoor faucets dripping? Can you choose plantings that naturally use less water than others?

- Brenda Weaver

Source: www.missouribotanicalgarden.org

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIKOFF



CAN YOU TRUST YOUR EYES? There are at least six differences in drawing details between top and bottom panels. How quickly can you find them? Check answers with those below.
 Differences: 1. Belt is missing. 2. Arm cuff is missing. 3. Hat is different. 4. Number is different. 5. Neckline is different. 6. Guitar is different.

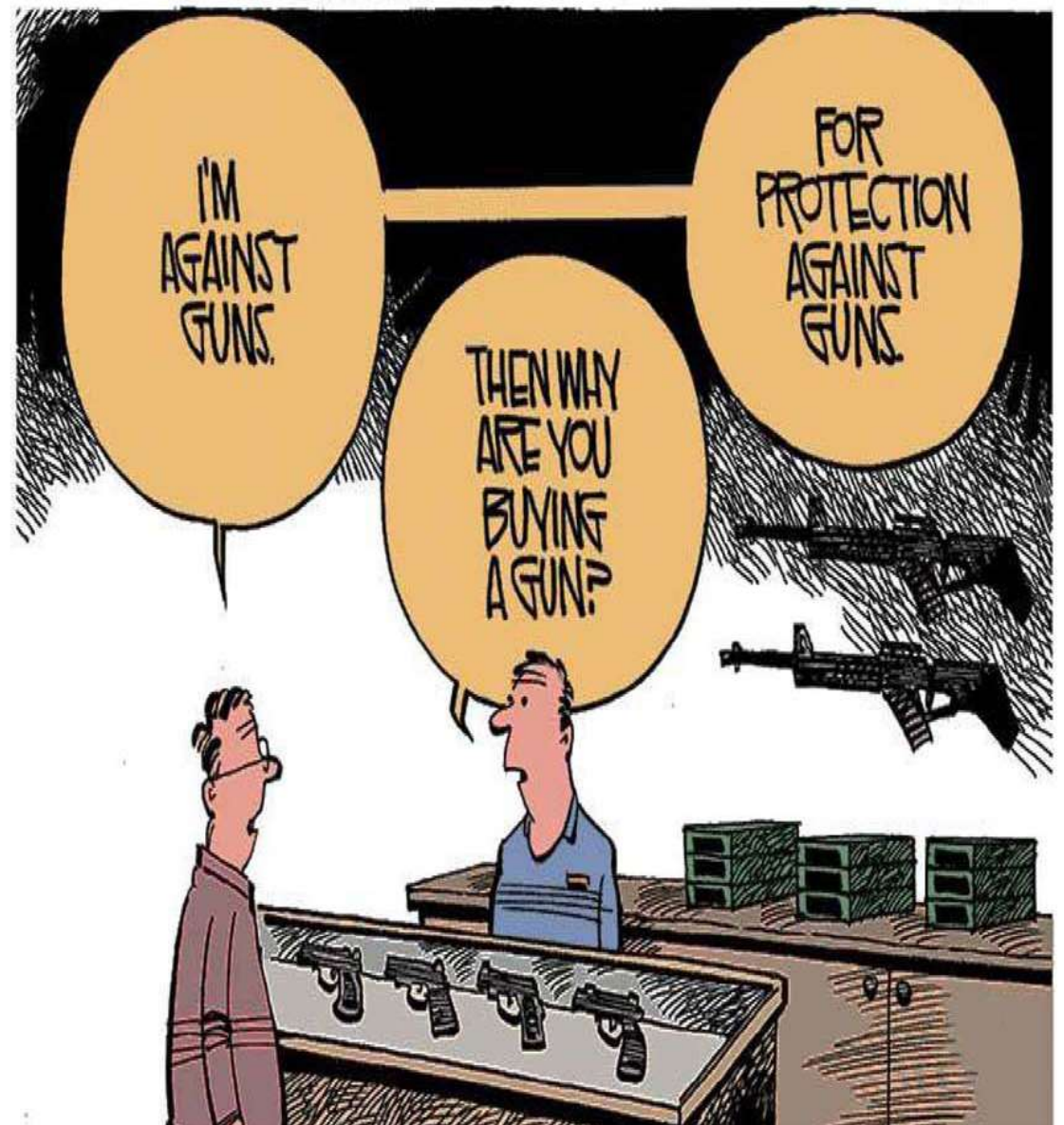
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top ten

FASTEST-GROWING PLANTS

1. Bamboo
2. Hybrid poplar
3. Algae
4. Duckweed
5. Eastern cottonwood
6. Giant Sequoia
7. Acacia
8. Wisconsin Fast Plants
9. Kudzu
10. Transgenic eucalyptus

Source: Conservation Institute



BEING HOMOSEXUAL IS NOT A CRIME – POPE FRANCIS

By Sir Ronald Sanders

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



“Being homosexual is not a crime. We are all children of God, and God loves us as we are and for the strength that each of us fights for our dignity.” Those words were spoken by Pope Francis, easily the most radical pontiff that the Roman Catholic Church has ever had.

The Pope was speaking in an interview with the Associated Press that was published on January 25, ahead of a planned tour of two African countries, South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). The African continent ranks among the most homophobic regions of the world. Apart from South Africa, Mozambique and Angola, which are countries whose governments and peoples are most tolerant of homosexual rights, the majority of African nations rate equally with the intolerant governments of Russia, Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia, Iran and Iraq.

Throughout his papacy, Pope Francis has advocated a less doctrinal policy approach for modern Catholicism. Francis is a man of his time, determined not to harden the Church's anachronistic positions in times, which have changed, with a greater emphasis on human rights, including gay rights. In the interview with the Associated Press, he emphasised the Holy See's position that laws that criminalize homosexuality outright are “unjust” and that the Church must work to put an end to them.

He did not spare Bishops of the Church who support laws that criminalize homosexuality. He said that they need to “have a process of conversion” and should apply “tenderness, please, as God has for each one of us.” Whether he has opened the eyes, ears and hearts of the controlling hierarchy of the Church is left to be seen.

What is certain is that Francis has succeeded in humanising the face of the Church which, for centuries, imposed repressive rules on its followers that,

politically, supported colonialism, imperialism and racism. In a socio-economic context, its rules on abortion, caused suffering and hardship for poor communities around the world, particularly in Ireland and Latin America where Catholicism dominated.

The impact that his approach has achieved is evident in the leadership of Ireland and in parts of Africa. The current Taoiseach, or the head of government, of Ireland is Leo Eric Varadka who is the child of an Indian father and an Irish mother, and is a declared homosexual. Many prejudices – both racial and religious – were overcome with his election, in a remarkable tribute to the openness of the Irish people to change. But, the influence of Pope Francis, now completing a decade as a change-agent of the Church, contributed immensely to the freedom of thinking and attitudes in Ireland.

Similarly, his papacy has had a beneficial effect in Africa where recent statistics show 2.1 per cent growth in Catholic followers between 2019 and 2020. Out of a global population of 1.36 billion Catholics, 236 million are African or 20% of the total. Reports indicate that Catholicism is witnessing a “youth bulge” in Africa. This follows the effective transmission of Pope Francis' message that churches, religious groups and governments show solidarity with young people. He calls them “the church of now.”

In November 2022, during a synodal consultation with African youth, he denounced the exploitation of Africa by external forces and its destruction by wars, ideologies of violence and policies that rob young people of their future. That message by the Head of a Church, which conspired with many authoritarian regimes in Latin America, Europe and in parts of Africa and Asia, to exploit and repress their people, has a powerful appeal.

Nonetheless, his visit to South Sudan and the DRC will not be without its problems. In the interview with the Associated Press, Pope Francis acknowledged that in Africa and other parts of the world, there needs to be change in relation to anti-homosexual laws. Responding to the question, “Can the Church contribute to repealing these laws?”, he was unequivocal, saying: “They



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have to do it. What happens is that they are cultures in a state and the bishops of that place, although they are good bishops, [they] are part of the culture and some still have their minds in that culture. The bishops also have [to undergo] a process of conversion.”

Some of these reluctant Bishops exist in South Sudan and DRC as they do in other parts of Africa and the Caribbean. Having been nurtured in a culture of intolerance, they find adjustment to a new dispensation difficult. Although, as Pope Francis pointed out, “In the catechism of the Catholic Church it says that people of homosexual tendency have to be welcomed, they do not have to be marginalized”. He makes it clear that “Every man and woman has to have a window into his life where he can pour his hope and where he can see the dignity of God. And being gay is not a crime. It's a human condition.”

Throughout most of the world, societies and governments have accepted that “being gay is a human condition.” The result is that members of the LGBTQ community have attained high positions in all sectors of society. While there may be little hope in authoritarian countries, such as Russia, Afghanistan and Iran, it is past time for more progressive societies to heed the counsel and wisdom of Pope Francis, who has emerged as an enlightened, caring example of the best of humanity.

I had the privilege of working with a former Justice of the High Court of Australia, Michael Kirby, when we were members of the Commonwealth Eminent Persons Group, which was commissioned by Heads of Government to propose ways of reforming the Commonwealth in 2010. Justice Kirby urged all members of the Group to recommend abolition of the homosexual laws, which were imposed on its colonies by the colonial British government – laws which Britain itself repealed but are retained to this day by some Commonwealth countries in Africa and the Caribbean.

He made this telling point to the group – if governments and civil societies had not taken a strong and determined stand against Apartheid in South Africa, and before that in Southern Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe), institutional racism would still exist in Africa, robbing the majority black populations of their right to equality, fairness and justice. Kirby's irresistible argument resonates in the words of Pope Francis.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Zonda Wind Corp.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2093449
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 19 December 2022.
Dated 19 December 2022
Sgd. Ramón Ortiz De Tarranco
Voluntary Liquidator
[86/1]

PACIFIC HOLDINGS POINT CORP.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1774572
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 December 2022.
Dated 19 December 2022
Sgd. Querube Castillo De Nuñez
Voluntary Liquidator
[86/2]

HORS FINANCE INVESTMENTS INC.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1866196
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 29 December 2022.
Dated 11 January 2023
Sgd. Carlos Javier Larrea Crespo
Voluntary Liquidator
[86/3]

A & G SIX INC.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 630547
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 29 December 2022.
Dated 11 January 2023
Sgd. Querube Castillo de Nuñez
Voluntary Liquidator
[86/4]

Lake Shore Strategies Ltd.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1500656
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 29 December 2022.
Dated 11 January 2023
Sgd. Julio Ismael Piñero Ferro
Voluntary Liquidator
[86/5]

Business Worldwide Resources S.A.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1521312
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 29 December 2022.
Dated 11 January 2023
Sgd. Ramon Ortiz de Tarranco
Voluntary Liquidator
[86/6]

Capital Investments Consultants Corp.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1521306
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 29 December 2022.
Dated 11 January 2023
Sgd. Ramon Ortiz de Tarranco
Voluntary Liquidator
[86/7]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act. OLIMPYA TRADING LTD.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1757253
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 29, 2023
(Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela
Voluntary Liquidator
[86/8]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act. MALDEN CAPITAL INC.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1746845
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 29, 2023
(Sgd.) CLODINE NATASHA ANDERSON
Voluntary Liquidator
[86/9]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act. Fibonacci Finance Group Ltd
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2040289
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 26, 2023.
Dated: January 29, 2023
(Sgd.) Mr. Patrick Piras Cardona
Voluntary Liquidator
[86/10]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act. Protege Investments Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2053237
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 26, 2023.
Dated: January 29, 2023
(Sgd.) Annie Corlina Coetzer
Voluntary Liquidator
[86/11]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act. Harrier Investments Holdings Ltd
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1836076
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 26, 2023.
Dated: January 29, 2023
(Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela
Voluntary Liquidator
[86/12]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act. Virtually Live Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1465823
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 26, 2023.
Dated: January 29, 2023
(Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela
Voluntary Liquidator
[86/13]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act. Haley Group Ltd
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2021953
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 26, 2023.
Dated: January 29, 2023
(Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela
Voluntary Liquidator
[86/14]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act. FINMOST INVESTMENTS LTD (In Voluntary Liquidation)
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1734838
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 26, 2023.
Dated: January 29, 2023
(Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela
Voluntary Liquidator
[86/15]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act. Starmex Enterprise 1 Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2050582
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 26, 2023.
Dated: January 29, 2023
(Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela
Voluntary Liquidator
[86/16]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act. NOXWEL LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1839448
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 26, 2023.
Dated: January 29, 2023
(Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela
Voluntary Liquidator
[86/17]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act. Shattuck Assets Inc.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1797063
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 27, 2023.
Dated: January 29, 2023
(Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela
Voluntary Liquidator
[86/18]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act. Ksenato Holding Ltd.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1801873
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 27, 2023.
Dated: January 29, 2023
(Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela
Voluntary Liquidator
[86/19]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act. COBARTH CORP.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1563258
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 27, 2023.
Dated: January 29, 2023
(Sgd.) Jacques Richoz and Mathias Homberger
Voluntary Liquidator
[86/20]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act. VALLINVEST CORP.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1734834
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 27, 2023.
Dated: January 30, 2023
(Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela
Voluntary Liquidator
[86/21]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act. Andesite investment LTD
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2034798
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 21st December 2022. The liquidator is **Yanqing ZHANG of Room 1001, No. 2, Lane 2707, Songhuajiang Road, Hongkou District, Shanghai, China.**
Dated: 21 December 2022.
(Sgd.) Yanqing ZHANG
Liquidator
[86/22]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act. Hexie Chunqiu Investment Co. Ltd
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2034768
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 21st December 2022. The liquidator is **Yanqing ZHANG of Room 1001, No. 2, Lane 2707, Songhuajiang Road, Hongkou District, Shanghai, China.**
Dated: 21 December 2022.
(Sgd.) Yanqing ZHANG
Liquidator
[86/23]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act. PARIDEN INTERNATIONAL INC.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 332874
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 30th, 2023.
Dated: January 31st, 2023
(Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela
Voluntary Liquidator
[86/24]

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Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Companies Act. New Guide Investment Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1791893
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 31st, 2023.
Dated: January 31st, 2023
(Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela
Voluntary Liquidator [86/25]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Companies Act. LATIN INVESTMENT ADVISORS LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1927196
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 31, 2023.
Dated: January 31, 2023
(Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela
Voluntary Liquidator [86/26]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act CEECAT Russia Capital Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number: 1847074
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204(1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 30 January 2023. The Joint Liquidators are Anton Goldstein and Rachael Pape of Conyers Dill & Pearman, Commerce House, Wickhams Cay 1, P.O. Box 3140, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110, British Virgin Islands.
Dated: 30 January 2023

Rachael Pape
For and on behalf of Anton Goldstein and Rachael Pape
As Joint Liquidators [86/27]

The BVI Business Companies Act Advertisement of Liquidator's Appointment Section 204(1)(b) Breakpoint Investments Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
BC No. 1020034
(the "Company")
NOTICE is hereby given in accordance with Section 204(1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the above mentioned company has commenced liquidation and dissolution as of January 27, 2023. Mr. Ryan Geluk of BDO Limited, Sea Meadow House, Tobacco Wharf, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands and Mr. Richard Searle of BDO Limited, Place du Pre, Rue de Pre, St. Peter Port, Guernsey, Channel Islands have been appointed Joint Liquidators. [86/28]

The BVI Business Companies Act Advertisement of Liquidator's Appointment Section 204(1)(b) Stoneacre Investments Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
BC No. 1379330
(the "Company")
NOTICE is hereby given in accordance with Section 204(1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the above mentioned company has commenced liquidation and dissolution as of January 27, 2023. Mr. Ryan Geluk of BDO Limited, Sea Meadow House, Tobacco Wharf, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands and Mr. Richard Searle of BDO Limited, Place du Pre, Rue de Pre, St. Peter Port, Guernsey, Channel Islands have been appointed Joint Liquidators.
Ryan Geluk and Richard Searle
Joint Liquidators [86/29]

APPOINTMENT RIGTON INVESTMENTS LIMITED

("the Company")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 516728
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that: **Rigton Investments Limited** is in voluntary liquidation. The date of commencement of liquidation is 30th 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 31st January 2023
Carmine Bailey
Voluntary Liquidator [85/30]

CTG Evergreen Investment XX Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1881230
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 31st day of January, 2023. The Liquidator is **Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated this 31st day of January, 2023
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator [86/31]

Espanamo Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1964275
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, Subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from the 30th day of January, 2023.
Dated this 31st day of January, 2023
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator [86/32]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004 Favored Zhang Family Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2033824
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 28 January 2023.
Dated: 28 January 2023
(Sgd.) Yanqing ZHANG
Liquidator [86/33]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004 Happy Lin Family Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2034772
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 28 January 2023.
Dated: 28 January 2023
(Sgd.) Yanqing ZHANG
Liquidator [86/34]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004 Minifull Fang Family Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2034760
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 28 January 2023.
Dated: 28 January 2023
(Sgd.) Yanqing ZHANG
Liquidator [86/35]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004 Quaint Hou Family Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2033770
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 28 January 2023.
Dated: 28 January 2023
(Sgd.) Yanqing ZHANG
Liquidator [86/36]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004 Wealthy Zhang Family Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2034255
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 28 January 2023.
Dated: 28 January 2023
(Sgd.) Yanqing ZHANG
Liquidator [86/37]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1968728
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 28 January 2023.
Dated: 28 January 2023.
(Sgd.) Zhiru WANG
Liquidator [86/38]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1861172
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 30 January 2023.
Dated: 30 January 2023
(Sgd.) Ning QI
Liquidator [86/39]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1861171
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 30 January 2023.
Dated: 30 January 2023
(Sgd.) Feng Dong
Liquidator [86/40]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1861169
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 30 January 2023.
Dated: 30 January 2023
(Sgd.) Ning QI
Liquidator [86/41]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004 Joanna Feng Holding Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2015023
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 30 January 2023.
Dated: 30 January 2023
(Sgd.) Quan ZHAO
Liquidator [86/42]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004 Lu Xi He Holding (BVI) Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2089640
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 30 January 2023.
Dated: 30 January 2023
(Sgd.) Huawei ZHU
Liquidator [86/43]



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Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004
JIANGTIAN Holding Limited
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 1964029
 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 30 January 2023.
 Dated: 30 January 2023
 (Sgd.) HAO Huaxing
 Liquidator
 [86/44]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004
JIAOTOUCHELIAN Holding Limited
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 1964030
 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 30 January 2023.
 Dated: 30 January 2023
 (Sgd.) HAO Huaxing
 Liquidator
 [86/45]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004
Chiral Quest Holding Limited
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 2033140
 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 30 January 2023.
 Dated: 30 January 2023
 (Sgd.) Peng WANG
 Liquidator
 [86/46]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004
PengHui Holding Limited
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 2033502
 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 30 January 2023.
 Dated: 30 January 2023
 (Sgd.) Shengwen WU
 Liquidator
 [86/47]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004
PXE Holding Limited
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 2033685
 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 30 January 2023.
 Dated: 30 January 2023.
 (Sgd.) Shengwen WU
 Liquidator
 [86/48]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004
YuanJiao Holdings Limited
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 2087240
 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 30 January 2023.
 Dated: 30 January 2023
 (Sgd.) Huawei ZHU
 Liquidator
 [86/49]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004
169 Holdings Limited
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 2088251
 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 30 January 2023.
 Dated: 30 January 2023.
 (Sgd.) Huawei ZHU
 Liquidator
 [86/50]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004
SHIATX Holdings Limited
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 2088249
 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 30 January 2023.
 Dated: 30 January 2023.
 (Sgd.) Huawei ZHU
 Liquidator
 [86/51]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004
169-ZHW Holdings Limited
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 2087235
 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 30 January 2023.
 Dated: 30 January 2023.
 (Sgd.) Jin HUANG
 Liquidator
 [86/52]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004
169-ZML Holdings Limited
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 2087237
 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 30 January 2023.
 Dated: 30 January 2023.
 (Sgd.) Jin HUANG
 Liquidator
 [86/53]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004
169-ZGP Holdings Limited
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 2087247
 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 30 January 2023.
 Dated: 30 January 2023.
 (Sgd.) Jin HUANG
 Liquidator
 [86/54]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004
BINGFZ Holdings Limited
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 2087245
 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 30 January 2023.
 Dated: 30 January 2023.
 (Sgd.) Huawei ZHU
 Liquidator
 [86/55]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004
XuLing Holding Limited
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 2033430
 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 30 January 2023.
 Dated: 30 January 2023.
 (Sgd.) Shengwen WU
 Liquidator
 [86/56]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004
Diligent and Bright Family Limited
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 2035193
 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 31st January 2023.
 Dated: 31st January 2023.
 (Sgd.) Yanqing ZHANG
 Liquidator
 [86/57]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004
Diligent Guo Family Limited
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 2034222
 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 31 January 2023.
 Dated: 31 January 2023.
 (Sgd.) Yanqing ZHANG
 Liquidator
 [86/58]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004
Gracious Qi Family Limited
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 2034797
 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 31 January 2023.
 Dated: 31 January 2023.
 (Sgd.) Yanqing ZHANG
 Liquidator
 [86/59]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004
Handsome Ge Family Limited
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 2034774
 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 31 January 2023.
 Dated: 31 January 2023.
 (Sgd.) Yanqing ZHANG
 Liquidator
 [86/60]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004
Good Huan Le Family Limited
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 2035201
 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 31 January 2023.
 Dated: 31 January 2023.
 (Sgd.) Yanqing ZHANG
 Liquidator
 [86/61]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004
SHAOWEN LIMITED
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 2034890
 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 31 January 2023.
 Dated: 31 January 2023.
 (Sgd.) Yanqing ZHANG
 Liquidator
 [96/62]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004
SHAOWON LIMITED
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 2035461
 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 31 January 2023.
 Dated: 31 January 2023.
 (Sgd.) Yanqing ZHANG
 Liquidator
 [86/63]

Arthur Business Limited
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company Number 1800126
 NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, Subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from the 31st day of January, 2023.
 Dated this 1st day of February, 2023
 Sgd. Brian Jackson

 Brian Jackson
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [86/64]

CALMAR GLOBAL LIMITED
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 1765364
 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 31 January 2023.
 Sgd. Querube Castillo de Nuñez
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [86/65]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
TON Friends Limited
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 2090734
 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 31st, 2023.
 Dated: February 1st, 2023
 (Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [86/66]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
MALABATA CORPORATION
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 1698836
 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 February 1st, 2023.
 Dated: February 1st, 2023
 (Sgd.) Mr. Patrick Taverne
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [86/67]



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PUBLIC NOTICES

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

IN THE ESTATE OF HADIJUDA WIDJAJA, DECEASED

In the estate of HADIJUDA WIDJAJA, late of Jalan Taman Rawa Pening nomor 5, Rukun Tetangga 014, Rukun Warga 002, Kelurahan Bendungan Hilir, Kecamatan Tanah Abang, Jakarta Pusat, Jakarta, Indonesia, deceased.

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Steven Widjaja of Jalan Simprug Garden VII No 25, Jakarta, Indonesia, for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above named deceased who died on the 26th day of March 2022 without revoking a Will bearing the date of the 11th day of September 2019 wherein the aforesaid Steven Widjaja is named the executor.

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

Dated the 11th day of January, 2023

Filed by Steven Widjaja whose address for service is c/o Harney Westwood & Riegels LP, Craigmuir Chambers, PO Box 71, Road Town Tortola VG1110, British Virgin Islands

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**THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
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.

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**Final Notice of Dissolution under The
BVI Business Companies Act; 2004
Beihai Holding Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2073508
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 31st January 2023.
Dated: 31 January 2023.
(Sgd.) Yuanhao WANG
Liquidator
[86/68]

**Final Notice of Dissolution under The
BVI Business Companies Act; 2004
Beihai II Holding Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2073875
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 31st January 2023.
Dated: 31 January 2023.
(Sgd.) Yuanhao WANG
Liquidator
[86/69]

**Final Notice of Dissolution under The
BVI Business Companies Act; 2004
Qinzhou II Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2073874
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 31st January 2023.
Dated: 31st January 2023.
(Sgd.) Yuanhao WANG
Liquidator
[86/70]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2073507
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 31st January 2023.
Dated: 31 January 2023.
(Sgd.) Yuanhao WANG
Liquidator
[86/71]

**Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under
Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act.
Benben's Home Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2034246
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 2nd February 2023. The liquidator is Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.
Dated: 02 FEBRUARY 2023
(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator
[86/72]

**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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**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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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
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THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
VIRGIN ISLANDS
PROBATE DIVISION
BVIHPB No. 2023/0017

IN THE ESTATE OF LUIS MANUEL MARTINEZ CABRERA,
LATE OF SANTO DOMINGO, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC,
DECEASED

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Ana Isabel Martínez Cabrera, of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, a businesswoman, Lina Maria Martínez Cabrera, of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, a businesswoman, and Juan Antonio Martínez Cabrera, of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, a businessman for a Grant of Letters of Administration of the Estate of the above named, Luis Manuel Martínez Cabrera, deceased who died intestate on the 21st day of the month of March of the year 2021 wherein the Applicants are siblings 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 2nd day of February 2023

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

Win Sun Capital Limited
(永盛资本有限公司)

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1994630

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 30th of January, 2023. The liquidator is Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands. Dated: 02 FEBRUARY 2023
(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator
[86/73]

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

Win Times Worldwide Limited
(永泰环球有限公司)

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1990510

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 30th of January, 2023. The liquidator is Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands. Dated: 02 FEBRUARY 2023
(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator
[86/74]

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

WAYTECH LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 670752

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 29th December 2022. The liquidator is CHEN Chun of Flat B, 13/F., Smith Court, 83 Smithfield, Kennedy Town, Hong Kong. Dated: 29th December, 2022
(Sgd.) CHEN Chun
Voluntary Liquidator
[86/75]

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

Auspicious Family Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2035182

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 31st day of January, 2023. Dated: 31st day of January, 2023
(Sgd.) Yanqing ZHANG
Voluntary Liquidator
[86/76]

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
VIRGIN ISLANDS
PROBATE DIVISION
BVIHPB No. 2023/0013

IN THE ESTATE OF TIMOTHY HORATIO CHRISTOPHER,
LATE OF HARRIGAN ESTATE, TORTOLA, THE VIRGIN
ISLANDS, DECEASED

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Cynthia Dawson, of Sea Cows Bay, Tortola, BVI, a retiree and Judith Vanterpool of MacNamara, Tortola, BVI, an educator and businesswoman, for a Grant de Bonis Non Administratus with the Will Annexed of the Estate of the above named, Timothy Horatio Christopher, deceased who died on the 3rd day of the month of January of the year 1961 without revoking a will bearing the date of 29th day of April of the year 1957 wherein the Applicants are granddaughters of the deceased and persons entitled to share in the undisposed residuary estate.

Any person having an objection to the Grant De Bonis Non Administratus with Will Annexed to the applicants shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 31st day of January 2023

Filed by: Nelson Samuel
NR Samuel & Co
Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicants
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Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands
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Final Notice of Dissolution under The
BVI Business Companies Act; 2004

Kylin Family Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 2034769

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 31st day of January, 2023. Dated: 31st day of January, 2023
(Sgd.) Yanqing ZHANG
Voluntary Liquidator
[86/77]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator
under section 88 of the Limited
Partnership Act (the "Act")

Hera Pensions L.P.
(the "Partnership")

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Limited Partnership Number: L.P.804
Notice is hereby given pursuant to section 88 of the Act that the Partnership has commenced the process of liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 1 February 2023. The Liquidator is Rachael Pape of Commerce House, Wickhams Cay 1, P.O. Box 3140, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110, British Virgin Islands. Dated: 1 February 2023
Rachael Pape
Voluntary Liquidator
[86/78]

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FOUR EMPLOYEES RECEIVE TOP HONOURS FOR 2022 AT FLOW BVI



Employee of the Year Recipients: L to R: Business To Business Technician, Oraal Smith; Quality Assurance Coordinator in the Technology and Innovation (T&I) Department, Ryan Joseph; C&W Business Account Manager, Bernice Magloire-Williams; and Retail Sales Associate, MaryAnn Banton. (Photo Credit: NobleInk)

ROADTOWN, Tortola, Thursday February 2, 2023: Four (4) Flow employees have been recognized as the company's Employees of the Year for 2022 and were among those honoured at the recently held Staff Recognition and Long Service Awards Ceremony event.

Business To Business Technician, Oraal Smith; and C&W Business Account Manager, Bernice Magloire-Williams. During the event, 14 employees also received Long Service Awards in honour of their tenure with the company and for

Millington; 20+ Years - Kevin Charles; 25 Years - Debrah Henry and Kinia Martin.

Flow also recognized its ten Top Performers within the Retail, T&I and Business departments based on key performance indicators and metrics during the year, and 25 employees received Peer to Peer Awards in recognition of their exhibition of Company Principles, support of Special Projects, along with their demonstration of Personal and Professional Excellence.

The Country Manager's Award was presented to seven employees in recognition for completion and/or support of significant company initiatives and projects.

Flow Country Manager, Ravindra-Maywahlall congratulated all the award recipients at a special event held on January 21, at Brandywine Bay Restaurant. Maywahlall commented that the event held special significance since it was the first time they had been able to have such an exercise since the traumatic events of Hurricane Irma and the COVID-19 pandemic. He added, "It's important to recognize and celebrate the work of our team members and to also acknowledge the support of their families. Our company's success depends on the dedication, hard work and commitment of each member of our staff and I am delighted that we can pay celebrate and honour them in this way."



Flow employees recognized for Long Service to the company and presented with tokens of appreciation by Senior Manager, People Business Partner, HR Operations, Debra J. Alexander and Flow Country Manager, Ravindra Maywahlall (Photo Credit: NobleInk)

Receiving Employee of the Year Awards were Retail Sales Associate, MaryAnn Banton; Quality Assurance Coordinator in the Technology and Innovation (T&I) Department, Ryan Joseph;

Solomon, David Matthews, and MaryAnn Banton; 15+ Years - Ryan Joseph; Sasha Hodge; Jenny Vasquez; Alcindor Baa; Ravindra Maywahlall; Sabrina Hodge-France and Kenroy

Linda I. Smith Appointed Senior Director Of Development At RDA



Ms. Linda I. Smith,

The Virgin Islands Recovery and Development Agency is pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Linda I. Smith, BA, MPA, CFRM as the Senior Director of Development (SDD) for a period of one-year effective 16th January, 2023.

As the RDA's Senior Director of Development, Ms. Smith holds the mandate to proactively pursue financial investments for RDA-implemented projects and philanthropy-related initiatives to support the Virgin Islands recovery and development efforts.

In welcoming the new SDD to the team, Chief Executive Officer at the RDA Mr. Anthony McMaster said, "We are proud to have Ms. Smith on board and look forward to her expertise and impact in executing the essential portfolio of fundraising as the agency rises to the next level."

CEO McMaster added he is confident that Ms. Smith will bring positive change.

Ms. Smith will work in conjunction with the CEO and the agency's Development Sub-Committee to implement a comprehensive successful capital campaign in the areas of Education, Climate Resilience and Mitigation, Green Initiatives, and the Virgin Islands National Heritage Park Project with emphasis on annual, major and legacy support.

The Senior Director of Development is responsible for the organisation of and strategically aligning both fundraising and friendraising events to be held across the Territory, and in-kind donations. She is also tasked with increasing awareness of the agency's work, goals and financial needs, in collaboration with current and prospective donors, staff, volunteers and the Virgin Islands community through public and private sector partnerships.

During her tenure, Ms. Smith will develop a three-year philanthropy strategic plan, execute domestic crowd funding campaigns and a create a Contractor Corporate Social Responsibility Plan.

With a solid background and expertise, Ms. Smith is a skilled facilitator and negotiator who analytically, strategically, and logistically evaluates situations, ensuring low cost, while producing quality and comprehensive end-results.

Ms. Smith holds a Master's degree in Public Administration and dual Bachelor's degrees in Business Administration and Business Management from the University of the Virgin Islands. She has completed the Quality Improvement Processes Certification Programme, a curriculum which evaluates organisational efficiency levels hosted by Harvard University, and a certificate in Cyber Security Management from the Texas A&M University.

Ms. Smith also has certificates in Fund Raising Management, Capital Campaigns and Principles, and Techniques of Fundraising Management among other qualifications from the Indiana University. The appointment of the Senior Director of Development is in line with the Virgin Islands Recovery and Development Agency's overarching goal, to deliver on its mandate to execute recovery projects, build capacity and philanthropy.

VI Strengthens Relationship With The Caribbean Development Bank



Premier and Minister of Finance Dr. the Honourable Natalio D. Wheatley has met with officials of the Caribbean Development Bank as the Government of the Virgin Islands moves to strengthen its relationship with the lending institution.

Premier Wheatley along with other senior officials from the Ministry of Finance, held bilateral meetings with President Dr. Hyginus 'Gene' Leon and his Senior Advisor Ms. Andrea Power earlier this week to discuss the areas in which the Virgin Islands can benefit from the bank's current trajectory, as well as its future objectives.

The discussions were also aimed at enhancing the Virgin Islands' strategic position and the potential economic development that can be harnessed through the bank's offering of technical and financial

support.

Premier Wheatley said, "I was happy to host the President of the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) Dr. Leon, and to have the opportunity to acknowledge the invaluable support given to the Virgin Islands; not just in financing hurricane recovery projects, but with technical assistance in procurement policy, training, and other areas of development."

The Premier added, "We are a proud member of the bank, and are excited by further sustained engagement in meeting our ambitious development goals which include the establishment of world-class infrastructure, supporting a food security ecosystem, creating climate and economic resilience, and investing in innovation and development."

During the bilateral engagements,

Dr. Leon shared the bank's vision and reiterated its commitment to partnering with its Borrowing Member Countries, which is inclusive of the Virgin Islands. The Virgin Islands is one of the bank's shareholders, and has continuously received financial and technical support in the development of its infrastructure.

Dr. Leon said, "The Caribbean Development Bank is pleased to directly engage the Government of the VI and strengthen our longstanding relationship. Our interactions and dialogue during this visit have created new pathways and opportunities for the Bank, and the VI to further reinforce the solid foundation both have enjoyed."

Dr. Leon added that the CDB's timely response to support redevelopment of the Territory

subsequent to the 2017 hurricanes, through the issuance of loan and grant facilities to supplement the required funding gap, is evidence of the bank's commitment to bolster Borrowing Member Countries.

Dr. Leon assumed the office of President of the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB), in May of 2021, thereby becoming the sixth chief executive of the regional multilateral institution.

The bank officials also made courtesy calls on the Premier, the Cabinet of the Virgin Islands, and officials from the Recovery and Development Agency (RDA). The Ministry of Finance is committed to its mandate which involves coordinating sustainable national development, enhancing financial and economic resources, and strengthening bilateral relationships with its partners.

at around \$400,000 – is expected to be a pilot scheme for other Caribbean NOCs.

The project is aligned with the College's master plan as the swimming pool supports its marine and maritime curriculum as well as its vision for the student experience.

"The HLSCC currently offers a range of accredited maritime certifications that prepare students to work in the marine and marine tourism industries," said Dr. Georges. "Our current STCW certifications require a water safety module for which a swimming pool is integral to the practical training and testing of the participants. Until we have our own pool, we are reliant on the use of private facilities.

"Having our own facility will provide stability to those programmes while enabling us to evolve our campus into a comprehensive educational institution that supports the development of student life while strengthening its regional and international appeal to third party educators," he added.

In addition to serving training needs, the swimming pool will be used for teaching basic survival skills through progressive swimming lessons offered at all levels. The BVI Swimming Federation, which has been on an enforced hiatus since Hurricane Irma destroyed the swimming pool at Prospect Reef which had served as its training facility, is expected to resume its coaching and competitive training programs with a view to hosting regional and international meets.

"We know that the BVI Swimming Federation has been waiting for a very long time to see such a project come to fruition so finally having a swimming pool that will be accessible to all, and which will allow the sport of swimming to take off in the BVI is an exciting development for the territory," said

President Penn. "We are surrounded by sea and survival in the water has to be a fundamental skill that is learned from an early age. From there, the grass roots take hold and the sport will develop naturally. We have already produced an Olympic swimmer and we know that there are young swimmers here with the budding skills who are training with KATS and BVI Swim School and who already are competing at regional meets."

The Virgin Islands Recovery and Development Agency (RDA), which has been invited to oversee and manage the preparations and construction of the facility, is in receipt of a Statement of Requirement.

"Swimming and water safety are essential life skills and should be taught at a young age. The Ministry of Education, Youth Affairs and Sports has been considering the prospect of delivering this necessary component of the national curriculum. Thus, we are pleased that HLSCC has collaborated with the private sector to deliver a facility that would open up access to many aquatic disciplines, thereby giving all students and the wider community the opportunity to be taught water safety and to engage in aquatics. I commend Dr. Georges, Mr. Ephraim Penn and the parties involved in the project and thank Panam Sports and World Aquatics for their commitment to the BVI through the BVIIOC," said Hon. Sharie de Castro, Minister for Education, Youth Affairs and Sports.

"The next step in the process is to put the proposal together for the funding for the civil works and ancillary elements of the aquatics center such as the administrative offices, changing facilities, gym and therapy area, stands, storage rooms etc," said Dr. Georges who has identified potential financiers for the project.

BVIIOC secures international competition standard swimming pool for BVI from Panam Sports

Tortola, British Virgin Islands, February 1, 2023 - The BVI Olympic Committee has secured a commitment from Panam Sports and World Aquatics (the international swimming federation formerly known as FINA) to support the supply of a 25m international competition standard swimming pool from Myrtha Pools to be installed and managed by the H. Lavity Stoutt Community College on Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

The development of the project has been formalised following six months of discussions between Mr. Ephraim Penn, President of the BVIIOC, Mr. Ivar Sisniega, Secretary General for Panam Sports and Dr. Richard Georges, President of the HLSCC. Preparatory work on the proposal included a meeting with the President of the BVI Swimming Federation, schematics from Myrtha Pools received through Panam Sports and a rough order of magnitude.

"Dr. Georges initially approached the BVIIOC in July with an offer of partnership for the installation of a swimming pool following a response I had given to a question on the status

of swimming in the territory at the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games press conference," said President Penn. "This was a timely outreach that came on the heels of a Panam Sports National Olympic Committee Consultation meeting that Secretary General Lloyd Black, Treasurer Mark Chapman and I attended in Miami in May 2022."

During the meeting, Panam Sports had expressed a desire to see the development of public and competition standard swimming pools in the Caribbean.

"Panam Sports and World Aquatics identified installation of swimming pools as an urgent need for the region," said Mr. Neven Ilic, President of Panam Sports. "The BVI has already made its mark in swimming with the likes of Olympian Elinah Phillip and this, along with our history of support for the development of the BVI's athletes, coaches, sports and sporting facilities like the Mondo track at the A. O. Shirley Recreation Ground, helped us to identify the NOC as the beneficiary of our offer to provide a training and competition pool provided they could

find a location and a partner that would be responsible for civil works and the maintenance and management of the facility, which should be accessible to all."

The initiative was presented to the BVIIOC by Mr. Sisniega who explained that a pool is essential for the development of competitive swimmers while stressing the importance of learning to swim as a survival skill.

"A short course 25 meter pool is the ideal sized pool for a small country, since it would allow the swimmers to compete in official distances, while at the same time supporting a learn to swim program that would help develop local talent and, more importantly, give the opportunity to many of the local children and youth the opportunity to learn to swim properly and to engage in this sport on a regular basis," said Mr. Sisniega.

Panam Sports supports the development of sport and its 41 member National Olympic Committees "to inspire more participation in international competitions as well as participation of the youth to prepare the generation to come in our region." The donation of the swimming pool - valued



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