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GOVERNOR AND AUDITOR GENERAL DEFEND EZ SHIPPING REPORT

Auditor General, Sonia Webster – who is usually quiet following the release of one of her reports, has been forced to defend her work after members of the House of Assembly claimed that the reports that were done on the contracts with EZ Shipping for marine platforms to provide border patrol is one-sided.

In a statement issued on 3 March, Webster said: “The audit in this matter was performed by gathering documentary evidence of the events and transactions occurring in this scheme across the ministries and departments associated with this project. In addition, interviews were performed with the heads of Customs and Immigration and with the former Police Commissioner. Interviews were also performed with senior staff who were assigned to work with the platforms. Where the mentioned individuals could not be interviewed in person, they provided information via questionnaire. Follow-ups were performed with individuals to

ensure clarity and to allow an opportunity for them to provide further information.”

The Auditor General while defending her research stated that all of the necessary steps in a matter such as the EZ Shipping investigation were done. She also stated that the report was forwarded to the heads of Her Majesty’s Customs and Immigration for their review on 15 November.

Further, Webster explained that she noted the scathing nature of the findings and practiced the necessary due diligence such a matter requires. “During the investigation, it became clear that there might be illicit implications arising from the transactions that occurred. Our policy, in such cases, is to progress the matter to the stage where it can be sent to other agencies for further investigation, as pursuing potential criminality with entities outside of the public service is not within our remit. Notwithstanding, the preponderance of the evidence regarding the use of the barges



Officials who participated in the Handover Of three Smart Community Centres last week. Article on page 10, March 4 edition (G.I.S Photo)

was such that it would be negligent of me not to bring this to the attention of the public which is ultimately footing the bill for this expenditure.”

In the House of Assembly on 21 February, Premier and Minister of Finance, Dr the Hon Natalio Wheatley was one of the first to voice skepticism about the reports. He told the House, “You do a whole audit on EZ shipping, and you don’t interview EZ Shipping. Madam Speaker, I have a problem with

that, that’s not the way you go about doing things.”

LEGISLATORS SAY REPORT IS ONE-SIDED

Territorial At Large Representative Hon. Carvin Malone also raised concerns about the EZ Shipping report which was the most recently debated.

He said, “Number 134 of the report, it says, ‘Payments made to EZ Shipping covered two months, when the barges were

not used. Incorrect information was provided to NSC and Cabinet to facilitate approval of the contracts and support unearned payments of more than 700,000 dollars...That is quite a statement...I don’t see how that conclusion could have been reached”

While hammering his point that the report is one-sided Hon. Malone said, “When we look at the recommendations...

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the conclusions, the other side of the story has to be given...I am not here to defend any of the facts of which I don't know... These reports must be more balanced in terms of getting the other side of the story."

Opposition Leader Hon Julian Fraser while harping that the reports will do irreprehensible damage to EZ Shipping and persons associated with the company stated that their side of the story should have been included in the report. Hon. Fraser said, "What is fair, Madam Speaker, is when you write a report it should be balanced. First, it should be truthful and, second, it should

be balanced."

The Leader of the Opposition said, "I think that the Premier or any other Minister who's bringing a report here from the Auditor General should have the right to say, 'I'm not bringing it'. Because something isn't right. I need more information."

GOVERNOR FINDS NO ISSUES WITH THE REPORT

Meanwhile, His Excellency Governor John Rankin during a press conference on 3 March stated that he found no issues with the report. "I am satisfied that these audits meet these requirements." The Governor

also said, "I offer my continued support for and confidence in her [Auditor General] work."

Governor Rankin said, "As regards the contract with EZ Shipping, the purpose of this Audit was to provide independent information and advice on whether efficiency, economy and effectiveness were achieved from the award and payment of contracts engaged by the Government for border security."

His Excellency pointed out that the Auditor General also found that payments of \$700000 to EZ Shipping were "unearned" and "covered two months when the barges were not used".

While emphasizing that the Auditor General was diligent in her task stated: "Indeed the Auditor General requested but has not received any evidence that the platforms were used in the relevant period. The Commissioner of Customs, Mr. Wade Smith, in correspondence to the then Acting Financial Secretary, Jeremiah Frett, asserted that the barges were used from "September 2020 to January 2021."

"In the same correspondence, Mr. Smith refused to sign the certificate on the payment voucher to confirm that the barges had been used during the period 23 December to

22 January. In short, these payments were authorized by the National Security Council and Cabinet on the basis of incorrect information provided by the former Premier," the Governor added."

Further, the Governor stated that he has forwarded the EZ Shipping Report to the Attorney General's Office for assessment of whether the Government should pursue recovery of any amounts paid to EZ Shipping. "I have asked the DPP and the Police to assess whether any offences were committed with respect to the engagement of the marine platforms."

PREMIER REMINISCES ABOUT UNITY GOVERNMENT

Premier and Minister for Finance Dr. the Hon. Natalio Wheatley announced that the Unity Government has come to an end and that he is surprised that the cooperation that came with the Unity Party seemed instantly lost.

While speaking in the House of Assembly on 2 March the Premier recalled the genesis of the Unity Government which is a coalition of three Parties that united in the wake of the arrest of the former Premier Andrew Fahie and the threat of the partial suspension of the Territory's Constitution following the Commission of Inquiry.

In reflecting, Hon. Wheatley

noted that the members for the period of the time they were part of the Unity Government forgot politics and Party: "All of us in the House of Assembly have to balance our personal interest versus the national interest. We all have to be working in favor of the national interest.

At times, Madame Speaker, our interests converge, our interests come together; and our interests diverge."

The Premier said that he can now see that the Unity Government has ended based on the actions of members from the two other political parties that form the government. "I made a statement that the Unity Government is coming to an

end. I think persons will be able to notice that the Unity Government has come to an end. The unity government is coming to an end based on the contribution of some of the members," the Premier explained.

Hon. Wheatley said he was happy that the members last year made the bold decision to form the Unity Government. He said that it is a decision he respects. "I have to say that I was happy that we could have come together to stave off the suspension of the Constitution and work to reform the Virgin Islands to improve it to make it better. In that instance, our interests converged -

national Democratic Party, Progressive Virgin Islands Movement, and Virgin Islands Party. Our interests converged because we faced a national crisis."

The rift and split between the three parties has been apparent in recent weeks based on various comments made by Hon. Marlon Penn and Hon. Melvin Mitch Turnbull in the House of Assembly or in media interviews. Hon. Wheatley announced that he has noted the separation and opined that these actions are in an attempt to gain power.

Using a biblical story as an analogy of the current state of the Unity government the Premier said: "As we get closer to elections it would seem as if our interests have started to diverge because of course I am the Premier of the Virgin Islands and it's kind of like Joseph in the Bible whose father gave him a coat of many colors

and his siblings thought that they deserved to have the coat of many colors. I think they ended up actually going to kill him and he ended up being sold into slavery; so I have the coat and there are others who want the coat."

The Premier further announced that he is ready for the political stage where the former Unity Government members and their parties will make their stance. "At some point, Madame Speaker, and I was waiting for it, at some point the target is on you.

Generally, the argument you will hear is that we sat down with Fahie and so whatever sins that we perceive that he has extended to the rest. That will be the argument. So the interests have diverged and the battle has begun. I would have preferred for the battle to begin when we dissolve the House but it is what it is, Madame Speaker," Hon. Wheatley declared.



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MYRON WALWYN BLAMES “OUTDATED CAMPAIGNS OF MALICIOUSNESS AND LIES”



Mr. Myron Walwyn

Less than a week of declaring his candidacy in the Sixth District National Democratic Party member Myron Walwyn has been forced to rebuke aspersions that arose from

a report that the incumbent Hon. Alvera Maduro-Caines use of the Millicent Mercer Recreational Grounds were thwarted because of wiring issues.

The matter became public when a member of the Alvera Maduro-Caines Committee posted a social media message on 6 March stating, “Please note that as a result of malicious hands, part of the power source to the Baugher’s Bay Basketball Court has been cut. As recent as yesterday, the power lines were connected. Today, when the Committee to Re-elect Alvera Maduro-Caines arrived to begin set up, they noticed that the lines were severed.

This has resulted in the event planned for the district today to be moved outside the district to the nearby Multipurpose Sports Complex. The decision was also made considering the weather.”

The situation was amplified further when an online news site posted an article on the matter with the headline, “Gutter politics? Electrical box tampered with on eve of Hon Maduro-Caines basketball event.”

The perceived blame was not lost on Walwyn who issued a statement on the same day stating, “I have been someone who has been calling for a much higher level of political discourse and debate during

our election cycles for many years. The BVI people are intelligent and they deserve a much more sophisticated approach to seeking their vote. The information in this article and those being circulated by others are patently false and deliberately so.”

Walwyn who is contesting the Sixth District under the NDP banner stated that he was concerned when he heard of the wire issue and reached out to the Recreation Trust to have the matter looked into. “After I heard about the situation at the Millicent Mercer Recreational Grounds, I personally called Mr. Eustace Freeman, Director of the Recreation Trust, and he

advised that the information being circulated is completely false. He called an electrician today to address some issues with the electrical wiring on the basketball court and something was inadvertently not connected by the electrician. He also advised that he expressed this very thing to the news site and to others yet they insisted on pushing this false narrative.”

While blasting persons who were indirectly blaming him for the issue Myron Walwyn said: “The electorate deserves better. These outdated campaigns of maliciousness and lies must cease. Let people know what you are going to do to make their lives better.”

NDP GAINING GROUND

It was an NDP reunion of sorts as Dr. Kedrick Pickering, who parted ways from the NDP a few years ago, announced that he has returned to the folds, and former NDP Chair and At Large Candidate Myron Walwyn returning to the campaign slate as the Sixth District candidate in a bid to oust the incumbent and former NDP Member Alvera Maduro-Caines.

Flanking the current NDP Chair Hon. Marlon Penn during a press conference on 3 March the three NDP members faced the press for a round of questioning relating to their candidate and party intentions for the 2023 general elections.

The media quizzed Dr. Pickering about his decision to run as At Large candidate in this election after serving the Seventh District as its representative for some 20 years. In response, Dr. Pickering stated that the current situations of the Territory prompted his decision.

He said: “The political atmosphere in the BVI has changed. Persons have been saying to me Dr. Pickering someone like yourself with the

experience and knowledge that you have in respect to regional and international affairs should consider running At Large so that you could better explain to the general public some of the bigger issues they have to contend with.”

“The record is clear...I have had several public meetings by myself in which I have tried to do exactly that. As a result of where we are at this point in time I am quite clear in my mind especially after listening to the responses to, especially the public meetings that I have had that as a Territorial At Large candidate I could make a bigger,” Dr. Pickering added.

The veteran politician was also asked about his decision to return to the NDP after he had parted ways. In response Dr. Pickering admitted that he was in talks with other political entities but in the end decided to return to the NDP.

“When you look at it, there are three political organizations really, and there have been many discussions with various factions mainly. The NDP Family made a concerted effort to encourage me to rejoin the organization. In fact, the put

out an all out bid to try and get me to rejoin the fraternity so to speak. So, after considering the options, and discussing with the people who are closest to me, who are working with me we came to a decision that at this point in time the country needs a group of persons working together for the betterment of the country,” he stated.

MYRON SAYS HE WILL BE VINDICATED

Of all of the NDP candidates, Walwyn’s return to the political arena was filled with suspense as the candidate is currently facing the courts of the controversial Elmore Stoutt High school wall project which he undertook while he was Minister of Education.

During the press conference the candidate took the opportunity to respond to rumors and concerns about his decision to run with the case hanging over his head. The political candidate said, “I have confidence in the judicial system here and I know I’ll be vindicated because I can say without fear of contradiction that my hands are clean.”

“If I remotely thought that I may have been involved in

anything criminal whatsoever, you will not see me here before you, not embarrassing myself, embarrassing my family, certainly not insulting the intelligence of the people of the Virgin Islands,” he further added.

Walwyn’s decision to run as a Sixth District candidate as opposed to At Large also had tongues wagging and also took time to address that matter. When asked about his decision Walwyn reminded all, that he is from the Sixth District. He stated, “My navel string is buried under a tree between an old house in Free Bottom Estate and Brewley Superette across the street.”

The candidate said that he was summoned to run by residents of the District who felt that they

were not receiving adequate representation. “I listened to the call, I didn’t make a decision on them but about two months ago a contingent of about six or seven persons came to me to discuss the issue of District 6.”

Walwyn also blasted claims that he was running in a District as opposed to At Large because it is easier for him to win that way. In response, Walwyn said, “When you run At Large you have four chances to win. You can come first, second, third, or fourth, there are four chances to win. When you run in a district you have one chance to win, nobody can come second place, so it says that running in a district perhaps could be more difficult than if it’s running At Large.”

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Diabetes: The Zillion Dollars Pandemic

You know, it's not everyday a fellow like me gets to announce a major paradigm shift, much less concerning diabetes or any other medical condition.

You don't know what a paradigm shift is? Well, if I mentioned events and names like: Gutenberg, Copernicus, Isaac Newton, Albert Einstein, Louis Pasteur, and Werner von Braun you would probably guess a paradigm shift is major shift in thinking and you would be right.

Back in the 1960s, Thomas Kuhn wrote a famous book, *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions*. In it, he destroyed the common misconception so many of us have about science.

We tend to think scientific progress is ushered in by a slow, line upon line, piece by piece development of thought over time.

Thomas Kuhn showed that, historically, scientific progress occurs in leaps and is always confronted by a struggle with an "old guard." The old scientific theorists hold tenaciously to their (usually tenured or profitable) positions and array themselves against the new discovery, attempting to drive it away.

But, the new guard - the new discoverers, inventors, explorers - takes the new discoveries and advances it over the thinking of the old establishment. Rarely is the old guard converted to the new patterns of thinking (new discovery). They just die off. The new position wins by attrition truth and perseverance.

DIABETES: THE ZILLIONS DOLLAR PANDEMIC

Diabetes is on the front edge of such a paradigm shift.

Diabetes now afflicts over 18 million Americans. That is double the number of people with diabetes just since 1991 alone.

According to the CDC, one in every three Americans will develop diabetes in their lifetime. Let that sink in one in every three Americans will develop diabetes in their lifetime.

It is estimated over 40 million Americans can be classified as "pre-diabetes" meaning they have blood sugar levels higher than normal but still below the type 2 diagnosis level which helps to define diabetes.

By anyone's standard that is pandemic (goes far beyond epidemic proportions). The cost for this carnage is over Billions of Dollars. So much expense, grief and sorrow and unnecessary.

DIABETES: A REFLECTION OF OUR CULTURE

We are a fast food, sedentary, "get-our-fix-

now" generation. More than ONE IN EVERY TWO AMERICANS are overweight. We don't exercise as we should. All of which affects glucose levels. Diabetes is a lifestyle disease and we've got the lifestyle.



That said, diabetes is a condition which CAN be turned around. Glyconutrition is the new discovery shaking the medical and scientific worlds. There are four Nobel Prizes and MIT testifying to the fact that glycobiology is one of the 10 technologies/discoveries which will shape our world.

Glyconutrition is more than just a promising new treatment for diabetes. Many are starting to whisper "VICTORY" over diabetes in their approach to disease.

WHETHER THAT IS THE CASE, TIME WILL TELL

Oh no The problem is not a failure of glyconutrition. It is the building block VITAL to healthy cellular function and it is extremely vital to the proper functioning of the IMMUNE system. Those are known facts.

Diabetes is an auto-immune disease meaning, your body's immune system gets misguided messages. Thus, it starts attacking the islet cells in the pancreas which produces insulin. Voila...diabetes!

But, the problem is NOT whether glyconutrition really works. Anecdotal evidence (market buzz!) is already overwhelming in favor of glyconutritional therapy for diabetes. As is the professional research.

No, the actual science is NOT the problem. The problem is the old guard again. Thomas Kuhn's book is almost prophetic. The old guard, the medical and pharmaceutical establishment, just can't accept the findings of (their own) research "What! A nutrient to

treat diabetes?" "Hogwash," one can almost hear them say.

Actually, I wish they were saying that out loud. The reality is, they just ignore the issue. You see, too much is at stake. Like billions of dollars uha \$132 billion dollars. All of that money (read, "business") disappears if glyconutrition continues to "pan out" the way the research shows us. But, for now, the only thing "panning out" is a diabetes pandemic.

Yet, glyconutrition gets shunned as an official diabetes treatment approach.

A study published in the 1997 issue of the Proceedings of the Fisher Institute for Medical Research showed that people with type 1 diabetes who were given glyconutrients "reported a dramatic improvement in their health, including a decrease in vision problems, better wound healing, less infections, and lower blood pressure." (Miracle Sugars, by Rita Elkins, M.H., Woodland Publishing, p. 26)

"Glycobiology has achieved critical breakthroughs in the medical field, primarily by addressing what could be the greatest plague in health care today - auto-immune diseases. Multiple sclerosis, arthritis, diabetes, Crohn's disease and colitis are just a few of these diseases." - Dr. Neecie Moore, Ph.D. (cf. Rita Elkins, M.H.

Miracle Sugars, Woodland Publishing, p. 18.)

Also, man nose (one glyconutrient) can stimulate the pancreas to produce more insulin "thus lowering the amount of insulin needed to control this disease." (Miracle Sugars, p. 27).

Reality Check: The lives of 1 out of every 3 Americans are affected directly by diabetes and there is a \$132 billion dollar diabetes pandemic running amuck in our midst. So, I sure hope this paradigm shift - glyconutrition - gets less opposition from the "powers that be" (the "old guard"), and is given its rightful place in the sun soon.

But, with the money being made by the pharmaceuticals and their drugs, and the astoundingly simplistic view of disease treatment ("Blast that disease with technology and drugs!") it is doubtful if Thomas Kuhn's "paradigm shift" will work out any differently for diabetes across the land.

The old guard will attack and ignore the discovery - arguably, the greatest in medical history in over a hundred years - and, a la Kuhn, they will simply go the way of the Dodo Bird and diabetes treatment will receive its due.



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"positive" outlook to the ratings. CG United (formerly Massy United Insurance Ltd. of Barbados) was acquired by CG in May 2022. Best said the addition of CG United "aligns with CG's strategy to balance its health operations with P/C business across numerous Caribbean jurisdictions and provides the opportunity to sell health business in CG United territories."

Best noted that the integration of CG United with CG's existing operations was proceeding on schedule while completing "major milestones" including the rebranding of Massy United to CG United and the combining of their reinsurance programs.

Best said its rating affirmations reflected the balance sheet strengths of CG and CG United, which were assessed as "strongest", as well

as their operating performances, business profiles and enterprise risk management.

"We are pleased with Best's assessment of our performance," Yan LeClerc, CG's Group Chief Financial Officer, said. "It covers a period of significant, positive change for the Group and reflects our adherence to sound planning, financial prudence, teamwork and operational consistency across multiple jurisdictions as we continue steady progress towards becoming the insurer of choice across the Caribbean."

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- (9:50 AM) HOLINESS AWAKENING B'CAST - BY: CHURCH OF GOD OF HOLINESS, BAUGHERS BAY
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- (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)

Linette Rabsatt Publishes "Be Inspired: Poems by Linette Rabsatt" Kindle Edition

On March 1, 2023, Linette published her first book of poetry, "Be Inspired: Poems by Linette Rabsatt," for Kindle. Her poetry collection includes over 200 poems written between 1996 and 2003; however, this book consists of fourteen pieces she handpicked for this collection. Topics include love, life challenges, music, and religion. Her favorite piece is "Bob Marley Vibrations" because it contains several popular song titles by Marley. She performed this piece during online poetry readings with audiences in the United Kingdom and the United States. She is also proud to share "Proud and Out Loud," which she wrote during an online poetry workshop.

Linette is a Virgin Islander with roots in the British and United States Virgin Islands. Her writing journey started during an English course with Dr. Vincent Cooper at the University of the Virgin Islands. Her work has been published in Virgin Islands Callaloo: Poems from the Caribbean and Visual Verse. In addition, she shares some pieces in British Virgin Islands newspapers and on her blog, Words of Ribbon.

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BVIHSA ANNOUNCES DEBT RELIEF PROGRAMME Up to 45% Of Some Debts Will Be Excused

Thursday February 9, 2023 – The BVI Health Services Authority has sought to ease the burden of medical debt faced by a number of persons in the community with the launch of its debt relief programme. The initiative is aimed at making overdue medical bills easier to pay.

The programme is aimed at incentivizing the organization's ongoing debt collection process. As part of the benefits, the BVIHSA is offering persons with outstanding debt between 10% to 45% off their Hospital Bill depending on the balance owed.

Additionally, members of the public have an opportunity to negotiate full payment and the best deal. They can do this by upgrading their existing payment plan. Most of all, the Debt Collection Unit said that it is offering payment plans with up to four years of repayment options. Although some conditions apply, it was mentioned that the debt repayment programme applies to all hospital bills up to April 30, 2023.

This programme is aimed at meeting

persons who are struggling to meet their financial obligations to the BVIHSA halfway. It was noted that the decision to launch the Programme came from consideration of the lingering hardship faced across the Territory post-COVID-19. "The Health Services is the community's medical caretaker. We want only the best for the people of the Territory; and even though the organization is facing financial challenges; we wanted to still extend a supportive hand;" Acting Chief Executive Officer, Dr. June Samuel explained.

To take advantage of the debt Relief programme please visit the Collections Department of the Dr. D. Orlando Smith Hospital or Email/Call:

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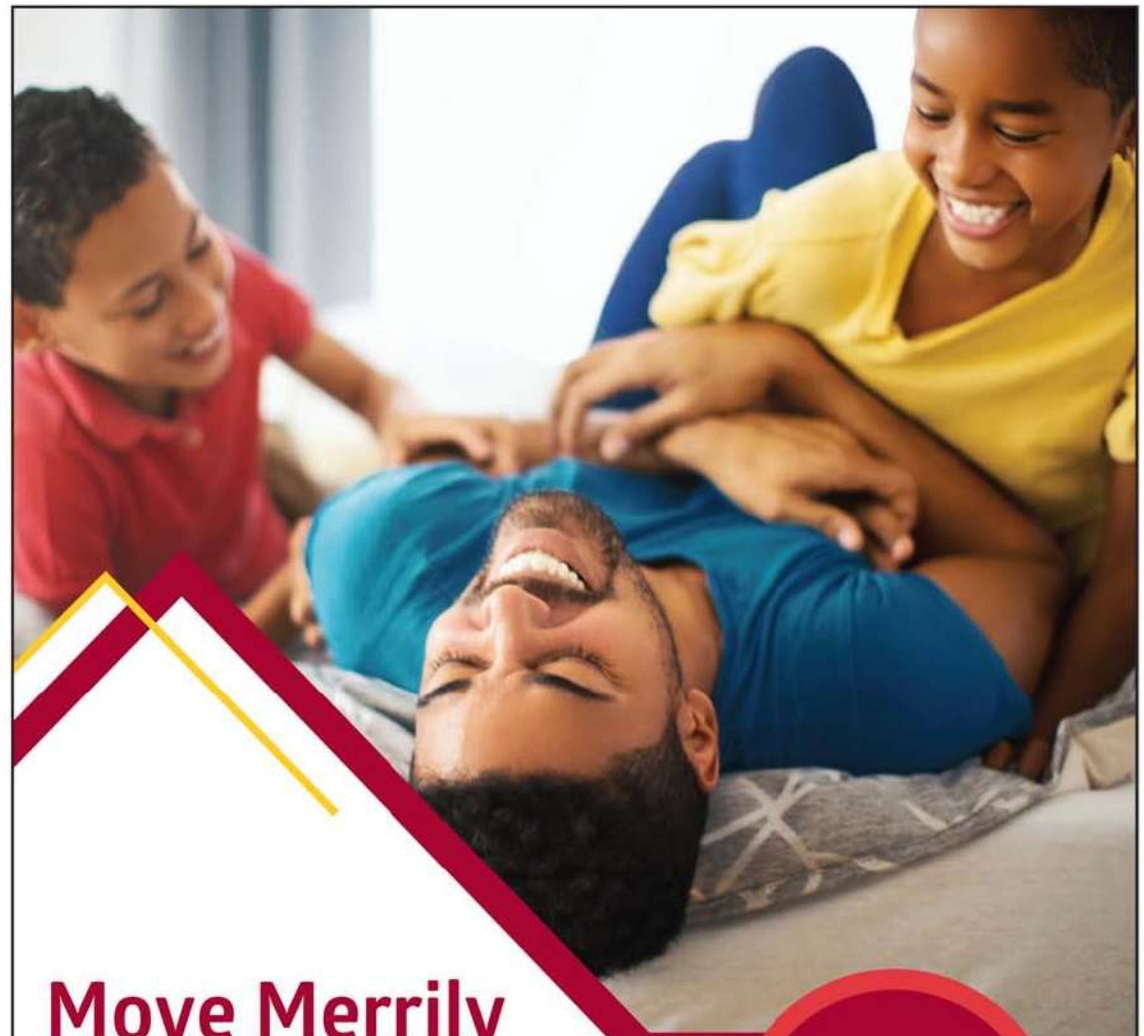
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Office Of Gender Affairs Celebrates Women In Technology

The Office of Gender Affairs is recognising women for their longstanding contribution to the Virgin Islands in the field of Information Communications Technology (ICT) in observance of International Women's Day.

This year's observance, under the theme DigitAll: Innovation and Technology for Gender Equality, recognises the numerous

contributions from women and girls towards the development of the ICT industry worldwide.

The office recognises Director of the Department of Information Technology Mrs. Annabelle Skelton-Malone who manages and directs the department's operation, ensuring that efficient and effective technological services are provided throughout the

Government.

Mrs. Skelton-Malone started the department in 1989, under the stewardship of the then Financial Secretary Robert Mathavious, with two officers including herself. With her vision and strategic direction for information technology, she has expanded the services and the staff compliment over the years.

Under her leadership, the



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department implemented several technologies that have enhanced Government's operations. Mrs. Skelton-Malone has overseen the implementation and upgrades of the Government Accounting System, the rebranding of the Government's Websites to a central website, the expansion of network connectivity to government entities located throughout Tortola and the major sister islands along with the digitation of School Administration for all public schools through the implementation of SASI, which has since been migrated to PowerSchool.

Working in this industry for more than three decades, the director has gained the respect of her colleagues in the Virgin Islands, as well as throughout the Caribbean region. She was recognised for the department's accomplishments and commended for leading and keeping the Government's IT

services and systems, on the cutting edge of technology.

Senior Database Administrator at the Financial Services Commission (FSC) Mrs. Karen Liburd-Anselm has worked at the commission since 2003 and is celebrating 20 years as one of the few women in her field. She is responsible for ensuring that the FSC has a reliable, robust and secure database infrastructure, environment all year round.

As a Database Administrator, this leading lady in technology is accountable for a complex, multi-platform database-environment which includes Microsoft SQL Server and MySQL utilised in mission-critical enterprise-applications such as VIRRGIN, AML/CFT Returns and MFAR Systems. She is also one of the persons responsible for providing technical support for the VIRRGIN

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application which is the system that makes it easy for Registered Agents to register companies, pay annual fees and make changes following the BVIBC Act.

The VIRRGIN application also allows for the Registry of Corporate Affairs to ensure that entities doing business in and from within the Territory are duly registered and that the Register of Companies is properly maintained. Incorporation fees collected via the VIRRGIN account for more than 50% of Government revenues and therefore her job contributes to one of the Territory's financial pillars.

Information Technology (IT) Manager at Roadtown Wholesale Trading, Limited (RTW) Mrs. Irma Harrigan is responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of the IT team, ensuring the availability and reliability of systems and networks, managing technology vendors, and implementing new technologies and processes to improve the efficiency and productivity of the company.

Mrs. Harrigan joined RTW in 1983 as a Trainee Programmer and was promoted to Senior Analyst/Programmer after graduating from Salisbury State University with a Computer Information Systems degree. In 1993, Mrs. Harrigan attained the IT Manager position she currently holds.

While reflecting on major achievements during her tenure, Mrs. Harrigan

highlights her role as the IT Operations Lead on the Company's enterprise software upgrade project which deployed cutting-edge technologies which improved the timeliness of wholesale customer order fulfilment. This project earned RTW a Microsoft Pinnacle Award for 'Excellence in Teamwork.

Mrs. Harrigan notes the key success factors for surviving in this rapidly evolving technological world include resilience, assertiveness, a strong supporting team and a positive outlook.

Biomedical Engineer Manager at the BVI Health Services Authority, Mrs. Candia Rabsatt-Thompson is responsible for Healthcare Technology Management as it relates to the installation, calibrations, corrective maintenance and preventative maintenance of medical equipment. The medical equipment must maintain the manufactures standard of a high level of accuracy, reliability, and durability as it relates to patient care and diagnoses. The equipment must also be safe for both clinical staff and patients.

At a young age, Mrs. Rabsatt-Thompson displayed an interest in electronics and technology. After graduating high school, she enrolled at DeVry University and obtained a bachelor's degree in Electronics Engineering Technology and a certificate in Biomedical Equipment Technology.

Throughout her professional

career and personal development, Mrs. Rabsatt-Thompson says she has learnt that is very important to surround yourself with positive individuals that

want to see you grow and that can see your vision and purpose to help your trajectory.

The Office of Gender Affairs salutes these women and

all the women in the Virgin Islands who continue to break barriers and inspire the next generation of young women.



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The ITA is seeking to recruit a competent Head of Compliance. The Head of Compliance will lead, direct, and assist in the planning, organizing, and directing of activities related to compliance with international standards to facilitate information exchange, and ensuring the efficient and effective operation and management of the organization.

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- Strong knowledge of BVI's legal and regulatory framework surrounding financial services and its cross-border tax obligations including FATCA, CRS, CbCr etc.
- Sound knowledge of Economic Substance in the BVI.
- Strong grasp of risk analysis and mitigation practices and governance frameworks.
- Proficiency in compliance management

Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Advise the director on matters of the Compliance Unit relating to international co-operation specifically, to Automatic Exchange of Information (AEOI) including Common Reporting Standards (CRS), Foreign Account
- Tax Compliance Act (FATCA), Base Erosion and Profit Sharing (BEPS), Exchange of Information upon Request (EOIR) and any emerging or other international tax standard.
- Manage and oversee matters relating to Economic Substance including reviewing the processes and procedures within the ITA to ensure that they are in compliance with the international standard set and monitored by the Forum on Harmful Tax Practices (FHTP).
- Assess existing compliance regime, identify areas in law for amendment or revision as needed to ensure compliance with international standard and assist with organizing other structures and mechanisms within the Unit.
- Stay current with emerging compliance issues and discuss with the director and compliance unit as required.
- Improve existing compliance strategies.

Skills & Abilities:

- Sound knowledge of the International Tax Authority structure, policies and procedures, financial regulations, public regulations and international affairs.
- Excellent knowledge of Virgin Islands laws relating to Financial Services Industry.
- Excellent knowledge of compliance strategies particular risk analysis and rating.
- Good knowledge of quantitative research methods and data analysis.
- Good knowledge of international and global political and economic issues.

For a more detailed overview about the Head of Compliance role and how to apply, please visit our website at <https://bviita.vg/jobs/>. BVI nationals or citizens preferred.

White House Hosts International Women of Courage Awards

WHITE HOUSE —

U.S. first lady Jill Biden wanted to put this year's International Women of Courage recipients on the biggest stage possible, so she invited all 11 honorees to the White House on Wednesday for the awards ceremony held on International Women's Day.

"Girls everywhere need to know that there are women fighting for them and winning," Biden said Wednesday, speaking before a packed room of guests and honorees gathered for the U.S. secretary of state's annual award. "Opening doors, transforming schools and communities and governments, building a better world for all of us. And, we're also here to say to their brothers and fathers and husbands and friends: As much as we need women who are willing to speak up, we need more men who are willing to listen and

for the first time this year, the award also honored a group, naming the women and girl protesters of Iran as the inaugural recipients of the Madeleine Albright Honorary Group Award. Countless women and girls led protests across the nation's 31 provinces after 22-year-old Mahsa Amini died in police custody in September, allegedly because she was not properly wearing her headscarf.

"The Iranian people — led by women — took to the streets in peaceful protest," said Linda Thomas-Greenfield, U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, as she announced the award on Wednesday. "They followed in the footsteps of brave women before them, who sacrificed so much in the name of freedom. Through neighborhoods and classrooms, out of apartment buildings and car

windows, the protesters chanted throughout Iran and around the world, creating a global chorus demanding gender equality and human rights. ... To all the women and girls across Iran, know this: We will continue to stand with you in your fight for women, for life and for freedom."

Fired, threatened, arrested, tortured

The 11 others — among them journalists, activists, educators, lawyers and a brigadier general have been fired, threatened, arrested and tortured while seeking justice and equality.

Dr. Zakira Hekmat of Afghanistan had to attend high school in secret, in defiance of her country's hard-line rulers. She became a doctor, working with refugees. She now lives in Turkey. Iranian protesters recognized

White House press secretary

Karine Jean-Pierre, who introduced four recipients chosen for their defense of free speech, said the recognition of Iran's protesters is hugely meaningful.

"We're doing it right here at the White House, which we think is incredibly important for women around the world, but also women here and young girls here, to hear the stories of these incredible individuals," Jean-Pierre said, in response to a question from VOA. "Girls everywhere need to know that there are women who are fighting for them." Analysts say the recognition shows that the Biden administration holds Iran to the same standard as the rest of the world.

"We're three weeks away from the Summit for Democracy, where the administration is calling on countries around the world to reaffirm their support

for democratic governance and support for civil society that's pushing for democracy in authoritarian contexts," Marti Flacks, a researcher who focuses on human rights at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, told VOA.

But the award is unlikely to impress those in power in Tehran, she said. Almost all of the members of the nation's supreme council are men.

"They will find any opportunity to blame the United States or the West for their own challenges and governing their country," Flacks said. "I think it's quite clear from anyone following the situation in Iran that this is a homegrown movement. ... So I don't think that efforts by the regime to pin this on the United States are going to have much of an audience."

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LIBERTY LATIN AMERICA EMBRACES EQUITY TO MARK INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY (IWD)

Denver, Colorado – March 8, 2023: Liberty Latin America Ltd. (“Liberty Latin America” or “LLA”) (NASDAQ: LILA and LILAK, OTC Link: LILAB) joins the global community and reinforces its commitment to driving greater equity and building a more inclusive world.

During a virtual event commemorating IWD made available to the Company’s more than 11,000 employees, Kerry Scott, Liberty Latin America’s Chief People Officer, commented, “In our sixth year celebrating IWD, we are all asked to make a commitment, embrace equity, and ensure it is a critical part of every society’s DNA. Driving an equitable society isn’t one person’s job or something we do one day a year – it is all of our jobs, all year round.”

Liberty Latin America’s commitment to the pursuit of equity extends beyond IWD and is at the core of the Company’s values and commitment to equality, diversity, and inclusion. Over the past five years the Company has implemented several innovative policies regarding paid parental leave, flexible working environments, and employee assistance programs. In addition, in 2021, the Company published its gender-based violence (GBV) policy and made it publicly available on its website for other organizations to learn from and utilize as part of the global effort to combat violence in all forms.

In the past six months, the Company launched its ELLAS Employee Resource Group (ERG) with the mission to empower women to thrive and reach their full potential through representation, allyship, support, and connection. To mark IWD this year, a new Professional Development Program has been created in partnership with the ELLAS ERG to offer employees access to training that will help improve business skills, offer practical knowledge, and begin to form a peer-to-peer networking community for the participants.

Scott continued, “International Women’s Day is an important moment to reinforce Liberty Latin America’s long-term commitment to supporting professional development for women in the Company. But we know this is just one day.

Progress isn’t about what we do on a single day each year. It takes a concerted effort all year round to drive diversity, to drive inclusion, to drive equity, and to ensure our company has an environment where we can be ourselves and bring our whole selves to work, every day.”

To learn more about Liberty Latin America’s efforts to drive Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion, please visit:

<https://www.lla.com/equality-diversity-and-inclusion>.



BITTER END YACHT CLUB

The Bitter End Yacht Club 2.0 has the following position available. Interested candidates must email resume to kcharles@beyc.com or call 346-9763 for appointment.

Three Additional **Line Cooks**

Candidate must have had prior experience in cooking and must have knowledge of international cuisines. Must be able to work along with Executive Sous Chef and other positions in the kitchens. Candidate must have previous hospitality skills and must be flexible and willing to learn new skills in cooking. Candidates will be trained in food service and delivery and be able to lift 30 pounds. Candidates will be required to cook and make presentation as ordered by the servers to deliver to customers. A neat appearance will be expected.

Two **Servers**

Candidate must have had prior experience in serving. Must be able to work along with F&B Supervisor and other positions within the F&B department. Candidate must have previous hospitality skills and must be flexible and willing to learn new skills. Candidates will be trained in F&B service and delivery and be able to lift 30 pounds. Candidates will be required to take accurate food and drink orders to deliver to customers. Cleanliness is a key role with appearance and workstations.

Two **Bartenders**

Candidates will be required to receive beverage orders and fulfill as required. Candidates must have Excellent Customer skills and must have previous Bartending or Mixologist experience. Candidate must assist in setting up of bars and Dining areas And will ensure that all Dining areas are cleaned and ready for service and must break Down and clean at the end of each shift. Candidates must be flexible as a member of the Food and Beverage to multitask Performs all aspects of self-cashiering, including prescribed cash and charges.

Two **Sales Clerks**

Candidate must be customer service oriented. Candidate will be responsible for keeping The Retail Stores clean, organized, and kept in an efficient operation. Hospitality, Retail or Guest services training will be provided. Previous experience in a Retail operation would be a plus.

Two **Pastry Chefs**

Candidate must have had prior experience in baking. Must be able to work along with Executive Pastry Chef and other positions in the kitchens. Candidate must have previous hospitality skills and must be flexible and willing to learn new skills in baking. Candidates will be trained in food service and delivery and be able to lift 30 pounds. Candidates will be required to bake and make presentation as ordered by the servers to deliver to customers. A neat appearance will be expected.

Two **Housekeepers**

Candidate will be responsible for ensuring that all areas cleaned meet, if not exceed, the standards established at The Bitter End Yacht Club. To maintain a high standard of cleanliness of all linen, guest laundry and work area, etc. Provide guests with professional, efficient prompt and courteous service.

Two **Stewards**

Maintain proper storage and cleanliness of all F&B equipment and storage areas. Maintain cleanliness and health and safety of F&B kitchens assigned to work in. Adhere to HACCP and food safety guidelines. Assisting Chefs with food prep. A neat appearance will be expected.

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GLOBAL NEWS BRIEF

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PHILIPPINES - Six gunmen on Saturday opened fire as a politician was meeting villagers in the central Philippines, killing Negros Oriental Governor Roel Degamo and five other people, police said.

The shooting in the town of Pamplona is the latest in a series of high-profile attacks on regional officials.

The gunmen, who were reportedly dressed in uniforms similar to those worn by the armed services, opened fire with assault rifles at Degamo's home after alighting from a convoy, local police said.

Following the attack, which occurred as villagers had gathered in front of Degamo's house to seek cash and medical aid, the gunmen fled and later abandoned three SUVs, police said.

Police said they were searching for 10 suspects, including the six gunmen.

Negros Oriental province has a history of violent political rivalries.

Degamo, 56, had recently been declared the rightful winner of the election for the provincial governorship following a recount lost by his local rival, who had previously been proclaimed the victor.

President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. condemned the mid-morning attack, saying in a statement: "My government will not rest until we

have brought the perpetrators of this dastardly and heinous crime to justice."

He said that authorities already had "much information and now have a clear direction on how to proceed to bring to justice those behind this killing."

Degamo's widow, Janice Degamo, who is also the mayor of Pamplona, said in a Facebook video: "Governor Degamo did not deserve that kind of death. He was serving his constituents on a Saturday." [Deutsche Welle]

MAINE - Fishers of Maine lobster, one of the most lucrative seafood species in the U.S., had a smaller haul during a year in which the industry battled surging fuel and bait prices, rebukes from key retailers and the looming possibility of new fishing restrictions.

Maine lobster has exploded in value in recent years in part due to growing international demand from countries such as China. The industry brought about 98 million pounds of lobster to the docks worth about \$389 million in 2022, Maine regulators said Friday. That was more than 11% less than the previous year, in which they harvested more than 110 million pounds of lobster worth more than \$740 million.

The value of lobsters also fell to a little less than \$4 per pound at the docks, the lowest since 2017, a year after setting a record of

more than \$6.70 in 2021.

The industry has experienced growth in recent years, as fishermen have caught more than 96 million pounds of lobster per year for 13 years in a row after never previously reaching that mark. But it is also wrangling with threats such as proposed rules to protect rare North Atlantic right whales, which are vulnerable to entanglement in gear. [El Pais]

ROME - Premier Giorgia Meloni on Saturday dismissed speculation that her government may have in some way impeded operations that would have saved the victims of last Sunday's migrant-boat disaster off Calabria. So far 69 people are confirmed to have died in the shipwreck and dozens more are missing, feared dead. "Can there really be anyone who, in good conscience, thinks that the government deliberately let 60 people die?" Meloni said at a press conference during her visit to Abu Dhabi. "Please, let's be serious".

She added that she was considering holding her next cabinet meeting in Cutro, the town off which the disaster took place, and to put the focus of it on migration. [ANSA]

JAMAICA - International activists recently demanded that Jamaica repeal a colonial-era law criminalizing gay sex, noting that the government still has not heeded a regional rights panel's recommendation two years ago to do so.

The call comes as a growing number of islands in the

conservative Caribbean region strike down similar but rarely invoked laws that often seek life sentences and hard labor. Jamaica has resisted such a repeal, and is considered the Caribbean nation most hostile toward gay people.

"Jamaica is really an outlier," said Devon Matthews with Rainbow Railroad, a Canadian group that helps members of the LGBTQ community escape violence. "The situation has gotten significantly worse in the last number of years."

In February, Rainbow Railroad released a along with Human Dignity Trust, a U.K. nonprofit legal organization, that found the LGBTQ community in Jamaica faces "horrific violence, discrimination and persecution and lack(s) the most basic protections under the law."

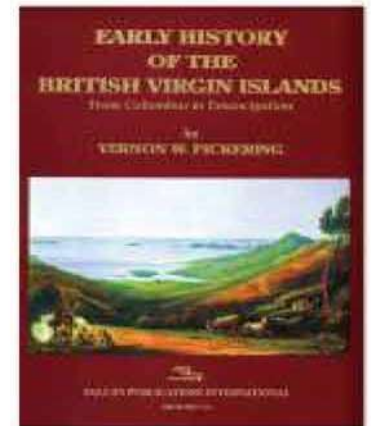
Since 2019, Rainbow Railroad has seen an increase in calls for help from gay people in Jamaica, with 411 violent incidents reported last year, compared with 377 the previous year, Matthews said in a phone interview. [AP News]

CHARLOTTE COUNTY, Fla. — Health officials in Florida have issued a warning after a patient died after being infected with Naegleria fowleri, commonly known as brain-eating amoeba.

The Charlotte County Health Department issued an alert, saying that it confirmed a victim had been infected with the bacteria, "possibly as a result of sinus rinse practices" with tap water. Health experts told WINK that the victim likely used a sinus rinse, such as a Neti Pot, which allowed the amoeba access to the nose. The health department emphasized that infection with the bacteria is extremely rare, and it is not possible to be infected by drinking tap water. The infection can only occur when the bacteria enters the human body through the nose. [CNW]

BERMUDA - An 84-year-old taxi driver who almost hit a motorbike after overtaking a rental car was seen by police who were travelling behind him, a court was told. Vincent Minors, from Devonshire, was fined \$800 after he pleaded guilty to driving without proper consideration when he appeared in Magistrates' Court last week. The court heard that on December 30 last year, police were travelling behind Minors, who was driving a taxi on Kindley Field Road.

He apologised to the court and said that he did not think the motorcyclist would be going so



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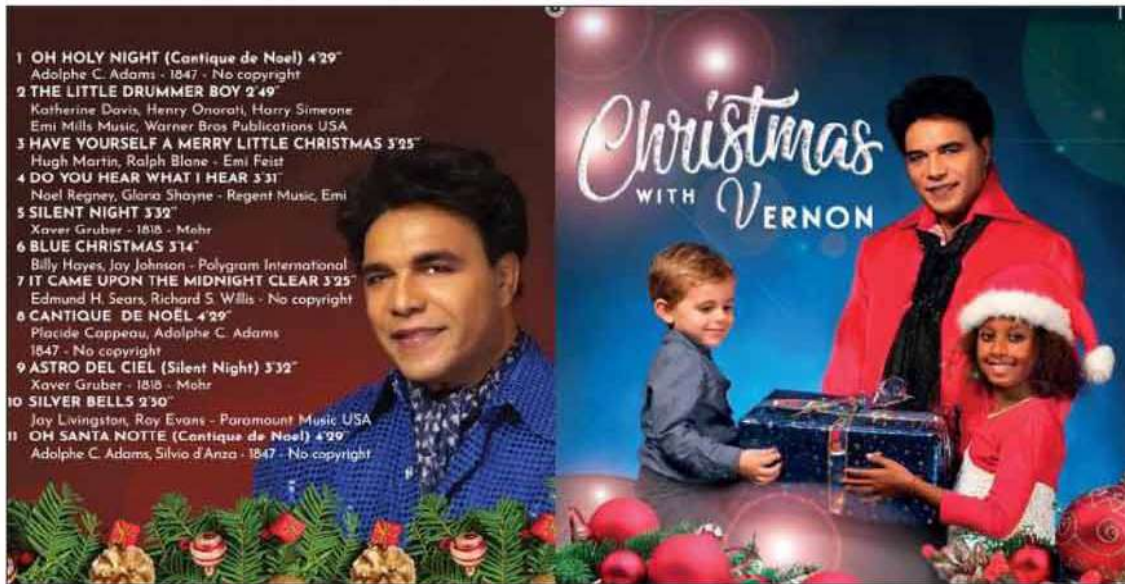
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MOROCCO - From March 28th to April 2nd, the famous Jnane Tamsna hotel in Marrakech, Morocco, will host its second writing retreat, the PhiloXenia Creative Writing Retreat: Writing as a Catalyst for Community.

Jnane Tamsna is the only Black woman-owned luxury hotel resort in Marrakech. Its founder, Meryanne Loum-Martin was born in Côte d'Ivoire, Africa to a Senegalese father and Caribbean mother hailing from Guadeloupe.

The event promises writers from the diaspora a chance to participate in generative creative writing workshops led by esteemed authors, while they learn about the editorial and publishing worlds, and delve into the true life of a writer.

The retreat will be led by three renowned writing professionals: Glory Edim, founder of Well-Read Black Girl; Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Tyehimba Jess; and Senior Editor Yahdon Israel. Together, they will guide participants through a series of workshops that explore how we can use writing to create strong community bonds. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced writer, this is an incredible opportunity to hone your craft, connect with fellow writers, and experience the vibrant culture of Marrakech, she concluded. [CNW]



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The Sunny Side Up



Through the Lens of The Sunny Side



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Divas On A Dime

Celebration of the life of the late Honourable H. Lavity Stoutt



A Theatrical Presentation was the main highlight of the ceremony that was held on 6 March at the Eileen L. Parsons Auditorium in celebration of the life of the late Honourable H. Lavity Stoutt. The event was part of the 23rd-anniversary celebration in tribute to the Territory's first Chief Minister. Mr. Stoutt considered as one of the Territory's greatest visionary leaders, will be remembered this year under the theme, "Country Man Comes to Town: Keep the Vision Moving".

Assistant Secretary in the Premier's Office and Chairperson for the Planning Committee, Dr. Lavon Chalwell-Brewley explained that this year the Committee sought to take a further look into the life of the late Chief Minister. This look, she explained, came through the theatrical presentation. The production which was well received by the gathering in attendance also showcased local talent through poetry, song, music and dance.

The late H. Lavity Stoutt was born on March 7, 1929. He served as an elected representative consecutively from 1957 to 1995 and was the Territory's first Chief Minister. He is credited with establishing the cruise ship pier, overseeing the construction of the Central Administration Complex and spearheading the development of the local community college, which is named in his honour.



Ladyburd Talks...

Dear Readers: Happy Belated International Women's Day to all the wonderful Women in the world.

International Women's Day is celebrated in many countries around the world on March 8. It is a day when women are recognized for their achievements without regard to divisions, whether national, ethnic, linguistic, cultural, economic or political.

International Women's Day has assumed a new global dimension for women in developed and developing countries alike. The growing international women's movement, which has been strengthened by four global United Nations women's conferences, has helped make the commemoration a rallying point to build support for women's rights and participation in the political and economic arenas.

Why do we celebrate womens day?

International Women's Day can serve to bring hope, highlight progress, and inspire research communities to continue their efforts to push hard for true gender quality. It aims to draw attention to women's achievements and the fight for gender equality.



Ladyburd's Mail Box

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Dear Ladyburd: My girlfriend is very jealous, and it is driving me up the wall. If I go out with her to a function or party, she gets offended if I speak with anyone of the opposite sex. It creates a big argument either on the spot, in front of everyone or when we get home, and believe me I do not know how longer I can put up with this situation. Can you advise me how to handle this situation? **James**

Ladyburd: Dear James: Your girlfriend should not display your dirty laundry out in public. If you did something that she is suspicious about she should wait until you get home to discuss the matter, and not to call you out on it right there in public, for everyone to see, and hear her disagreements. On the other hand, when you go to parties etc are you ignoring her, and paying attention to everyone else? Did you give her something to be suspicious about? Ask yourself these questions.

Make sure you pay her enough attention when you are out in public, however, she should also know that she has to give you some space as well, to greet your friends without feeling jealous or insecure.

You should have a discussion with her and let her know you did not appreciate her outburst in public and you would appreciate if she does not do it again.

Good luck.



Light Bulb Moments

"Bloom where you are planted."
Corinthians 7:20-24

"Springtime is the land awakening.
The March winds are the morning yawn."
- Lewis Grizzard

Poetry Corner

'Still I Rise'

You may write me down in history
With your bitter, twisted lies,
You may tread me in the very dirt
But still, like dust,
I'll rise.

Does my sassiness upset you?
Why are you beset with gloom?
'Cause I walk like I've got oil wells
Pumping in my living room.

Just like moons and like suns,
With the certainty of tides,
Just like hopes springing high,
Still I'll rise.

Did you want to see me broken?
Bowed head and lowered eyes?
Shoulders falling down like
teardrops,
Weakened by my soulful cries?

Does my haughtiness offend you?
Don't you take it awful hard
'Cause I laugh like I've got gold
mines
Diggin' in my own backyard.

You may shoot me with your words,
You may cut me with your eyes,
You may kill me with your
hatefulness,
But still, like air,
I'll rise.

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(Portion of the poem)

Tickle My Funny Bones



The Dollar Store

During a job interview
at the 99 Cents store,
An applicant was asked,
"Where do you see yourself in five years?"
The Applicant reply: "At the Dollar Store."

He got the job.

—A.K. via rd.com

PENILESS

The Store owner requested identification
from a department-store customer
who had just written a personal check
for her purchase.

After fumbling through her purse,
she presented him with what she said
was the only thing
that bore both her name and address.

It was a notice of insufficient funds from her bank.

Troublemakers

Two little boys were known troublemakers,
stealing everything they could get their hands,
even from the church.

One day a priest stopped one of the boys
and asked, "Where is God?"

The boy shrugged and the priest repeated,
"Where is God?"

The boy ran out of the cathedral crying
all the way home where he hid in a closet.
Eventually his brother found him and asked,

"What's wrong?"

The crying boy replied, "We're in trouble now!

God is missing and they think we took him!"

PUN INTENDED

**"Where does the sheep
get his haircut?
The baa baa shop."**

Celebration of the life of the late Honourable H. Lavity Stoutt



A Theatrical Presentation was the main highlight of the ceremony that was held on 6 March at the Eileen L. Parsons Auditorium in celebration of the life of the late Honourable H. Lavity Stoutt. The event was part of the 23rd-anniversary celebration in tribute to the Territory's first Chief Minister. Mr. Stoutt considered as one of the Territory's greatest visionary leaders, will be remembered this year under the theme, "Country Man Comes to Town: Keep the Vision Moving".





DIVAS ON A DIME

By Patti Diamond

Speedy Spanish Rice Is Easy, Versatile and Delicious

This week we have a very popular one-pot meal seasoned with a little bit of versatility. This family-friendly dinner is an extremely inexpensive yet soul-satisfying meal. It comes together fast, making it perfect for busy weeknight dinners. And one skillet? Yes, please and thank you!

The real beauty of the recipe is you can substitute any kind of protein for the hamburger I used. You could use ground or shredded turkey, pork, chicken, or go meatless with beans or meat-free crumbles. This makes it a perfect recipe to have on repeat, knowing you can make it with whatever is on sale this week.

Using brown rice in this recipe boosts nutrition and

fiber. But because brown rice takes 45 minutes to cook, this speedy recipe calls for pre-cooked rice. Considering it takes the same 45 minutes to make four cups of brown rice or 12 cups of brown rice, I recommend making a big pot of rice then dividing and freezing it into meal-ready portions. Anything that helps get a healthy meal on the table quickly is a good thing.

If you prefer white rice or don't happen to have cooked rice on hand, I've included the white rice quick fix.

SPEEDY SPANISH RICE

Yield: 4 servings

Total Time: 20 minutes

What You'll Need:

- 1 pound (85/15) ground beef
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 (16 ounce) bag frozen pepper and onion blend, thawed
- 1 (8 ounce) can tomato sauce
- 1 (14.5 ounce) can diced tomatoes with green chilies
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 3 cups cooked brown rice (see note below)*
- 1 cup cheddar or Mexican blend cheese, shredded
- Chopped green onions and/or cilantro, optional

HERE'S HOW:

In a large skillet, over medium-high heat, cook hamburger, breaking it into crumbles, until beef is no longer pink. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Drain the excess fat and liquid from

the pan. You don't have to drain it all; a little liquid is good. Next, add the onion and pepper blend and cook until the onion is translucent. Stir in the tomato sauce, tomatoes and seasonings; bring to a boil. Add rice; heat through, stirring occasionally. Let this simmer for at least 5 minutes to marry the flavors. Before serving, sprinkle cheese on top and cover with a lid for a minute to melt the cheese. Garnish with green onions and cilantro, if desired. And trust me, you desire. Serving

suggestions: All you need is a big salad and call it done.

*Note: If you don't have pre-cooked rice, just add 1 cup of uncooked white rice (not brown, it takes too long) and 2 cups chicken broth when you add the tomatoes and bring to a boil. Cover and reduce heat to a simmer for 20 minutes. Continue as written above.

This popular dish has many variations. I believe every family has their own "perfect and only" way to prepare Spanish rice. Here's a list of items you could add, and no one would be mad at you: green or black olives; corn; sour cream; green chilis; pinto, black or red kidney beans. And more cheese. We always need more cheese, please.

What's the difference between Spanish rice and Mexican rice? Spanish rice gets its yellow color from saffron (which is ridiculously expensive!). Mexican rice, meanwhile, takes on a unique reddish orange color by adding cumin and chili powder. No matter how you make it, you'll love this simply comforting delish Spanish dish.

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This Spanish rice dish is comforting and delicious.

POLICE NEWS

RVIPF FEMALE OFFICERS SELECTED TO TRAIN AS WOMEN IN POLICING

Wednesday, March 3 – Two female RVIPF officers are among officers from the United Kingdom Overseas Territories selected to attend training for women in policing to mark International Women’s Day. Acting Inspector Angeline Stevens and Detective Sergeant Sherry-Ann Lavia-Lennon will take part in two weeks’ worth of leadership, mentoring and networking opportunities designed specifically for women in policing. The two will be joined by women officers from Bermuda, Cayman, Falklands, Gibraltar, Turks and Caicos and Anguilla forces. Assistant Commissioner Pam Trevillion MBE will also attend the conference. The training, which is coordinated through the Governor’s Office and funded by the UK Government, is part of the new global Women and Girls Strategy launched today, 8 March, that is intended to progress gender equality.

His Excellency, the Governor John Rankin noted his delight in being part of an initiative that supports the development of women in this profession. “Advancing gender equality is a fundamental building block for sustainable, thriving futures. I’m therefore pleased the UK, with support of my office, was able to arrange this training opportunity for our women police officers,” the Governor noted.

Commissioner of Police Mark Collins shared the same sentiments. “I’m delighted



*Acting Inspector
Angeline Stevens*



*Detective Sergeant
Sherry-Ann Lavia-Lennon*

that two officers from RVIPF have been selected and will represent the BVI. It is vital that women’s voices in policing are both heard and understood, and I look forward to seeing these officers put in practice what they have learnt on return,” the Commissioner said.

The officers arrived earlier this week where they spent two days with Police Scotland to learn from senior officers and to start building a network for role specific support. The two will then spend the week at the Women In Policing Conference.

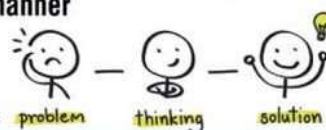
Officers Stevens and Lavia-

Lennon will then go on to attend leadership training, delivered by a retired UK Police Officer.

The course will focus on lived experiences and career challenges while improving self-confidence, developing a strong professional network, accessing peer support, learning from role-models, and making clear plans to reach full potential. The conference aims to provide an opportunity for professional development, and to initiate important conversations about what it takes to create truly inclusive places to work in policing.

Before you discipline a child

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



GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
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- **DO NOT** light matches, lighter or stove.



A message from the Department of Disaster Management and Sol

BETTER HAVE THEIR MONEY

By Transparency International

Last week, a US judge ordered Swiss mining and commodity trading giant Glencore to pay US\$700 million in connection with a long-running corruption probe.

Last year, Glencore pleaded guilty to channelling at least US\$100 million in bribes between 2007 and 2018 to public officials across the world - from Brazil to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), and Nigeria to Venezuela. The company reached a deal with authorities in Brazil, the UK and the US to pay up to US\$1.1 billion.

This week's sentence confirms the US portion of the coordinated settlement.

In a welcome move, the judge also instructed the company to pay almost US\$30 million in restitution to the founders of a healthcare firm recognised as a victim of Glencore's conduct in the DRC. But this doesn't address the full scope.

There are likely more populations, entities and individuals who suffered harm from Glencore's scheme. There must be a more comprehensive effort to identify and adequately compensate all those affected - particularly the most vulnerable.

This is not a new issue, and our Exporting Corruption 2022 report highlights that even when large-scale foreign bribery schemes are successfully investigated and companies are hit with fines and penalties, victims usually don't receive compensation.

Instead, large penalties and fines paid by bribe-paying companies are typically allocated to the treasuries of their home countries. Settlements rarely consider compensating harm to the countries adversely affected by the bribery.

Rightfully so, affected countries are starting to take issue with this.

For example, Indonesia is now requesting guarantees from the UK that it will receive a portion of any future financial settlement resulting from a corruption inquiry into aircraft manufacturer Bombardier.

This comes after Jakarta was excluded from an agreement made with aerospace leader Airbus three years ago - even though it reportedly assisted with the investigation.

In the case of Airbus, which incidentally owns a majority stake in Bombardier, the company was implicated in bribing foreign officials between at least 2008 and 2015

to win business abroad. The company signed a plea deal in January 2020 and agreed to pay record penalties of US\$3.9 billion to France, the UK and the US, all of which investigated the scheme.

Notably absent from the Airbus agreements were any plans to compensate the countries and people where the company paid bribes, including Colombia, Ghana, Indonesia and Sri Lanka - something we didn't think was right.

In Sri Lanka alone, experts estimated a minimum of US\$98 million in losses for the public due to the scheme.

This did not sit well with our chapter in Sri Lanka, which expressed concern to UK authorities

about inadequate compensation for victims. Disappointingly, they received a response justifying the lack of compensation on the grounds that the loss from the criminal conduct was hard to measure and there was no evidence that any of the products or services sold by Airbus to customers were defective or unwanted.

Similarly in France, Airbus paid approximately US\$2.29 billion - but no victims were identified with whom to share compensation.

Fortunately, there have been signs of legislative progress. France's landmark 2021 law on the restitution of ill-gotten gains in international corruption cases - whether proceeds of bribery or embezzled public funds - establishes a new model that makes an explicit link

to foreign victims.

Foreign bribery has been treated as a victimless crime for far too long. Countries must develop transparent and accountable mechanisms to ensure justice for those who directly suffer from such corruption.

The latest Exporting Corruption 2022 report finds that enforcement against foreign bribery continues on the alarming downward trend of recent years. With top trading companies doing worse than ever before on enforcement, multinational companies can bribe their way into foreign markets with little consequence. Despite a few breakthroughs, victims' compensation is rare.

Ahead of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) board meeting in Buenos Aires last week, Transparency International urged them to reflect the critical importance of anti-corruption in the energy transition by strengthening the EITI standard.



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celebrity extra

by Dana Jackson

Q. My son is reading the play "12 Angry Men" in his English class. I recall seeing the movie, starring Henry Fonda, years ago. Did it win any Oscars? — J.K.

A. "12 Angry Men" was originally written as a one-hour live play to be broadcasted for television by Reginald Rose, the son of a lawyer who grew up in New York City. Henry Fonda saw the legal drama and offered to co-produce it as a motion picture in 1957. It wasn't a box-office hit, but it was critically acclaimed and nominated for several Oscars, including Best Picture.

In 1997, it was once again created as a television event, this time starring Jack Lemmon in Fonda's role of Juror No. 8 and George C. Scott, the latter of whom won an Emmy for Outstanding Supporting Actor.

In some recent exciting news, the original film is being released on a special 4K Blu-ray with a brand-new HDR/Dolby Vision Master and an audio commentary by film historians Gary Gerani and Drew Casper. The package will also include a making-of documentary, the film's theatrical trailer and a featurette titled "Inside the Jury Room."

Don't worry, just because it's in 4K doesn't mean they're colorizing the original. According to Collider.com, "This legal drama, which already has some really rich shadow work and black levels, has a lot of potential to look stunning in 4K. '12 Angry Men' now joins the ever-growing list of classic black-and-white films in the format that includes 'To Kill a Mockingbird' and 'Psycho.'"

Q. Is Sally Field going to be starring in anymore movies soon? I saw that she was in "80 for Brady," so I hope that means she's back. — U.J.

A. The two-time Academy-Award-winning actress Sally Field was recently honored by the Screen Actors Guild with a Lifetime Achievement Award. She's had a long, storied career in Hollywood since she was a teen and has maintained a reputation as one of the nicest people in the business. Her early TV roles in "Gidget" and "The Flying Nun" showcased her charm, but once



Courtesy of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer
Henry Fonda in "12 Angry Men" (1957)

she graduated to film with more meaty, dramatic roles, she was honored by her peers and critics alike.

She's swung back and forth between comedy and drama during her six-decade-long career, including "Smokey and the Bandit," "Steel Magnolias" and "Forrest Gump." She's even tried her hand at superhero movies, having played Peter Parker's Aunt May in the two "Amazing Spider-Man" films. The 76-year-old actress signed with a new agency in 2021, so it doesn't look like she plans to retire anytime soon.

Q. I was thrilled to see that "The Blacklist" is back on TV. Is it true that this is the final season, though? — P.J.

A. Yes, the 10th and final season of NBC's "The Blacklist" premiered on Feb. 26, but it'll have plenty of content to be enjoyed for months to come. Even though it didn't start up last fall, the network granted it a full-season order of 22 episodes. James Spader and the rest of the cast will bid us farewell after this season.

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

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Recreational Tianeptine Has Potential for Abuse

DEAR DR. ROACH: I've been hearing about tianeptine being sold at gas stations. Is it really dangerous? — S.F.

ANSWER: Like so many substances, tianeptine can be a useful drug when prescribed and taken correctly (it's used in several countries for depression), but it is indeed dangerous when used recreationally. Its use has been banned in several (unfortunately not all) states across the U.S. It is sold (yes, especially at gas stations) as a dietary supplement. Because it acts on the same receptor as morphine, when used at high doses far beyond the medically approved dose, it has potential for abuse and even overdose, with a handful of deaths ascribed to its use.

I recommend in the strongest possible terms against its recreational use and hope it is completely banned soon.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I have severe pain in my right shoulder. I have seen two orthopedists and received X-rays, MRI scans and a cortisone injection, which didn't work. Both surgeons recommended a shoulder replacement. I am taking three adult aspirins each morning (I am allergic to NSAIDs), which makes the pain go away. Is this safe? I am 83 and otherwise healthy. — J.B.

ANSWER: Aspirin is a type of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug and has the toxicities common to all

the drugs in that group, including an increased risk for bleeding and potential damage to the stomach and kidneys. But it has additional toxicities beyond NSAIDs like ibuprofen, especially at higher levels. I am very cautious about prescribing aspirin and generally prefer other anti-inflammatory medicines.

However, people have long taken aspirin — sometimes at much higher doses — usually without problems. The fact that you are taking it only once a day reduces the toxicity, but I have to say I am surprised the benefit is lasting all day.

The risk of toxicity is higher at older ages. At 83, you are at a significantly higher risk (seven times the risk) than younger people. Most of the data on exactly what your risk is comes from people taking low-dose aspirin (81 mg, not the 975 mg you are taking), so I can't give you an evidence-based answer. But, for men in their 80s taking low-dose aspirin, about 1.5% will have a serious bleeding event per year. Your risk will be significantly higher due to the much-larger dose you are taking. However, one has to consider both the benefits of the aspirin treatment (the pain being gone is the best possible outcome) and the toxicity of other possible treatments, such as surgery (which is very significant).

There are many classes of NSAIDs, with very different chemical properties, and it is likely there is another type of NSAID you could safely take, with a lower risk than the dose of aspirin you are currently on. On the other hand, you can't get any better effectiveness, at least in terms of pain, and the absolute risk is still fairly small, so I'm not sure I recommend you change. I am always very cautious about recommending surgery to someone in their 80s when there is an effective medication available to treat the issue.

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 Lucie Winborne

- Believe it or not, cows can be potty trained — and, it is said, with less trouble than toddlers. It's called MooLoo training, and involves not a toilet, but a special pen with artificial grass. But why bother? The practice helps the environment by reducing air and water pollution and even planet warming.

- The J.W. Westcott II is a boat that delivers mail to ships at sea. Operating out of Detroit, it's the only floating ZIP code in America.

- In 1931, German engineer Richter Raketennrad built a bike with 12 rockets mounted to its back wheel and reached a speed of 90 kph before his invention exploded and threw him off. While that was, sadly, the end of the rocket bike, Raketennrad himself suffered only a few scrapes.

- Kintsugi is the Japanese art of putting broken pottery pieces back together with gold.

- For over a year in the mid-2000s, members of the group Untergunther broke into the French Pantheon to repair a clock that had been broken for four decades. They later received court time for the effort but were somewhat vindicated when member Jean-Baptiste Viot, a clock restorer, was hired to repair it in 2018 after further neglect.

- Researchers have found that approximately 97% of people are keeping a secret at any given time, with the average person keeping around 13.

- In 2008, a former high school star athlete escaped a crime scene by using Craigslist to hire a dozen identically dressed (and unwitting) civilians to stand at the exact place and time of the arrival of the armored car that he planned to rob.

Thought for the Day: "Challenges are gifts that force us to search for a new center of gravity. Don't fight them. Just find a new way to stand." — Oprah Winfrey

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COMMENTARY

Impunity in Governance

By Dickson Igwe



Dickson Igwe
March 1, 2023

The well-worn cliché, that power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely, is an assertion that should guide Julius Caesar, if he or she wants a wholesome, happy, and lengthy tenure in office. Sadly it never really does. When he possesses power, Caesar is unrestrained in his appetites. Now residents are very

angry. That reality is very easy to observe. Simply listen to what people say in every situation. Any ‘prophet’ who is worth their weight in gold must come out and predict an outcome. That will not happen. Why: angry voters are the most unpredictable group on earth. An angry voter may not be the most rational individual: so where he or she places his or her X is anyone’s guess.

Now, one of the evils in politics is the tendency of power to become uncontrolled, abused, and corrupt: unrestrained. That is nothing new. Honesty and restraint are rare virtues in governance. History is loaded with examples of

rulers using the power of their office to enrich themselves, their families, and friends. Power becomes a tool of greed and oppression. Power becomes a tool of self-aggrandizement.

He who controls the purse strings runs the country. He or she is able to use patronage and favor to keep Joe Public in line. Family and friend get the biggest piece of the pie: all others must seek for the crumbs that fall from the table, or worse. This is Trickle Down on steroids.

Handing out public money to family, friend, and supporter, is a gross abuse of office. It is injustice: ‘entitlement’ run berserk. It leaves a bad taste in the

mouth of Joe Public and is the chief reason there is so much anger out there. Those omitted from favor include students from needy homes, struggling farmers and small businesses, residents requiring affordable homes, and so on and so forth.

At a time thousands scream at the high cost of living, how can it be justified that millions of dollars is dubiously channeled by Caesar to residents not in need, rich even, but who happen to be ‘well connected’ to Julius Caesar? All the while that those who the cash grants and stimulus are truly intended for are ignored? That is the very definition of wickedness. Wickedness and impunity are synonyms. How dare he?

Residents of the Virgin Islands in recent times have stood by numb, as financial scandals appear to get worse as each moment passes. The stories on the street corners of cash handouts to the tune of millions of dollars to family, friends, and supporters of Caesar are a horror story. It is as bad as the looting of treasuries of some banana republic.

If power is impunity’s sibling then it takes a man or woman of virtue to handle power with humility. Once upon a time one Harry Truman asserted ‘show me a man that gets rich by being a politician, and I will show you a crook.

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Collection Of Residency Certificates

Chief Immigration Officer Mr. Ian Penn is advising persons who were granted residence status in 2019 and have not yet received the relevant certification, to email the Immigration Department’s Status Unit at immstatus@gov.vg indicating such, and to gain further information on the collection process.

Food Handlers Training On March 14

The Environmental Health Division will be hosting a virtual Food Handlers Training Course on Tuesday, March 14 at 9:00 a.m.

Food handlers interested in attending the virtual training are asked to register individually utilising their personal email before noon on March 13 using the following link:

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Caribbean News / Regional News

STATEMENT BY HEADS OF GOVERNMENT OF THE CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY (CARICOM) ON HAITI

(CARICOM Secretariat, Turkeyen, Greater Georgetown, Guyana - Monday, 6 March 2023) - Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) have resolved to continue efforts to encourage dialogue among Haitian stakeholders and to support efforts at finding solutions to the multi-dimensional crisis facing the country.

The Heads of Government with responsibility for Haiti met on Sunday, 5 March

under the chairmanship of the Honourable Philip Davis, Prime Minister of The Bahamas and Chair of CARICOM. They received a report from the Prime Minister of Jamaica, the Most Honourable Andrew Holness, who led a one-day CARICOM Special Mission to Haiti on 27 February. The mission met with a broad range of Haitian stakeholders to hear their views on the way forward to a Haitian-led solution and demonstrate CARICOM

solidarity with Haiti. The Leaders agreed that there must be a follow-up meeting with the stakeholders to chart a path to consensus building in order to bring peace and stability to the country.

The Heads of Government agreed to support the Haitian National Police in their efforts to address the security situation. The focus of the Community will be the provision of training for the HNP and the provision of humanitarian assistance to

HNP and the wider Haitian society, taking into account the challenging humanitarian and security situation in Haiti.

In acknowledgement of the common historical experiences and the strong African-Caribbean relationship, Heads of Government also agreed to seek support from African countries for Haiti. They also agreed to work with the Governments of Canada and the United States as well as the UNDP on the ongoing issues

and, at the upcoming Spring Meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, to approach both International Financial Institutions to ascertain what further assistance they could provide to Haiti.

They commended Prime Minister Holness and the CARICOM delegation for their efforts in Haiti and welcomed the comprehensive report which was provided on the mission.

NEVIS TOURISM AUTHORITY APPOINTS NEW DIRECTOR OF SALES & MARKETING



Mr. Phéon Jones

Charlestown, Nevis (March 1, 2023) - The Caribbean island of Nevis has announced the appointment of Mr. Phéon Jones to manage and advance the institution's strategy as Director of Sales & Marketing for all markets with specific responsibility for the North American Market

with CIBC FirstCaribbean in St. Kitts & Nevis and through his hard work, dedication, results and exceptional interpersonal skills quickly rose through the ranks and became Head of Sales for the Nevis Market of CIBC FirstCaribbean ending 2017.

Mr. Jones brings over 14 years

in the area of customer service, sales, marketing and social media marketing.

"We are thrilled to welcome Mr. Jones as Director of Sales & Marketing for all markets. The goal is to continue showcasing the beautiful elements and unique events of our destination as well as diversify/expand our source markets," said Devon Liburd, CEO of Nevis Tourism Authority.

Mr. Jones holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management and Marketing from St. Thomas University located in Miami, Florida. Additionally, he has earned professional financial certificates throughout his career and has professionally certified himself in the social media field. Mr. Jones previously served as Senior Marketing Officer for The Bank of Nevis Limited where he directly managed the institution's Marketing Department, brand, market presence, and reputation across all segments including corporate, retail and corporate social responsibility to boost and ensure profitability.

MINISTER BARTLETT TO PLAY KEY ROLE IN GLOBAL ITB TOURISM CONVENTION

Kingston, Jamaica; March 6, 2023: Minister of Tourism, Hon. Edmund Bartlett continues his quest of ensuring that Destination Jamaica and the tourism sector remain top of mind in international fora with his departure on Sunday to be a key participant in the much anticipated ITB Berlin Convention, now underway in Germany.

Having been impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic, this is the first face-to-face staging of the world's biggest travel convention since the onset of COVID-19 and is planned to showcase decisive trends and provide unlimited opportunities for the travel business.

The Berlin Convention, which runs from March 7-9, is the leading travel industry think tank, attracting tourism professionals, key decision makers, the major buyers and sellers in the international travel trade. "As the global tourism sector continues to rebound from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic we are pleased to be able to attend ITB Berlin in person, and we will use this opportunity to further promote Destination Jamaica, strengthen existing partnerships and forge new ones as we seek to foster continued growth in the tourism sector," Minister Bartlett said.

The Minister's participation will see him as the keynote speaker and panelist on the topic "New Narratives for Work in Travel."

One of the highlights of Minister Bartlett's participation sees him also giving the keynote address at an event celebrating Global Tourism Resilience Day following last month's approval by the United Nations for the day to be observed each year. This after Jamaica's efforts to bolster resilience in global tourism by proposing the official designation of February 17th as Global Tourism Resilience Day annually yielded great success.

Mr. Bartlett's itinerary also includes a number of high-level meetings on subject areas such as the: "Global Employment Initiative," new flights and other tourism developments. He will also participate in several media activities and programmes as well as a bilateral meeting with Minister of Tourism for the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, His Excellency Ahmed Al Khateeb.

Additionally, Mr. Bartlett will be a special guest at the Pacific Area Travel Writers Association (PATWA) International Travel Awards. At the ITB Convention in 2019, Jamaica was presented with PATWA's award for destination of the year. The awards recognize individuals and organisations that have excelled and/or are involved in the promotion of tourism from different sectors of the travel trade and service providers related directly or indirectly to the industry.

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In Selma, Biden Says Right to Vote in US Remains Under Assault



President Joe Biden speaks at the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama, March 5, 2023, to commemorate the 58th anniversary of "Bloody Sunday," a landmark event of the U.S. civil rights movement.

SELMA, ALABAMA — President Joe Biden used the searing memories of Selma's "Bloody Sunday" to recommit to a cornerstone of democracy, lionizing a seminal moment from the civil rights movement at a time when he has been unable to push enhanced voting protections through Congress and a conservative Supreme Court has undermined a landmark voting law. "Selma is a reckoning. The right to vote ... to have your vote counted is the threshold of democracy and liberty. With it anything's possible," Biden told a crowd of more than 1,000 people seated on one side of the historic Edmund Pettus Bridge, named for a reputed Ku Klux Klan leader. "This fundamental right remains under assault. The conservative Supreme Court has gutted the Voting Rights Act over the years. Since the 2020 election, a wave of states and dozens and dozens of anti-voting laws fueled by the 'Big Lie' and the election deniers now elected to office," he said. As a candidate in 2020, Biden promised to pursue sweeping

legislation to bolster protection of voting rights. Two years ago, his 2021 legislation, named after civil rights leader John Lewis, the late Georgia congressman, included provisions to restrict partisan gerrymandering of congressional districts, strike down hurdles to voting and bring transparency to a campaign finance system that allows wealthy donors to bankroll political causes anonymously.

It passed the then-Democratic-controlled House, but it failed to draw the 60 votes needed to advance in the Senate even under control of Biden's party. With Republicans now in control of the House, passage of such legislation is highly unlikely.

"We know we must get the votes in Congress," Biden said, but there seems no viable path right now.

The visit to Selma was a chance for Biden to speak directly to the current generation of civil rights activists. Many feel let down because of the lack of progress on voting rights and they are eager to see his administration keep the issue in the spotlight.

Few moments have had as lasting

importance to the civil rights movement as what happened on March 7, 1965, in Selma and in the weeks that followed.

Some 600 peaceful demonstrators led by Lewis and fellow activist Hosea Williams had gathered that day, just weeks after the fatal shooting of a young Black man, Jimmie Lee Jackson, by an Alabama trooper.

Lewis and the others were brutally beaten by Alabama troopers and sheriff's deputies as they tried to cross the Edmund Pettus Bridge at the start of what was supposed to be a 54-mile walk to the state Capitol in Montgomery as part of a larger effort to register Black voters in the South.

"On this bridge, blood was given to help redeem the soul of America," Biden said.

The images of the police violence sparked outrage across the country. Days later, civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. led what became known as the "Turnaround Tuesday" march, in which marchers approached a wall of police at the bridge and prayed before turning back.

President Lyndon B. Johnson introduced the Voting Rights Act of 1965 eight days after "Bloody Sunday," calling Selma one those rare moments in American history where "history and fate meet at a single time." On March 21, King began a third march, under federal protection, that grew by thousands by the time they arrived at the state Capitol. Five months later, Johnson signed the bill into law.

President Joe Biden talks with Congresswoman Terri Sewell, center, and the Rev. Al Sharpton after walking across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama, March 5, 2023, to commemorate the 58th anniversary of "Bloody Sunday."

This year's commemoration came as the historic city of roughly 18,000 was still digging out from the aftermath of a January EF-2 tornado that destroyed or damaged thousands of properties in and around Selma. The scars of that storm were still evident Sunday. Blocks from the stage where Biden spoke, houses sat crumbled or without roofs. Orange spray paint marked buildings beyond salvage with instructions to "tear down."

"We remain Selma strong,"

Mayor James Perkins said, adding that "we will build back better." He thanked Biden for approving a disaster declaration that helped the small city with the cost of debris cleanup and removal.

Before Biden's visit, the Rev. William Barber II, a co-chair of Poor People's Campaign, and six other activists wrote Biden and members of Congress to express their frustration with the lack of progress on voting rights legislation. They urged Washington politicians visiting Selma not to sully the memories of Lewis and Williams and other civil rights activists with empty platitudes.

"We're saying to President Biden, let's frame this to America as a moral issue, and let's show how it affects everybody," Barber said in an interview.

Among those sharing the stage with Biden before the march across the bridge were Barber, the Rev. Jesse Jackson, Martin Luther King III and the Rev. Al Sharpton.

Water bottles were passed out to some in the crowd gathered to hear Biden and at least one person was taken away on a stretcher because

of the upper-70s heat. Some had waited hours in the sun before relief came from shadows cast from nearby building.

Delores Gresham, 65, a retired health care worker from Birmingham, arrived four hours early, grabbing a front-row spot so her grandchildren could hear the president and see the commemoration.

"I want them to know what happened here," she said.

In his remarks, Biden said, "Everyone should know the truth of Selma."

Two years ago on the anniversary, Biden issued an executive order directing federal agencies to expand access to voter registration, called on the heads of agencies to come up with plans to give federal employees time off to vote or volunteer as nonpartisan poll workers, and more.

But many federal agencies are lagging in meeting the voting registration provision of Biden's order, according to a report published Thursday by the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights.

US Energy Secretary Discusses Plan to 'Warproof' Ukraine's Electrical Grid

WASHINGTON — Ukraine's power grid has been a target of Russian attacks since mid-October. The United States now is in the process of sending a third round of assistance to help restore damaged infrastructure. But the ultimate goal is to help Ukraine build a new "warproof" distributed power grid, said Jennifer Granholm, the U.S. secretary of Energy.

As Ukraine marks one year since Russia's full-scale invasion, Secretary Granholm talked to VOA's Iuliia Iarmolenko about the U.S. assistance, Ukrainian resilience, and a clean energy future.

This interview transcript has been edited for clarity and brevity.

VOA: It has been a year since Russia launched a full-scale war and it's been at least four months since Russia started this campaign of brutal attacks on Ukraine's energy sector. How do you assess the current situation with Ukraine's energy grid?

U.S. Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm: Well, I do know that the president — President [Volodymyr] Zelenskyy — has really expressed a desire to have a different grid. A grid that is distributed, that has clean energy, but also that isn't so centralized so that it becomes a target. And that is very encouraging, that's something we very much want to work with Ukraine on and we have labs that are already ... our national labs that are already preparing strategies to be able to get to that.

Ultimately you want to basically warproof an electric grid. What we have been doing is sending ... We've been scanning for high-voltage equipment that would be compatible with Ukraine's electric grid. It's a Soviet-era grid, and so, therefore, it's difficult for our transformers for example aren't compatible. So, we're canvassing around the world and all of our utilities to see what equipment can we send.

Where we are in the process now of sending the third tranche of equipment to Ukraine so that they can replace what has been damaged. But ultimately in the long term, what we need to do is to fulfill the president's goals to get a distributed electric grid so that if one section is damaged, it doesn't bring down a whole region.



President Joe Biden talks with Congresswoman Terri Sewell, center, and the Rev. Al Sharpton after walking across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama, March 5, 2023, to commemorate the 58th anniversary of "Bloody Sunday."

SPORTS



SOFTBALL

BVI 4th in ECASC tournament after 9-8 loss to Aruba

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

Two valiant comeback efforts—first from a four run deficit to take a 5-4 lead, then from an 8-3 run 8-5 hole to tie the game at 8-8 in the top of the seventh—saw the BVI's Women's Softball team narrowly missing the bronze medal in the Eastern Caribbean Amateur Softball Confederation Championships on Sunday in St. John, after Aruba scored in the bottom of the seventh for a thrilling 9-8 victory.

"The team showed a good fight," Coach and manager Neville "Sheep" Smith told Island Sun Sports.

The BVI opened the tournament with a 20-5 drubbing of Jamaica in their debut matchup. They followed up with an 11-1 victory over St. Maarten. However, Team BVI would go on to lose the next three qualifying games. They fell to Aruba 8-6, then lost to hosts U.S. Virgin Islands 12-3 on the back end of a double header, evening their record to 2-2. Eventual champs Curacao—the

#56 ranked team in the world who beat the USVI 3-2 and advanced to the CAC Games—ended the territory's the qualifying round play with Richelle Van Gennip firing a no-hitter and striking out eight in a 12-0 victory, that saw them finishing with a 2-3 record and fourth place in the standings.

In the bronze medal game against Aruba—a rematch of their 8-6 loss—Darier Malone's solo homer cut the deficit to 4-1. Team BVI would score five unanswered runs for a 5-4 lead in the top of the sixth. Down 8-5 in the top of the seventh after Aruba scored four in the bottom of the sixth, the BVI scored three times to tie the game at 8-8 in the top of the seventh. In the bottom of the inning, Aruba loaded the bases, then got a bases loaded single for the 9-8 victory and the bronze medal.

"We had a few plays that we could have done differently but we made a few mistakes," Smith said. "Shelly (Jelissa Potter) gave up a home run and they got ahead of us but we came back. Coming to the end of the inning, two outs to

get one play, a ball hit to our third baseman and we told her she had to come home—more than once—but it happened that she did not come home. She could have tried to tag the batter but I think she lost a sense of where she was, which is something we have to get in our players heads—the fundamentals of the game."

Smith said that with the bases loaded, when the ball is hit to you, the first thing is to get the ball home—something that should be automatic. "That's what happened in that game but we played well and I tip my hats off to them," he said. "One thing I'm not going to do is put blame on any player at any time in any loss we had. We're a team. We made a few mistakes, but we did good."

Claury "Cloe" Scatliffe had eight hits in 14 at bats, to lead BVI hitters in the tournament. She homered, had two doubles and finished with seven runs batted in and a .533 batting average. Jhene Niles in three games, was 3-for-5 with four runs scored, a walk, a stolen base, two runs batted in and



Team BVI at the ECSAC Championships in St. John

a .600 batting average.

Smith said he has seen a new beginning from the team. He said the players are of a new breed who are listening and they're eager to learn. He said that when they sat down in meetings everyone's ears and eyes were opened, something that's fueling him right now.

"We have a team that we can work with, all we need is the support," he said. "If all the trust companies, the businesses can help support us because there's a lot of things that

we need, because we really don't have much, but there's a lot of things that can help us."

The plan now Smith said, is for them to come together and practice every month, regardless of the team they're playing with. He said they will be practicing year round as a national team. A schedule will be developed, focusing on conditioning, batting and fielding. "We must practice every month and I'll make sure that it happens," he said.

FOOTBALL

BVI U20s fend off St. Thomas Massey Soccer Academy, 2-1

By Dean "The Sportsman" Green

In their first action in over a year, Omari Simmons scored in the first minute of the game and Joel Mars in the 19th as a British Virgin Islands U20 Boys Football team fended off their St. Thomas Massey Soccer Academy counterparts, 2-1, Saturday in Greenland. Massey Soccer Academy's Gabriel King scored 35 minutes into the second half.

"We came expecting to win and BVI came out pretty good and we conceded in the first seconds of the game and from then, we came back, but the turf, the sun, aren't helping out our players, we're accustomed to play on grass," Massey Soccer Academy's Coach Dale Richards said of his team that beat BVI 5-2 in their last encounter, with a different squad. "We made quite a few mistakes with

our passes because of the turf—not hitting the ball hard enough—but beyond that, it was a good game, I enjoyed it. We're looking forward to going to Punta Cana (Dominican Republic for a tournament) and see if we can get about two BVI guys to accompany us, where we can have unity between both islands."

BVI U20 Coach Clinton "Tinnie" Percival said the game gave them an opportunity to exhibit the things they have been practicing for a while. "We need to be doing this more because the competitiveness of the team is really low and we need to get back that competitive edge, but it's all about seeing what they can give us right now and moving to the next level," he said. "These are the types of games we want to be playing on a regular basis.

So for me, this was really good. We missed some chances, but that's how it is."

Asked what he saw in the BVI team, Richards said most of it is about formation. He said that they have good form.

"Any team that has a good formation and they listen to their coach the organization is good," he noted. "As long as you have a good organization, it's a pretty hard team to beat and they have organization."

Percival told Island Sun Sports that it wasn't about winning the game, but seeing the development going forward and making progress step by step. He said that he really likes the group of players they have and they need to give them enough games for them to continue to improve.

"It's been at least about 16 months which is not good,"



BVI U20 Boys starting 11 played St. Thomas' Massey Soccer Academy in Greenland on Saturday

he said. "Since we played the Dominican Republic, we haven't played a competitive game and you find the motivation of the players has dropped a little bit. Now we seem to be in a position to get more regular games so we hope the enthusiasm of the players, the vibe of the players,

get better, we have more numbers out and we have more improvement coming."

In an U12 game, Joel Gilford had a hat trick that fired the BVI to a 6-0 victory over their Massey Soccer Academy counterparts. Other goals came from Myles Penn, Emery Jones and Ricardo Blair.

SPORTS



Raw Power's Henrietta "Henrie" Alexander, goes for a kill against Elite



BVI U12-s Bryson Walters, controls the ball against St. Thomas Massey Soccer Academy



Panthers' Prevell Asson kicks the ball ahead of the Wolves' Colm Edwards



Women's Coaches in the middle of a session on Tortola



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THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man's devising.

ACTS 17: 29



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

HEY, THIS IS A GREAT MOVIE! IT'S ABOUT TIME THEY MADE A BOOK FROM IT!



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Hal Foster's Prince Valiant

BY GIANNI AND SCHULZ

ON THE JOURNEY TO ILLWYNDE, JEALOUSY GETS THE BEST OF VAL:

"AND WHY DO YOU HAVE TO NAME THE STRANGER SO HEROICALLY?"



"I CALL HIM ST. GEORGE BECAUSE HE SLEW MY DRAGON," ALETA REPLIES. "IT'S AN AFFECTIONATE TERM, MUCH AS I THINK OF YOU AS MY HERCULES, MY MARK ANTONY..."

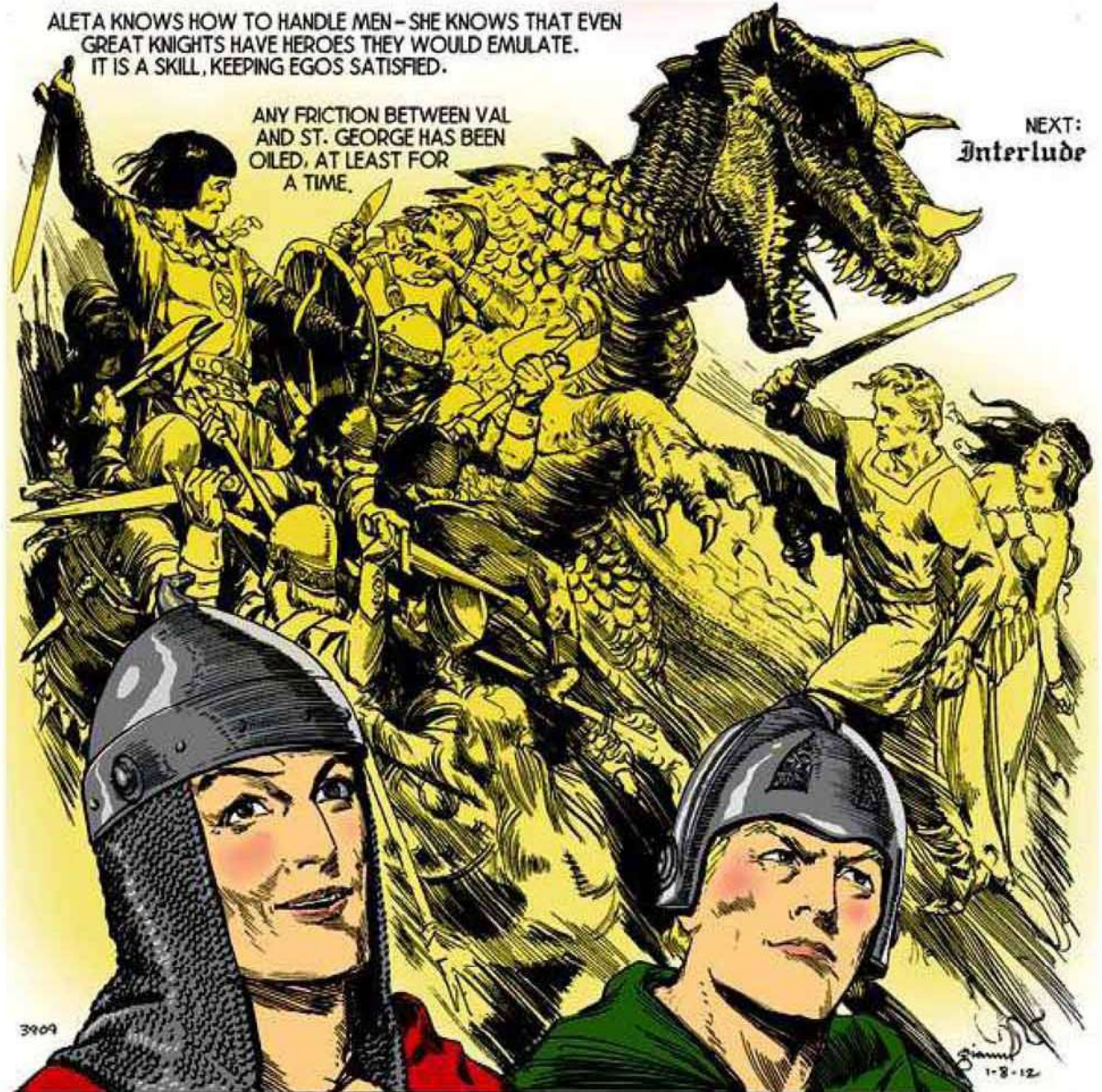


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ALETA KNOWS HOW TO HANDLE MEN - SHE KNOWS THAT EVEN GREAT KNIGHTS HAVE HEROES THEY WOULD EMULATE. IT IS A SKILL, KEEPING EGOS SATISFIED.

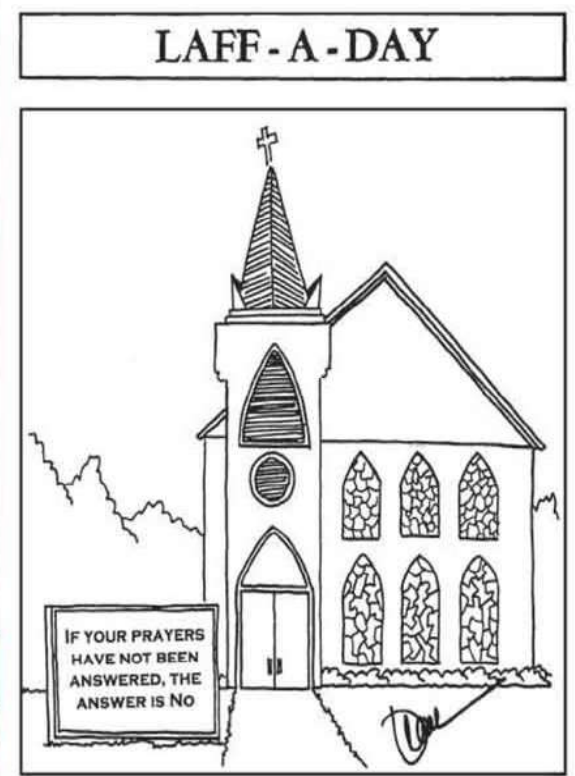
ANY FRICTION BETWEEN VAL AND ST. GEORGE HAS BEEN OILED, AT LEAST FOR A TIME.

NEXT: Interlude



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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Stop being the wool-gathering Lamb, and start turning that dream project into reality. You have the ideas, the drive and the charisma to persuade others to follow your lead. So do it.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You've scored some big successes. But remember that all hard-working Ferdinands and Ferdinandas need some time to restore their energies and refresh their spirits.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You're gaining a stronger mental image of what you're trying to achieve. Now, look for the facts that will help get this to develop from a concept into a solid proposal.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Some of you eager-to-please Moon Children might want to delay some decisions until midweek, when you can again think more with your head than your heart.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A new business venture seems to offer everything you've been looking for. But be careful that this rosy picture doesn't betray traces of red ink under the surface.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A volatile situation needs the kind of thoughtful and considerate care you can provide right now. There'll be plenty of time later to analyze what might have gone wrong.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your loyalty to a friend in a tough situation earns you respect from people you care about. Those who criticize you don't understand what friendship is all about.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your strong work ethic is rewarded with the kind of challenging opportunity you love to tackle. Now, go ahead and celebrate with family and/or close friends.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A legal matter you thought had been finally resolved could require a second look. But don't make any moves without consulting your lawyer.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Taking charge is what you like to do, and since you do it so well, expect to be asked to lead a special group. This could open an exciting new vista for you.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) An important matter might wind up being entrusted to you for handling. The responsibility is heavy, but you'll have support from people able and eager to help.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A spouse or partner might make an important, even life-changing, suggestion. Consider it carefully. It could hold some of the answers you've both been looking for.

BORN THIS WEEK: You always try to do the right thing for the right reasons. No wonder people have come to depend on you.

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LAFF - A - DAY



"Your clerk will be with you as soon as we can coax him back off the window ledge."

Archbishop Gallagher stresses need to end war in Ukraine

In an extensive interview with journalist Gerard O'Connell of America Magazine, the Vatican's Secretary for Relations with States, Archbishop Paul R. Gallagher, underscores the urgent need to halt the fighting in Ukraine and work for a just peace. He also echoes concerns over the increasing threats to global peace and nuclear disarmament.

By Vatican News staff reporter

Acknowledging the grim reality of war in Ukraine with no end in sight, the Vatican's Secretary for Relations with States, Archbishop Paul R. Gallagher, expressed his concerns and hopes about the reality there and the future of global peace in a feature interview with journalist Gerard O'Connell of America Magazine.

In his interview given on the eve of the first anniversary of the war in Ukraine, the Archbishop admitted that despite global wishes for an end to the conflict, "the reality of the war will continue, and the war continues to provoke death and destruction." And as Pope Francis has frequently said, "we have to make every effort to try and find a way to end this war."

Archbishop Gallagher participated in the recent Munich Security Conference, focusing primarily on Ukraine and support for the country. The gathering did not have the presence of Russia there, an occasion that could have offered an "exchange of ideas and positions and challenges which might have been useful in the circumstances," he observed. What came out of that meeting for him was the sense of "underlying anxiety" regarding the Ukraine situation and what will be required to continue offering this special solidarity where there is increasing concern among public opinion reflective of a wider "anxiety and preoccupation" over what to do, how far to go, and where it could lead.

Regarding Russia's suspension in participating in the New START Treaty on nuclear arms, Archbishop Gallagher in the interview said this is "very bad news," and part of the "tremendous erosion of the nuclear conventions and treaties in recent years," that requires renewed efforts "to try and resurrect the structure, the architecture of nuclear nonproliferation." This is also signifying we live in a more dangerous world, he pointed

out, while the Holy See always remains committed to promoting "a vision of a non-nuclear armed world."

While the bleak outlook for peace characterized the atmosphere at the Munich Conference, Archbishop Gallagher said the Holy See's role is ever more important in trying "to keep alive the hope, the dream of peace," despite the emphasis of nations focusing on military victory first, and peace discussions later.

Regarding the phrase of US President Joe Biden of guaranteeing



support to Ukraine 'as long as it takes,' he interprets that less as a risk to a possible escalation and more as "a political and a material commitment to supporting the Ukrainians." Archbishop Gallagher notes that the Holy See supports "the sovereignty and the territorial integrity of Ukraine," while also it also recognizes "the liberty and the freedom of the Ukrainian people to their self-determination."

Contacts between the Holy See, Ukraine and Russia are continuing, Archbishop Gallagher underscores in the interview, and he describes how Pope Francis wishes "to go to both parties to this conflict," both Kyiv and Moscow, which would be the "ideal scenario" even if that possibility is not on the horizon at this time. Ukraine has repeated its invitation, while Moscow has not yet extended one. He notes that the time and circumstances must be right for this to happen.

In conclusion, Archbishop Gallagher says it is very important to work for a just peace and an end to the hostilities.

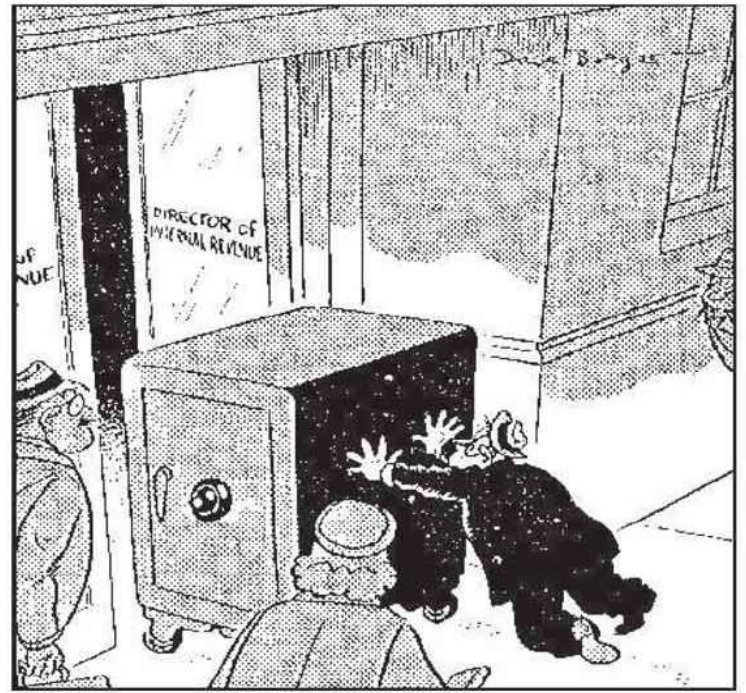
The Garden Bug

Shamrocks

The Irish word *seamróg* means “little clover” or “young clover.” According to legend, St. Patrick used the three leaves of a *seamróg* to explain the Holy Trinity; the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit were each represented by one of its leaves. Some plants considered shamrocks include the wood sorrel (*Oxalis acetosella*), white clover (*Trifolium repens*), suckling clover (*T. dubium*) and black medic (*Medicago lupulina*). Clover flowers are attractive to bees, its roots host nitrogen-fixing bacteria that enrich the soil, and the plants are high-quality forage for many animals. – Brenda Weaver

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MISTER BREGER By Dave Breger



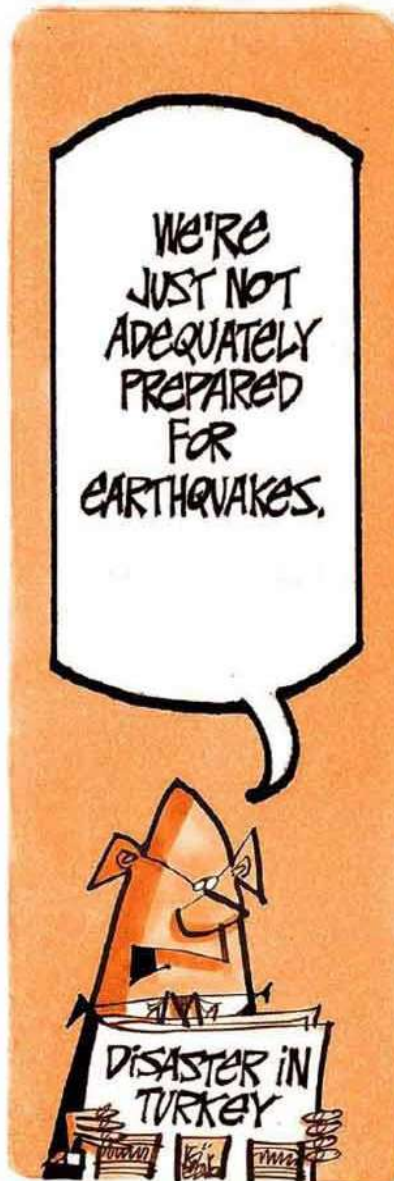
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Most Independent U.S. States 2022

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3. Massachusetts
4. Virginia
5. Nebraska
6. Florida
7. Idaho
8. Wisconsin
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“GOT ROOM FOR ONE MORE?”

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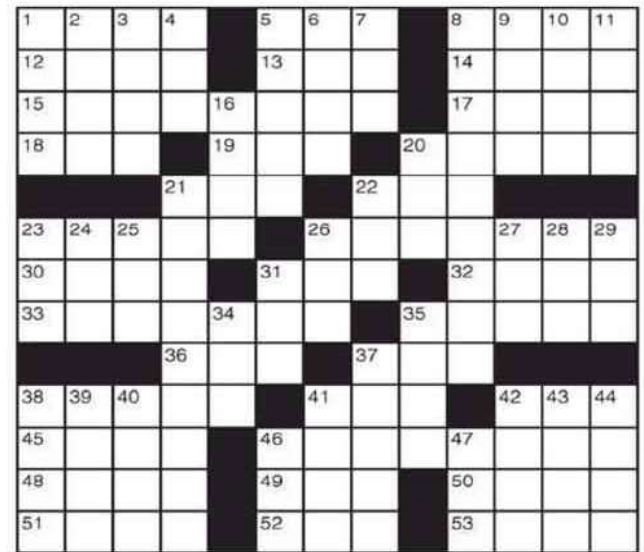
by Jeff Pickering



King Crossword

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- 5 Bumped into
- 8 Pack (down)
- 12 Ireland
- 13 Peyton's brother
- 14 "The Time Machine" people
- 15 Octopus arm
- 17 Lunch hour
- 18 Request
- 19 IV measures
- 20 Must-haves
- 21 Chai, e.g.
- 22 Vagrant
- 23 More recent
- 26 Goddess of wisdom
- 30 Tehran's country
- 31 Sly one
- 32 Tidy
- 33 Workshop cutter
- 35 Rock
- 36 Very long time



- 50 Pitt of "Moneyball" plant
- 51 Carry
- 52 Layer
- 53 Round Table titles
- 10 Disposition
- 11 Bowling targets
- 16 Computer brand
- 20 Convent manager
- 21 Prepare meat for cooking
- 22 Beiderbecke of jazz
- 23 Pen tip
- 24 Mound stat site
- 25 Pallid
- 26 Trim the grass
- 27 Old Oldsmobile
- 28 Moving day rental
- 29 Packed away
- 31 Summer cooler
- 34 Drunkard
- 35 Droops
- 37 Ford or Hudson
- 38 Ella's style
- 39 Surrealist Joan
- 40 Bickering
- 41 Fall (over)
- 42 "Boston Public"
- 43 Tragic king
- 44 Probability
- 46 Light touch
- 47 "Frontline" ailer

DOWN

- 1 Test version
- 2 Enrages
- 3 Neck problem
- 4 Tolkien creature, to fans
- 5 Pilgrimage site
- 6 Building wings
- 7 Dead heat
- 8 Some urban homes
- 9 Medicinal

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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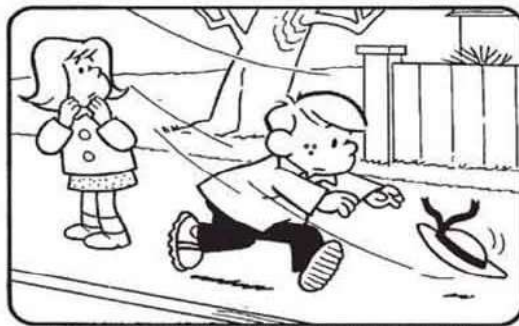
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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Weekly SUDOKU

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Answers

King Crossword

- Trivia Test Answers
- 1. Detroit; 2. Creed Bratton; 3. Lake Michigan; 4. James Joyce; 5. Q and Z (10 points each); 6. "Alien"; 7. Unstressed vowel represented by an upside-down "e"; 8. Czech Republic; 9. Armpit; 10. A nest or fornicary.



1. FOOD & DRINK: Which U.S. city is known for its square pizzas with crunchy corners?
2. TELEVISION: Which character became a fugitive in the final season of "The Office"?
3. GEOGRAPHY: Which of the Great Lakes lies entirely within the United States?
4. LITERATURE: Which famous novelist wrote his last book in crayon due to poor eyesight?
5. GAMES: What are the two most valuable letters in Scrabble?
6. MOVIES: Which movie series features a character named Ellen Ripley?
7. LANGUAGE: What is a "schwa"?
8. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which nation is credited for being the top beer-drinking country in the world?
9. ANATOMY: What is a common name for the axilla?
10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What do you call an ant's home?

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A THIRD WAY FOR GLOBAL PEACE

By Sir Ronald Sanders

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in Ukraine was causing immense human suffering while exacerbating fragilities in the global economy, the need to uphold international law, and that "the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons is inadmissible." This was eminently acceptable language, particularly as all parties, including China and Russia, had accepted it a year ago.

If developing countries, especially the small and vulnerable states, expected meaningful attention by the G20 to the myriad economic and financial challenges that confront them, their hopes were dashed by failed meetings of Finance and Foreign Ministers in February and March.

The members of the G-20 are: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, Turkey, the U.K. and the U.S., as well as the European Union. Small states have no voice at the meetings, unless one of them is invited for a brief presentation.

Both of the G20 meetings were dominated by profound differences over the Russian war on Ukraine. This caused global economic issues to be pushed to one side. The failure of the Finance Ministers meeting, on 24 and 25 February, foreshadowed the collapse of the Foreign Ministers meeting on March 1 and 2. Reuters reported that, when a Communique was being negotiated for the Finance Ministers' meeting, Russia insisted that the document must not mention the word "war", insisting that the fighting in Ukraine is a "special military operation."

In any event, no Communique was issued by either of the two meetings. Instead, the Chairpersons - the Finance and Foreign Ministers of India - were forced to release short statements that did not amount to much more than saying that the major powers dug deeper into their entrenched positions on Ukraine, discarding everything else. The Indian Foreign Minister, Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, said there were "divergences" on the issue of the war in Ukraine "which we could not reconcile as various parties held differing views."

China and Russia reportedly objected to two paragraphs taken from the previous G-20 declaration in Bali last year. The paragraphs stated that the war

A plea by India's Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, in a video presentation at the opening of the Foreign Ministers meeting, fell on deaf ears. But his message was right. Importantly, he lamented that the two main goals of the post-World War II international order - preventing conflict and fostering cooperation - were elusive. "The experience of the last two years - financial crisis, pandemic, terrorism and wars - clearly shows that global governance has failed in both its mandates," he said. India's hope for the year of its Presidency of the G20 meshes well with the overall interests of developing countries. It emphasizes the demands of developing states for inclusive growth, climate finance, more representative multilateral institutions, and progress on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, which were all reversed by the economic impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.

India's attention to the heavy burden of debt on developing countries, and, indeed, of industrialized countries as well, is also urgent. Every country now finds it difficult to service outstanding debt, given the demands of recovering and rebuilding damaged economies.

Even before the harmful impacts of Covid-19 and the global disruption, caused by the Russian war on Ukraine, the debt to GDP ratio was already unsustainable. After these two devastating events, debt to GDP ratio in many countries soared to over 100 per cent. Now commercial borrowing has become almost impossible, given the continuing increase in interest rates.

Restructuring sovereign debt is both necessary and urgent. However, China has made it clear it will not participate in restructuring. China follows its own path, regarding money that it lends to friendly nations. And some Western countries have declared that they will not accept reducing debt owed to them, for their debtor countries to pay back China. So, while differences between



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major powers persisted, the interests of the developing countries at the G20 were ignored.

Climate Change should also have featured meaningfully on the G20 agenda. It did not. No discussion took place, although countries that are victims of climate change expected movement on this issue before the next Climate meeting, COP28, in December.

The fact that developing countries - despite the presence of India and South Africa - could make no impact on the major powers at the G20, is deeply troubling.

This stark reality should spur all developing countries to do more, not less. The economies of the global economy are seriously undermined by the Russian war on Ukraine and its consequences, including the retaliatory economic and other actions taken by the European Union and the member countries of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Developing countries lack the resilience and financial resources of the rich countries to ride out this turbulent economic storm; they cannot afford to sit by in silence.

As positions become more entrenched and more strident between the powerful protagonists of the war on Ukraine, world peace is endangered with frightening prospects for all nations, including those involved in the conflict. In this connection, the failure of the G20 meetings raises a screeching alarm that developing countries should not ignore. If no movement was possible, even with India chairing these meetings, the clarion call for urgent collective action by developing countries should be heard by all. If ever there was a time for a revival of a genuine and practical non-aligned movement in the world, that time is now.

China, also, has an influential role to play in all this as an honest broker, taking no sides, aiding no protagonist, and promoting the established rules of the U.N. Charter and international law.

Efforts are urgent to return the world to an agenda, focused on tackling common problems such as disease and climate change; promoting human development including inequality and human rights; and engaging in dialogue to improve and enhance global rules that respect and uphold sovereignty and territorial integrity.

All developing countries should now work together, in all international fora, to present a third way to resolving global challenges, including conflicts.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Zen Forty Ltd
(the "Company")
Company No. 2032093
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **Zen Forty Ltd** has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 27th February 2023.
Dated this 28th day of February, 2023.
Sgd. Querube C. De Nunez
Voluntary Liquidator
[91/1]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004
Win Sun Capital Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1994630
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 2nd March, 2023.
Dated: 2nd March, 2023
(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator
[91/2]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004
Win Times Worldwide Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1990510
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 2nd March, 2023.
Dated: 2nd March, 2023
(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator
[91/3]

Notice of Appointment of a Voluntary Liquidator under Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004.
Blue Ice International Ltd.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1715430
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 15th day of December 2022.
The Liquidator is
Robson Bastos de Alencar, Rua Manuel Hernandez Lopes
144, Ap 11,
São Bernardo do Campo,
Brazil. 09732-480.
[91/4]

NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
(NO. 16 OF 2004)
Zhongbao Investment Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 27th day of February, 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.
The Liquidators is: -
Wayne Francis
Of Nerine Chambers,
Road Town, Tortola,
British Virgin Islands
[91/5]

NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
(NO. 16 OF 2004)
Spring Worldwide Holdings Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 17th day of February, 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.
The Liquidators is: -
Wayne Francis
Of Nerine Chambers,
Road Town, Tortola,
British Virgin Islands
[91/6]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
IZARRA LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1603283
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 March 3rd, 2023.
Dated: March 3rd, 2023
(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean
Voluntary Liquidator
[91/7]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
Santredo Ltd.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1607973
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 March 3rd, 2023.
Dated: March 3rd, 2023
(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean
(Sgd.) Nadia Mariska Nezar
Joint Voluntary Liquidators
[91/8]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
PERRYVALE ENTERPRISES ASSETS CORP.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1546110
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 March 3, 2023.
Dated: March 3, 2023
(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean and Diederick Petrus Naude
Voluntary Liquidator [91/9]

CTG Evergreen Investment XX Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1881230
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 3rd day of March, 2023.
Dated this 3rd day of March, 2023
Sgd. Brian Jackson
Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator [91/10]

BALDWIN GROUP INC.
(the "Company")
Company No. 1541262
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **BALDWIN GROUP INC.** has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 27th February, 2023.
Dated this 3rd day of March, 2023.
Sgd. Lineth Ponce
Voluntary Liquidator
[91/11]

SALDIL ASSOCIATED LTD.
(the "Company")
Company No. 574139
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **SALDIL ASSOCIATED LTD.** has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 27th February, 2023.
Dated this 3rd day of March, 2023.
Sgd. Lineth Ponce
Voluntary Liquidator [91/12]

HIGHLIGHTS HOLDINGS LIMITED
(the "Company")
Company No. 1070859
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **HIGHLIGHTS HOLDINGS LIMITED** has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 27th February, 2023.
Dated this 3rd day of March, 2023.
Sgd. Jacques-Michel Rossi
Voluntary Liquidator [91/13]

Land Development Group (LDG) Limited
(the "Company")
Company No. 1921500
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **Land Development Group (LDG) Limited** has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 27th February, 2023.
Dated this 3rd day of March, 2023.
Sgd. Mrs. Karina De Los Rios
Voluntary Liquidator
[91/14]

INTRON INTERNATIONAL LTD.
(the "Company")
Company No. 540294
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **INTRON INTERNATIONAL LTD.** has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 27th February, 2023.
Dated this 3rd day of March, 2023.
Sgd. Mrs. Lineth Ponce
Voluntary Liquidator
[91/15]

YEEBO RESOURCES LIMITED
(the "Company")
Company No. 340118
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **YEEBO RESOURCES LIMITED** has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 27th February, 2023.
Dated this 3rd day of March, 2023.
Sgd. Chan Kit Wang
Voluntary Liquidator
[91/16]

BILLIRICH INVESTMENT LIMITED
(the "Company")
Company No. 526189
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **BILLIRICH INVESTMENT LIMITED** has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 27th February, 2023.
Dated this 3rd day of March, 2023.
Sgd. Ms. LIU Yanxi
Voluntary Liquidator
[91/17]

JETSTAR RESOURCES LIMITED
(the "Company")
Company No. 353971
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **JETSTAR RESOURCES LIMITED** has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 27th February, 2023.
Dated this 3rd day of March, 2023.
Sgd. Chan Kit Wang
Voluntary Liquidator
[91/18]

CITY EFFORT PROFITS LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 571947
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 2nd day of March, 2023. The Liquidator is **Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated this 3rd day of March, 2023
Sgd. Brian Jackson
Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[91/19]

PURE OCEAN INTERNATIONAL LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1568461
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 2nd day of March, 2023. The Liquidator is **Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated this 3rd day of March, 2023
Sgd. Brian Jackson
Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[91/20]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004
Benben's Home Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2034246
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 2nd March, 2023.
Dated: 2nd March, 2023
(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator
[91/21]

PUBLIC NOTICES

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 United Force CATON (Hong Kong) Co., Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1378825
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 27th February, 2023.
Dated: 27th February, 2023
(Sgd.) BI Yuping
Voluntary Liquidator
[91/22]

PENSALES LTD.
(the "Company")
Company No. 2025553
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **PENSALES LTD.** has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 29th December, 2022.
Dated this 7th day of March, 2023.
Sgd. Querube Castillo de Nunez
Voluntary Liquidator
[91/23]

MAROUA INC.
(the "Company")
Company No. 2025553
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **MAROUA INC.** has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 6th January, 2023.
Dated this 7th day of March, 2023.
Sgd. Mrs. LINETH PONCE
Voluntary Liquidator
[91/24]

INFONET RESOURCES LIMITED
(the "Company")
Company No. 341002
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **INFONET RESOURCES LIMITED** has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 3rd February, 2023.
Dated this 7th day of March, 2023
Sgd. Mrs. LINETH PONCE
Voluntary Liquidator
[91/25]

RICHJADE LIMITED
(the "Company")
Company No. 239639
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **RICHJADE LIMITED** has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 7th February, 2023.
Dated this 7th day of March, 2023.
Sgd. CHOI Ka Keung
Voluntary Liquidator
[91/26]

NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004) Number Ten Properties Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 2nd day of March, 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.
The Liquidators is:-
Wayne Francis
Nerine Chambers,
P.O. Box 905
Quastisky Building,
Road Town, Tortola
British Virgin Islands
VG1110
[91/27]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act. Tahone Capital Holding Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1972159
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 7th of March, 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: 7th March, 2023
(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator
[91/28]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 SELLINO ENTERPRISES LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1014372
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 3rd March, 2023.
Dated: 8th day of March, 2023
(Sgd.) Evelyn Ng Poh Geok
Voluntary Liquidator
[91/29]

Sutton Road Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1572128
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 7th day of March, 2023. The Liquidator is **Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated this 8th day of March, 2023
Sgd. Brian Jackson
Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[91/30]

Station Road Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1572134
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 7th day of March, 2023. The Liquidator is **Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated this 8th day of March, 2023
Sgd. Brian Jackson
Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[91/31]

London Road Nottingham Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1410850
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 7th day of March, 2023. The Liquidator is **Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated this 8th day of March, 2023
Sgd. Brian Jackson
Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[91/32]

Seven Stiles Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1572127
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 7th day of March, 2023. The Liquidator is **Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated this 8th day of March, 2023
Sgd. Brian Jackson
Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[91/33]

International Road Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1572125
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 7th day of March, 2023. The Liquidator is **Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated this 8th day of March, 2023
Sgd. Brian Jackson
Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[91/34]

Eversley Road Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1572130
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 7th day of March, 2023. The Liquidator is **Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated this 8th day of March, 2023
Sgd. Brian Jackson
Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[91/35]

I Ferris Row Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1572138
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 7th day of March, 2023. The Liquidator is **Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated this 8th day of March, 2023
Sgd. Brian Jackson
Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[91/36]

Drayton Road Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1572118
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 7th day of March, 2023. The Liquidator is **Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated this 8th day of March, 2023
Sgd. Brian Jackson
Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator [91/37]

Digbeth Properties Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1398894
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 7th day of March, 2023. The Liquidator is **Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated this 8th day of March, 2023
Sgd. Brian Jackson
Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[91/38]

Centurion Way Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1572131
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 7th day of March, 2023. The Liquidator is **Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated this 8th day of March, 2023
Sgd. Brian Jackson
Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[91/39]

PORTAGE HOLDINGS INC.
(the "Company")
Company No. 23490
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **PORTAGE HOLDINGS INC.** has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 16th January, 2023.
Dated this 8th day of March, 2023.
Sgd. Querube Castillo de Nunez
Voluntary Liquidator
[91/40]

ALLANIS INTERNATIONAL ASSETS INC.
(the "Company")
Company No. 1541255
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **ALLANIS INTERNATIONAL ASSETS INC.** has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 24th January, 2023.
Dated this 8th day of March, 2023.
Sgd. MRS. LINETH PONCE
Voluntary Liquidator
[91/41]

PUBLIC NOTICES

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
(PROBATE)
THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
BVIHPB 2023/0041

IN THE ESTATE OF MARIAN NIBBS late of Sea Cow's Bay,
Tortola, Territory of the
Virgin Islands, deceased

ADVERTISEMENT OF
APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by KAREEM DARRELL TURNBULL of Pockwood Pond, Tortola, Territory of the Virgin Islands (hereinafter referred to as "the Applicant" or "the Intended Administrator"), for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the estate of the above-named deceased ("the Deceased") who died on the 16th day of June, 2022, at Special Care Nursing Unit, Dr. D. Orlando Smith Hospital, Road Town, Tortola, Territory of the Virgin Islands, domiciled in the Territory of the Virgin Islands. The Applicant is the sole child of the Deceased.

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

Dated this 24th day of February, 2023.

Filed by: VIGILATE LAW, Legal Practitioners for the Applicant/
Intended Administrator, whose address for service is at: C/o the offices of VIGILATE LAW,
185 Main Street, Lagoon Plaza,
Ground Floor, Road Town, Tortola, Virgin Islands
(British), Tel: (284) 340-8484.
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THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
VIRGIN ISLANDS

In the ESTATE OF SUZANNE DORRIT PEARMAN
late of 2 Green Bay Lane, Pembroke Parish, Bermuda,
deceased

FORM P7: ADVERTISEMENT RESEAL GRANT
OF PROBATE

Notice is given that after the expiration of 8 days application will be made to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the resealing of the grant of probate of Suzanne Dorrit Pearman late of 2 Green Bay Lane, Pembroke Parish, Bermuda, deceased, granted by the Supreme Court of Bermuda on 10 October 2022.

Filed by: Conyers Dill & Pearman
Attorneys-at-Law for the Executors
Whose address for service is:
Commerce House,
Wickhams Cay 1,
PO Box 3140,
Road Town, Tortola VG1110,
British Virgin Islands

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KINGSPOT INVESTMENT
LIMITED

(the "Company")
Company No. 1664191
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that KINGSPOT INVESTMENT LIMITED has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 16th January, 2023.

Dated this 8th day of March, 2023.

Sgd. Ms. LIU Yanxi
Voluntary Liquidator

[91/42]

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

YL-YY Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2034008

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 7 March 2023.

Dated: 7 March 2023.

(Sgd.) Yanqing ZHANG
Liquidator

[91/43]

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

YXL-LZ Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2034267

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 7 March 2023.

Dated: 7 March 2023.

(Sgd.) Yanqing ZHANG
Liquidator

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

**GOLDEN ERA GLOBAL
INVESTMENTS
LIMITED**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1568999

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 8th day of March, 2023. The liquidator is Philippa V O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated: 8th day of March 2023

(Sgd.) Philippa V O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator

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IN THE MATTER OF THE REGISTERED LAND

ACT, CAP. 229 OF THE LAWS OF

THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

AND

IN THE MATTER OF

MARION OTTALESE SKELTON

AND REPUBLIC BANK (BVI) LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that in exercise of the power of sale conferred on the Chargee by the Registered land Act, Cap. 229 of the Laws of the Virgin islands and in right of the said power vested in REPUBLIC BANK (BVI) LIMITED, the Chargee by virtue of a certain Charge of the undermentioned land created by MARION OTTALESE SKELTON as Chargor and REPUBLIC BANK (BVI) LIMITED as Chargee and registered in the Land Register of the Virgin Islands as an encumbrance in the register relating to the said land, REPUBLIC BANK (BVI) LIMITED will put up for sale by public auction at the office of McW. Todman & Co., Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands on Wednesday the 22nd day of March 2023 at 3:00 p.m. Reserve Price: \$600,000.00.

ALL THAT piece of parcel of land together with the dwelling house thereon situate at Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands containing 0.50 of an acre and described in the Land Register of the Virgin Islands as Parcel #140 of Block #2936B of the Road Town Registration Section.

Interested persons are asked to submit a sealed offer or provide a written notice confirming interest in the property and an intention to bid at the time of the Auction anytime up to 5:00 p.m. on Monday 20 March 2023 to the office of McW. Todman & Co.

Notwithstanding anything contained in this notice or in any agreement or otherwise The Bank shall not be obligated to sell to the highest or any bidder at the said auction.

A BID OR SEALED OFFER WHICH IS ACCEPTED BY THE BANK IS BINDING ON THE BIDDER AND THE BANK MAY BRING LEGAL PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE BIDDER TO ENFORCE THE AGREEMENT.

Further particulars may be obtained on application to McW. Todman & Co. at mail@mctodman.com, Telephone No. (284) 494 2810.

Dated the 24 February 2023.

Sgd: McW. TODMAN & Co.
McW. TODMAN & CO.
ATTORNEYS for
REPUBLIC BANK (BVI) LIMITED

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Lands Unit
Road Town, Tortola, Virgin Islands
1240A

BY POST and EMAIL:

BVILR/PT/01/2017

NOTICE OF AMENDED APPLICATION FOR PARTITION

SECTION 103 OF THE REGISTERED LAND ACT
CAP 229 OF THE 1991 EDITION OF THE REVISED LAWS OF THE
VIRGIN ISLANDS

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL_
Jost Van Dyke	1240A	102

TAKE NOTE that N.R. Samuel & Co. 3rd Floor Chevelle Centre, Road Town, Tortola, Virgin Islands, Legal Practitioner for WINDEL ELARDIO CALLWOOD (Attorney in Fact) for Anna Gertrude Callwood, as Personal Representative of David Emmanuel Callwood (deceased) has submitted an application to the Chief Registrar of Lands for the aforementioned parcel to be partitioned in accordance with the Survey Plan No.: CA-1240A-120-J, to have Lot 1 measuring 3.053 acres to be registered in the name of Anna Gertrude Callwood, as Personal Representative of David Emmanuel Callwood (deceased)

Parcel 102 is registered as follows:

- ORPHA FLORINA CALLWOOD
- KEITH ETHIEN MARTIN
- ANNA GERTRUDE CALLWOOD, as Personal Representative
Of the Estate of David Emmanuel Callwood (deceased)

Proprietors in Common with equal Shares

Anyone who has just cause to object to the proposed Partition of the aforementioned parcel should submit a proper document to the Chief Registrar of Lands no later than Thursday 13th day of April 2023.

The filed application may be inspected at the Lands Unit upon request. Copies will be provided by the applicants' Legal Practitioners to any objectors. An Interim Restriction has been placed on Parcel 102, Block 1240A pending the outcome of the Application for Partition.

Dated this 7th day of March 2023.

Natalie Stevens-George
Administrative Officer
(for) Chief Registrar of Lands

To: N.R. Samuel & Co.
3rd Floor Chevelle Centre
Road Town, Tortola, VG1110
Virgin Islands

Legal Practitioner for the Applicant
nelson.samuel@nrsamuel.com

Orpha Florina Callwood
Proprietor of Parcel 102

Keith Ethien Martin
Proprietor of Parcel 102

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

CLAIM NO. BVHHPB2023/

IN THE ESTATE OF LEE
HOU-SHENG, LATE OF 14F.,
NO. 39, LN. 120, TIANMU W.
RD., BEITOU DIST., TAI-
PEI CITY 112063, TAIWAN,
REPUBLIC OF CHINA,
DECEASED

ADVERTISEMENT

TAKE NOTICE that an applica-
tion has been filed by Liao,
Jen-Shuo of 13F., No. 212-1,
Sec. 6, Zhongshan N. Rd., Shi-
lin Dist., Taipei City 111032,
Taiwan (R.O.C.) for a Grant of
Letters of Administration to the
applicant who is the grandson
of the deceased, the deceased
having died intestate at No. 95,
Wenchang Rd., Shilin Dist.,
Taipei City 111045, Taiwan
(R.O.C.) on 21 November 2020.

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

Dated this 27th day of February
2023

Filed by McW. Todman & Co, At-
torneys-at Law for the Administra-
tor whose address for service is:

McNamara Chambers, 116 Main
Street, Road Town, Tortola, British
Virgin Islands; email: nstjean@mc-todman.com

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

In the estate of LOIS WARNER, late of 890 Trinity Avenue, Bronx,
New York, 10459, United States of America, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that DANIEL BAUZA of 422 Sauvignon Way,
Groveland, Florida, 34736, United States of America, being the
appointed attorney, and intended Administrator of the estate of LOIS
WARNER, deceased (the Deceased), who died on the 15th day of May
1988 domiciled in the United States of America, has applied to the
Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the Probate Division for Letters
of Administration in the estate of the Deceased.

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

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



THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
(PROBATE)
THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
BVHHPB 2023/0044

IN THE ESTATE OF GLORIA TRUJILLO DE HODAPP
(also known as GLORIA
HODAPP) late of Edificio Bavaria, Cra. 10 No. 27-91 Apto.
801C, Bogota, Republic of
Colombia, deceased

ADVERTISEMENT OF
APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by GLORIA PATRICIA
HODAPP BUHLER, Attorney-at-law, of Florida, United States of America
(hereinafter referred to as "the Applicant"), for a Grant of Probate of the Will
of the above-named deceased ("the Deceased") who died on the 1st day of May,
2021, domiciled in the Republic of Colombia, without revoking a Will bearing
the date of August, 2020, wherein the Applicant is named as Sole Executrix.

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

Dated this 27th day of February, 2023.

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

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

IN THE ESTATE OF JOEL BAQUICHE, DECEASED

In the estate of JOEL BAQUICHE, late of 43 Kensington Square, London W8 5HP, United Kingdom deceased

Notice is given that after the expiration of 8 days an 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 the Deceased granted by the Probate Registry of Wales, High Court of Justice of England and Wales on the 30th day of November 2022 to Matthew Alan McCormick of Mitre Court Buildings, Inner Temple, London EC4Y 7BS, United Kingdom.

Dated the 10th day of March 2023

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

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

**IN THE ESTATE OF ICEK SZYJA HERSON,
DECEASED**

In the estate of ICEK SZYJA HERSON, late of Praça Almirante Belfort Vieira, 9, Apto. 301, Leblon, Rio de Janeiro - RJ, 22440-020, Brazil, deceased.

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Mauro Herson of Rua Ministro Armando de Alencar, 35, Apto. 306, Lagoa, Rio de Janeiro - RJ, 22471-080, Brazil, for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above named deceased who died on the 11th day of October 2022 without revoking a Will bearing the date of the 29th day of April 2020 wherein the aforesaid Mauro Herson 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 10th day of March, 2023

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

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

M NO. BVIHPB2023/

THE ESTATE OF CHIU WING KWONG (趙榮光) LATE, OF FLAT C, 7/F, CRYSTAL MANSION, 3 EASTBOURNE ROAD, KOWLOON TONG, KOWLOON, HONG KONG, DECEASED

ADVERTISEMENT

Notice is given that after the expiration of 8 days application will be made to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the resealing of the Grant of Probate of the Will of Chiu Wing Kwong (趙榮光) of Flat C, 7/F, Crystal Mansion, 3 Eastbourne Road, Kowloon Tong, Kowloon, Hong Kong (No. HCAG019390/2018, granted by the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Court of Final Appeal in Hong Kong on 15 July 2019 to Chiu Wandy (趙穎瑜) and Chiu Ethan (趙宇良) of Flat C, 7/F, Crystal Mansion, 3 Eastbourne Road, Kowloon Tong, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

Dated this 24th day of January 2023

St. Jean
Todman & Co
Practitioners for the Executors

CTO REPORTS PROMISING OUTLOOK FOR THE REGION IN 2023

Bridgetown, BARBADOS (March 7, 2023) - Despite global pressures such as high inflation, the war in Ukraine, the ensuing energy crisis, and an impending economic recession, the outlook for Caribbean travel and tourism is favorable, according to the Barbados-based Caribbean Tourism Organization (CTO).

Delivering the region's 2022 "Tourism Performance and Outlook Report" in Bridgetown today, Neil Walters, Acting Secretary General of the CTO, confirmed that the Caribbean had one of the quickest recovery rates globally in 2022, with 28.3 million registered tourist visits in 2022. This represents 88.6 percent of the visitors who arrived in 2019, which served as the baseline year for typical tourism activity before the pandemic.

He reported that international travel is expected to contribute to the region's substantial gains already registered thanks to the robust United States market, which continues to drive the region's recovery.

There was an estimated 28.1 percent increase in visitors coming from the U.S. market in 2022. At the end of the year, 14.6 million American tourists visited the region, 3.2 million more than the 11.4 million in 2021.

Arrivals from the European market increased by 81 percent in 2022 when

compared to 2021. The 5.2 million tourists from this market were almost double the 2.8 million in 2021. This represented 18.3 percent of all arrivals in 2022.

Due to travel restrictions in early 2022, the Canadian market has recovered more slowly at 60 percent, while the lack of availability of intra-regional airlift has negatively impacted regional connectivity.

"Nearly 90 percent of the region's travel demand for 2019 has already been recovered," reported Walters, with destinations such as Curaçao, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, St. Maarten, Turks and Caicos, and the U.S. Virgin Islands already surpassing their pre-pandemic levels.

Caribbean destinations can expect this recovery to continue into 2023, albeit at a slower rate, Walters explained, predicting that growth will be uneven among the destinations, with additional countries and territories exceeding their 2019 levels.

According to STR, the average daily rate at hotels increased by 21.7 percent to US\$290.60 in 2022. The revenue per available room surged by 66.4 percent to \$176.46, and the number of available rooms (up 4.4 percent) as well as room income (up 73.6 percent) increased. After two challenging years for the aviation

industry, global air passenger traffic recovered significantly in 2022.

It is estimated that visitors to the Caribbean region spent between \$36.5 and \$37.5 billion in 2022, an increase of 70 to 75 percent compared to 2021.

It is expected that overall arrivals to the region will increase by between 10 and 15 percent when compared to 2022, with 31.2 to 32.6 million tourists visiting the region this year. The cruise industry is also anticipated to continue recovering and expanding to meet increasing demand, with 32 to 33 million cruise passenger visits expected – a five to 10 percent increase over the pre-COVID baseline figure.

Chairman of the Caribbean Tourism Organization's Council of Ministers and Commissioners of Tourism, Kenneth Bryan, who also serves as the Cayman Islands' Minister of Tourism and Transport, summarized that in the face of the devastating blows delivered by the pandemic, "as a region, we have responded with hope, strength and the determination to prevail."

Minister Bryan reiterated that great strides have been made in Caribbean tourism, a clear indication that the sector is bouncing back, and hopes are high that the robust pace of recovery will continue into 2023 and beyond. "So, although we have not yet surpassed 2019's numbers across the board in every jurisdiction, the needle is certainly moving in the right direction," he commented.

The chairman envisioned 2023 as a period of growth and development for the CTO, and he and his team were laser-focused on growing the membership, including countries, territories as well as allied partners. "It is also my intention to strengthen the relationships with other organizations, such as the United Nations World Travel Organization, the World Travel and Tourism Council, and even the Central American Tourism Promotion Agency (CATA), to foster greater collaboration," said Minister Bryan. Consideration is being given to the restructuring of the organization and reforming its strategic vision and direction for the next five years, which includes the appointment of a new Secretary-General, he confirmed.

Minister Bryan announced the return of CTO's Caribbean Week in New York, to be held in "The Big Apple," from June 5 to 8 this year, and disclosed that his team was committed to addressing the nagging issue of air connectivity, a complex one that has been exacerbated by the reevaluation of airline business structures and the global pilot shortage. "It would be illogical for me to promise a solution to this issue during my tenure as chairman. But what I can and will commit to is getting the players around the table to forensically examine what we need to do as a unified region to improve this scenario and start the ball rolling towards the solution."

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THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
VIRGIN ISLANDS
PROBATE NO. BVIHPB2023/0050

In the Estate of CHIHUI PENG late of Room B, 77/F,
Tower 3, Harbourside, 1 Austin Road West, Kowloon,
Hong Kong, deceased

FORM P7: ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION
FOR GRANT OF PROBATE

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by XIURONG LIANG of 17 Dashi Road, Yuewan Village, Xiabei, Jiujiang Town, Nanhai District, Foshan City, Guangdong Province for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant, who is the lawful and natural wife of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on 17 March 2013.

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

Dated this 8th March 2023

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

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TENDERS FOR CLEANING SERVICE

The B.V.I. Electricity Corporation is inviting tenders for cleaning of its offices at Long Bush and Pockwood Pond as follows:-

July 9, 2023 – July 8, 2024

Duties:

- Daily cleaning, mopping and dusting of the Corporation's Administration, Transmission and Distribution and Information Technology Offices at Long Bush;
- Daily cleaning, mopping and dusting of all rooms offices and general floor areas at the Henry Wilfred Smith Power Station and Inventory Management Unit at Pockwood Pond;
- Vacuuming of carpets, cleaning of blinds, desks ceiling fixtures and upholstery;
- Washing of all windows on a monthly basis;
- Responsible for supplying all cleaning materials and products;

The Corporation has the right to accept or reject any tender and to annul the tendering process at any time prior to the award of contract without thereby incurring any liability to the affected tenderer or tenderers and is under no obligation to give any reason for such action.

The tenderers must submit the following:

- A copy of a valid trade licence.
- A copy of certificate of good standing from the Social Security Board, National Health Insurance and the Inland Revenue Department.
- Two (2) references.

The tenders must be submitted in a sealed envelope with a return address and clearly marked "Tender for Cleaning Services 2023" and addressed to:-

The General Manager
B.V.I. Electricity Corporation
P.O. Box 268
Road Town, Tortola VG 1110
British Virgin Islands

CLOSING DATE FOR TENDER SUBMISSIONS IS THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2023.

MESSAGE FROM DR. CARLA N. BARNETT SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY (CARICOM) ON THE OCCASION OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 8 MARCH 2023

(CARICOM Secretariat, Turkeyen, Greater Georgetown, Guyana - Wednesday, 8 March 2023): On 8 March 2023, the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) joins the rest of the world in celebrating International Women's Day (IWD), a special observance that was adopted by the United Nations 48 years ago in 1975, during the International Women's Year. The first International Women's Day observance occurred well over a century ago with the gathering numbering over a million women in 1911. Today, the day belongs to all groups, collectively, everywhere. Today we celebrate the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women, and recommit ourselves to the work that still needs to be done to accelerate women's equality.

This year's theme, "DigitALL: Innovation and Technology for Gender Equality", is aligned with the priority theme for the Sixty-Seventh Session

of the Commission on the Status of Women underway at the United Nations. The day is set aside to acknowledge women's contributions to technology, and explore the impact of the digital gender divide on widening economic and social inequalities exacerbated during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.

It also highlights the importance of protecting the rights of women and girls in digital spaces, and of addressing online and ICT-facilitated, gender-based violence. The timeliness and relevance of this year's theme cannot be overstated, as technology and innovation are playing an increasingly important role to shape our Region and the world.

Technology and innovation are opening new avenues for women and girls, thus contributing to gender equality in several ways. Through digital platforms and online resources, women and girls are gaining access to

educational opportunities and career paths that were previously unavailable to them. This is particularly true in under-served communities where traditional barriers, such as geography, culture and a lack of resources can prevent them from pursuing their dreams.

Technological advancements are making education and training more accessible to women, particularly in the Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) fields. This provides women with more opportunities to participate in the workforce, which can lead to greater economic independence, empowerment, and higher pay.

Innovation and technological change can also lead to more flexible work arrangements, which can help women balance their work and family responsibilities. Innovations in medical technology also promise to improve

women's health outcome, and access to healthcare services, such as new treatments for reproductive health, remote monitoring of pregnancies and telemedicine services.

Even as we embrace the possibilities of technology and innovation, it is important to recognise the potential challenges and risks that come with these advancements. Among them, online violence, harassment and privacy concerns, all of which disproportionately affects women and girls. In celebrating International Women's Day with a focus on technology and innovation, we must not lose sight of the many issues that stand in the way of achieving women's equality, such as women's political participation, unpaid care and domestic work, impact of climate change, and gender-based violence which is a public health crisis in the Region. According to the global average, one in three women has experienced physical and/or sexual

violence at some point in her lifetime, usually from an intimate partner. In the Caribbean region, prevalence surveys conducted between 2016-2018 in five Member States indicate incidence rates as high as one in two women.

As we observe IWD this year, our thoughts and prayers are with the women and girls in Haiti who are experiencing the most gross violations as they are targeted by gangs who are ravaging and killing them with impunity. Protecting the women and girls must be a priority. Therefore, as we observe International Women's Day across the Community, let us work toward greater representation of women and girls in all areas of leadership and decision-making, especially in technology, politics, business, health, the arts, and culture. By so doing, we can create a more inclusive and equitable "DigitALL" world where innovation and technology bridge gender equality.
Happy International Women's Day to all!

What to Know About Prescription Drugs Promising Weight Loss

VOA - WeightWatchers, the 60-year-old diet firm, announced this week it would acquire a telehealth company whose providers prescribe anti-obesity drugs for growing numbers of eager online subscribers.

The \$132 million deal with Sequence is just the latest commercial push into the red-hot market for prescription drugs that promises significant weight loss. For months, the diabetes drug Ozempic has been touted on social media by celebrities, even though it's not approved for weight loss. The demand for it sparked shortages.

WeightWatchers will be introducing its roughly 3.5 million subscribers to a new generation of medications that go beyond behavioral changes like gym workouts and diet tracking. Obesity experts say the drugs may revolutionize treatment of the disease that affects 42% of American adults.

Here's a look at the promise of these new medications and cautions about their use.

WHAT ARE THESE NEW DIET DRUGS?

The drugs that have generated most buzz are from a class of medications called GLP-1 agonists. Two of the most popular, Ozempic and Wegovy, are different doses of the same drug, semaglutide.

Ozempic has been used for six years to treat Type 2 diabetes and is not approved for weight loss. Wegovy was approved in 2021 to treat obesity in adults, and late last year to treat kids and teens 12 and older.

Doctors prescribe the medications to people with diabetes alone, or to people who are obese or who are overweight with additional health problems. Most of these types of drugs are delivered through weekly injections.

Supply problems and soaring demand last year led to a shortage of the drugs, but manufacturer Novo Nordisk said those have been replenished.

HOW DO THE DRUGS WORK?

They mimic the action of a gut hormone that kicks in after people eat, boosting the release of insulin, blocking sugar production in the liver and suppressing appetite.

A newer drug called tirzepatide mimics the action of two hormones for even greater effect. The Eli Lilly and Company drug, sold under the brand name Mounjaro, is now approved to treat diabetes. But the FDA granted fast-track status to review it to treat obesity. A decision is expected this spring.

With lower appetite and a greater feeling of fullness, people using these drugs eat less and lose weight.



HOW EFFECTIVE ARE THE DRUGS?

In a clinical trial, adults who took Wegovy saw a mean weight loss of nearly 35 pounds, or about 15% of their initial body weight. Adolescents lost about 16% of their body weight.

A clinical trial of Mounjaro, which is still being studied, saw mean weight loss of 15% to 21% of body weight depending on the dose, compared with a weight loss of about 3% for people taking a placebo, or a dummy drug.

WHY NOT JUST DIET AND EXERCISE?

In a typical weight-loss program where participants rely only on diet and exercise, about a third of people enrolled will lose 5% or more of their body weight, not-

ed Dr. Louis Aronne, director of the Comprehensive Weight Control Center at Weill Cornell Medicine.

Most people find it difficult to lose weight because of the body's biological reactions to eating less, he said. There are several hormones that respond to reduced calorie intake to increase hunger and maintain body mass.

"There is a real physical phenomenon," he said. "There is a resistance mechanism that is a coordinated effort by the body to prevent you from losing weight."

WHAT ARE THE SIDE EFFECTS OF THE DRUGS?

The most common side effects are short-lived gastrointestinal issues such as nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, stomach pain and constipation.

Other possible side effects include thyroid tumors, cancer, inflammation of the pancreas, kidney and gallbladder and eye problems. People with a family history of certain thyroid cancers or a rare, genetic endocrine disorder should avoid the drugs.

WHAT SHOULD CONSUMERS WATCH OUT FOR?

These new medications could be an effective part of a multifaceted approach to weight loss, said Dr. Amy Rothberg, a University of Michigan endocrinologist who directs a virtual weight management and diabetes program called Rewind.

But she worries that programs like WeightWatchers are primarily interested in boosting enrollment — and profits.

"My hope is that they do their due diligence and have real monitoring of the patients taking the drugs," she said.

It's important to make sure that patients are taking the drugs for the intended purpose, to make sure there's no reason they shouldn't take the drugs and that they're monitored for side effects, she said.

ST. KITTS TO HOST 25TH ANNUAL MUSIC FESTIVAL WITH EPIC TALENT LINEUP

The Festival Jumpstarts the St. Kitts “Summer of Fun” Basseterre, St. Kitts (6 March 2023) – The St. Kitts Music Festival has announced a spectacular lineup of musical artists performing at the 25th Annual St. Kitts Music Festival from 22-24 June 2023, for a weekend of Soul, Soca, Jazz, R&B, Reggae and more. Internationally renowned performers will include Chronixx, Koffee, Govana, Skillibeng, Air Supply, Valiant, Patrice Roberts, Skinny Fabulous, Byron Messiah, and GrandMasters Band. Additional talent will be announced in the coming weeks.

“For more than two decades, the St. Kitts Music Festival has anchored our island’s position as a music centre of the Caribbean. Our mix of internationally renowned artists and exceptional regional and local talent draws visitors from around the globe to St. Kitts,” said Honourable Marsha Henderson, Minister of Tourism, International Transport, Civil Aviation, Urban Development, Employment, and Labour. “The weekend of events becomes more spectacular every year, and each year delivers a tremendous positive impact on our local economy.”

One of the most diverse musical events in the Caribbean, the 25th Annual St. Kitts Music Festival draws A-list musicians, island visitors, and locals for an on-your-feet celebration of exhilarating live music at the Kim Collins Athletic Stadium. Spanning six days, this popular festival gets bigger and better every year, thanks to across-the-island experiences, including lunchtime concerts with local musicians, beach parties, boat rides, and more.

“We look forward to welcoming visitors back for the top musical event in the Caribbean,” said Ellison “Tommy” Thompson, CEO of the St. Kitts Tourism Authority. “Summertime in St. Kitts is full of celebrations and events that showcase the island’s welcoming spirit, local culture and vibrant energy. There is no event better than the Music Festival to jumpstart our Summer of Fun.”

Please find more information on tickets and the line-up here. The St. Kitts Music Festival kicks off the “Summer of Fun” for the Federation, and features programs across culture, cuisine, music, and adventure. Additional celebrations include:

- o 30 June - 2 July – Nevis Mango Festival
 - o 13-23 July – St. Kitts & Nevis Restaurant Week
 - o 27 July - 8 August – Nevis Culturama
 - o 31 August - 30 September – Caribbean Premier League Cricket
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In The Estate of SANJAY LAKHMICHAND RUPANI late of 7 heights apartments, House No C11, OI- Donyo Sabuk Lane off General Mathenge Drive, Nairobi, Kenya, deceased

Notice is given that after the expiration of 8 days application will be made to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the resealing of the grant of probate of the estate of SANJAY LAKHMICHAND RUPANI late of 7 heights apartments, House No C11, OI- Donyo Sabuk Lane off General Mathenge Drive, Nairobi, Kenya, granted by the Republic of Kenya in the High Court of Kenya at Nairobi on 14th June 2021.

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