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OPPOSITION LEADER ACCUSES FORMER PREMIER OF BUDGETARY IRREGULARITIES

The Minister of Health, Marlon A. Penn, has accused the former Premier, Andrew Fahie, of setting up a \$10 million slush fund that could have been used for illegal or political activities. Penn made the comments while discussing the Internal Audit Department's report on Assistance Grants issued between 2019 and 2022 under Fahie's government administration.

"It makes me even more concerned. These are additional monies, an additional \$22M on top of the \$40M that was spent on COVID 19 Relief Grant - that is \$62M of public funds. The Premier's Office alone administered \$10.7M. Million with an 'M' according to the Leader of the Opposition. One office alone 47 percent of the grants were administered through the Premier's Office. 47 percent!"

"Then you had the Minister of Communications, Ministry of Education House of Assembly with all 13 members. The Premier's Office alone administered 47 percent - one man, and when people say it was a one-man show everybody jumps up and start to make noise," Hon. Penn declared.

While further laying the groundwork for his slush fund accusation Hon. Penn stated, "In 2017, the same Premier's Office had a grant Fund of \$42,000. In 2018, and we know that's coming off of the hurricanes of 2017; of course, you will need a little more money to be able to assist persons who are transitioning and going through a difficult time - that fund raised to \$76,000. Madame Speaker, you want to guess how much it raised to in 2019 after you had a change in government. A new administration took



Flemings House successfully defended their Elmore Stoutt High School Cheerleading title (Photo by Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway)

office and that jumped from 2018 \$76,000.... 2019 that jumped to \$2.4M imagine that."

"Then it jumped to \$4.8M that's why I was under the assumption that this was COVID money; the grant

money. To now learn that this was budgeted when we were struggling to find monies to do infrastructural work in this Territory; struggling to find monies to fix the schools," Hon. Penn stated.

The Minister of Health also noted that at the time government was constantly announcing that they had no money, "We aint got no money, there is no money

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Hon. Marlon Penn

in the budget; but you can jump from \$76,000 to \$2.4 in 2019 and then 2022 \$4.8, 100 percent increase. It leaves one to make and form the opinion or draw the conclusion that this was being used as a slush fund.”

Therefore Hon. Penn

criticized the former Premier for disregarding regulations and legislative frameworks. He expressed disappointment that funds were disbursed by Fahie during the audit period while other legislators struggled to secure financing for infrastructure projects and school repairs in their communities.

According to the Internal Audit Report, the former Premier's Office spent \$10,717,262.59 under its Assistance Grants Programme, a notable increase from previous years. The report stated that the Ministry of Finance increased the budgetary

allocation for the programme on the direct request of the former Premier and Minister of Finance, without providing a clear basis for the request. The audit report deemed these increases an abuse of the budgetary process, lacking justification and transparency, and constituting an abuse of ministerial authority.

Furthermore, the report found that the programme had more than one thousand disbursements, with over 400 transactions of \$10,000 and above, amounting to over \$8 million and nearly \$20,000 per disbursement.

HON. MADURO-CAINES SAYS THAT “SHE HAS ALWAYS BEEN TRANSPARENT IN HER DEALINGS”



Hon. Maduro-Caines

Junior Minister for Tourism, and Sixth District Representative Hon Alvera Maduro-Caines, has assured the public that she has nothing to hide regarding the use of funds in her District. This comes as the House of Assembly (HoA) began debating the audit report on Assistance Grants from January 2019 to May 2022 on Thursday, 9 March. In her statement, Hon Maduro-Caines stated that the people deserve to know

where public funds are spent, even though she does not condone the misconduct in releasing the audit report.

She expressed concern for the youngest persons on the list, whose identities were revealed unexpectedly.

The Junior Minister clarified that she did not personally assign over one million dollars in grants.

Instead she said that she was able to assist people out of her District allocation, which is \$125,000 per year.

According to the Auditor General's report, \$1,086,481.00 in assistance grants was distributed in the Sixth District between January 2019 and May 2022. During the COVID season, the Government allocated some \$300,000 to assist persons in District 6. Hon Maduro-Caines explained that most of the \$300,000 allocated went towards

helping people who couldn't pay their rent. She added that the \$300,000 was part of the allocation along with the \$125,000 per year, which amounted to \$800,000.

Hon Maduro-Caines assured the public that every dollar, dime, nickel, and penny she managed was spent on the people, and she has nothing to hide. She noted that the money allocated pales in comparison to what is really needed to fix the social problems the Territory faces.

The Junior Minister stated that she hopes her explanation will help those making accusations or asking questions. She further emphasized that she has always been transparent in her dealings; and cannot allow any confusion to paint a picture that she would have control of that much money and would not have helped each and everyone in the District.

HLSCC MANGROVE NURSERY RECEIVES VISIT FROM UNIVERSITY OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

Thursday, 16 March – On 24 February, the H. Lavity Stouff Community College's (HLSCC) Mangrove Nursery Project hosted a sixteen-person delegation from the University of the Virgin Islands (UVI) as part of a marine sciences knowledge exchange.

President of HLSCC, Dr. Richard Georges explained that the exchange between HLSCC and UVI was supported by the Judith A. Towle Environment Award, administered by the Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands (CFVI). He added that both tertiary institutions have been working on research related to the restoration of mangrove ecosystems.

Director of Marine and Maritime Studies at HLSCC, Ms. Susan Zaluski commented that the main purpose of the visit was to facilitate an exchange of ideas for improving understanding of various methods used to grow and restore mangroves in each respective territory.

Research Assistant Professor of Watershed Ecology at UVI, Dr. Kristen Grimes said, “This sort of exchange is so beneficial in terms of learning what has worked and what hasn't for mangrove restoration in different places.”

According to Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Arlene Smith-Thompson both institutions have an articulation agreement that facilitates these types of study visits. These experiences also help to facilitate clear pathways for HLSCC students that wish to further their studies at UVI.

Nandi Christopher, an aspiring marine biologist who recently graduated from HLSCC with an Associate's degree currently serves as an intern in the HLSCC Mangrove Nursery. participated in the recent visit and considered it ‘useful’.

Ms. Christopher, who participated in the recent visit, considered the visit ‘useful’. She commented that it was also fun to connect with people from UVI as she is considering transferring her HLSCC credits towards the completion of her Bachelor's degree at UVI.

In addition to touring the HLSCC Mangrove Nursery Project, the visit also included the delegation visiting the Roger Downing Mangrove Boardwalk, a tour of the Centre for Applied Marine Studies facility, visits to three mangrove restoration sites and short presentations on mangrove restoration and research from HLSCC, National Parks Trust of the Virgin Islands and the Ministry of Natural Resources, Labour and Immigration.

For more information on the Centre for Applied Marine Studies and the Mangrove Nursery, please contact Susan Zaluski via telephone at (284) 852-7166 or via email at szaluski@hlsc.edu.vg



HLSCC Mangrove Nursery Manager, Jian Jeffers shows the visiting UVI group the HLSCC Mangrove Nursery Shade House. (Photo credit: UVI)

CHAD GEORGE ANNOUNCES HIS CANDIDACY FOR DISTRICT 1



Chad C. George
Independent Candidate - 1st District

Chad George, an independent candidate, announced his campaign for the First District during a launch event. The candidate announced that he was running under the banner of commitment, transparency,

and integrity.

While emphasizing that he has the abilities needed to develop and improve the District. To the naysayers, George said, "I am not a politician. Therefore, I speak with sincerity and honesty." He also emphasized his deep connection to the District as a lifelong resident and his passion for the community's growth and development.

Mr. George highlighted his unique qualities for the campaign, including his determination and resolve to achieve results for the community. He assured constituents that he will not be a stereotypical politician who makes empty promises and remains absent until the next election.

Acknowledging that he could

have focused on his personal life and career, Mr. George chose instead to advocate for his District and country. He expressed his dissatisfaction with the status quo, stating: "We in the first District should not settle for mediocrity."

George outlined his primary areas of focus, including community engagement, financial opportunities through the West End Ferry Terminal, and infrastructural improvements. Other initiatives he intends to address encompass the restoration of the Abraham Leonard Community Centre, a decision on the future of the Isabella Morris Primary School, and fixing roads damaged by hurricanes.

Moreover, George aims to resolve issues like the Smugglers Cove Development,

the restoration of a local park, the creation of a fishermen and farmers market, and the availability of public water. Additionally, he plans to improve healthcare facilities and address the long-standing problem of smoke pollution from the incinerator that impacts residents in the District. He also spoke about the state of the District's roads: "The roads in the District – actually the Territory as a whole are becoming a daily hazard and need to be addressed. We all have had to swerve our vehicles to dodge potholes and after a few months of driving on these roads we have had to repair something or the other, and for some that may turn out to be costly repairs."

The candidate also lamented the water shortage situation that

has been prolonged ongoing, "We have three huge reservoirs in the District, two in Carrot Bay and one at Zion Hill. So the question many are asking is "why does water continue to be off for lengthy periods of time?" Well, we have been given an answer to this question and with this knowledge as a District Representative, it means I would have to engage the relevant departments and persons to find the quickest and most efficient way to come up with a solution to this problem as well as the funds to make the solution a reality. I will not sit back and wait for the solution to drop into my lap, I will go out and seek a solution to the problem and keep you the constituents of the District, informed every step of the way."

LORNA SMITH IS UNDAUNTED BY CONCERNS ABOUT HER AGE



Mrs. Lorna Smith

Mrs. Lorna Smith, the wife of former NDP Premier Dr. D. Orlando Smith is on the campaign trail in her bid to be elected as a Territorial At Large Representative. As part of her media stops the At Large candidate was interviewed on the Morning Braff program on Tola Radio.

During the interview the candidate addressed comments about her age.

She stated that, is undaunted by concerns about her age, as she looks to secure her place in the next House of Assembly.

Smith is confident in her experience and energy, which she believes will be key assets in ensuring the future of the Territory. She also rubbished suggestions that her age could be a barrier to her electability, pointing out that she considers age to be just a number.

However, she added that the current state of the Territory calls for some young persons as well. She further stated that she believes that a combination of young, forward-thinking leaders and experienced individuals with proven know-how is

the recipe for moving the Territory forward. During the show it was also noted that Mrs. Smith possesses extensive experience in working with some of the most inspirational leaders of the British Virgin Islands, including H. Lavity Stoutt, Cyril B Romney, Ralph T O'Neal, and Conrad Maduro,.

As a mentor to young professionals and a member of the boards of the Youth Empowerment Programme (YEP) and the H Lavity Stoutt Community College (HLSCC), Mrs. Smith said that she has garnered unique insight into the challenges faced by young people today. She sees fundamental reform of the childcare and

education system as key to addressing these challenges, and is committed to ensuring

the very best education is provided at both elementary and high school levels.

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STATEMENT BY HON. SHARIE B. DE CASTRO, MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS FOURTH SITTING OF THE FIFTH SESSION OF THE FOURTH HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

EDUCATION WEEK 2023



Hon. Sharie B. DeCastro

From March 13th to March 19th 2023, the Territory will pause to honour and celebrate the advancements made, and etch out solutions to the challenges faced in our Education system. Education Week 2023 will be celebrated under the theme “Virgin Islands Education: Moving Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead”.

At the start of this academic year, the Ministry of Education endeavoured to reimagine education in the Territory. The acronym S.T.E.A.M., which represents Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics - five key areas that comprise the movement in education to modernize pedagogical practices and foster the development of critical thinking, creativity, innovation and communication skills - is the driving force behind this reformation.

Through a plethora of activities and initiatives, like Innovation Week 2022, ongoing and targeted professional development for

teachers, adjustment of time allotted for the teaching of Mathematics, securing additional funding for the procurement of technical resources and the training of new and aspiring school leaders, as Minister for Education, I say with pride that we are truly moving full S.T.E.A.M. ahead. I am both proud and excited to relay the events planned for Education Week 2023.

The week will begin with a short opening ceremony for the National Science Fair and STEAM Extravaganza which aims to showcase our students’ projects in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics scheduled for Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th March. The fair will also showcase artwork created by our students and feature performances to showcase their talents in dance, theatre, singing, and music. The public is invited to visit the National Science Fair at the Multipurpose Sports Complex on Tuesday 14th March from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

A feature of the week will take place on Monday 13th March from 6:00 p.m. at the Eileen L. Parsons Auditorium at HLSCC. At this town hall meeting style event - Reimagining Education in the Virgin Islands - local and regional experts will discuss the way forward for education in the territory.

The public is invited to attend this hallmark event where we will openly discuss the challenges faced by the sector and explore viable solutions. Specially invited guests include the Director General of the

OECS, Dr. Diddacus Jules, the Minister of Education and Social Development of Anguilla, Hon. Dee-Ann Kentish-Rogers and Dr. Jonte Myers, Professor of Special Education at Georgia State University.

On Wednesday 15th March, we invite the public to join us at the New Testament Church Hall from 10:00 a.m. to witness the finals of one of the best debate series our secondary students have put on. Elmore Stoutt High School and Claudia Creque Educational Centre will face off over the moot “Education without the inclusion of liberal arts is a threat to humanity.” At this event, we will also see the Impromptu Speech competition by several secondary students.

Innovation Day for Senior Students will also be held on Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.. Secondary Schools have been invited to bring a cohort of students from grades 10 - 12 to experience a day of robotics, engineering, technology, critical thinking and innovation. This event will also be held at the Multipurpose Sports Complex.

Thursday is devoted to our pre-primary students as we will have the Book Parade and the Pre-primary Games. Preschools and grades K-2 of our public

and private primary schools are looking forward to showcasing books that they have read, enjoyed and recreated. The parade will begin at 9:00 a.m. and proceed from the Noel Lloyd Park to the A.O. Shirley Grounds. The Pre-primary Games, featuring students from grades K and 1 will be held in the Multipurpose Sports Complex from 11:00 a.m.

On Friday 17th March, our teachers will participate in the S.T.E.A.Mazing Race. This is a fun-filled event with thought-provoking challenges centred around the tenets of S.T.E.A.M. Several schools will participate in the event which kicks off from the Queen Elizabeth II Park at 1:00 p.m. sharp.

During the week, three parenting sessions will be held at our various secondary schools. These sessions are intended to support the development of positive parenting skills, and foster stronger parent/child relationships. On Tuesday 14th, the session will be held at VISTS and BFEC and on Thursday 16th, the session will be held at ESHS. All sessions will begin at 5:00 p.m., and we invite parents of the various secondary schools to attend.

One of the newest activities added to the week is the

Education Week Community Outreach Project in support of the Family Support Network. Schools have been asked to collect one non-perishable food item from each student and staff member. These items will be donated to Family Support Network (FSN) on behalf of the Ministry of Education and its schools.

During the course of the week, schools will also host several activities to celebrate the successes in local education.

On Sunday 19th March, we will close out the week with an afternoon of celebration for all educators. Retirees from 2022, and those persons who have indicated their intent to retire at the end of this school year will be honoured at this event.

The celebration of Education Week is possible because of the hard work of our education officers and other support staff in the Ministry of Education, as well as the support received from the community for the various events. The Ministry of Education appreciates the support of its sponsors for this year’s education week activities and invites the public to get involved as we continue to move Virgin Islands Education full S.T.E.A.M. ahead.

Integral Role Of Farmers And Fishers Celebrated This Week

Director of Agriculture and Fisheries, Theodore James, has said this year’s Farmers and Fishers’ week celebrates the integral role of farmers and fishers and their involvement in the expansion of a prosperous, thriving and internationally competitive economy.

Mr. James said the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries will host Farmers and Fishers’ Week this year from March 18th to the 23rd under the theme “Farmers and Fishers: Building the Third Pillar of the Economy”. He said, “The community continues to step

up to support these sectors and we are encouraged that Farmers and Fishers’ Week will continue to advance.”

The Director also expressed gratitude to the staff at the Department, the local farming and fishing community, schools and private sector partners for successfully organising the week’s activities which will commence with an opening ceremony and panel discussion by integral industry partners and government agencies on Saturday March 18th at the exhibition grounds at Paraquita Bay. .Permanent Secretary

in the Premier’s Office, Mrs. Carolyn Stoutt Igwe, reiterated the strategic importance of the farming and fishing sectors in contributing to the overall economic development of the Territory.

Mrs. Stoutt Igwe said, “Farmers and Fishers’ Week is the time to celebrate our producers, the hardworking farmers and fishermen who put healthy food on our plates. Our economy cannot be resilient without them.”

Farmers and Fishers’ Exhibitions and Market Days will take place on Tortola on

March 18th and 19th, Jost Van Dyke on March 20th and Virgin Gorda on March 21st. The weekend-long exhibition and market days on Tortola will feature various exhibitions, pumpkin soup and gooseberry stew competitions, livestock displays, sale of food, live entertainment and games.

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in the Virgin Islands.

The week-long activities will conclude at the Elmore Stoutt High School with a school garden exhibition, and a sampling segment of the school’s garden produce.

Farmers and Fishers’ Week is an annual event organised by the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries to celebrate farmers and fishers and sensitise the community of the invaluable contributions of these sectors.





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Eligible voters on Anegada may vote at the Bregado Flax Educational Centre on Virgin Gorda, and those on Jost Van Dyke may vote at the Ivan Dawson Primary School in Cane Garden Bay.

Should there be an increase in eligible Advance Polling voters in Jost Van Dyke and Anegada,

the Supervisor of Elections can make a decision to add additional polling stations on these islands.

For the complete list of polling locations, persons can visit the Government of the Virgin Islands Facebook page or contact the Office of the Supervisor of Elections at 468-4380 or electionsvi@gov.vg.

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PROGRAM LISTINGS

MONDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

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

THURSDAYS

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

FRIDAYS

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

SATURDAYS

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

SUNDAYS

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

FCCA Partners with the British Virgin Islands on Strategic Development Agreement

Miramar, FL (March 13, 2023) – Florida-Caribbean Cruise Association (FCCA) – the trade association that represents the mutual interests of destinations and stakeholders throughout the Caribbean, Central and South America, and Mexico, along with Member Lines that operate over 90 percent of the global cruising capacity – is pleased to announce that it has formed another strategic development agreement. Following the recent resigning with the U.S. Virgin Islands, the British Virgin Islands has now formed a tailored agreement with FCCA to become a “Presidential Partner.”

“This new agreement shows the momentum that FCCA and destinations are having in working together to maximize cruise tourism’s benefits,” said Micky Arison, Chairman of FCCA and Carnival Corporation & plc. “The British Virgin Islands has been a long-standing partner of the industry, and I am thrilled that this agreement signifies the improvement of so many lives and livelihoods.”

“We’re excited to expand our partnership with the FCCA as Strategic Development Destination Partners,” said Hon. Kye Rymer, Minister of Communication and Works, Government of

the Virgin Islands. “This collaboration will amplify our cruise tourism reach, improve, and develop the services and products we offer for our cruise guests and generate more opportunities for the people of the Virgin Islands in this sector.”

After previously being an FCCA Presidential Partner following the historic Hurricanes Irma and Maria, along with working with FCCA following the pandemic, the British Virgin Islands has formed this agreement to further grow its economic benefits from cruise tourism, which generated \$12.63 million in total cruise tourism expenditures, in addition to \$4.33 million in total employee wage income, during the 2017/2018 cruise year (which was impacted by the historic hurricane season), according to the Business Research & Economic Advisors report Economic Contribution of Cruise Tourism to the Destination Economies.

Through the agreement, FCCA will not only guide the British Virgin Islands government on enhancing their product and increasing cruise calls, but also will facilitate new experiences to offer cruise companies and collaborate with the local private sector to maximize

any opportunities.

Additionally, the agreement will utilize FCCA’s cruise executive committees, including sub-committees focused on employment and purchasing, for a series of meetings and site visits focused on the British Virgin Islands’ objectives.

The British Virgin Islands will also have open access to the FCCA Executive Committee, comprised of presidents and above of FCCA Member Lines, along

with their efforts to effectuate the agreement’s objectives and the destination’s goals.

Some of the other features of the strategic partnership include a focus on converting cruise guests to stay-over visitors, promoting summer cruising, engaging travel agents, creating consumer demand and developing a destination service needs assessment that will detail strengths, opportunities and needs.

“We are proud of our past work with the British Virgin Islands and honored that

they have again put their faith in us and the cruise industry,” said Michele Paige, President, FCCA. “Through this agreement, FCCA is fully committed to fulfilling individualized initiatives, which focus on assisting the private sector, improving employment, fostering cruise lines’ purchase of local goods and more that will help locals prosper from the economic impact that the industry brings.”

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All suitable candidates should submit their resume to BVI Islanders or Belongers preferred.

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Governor's Press Statement on Assistance Grants Audit

10 MARCH 2023

The audit on Assistance Grants has now been tabled and discussed in the House of Assembly, and is now available to the public with appropriate redactions. The audit was conducted in response to Commission of Inquiry Recommendation B12, and covered Assistance Grants issued between January 2019 and May 2022.

A number of the findings

in the report are deeply concerning. The funds were for the most part not governed by any financial rules or eligibility criteria and were hence not consistently distributed on the basis of need. All of the programmes were absent of documented objectives and the audit highlights that individuals "within the orbit of the political arena may have received preferential

treatment in the awarding of assistance".

Over the last three years, the Government awarded a total of \$23m in Assistance Grants across three ministries and the House of Assembly. The Premier's Office accounted for 47% of the total awards given from these programmes, while the thirteen members of the House of Assembly awarded 39%.

The audit concludes that these Assistance Grants Programmes lacked "controls that would promote equity, transparency and accountabilities" and that the programmes were allowed to "operate unabated at the whims and pleasure of elected officials". "The operations of these programmes, for the most part, did not serve to resolve any socio-economic deficiencies" and were "largely utilized to satisfy individual wants and desires".

The classes of persons who applied and received assistance from these programmes included Permanent Secretaries and other senior public officers, attorneys and entrepreneurs. Some instances were found where single applicants received in excess of \$50,000 in a single payment. In one instance a senior public officer and their immediate family members received grants totally \$217,900 over the period. The audit concludes that there is evidence of "abuse

of discretionary authority by Members in awarding grants" as well as "abuse by applicants who have utilized the deficiencies to benefit themselves significantly".

As the programmes lacked cross ministry communication and collaboration, some applicants made and received assistance from multiple programmes for the same purpose. In some cases, applicants received more funds than originally requested. The 149 page appendix to the audit report sets out the amounts received by each individual beneficiary, applicant or vendor.

The auditor found that the programmes operated by the Ministry of Communications and Works were specifically targeted towards things such as home repairs, and the programme operated by the Ministry of Education appeared to be intending to serve academic and cultural purposes. The programmes operated by the House of Assembly and Premier's Office had no such limitations or focus and were utilised for an expansive array of purposes based on the Members' or Ministers' determination.

Let me assure the public that this audit in no way criticises those who were deserving of assistance and legitimately asked for support. Rather the audit exposes the lack of controls and criteria which appear to have allowed the system to be abused.

I will be forwarding the audit report on Assistance Grants to the Attorney General's Office for the Attorney General to assess whether the Government should pursue recovery in any instances. I will also ask the Director of Public Prosecutions and the Police to assess if any offences were committed.

The wholesale review of the system of benefits and grants conducted in partnership with UNICEF has now been received and I am pleased that the Department of Social Security and Health are taking these recommendations forwards.

It should be noted that the payments considered for this Assistance Grants audit are separate from the \$16m issued in Covid-19 Assistance Grants and are separate from funding for local district infrastructure projects. I am expecting to receive an audit on Covid-19 Assistance Grants by the end of March and I will cause it to be laid in the House of Assembly within three months, in accordance with the Audit Act 2003.

I welcome the commitment to reform which was expressed in the House of Assembly. It is vital that the necessary reforms are taken forward both before and after the forthcoming General Election, ensuring that public money is properly used to have a positive impact on people who find themselves in need.



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.

HLSCC To Receive 121 Acres Of Land To Expand Its Capabilities

Minister for Natural Resources and Labour, Honourable Melvin M. Turnbull said that only thirteen (13) of the one hundred and twenty one (121) acres of land has been transferred to the Hamilton Lavity Stoutt Community College (HLSCC) from a procurement by the Government twenty (20) years ago.

Honourable Turnbull gave HLSCC its credit in his statement in the Fourth Sitting of the Fifth Session of the Fourth House of Assembly. He said, "The H. Lavity Stoutt Community College (or HLSCC), named in honour of one of our greatest visionaries, has granted BVI residents access to tertiary-level

education since 1990. Over the past three (3) decades, the institution has experienced significant growth, expanding to offer Associates degrees in as many as 23 subject areas and 21 different professional certifications."

He added, "The college provides student life enrichment, a performing arts venue, Virgin Islands Studies, and access to Baccalaureate and Master's degree programs through collaboration with universities abroad. HLSCC has proven to be the ultimate start to a secure future for countless BVI Islanders, residents, as well as international students. I am

personally very proud of the vision, which has been seen to fruition in this institution and for that, I must do my due diligence by giving to HLSCC what is due."

Minister Turnbull then mentioned the cabinet decision that was made in 2019 to enable the college to expand its operations to further develop the people of the Virgin Islands through additional infrastructural development. The decision was to transfer a total of 134 acres of land to the Board of Governors of HLSCC.

He said, "As the Minister responsible for lands, I wish to conclude this outstanding matter once and for all in collaboration with the

Ministry of Education, Youth Affairs and Sports. We have a duty to uphold the original agreement of transfer in the interest of the development of our people, and we need to do so in the shortest order."

He added, "Further to this, we have entered discussions with the college to obtain ownership of land in Virgin Gorda and hence the ability to build a fully outfitted permanent campus. For the past 30 years, the college has rented from Virgin Gorda commercial properties such as the Pickering Building and most recently Village Rose. The President and Board of Governors have

put forth a vision for the college, which sees the Virgin Gorda Campus becoming a mecca for hospitality and culinary arts. Virgin Gorda being a prime destination for tourism, this development would garner interest from the community for much needed growth in the relevant industries."

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

The Government of the Virgin Islands continues to find innovative ways to promote a better quality of life for all residents and visitors in the Territory.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY - THE BVI FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION HONOURS WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

Tortola, British Virgin Islands – 10 March 2023 – Every year the BVI Financial Services Commission ("the Commission") makes a concerted effort to operate in ways that enhance society and the environment and takes part in philanthropic causes.

As part of the Commission's corporate social responsibilities efforts, we celebrated and honoured the women in charge of shaping the future. Teachers, Specialist teachers, and custodial workers of the Enid Scatliffe Pre-Primary and the Alexandrina Maduro Primary School received the signature yellow rose in appreciation for their service.

This year's International Women's Day and global theme, DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality and #EmbraceEquity, speaks to drive transformative change in stereotypes and discrimination against women. To all women, we say a huge thank you and keep going!





NOTICE OF DORMANT ACCOUNTS BY NATIONAL BANK OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS LIMITED

Pursuant to the Dormant Account Act 2011 (“the Act”), No. 12 of 2011 which came into force on 1st February 2012 the National Bank of the Virgin Islands Limited of Wickham’s Cay I, Road Town, Tortola, BVI (“the National Bank”) hereby publish the following list and particulars of accounts which have been declared Dormant under the Act and are being held by this institution. Customers whose names appear on the list below are hereby notified that:

- (i) the National Bank hold dormant accounts in respect of the listed persons in its books;
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GLOBAL NEWS BRIEF

STORIES SELECTED BY **GIORGIO MIGLIAVACCA**

EUROPE - Europe is preparing to ramp up local mining of critical raw materials, but some say it's overlooking a far richer source of minerals — the deep sea.

The bloc's climate transition will require vast supplies of minerals such as lithium and rare earths to produce green technology like electric car batteries and wind turbines — but most of these come from China, creating a dependency that the EU is now desperate to shake.

As part of that effort, Brussels is slated to unveil a package of measures this month that will make it easier to extract raw materials at home — a move that has already sparked local pushback over environmental concerns.

That's prompting calls from mining companies that the EU should be looking elsewhere; more specifically, the bottom of the ocean.

Several thousand meters below sea level, the deep-sea bed is scattered with millions of nodules, each roughly the size of a large potato, that contain key minerals like manganese, iron, nickel, copper and cobalt.

Extracting those resources from the seabed is less harmful to the environment than mining above ground, according to Oliver Gunasekara, CEO of the U.S.-based mining company Impossible Metals, which is

working on a robot that uses artificial intelligence to harvest nodules without disturbing undersea life.

"We need massive quantities of metals as we move away from fossil fuels ... so the question is where should we get them that has the least impact," said Gunasekara. "I am convinced [the impact of deep-sea mining] is significantly less than the alternatives on land."

The International Energy Agency has predicted that by 2040 the demand for copper and rare earth elements could rise by 40 percent, while demand for nickel and cobalt is set to increase by 60 percent and lithium by 90 percent. [Politico]

ROME - Claudio Anastasio has quit as president of the 3-I public-sector software-development agency, government sources said on Tuesday, after reports of him quoting Fascist dictator Benito Mussolini in an official email.

Daily newspaper La Repubblica reported that Anastasio explicitly quoted the speech Mussolini made in January 1925 to take political responsibility for the murder of Socialist opponent Giacomo Matteotti the previous year in an email to the agency's board. Anastasio was appointed to the position by the current center-right government in December. (ANSA).

LONDON, (Xinhua) -- British

stocks plunged on Monday, and the pound climbed against the U.S. dollar as the Silicon Valley Bank (SVB) collapse spooked financial markets and raised expectations that U.S. rate hikes would slow down.

The FTSE 100 index, the leading benchmark for blue chip companies listed in the United Kingdom (UK), ended the session down 2.58 percent, or 199.72 points, at 7,548.63. Standard Chartered and Barclays were among the worst performers.

"Despite the best efforts of governments and regulators, the market was still very edgy on Monday as investors considered the fallout from SVB's collapse," said Russ Mould, investment director at the online investment platform AJ Bell.

"There's plenty to worry about, whether it be the conflict in Ukraine, inflation, rising interest rates and now a potential banking crisis has been added to the mix. Little surprise people are feeling a bit spooked," Mould added.

SPAIN - Barcelona to be first city in Spain to create a public pet cemetery.

Barcelona City Council wants to offer public cremation and burial services for pet ashes by the end of 2024. [The Local.es]

CHINA - Russia has surpassed Saudi Arabia to become China's largest oil supplier, as refiners bought up Russian crude oil offered at a huge discount following the beginning of the conflict in Ukraine, according to the latest customs data.

Importing about 8.42 million tonnes of crude oil, China's

crude oil imports from Russia increased 55% in May compared to May of last year, according to data from the Chinese General Administration of Customs.

During the same period, the world's biggest crude oil importer country purchased 7.82 million tonnes of oil from Saudi Arabia, which was China's top oil supplier.

China also ramped up its imports of liquefied natural gas (LNG) from Russia last month, importing approximately 400,000 tonnes, up 56% from May 2021.

"Not only are countries like China benefitting from getting sanctioned Russian oil at a 35% to 40% discount, but also Chinese businesses in terms of oil and to some extent gas costs, will now be outcompeting European business on a large scale, so it's not clear that they're going to be lining up to give up this advantage," said Christof Ruhl, a senior research scholar at the Center on Global Energy Policy of Columbia University in New York City, in his daily energy markets review for Gulf Intelligence Consultancy firm.

China is not the only country ignoring EU sanctions and cashing in on discounted Russian supplies. [Turkishpress]

ANTIGUA - The parent who allegedly attacked the principal of the Mary E Pigott Primary School last week was yesterday denied bail and ordered to reappear before the court on April 17.

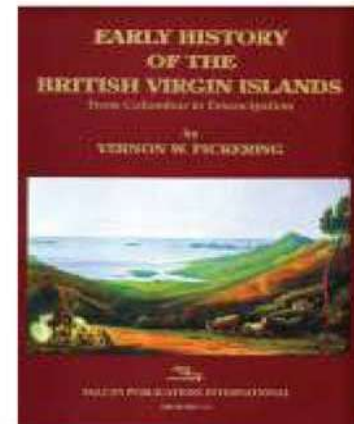
Michael Samuel, represented by attorney Wendel Robinson, appeared before Chief Magistrate Joanne Walsh at 9am Monday.

Reports indicate that events unfolded because Samuel was unhappy with disciplinary action taken against his child.

It was the second time Samuel had confronted Principal Christopher Roberts regarding corporal punishment meted out to his son, Robinson told the court.

The use of corporal punishment in schools – outlawed in many countries across the world – has been the subject of much debate in Antigua and Barbuda in recent years. Roberts was taken to hospital after the March 8 incident with an injured shoulder. He was discharged later that day. [Antigua Observer]

USA - Caribbean-American Congresswoman, Yvette D. Clarke has introduced the Equal Citizenship for Children Act in the House of Representatives that would amend the Child Citizenship Act (CCA) to automatically provide US



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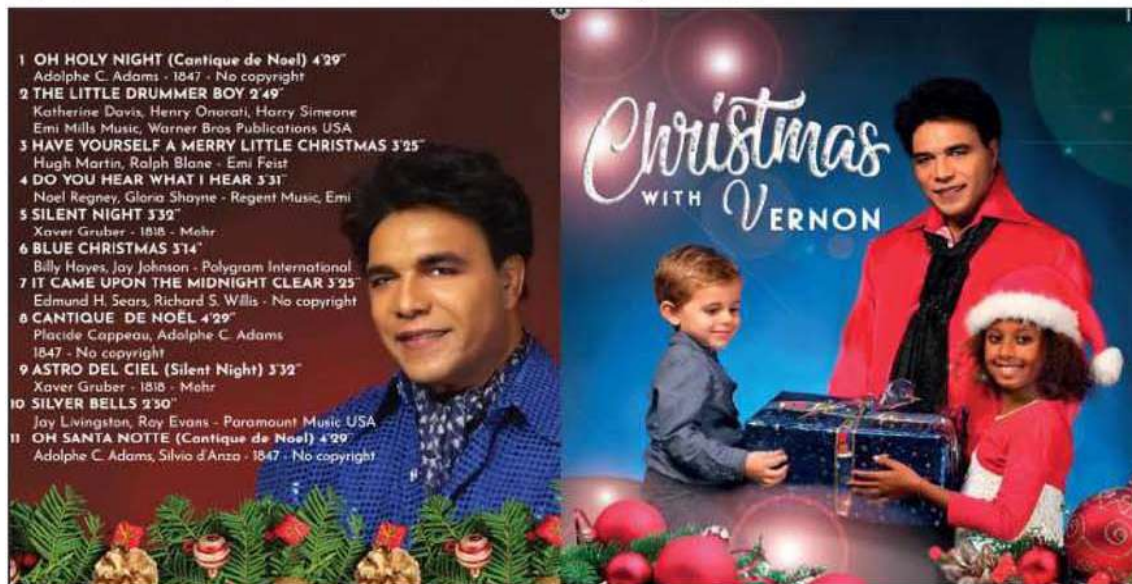
North Carolina Congresswoman, Alma Adams, supports her in the move.

"Our vital fight for substantial immigration reform necessitates that we look towards all forms of meaningful progress whenever possible," Clarke, the daughter of Jamaican immigrants, who represents the 9th Congressional District in Brooklyn, New York, told the Caribbean Media Corporation. [CMC]

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC - President Luis Abinader and cabinet members met the president of the World Bank, David Malpass at the Presidential Palace on 13 March 2023. Abinader said the visit is evidence of the confidence that international organizations have in the Dominican government and its management of the economy.

This is the first time that a World Bank president visits the Dominican Republic.

The Presidency reported that the World Bank has committed to redouble its efforts and expand its portfolio of support to the country in areas of vital importance such as water, health, waste management, land management and modernization of public administration.



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Through the Lens of The Sunny Side

Mr. Choucoutou presents gifts to The Ivan Dawson Primary School



The Ivan Dawson Primary School is singing the praises of its former student – businessman Marlon Choucoutou of Yo Mama’s Kitchen who made donations to the school. During the current term Marlon donated some fans, cases of copy paper, a microwave and cases of water. The school stated, “These donations were greatly appreciated. We wish Mr. Choucoutou all the best in his endeavours.”

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Elmore Stoutt High School Sports



For decades the Elmore Stoutt High School sports day has been regarded as one of the most attended annual sporting events in the Territory and this year was no exception. On 10 March current and past students, parents, educators, sports enthusiastic spectators, gathered at the A. O. Shirley Recreation ground to observe the activities.

Photo Credit: Kelvin Titley/ JTV News





Ladyburd Talks...

Dear Readers: Ireland as well as other countries will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day 2023 on Friday, March 17. The Irish have observed this day as a religious holiday for over 1,000 years. On St. Patrick's Day, which falls during the Christian season of Lent, Irish families would traditionally attend church in the morning and celebrate in the afternoon.

Lenten prohibitions against the consumption of meat were waived and people would dance, drink and feast on the traditional meal of Irish bacon and cabbage.

Today, people of all backgrounds celebrate St. Patrick's Day, especially throughout the United States, Canada and Australia. Although North America is home to the largest productions, St. Patrick's Day is celebrated around the world in locations far from Ireland, including Japan, Singapore and Russia. Popular St. Patrick's Day recipes include Irish soda bread, corned beef and cabbage and champ. In the United States, people often wear green on St. Patrick's Day.

Source: <https://www.history.com/topics/st-patricks-day/history-of-st-patricks-day>



Ladyburd's Mail Box

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Dear Ladyburd: I recently got back from my honeymoon, which was fabulous, however, I got married into this selfish family, a set of in-laws that are driving me crazy already, I cannot believe it, his mother is in and out of our apartment, unannounced just like she is living there, and she is looking around, for what I do not know.

Also, while we were on our honeymoon, we left our gifts in her care and I believe I am missing some stuff. I am afraid to speak with my husband about these things, because I do not want him to feel I am being petty or too suspicious. What is your take on this matter? **Newly Wed**

Ladyburd: Dear Newly Wed: Do not be afraid to speak with your husband, because if you do not, resentment will set in sooner rather than later, and your marriage will fail, because you are going to have conflicts. So spill the beans now, and tell him everything, and let him know that you are uncomfortable with the situation, she cannot barge in as she likes unannounced. This could not be right, this is suppose to be your matrimonial home, and she needs to respect that, and let you both know if and when she is coming over.

With regards to the stuff you might be missing, that may cause a big melee, you should not be the one to ask her about them, let your husband ask her gentle if there was any other gifts left for her to bring over, or better still, just forget it, just for peace sake, and see if her conscience will bother her to bring them back, if she doesn't, at least you would have maintained the peace.

(Repeat)



Light Bulb Moments

"Do not wait to strike till the iron is hot, but make it hot by striking."—William Butler Yeats

"Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid." – Albert Einstein

Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere. – Chinese Proverb

Poetry Corner

Wish for a Friend

Wishing you a rainbow

For sunlight after showers -

Miles and miles of Irish smiles

For golden happy hours -

Shamrocks at your doorway

For luck and laughter too,

And a host of friends that never ends

Each day your whole life through!

Irish Poem

Source: <https://www.wow4u.com/irish/>

Tickle My Funny Bones



Irish Jokes

It Didn't Open

Liam had left Dublin to go up to Belfast for a bit of skydiving late on Sunday evening, he was found in a tree by an amazed onlooker.

"What happened?" said the man.

Liam replied, "My parachute failed to open!"

"Well!" said the man, "if you had asked the locals before you jumped, they would have told you nothing opens here on a Sunday!"

Parking Space

An Irishman is struggling to find a parking space.

"Lord," he prays, "I can't stand this. If you open a space up for me, I swear I'll give up the Guinness and go to mass every Sunday."

Suddenly, the clouds part and the sun shines on an empty parking spot.

Without hesitation, the Irishman says: "Never mind Lord, I found one!"

He Turned Water Into Wine

An Irish priest is driving down to New York and gets stopped for speeding in Connecticut. The state trooper smells alcohol on the priest's breath and then sees an empty wine bottle on the floor of the car.

He says, "Sir, have you been drinking?"

"Just water," says the priest.

The trooper says, "Then why do I smell wine?"

The priest looks at the bottle and says, "Good Lord! You did it again!"

PUN INTENDED

"Irish you a happy St. Patrick's Day."

Cheerleading Teams at the Elmore Stoutt High School

See Page 1 for the Winning Team



Carlisle House were the Cheerleading runners up



O'Neal House placed 3rd in Cheerleading but on the track won their 14th title and 1st in 22 years



Lettsome House rounded out the four Cheerleading teams



An Irish Twist on Potato

Pancakes for St. Patrick's Day

I came across an old Irish rhyme that goes: "Boxty on the griddle, boxty in the pan, if you can't make boxty, you'll never get a man!"

And thought, What? I don't need another man, but this "boxty" thing intrigues me.

So, this year I unearthed and reworked an old favorite, Irish Boxty, the holy grail of pancakes for potato lovers!

They're made with a mix of mashed and grated potatoes.

They're crispy on the edges, pillowy and creamy in the middle and exactly the kind of peasant food we love -- hearty, economical and endlessly versatile.

Boxties can be served sweet or savory, just as you might serve biscuits alongside a meal.

They can be enjoyed simply with butter or sprinkled with sugar, as a side dish for any meal, or as a base for wonderful toppings.

Our boxties are served with sausage and topped with a buttery, boozy mushroom mixture called Drunken Mushrooms. In honor of St. Paddy's Day, I added a handful of green spinach and used Irish whisky to deglaze the pan, but you could use other liquors or even just a splash of broth.

IRISH BOXTY

Yield: 4 to 6 servings

Total Time: 1 hour

2 pounds (6 to 8) russet potatoes

3/4 cup all-purpose flour

3/4 teaspoon kosher salt, plus more for

water

1/2 teaspoon baking powder

1/4 teaspoon black pepper

1/2 cup whole milk

1 large egg

3 to 4 tablespoons butter

Peel half of the potatoes and cut into 1-inch pieces. Place them into a medium saucepan, cover with salted water by an inch, then bring to a simmer. Cook until the potatoes are tender, about 15 minutes. Drain the cooked potatoes, mash until smooth and place into a large mixing bowl.

Meanwhile, as those potatoes are cooking, preheat oven to 200 F. Peel the remaining potatoes and grate with a box grater. Wrap the raw grated potatoes in a kitchen towel and squeeze out as much liquid as possible. Add the grated potatoes to the bowl with the mashed potatoes. Add the flour, salt, baking

powder, pepper, milk and egg, stirring until incorporated. Heat a large heavy skillet over medium heat until hot. Melt half the butter, then, cooking in small batches, add the batter 1/2 cup at a time, flattening the boxties with a spatula.

Turn them occasionally, and cook until golden, about 8 minutes per batch. Make sure you get the edges browned and crispy, because they are to die for. Place cooked boxties on a baking sheet in the preheated oven to keep warm as you repeat with the remaining patties, adding butter to the pan as needed.

DRUNKEN MUSHROOMS

Yield: 2 cups

Total Time: 15 minutes

2 tablespoons butter

2 cloves minced garlic

1 pound mushrooms (button or cremini), thinly sliced

1 tablespoon liquor of choice (marsala, Irish whisky, sherry or broth)

1/2 teaspoon dried thyme

1 cup fresh spinach, optional

Heat a skillet over medium heat, add butter. Place minced garlic in the skillet and saute for 1 minute. Add the mushrooms and saute, stirring frequently, until mushrooms are cooked through and golden. Add liquor of choice or broth, should you prefer sober mushrooms. Add thyme and stir, letting the liquor evaporate. Add spinach, if using. Stir to wilt the spinach. Serve with boxty. While I can't guarantee you'll get a man, I guarantee you're in for a treat. This Irish Boxty recipe is simple, delicious and makes the best potato pancakes. Happy St. Patrick's Day!

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

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This Spanish rice dish is comforting and delicious.

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POLICE NEWS

ARREST BLOTTER

FEBRUARY 26 TO MARCH 11, 2023

ASSAULT CAUSING ACTUAL BODILY HARM

On 25-02-2023 at 2020hrs, Police arrested and charged Stevon Johnson, 28, of The Valley, Virgin Gorda for Assault Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm. He was granted bail in the sum of \$5,000 to appear before Magistrate's Court on Virgin Gorda on 27-03-2023.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF CANNABIS

On 01-03-2023 about 0030hrs, Police arrested and charged Ferdinan Darroux, 27, of Cane Garden Bay for Unlawful Possession of Cannabis, Failing to Stop at a Stop Light, Driving without a Valid Driver's License and Driving an Uninsured Vehicle. He was granted bail in the sum of \$5,000 to appear before the Magistrate's Court on 13-04-2023.

BURGLARY

1. On 06-03-2023 about 1530hrs, Police arrested and charged a 15-year-old male of Johnson Ghut for Burglary and Handling Stolen Goods. He was granted bail in the sum of \$5,000 to appear before Magistrate's Court on 20-04-2023.

2. On 07-03-2023 about 1620hrs, Police arrested and charged a 17-year-old of male of Free Bottom with two counts of Burglary. He was granted bail in sum of \$5,000 to appear before Magistrate's Court on 20-04-2023.

PERVERTING THE COURSE OF JUSTICE

1. On 08-03-2023 at about 1359hrs, Police arrested and charged Mirium Kimberley May, 34, of Long Look for Perverting the Course of Justice and Giving False Information. She was granted bail to appear before Magistrate's Court on 20-04-2023.

2. On 08-03-2023 at about 1400hrs, Police arrested and charged Rowan Arlington Pickering, 61, of Long Look for Perverting the Course of Justice. He was granted bail to appear before Magistrate's Court on 20-04-2023.

THEFT

On 11-03-2023 at about 1031hrs, Police arrested and charged Ajelan Lewis, 29, of Carrot Bay for Theft. He was granted bail in the sum of \$5,000 to appear in the Magistrate's Court on 27-04-2023.

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

DO's

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

DON'TS

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

IMPORTANT NOTE IN CASE OF LEAKAGE

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

WHEN THE CARDIOLOGIST SAYS YOU HAVE HEART DISEASE

It all started innocently enough. I went to my primary care physician complaining of dizziness and a pain in my back. A quick ECG or electrocardiogram revealed a very fine and operational heart muscle. Still, being at an age where heart disease is considered a possibility and having several increased risk factors, my doctor decided that a trip to see the cardiologist was in order.

After all I thought, how could there be a problem with my heart? I just carried several 50 pound boxes down three flights of stairs only a couple of weeks ago. Still, I thought it better to at least get a baseline so we could measure any change as I got older. And the fact that the dizziness didn't go away was still troubling.

The next test was a treadmill or stress test. Because of the dizziness and nausea however, the heart diagnostic group decided that a chemical stress test was in order. They inserted an IV and took pictures of my heart muscle before being stressed. The idea is that they could then place my heart under some strain and see the reaction. Kind of like a before and after type set of pictures. I could give you the medical names of the test and drugs but I'm not a doctor and prefer to offer the description from the patient point of view. So after the initial set of pictures, the technicians inserted chemicals into my body through the IV to chemically "stress" my heart while carefully monitoring my status. A short wait and yet another set of pictures.

In about a week, they called with the results. Instead of saying it straight however, I was told only that the tests results showed there may be a problem and to schedule an appointment with the cardiologist immediately. Now I don't like the sound of immediately so it must have been critical or more important that just seeing "something."

After talking with the doctor, it was decided that another battery of non invasive tests were in order. This time, it was a modified like CT scan. They were looking for verification of calcium deposits in my arteries.

This test agreed with the stress test results and showed calcification of the arteries, or arteriosclerosis. From all the tests, it appeared as if I had some problem developing but how serious was still an issue. There was however a blood test for calcium that indicated a level higher than 90% of the people my age. That did it! The doctor now wanted and almost demanded to go see what was going on.

An angiogram was in my immediate future. An angiogram typically is an outpatient procedure where the cardiologist opens an artery in your leg and works a camera into the heart muscle arteries. It sounds a lot worse than it is but the benefit is that you know exactly what the status of your heart and arteries are at that point in time.

So angiogram was in my immediate future. I'm told this is a safe and relatively painless procedure and not to worry. There were plenty of things to worry about however. They don't want to shove a camera up through my body and into my heart because of no reason.

Still, an angiogram is an outpatient procedure where the cardiologist opens an artery in your leg and works a camera into

the heart muscle arteries. It sounds a lot worse than it is but the benefit is that you know exactly what the status of your heart and arteries are at that point in time. So I'm ready!

At least this will finally answer how serious a problem, if any, I truly had. The Cardiologist however must have been concerned because he scheduled the angiogram 4 days later.

On the day of this adventure, I checked into the Cardiology center at a local hospital and prepared to undergo the angiogram. An IV was inserted and I was ready to go. Once in the angiogram theater, I was given sedatives that although kept me conscious, there was no pain, nor did I hear anyone working as they sent through me to check out the problem. When the nurses and technicians talked directly to me in a loud enough voice however, I was able to respond.

The good thing about an angiogram is that if blockages are found, the cardiologist can usually place metal stents or pipe like devices in the arteries to maintain blood flow if needed.

This is a far cry from the open heart, crack your chest type of surgery that would have been required just a few years ago. After about an hour, the doctor apparently lowered the dosage of sedative as I remember him giving me a status on my condition.

THE VERDICT!

The bad news was that I did have calcium deposits on the inside walls of my arteries. This was what they had seen with the other tests. The good news however was that my arteries or pipes were absolutely smooth on the inside and were considered very large. Big pipes with a thin smooth coating of calcium equaled a potential problem only.

Being a big person from a family of big people for many generations, the fact that my arteries were considered "big" didn't surprise me. I can't prove it but have to think that the vitamins and minerals I've been taking for over a decade have protected me from developing a life threatening heart disease at this point in my life. The cardiologist however continued to be concerned for long term

survivability given the high calcium scores from the blood tests.

WHERE WE GO FROM HERE!

So it's changes in lifestyle for me. I've gone from a relatively sedentary person to one who rides an exercise bike almost 7 miles a day, everyday. I continue although now on doctors orders, to take an adult aspirin daily and have changed my eating habits. It's a process so there's some good days and some worse but I'm now sensitive to how much and what I eat.

Although my bad cholesterol is at 90 (anything under 110 is considered good) the Cardiologist has prescribed statins to lower the bad cholesterol even more. Once again I can't prove it but I do believe that statins will soon be considered a critical part of living a long healthy life.

So that's my story. Exercise and an aspirin a day to thin out the blood. Statins to lower bad cholesterol even more and daily vitamins just because I've done so well with them up to this point. With any luck, I'll live long without having to deal with the debilitating effects of serious heart disease.



celebrity extra

by Dana Jackson

Q. How is Bruce Willis doing since he was diagnosed with a neurological disorder? I've enjoyed his work ever since seeing him in "Moonlighting," with Cybill Shepherd. — P.I.

A. It's hard to believe it's been 38 years since Bruce Willis debuted as charming P.I. David Addison Jr., opposite his boss, former model Maddie Hayes, played by Cybill Shepherd. The two quarreled both on screen and off, but their chemistry was a hit with viewers, making the show last five seasons. Willis went on to be a mega movie star in the "Die Hard" franchise, among other films, but last March, it was announced that he was retiring from acting at age 67 after being diagnosed with a cognitive disorder called aphasia.

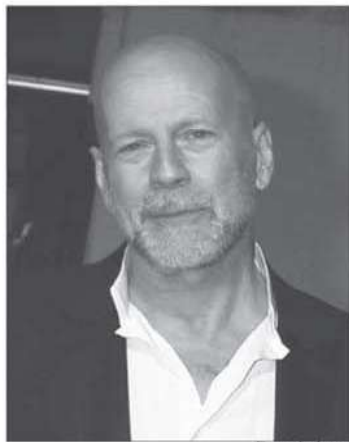
Sadly, in February of this year, his wife, Emma Heming Willis, announced that his condition has progressed and that they now have a more specific diagnosis: frontotemporal dementia. Fortunately, he has a wonderful support system that includes his ex-wife, actress Demi Moore, and their children, along with his two daughters with Emma.

Q. I only recently started watching the family saga "Succession" on HBO. What drew me in was the opening theme music. Is it an original piece for the show? — A.K.

A. When composer Nicholas Britell was interviewed on the "CBS News Sunday Morning" show, he said that when he was a young boy, he asked his mother for piano lessons after hearing the theme to the movie "Chariots of Fire." This didn't lead him down a straight path to Hollywood, however. He worked on Wall Street for a while before quitting, to chase his dream.

He told CBS he wanted the theme about a dysfunctional wealthy family to sound a little off: "The pianos are out of tune with each other. The strings are a little bit off. This should feel kind of like something's a little wrong here." His instincts were right, and it led to him winning an Emmy Award for Outstanding Original Main Title Theme Music.

Before being hired for "Succession," he already had an excellent reputation in the industry, having earned Oscar nomi-



Bruce Willis

Depositphotos

nations for three different movie scores: "Moonlight," "If Beale Street Could Talk" and "Don't Look Up."

The fourth and final season of "Succession" returns to HBO on March 26. In the meantime, you can hear more of Britell's creations with the Disney+ series "Andor" and in the upcoming live-action film "Mufasa: The Lion King."

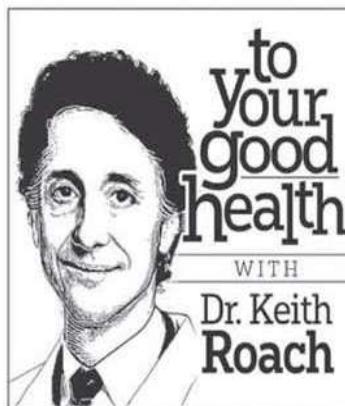
Q. What happened to Taylor Kinney on "Chicago Fire"? Did he leave the show? — G.M.

A. On a recent episode of the hit NBC series "Chicago Fire," it was mentioned that Taylor Kinney's character, Lt. Kelly Severide, had gone to Alabama for arson investigation training. Off-screen, the actor has chosen to take a hiatus from the show for personal reasons. He's still in the credits, though, and Capt. Tom Van Meter (Tim Hopper) assured Chief Boden (Eamonn Walker) that Severide isn't "planning a transfer."

Kinney has been with the show since 2012, so hopefully, he just needs a little R&R and will return before the season ends.

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

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NAC Supplement Helps Curb Cravings to Smoke

DEAR DR. ROACH: I'd like to have your thoughts on what value the NAC supplement may have in reducing cravings for marijuana or nicotine?

I'm 73 and have been smoking marijuana daily since I was 21. Now I'm quitting for health reasons. I've been taking 1,000 mg of NAC every morning, as I've read it helps with smoking cravings. It also seems to be used for anxiety and other mental health issues, lung and heart problems ... the list goes on.

I'm not going to smoke anymore, but I'm just wondering what your take is on this, as I'm thinking of sending it to my 38-year-old son who's been addicted to vaping/cigarettes since he was a young man. He has ADD, anxiety and problems with breath capacity, and he may have heart problems as well. He's smoking to relieve his ADD and anxiety. And, of course, he'd like to quit, but it's so hard to do so.

Can the NAC supplement help me with the urge to smoke? I think it has reduced the cravings, but how would I even know? — M.M.

ANSWER: N-acetyl cysteine, a precursor to the amino acid cysteine, has several roles in medicine, as you say. When inhaled, it breaks up mucous, which helps people cough out thick sputum. When used intravenously, it's a specific antidote to acetaminophen

(Tylenol) overdose. It has been used in these capacities for years and is safe and well-tolerated.

But, in addition, there is data that shows oral NAC (sold as a dietary supplement) may have a role in helping people overcome addictions to tobacco, with small trials showing a reduction in smoking as well as the relapse rate in people using NAC compared with a placebo.

In people who want to reduce their cannabis use, most of the data on NAC has been on younger people (adolescents and young adults), but also shows some benefit. More stringent trials are ongoing.

It is very difficult for a single person (patient or physician) to tell whether it's a "real" effect or a "placebo" effect that is causing the reduction in cravings. Only large-scale, placebo-controlled trials can show with confidence whether the treatment is more effective than a placebo. But, since the supplement is inexpensive and highly safe, and since a third-party lab found that the brands of NAC sold at reputable stores are what they say they are, I say it might be helpful.

However, there are many other products that are proven to be safe and effective to help with quitting smoking, ranging from group tobacco cessation classes, to nicotine replacement therapy, to prescription medications like varenicline and bupropion — all of which have many years of proven clinical efficacy.

Finally, there are a lot of people with attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder who are not getting appropriate treatment as adults. Getting treatment by an expert in ADD might make quitting smoking easier and may also improve many other areas of functioning for your son.

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

• What's in a gut bacterium? Possibly more than you might expect: Studies have shown that the types and amounts of such bacteria might influence your appetite, your food preferences and even the way nutrients are processed and stored in your body.

• While fish can cough, they don't sneeze.

• Michael Jordan was nicknamed "Magic" in high school after Los Angeles Lakers icon Magic Johnson.

• In June 2022, the New York Public Library donated half a million books to kids under 18 so they could start their own personal book collections. Collecting and reading books has been found beneficial to learning, stress relief and even future success.

• And speaking of libraries, they're not always just for books: The Buffalo Tool Library in Buffalo, New York, allows members to take out tools for home improvement, gardening and repair projects.

• Provincial law in Quebec prohibits a woman from taking her husband's surname after marriage.

• Actor Morgan Freeman, after serving in the U.S. Air Force, got his first paid job in show business as a dancer at the 1964 World's Fair.

• After having a double mastectomy in her senior years, the ever-outspoken Alice Lee Roosevelt Longworth, eldest child of President Theodore Roosevelt, took to referring to herself as "Washington's only topless octogenarian."

• Dolbear's Law, which states the connection between air temperature and the rate at which crickets chirp, is accurate to within about one degree Fahrenheit for the field cricket.

• The Chinese video sharing and streaming site Bilibili used 1,500 drones to create a light show celebrating the first anniversary of the release of mobile game Princess Connect! Re:Dive, which was followed by a huge QR code to download the game.

Thought for the Day: "A champion is afraid of losing. Everyone else is afraid of winning." — Billie Jean King

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COMMENTARY

Countries that meet the Highest Benchmarks

By Dickson Igwe



Dickson Igwe

March 8, 2023

The road to El Dorado passes through honest governance and high standards of social behavior by every resident of a society

That the quality of a society is in the behaviors of its people is a valid assertion. Simple observation will reveal that societies that are patient, polite, civil, compassionate, and honest, are better places to live,

work, and play.

Societies zealous for the highest ethical standards thrive. The preceding is not hyperbole but fact.

Societies that pursue high standards of social behavior further possess great governance, have workers that are productive, are safer, with better social and physical infrastructure, than those places where corruption and mismanagement rule.

A traveler visits a country where there is a high chance of robbery on the way to the hotel from a squalid and unsafe airport. The roads are veritable death traps. There is no water supply, and very limited electricity generated. The reason for this medieval infrastructure is often rooted in national social behavior that is toxic, shortsighted and

dishonest, driven by an ignorant and corrupt leadership.

Toxic cultures are learned. They evolve over a period. These societies continue on a perverse road until one day they wake up and understand they are on the edge of the abyss. Their economies tank, their infrastructure is Stone Age and there is widespread insecurity, the country is on travel warnings, residents would migrate to "sunnier shores" at

the slightest opportunity.

Rule of Law, Honest Governance, and Safe Community, are ideals that remain unattainable Utopias when the hearts and mindsets of the population possess a toxic and dishonest *modus vivendi*.

The traveler to the country where corruption and dishonesty rule returns to his own safer shores after a "risky" trip. His home airport is cutting-edge. He or she takes a well-planned and functional

public transport network home. His home sits in a safe place well lit with continuous water and electricity that only cut out at time of crisis. His healthcare is first class and his kids attend public schools that are the envy of the world.

He knows the great standard of living he enjoys is not anything out of the ordinary. The reason he lives so well? He just has to look in the mirror.

African and European Royals in Slave Trading Compared Reparations symposium hosted by The UWI and partners

The UWI Regional Headquarters, Jamaica W.I. Tuesday, March 14, 2023— During the Western campaign to illegalise the trans-Atlantic Trade of Africans in the 19th century, traders and their allies argued that African commercial and political interests were their business partners. According to Vice-Chancellor of The University of the West Indies (UWI) and Chair of the CARICOM Reparations Commission (CRC), Professor Sir Hilary Beckles, "Since then, this perspective has gained global traction, becoming the dominant narrative, particularly in the Caribbean and the Americas. Though the evidence to debunk this narrative, and to contextualize its significance is considerable, it has not gained anywhere near the level of advocacy and academic representation."

In acknowledgment of this gap, and as a signature event in its 75th Anniversary celebrations calendar, The UWI and its Centre for Reparation Research and PJ Patterson Institute for Africa-Caribbean Advocacy, convened an all-day symposium themed "Reparations and Royalty, Africa and Europe: Exploding Myths and Empowering Truths," held at The UWI Regional Headquarters on Thursday, March 2, and a Youth Forum titled "Wha Gwaan Africa?!" held at the Mona Campus on Friday, March 3.

Among the featured speakers at the events, was a high-level delegation of royal African traditional leaders hosted by the CARICOM Reparations Commission, who led conversations on the roles of African and European Royalties in the trans-Atlantic trafficking of

enslaved Africans.

Vice-Chancellor Beckles noted that The UWI was "honoured as a university community to take this responsibility for the reuniting of the Royal Highnesses with the African people of the Caribbean." During the opening session on March 2, as he provided historical context on the relationship between Europeans and Africans, he emphasized that it is critical to examine the two sides of the equation, "While the royal families of Europe were organising their armies, building their corporations and establishing structures for the destruction of societies in Africa, so as to secure enchained and enslaved labour, the royal families of Africa were on the receiving end of that violence." In his plenary presentation, Vice-Chancellor Beckles underscored, "No group of people have been more denigrated by the historians of Europe than the Kings and Queens and nobles of Africa within the context of colonization."

Chair of the symposium, Professor Verene Shepherd, Director of the Centre for Reparation Research (CRR) at The UWI, who also serves as Vice-Chair of the CRC and Member, National Council on Reparation, Jamaica (NCR) asserted that the discussions are significant as knowledge exchange to fill a knowledge gap "...Because as Marcus Mosiah Garvey stated, a people without knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots, and we are looking to reconnect with those roots today" she said. "The reasons for the shortfall in academic and public awareness are many, but the time is now for the matter to

be successfully re-addressed," she added.

His Royal Highness Paul Jones Eganda, Global Chief and President, Ateker International Development Organization (AIDO) Network stated, "We are greatly honoured to be invited by Professor Sir Hilary Beckles." Addressing the various interest groups and members of the audience in-person and online he said, "We work as a team. We have approximately 657 kingdoms and cultural institutions that are affiliated with us. These groups constitute what we call the AIDO Royal Community." Highlighting the purpose of the mission, he said, "this royal delegation here today has travelled to Jamaica with one objective, to demonstrate to you, our dear family of Africa in the Caribbean, that we are not a race created as slaves. The fact is that we have a rich, proud, living history of royalty in Africa that still exists today which we represent here." He affirmed, "Reparations justice has to take place, and Africa has to join in."

The March 3 Youth Forum saw not just UWI students attending, but other tertiary students along with associations and groups from across Jamaica in person, and others across the region who joined online. The forum examined the significance of royal traditional leaders and other royals in Africa, including their responsibilities and their roles, the importance of reconnecting Caribbean and Jamaica with African culture and traditions, the need for reparatory justice for people of African descent, and how young people could contribute to that process.

Governor Signs Proclamation For General Elections



His Excellency

John James Rankin CMG

His Excellency the Governor John J. Rankin CMG has signed a proclamation to pave the way for the 2023

General Elections.

Additionally, in accordance with section 86 of the Virgin Islands Constitution Order 2007, Governor Rankin issued a proclamation and appointed Monday, April 24 as the date on which the next general election will be held in the Territory.

Section 86 of the Virgin Islands Constitution Order 2007 states, "a general election shall be held at such time within two months, but not earlier than twenty-one days, of the dissolution of the House of Assembly as the Governor shall appoint by proclamation published in the Gazette". The House of Assembly was dissolved on March 10, 2023.

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Antigua and Barbuda and Serbia abolish visa requirements

Washington, DC, March 14... The Antigua and Barbuda passport was strengthened internationally on Friday, March 10 when Ambassadors of Antigua and Barbuda and the Republic of Serbia signed an agreement in Washington, DC, on behalf of their governments, abolishing visa requirements for their citizens.

The Agreement was negotiated and signed between Ambassador Sir Ronald Sanders, representing Antigua and

Barbuda, and Ambassador Marko Djuric on behalf of the Republic of Serbia.

Ambassador Sanders remarked that, "with the signing of the Agreement with Serbia, citizens of Antigua and Barbuda now have visa-free access to more than 162 nations, making the Antigua and Barbuda passport one of the strongest in the world". He added, that "both tourism to, and investment in, Antigua and Barbuda are enhanced by making access for visits

easier for up to 90 days a year without a visa".

Ambassador Djuric described the Agreement as "another step in further strengthening the friendship and cooperation between Serbia and Antigua and Barbuda". Students from Antigua and Barbuda already benefit from scholarships to study in Serbia, and the two countries have pledged to examine ways in which they could be helpful to each other, including through co-operation in tackling global



(left to right) Joy-Dee Davis (DCM Antigua and Barbuda Embassy) Ambassadors Sir Ronald Sanders and Mr. Mrarko Djuric, and Veljko Piljak (Counsellor, Serbia Embassy)

issues such as economic consequences of the Russian war on Ukraine.

The two Ambassadors

agreed to meet regularly to explore deeper economic cooperation between the two states in the interests of their peoples.

CARICOM strengthens relations with regional, third-state partners

(CARICOM Secretariat, Turkeyen, Greater Georgetown, Guyana - Wednesday, 15 March 2023): Diplomatic relations between CARICOM and a Member State, as well as two third-state partners, were strengthened on Tuesday, March 14 when CARICOM Secretary-General, Dr. Carla Barnett accredited three new ambassadors.

The Secretary-General accepted the letters of credence of His Excellency Larry Vaughan, Ambassador of St. Kitts and Nevis to CARICOM; His Excellency Itai Bardov, Ambassador of Israel to CARICOM; and His Excellency Rytis Paulauskas, Ambassador of Lithuania to CARICOM.

Secretary-General Barnett said the accreditation of Ambassador Vaughan presented an opportunity for a fresh perspective on various issues confronting the Community.

She said CARICOM has benefitted from St. Kitts and Nevis' commitment to Regional Integration, particularly in Human Resource Development, and Health and Wellness, as lead Head of Government in the CARICOM Quasi cabinet for those areas.

"Given the multifaceted challenges presented by the protracted COVID-19 pandemic and its severe impact on lives and livelihoods in the Region, this Quasi-Cabinet portfolio is essential to the Region's post-pandemic recovery," Secretary-General Barnett stated.

In his remarks, Ambassador Vaughan reflected on the tasks ahead to improve competitiveness in all sectors across the Member States, achieve more coordinated trade negotiation outcomes, and advocate for global appreciation for the multifaceted nature of our vulnerabilities. He committed to actively working with his colleagues in the Committee of Ambassadors for the shared benefit of the people of the Community.

The Israeli Ambassador to CARICOM told Secretary-General Barnett that his country was keen to enhance its relations with CARICOM on Climate Change, Agriculture, Irrigation Technology, and Training.

He signaled Israel's willingness to provide humanitarian support

in areas in which the country has developed expertise, including pediatric heart surgeries and optical treatments.

Secretary-General Barnett noted the timeliness of Israel's offer to support agriculture in the Region where efforts have been targeted at reducing the importation of food by 25 percent by 2025.

Ambassador Paulauskas and the Secretary-General highlighted Climate Change as a key area for cooperation between CARICOM and Lithuania.

"As we prepare for COP 28, it is important that focus is placed on the significant loss that countries of our Region, which are comparatively low emitters, face," she said.

She also underscored the need for equitable standards across international financial systems. "We want the international community to agree on a single set of regulations so that what is agreed in one jurisdiction is agreed everywhere, as otherwise, there is great dysfunction within our financial systems," the Secretary-General emphasized.



His Excellency Larry Vaughan, Ambassador of St. Kitts and Nevis to CARICOM, and Dr. Carla Barnett, CARICOM Secretary-General



His Excellency Itai Bardov, Ambassador of Israel to CARICOM, and Dr. Carla Barnett, CARICOM Secretary-General



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US Vows Continued Black Sea Surveillance Missions Near Ukraine



FILE - A US Air Force MQ-9 Reaper assigned to the 49th Wing flies over Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, during Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2022.

The U.S. vowed Wednesday to continue to fly reconnaissance missions over the Black Sea near Ukraine, even after Tuesday's incident in which the United States says a Russian fighter jet collided with a U.S. drone, sending the American aircraft plummeting into the water.

"The United States will continue to fly and to operate wherever international law allows," U.S. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin told defense leaders from allied countries supporting Ukraine

against Russia's 13-month invasion.

"It is incumbent upon Russia to operate its aircraft in a safe and professional manner," Austin told his counterparts in a virtual meeting originating from the Pentagon. He said the downed U.S. MQ-9 drone was "conducting routine operations" in international airspace Tuesday, when a pair of Russian jets "engaged in dangerous, reckless, and unprofessional practices."

"This hazardous episode is part of

a pattern of aggressive, risky, and unsafe actions by Russian pilots in international airspace," he said.

Meanwhile, the U.S. defense chief called on allied countries to ramp up their support for Kyiv's forces.

"We are now in a crucial time in the course of Ukraine's fight for freedom," Austin said. "We must provide Ukraine with the full capabilities for the fight ahead," including spare parts for armaments, additional equipment, and new donations of ammunition and air defense systems.

At the White House, national security spokesman John Kirby told VOA Tuesday, "If the message [from Russia] is that they want to deter or dissuade us from flying and operating in international airspace over the Black Sea, then that message will fail because that is not going to happen."

Russia denied that its Su-27 jets came into contact with the U.S. drone and pinned blame for the crash on the operation of the drone. A U.S. military official told VOA the unmanned U.S. MQ-9 has not yet been recovered. State Department spokesperson

Ned Price said the United States summoned the Russian ambassador to protest the incident.

"We are engaging directly with the Russians, again at senior levels, to convey our strong objections to this unsafe, unprofessional intercept, which caused the downing of the unmanned U.S. aircraft," Price said. Austin met with defense officials from nearly 50 countries to assess the war in Ukraine.

Pentagon spokesman Brig. Gen. Pat Ryder told reporters Tuesday, "As we've been doing since the beginning of this campaign, we're continuing to do everything that we can to ensure that we're meeting Ukraine's needs, whether it's ammunition, whether it's air defense, armor."

U.S., European Union and NATO officials have all pledged to boost efforts to both replenish Ukraine's ammunition stockpiles as well as their own as the fighting in Ukraine grinds on more than a year after Russia launched its full-scale invasion.

"We are constantly considering the supply of ammunition and weapons," Ukrainian President

Volodymyr Zelenskyy said of meetings with his military leaders.

Zelenskyy said the main focus was on efforts to defend the eastern front line, including the Bakhmut area that has seen months of fierce fighting. He said the clear position of Ukrainian military leaders is to "reinforce this direction, to inflict maximum possible damage upon the occupier."

Separate from the U.S.-led talks Wednesday, Zelenskyy welcomed Denmark's announcement of \$1 billion in military, humanitarian and economic aid for Ukraine this year.

About two-thirds of the funding is targeted for military aid, with the rest designated for humanitarian efforts, reconstruction and business initiatives.

Zelenskyy tweeted that he was grateful for the move, and that the aid is "a guarantee of bringing our common victory over the aggressor and the return of peace to Europe closer!"

Some information for this story came from Reuters.

Russian Fighter Collides With US Drone Over International Waters

PENTAGON —

The U.S. military says a Russian fighter jet collided Tuesday with a U.S. intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance drone operating within international airspace over the Black Sea, causing the drone to crash.

A U.S. military official told VOA the unmanned U.S. MQ-9 has not yet been recovered. Russia's defense ministry blamed the drone for the crash and said that its Su-27 jets did not come into contact with the U.S. aircraft.

State Department spokesperson Ned Price said the United States is summoning the Russian ambassador over the incident.

"We are engaging directly with the Russians, again at senior levels, to convey

our strong objections to this unsafe, unprofessional intercept, which caused the downing of the unmanned U.S. aircraft."

He added that U.S. Ambassador to Russia Lynne Tracy "has conveyed a strong message to the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs."

U.S. President Joe Biden was briefed about the incident, according to White House spokesman John Kirby.

"If the message [from Russia] is that they want to deter or dissuade us from flying and operating in international airspace over the Black Sea, then that message will fail because that is not going to happen," Kirby said in response to a question from VOA.

"We are going to continue to fly and operate in

international airspace over international waters. The Black Sea belongs to no one nation and we're going to continue to do what we need to do for our own national security interests in that part of the world."

According to U.S. European Command, which oversees U.S. military operations in Europe, two Russian Su-27 aircraft "dumped fuel on and flew in front of the MQ-9 in a reckless, environmentally unsound and unprofessional manner."

"One of the Russian Su-27 aircraft struck the propeller of the MQ-9, causing U.S. forces to have to bring the MQ-9 down in international waters. ... This incident demonstrates a lack of competence in addition to being unsafe and unprofessional," EUCOM added.



This handout photo, courtesy of the U.S. Air Force, obtained on Nov. 7, 2020, shows an MQ-9 Reaper drone.

U.S. Air Force Gen. James B. Hecker, commander, U.S. Air Forces Europe and Air Forces Africa, said in a press release that the collision had "nearly caused both aircraft to crash."

Pentagon spokesman Brig. Gen. Pat Ryder said the Russian aircraft likely sustained damage during the collision as well. The intercept lasted for about 30 to 40 minutes before

the collision, according to Ryder.

EUCOM called on Russian forces to act "professionally and safely," while warning that these types of acts are "dangerous and could lead to miscalculation and unintended escalation."

Patsy Widakuswara and Cindy Saine contributed to this report.

SPORTS



TRACK 

O'Neal ends 22-year drought with 14th ESHS track and field crown

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

O'Neal, House 2, ended a 22 year drought and claimed its 14th inter house track and field title on Thursday, their first under the Elmore Stoutt High School brand. Their last title came in 2001 when they were Lincoln House. Formerly the BVI High School, it was renamed in honor of former principal Stoutt in 2008. Lincoln House was also renamed O'Neal House in 2008 in honor of former house master Rey O'Neal, a founding member of the BVI Athletics Association and its longest serving president.

O'Neal, who came into the two day competition last Wednesday with 371 points after a series of pre-events, amassed 892 points for the title, after finishing Day 1 on 590 points and a comfortable 44 points lead which they stretched to 51, despite a 4x200m Relay disqualification. Carlisle, House 4, was second with 841 and Lettsome, House 1, placed third with 835. Defending champions Flemming, House 3, finished with 775 points.

"I can't even describe the feeling I have right now. I just can't describe it," an emotional, elated and relieved O'Neal House leader,

Andre Roberts told Island Sun Sports. "It is amazing. Those children worked hard and my support team, DeAnna (Wattley) and Rochelle Frett, we couldn't do it without them."

Roberts said their climb to the top of the pile began with a recently introduced draft system that allowed them to field athletes in more events than they had in the past. He said sometimes they only fielded one athlete in an event instead of two and they couldn't contest some division relay events and had people missing. The draft—which allows the team that finishes last to pick first—allowed them to have full teams.

"We didn't win a lot of the pre-events, but because we had people in every event, we were able to get points and stay on top," he said of his team that was second last year. "Once the athletes saw we were winning, they had more interest in coming forward and participating because everyone wanted to win."

Captain J'Nya Demming said the victory meant a lot as it's her last year and because she had been on losing teams since entering ESHS. "This is monumental for me and a

little bit bitter sweet because I'm leaving, but leaving this legacy, this type of thrill and energy, I know that when we leave, House 2 will keep up this energy and start the winning streak again," Demming told Island Sun Sports. "I know it's been 22 years we haven't won. House 2 has always been the house to beat, so I'm telling ya'll from now on, watch out for House 2 because we're coming back. We made history today."

The points total she said, indicated that they did everything right from pre events, right across the board to the last day of competition. "We've been first, first, first," she reflected. "We rounded up a good amount of athletes, we got non athletes and everybody participated for us which was really good this year. Our athletes really came out and showed up."

A late comer to the sport although her mother and BVI Athletics Association General Secretary Stephanie Russ Penn was a runner, Victrix Ludorum Ashleigh Penn, was somewhat surprised. "Going into it, I didn't think it



O'Neal, House 2, celebrates ending a 22-year drought for their 14th title

would happen, but Tunga (Orville McMaster) he told me what events to enter because he really thought I could do it and with the training and strategies of my coach, Coach Burt Dorsette, gave me, I was pretty comfortable," Penn said. "I was still feeling a little iffy about the 800m and the Long Jump, but then I did the Heptathlon over the following weekend and it turned out pretty good. Then I said that I can do this and I tried and just put it all on the track."

Athletes from Carlisle House won

four of the eight age division titles at stake. Division winners were: U-13 Girls: M'Kenzie Crabbe, Lettsome, 43 points. Boys: Navarro Donovan, Lettsome, 42. U-15 Girls: Taryn Augustine, Lettsome, 48. Boys: Othneil Gillings, Carlisle, 46. U-17 Girls: Jah'Kyla Morton, O'Neal, 46. Boys: Johnathan Lynch, 48. 18+Girls: Ashleigh Penn, Carlisle, 50. Boys: M'Khorri Crabbe, Carlisle, 50. Victrix Ludorum: M'Khorri Crabbe, 50. Victrix Ludorum: Ashleigh Penn, Carlisle, 50.

TRACK 

Adaejah Hodge scampers to World U20 indoor 200m record 22.33 secs

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

Just shy of her 17th birthday, Montverde Academy Jr. Adaejah Hodge on Sunday, shattered the 22.77 seconds U.S. High School Indoor 200m record set less than 24 hrs before, when she stopped the clock at a scintillating 22.33, chopping 1.06 seconds off her 23.39 best from February 5.

In the process, she broke Bianca Knight's U20 world Jr. indoor record of 22.40 seconds set in 2008, a mark that is faster than the outdoor U18 world record and she dropped the No 3 time in the world this season.

"I never saw this in a million years. Oh my God," Hodge's Coach Gerald Phiri said. "Are you serious?"

On Monday, Hodge described her weekend for Island Sun Sports, where she ran 7.27 seconds in the 60m prelims for her sixth race this season under 7.30 seconds, prior to her 200m heroics.

"It was amazing. It was very

surprising," she said. "I'm very proud of what I did—although it hasn't set in yet—I know what I did."

Her surprise was chopping 1.06 seconds from her February personal best in the prelims and final.

"Going in I thought I was going to run at least 22.80 in the final, but I guess God had other plans. I was shocked (when I saw 22.77 in the prelims) but I tried to play it cool," she noted. "While my teammates celebrated, I was like man, it's just another day, but I was really surprised. I also knew it was coming because I had been putting in the work at practice."

Seeing 22.33 in the final was 'electric' she said.

"Coming down the straight, I was thinking what I was going to do to celebrate," she said. "I felt like it was a really fast time, but I didn't know it was going to be like 22.3, so I just pointed at the clock, not

knowing what the time was, until I looked up at the big jumbotron and I saw 22.33. I was ecstatic."

Hearing World Jr. Record wasn't something she expected to hear heading into the New Balance Indoor National in Boston. "Not really. No," she said. "My goal that I even wrote on my journal board for the year was 22.80. So, coming out of the track meet with a 22.33, it was like whoa, what just happened?"

Hodge said her technique and mechanics have improved over last year, since moving from Atlanta to Orlando to attend Montverde Academy, and being surrounded by others trying to reach the impossible goal like others. A 22.5 seconds 200m outdoors in practice on a windy day, was an indicator she said that she could run around 22.7 seconds, her coach told her. "Me running 22, his reaction was priceless," she said.

With the 22.33 run, Hodge has

had to rewrite her outdoor goals and say that it boosted her confidence going into the outdoor season, which includes the April 8-10 Carifta Games in the Bahamas, where she moves to the U20 division after debuting with three U17 Girls gold medals last year.

"Right now, I'm just trusting God's process and going with the flow," she said, noting that it sounds amazing hearing that she's the USA's High School Girls indoor champion and record holder. "I know I've been putting in the work and having long days and just having my teammates supporting me," she said. "So I'm really happy and excited to have the national record at such a young age."



Adaejah Hodge points at the clock after her World U20 record run.

SPORTS



O'Neal, House 2, after being declared ESHS inter house champs and their 14th title



. Runners kicking off the Trident Trust 5k Series tour stop in Carrot Bay



ESHS Division champs: L-R: Ashleigh Penn, Johnathan Lynch, Taryn Augustine, Jah'Kyla Morton, M'Kenzii Crabbe, Othneil Gillings, Navarro Donovan and M'Korri Crabbe



A Grenada batsman gets out the way of a ball bowled by a RTW Falcons bowler



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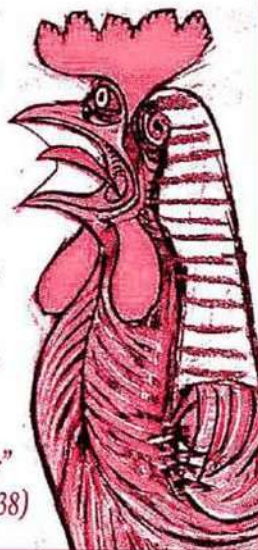


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...A servant girl came to him, saying, "You also were with Jesus of Galilee." But he denied it before them all, saying, "I do not know what you are saying." ...Another girl saw him and said... "This fellow also was with Jesus of Nazareth." But again he denied with an oath, "I do not know the Man!" ...Those who stood by... said to Peter, "Surely you also are one of them..." Then he began to curse and swear, saying, "I do not know the Man!" Immediately a rooster crowed. And Peter remembered the word of Jesus... "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." So he went out and wept bitterly.

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Detail of "A rooster"
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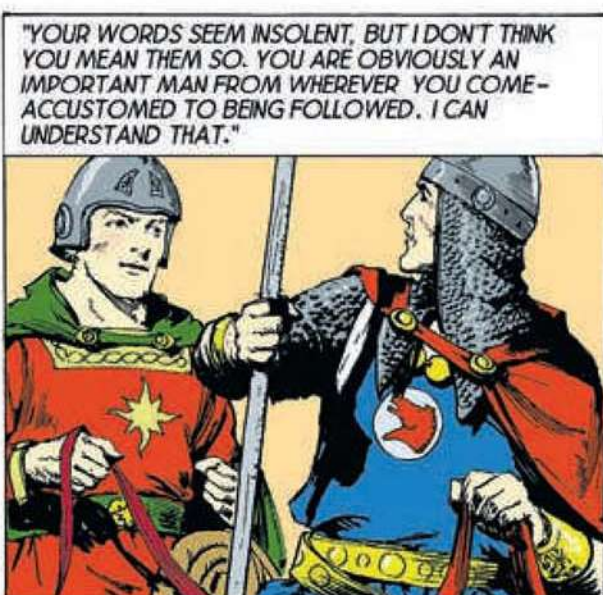
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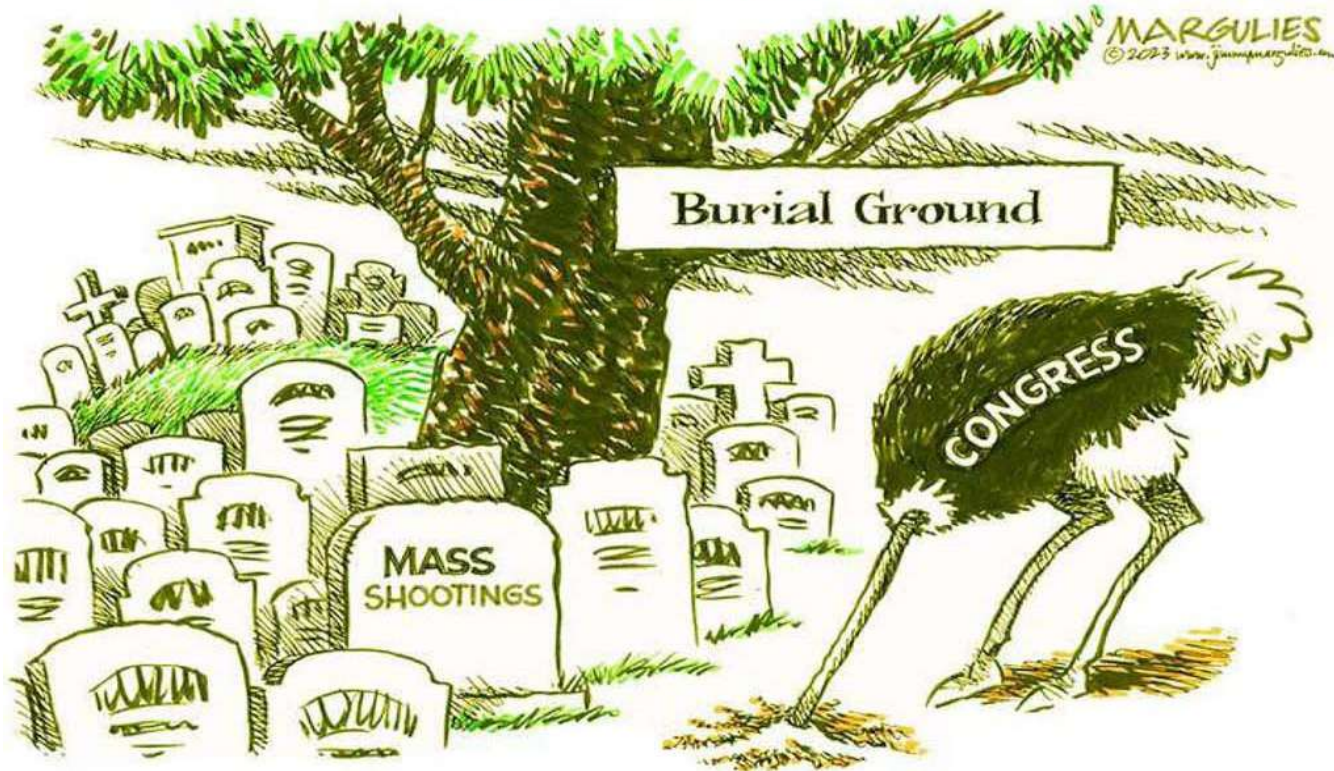


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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Some unsettling facts about a past situation could come to light. And, while you'd love to deal with it immediately, it's best to get more information to support your case.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A straightforward approach to a baffling situation is best. Don't allow yourself to be drawn into an already messy mass of tangles and lies. Deal with it and move on.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Don't be discouraged or deterred by a colleague's negative opinion about your ideas. It could actually prove to be helpful when you finally get around to finalizing your plan.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Ignore that sudden attack of "modesty" and step up to claim the credit you so rightly earned. Remember: A lot of people are proud of you and want to share in your achievements.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A financial "deal" that seems to be just right for you Leos and Leonas could be grounded more in gossamer than substance. Get an expert's advice to help you check it out.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Don't ignore that suddenly cool or even rude attitude from someone who is close to you. Asking them for an explanation could reveal a misunderstanding that you were completely unaware of.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Unless you have sound knowledge, and not just an opinion, it's best not to step into a family dispute involving a legal matter, regardless of whom you support. Leave that to the lawyers.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) An awkward situation presents the usually socially savvy Scorpion with a problem. But a courteous and considerate approach soon helps clear the air and ease communication.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A calmer, less tense atmosphere prevails through much of the week, allowing you to restore your energy levels before tackling a new challenge coming up by week's end.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your approach to helping with a friend or family member's problem could boomerang unless you take time to explain your method — and how and why it (usually!) works.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Someone who gave you a lot of grief might ask for a chance for the two of you to make a fresh start. You need to weigh the sincerity of the request carefully before giving them your answer.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Too much fantasizing about an upcoming decision could affect your judgment. Better to make your choices based on what you know now rather than what you might learn later.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of seeing the best in people and helping them live up to their potential.

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Pope Francis: 10 years of missionary zeal along paths of mercy and peace

Ten years have passed since 13 March 2013, the day Jorge Mario Bergoglio was elected to the See of Peter. Pope Francis' pontificate has been marked by a passion for evangelisation and a constant journey to reform the Church to make her more missionary. A decade during which time has taken on two different dimensions: the progressive one, to initiate processes, and the circular one, to go out to meet others and return enriched in thought and heart.

By Isabella Piro

“Time is greater than space”: this statement by Pope Francis, contained in his first Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelii gaudium*, encapsulates the ten years that have passed since the beginning of his pontificate. In fact, for Jorge Mario Bergoglio - the first Jesuit Pope, the first native of Latin America, the first to choose the name Francis and, in modern times, to be elected after his predecessor's resignation - “space hardens processes, whereas time propels towards the future and encourages us to go forward in hope.” Here, then, this understanding of time becomes a key to interpreting the current pontificate, which unfolds in two ways: one progressive and the other circular. The first is the one that allows one to “initiate processes”; the second, on the other hand, is the dimension of encounter and fraternity.

In the progressive dimension there is, first of all, the Apostolic Constitution *Praedicate evangelium*: promulgated in 2022, it gives a more missionary structure to the Curia. Among the novelties introduced are the establishment of the Dicastery for the Service of Charity and the new Dicastery for Evangelisation, headed directly by the Pope. The document also focuses on the involvement of laymen and laywomen in the Roman Curia and finalises the numerous reforms implemented, over a decade, by Pope Francis in the economic and financial spheres, including the establishment of the Secretariat for the Economy in 2015.

The processes initiated by Pope Francis also concern ecumenism, interreligious dialogue and synodality. In 2015, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation was established, to be celebrated every year on 1 September together with the Orthodox Church, to exhort Christians to an ‘ecological conversion’. An exhortation also reiterated in the Pope's second encyclical (the first, *Lumen fidei*, is shared with his predecessor, Benedict XVI), *Laudato si'* on the care of the common home, also published in 2015. The main thrust of the document is the exhortation for a ‘change of course’ so that humanity takes responsibility for a commitment to ‘care for our common home’. A commitment that also includes the eradication of misery, care for the poor and fair access for all to the planet's resources.

On 12 February 2016, in Cuba, Pope Francis met the Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia, Kirill, and with him signed a joint declaration to put into practice ‘the ecumenism of charity’, that is, the common commitment of Christians to build a more fraternal humanity. A tragically topical commitment when, on 16 March 2022, at the height of the war in Ukraine, Pope Francis and Patriarch Kirill had a conversation via videoconference in which they reaffirmed their common effort to “stop the fire” by focusing on the “negotiation

process”.

Unforgettable, also, is the ecumenical peace pilgrimage to South Sudan, made last month by the Pope together with the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, and the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, Iain Green Shields.

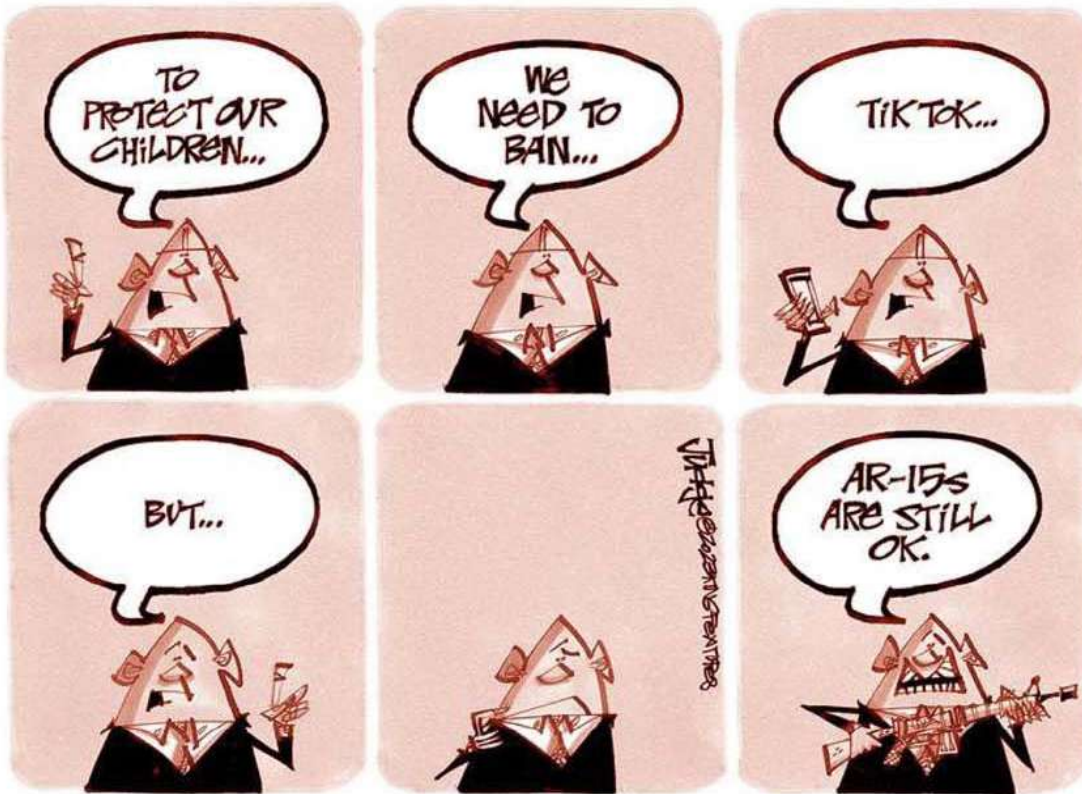
As for interreligious dialogue, a milestone is represented by the ‘Document on Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together,’ signed on 4 February 2019 by the Pope and the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar Ahmad Al-Tayyeb, in Abu Dhabi. The text is a milestone in relations between Christianity and Islam, as it encourages interreligious dialogue and unequivocally condemns terrorism and violence. On the synodality front, Pope Francis is implementing an important change: the next ordinary general assembly, the 16th, scheduled in the Vatican in two stages, in 2023 and 2024, on the theme ‘For



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a synodal Church: communion, participation and mission’, will be the concluding stage of a three-year journey made up of listening, discernment, consultation and divided into three phases: diocesan, continental, universal. In Pope Francis' progressive time frame, there is also the fight against abuse at the top of which is the summit on the protection of minors, held in the Vatican in February 2019. A clear expression of the Church's desire to act with truth and transparency, the meeting resulted in the *Motu proprio Vos estis lux mundi*, which establishes new procedures for reporting harassment and violence and ensuring that bishops and religious superiors are accountable.

The Pope's ‘circular time’ also includes a relentless commitment to peace. An admirable expression of this is the encyclical *Fratelli tutti*. Released on 4 October 2020, it calls for fraternity and social friendship and firmly says no to war. Two years later, when the conflict in Ukraine exploded, the exhortation contained in this document for a ‘real and lasting peace’ that starts from ‘a global ethic of solidarity’ will seem prophetic, in a world that is increasingly experiencing ‘a third world war fought piecemeal’.



top ten

Least Independent U.S. States 2022

1. Kentucky
2. Louisiana
3. Mississippi
3. Alaska
4. South Carolina
5. West Virginia
6. Alabama
7. Tennessee
8. Indiana
9. New Mexico
10. Michigan

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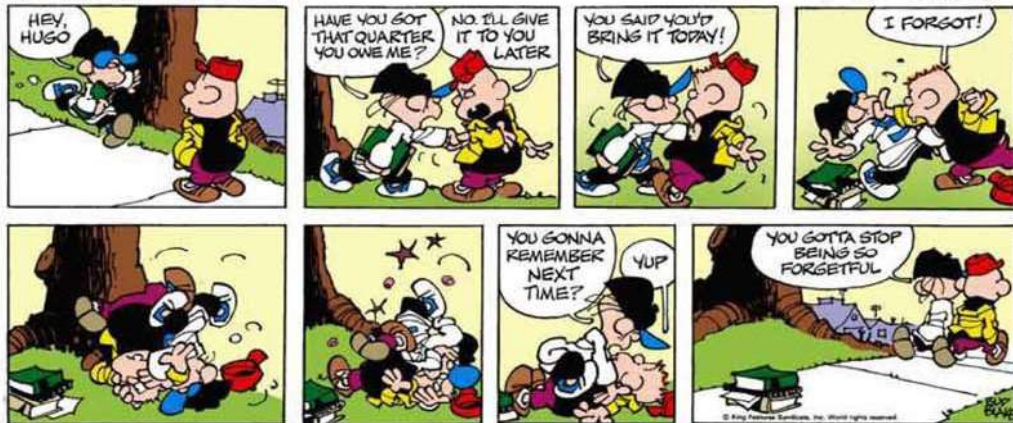
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

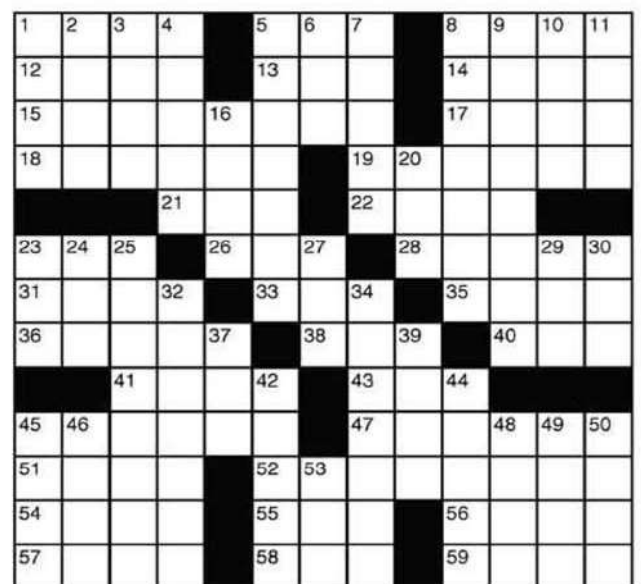
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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Release money
- 5 Officer
- 8 Wife of Zeus
- 12 "Born Free" lioness
- 13 Billboards
- 14 Elliptical
- 15 Region of northern Italy
- 17 Breathing (Abbr.)
- 18 Start a round
- 19 Aviary noises
- 21 Irish actor Stephen
- 22 Visibility hindrance
- 23 Arced tennis shot
- 26 Like some humor
- 28 Avoids work
- 31 Gumbo or bisque, e.g.
- 33 Work unit
- 35 Minn. neighbor
- 36 Writer Lessing
- 38 Pouch
- 40 "Rah!"
- 41 Metric measure
- 43 — Alamos
- 45 Big lizard
- 47 Of the lower back
- 51 Gasp for air



- 6 Quirky
- 7 Intimidate, with "out"
- 8 Where earth meets sky
- 9 Battery brand
- 10 Grate
- 11 Swiss peaks
- 16 Not many
- 20 Actor Holbrook
- 23 "Acid"
- 24 Tic-tac-toe win
- 25 French red wine
- 27 Decade parts (Abbr.)
- 29 Air safety org.
- 30 Firmament
- 32 Pittsburgh team
- 34 Runs like a horse
- 37 — Salvador
- 39 Brilliant stroke
- 42 College study
- 44 Big hit
- 45 Apple product
- 46 Big bash
- 48 Party cheese
- 49 Tosses in
- 50 Deli loaves
- 53 Long time

DOWN

- 1 Karate level
- 2 Skin soother
- 3 "Woe —!"
- 4 Hard work
- 5 Commuter's cash-on-hand

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. MOVIES: What is the name of Scarlett and Rhett's daughter in "Gone with the Wind"?
2. GEOGRAPHY: What body of water lies between Australia and New Zealand?
3. TELEVISION: Eric Camden is a minister on which TV dramedy?
4. CHEMISTRY: Which element has the Latin name stannum (Sn)?
5. LITERATURE: Which book is first written in C.S. Lewis' Chronicles of Narnia series?
6. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the name of the bird logo on Twitter?
7. ANIMAL KINGDOM: How long does it take a sloth to digest food?
8. PSYCHOLOGY: What is the irrational fear represented by coulrophobia?
9. MYTHOLOGY: Which Greek god stared at his own reflection until he died?
10. INVENTIONS: What did Alessandro Volta invent?

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 24 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

MORE READERS: THE ISLAND SUN

1. Bonnie Blue Butler; 2. Tasman Sea; 3. "7th Heaven"; 4. Tin; 5. "The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe"; 6. Larry; 7. An average of 16 days, and up to 30 days; 8. Fear of clowns; 9. Narcissus; 10. The electric battery.

Trivia Test Answers

WHAT'S IN A LABEL

By *Transparency International*

While we didn't anticipate this development, it's not surprising given our work to combat high-level, transnational corruption. The announcement comes just after our statement on 24 February that called on leading economies to target illicit wealth of Russian kleptocrats and get more serious about accountability. We certainly didn't get into this line of work to please governments, and this isn't the first time we've faced attempts to silence us - though it is the first we have been officially banned.

We are currently determining what exactly this means for our work, the safety of colleagues within our movement and how we can best move forward. If you're reading this from Russia and worried about how this might impact you, scroll down for some guidance based on what we know so far.

But we guarantee you our work won't stop, and we are not alone in this fight.

Since 2015, Russia has labelled as "undesirable" a number of foreign civil society and media organisations - most recently the Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project and Meduza - to force them to stop all operations within the country and block Russian citizens from supporting or accessing their work.

The Russian government has also used its 2012 "foreign agent" law to target national organisations it accuses of operating under the influence of other countries or entities.

Transparency International Russia was already labelled as such in 2015, and in October 2022 they went further, designating its executive director Iliia Shumanov individually.

Yet Russia isn't the only country using such laws to silence critics and suppress civic space. Over the last couple weeks, the Georgian parliament was seriously considering a similar "foreign agent" bill. It would have required organisations that receive 20 per cent or more of their funding from abroad to register as "agents of foreign influence", subjecting them to complicated compliance measures and harsh fines for violations. Condemnation of the proposed law was swift, with 400 Georgian civil society organisations - including our chapter - signing a letter against it, and statements from international watchdogs calling for its rejection.

On Tuesday, after the parliament approved the bill on its first reading, the Georgian people took to the streets, with thousands in the capital Tbilisi facing down water cannons and pepper spray, chanting "no to the Russian law". Many see the bill as clear proof that the government led by the Georgian Dream Party is aligned with authoritarian Russia, directly copying its methods to undermine independent checks and consolidate power.

In response to the powerful protests, the government was forced to halt the bill, which was confirmed by legislators when they formally rejected it on Friday morning. Fears remain that the government will attempt to reintroduce a similar bill in the future, as their statements didn't inspire confidence that they were truly backing down. But for now, this is a victory for the people of Georgia, who kept up the fight despite arrests and reports of mistreatment in police custody.

The government clearly underestimated the peoples' ability to recognise when



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politicians aren't acting with integrity - and to unite against it.

Today we salute the people of Georgia, and all those around the world who won't back down in the face of repressive policies. We all work together to call out corruption and injustice, and hold power to account.

Across Eastern Europe and Central Asia, 2022 has underlined how high-level corruption is closely linked to political instability, weakened institutions and - in the most extreme cases - violent conflict. Across the region, governments undermine democratic processes, crack down on civic space and restrict media freedoms in a vicious cycle of corruption and authoritarianism, leaving Eastern Europe and Central Asia the second lowest performing region on the 2022 Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI).

Top scorers in the region are Georgia (CPI score: 56), Armenia (46) and Montenegro (45). Tajikistan (24), Azerbaijan (23) and Turkmenistan (19) are the worst performers.

Russia's (28) brutal invasion of Ukraine (33) shook the world and made obvious how entrenched corruption threatens regional security and stability. President Vladimir Putin has tightened his grip through the power of the purse, including by granting lucrative business deals to his close associates - and persecuting those who deny him. Now, he can exert influence over other nations and pursue his geopolitical ambitions without internal opposition.

The consequence for the rest of the world is immense: the attack on Ukraine has caused enormous new political, economic and security challenges across Eastern Europe, and threatens progress to protect the rule of law, fight against corruption and support the healthy functioning of democratic institutions.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Panfir International Inc.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1741810

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 9th March 2023
Sgd. Andreas Karapatakis
Voluntary Liquidator
[92/1]

BACCATA FINANCE LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 463754

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 9th March 2023
Sgd. Dr. Armin Dobler
Voluntary Liquidator
[92/2]

LAYOVA TRADE INC.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1528693

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 9th March 2023
Sgd. Gabriela Maria Dias
Voluntary Liquidator
[92/3]

Director Notice of Appointment of Liquidator pursuant to section 203(3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 (as amended) for

Ci Logic Holdings Limited (the "Company") BVI Business Company No. 2023953

To: Philippa O'Sullivan
I/We, the director of the Company hereby inform you pursuant to section 203(3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that you have been appointed as liquidator of the Company pursuant to a resolution of the director of the Company dated the day of 23rd February, 2023.
Dated this 23rd February, 2023

(Sgd.) **Jinhua ZHANG**
Director
Date: 23rd February, 2023
[92/4]

Director Notice of Appointment of Liquidator pursuant to section 203(3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 (as amended) for

HHG Holdings Limited (the "Company")

BVI Business Company No. 2012988
To: **Philippa O'Sullivan**
I/We, the director of the Company hereby inform you pursuant to section 203(3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that you have been appointed as liquidator of the Company pursuant to a resolution of the director of the Company dated the day of 28th February, 2023.
Dated this 28th February, 2023

(Sgd.) **Yong ZOU**
Director
Date: 28th February, 2023
[92/5]

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

Shaderfarm Limited (In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1475374

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 March 7, 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St Jean, with address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: March 10, 2023.
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator
[92/6]

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

Allard Investments Limited (In Voluntary Liquidation) (BC No. 1462225)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204(1), subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 9 March 2023. The Liquidator is **Rachael Pape of Commerce House, Wickhams Cay 1, P.O. Box 3140, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: 9 March 2023 [92/7]

Pyramide Financial Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1736102
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 10th March 2023.
Dated 10th March 2023
Sgd. Liridona Berisha
Voluntary Liquidator
[92/8]

Phyton Business Company Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1736086

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 10th March 2023.
Dated 10th March 2023
Sgd. Liridona Berisha
Voluntary Liquidator
[92/9]

Notice of Appointment of a Voluntary Liquidator under Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004.

ELDRIDGE TRADING INC.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 91873

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 23 day of February 2023. The Liquidator is **Ray A. George, of Long Trench, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated this 23rd day of February, 2023

Ray A. George
Voluntary Liquidator
[92/10]

Alliance Express Holdings Inc.

(the "Company")
Company No. 1671949
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that Alliance Express Holdings Inc. has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 16th January, 2023.
Dated this 13th day of March, 2023.
Sgd. Querube C. De Nunez
Voluntary Liquidator
[92/11]

Infinite Horizon Capital Inc.

(the "Company")
Company No. 2073720
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that Infinite Horizon Capital Inc. has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 6th February, 2023.
Dated this 13th day of March, 2023.
Sgd. Zhou Qiuyang
Voluntary Liquidator
[92/12]

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

Truit Assets Limited

Company No. 1661455
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

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 13 th day of March, 2023.
Dated 13 th day of March, 2023
Sgd. VIKTOR ARAMPANTZIS
Voluntary Liquidator
[92/13]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

MXD LTD

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1621793

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 13, 2023.
Dated: March 13, 2023
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator
[92/14]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

DUXBURY GLOBAL LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2057337

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 13, 2023.
Dated: March 13, 2023
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator
[92/15]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

DIVERSE FINANCE & INVESTMENTS LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1754906

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 13, 2023.
Dated: March 14, 2023
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator
[92/16]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

CROSTONE LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1941933

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 13, 2023.
Dated: March 14, 2023
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator
[92/17]

AKS INC.

(the "Company")
Company No. 379049
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **AKS INC.** has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 16th February, 2023.
Dated this 14th day of March, 2023.
Sgd. Querube C. De Nunez
Voluntary Liquidator
[92/18]

Legend Mali (BVI) IV Inc.

(the "Company")
Company No. 1868461
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **Legend Mali (BVI) IV Inc.** has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 3rd March, 2023.
Dated this 14th day of March, 2023.
Sgd. Mr. MARTIN JOHN KEYLOCK
Voluntary Liquidator
[92/19]

Legend Mali (BVI) V Inc.

(the "Company")
Company No. 1772121
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **Legend Mali (BVI) V Inc.** has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 3rd March, 2023.
Dated this 14th day of March, 2023.
Sgd. Mr. MARTIN JOHN KEYLOCK
Voluntary Liquidator
[92/20]

PUBLIC NOTICES

MAXWIN LIMITED

(the "Company")
Company No. 328971
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **MAXWIN LIMITED** has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies Dated this 14th day of March, 2023.

Sgd. Lui Wing Kwong Gilbert

Voluntary Liquidator

[92/21]

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

CASEY CAPITAL ASSETS LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1478190

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 March 13th, 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: March 14th, 2023

(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean

Voluntary Liquidator

[92/22]

NOTICE

BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT MOSS FINANCE LTD.

("the Company")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 8th February, 2023; under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck from the Register. The Liquidator is:-

Jon Yuen

of 88 Gloucester Road,

Wanchai,

Hong Kong

[92/23]

NOTICE

BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT BORGIA HOLDINGS LIMITED

("the Company")

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 8th February, 2023; under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck from the Register.

The Liquidator is:-

Jon Yuen

of 88 Gloucester Road,

Wanchai,

Hong Kong

[92/24]

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

Ahwanova Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 9th day of March, 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register

The Liquidator is:-

Wayne S. Francis

of c/o Sertus Chambers,

P.O. Box 905,

Quastisky Building,

Road Town, Tortola

VG 1110,

British Virgin Islands

[92/25]

NOTICE

BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)

L.YANG Holdings Group Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 9th day of March, 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register

The Liquidator is:-

Wayne S. Francis

of c/o Sertus Chambers,

P.O. Box 905,

Quastisky Building,

Road Town, Tortola

VG 1110,

British Virgin Islands

[92/26]

NOTICE

BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)

RAW Kampo Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 9th day of March, 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register

The Liquidator is:-

Wayne S. Francis of Sertus

Chambers, P.O. Box 905,

Quastisky Building,

Road Town, Tortola

VG 1110,

British Virgin Islands

[92/27]

NOTICE

BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)

Y.ZHANG Holdings Group Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 9th day of March, 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register

The Liquidator is:-

Wayne S. Francis

of Sertus Chambers,

P.O. Box 905,

Quastisky Building,

Road Town, Tortola

VG 1110,

British Virgin Islands

[92/28]

NOTICE

BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)

AiGo Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 9th 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 Liquidator is:-

Wayne S. Francis

of c/o Sertus Chambers,

P.O. Box 905,

Quastisky Building,

Road Town, Tortola VG 1110,

British Virgin Islands

[92/29]

NOTICE

BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)

URBAN CITY LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 9th 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 Liquidator is:-

Wayne S. Francis

of c/o Nerine Trust Company (BVI)

Limited, Nerine Chambers,

Road Town, Tortola,

British Virgin Islands

[92/30]

NOTICE

BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)

WAKO TECH INC.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 9th 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 Liquidator is:-

Wayne S. Francis

of c/o Sertus Chambers,

P.O. Box 905, Quastisky Building,

Road Town, Tortola

VG 1110,

British Virgin Islands

[92/31]

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

Mavris International Investments Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company Number 1744344

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1), subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 9 March 2023. The Liquidator is **Lewis S. Hunte, KC of 123 Main Street, P.O. Box 3504, Road Town, Tortola VG1110, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: 13th day of March, 2023

Sgd. Lewis S. Hunte, KC

Voluntary Liquidator

[92/32]

RAYLEENA PARTNERS LIMITED

(In voluntary liquidation)
(Company No 1851882)
(the Company)

NOTICE is given pursuant to section 204(1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation of the Company commenced on 14 March 2023. The voluntary liquidator of the Company is **David Abednego of West End, Tortola Virgin Islands.**

Dated 14 March 2023.

David Abednego

Voluntary Liquidator

[92/33]

STRUCK OFF

Liquidator's Final Notice RIGTON INVESTMENTS LIMITED

("the Company")

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 516728

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to section (208) (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 13th March 2023.

Dated 14th March 2023

Carmine Bailey

Voluntary Liquidator

[92/34]

STRUCK OFF

Liquidator's Final Notice DESERT ROSE WEST LINAPACAN

("the Company")

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 2026476

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to section (208) (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 9th March 2023.

Dated 13th March 2023

Carmine Bailey

Voluntary Liquidator

[92/35]

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

Black Butterfly Holdings Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1937900

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 March 16th, 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: March 16th, 2023

(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean

Voluntary Liquidator

[92/36]

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

Linping Investment Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 2052717

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 15th 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: 16th day of March 2023

(Sgd.) Philippa V O'Sullivan

Voluntary Liquidator

[92/37]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

Excel Wireless Capital Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1725238

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 15, 2023.

Dated: March 15, 2023

(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean

Voluntary Liquidator

[92/38]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

Excelmind Capital Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1725154

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 15, 2023.

Dated: March 15, 2023

(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean

Voluntary Liquidator

[92/39]

CREDAL INTERNATIONAL LTD.

(the "Company")

Company No. 446120

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **CREDAL INTERNATIONAL LTD.** has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 9th March, 2023.

Dated this 15th day of March, 2023.

Sgd. Mrs. LINETH PONCE

Voluntary Liquidator

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE
HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION
COURT OF FIRST INSTANCE
COMPANIES (WINDING-UP) NO. 36 OF 2023

IN THE MATTER of the COMPANIES (WINDING
UP AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS)
ORDINANCE, CAP.32
and
IN THE MATTER of ORIENTAL DAY
INTERNATIONAL LIMITED

NOTICE is hereby given that a Petition for the winding up of the above-named Company by the High Court of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region was, on the 20th day of January 2023, presented to the said Court by HIGH RHINE LIMITED whose address is Mandar House, 3rd Floor, P.O. Box 2196, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, VG1110, British Virgin Islands. And that said Petition is directed to be heard before the High Court of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region at 10:00 a.m. on the 29th day of March 2023 (Hong Kong Time); and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing by himself or his Counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring the same by the undersigned on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

Dated the 18th day of March 2023.

HOLMES LAWYERS
Solicitors for the Petitioner
Unit 4, 7th Floor, Tesbury Centre
No. 28 Queen's Road East
Wan Chai
Hong Kong
Tel. : +852 2743 0319
Fax : +852 2743 0510
Ref. : DH/LIT/000010/2022

NOTE :- Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said Petition must serve on or send by post to the above-named, notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person, or, if a firm, the name and address of the firm, and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their solicitor (if any), and must be served, or if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above-named not later than 6 o'clock in the afternoon of the 28th day of March 2023 (Hong Kong Time).

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THE EASTERN
CARIBBEAN
SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT
OF JUSTICE
(PROBATE)
THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
BVIHPB 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
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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THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
VIRGIN ISLANDS
2023/0052

In the estate of ANTHONY ESPINA, late of Flat H, 22/F,
Block 1, Liberte, 833 Lai Chi Kok Road, Kowloon, Hong
Kong, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that ANDREA ATKINS of 21 London Court, Clayton, CA 94517 USA, DEBORAH ESPINA and JACQUELINE ESPINA both of 250 Mountaire Circle, Clayton, CA 94517 USA and KIMBERLY ESPINA of 363 Mt. Washington Way, Clayton, CA 94517 USA, the lawful children and intended administratrices of the estate of ANTHONY ESPINA, who died on the 6th day of February, 2022, domiciled in Hong Kong (the Deceased), have applied to the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the Probate Division for a Grant of Letters of Administration in the estate of the Deceased.

ANY PERSON having an objection to the Grant of Letters of Administration to the said ANDREA ATKINS, DEBORAH ESPINA, JACQUELINE ESPINA and KIMBERLY ESPINA, 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 Administratrices, whose address for service is 2nd Floor Commerce House, 181 Main Street, P.O. Box 961, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands VG 1110.

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PUBLIC NOTICES



Land and Marine Department
P.O. Box 143
Road Town, Tortola, Virgin Islands

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

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
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.

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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

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 14th 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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IN THE MATTER of the Estate of RUDOLPH EDISON GEORGE, late of Belle Vue,

TAKE NOTE that Sally-Ann George and Randolph George, the Joint Administrators of the Estate of Rudolph George, d, who died on the 19th day of July 2021 at the D. Orlando Smith Hospital, Road Town, Tortola **HEREBY GIVE NOTICE** that all persons having any claim or interest as a creditor of the Estate, do file a full statement with details of any such claim to the Joint Administrators in care of their legal practitioners at: **Hunte & Co, 123 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola or Creque Global Group, Mandar House, Johnson's Ghut, Road Town, Tortola within thirty (30) days of the publication of this Notice**

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**The Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
(Probate)
Virgin Islands**

In the Estate of Tsang Wing Hong, late of Flat A, 30th Floor, Monmouth Villa, 3 Monmouth Terrace, Hong Kong, deceased

Notice is given that after the expiration of 8 days, application will be made by **TSANG KAI WING** of Flat A, 30th Floor, Monmouth Villa, 3 Monmouth Terrace, Hong Kong and **TSANG KAI FAT** of Flat F, 16th Floor, Tower 1, Upper RiverBank, 11 Muk Tai Street, Kai Tak, Kowloon, Hong Kong to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the resealing of the Grant of Probate of the Will of Tsang Wing Hong, late of Flat A, 30th Floor, Monmouth Villa, 3 Monmouth Terrace, Hong Kong, deceased granted to them by the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (Court of First Instance) on the 13th day of November, 2013.

Solicitors for **TSANG KAI WING** and **TSANG KAI FAT**, the Executors

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Walcroft Services Ltd
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1560148

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 15th day of March, 2023. The Liquidator is John Greenwood of **FIN-LAW, Arawak Chambers, 3rd Floor, Mandar House, Johnson's Ghut, PO Box 2196, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.** Dated this 15th day of March, 2023
Sgd. John Greenwood

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

RIAM INVESTORS S.A.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1710138

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 March 14th, 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.** Dated: March 15th, 2023
(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean
Voluntary Liquidator
[92/42]

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

TRINITY HALL LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1785454

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 March 14th, 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.** Dated: March 15th, 2023
(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean
Voluntary Liquidator
[92/43]



THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

(PROBATE)

CLAIM NO. BVIHPB2023/

IN 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) late of Flat C, 7/F, Crystal Mansion, 3 Eastbourne Road, Kowloon Tong, Kowloon, Hong Kong, Grant No. HCAG019390/2018, granted by the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Court of First Instance 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

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

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

**In The Estate of SANJAY LAKHMICHAND RUPANI
late of 7 heights apartments, House No C11, Ol- 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, Ol- 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.

Signed: *Walkers*
Attorney-at-Law for Executrix
171 Main Street
Road Town, Tortola
British Virgin Islands
VG 1110

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

PROBATE NO. 0053 OF 2023
IN THE ESTATE OF JESTINA NIBBS, LATE OF
CHARLOTTE AMALIE, ST. THOMAS, UNITED STATES
VIRGIN ISLANDS, DECEASED

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF
ADMINISTRATON

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by ANTONIO NIBBS ENRIQUE of St. Thomas, United States, Virgin Islands for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who is son/issue of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 1st day of September, 1995.

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 15th day of March, 2023.

Filed by THORNTON SMITH, legal practitioners for the Applicants, whose address for service is: Capitol Chambers, Parson's Estate, Sea Cow's Bay, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, Applicants.
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Travel Expected To Increase With VI-St. Maarten Partnership

Travel via the T. B Lettsome International Airport is expected to increase as passengers travelling to the Virgin Islands through St. Maarten will see a significant reduction in the in-transit fees at the Princess Juliana International Airport (PJIA) from \$55 to \$30.

This announcement follows a meeting to establish a partnership between officials from the board of the BVI Airports Authority and the Princess Juliana International Airport (PJIA), St. Maarten.

According to Minister for Communications and Works Honourable Kye M. Rymer, "The Government of the Virgin Islands will spear no efforts in ensuring that the T. B Lettsome airport can provide entrances to the world and a gateway to the Territory."

This St. Maarten's national carrier Win Air which currently operates a 19 seat Twin Otter aircraft in the Territory, is also in the process of expanding its fleet and service offerings to the VI with the introduction of two 48 seat ATR 42 aircraft.

Honourable Rymer said, "I cannot underscore enough how important such partnerships are as St. Maarten is one of the major hubs that connects the Caribbean region to Europe and

the BVI is perfectly positioned to tap into the European market with this partnership."

Meanwhile, Chairman of the Board of the BVI Airports Authority, Mr. Theodore E. Burke said that the board is committed to increasing air access to the VI and connecting the region and the rest of the world to the Territory.

He added, "In this regard, we will continue to forge the necessary partnerships to ensure the realisation of this objective."

Mr. Burke stated that the authority and by extension the Territory is continuing to witness the benefits of the VI's participation in the Routes World 2022 conference.

"Our conversations with the St. Maarten delegation began at the Routes World event where the idea of Princess Juliana International Airport serving as a strategic hub to launch feeder flights to partner airports in the Caribbean where passengers travelling to any one of the group of islands will receive travel benefits once travelling through St. Maarten," he added.

Managing Director Mr. Kurt Menal said the authority will continue its conversations with St. Maarten and will soon make an announcement on the

reduction in the in-transit fees for passengers travelling to the VI via St. Maarten.

Mr. Menal said, "The necessary framework to bring this project to fruition is being fine-tuned and the team in St. Maarten is currently putting the final touches together to allow passengers to enjoy the benefits of the partnership."

The meeting was held on March 9 and representatives of the St. Maarten team included the Julianna International Airport Consultant Gavin Eccles, Managing Director Brina Mingo and Commercial Director, Suzy Kartokromo of WinAir, while the VI delegation included Minister of Communications and Works, Honourable Kye M. Rymer, Chairman of the Board, Mr. Theodore E. Burke, Managing Director of the Authority, Mr. Kurt Menal, Director of Tourism, Mr. Clive McCoy and the Chairman of the Airlift Committee, Mr. Allan Parker.

The BVI Airports Authority will continue its efforts to enhance the customer experience through our airports while fostering the necessary partnerships to increase air access to and through the Virgin Islands.

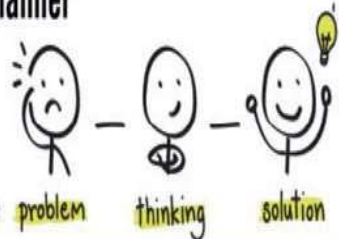
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CTO LEADER BATS FOR GENDER EQUALITY IN CARIBBEAN TOURISM



CTO Chairman Kenneth Bryan

Bridgetown, BARBADOS (March 8, 2023) – The chairman of the Caribbean Tourism Organization (CTO) Kenneth Bryan said the focus of International Women’s Day (IWD) this year reminded him of how much women have contributed to the success of the region’s most dynamic economic driver, tourism.

Bryan, who is the Minister of Tourism and Transport of the Cayman Islands, said the IWD theme “DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality” aligns with the intergovernmental organization’s aim “to put more women in positions of influence so they can not only enhance the efficiency of our region’s major

economic earner, but also be an exemplar for women everywhere.”

The tourism leader stated, “We want to strengthen our efforts to give women the technical education needed to enable them to explore, learn, and rally for their rights, which will enhance the ability of the CTO to coalesce its best and brightest people for the betterment of our tourism product, and for the people of the Caribbean.”

“We must work to redress the imbalance and inequity in tourism with increased recruitment, training and education of women to rebuild the pandemic-affected workforce into a more equitable and productive sector,” Bryan said.

Bryan, who chairs the CTO’s Council of Ministers and Commissioners of Tourism, said he wanted to ensure young women were fairly represented among new recruits into the sector, and that the industry was diverse enough to incorporate the entrepreneurial skills of a new generation of professionals.

He added that women had

to be elevated from being among the lowest paid and lowest status jobs in tourism to being recognized for the significant amount of unpaid work they often perform in family tourism businesses.

Minister Bryan reasoned that there is no need to reinvent the wheel because thanks to the UN World Tourism Organization (WTO) there are published guidelines on how the public and private sectors of Caribbean and other countries can provide specific tools to support tourism institutions and businesses to integrate gender considerations into their policies, programming and strategies and boost the opportunities tourism offers for women’s empowerment.

He said International Women’s Day is an excellent and timely reminder of the need of Caribbean women for employment with equitable remuneration, entrepreneurship, leadership, community and education “to ensure that tourism in our region can act as a vehicle for the empowerment of women whilst highlighting and dealing with the remaining challenges for gender equality in tourism.”

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TTAL explores German airlift and marketing opportunities in pre-ITB mission

SCARBOROUGH Tobago, Tuesday March 14, 2023: Tobago Tourism Agency Limited (TTAL) officials sought to further capitalize on their presence in Germany for ITB Berlin by reconnecting with key travel partners across Germany in a 3-day mission from March 01 - 03, to reignite interest in destination Tobago and lay the foundation for increased visitor arrivals from the GAS (German, Austrian and Swiss) market.

Ms. Alicia Edwards, Executive Chairman of the Tobago Tourism Agency Limited stated:

“Considering the composition of the GAS market, TTAL’s marketing approach for Destination Tobago has always been to maintain good relations with the travel trade industry, from travel agents and tour operators, to airlines and travel media, in order to amplify the island’s presence and connectivity. These intimate business discussions are critical in our overarching strategy to raise the profile of Tobago in the GAS markets, especially during this period of post-COVID recovery for our tourism sector.”

Rekindling tour operator relations

On March 01, TTAL kicked off their series of engagements in Munich by meeting with FTI – the 3rd largest tour operator in Germany - which helps promote Tobago and the island’s tourism accommodation options to its vast audience of travellers. Discussions centred around post-pandemic trends that Tobago’s tourism stakeholders should be capitalizing on, including the shift from “brick and mortar” to digital, as well as opportunities for increased business for smaller Tobago properties. TTAL also met with another major German tour operator, DER Touristik, on March 02 in Frankfurt, where their team showed enthusiasm in maintaining relations with Tobago’s tourism authorities, and aggressively selling the destination once again.

Following up on these meetings, TTAL will be hosting FAM trips with both tour operators later in 2023, enabling them to experience the island’s unique selling points and the current post-COVID touristic experience, in order to create strong marketing content targeting German travellers.

Exploring airlift with Condor

While in Frankfurt, TTAL’s team met with Condor Airlines as they continue to advocate for additional direct airlift between Germany and Tobago, explore airlift possibilities for the Scandinavian region, and work on an agreement for Winter 2023/2024. The airline will continue aggressive and consistent marketing actions in the German region as part of a joint marketing agreement with TTAL, ensuring that potential travellers are aware of the key selling points of destination Tobago, even in the absence of a summer 2023 service.

TTAL’s pre-ITB mission ended in Hamburg on March 03, where the team met with leading trade magazine in the German market, FVW. As one of the most influential travel media in Germany, FVW is read by key decision makers throughout the industry. TTAL has partnered with FVW in the past for the impactful Dreaming Beyond digital campaign in 2020, and will continue collaborating to produce destination campaigns in the German market – including an ITB 2023 media collaboration.

TTAL will continue engaging travel partners in Germany and the wider European region to stimulate growth in arrivals to Tobago, and drive business to on-island tourism partners.

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If-interested-please-contact-Sandy:341-5447. [s92]

Uber Car Rental Ltd. is currently seeking an experienced Service Advisor. Must have a Bachelor's Degree. Have at least 7 years of relevant experience in the auto industry. Have strong background dealing with customers. BVI Islanders or Belongers preferred. Please send resume to hr@tagbvi.com. [s92]

GENESIS SALES OF HOME ACCESSORIES requires Full/Part Time Bilingual (English and Spanish) Sales Associate, to work in Sales & Purchasing of special products for the Home. Person must be able to travel to Dominican Republic, and have at least 5 years experience in similar field. Please call 342-0995 for more details. [s93]

Progressive Construction is seeking 2 MASONS and 2 CARPENTERS all with at least 6 years experience. Duties include regular work required for new residential projects. Send resume to: progressiveconstructionbvi@gmail.com or call 441-7121 [s92]

Myett's in Cane Garden Bay is hiring a few good team members. The following part time and full-time positions are available: Bartenders, Housekeeper for hotel and public areas, Maintenance and Gardener, Beach Attendant. The applicants should have experience in working in the tourist industry, possess good customer service skills, and have experience and training in the position he or she is applying for. Please send a resume to guestservices@myetts.com or call 495-9649 to arrange an interview. BVI Belongers Preferred.[s93]

Diplomat Night Club seeks to employ the following Bartenders,-Cocktail Waitresses,-Barmaid, Cooks, a Jerk Chef and Waiter. Please call 346-4906 for more information. [s93]

Green Clean has job vacancy for a residential and commercial full time Cleaner. Interested persons should please call 284-340-4993 for further details.[s93]

DOMINGO RECYCLING CENTER is seeking a Full Time Recycler. Person must have experience in classifying and collecting of different types metals. Interested persons please call 284-343-1044 or send CV to LdFFFfrometa@hotmail.com. [92]

Purchasing Manager for Systems Integration company. Must be proficient in Microsoft excel, communication and negotiation. Role requires close attention to details, some general knowledge of accounting, technology and a high level of comfort with technical part names and numbers. Belonger preferred. Send applications in PDF format via email to: Lvella@avlbi.com [s92]

“Senior Valuation Surveyor: To join established professional services and valuation team to prepare RICS compliant valuation reports and provide real estate consulting and management services for financial institutions, companies, government agencies and individuals. Must have minimum of ten years’ experience in commercial and residential real estate valuation in the Caribbean, be able to work independently, be fully conversant with application of IVS and Red Book valuation standards and be proficient in the use of supporting database, mapping and drawing programmes. Candidates will be expected to hold a relevant real estate degree, be RICS qualified or enrolled as an APC candidate. Applications must be received by email only no later than 31 March to info@smithsgore.com.” [s93]

JES Cleaning Services needs 1 full time Cleaner. Must be able to work on short notice Available to work as needed Weekends and holidays included Tel 284-499-5881 [s93]

EMCs Caribbean Ltd is looking for : an Assistant Project Manager Interested applicants can submit their CV/Resume with cover letter at P.O Box 386 Road Town, Tortola, BVI or call 284-494-1300. [s93]

ESSENTIALROOTS is seeking to employ a Full Time General Farm Worker. Applicant must have at least 5 years relevant experience in the field of work. Please call 284-443-1541 for further details. BVI Islanders or Belongers Preferred. [s93]

TIDOUDOU RESTAURANT & BAR needs 1 Full Time Bartender & 1 Full Time Kitchen-Helper. Please telephone 341-1183. [s93]

RED ROSE DINER needs: 2 full time CHEFS, 2 part time CHEFS 2 WAITRESSES 2 full time GENERAL HELPERS. Telephone 442-2651 [s93]

Tortola Contractor Store Limited: Requires (Full time) 2 AC Technicians, 2 Helpers and 1 Sales Clerk. Please Call 494-1245 or 442-2651 [s93]

E-XPRESS - TRUCKING : Requires FULL TIME: 2 TRUCK DRIVERS, 2 HANDYMEN, 2 MECHANICS Please Call 442-2651. [s59]

REAL ESTATE

Six acres of hill side estate land for sales: Located at Sheppard Hill, at Parcel 12 of Block 3439 B, East End Tortola, B.V. Is, make an offer, no reasonable offer will be refused. Phone: 340 626 8814, email: sammyletty@yahoo.com [s95]

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