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PREMIER RESPONDS TO CRITICISMS ABOUT FESTIVAL 2023

During a press conference on 24 August Premier and Minister for Finance Dr. the Hon. Natalio Wheatley addressed all of the criticisms that have surfaced following the 2023 Emancipation Festival. Hon. Wheatley during the post-festival press conference was very defensive of the

Virgin Islands Festival and Fairs Committee (VIF&FC), and the work that was done to pull off the 69th event.

Each year the cost associated with pulling off the festivities is always a point of conversation, especially in instances of budget overages. This year the Vice Chairman of

the VI Festival and Fairs Committee, Birchfield Lettsome informed the media that approximately \$1.8M was spent on the recent Festival activities.

Lettsome noted that although the final financial figures are still being worked out, the VIF&FC can report that its budget included \$1.07M

that was raised and \$1M that was received from the Government.

The Festival Vice Chair explained that the money raised came from sponsorships and fundraising activities such as rental spots, and ticket sales. Lettsome further noted that the Committee is proud that it invested heavily in the local economy. In fact, he stated that for every \$1 spent internationally, \$3.50 was spent locally.

ACCOUNTABILITY SOLUTIONS

Premier Wheatley explained that he has heard concerns about accountability but noted that the current Festival Committee does its best. Nonetheless, he said that he understands the need for better transparency. Hon. Wheatley stated: "We are in a new era, we experience a Commission of Inquiry, and the Festival and Fairs handles large amounts of cash, and we have to make

sure that we have a structure that will allow accountability for the use of taxpayer money, especially when you are dealing with those large amounts of cash,"

He further asked: "How well can you hold accountable, volunteers for the spending of huge sums of money? Is it time that we introduce a structure where you have persons working full time on Festival?"

The Premier said that it must be remembered that the volunteers have their personal businesses and obligations and the public must take this into consideration when it is being requested that more time be put into the Festival planning. "All of the people involved have contributed lots of hours to organising the celebrations and the question is if you want to start earlier and if you want to do more planning? Is it sustainable to ask volunteers

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Kyron McMaster, left, helped the BVI become the 105th of 214 World Athletics Federation members to win a World Championships medal. PHOTO: @Getty Images



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to be able to do that," Hon. Wheatley pointed out.

FESTIVAL IS NOT THE SAME

One of the biggest criticisms of this year's Festival is the costume and the regional parade influence. However, the Premier who was firm in his response to those criticisms pointed out that the public needs to remember that things and times change.

The Premier pointed out: "Early on in the 70s,

because of course it was just us, we did our celebrations in a particular way. Now, of course, we have transitioned into something different because our society has changed. What I would like to see us be more of going forward is really to be intentional about who we want to be as a people."

"So we have to have a conversation about our society, we have to grow. And you grow through

having conversations, you go through as a result of those conversations. Taking action is something that we can't be passive about. We have to be active participants in what we want to see and what we want to do," Hon. Wheatley said.

As it relates to the comment made about the parade being about Feather and Flesh the Premier issued a challenge for the critic to do better. Hon. Wheatley said:

"The persons who have a challenge with it, did you have an equal number of persons who embrace what it is that they wanted to see? Come for the 70th, are you challenging yourself that you are going to go out there and do a costume in the way that you think it should be done? And if you are not willing to do that and you are only willing to stay on the sidelines and complain about it, well, you know it will be what it will be."

Construction Of Bus Shed To Begin September 4

The public is notified that works will commence at the Road Town Market Square to construct a bus shed and pull-off area for public transportation on September 4. The motoring public as well as pedestrians are asked to exercise caution in this area. The works are expected to last for a period of two months.

Any inconvenience caused during this time is regretted.

DEPUTY PREMIER WANTS TO SEE BUSINESS AND COMMERCE THRIVE

Deputy Premier and Minister of Labour, Hon. Lorna Smith has issued a call to action directed at the private sector. Her plea involves fostering stronger collaboration with the government to facilitate increased employment opportunities. A notable focus of this appeal is the government's latest employment endeavor, known as the Registration Apprenticeship Training Employment and Development (RATED) program.

Mrs. Smith' rallying cry was delivered during her speech at the rebranding ceremony of the former BVI Chamber of Commerce and Hotel Association,



Mrs. Lorna Smith

now called the Chamber of Commerce. Her sentiments echoed those earlier expressed by Premier Wheatley.

The genesis of the RATED program dates back to the previous November, arising as a proactive response to heightened scrutiny of the government's procurement protocols following a comprehensive Commission

of Inquiry (COI). The specific issuance of contracts, particularly those related to bush-cutting, had triggered concerns and debates.

Premier Wheatley, in introducing the program, underlined its purpose transcending a mere channel for allocating bush-cutting contracts and other roadside aesthetic projects. Echoing this perspective, the Premier affirmed: "I am of the strong belief that beyond apprenticeships, your support can encompass training and education, particularly through attachments. Enthusiastically, I anticipate forging a close partnership in my capacity as the overseer of business development."

While speaking to business owners at the Chamber of Commerce the Labour Minister emphasized the resonance of the Premier's appeal for bolstered Public Private Partnerships (PPP). Hon. Smith explained that such partnerships between governmental bodies and private enterprises can be jointly conceptualized, funded, and administered undertakings.

Hon. Smith also emphasized that she wants to see business and commerce thrive in the Territory. In further articulating her mission, the Deputy Premier asserted that in her capacity as the accountable Minister, her aim is to amplify and refine business endeavors, and simplify the business landscape. In fact, she said that she is optimistic about achieving this ambitious goal with the invaluable support businesses provide.



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AGRICULTURE MINISTER DISCUSSES ILLEGAL ANEGADA LOBSTER HARVESTING



Dr. the Hon. Karl Dawson,

Recent reports have suggested that certain businesses on Anegada are persisting in lobster harvesting activities even after the official closure of the season.

Within the British Virgin

Islands, the approved timeframe for lobster harvesting extends from 1 November to 30 June each year, with a mandated closure period from 1 July to 31 October. Furthermore, individuals seeking to engage in lobster harvesting are required to obtain permits.

During a 15 August press conference, Dr. the Hon. Karl Dawson, Junior Minister of Agriculture, was questioned about his awareness of ongoing

lobster sales out of season by specific Anegada-based businesses. In response, Dr. Dawson acknowledged being informed of the situation, albeit lacking comprehensive details.

He highlighted a possible scenario where local residents might have previously captured and stored lobsters during the open season, intending to utilize these reserves once the harvesting period had ceased.

In discussing the legislative

framework governing lobster-related activities in the BVI, Dr. Dawson pointed to certain ambiguities regarding situations beyond the act of capture. He posed pertinent questions, including the legality of selling lobsters caught in July during the ensuing month of August. Dr. Dawson stressed the importance of careful examination to ensure consistent application of the law, particularly when offering guidance to restaurants and commercial

establishments.

Dr. Dawson disclosed having received an email on that very morning of the press conference, underscoring this specific concern. However, after the conference, it remains unverified whether businesses are indeed violating regulations by conducting lobster harvesting during the closed season, and whether any official warnings have been issued by relevant authorities.

PREMIER CONFIRMS THAT “WE MUST PAY OUR EDUCATORS MORE”

Leader of the Territory Premier Dr. the Hon. Natalio Wheatley confirmed his understanding of educators’ needs for enhanced salaries and announced that he would like to see the Territory’s teachers better compensated.

While speaking at the Ministry of Education’s Professional Development Day at the H. Lavity Stoutt Community College (HLSCC) on 28 August Hon. Wheatley declared: “Of course, wages are our concern. The Government did our part in providing the funds and approving the increment payments.

We regret that the process has taken longer than it should have, but we are grateful that 97% would have received their increments by August 31st and the remaining 3% will receive increments by mid-September.”

As a former Educator, the Premier explained that he knows the significant contributions of the Virgin Islands’ educators. The Premier pointed out that the Territory’s teachers deserve heightened acknowledgment, rewards, and compensation. However, he noted that the wage upset is not isolated to the British Virgin Islands (BVI), but is a challenge

many nations grapple with.

Hon. Wheatley noted that the problem is intensified when considering the recruitment competition. “The problem becomes more acute when we factor in that some countries are attracting teachers from other countries to fill their own staff deficits by offering more competitive packages,” the Premier mentioned.

He nonetheless assured the educators that efforts are being made to remedy the situation, “we are going to put our best foot forward,” he promised.

The Premier also pointed out that the upcoming Public Service Compensation Review that will be presented to the Cabinet is key to addressing the salary concerns educators have. The Premier noted, however: “I do not wish



Dr. the Hon. Natalio D. Wheatley

to pre-empt whatever recommendations the reviewer will be putting forward but certainly, we accept that we must pay our educators more.”



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CIBC FIRSTCARIBBEAN HUNT FOR THE CURE CAR RALLY ON THE MOVE AHEAD OF WALK FOR THE CURE



Road Town, British Virgin Islands, 29 August 2023 – The third Hunt for the Cure fundraiser for the annual CIBC FirstCaribbean Walk for the Cure takes place this Saturday, September 02, 2023. The car rally is organised in collaboration with the BVI Cancer Society (BVICS) and starts from the bank's carpark at Wickham's Cay, Road Town at 10:00am. All proceeds will go to the BVICS.

"The 2023 Hunt for the Cure is part of bank's annual Walk for the Cure fundraising campaign and is the second event of the year before the walk on October 7," said Fabian Devonish, Acting Country Head and Walk for the Cure Manager. "The scavenger hunt has grown in popularity with each successive edition as participants race against the clock and each other to solve the clues and gather as many ribbons as possible. It's a really fun day out and the good will, friendly competition and community spirit is such an affirmative experience for all who take part in supporting the fight against cancer."

The car rally takes participants on a cultural trip around Tortola punctuated by trivia clues that challenge hunters to test their knowledge and lateral thinking skills. Participants are invited to register as a team of 2, 3 or 4 persons.

The prizes, which are suitable for all ages to enjoy, include a day sail with Horizon Yacht Charters, a Necker Island Wildlife Tour with Gumption's Learning Adventures and a Gumption's Sea It Clear Glass Bottom Boat Reef Tour.

Based on a theme "a Community of Care and Hope", teams also can win special category prizes with the best thematically decorated vehicle or best "Message of Hope for the Cure".

Registration in advance is encouraged. Entry fees per vehicle are \$80 for a 2-person team, \$120 for a team of 3, \$160 for a 4-person team and \$200 for a corporate team with an opportunity to brand the vehicle. Registration on the day is possible with a charge of \$20 extra per vehicle. All funds raised will

be added to the monies raised by the Walk for the Cure event which will be held on Saturday, October 7.

Entry forms for the Hunt for the Cure can be downloaded from the event page of the same name on the CIBC FirstCaribbean International Bank page on Facebook or requested by email from fabian.devonish@cibcfib.com.

The 12th annual Walk for the Cure takes place on Saturday, October 7 where people of all ages set off at 5:30am on a round trip walk or run from the bank to Sea Cows Bay. The \$25 registration fee includes an event T-shirt and light breakfast.

The Walk for the Cure is the largest fundraiser to benefit the BVI Cancer Society in its efforts to combat cancer in the community. In 2022, the initiative raised \$51,500 and the target for 2023 is \$75,000. The funds generated from the campaign are used primarily to assist with the purchase and maintenance of equipment used in the diagnosis and treatment of cancer patients. They are also used to provide assistance, care and counselling to patients and their families as well as to raise awareness, and stress the importance of early detection,



Images of the 2022 event

through education campaigns across the region.

Sponsors for the 2023 Walk for the Cure include Tradewinds Cruise Club, ATU General Trust (BVI) Ltd, O'Neal Webster, Gold Leaf Consulting Limited, Conyers, Ernst and Young, Horizon Yacht Charters, Island Sun Newspaper, Kendall Corporate Services

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C&W Communications Graduate Program Doubles Down On Investment In Caribbean Talent Development

Miami, Florida (August 24th, 2023) – C&W Communications, a leading telecommunications and entertainment provider

in the Caribbean, is pleased to announce the successful recruitment of seven exceptional young professionals as a

part of their competitive Graduate Program. This Program reflects C&W Communications' unwavering commitment



*C&W Graduates during their orientation at the LLA Operations Centre in Panama.
Top row, from left: Jalen Monzac, St. Kitts & Nevis; Sherice Preddie, Jamaica; Odane Blidgen, Jamaica
Bottom row, from left: Kaneisha Johnson, The Bahamas; Raven Massiah, Barbados; Shania Alexander, Trinidad; Chelsey Cunningham, Jamaica*



PROGRAM LISTINGS

MONDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

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

THURSDAYS

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

FRIDAYS

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

SATURDAYS

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

SUNDAYS

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

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Caribbean representation this year going from 2 Graduates in 2022 to 7 this year, showcasing our commitment to nurturing regional talent."

This year's cohort includes Raven Massiah from Barbados, Odane Blidgen, Chelsey Cunningham, and Sherice Preddie from Jamaica, Jalen Monzac from St. Kitts, Shania Alexander from Trinidad & Tobago, and Kaneisha Johnson from The Bahamas.

Boon continues, "Each of these individuals brings a unique blend of skills, knowledge, and fresh perspectives to the company. This is a part of our strategy of fostering a strong pipeline of future leaders, poised to steer the region to unprecedented heights."

The C&W graduates, join six other Graduates from C&W's sister companies in Panama and Puerto Rico.

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors
National Bank of the Virgin Islands Limited
Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Opinion

The summary financial statements, which comprise the summary statement of financial position as at December 31, 2022, and the summary statement of comprehensive income, summary statement of changes in equity and summary cash flow statement for the year then ended, and related notes, are derived from the audited financial statements of National Bank of the Virgin Islands Limited (the "Bank") for the year ended December 31, 2022.

In our opinion, the accompanying summary financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements, in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS").

Summary Financial Statements

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by IFRS. Reading the summary financial statements and the auditor's report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial statements and the auditor's report thereon.

The Audited Financial Statements and Our Report Thereon

We expressed an unqualified audit opinion on the audited financial statements in our report dated August 28, 2023.

Management's Responsibility for the Summary Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with IFRSs.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISA) 810 (Revised), *Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements*.

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Tortola, British Virgin Islands
August 28, 2023

NATIONAL BANK OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS LIMITED

Summary Statement of Financial Position
As at December 31, 2022
Expressed in United States Dollars

	2022	2021
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	13,080,843	17,748,516
Due from banks	8,220,411	149,440
Loans and advances to customers	231,273,996	229,679,614
Other customer receivables	961,175	2,874,656
Financial investments	12,439,694	18,671,803
Prepayments	424,394	417,256
Property and equipment	6,950,621	8,142,214
Regulatory deposit	500,000	500,000
TOTAL ASSETS	\$273,851,134	\$278,183,499
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Capital and reserves		
Share capital	1,375,793	1,375,793
Additional paid-in capital	23,234,928	23,234,928
Retained earnings	16,374,865	17,399,711
Total capital and reserves	40,985,586	42,010,432
Liabilities		
Amounts owed to demand deposit holders	7,377,552	6,144,112
Amounts owed to savings depositors	73,581,670	70,054,992
Amounts owed to certificate of deposit holders	142,719,299	151,091,713
Preference shares - liability component	4,127,379	4,127,379
Lease liabilities	2,344,405	2,776,580
Trade and other payables	2,715,243	1,978,291
Total liabilities	232,865,548	236,173,067
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	\$273,851,134	\$278,183,499

APPROVED BY THE BOARD

Benedicta Samuels Director
Dr. Benedicta Samuels, Chairman (Ag.)

August 24, 2023 Date approved

THIS INFORMATION IS AN EXTRACT FROM THE FULL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS WITHIN THE MEANING OF SECTION 17C(3) OF THE BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES ACT 1990 (AS AMENDED).

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NATIONAL BANK OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS LIMITED

Summary Statement of Comprehensive Income
For The Year Ended December 31, 2022
Expressed in United States Dollars

	2022	2021
Interest and similar income	12,496,225	12,277,295
Interest expense	(1,370,073)	(2,140,361)
Net interest income	11,126,152	10,136,934
Fees and commissions	751,674	788,217
Other operating income	88,624	129,870
Total operating income	11,966,450	11,055,021
Credit loss expenses	(3,443,787)	(1,023,724)
Net operating income	8,522,663	10,031,297
EXPENSES		
Depreciation	(1,394,102)	(1,582,208)
Other operating expenses	(8,091,496)	(7,493,600)
Total operating expenses	(9,485,598)	(9,075,808)
NET (LOSS)/PROFIT FOR THE YEAR	(\$962,935)	\$955,489

Summary Statement of Changes in Equity
For The Year Ended December 31, 2022
Expressed in United States Dollars

	2022			
	Share Capital	Additional Paid-in Capital	Retained Earnings	Total
Balance at the beginning of the year	1,375,793	23,234,928	17,399,711	42,010,432
Net loss for the year	-	-	(962,935)	(962,935)
Preference share dividend	-	-	(61,911)	(61,911)
BALANCE AT THE END OF THE YEAR	\$1,375,793	\$23,234,928	\$16,374,865	\$40,985,586
	2021			
	Share Capital	Additional Paid-in Capital	Retained Earnings	Total
Balance at the beginning of the year	1,375,793	23,234,928	16,506,133	41,116,854
Net profit for the year	-	-	955,489	955,489
Preference share dividend	-	-	(61,911)	(61,911)
BALANCE AT THE END OF THE YEAR	\$1,375,793	\$23,234,928	\$17,399,711	\$42,010,432

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NATIONAL BANK OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS LIMITED

Summary Statement of Cash Flows
For The Year Ended December 31, 2022
Expressed in United States Dollars

	2022	2021
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Interest, commission and other income received	16,148,458	12,471,032
Interest paid to deposit holders	(1,196,817)	(5,529,970)
Interest paid on lease liabilities	(116,199)	(135,045)
General and administrative expenses paid	(7,361,682)	(7,439,642)
	7,473,760	(633,625)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Net increase in loans and advances to customers	(5,770,086)	(15,875,847)
Net increase in demand deposit holders	1,233,440	1,236,763
Net increase/(decrease) in savings deposit holders	3,526,678	(621,218)
Net decrease in certificate of deposit holders	(8,429,471)	(1,806,393)
Cash flows used in operating activities	(1,965,679)	(17,700,318)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Net movement on amounts due from banks	(8,000,779)	(316)
Net movement on financial investments	5,995,380	16,889,807
Purchase of property and equipment	(212,859)	(466,798)
Disposal of property and equipment	10,350	8,393
Cash flows (used in)/from investing activities	(2,207,908)	16,431,086
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Payment of principal portion of lease liabilities	(432,175)	(422,220)
Preference shares dividend	(61,911)	(61,911)
Cash flows used in financing activities	(494,086)	(484,131)
NET DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(4,667,673)	(1,753,363)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
At the beginning of the year	17,748,516	19,501,879
At the end of the year	\$13,080,843	\$17,748,516
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS:		
Cash in hand and current account balances with other banks	12,549,398	9,800,075
Fixed deposits with brokers	531,445	7,948,441
TOTAL	\$13,080,843	\$17,748,516

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Remarks by Acting Chief Education Officer Mrs. Orlandette Crabbe

Educators Professional Day

August 28th 2023



Mrs. Orlandette Crabbe

Good Morning,

A warm and heartfelt welcome is extended to each of you as we continue along this exciting chapter on the journey of re-imagining education in the Virgin Islands. It is my distinct pleasure to welcome each of you to Professional Day and Summer Institute for 2023.

As we gather today, we are not just beginning another academic year, but we are setting the stage for a revolution in education. Our theme for this year capsulate the essence of the Ministry's vision, Virgin Islands Education Moving Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead. The continuation of this theme confirms our commitment to fostering innovation, creativity, critical thinking, and holistic learning through the integration of science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics.

S.T.E.A.M. education equips our students with the skills they need to thrive in an ever-evolving world, preparing them, not just for jobs that exist today but also for opportunities for the future that neither you nor I have yet to envision.

We began our journey of reimagining education, in September 2022 and enjoyed a year filled with rich experiences for both students, teachers, parents and the wider

community. As we strengthen our commitment to the implementation of S.T.E.A.M. at all levels, let me take this time to thank each of you for your devotion to the re-imagining of education during the last school year.

The past year has brought to light, the incredible resilience and adaptability of our educational community. Despite the challenges, you our educators have risen to the occasion, embracing new methods of teaching and learning. You have shown us that education knows no bounds and that with determination, we can reimagine education.

Whether you up scaled yourself, - increased opportunities-for experiential learning in your classroom, fostered creativity,-integrated the arts, or ensured that you catered to a variety of learning styles, your passion, and dedication to the success of our students was evident.

Teachers, you are the backbone of this education system and as we continue our voyage towards a transformed education system, we extend a heartfelt thank you to you for your commitment to our students.

I had the pleasure of observing you as you relished in your well-deserved summer break. I looked on with glee as you celebrated your hard work and rejuvenated yourselves in preparation for this, the start of the new school year. Boy were you guys outside! Over the last couple of days, I could not help to smile, as I saw your endless posts mourning the loss of your summer vacation.

Summer-break may be over, but the Ministry of Education encourages all educators to remain outside as we embark on this new and exciting school year. Whether you are a principal, assistant principal, teacher, school counselor, learning support assistant or

trainee and whether you have been in education for twenty plus years, or this being your first time in a classroom, our students, our territory, need you to be outside.

We need you to get outside of your comfort zone. This will call for you to embrace new and engaging teaching methods. The world is evolving rapidly and our students deserve an education that prepares them for the challenges and opportunities of the future.

Incorporating innovative teaching techniques not only keeps students excited about learning but also helps them develop critical skills such as problem-solving, collaboration, and adaptability. Consider adding project based learning, integrating technology, and fostering collaborative learning in your classrooms. As you prepare for the school year ahead, embrace change and be open to adapting your approach to meet the evolving needs of your students. Look at your neighbour and tell them get outside your comfort zone.

Educators, we need you to include outside resources as you plan to deliver the most effective classroom experiences. Infuse your teaching with the power of outside resources to create engaging and impactful learning. The world is a vast reservoir of knowledge, waiting to be tapped into for the benefit of education. By incorporating external materials and resources, you can enhance your lessons, captivate your students' interest, and foster a deeper understanding of the subjects you teach.

So invite guest presenters, utilise online learning platforms, - include documentaries and videos, summon cultural and industry experts and incorporate global perspectives to show case diverse viewpoints. Utilising external resources demonstrates your commitment to providing

a holistic and dynamic learning experience. Your dedication to incorporating diverse perspectives and real-world relevance will undoubtedly make this school year both engaging and impactful for you and your students. Tell your other neighbour to utilise outside resources!

Our students need you to venture outside the four walls of your classrooms! As a new school year begins, I urge you to break free from the confines of your classroom's four walls and embrace the transformative potential of experiential learning. By venturing beyond traditional boundaries, you can create lasting impact and significantly enhance student engagement. Real-world experiences provide invaluable context, foster deeper connections to learning, and equip your students with essential skills for the future.

Infuse outdoor learning and expeditions, introduce service learning, take virtual field trips and tours, create industry partnerships, and foster community partnerships. By taking learning beyond the classroom, you not only make education more exciting but also instill a love for lifelong learning in your students. The memories and skills gained from these experiences will stay with them for years to come.

As we stand on the precipice of a new era in education, I encourage each of you to think outside the box and embrace the exciting journey of reimagining education. The world is evolving rapidly, and our students deserve an educational experience that equips them with the skills, knowledge, and mindsets to thrive in this dynamic landscape.

It's time to break free from conventional boundaries and explore innovative ways to inspire, engage, and empower the next generation. Let us

embrace the development of skills and competencies versus the over-emphasis on content. Include experiential learning, foster networking and collaboration, encourage independent learning and exploration, promote digital literacy and alternative assessment methods. Remember that the possibilities are endless when we re-imagine education. By being innovative and creative in your approach to teaching and learning, you have the opportunity to shape the future of education and empower generations to come.

As a ministry, we too have challenged ourselves to get out of our comfort zone, to utilise outside resources, venture outside the four walls of the ministry and think outside the box. That is why this year we are pleased to announce the following new initiatives. The introduction of V.I. Professional Standards for Educators, a comprehensive guide to being successful in education in the Virgin Islands. These standards are tied to a brand new appraisal document and a new 360-appraisal process, where students will provide feedback for teachers, teachers will evaluate department heads, principals and assistant principals, and school leaders will appraise staff from the Ministry of Education.

This year, we are proud to announce the introduction of S.T.E.A.M. Innovations. A course design specifically to foster digital literacy, introduce coding and robotics, and develop critical thinking and logical reasoning. This course will be rolled out in all public secondary schools from grades seven to nine, starting in September 2023.

We have also made revisions to the curriculum, our curriculum scope and sequence for several

Diagnostic Checks Almost Complete On Asphalt Plant

Director of the Public Works Department Mr. Jeremy Hodge has stated that the final diagnostic checks are being conducted before the department's asphalt plant can become operational.

Mr. Hodge said in a recent interview said that the plant's technician and members of his team are in the Territory ensuring that the checks are completed.

The Director thanked the entities including the British Virgin Islands Electricity Corporation and the Department of Information Technology for their assistance in setting up the asphalt plant and for ensuring that it was configured to be connected to the internet thereby ensuring that issues will be identified and rectified in the future.

Mr. Hodge said plans are underway to address the Territory's roads in a holistic manner and reassured the public that his department will be able to respond to issues on the roadways in a more efficient manner. He added that all the Territory's roads will be addressed when the asphalt plant is commissioned.

"I know that there will be a lot of anxiety but we

will get around to all those roads, including your community," Mr. Hodge said, adding, "We are also in communication with some technicians overseas to work along with our technicians to share expertise on road paving and other techniques."

The Director also issued an invitation to persons who are about to complete their heavy equipment licence and those with an interest in learning about asphalt or its applications to sign up with the Registration Apprenticeship Training Employment and Development (RATED) Programme where they will receive the necessary training when another team of technicians arrive in the Territory.

Mr. Hodge's full interview can be viewed on the Government of the Virgin Islands' Facebook page @BVIgovernment.

The Department of Public Works continues to provide a safe, practical, efficient, economically and environmentally sound infrastructure that is well designed, constructed and maintained in accordance with recognised regional and international codes and standards and is in harmony with



The Asphalt Plant

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*Director of the Public Works Department
Mr. Jeremy Hodge*



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Post-Election Seminar To Be Held In The Virgin Islands



The UK Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA UK) will be conducting a Post-Election Seminar for parliamentarians in the Virgin Islands from August 30 to September 1.

The event will be hosted by the House of Assembly of the Virgin Islands and will serve as a unique platform for sharing parliamentary experiences, -fostering discussions on the responsibilities of elected representatives, -and exploring parliamentary procedure and scrutiny.

Speaker of the House of Assembly of the Virgin Islands Honourable Corine N. George Massicote said the seminar represents an invaluable opportunity for the Territory's parliamentarians to engage with peers from across the Commonwealth.

"This will allow us to collectively- contribute to the betterment of governance and legislative

practices within our Territory. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to CPA UK for their steadfast commitment to strengthening our parliamentary institution," Honourable Massicote said.

The Speaker stated that the seminar is a continuation of CPA UK's dedicated engagement with the VI, and finds its place within the UK Overseas Territories Project (UKOTP). She said the project has consistently exemplified its commitment to cultivating -good governance and bolstering oversight of public finances in the UK Overseas Territories.

The Speaker also said the Post-Election Seminar is set to foster meaningful dialogues -among local parliamentarians



and a delegation of parliamentarians from across the Commonwealth.

Leading the delegation is Lilian Greenwood Member of Parliament (UK), whose leadership will guide the discussions towards a deeper understanding -of parliamentary processes. The delegation also includes Honourable Juan Watterson SHK and Joann Corkish from the Isle of Man and Honourable Akierra Missick MP from the (Turks and Caicos Islands).

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cornerstone mission is the establishment of robust parliamentary relationships across the Commonwealth, Overseas Territories, Devolved Legislatures, and Crown Dependencies. By orchestrating a comprehensive program of -parliamentary strengthening activities, the organisation bridges the gap between nations and legislators. This -encompassing approach -involves meticulously-planned collaborations with other parliaments, -thereby facilitating a dynamic exchange between UK and Commonwealth parliamentarians and parliamentary officials.

The forthcoming Post-Election Seminar in the VI stands as a profound testament to



Hon. Corine N. George Massicote

CPA UK's enduring dedication to fostering parliamentary excellence, nurturing international collaboration, -and propagating -effective governance -practices. Through -interactive engagement -and sharing of insights, this seminar will undeniably amplify the voices of BVI parliamentarians, enriching the democratic fabric of the region.

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subjects, with plans to pilot their implementation this school year. We are pleased to inform you that several new positions have been added to our fraternity this year.

They include school improvement officers, and at this time I pause to introduce our two school improvement officers, they are Mr. Theodore John, and Ms. Tonya Bertie. Math Specialist; and Teachers of English as a second language. With these added positions, we are confident that we will continue to meet the needs of all students.

There will be several other new initiatives being introduced during the course of this year.

To keep you informed, we plan to utilise our V.I. Schools platform more effectively, and begin sending relevant circulars and memos directly to your inbox. Fostering more efficient communication between the ministry and you our hardworking teachers.

So educators this school year, let's step into the outside lane, push our boundaries and redefine what education can be. Reimagining education is about transforming the very essence of how we engage with knowledge, how we nurture curiosity, and how we empower our students to become lifelong learners. It is about creating

learning environments that encourage critical thinking, collaboration, and a deep sense of empathy. But remember our journey isn't just about what we teach, it's about how we teach. It's about nurturing a passion for learning that extends far beyond the classroom. It's about instilling values that create responsible citizens and compassionate human beings.

So when we sing out the words we outside from Viking, a regional soca artist, we mean we are pursuing new and innovative approaches to teaching and learning that inspire critical thinking, innovation, creativity, digital

literacy, entrepreneurship and create community minded individuals who are life-long learners and leaders.

Welcome back, my dear educators, to a year filled with promise, innovation, and transformation. Let's embark on this journey together, as we imagine education through the lens of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics.

So join me by rising to your feet, pulling out your cell phone, and we are going to say boldly - We are reimagining Education in the Virgin Islands! **WE OUTSIDE!**

Thank you.

Monel Nickie Appointed Acting Sister Islands Coordinator



Mrs. Monel Nickie

Mrs. Monel Nickie has been appointed Acting Sister Islands Coordinator. Mrs. Nickie takes up this position having served as Virgin Gorda's District Officer where she gained valuable knowledge and experience in the administration of the Sister Islands.

As Sister Islands Coordinator, she will lead the Sister Islands Programme Unit, including District Officers and all other staff, and will be responsible for facilitating and monitoring projects to improve the quality of Government services across the Sister Islands.

Mrs. Nickie will be

responsible for the oversight of the Sister Islands Programme Unit's daily deliverables including providing expert advice on programmes and projects, supervising District Officers and general oversight of Government services on the Sister Islands to ensure all departmental objectives are met in a timely and efficient manner.

Deputy Governor, Mr. David Archer Jr. said Mrs. Nickie represents the very best of Public Service Excellence.

"She is thorough, focused and results driven, which are key qualities that I am confident will aid her in tackling this new challenge," Mr. Archer Jr. said. He added, "I have total confidence that she will deliver great results for the residents of the Sister Islands, and by extension, the Government of the Virgin Islands."

Mrs. Nickie expressed

that she is grateful for the opportunity to serve the Sister Islands in this role.

"I am blessed to be able to serve in this capacity. My love for our Territory propels me to make meaningful contributions that both present and future generations would benefit from. It is an honour to work with a team that is dedicated to fulfilling its objectives and I look forward to the

continued advancement of these Virgin Islands."

Mrs. Nickie has an Associate of Arts in Elementary Education from the H. Lavity Stoutt Community College and a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education from the University of the Virgin Islands. She also holds a Master of Public Administration from the University of the Virgin

Islands.

The Sister Islands Programme Unit was established to be the Government's service delivery hub across all islands except Tortola. The Government of the Virgin Islands remains committed to ensuring that communities across the Sister Islands are equipped, prepared, safe, and can enjoy full access to Government's Services.

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GLOBAL NEWS BRIEF

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MUGSHOTS - Last week, we saw mug shots of Donald Trump and codendants after they were booked in Fulton County, Ga. I wrote about mug shots in my essay on Weekend Edition Saturday.

Almost everyone booked gets that close-up. It reminds us that our criminal justice system applies to everyone. I remembered several other famous mug shots:

□ Bill Gates was booked in New Mexico in 1977 for driving without a license. Didn't he send himself a reminder to renew it?

□ Frank Sinatra was booked in Hoboken in 1938 and charged with seduction (relations with a married woman, not his rendition of "I've Got You Under My Skin"). Charges were dropped.

□ Elvis Presley's mug shot is widely misunderstood. He met President Nixon in 1970 and asked to be made "Federal Agent-at-Large in the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs." Nixon obliged. Elvis would die in 1977 with a 10-drug cocktail — codeine, morphine, and more — in his system. He was just 42.

□ John Gotti's 1990 mug shot makes you wonder: Why is this man smiling? This booking would lead to his conviction for murder, racketeering, and tax evasion. The crime boss would

die in prison.

□ Rosa Parks was 43 when she had a mug shot taken during the Montgomery bus boycott she inspired by refusing to give up her seat. That boycott began a social and political movement that brought down the structure of legal segregation in the United States. You don't get much of a chance to look your best in a mug shot. But Rosa Park's courage and grace shine through. [Courtesy of NPR/Scott]



FULTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

USA - The Republican candidate's election campaign has launched merchandising for sale with the image of the moment he was booked at Fulton County Jail. It took just minutes for Fulton County, Georgia, to release the mugshot taken of Donald Trump as he was booked on Thursday for his role in attempting to interfere in that state in the 2020 presidential election. And after that, it took seconds for the image

of the former U.S. president staring into the camera - with a defiant expression, according to his supporters; frowning, according to his detractors - to go viral. And it took even less time for the current Republican candidate for the White House to start exploiting it economically.

The picture, taken from an elevated angle, shows the former president with his forehead tilted slightly forward and his eyes staring intensely. It is the pose that some movie buffs describe as the "Kubrick stare," after British film director Stanley Kubrick, who used it in films such as A Clockwork Orange and The Shining for Malcolm McDowell and Jack Nicholson to provoke an unsettling sensation in the viewer. According to CNN, there had been an intense debate among Trump's advisors earlier about the expression with which the former president should pose. It has already become meme fodder and an instant classic, one of those that will truly go down in history. It is the first of an American president, active or out of office, as an inmate.

Any other politician with Trump's judicial troubles -he faces 91 charges in four separate indictments- would be finished. But the leading Republican candidate has chosen to turn the situation around and present himself as a victim of a politicized justice system that wants to take him down by any means necessary, because it fears he will return to the White House and defend ordinary citizens. The photograph of him as a man

under arrest, with the watermark of the Fulton sheriff's office included, thus becomes a badge of honor and a source of pride. Ultimate proof that he is being unjustly persecuted. [El Pais]

HAITI - Protesters led by a pastor marched through a gang-controlled area near the capital. Rights groups reporting on the incident blamed the pastor for leading protesters into such a dangerous situation.

A powerful gang in Haiti opened fire on a pastor-led march through an area controlled by the gang near the capital Port-au-Prince, killing several of the marching parishioners.

The gang, which controls the northern Canaan suburb, fired at the protesters with machine guns. Local rights group CARDH said at least seven people were killed, with the group's director Gedeon Jean expecting the death toll to rise. Jean said that several people were wounded, with some churchgoers even kidnapped. [Deutsche Welle]

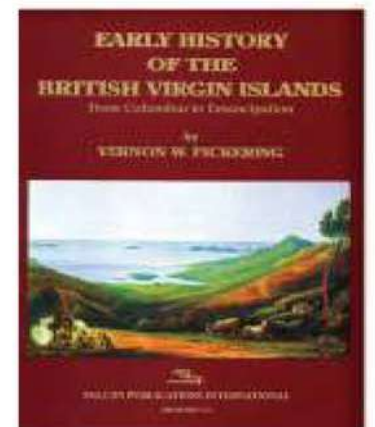
ETHIOPIA - Women and children in Tigray are still subject to sexual violence despite a peace agreement signed in November 2022, according to a new report. Survivors accuse both Ethiopian and Eritrean soldiers of rape.

"The situation that Tigrayan women are experiencing through sexual violence is deeply distressing," social worker Birhan Gebrekirstos told DW.

Her quiet voice sounded muffled as she talked about her experience of working with survivors of sexual violence in Mekelle, the capital of the northern Ethiopian region of Tigray, over the past three years.

Many women and girls were raped during and also after the two-year civil war in Tigray. [Deutsche Welle]

JAMAICA - An article by NBC News shares the story of Trisha Bailey, a Jamaican entrepreneur whose remarkable success story brims with inspiration and impact. Trisha's remarkable journey began in the impoverished settings of St. Elizabeth Parish, Jamaica. This Jamaican-born entrepreneur transformed a small medical supply venture in Orlando into a sprawling empire that spans seven states. NBC News states that Bailey's net worth is estimated at a staggering \$700 million, positioning her as the wealthiest Jamaican-born woman in history. Bailey recently unveiled her memoir, "Unbroken: The



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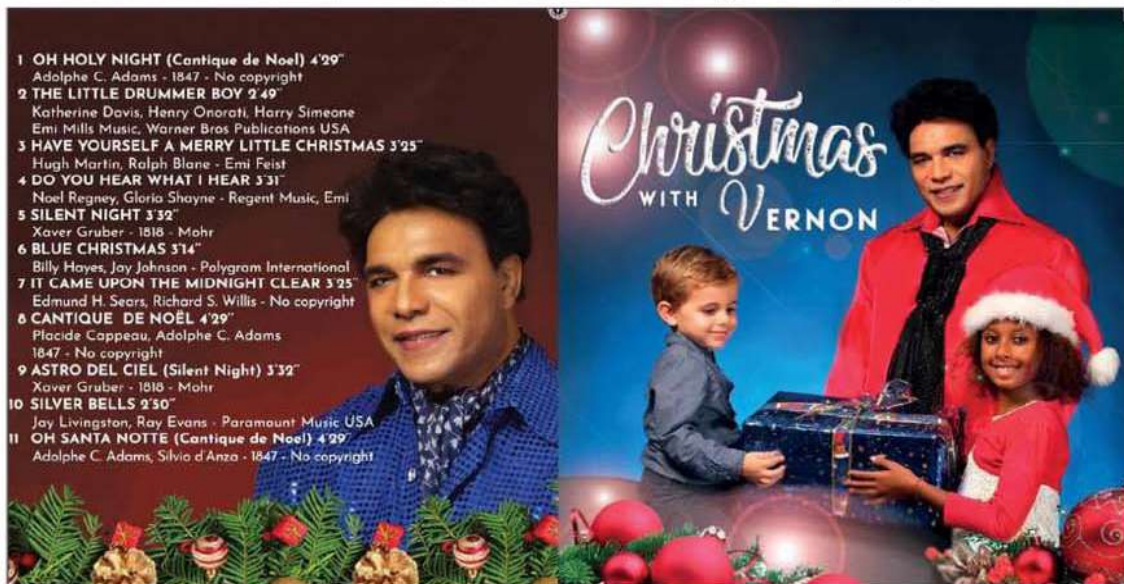


Trisha Bailey [NewsWire.com]

Triumphant Story of a Woman's Journey." Within its pages, she courageously recounts the myriad challenges she faced, from a traumatic childhood marked by sexual abuse in Jamaica to harrowing experiences in her adult life, including domestic violence and a mysterious coma.

Writing the memoir was not a therapeutic experience for Bailey but was illuminating. It showcased her belief in the power of raw honesty to resonate with and aid others. The NBC News article shares that the success of Bailey's medical supply business was just the beginning.

Today, she has a significant presence in multiple sectors. Apart from her 46 pharmacies spread across various states, Bailey's business ventures include 15 different companies, a vast global real estate portfolio, and stakes in NBA teams such as the Atlanta Hawks, Charlotte Hornets, and Phoenix Suns. [CNW]



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Ninth District Back 2 School Event

On A The Annual Ninth District "Back 2 School Event" was held on Saturday 26 August at the Jeffrey Caines Arena in Virgin Gorda.

The well-attended event was a huge success with an extremely large turnout. The event featured

motivational speakers, games, and the highlight – school supply giveaways.

The event was a collaborative initiative between Ninth District Representative Hon. Vincent Wheatley and Allington O. Creque aka 'Gumption of the I Support Positive Youths (ISPY) organization.

A number of children on Virgin Gorda received durable backpacks with supplies as part of the giveaways.

The event featured a guest appearance from recently crowned Miss BVI Anika Christopher.

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Ladyburd Talks...

Dear Readers: It's coming close to the start of School. Now is the time to get going with your Back-To-School Plans:(3 of 3)

Find a 'go-to-school friend':

If your child walks or takes the bus to school and there are other children in the neighborhood who go to the same school talk to the parents and ask them if the kids can walk or take the bus together. This way the kids will have more fun on their way to school and may share their worries and help each other to feel more comfortable going back to school.

Deal with expectations:

Older children will already have set themselves expectations they want to fulfill at school. Therefore, it is helpful to ask them what they expect about returning to school. It can help to read a story about children who go to school in order to start the conversation and to make it easier for kids to talk about their feelings. It is also important to ask kids if they have any questions or are unsure about anything. Let them know that other kids will be nervous, and that teachers will help them to feel more comfortable.

Show them that you think about them:

When getting lunch or a snack ready for school include a little note in the lunchbox to show your children that you care and that you think about them during the day even if they are away.

Child care after school:

A parent should be at home to help the children to get ready for school in the morning and who supervise them when they return. If this is not possible talk to your children that it is important to follow rules and listen to the adult supervising them.



Ladyburd's Mail Box

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Dear Ladyburd: My best friend and I are not on speaking terms because of my generosity. I say that because she was unable to purchase a book that her child needed to use at school, and since we are friends, I told her she could borrow my daughter's book, since then I kept asking her for the book and she is telling me that she brought the book back and I know she did not, I had to go and purchase another book for my daughter. I saw her in the supermarket recently and she pushed pass me as if I am a stranger to her. Ladyburd, What do you say about people like that. **Upset Friend**

Ladyburd..Dear Upset Friend: Do not let someone like her stop you from being kind or doing a good deed. Whenever you see her say hello to her, it's up to her whether she wants to respond to you or not. Let her stew in her own mess, all you try to do is to help her, and if she does not appreciate it, that is her problem not yours



Light Bulb Moments

"The best way to predict your future is to create it. ..."
Abraham Lincoln

"Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today...."
Malcolm X

'I did then what I knew how to do. Now that I know better, I do better.'
Maya Angelou

Poetry Corner

The Magic of Learning

Education is a world of wonder,
A place where dreams can come alive.
Where we can learn and grow,
And let our imaginations thrive.
Our minds are like a canvas,
Waiting to be painted bright.
Education gives us the colors,
To make our ideas take flight.
Through books and art and music,
We can find new ways to create.
With each lesson that we learn,
We discover our own unique fate.
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<https://letslearnslang.com/poem-about-education-for-kids/>

Tickle My Funny Bones



Q AND A

Mother: "Why are you home from school so early?"

Son: "I was the only one who could answer a question."

Mother: "Oh, really? What was the question?"

Son: "Who threw the eraser at the principal?"

A man suspected his wife was seeing another man, so he hired the famous Chinese detective, Chen Lee, to watch and report any activities while he was gone. They decided on the fee. Then a few days later, he received this report:

Most honorable sir:

You leave house.
I watch house.
He come to house. I watch.
He and she leave house. I follow.
He and she go in hotel. I climb tree.
I look in window.
He kiss she. She kiss he.
He strip she. She strip he.
I kept looking when I fall off tree.
I no see.
.....Well then
No fee, Chen Lee.

PUN INTENDED

"Police were called to a daycare where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.."

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Effortless Labor Day BBQ Delight: Quick & Easy Chicken Paillard

“What’s on the menu for Labor Day?” That’s the annual dilemma, isn’t it? As the holiday approaches, we all desire a mouthwatering feast without laborious effort. After all, the day is meant for relaxation and celebration, not endless cooking sessions, right?

Well, I’ve got just the recipe to make your Labor Day BBQ a breeze. Imagine a delectable dish that requires minimal time and effort, is budget-friendly, and incredibly versatile. Let me introduce you to the star of your Labor Day menu: Chicken Paillard.

Derived from the French term for flattened meat, the paillard (pronounced “pie-YAHR”) technique is a game-changer. But don’t be intimidated by its fancy name -- it’s

surprisingly simple yet oh so effective. Picture this: a succulent chicken breast, butterflied and gently pounded to an even thickness. This thin piece of perfection cooks up in a flash, whether in a skillet, in the oven or on the grill.

And the best part? Chicken Paillard’s versatility knows no bounds. A sprinkle of salt, a dash of pepper, a hint of garlic -- that’s all it takes for an elegant and satisfying dish. Feeling adventurous? Try marinating with your favorite flavors or experimenting with spice rubs. Craving comfort food? Dip it in egg wash, coat with seasoned flour, and voila -- you’ve got a crispy creation reminiscent of fried chicken. Drizzle on some honey, and you’ve just conjured magic.

Now, for those larger gatherings, while only one or two pieces may fit in a skillet, you can easily keep them warm in a low oven as you prepare the rest, ensuring everyone dines together.

But wait, it gets even better. Picture this Labor Day scene: a sizzling grill, the aroma of caramelized lemon filling the air, and atop those flavorful Chicken Paillards, a delightful mound of refreshing greens. Doesn’t that sound divine?

Grilled Chicken Paillard with Charred Lemon and Dressed Greens

- Yield: 4 servings
- Total Time: 30 minutes
- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 2 lemons, halved
- 4 cups mixed greens and your favorite veggies
- Olive oil or preferred salad dressing

Preheat the grill to medium heat. Begin by slicing each chicken breast horizontally, opening it like a book. Place each piece between two pieces of plastic wrap and, using a meat mallet, pound the pieces until they’re about half an inch thick.

Brush each paillard with half a tablespoon of olive oil.

Grill the chicken pieces for about 3 to 5 minutes per side, adjusting based on thickness. Sprinkle with salt, pepper and a squeeze of lemon juice while grilling. Place the lemon halves, cut side down, on the grill to

The Sunny Side Up

caramelize.

Set the chicken and grilled lemons aside to rest when done. Toss the greens and veggies with lemon juice and your choice of olive oil or dressing.

To serve, place a grilled chicken paillard on each plate, with a generous cup of the dressed salad. Squeeze the caramelized lemon over everything for an extra burst of flavor.

Diva Tip: When chicken breasts are on sale, purchase extra and use the paillard technique and freeze these flattened treasures individually in zip-top bags. This savvy move allows you to stock up on quick, delicious dinners that defrost and cook in minutes. It’s a surefire winner for those busy days. So, as you gear up for the holiday weekend, elevate your BBQ game with Chicken Paillard -- a recipe that is convenient, inexpensive and absolutely delicious. Your guests will love the flavors, and you’ll revel in the extra time that you’ll have to savor the festivities. Cheers to a less laborious Labor Day!

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Here's a quicker chicken dinner winner

Remarks by Honourable DeCastro at Educators Professional Day



Hon. Sharie de Castro

Good -Morning Everyone,
Premier, Dr. the Honourable Natalio D. Wheatley; Minister for Health, Honourable Vincent Wheatley; Acting Chief Education Officer, Mrs. Orlandette Crabbe; our esteem guests that are here with us, members from the teaching service commission, our amazing private sector partners, Unite BVI, principals, teachers, counsellors, support staff, education officers in the ministry, once again good morning to you all.

Today marks not just the beginning of a new school year, but the continuation of an incredible journey of Moving Virgin Islands Education: Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead. In a world of rapid change and unforeseen challenges, I stand before you with a deep sense of appreciation for your dedication. It was not long ago that I stepped into the role of Minister, a role that came with immense responsibility during a tumultuous time. Yet, together, we faced adversity head-on and achieved remarkable milestones. Your unwavering commitment to our children's education and your resilience despite the odds has truly, truly inspired me.

Reimagining education in the Virgin Islands has been at the core of our endeavors. Education should not take a one-size-fits-all approach; it should be a personalized journey that caters to the unique needs, strengths, and passions of each student. We must recognize that children are not uniform products on an assembly line, but individual stars that shine with distinct brilliance. It is our duty as educators to ensure that the light within each child is nurtured and encouraged to shine brightly.

To achieve this, we must discard the outdated notion of education as a rigid structure where every child must fit a specific mold. We must cast aside the notion of schools as factories and students as products. Such a view restricts innovation, stifles flexibility, and diminishes the uniqueness of each learner.

As teachers of course I know we know the game Simon Says. In this instance we will play a game called, Education says. If we think about it ultimately education decides and determines what our students will do. Please indulge me for just two minutes.

So we'll play the game...

Education says to stand.

Education says clap your hands.

Stop clapping.

Education says stop clapping.

Education says turn around one time.

Education says put your finger on your nose.

Make noise.

Education says to quack like a cow.

Ok, let's move Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead.

Education says stand like a flamingo.

That's IMAGINATION!

Education says to take your hand off your nose.

Education says to shake the hand of the person next to you.

That's COLLABORATION.

Education says to ponder this question, if you could be an animal, what would you be and why?

Now, Education says to make the sound of that animal.

Education says to stop making that noise, and please take your seat, and give yourselves a round of applause.

Ladies and gentlemen, education in the past would have said, that when you made the sound of your animal, that was CONFUSION! Education now says WOW!! That's PROGRESS!! That's INNOVATION!!

Instead of doing what we have done in the past, let us embrace our schools as gardens, where the individuality of each student is recognized, cultivated, and allowed to flourish. Once we commit to doing this, just as a garden thrives with diverse plants, our schools will blossom as we nurture creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving, recognizing that each young mind has something extraordinary to offer.

We must continue to reimagine education and embrace a new paradigm; one that celebrates diversity as we just did and accommodates various learning styles. We must endeavour to teach children the way they learn and adapt our methods to the varied landscapes of the young minds we cultivate.

This is a transformative journey that requires our collective efforts

as educators. You are not just teachers; you are trailblazers, agents of change, and champions of progress. The impact you make in your classrooms every single day resonates far beyond the confines of those walls. It shapes futures, molds destinies, and influences the trajectory of our territory.

When you first chose this noble profession, it was the promise of making a profound impact on the lives of children that beckoned you. You saw the potential within each young mind, the opportunity to shape not just careers, but character and creativity. Your unwavering commitment to this vision, despite the hurdles that sometimes cast shadows, is a testament of your dedication.

Change in education is not only necessary but imperative. Last school year you brilliantly and boldly lived out the quote, "You can't get change if you give exact but if you give more, you get change." Every day, you showed up not just to impart information, but to give a piece of yourselves to your students. Like a potter shaping clay into a masterpiece, you molded the raw potential of your students into refined excellence. You did not merely impart knowledge; you ignited passion. You did not merely grade papers; you shaped character. You did not merely deliver lessons; you instilled values. In every single lecture, in every single assignment, and in every single interaction, you invested not just your time, but your hearts and your souls. I saw it. I felt it. In fact, we all did.

You gave more time, as you stayed after school to provide extra help, to guide and support students who needed it. You gave more talent, as you designed innovative lessons that engaged and inspired students. You tailored your approaches to different learning styles, and sought to create a nurturing environment where every single student felt valued. You gave more resources, tapping into your own creativity and of course often reaching into your own pockets to ensure that your students had the tools that they needed to succeed.

Your classrooms, became laboratories of possibilities. Our collective commitment to a holistic education approach with this new initiative to move Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead, fueled fires of learning. Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics they're not just mere subjects. You would note that they are the building blocks of

progress, the tools that will shape tomorrow's thinkers, creators, and problem solvers. This S.T.E.A.M. approach that you have so bravely embraced has ignited the flames of creativity in our students. The shift from rote memorization to skills-based learning has equipped our students with the tools that they need to excel in a dynamic, ever-evolving world. Through S.T.E.A.M. we have empowered our students, every single one of you to think critically, collaborate effectively, and innovate boldly. These skills we know are the cornerstones of success.

So this school year as we continue to Move Virgin Islands education Full S.T.E.A.M. ahead, through the inclusion of new subjects at the secondary level, our students will eagerly explore the intricate landscapes of coding, programming, robotics, and engineering. The inclusion of these digital skills in our curriculum is akin to arming our students with tools that enable them to sculpt their dreams, to engineer their aspirations, and to paint their future in the vibrant hues of technology. I want to encourage you and remind you that each stroke, each algorithm, each circuit will bring forth a symphony of possibilities, much like an orchestra producing a melody of innovations.

Educators, in today's world, where the heartbeat of progress is measured in technological strides, I believe that digital literacy is paramount. If you think about it, just as a sailor navigates the seas guided by the stars, if we continue moving Full S.T.E.A.M. ahead, so too will our students navigate the complex currents of this digital landscape. I believe firmly that the addition of digital literacy classes isn't just an enhancement; it is necessary, it will empower our students not only to keep up with the pace of change but to surge ahead as pioneers of change. These skills are the foundation upon which careers in this territory will be built, upon which ideas will be materialized, and upon which breakthroughs will be achieved.

As Minister of Education, I can already picture those classrooms pulsating with excitement as the spark of innovation ignites, as the joy of learning becomes infectious, and as the hum of creativity and the thrill of discovery permeates the air. Let us remain committed to creating classrooms where the digital realm becomes our students' canvas and the palette is limited simply only to the scope of what they can imagine.

As we commit to fostering a STEAM-infused education system, we are not just preparing students for the future; we are equipping them to be the architects of the future. We are sculpting problem solvers, and critical thinkers, trailblazers who will chart new territories and rewrite the narratives of progress in these Virgin Islands as they become the pioneers of industries, propelling our economy forward.

That is why as a government, we recognize the profound impact of education on the economy. Education is not just an investment in individuals; it is an investment in the very fabric of our society.

That is why the Premier and Minister of Finance and the entire government of the Virgin Islands is ensuring that we, put our money where our mouth is, that we ensure that we fuel economic growth, drive innovation, and create a skilled workforce by ensuring that we provide education the funding and resources that it needs.

We believe, and I believe firmly having sat where you sit, not too long ago, that it is through the doors of your classrooms that tomorrow's leaders, scientists, entrepreneurs, and artists will emerge, ready to tackle every single challenge and opportunity that lies ahead in these Virgin Islands.

Educators, while we can sit in the ministry and we can seek to plan and strategize, we believe that you are the one on the ground who will be the architects of this transformation. You hold in your hands the power to shape every single mind, to instill values, and to mold every character that enters into your door. Your dedication and your passion, I don't want you to ever think that we do not see it. We see your commitment and we believe that it is that dedication and commitment that is the mortar that binds the dream of our youth and the realities of their achievement.

So I have to acknowledge the hard work of the Ministry's team, not just education, but also Youth Affairs and Sports. Because we all know that learning extends beyond the school year and certainly beyond school hours. So I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge the success of the DYAS Summer Camps and to celebrate the resurgence of afterschool programs in all public primary and secondary schools on Tortola, Virgin Gorda, Anegada and Jost Van Dyke. I was a product of these programmes when they

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Cardinal Marengo: Pope's visit to Mongolia is an honor and a grace

The Apostolic Prefect of Ulaanbaatar comments on the importance of the Holy Father's Apostolic Journey in bringing a sense of "belonging to the universal flock of the Catholic Church" to the local community.

By *Federico Piana & Edoardo Giribaldi [Vatican News]*

"The Church in Mongolia is waiting with great trepidation for the coming of the Holy Father." Cardinal Giorgio Marengo, Apostolic Prefect of Ulaanbaatar, thus remarked on the collective enthusiasm accompanying the imminent Apostolic Journey in the Asian country that will take place from August 31 (date of departure from Rome) to September 4).

Speaking with Vatican News, Cardinal Marengo presented the activities going on among the local community in preparation for the upcoming visit.

Spiritual preparation

"One aspect worthy to be mentioned," according to the Apostolic Prefect, "is that we are encouraging our Catholic community to intensify the Marian prayer, especially through the prayer of the Holy Rosary."

The "spiritual preparation" goes hand-in-hand with practical experiences, such as a special pilgrimage to a wooden Blessed Virgin Mary statue found "in a dumping area in the northern part of Mongolia."

This preparation path began on March 25, the day the Church celebrates the Annunciation of the Lord, and ended on August 15, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

"In a great embrace between two great solemnities," Cardinal Marengo explained, "we would like to welcome the gift, the grace of the visit of the Holy Father, and to get everyone involved too."

GRATITUDE AND BELONGING

Speaking about the meaning that Pope Francis' visit has for Mongolia, the Apostolic Prefect described it as "a great honor and, at the same time, a very special grace."

"To have the successor of St. Peter with us brings immense gratitude and a sense of belonging to the universal flock of the Catholic Church."



Pope Francis

The presence of the Holy Father is a sign of hope and a concrete demonstration that he "cares for this tiny flock of Catholics in Mongolia."

BILATERAL RELATIONS

Cardinal Marengo also examined the Apostolic Journey from a diplomatic point of view. The local government is preparing "with great expectations," recalling "the ancient roots of the bilateral relations" between Mongolia and the Holy See.

Relations that will be further deepened and "will know a new phase of intensification."

"We go back to the 13th century," the Apostolic Prefect recalled, "when Pope Innocent IV sent his special envoy, John of Plano Carpini, Franciscan friar, to visit the Mongolian emperors and to establish a link, a connection with them."

"Mongolia will surely benefit from the point of view of its international interest."

OPEN TO GIFTS AND GRACES

However, Pope Francis' journey will most definitely impact the hearts of the local Catholic community. "We are open to the many gifts and graces that the visit itself will bring about, and we are praying for those graces," Cardinal Marengo concluded.

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COMMENTARY

A Generous Community Learns a Hard Lesson

By Dickson Igwe



Dickson Igwe

financially burdened individual was handled. The individual is also a well-known talk show host on a popular Virgin Islands radio show.

Now, cash personally handed over to the individual from monies donated to clear his debt and save his home was indeed very unwise. There was no check in place. In essence, it was throwing money into thin air and hoping it fulfills the intended purpose. There appears to have been no discussion with the bank on whether or not the bank would accept the public effort in saving the home from repossession.

Then, whether or not the money goes for the purpose intended and the home thereby saved from repossession is beside the point. The project was charity even though informally managed by media personalities. There were no safeguards and checks on the scheme.

This Writer doubts cash donated will be for the purpose intended to pay the bank's debt, or ever refunded back to those

who gave generously to assist the man. The story is that the bank is continuing with the repossession process.

Charities adopt a culture of transparency and accountability that helps prevent fraud or deception. The money, if transferred to a third party charity to manage on the man's behalf would have protected the cash of community minded people with the good intention of acting compassionately.

The lesson for the community is not to fall for any scheme to aid individuals outside the orbit of an established charity that possesses the required culture of honesty, transparency and accountability or at the very least a trusted and established organization known for its charitable activities.

It may well be a miracle if the cash in this matter ever returns to the good men and women who assisted this man. The money would have been better spent on the truly poor and needy who always need a helping hand.

put in a solid performance on her first CASA tour - however Mia Todd proved just too much on the day.

Jess Davies beat Zoe Sorrentino 11-2, 13-11, 11-5

Karen Anderson beat Natalie Fay 12-10, 11-7, 11-4

Melissa Lue Yen beat Mandi Atack 11-4, 9-11, 11-7, 11-8

Mia Todd best Laure-Astrid Wigglesworth 11-1, 11-1, 11-6

In the evening our ladies met the formidable team that is Guyana! Guyana are the no.1 seeds and are fully expected to retain their title! They came out tonight and they meant business. They were ruthless from start to finish and didn't allow our ladies to settle.

It's of course nice in sport to get the opportunity to win. Sometimes though it's great to get on court with the absolute best players out there and experience the very top level. In doing so you really get a feel for what it is they do do well and you hopefully learn what you yourself can improve upon. Although our ladies were outmatched in this tie they still fought hard, and a few areas

were highlighted for them to focus on in their future training. This experience will hopefully stand them in good stead for their remaining matches against Trinidad and Tobago, and Cayman Islands.

Winston Findlay played Mark Sealy of Barbados in his 2nd match of the over 60's competition.

Mark is the undoubted no.1 seed of the over 60's event and was in fact celebrating his birthday today! He is no stranger to the BVI and our players as he often gets across and plays the Meridian Masters Tournament which is held annually in November at Tortola Sports Club.

Squash is an incredibly physical sport... and the fact Winston is giving away 10 years to his opponents really does put him at a disadvantage. Winston always gives 100%... and although it was in vein... he managed to find several of his customary winners to the delight of the spectators! Win or lose Winston is always a crowd pleaser! He plays his final match on Friday, August 25.

SPORTS: SQUASH

Senior Caribbean Squash Championships -



Team BVI with Team Jamaica and Team BVI with Team Guyana

BVI's Women's Team put in a much improved performance in their 2nd team match against Jamaica. Our girls showed tremendous spirit and managed to really get stuck in to their opponents. Both Zoe and Natalie were able to force extra points in one of their games... whilst Mandi was able to capture the BVI's first game against Melissa Lue Yen! Unfortunately she eventually succumbed in 4 tight games. Our Squash Captain Laure also



Winston Findlay and Mark Sealy

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MINISTER MITCHELL MINISTER MITCHELL EXTENDS CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF DENYSE PLUMMER

The Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts extends its deepest condolences on the passing of veteran singer and performer, Denyse Plummer.

Plummer, who had been ailing for some time, passed away on Sunday, August 27, 2023, at the age of 69.

Her versatile music career, spanning genres from pop music, calypso and gospel, resonated with audiences

both locally and globally. Plummer's extensive and diverse repertoire, including popular songs like 'Woman is Boss,' 'Nah Leaving,' and 'Cyah Leave Him,' brought attention to topics such as gender equality and cultural diversity, establishing her as a respected voice on social issues affecting Trinidad and Tobago. During her more than five-decade career, she earned

numerous titles including multiple Calypso Queens and the National Calypso Monarch. In 2011, she was honoured with the Hummingbird Gold Medal for her significant contributions to culture.

Senator the Honourable Randall Mitchell, Minister of Tourism, Culture and the Arts, remarks that the music and cultural fraternity, as well as Trinidad and Tobago as a

whole, have lost an important cultural giant.

He continues, "Denyse Plummer has touched every genre of music that represents who we are as Trinbagonians. Her journey as a singer and her legacy as a performer are punctuated with lessons in perseverance and dedication for us to follow. Her work exemplified how the power of music could effect positive

change. We will certainly miss her vibrancy and passion, but we will forever be grateful for the joy her music and life brought to our hearts. Her work will continue to inspire national pride and unity in us for generations to come."

The Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts expresses sympathy to the family, friends, and loved ones of Denyse Plummer during this time of grief.

JAMAICA PROJECTING 140,000 ADDITIONAL SEATS FROM THE U.S. THIS FALL

Total Number of Seats Across Carriers Grows 19% Over 2022 and 18% Over 2019 as the Destination Prepares for Record Stopover Arrivals in 2023

KINGSTON, JAMAICA, August 29, 2023 – Continuing to cement its position as one of the world's leading tourism destinations, Jamaica is expecting an increase in scheduled air capacity from the U.S. market this September through December with approximately 140,000 additional inbound seats available across carriers. This figure represents a 19% growth over the same period in 2022 and an 18% growth over 2019.

"This added capacity is a testament to the appeal of the island's tourism product as well as the excellent relationships we enjoy with our U.S. airline

partners," said the Hon. Edmund Bartlett, Minister of Tourism, Jamaica. "They clearly have confidence that we can fill these seats as we are now surpassing 2019 stopover arrivals and on track for a full recovery in those annual figures for 2023."

The most significant increases in inbound seats year-over-year for the fall period can be attributed to: American Airlines' extended service from Dallas and Chicago as well as additional frequencies from Charlotte; United Airlines' extended service from Chicago; additional frequency from New Jersey and new service from Denver; and Southwest Airlines' additional frequencies from Baltimore and Orlando plus new service from Kansas City.

"As we return tourism arrivals to growth, new routes, larger planes and more available seats

from our valued airline partners are critical to achieving that goal," said Donovan White, Director of Tourism, Jamaica Tourist Board. "We are very grateful to all carriers that have increased service to Jamaica and look forward to continuing to work together throughout the years."

For the summer travel season, the U.S. market accounts for 1.2 million of the 1.4 million airline seats that were secured for the period, representing a 16% increase over the island's previous best year, recorded in 2019. The U.S. remains Jamaica's top source market for visitors, representing approximately 75% of the island's total arrivals.

For more information on Jamaica, please go to www.visitjamaica.com.

SAINT LUCIA CELEBRATES 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF WORLD TRAVEL AWARDS WITH TRIUMPHANT WINS

Castries, August 27, 2023 – Saint Lucia proudly hosted the illustrious 30th Anniversary celebrations of the World Travel Awards Caribbean & the Americas on August 26th at Sandals Grande. The event, gathering delegates from across the Caribbean, marked a significant milestone for the island nation, coupled with its remarkable victory in securing three prestigious titles.

In a resounding achievement, Saint Lucia was named the 'Caribbean's Leading Honeymoon Destination' for the fourteenth time, while also clinching the title of 'Caribbean's Leading Adventure Tourism Destination' for the

second time. The pinnacle of this year's success was the coveted title of 'Caribbean's Leading Nature Destination', a maiden recognition that underscores Saint Lucia's unwavering commitment to preserving its natural treasures.

Regarded as the industry's equivalent of the Oscars, the World Travel Awards is a globally acclaimed platform that celebrates excellence across the travel, tourism, and hospitality sectors. Since its inception in 1993, the awards have embraced a wide spectrum of categories, encompassing destinations, hotels, airlines, cruise lines, tour operators, and travel agencies.

Honourable Dr. Ernest Hilaire, Minister for Tourism, Investment, Creative Industries, Culture & Information, spoke passionately about the event, stating, "Hosting the 30th Annual World Travel Awards Gala has allowed us to showcase Saint Lucia's exceptional hospitality and rich cultural heritage. Our receipt of three prestigious accolades adds an extra layer of honor to this occasion. These acknowledgments reinforce our position as a premier global destination and motivate us to continuously deliver unparalleled world-class experiences, spanning adventure, romance, and the marvels of nature."

UNVEILING THE MOLINIÈRE UNDERWATER SCULPTURE PARK EXPANSION: A DEEP DIVE INTO ART AND CONSERVATION

St. George's, Grenada – August 25, 2023 – The Grenada Tourism Authority has unveiled 31 new sculptures to be added to the underwater sculpture park – a thriving underwater oasis that has become a symbol of art, conservation and cultural pride in Grenada. The unveiling of the new sculptures is part of a rehabilitation and upgrade initiative for the world's first underwater sculpture park, which celebrates artistic expression and cultural richness by embracing the preservation of marine life.

Renowned artist Jason deCaires Taylor, who created the first sculptures for the underwater sculpture park in 2006, contributed twenty-five of the captivating sculptures in a collection titled "The Coral Carnival". According to Taylor, "The collection is steeply connected to the island's unique culture and heritage, which includes sculpted pieces of the Jab Jab, Vieux Corps, Pretty Mas, Shortknee, and Wild Indian. What makes this installation especially unique is the painting of the sculptures that reflects the vibrancy of Spicemas, which is a first for me in this terrain."

Additionally, Taylor created two replacement sculptures, "The Lost Correspondent" and "The Unstill Life," for the underwater gallery.

Adding a touch of local ingenuity, four mesmerizing sculptures - La Diabliesse, Mama Glo, Bélé Dancer and Leatherback Turtle - created by local artist Troy Lewis were also unveiled. The La Diabliesse and Bélé Dancer, as well as the Coral Carnival, were inspired by a local design competition run by the Grenada Tourism Authority. The winning designers were Alleyne Gulston in first place, Brittney Baptiste in second place and Nemika Drakes in third position.

Leading up to their underwater immersion, all the sculptures will be on display at Prickly Bay Marina until October 2023 allowing the public to visit and discover the artistry and creativity that flourishes in Grenada.

At the unveiling ceremony, Chairman of the Grenada Tourism Authority Randall Dolland, remarked, "This is a proud moment for Grenadians, as we can now boast of our Carnival and Folklore characters underwater. Upon successful installation, we anticipate increased social media attention surrounding the new additions, enticing visitors to experience these new cultural pieces. It is a great time to start exporting our culture. Additionally, the sculptures are a testament to our commitment to marine sustainability and the growth of corals and underwater life in our marine protected areas."

Minister with responsibility for Economic Development, Planning, Tourism, ICT and Creative Economy, Hon. Lennox Andrews stated, "We are all happy to witness the culmination of this project, which is a demonstration of creativity and originality in our tourism industry and shows the continuous evolution in the quality of the products available to our visitors. As a result of this expansion project, we expect to attract more attention to our shores and to our marine environment in the coming years."

The sculptures will rest as part of the underwater landscape, offering an enduring testament to the interplay between creativity and sustainability within the marine environment as well as the longevity of the tourism industry.

For more information about Grenada or to plan a getaway, visit: <https://www.puregrenada.com/>.

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US COMMERCE SECRETARY WRAPS UP CHINA VISIT WITH COMMITMENTS FOR MORE TALKS



Shanghai Party Secretary Chen Jining gestures as he shakes hands with U.S. Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo before a meeting in Shanghai, China, on Aug. 30, 2023.

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA — U.S. Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo wrapped up a four-day visit to China on Wednesday in the latest move by U.S. President Joe Biden's administration to stabilize commercial and trade links between the world's two largest economies.

In public remarks Wednesday, Raimondo said that she is hopeful about holding regular and direct talks with Chinese officials, but that she is "very clear-eyed" and does not expect every issue with Beijing will be resolved "overnight."

Earlier in her visit, she said American companies have

told her that China's unlevel playing field and unpredictable regulatory environment with steep penalties have made the country "uninvestible."

Raimondo said the two sides planned to hold meetings with technical experts to talk about disputes over protecting trade secrets as well as sharing information about export controls.

"We are not returning to the days when we had dialogue for dialogue's sake, but shutting down communication and de-coupling services is neither in our economic or national security goals," Raimondo told reporters during a phone briefing.

While the United States and China maintain more than \$700 billion in annual trade, escalating tensions in recent years have made it more challenging for U.S. firms to operate in China.

"I did mention that my own emails had been hacked," she said, "and I mentioned that as an example of an action that erodes trust at a time that we are trying to stabilize the relationship and increase channels of communication."

U.S. officials have said Washington is not seeking a "de-coupling" with the Beijing government, but focusing on "de-risking." Biden signed an executive order earlier this month to restrict U.S. investments in some sensitive and high-tech industries in China, including in semiconductors, microelectronics, quantum computing and certain artificial intelligence capabilities.

In Beijing, Chinese officials said the United States was engaging in "de-coupling" under the guise of "de-risking." China's Ministry of Commerce said in a statement on Aug. 10 that the U.S. decision "seriously disrupts the security of global industrial and supply chains."

The two countries have traded other restrictions in recent months.

In May, China's Cyberspace Administration banned its corporations from buying memory chips from U.S.-based Micron Technology Inc., as the U.S. works with its allies to ensure that advanced semiconductor manufacturing stays out of the reach of the Chinese industry.

In March, Chinese officials closed the Beijing offices of the U.S. due diligence company Mintz Group and detained five of its employees, accusing the firm of doing "unapproved statistical work." With 18 offices worldwide, Mintz Group specializes in background checking, fact gathering and internal investigations.

Raimondo visited Shanghai Disneyland and a Boeing facility, as well as New York University's campus in Shanghai on Wednesday, after meetings with Chinese Premier Li Qiang and Chinese Vice Premier He Lifeng on Tuesday. She held meetings with Chinese Minister of Commerce Wang Wentao on Monday.

Although Raimondo agreed to

launch an information exchange on export control enforcement and a new working group on commercial issues, Congressional critics are skeptical about Washington's ability to work constructively with Beijing.

Congressman Michael McCaul, a Republican who chairs the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, accused the Biden administration of being "at best naive" in starting a working group with China.

McCaul said it is a dangerous move because the Chinese Communist Party, or CCP, "steals U.S. intellectual property and hacks the emails of senior government officials, including Secretary Raimondo. The administration must stop treating the CCP as anything other than an adversary who will stop at nothing to harm our national security and spread its malign authoritarianism around the globe."

Raimondo's visit follows recent trips by other senior U.S. officials, including CIA Director Bill Burns in May and U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken in June, as well as separate trips by U.S. Secretary of the Treasury Janet Yellen and U.S. Special Envoy on Climate John Kerry in July.

US, China Agree to New Dialogue on Trade

U.S. and Chinese officials expressed hope for positive economic relations as U.S. Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo met with Chinese leaders for a second day in Beijing.

Chinese Premier Li Qiang told Raimondo that "sound economic relations and trade cooperation will not only be beneficial to our two countries, but to the whole world."

Raimondo said the United States seeks to maintain its commercial relationship with China and hopes those ties "can provide stability for the overall relationship." Raimondo also highlighted global concerns such as climate change and fentanyl addiction, saying the United States wants to work with China "as two global powers to do what is right for all of humanity."

"The world is expecting us to step up together to solve these problems," she said.

Raimondo met earlier Tuesday with Chinese Vice Premier He Lifeng and said the United States is not looking to separate economically from China.

"While we will never of course

compromise in protecting our national security I want to be clear that we do not seek to decouple or to hold China's economy back," Raimondo said.

He Lifeng said China wants to work on "new, positive efforts to keep economic consensus and step up cooperation."

The United States and China on Monday agreed to create two separate dialogues to reduce misunderstanding of U.S. security issues central to its tight export controls on Chinese technologies, which Beijing sees as an attempt to quash its companies.

After meetings with Chinese Commerce Minister Wang Wentao, Raimondo said the two countries will establish a working group that will include business representatives to focus on commercial issues and a governmental information exchange to focus on export control issues.

She told Wang Wentao that the Biden administration seeks healthy competition with China and that a "growing Chinese economy that plays by the rules is in both of our

interests."

Wang Wentao said China is ready to work with the United States to "foster a more favorable policy environment for stronger cooperation between our businesses to bolster bilateral trade and investment in a stable and predictable manner."

He said U.S.-China economic relations are important not just for the two countries, but also for the rest of the world.

Wendy Cutler, vice president at the Asia Society Policy Institute (ASPI), told VOA Mandarin via email Monday, "Establishing two new U.S.-China working groups is an important step in ensuring that the respective staffs of both commerce ministers will continue to engage beyond this week's China visit by Secretary Raimondo."

"The difficult part will be keeping Chinese expectations in check on the export control enforcement information group, while achieving meaningful outcomes in the commercial group to address U.S. business and worker concerns," Cutler said.

Eric Zheng, president of

AmCham Shanghai, told VOA Mandarin in a telephone interview Saturday that he sees the step as a very positive expression.

Zheng said, "Our hope is that the two governments will continue to engage in discussions. We are hopeful and at the same time we would like to share our out of the ground perspective, what's going on in China, to provide her with more active, more nuanced understanding of the local market. It's not black and white. There are opportunities for sure and most of our companies are doing well in China and they hope to continue to grow in this strategic market."

"At the same time, there are issues, challenges that we faced with, such as a lack of transparency, IP protections, lack of a level playing field. So, there are challenges that *we would like* to share with the secretary as well," he noted. Raimondo is scheduled to visit Shanghai on Tuesday. Her China visit concludes Wednesday, August 30.

However, U.S. Representative Michael McCaul, chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, accused the Biden administration of being "at best naive" in starting a working group with China.

"The Biden administration's decision to join forces with the Chinese Communist Party [CCP] to establish a working group on export controls and commercial issues with CCP officials is at best naive, but also dangerous," he said. "The CCP steals U.S. intellectual property and hacks the emails of senior government officials — including Secretary Raimondo."

"The administration must stop treating the CCP as anything other than an adversary who will stop at nothing to harm our national security and spread its malign authoritarianism around the globe," McCaul said.

Wang Yiwei, director of the Institute of International Affairs at Renmin University of China in Beijing, said the two countries need an enhanced dialogue on trade "in the lead-up to the U.S. presidential election ... before it's too late."

"The U.S. ban on China-bound high-tech exports and investments has ended up promoting China's [tech] autonomy and innovative capabilities," he told VOA's Mandarin Service. "All these developments do not serve the interests of [U.S.] high-tech firms."

VOA Mandarin contributed to this report. Some information came from The Associated Press, Agence France-Presse and Reuters.

SPORTS

Sprinter Adaejah Hodge: 'God really blessed me this year'

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

TRACK

Just 17, Adaejah Hodge had a season like no other woman in BVI track and field history at her age. First, she ran an indoor record 22.33 seconds in the 200m. Outdoors, she claimed a pair of Tahesia Harrigan-Scotts' 100m/200m national records that stood since she was a year old, when she scampered 11.11 and 22.60 seconds respectively. Hodge became the territory's youngest World Athletics Championships qualifier ever, and advanced to the 200m semifinals after running 22.82 seconds and then ran 22.96 in the semis.

"I would say it's God's blessings because of all of the things that I achieved, last year I wasn't expecting to achieve all these things," she said.

"God really blessed me this year. I hope the plan that he has for me continues to grow and continues to strive."

Hodge said her biggest surprise this year was the 22.33 secs she ran indoors over 200m, as she told her coach that her aim was to run 22.80, but then ran 22.70 in the prelims. "Crossing the line and seeing 22.33 was God's blessing," she told Island Sun Sports. "It was unbelievable."

Hodge said her World Championships experience went very well and she's proud of herself for stepping out on the big stage.

"My favorite part of the experience was definitely the lights and actually being in a lane at the World Championships," she said. "Both of my runs weren't my best runs—I was hoping to produce a little bit more. I wished I executed my

race better but I'm still proud of myself for coming out here and giving it my all."

She has had a very long season leading into Worlds and she said she thought that she handled it well. She noted most athletes now and even in the past, get tired and mentally drained from the sport. "But I really love this sport, so I knew I had a goal," she said. "I knew I wanted to go to Worlds, I just reminded myself, that's what I started this season, even though it was long and even though I didn't perform the way I wanted to, I'm so proud of myself for keeping my mind right to come out here and compete."

Hodge said she's taking away the experience being on the big stage, which is quite different to seeing it on television. She said now that she has been there, knows what the atmosphere is like as well as going through



Adaejah Hodge's 200m action at Worlds. PHOTO: Getty Images

the rounds, she'll be going back into the lab and will be training to run better rounds.

"I definitely have to mature a little bit more. I'm still 17,

I'm still growing," she noted. "Right now it's to just stay healthy and obviously work hard to achieve my goals."

Pirates, Synergy eyeing repeat Softball Championship sweeps

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

SOFTBALL

Friday night could see the end of the 2023 Virgin Islands Softball Baseball Association season. With a 2-0 lead, defending Men's League champions Pirates are seeking a back-to-back sweep of 2021 champs Power Outage, while Synergy, also leading 2-0, is seeking their third successive sweep, this time over newcomers Sparks.

The Pirates broke a 5-5 tie on Sunday night with two in the seventh to beat Power Outage 7-5 for their commanding lead in the best of five series, after Friday's 13-4 victory. Neville "Sheep" Smith fanned nine in the victory while Power Outage's Warren Brooks, was tagged with the loss.

Alfonso Tejada was the Pirates' top hitter, going 2-for-4 with 2 RBIs and

a run scored. Power Outage's Jamal "Lefty" Allen, went 2-for-4 with a run scored and a run batted in. Jeremy "Chicken" Penn had a 2-for-4 game and Carlos Maynard finished 2-for-3 with a run scored.

"This was a really good game. Pitchers were good, the two of them. A little bit of errors was the difference in the game and they made more than us in more crucial times," Pirates Coach Austin "Woody" Maduro noted. "It was an even game, just the errors helped us."

Coming off one day's rest between games, Smith said his strategy was that if he got hit in the first two innings, it was okay as he wanted to save his strength for later in the game, if it was a close game or they were in front and it played out that way.

"After I got in front, I decided that it was time to move the ball differently, instead of throwing drop balls, let them go after what I want them to go after and that's what I did," he said

before being asked about a Friday night sweep. "My Catcher says three straight, so I have no choice."

Power Outage's Coach Roy Barry, said it was an excellent game and in his opinion, they had the game as his pitcher was excellent. "But our defense faltered," he noted. "And it faltered at a very important point in the game and that caused us to lose the game tonight."

Barry said he feels confident that his team will 'come through' on Friday and not be swept for a second time. "That will be very embarrassing for us," he said.

When asked about a sweep, Maduro said he would have said so last week, but he's going to wait and see. "I have the confidence but I was never one to say that, because they're still players," he said. "I always wait to say what I have to say. I'll give them one, but not two (this weekend.)"

In the Women's game, leading 10-7, Synergy came up with six in the top of the sixth, for a 16-7 victory over

Sparks.

"The strategy was to break them down," Smith, who also coaches Synergy, said. "The game is to play smart. We've been trying to play smart his whole series, picking on the weak players—sorry to say it that way—but when I see a weak player, I'm going to bunt to make sure I can get some runs

for us."

Allen "Woodrow" Smith said Sparks put up a 'better fight.' "One thing I like about the team is that they don't give up," he said. "They're just a little weak in the defense. No matter what, we're always going to fight to the end; we're going to scramble for runs and always try to stay in the game."



Pirates' Kye Rymer scored their fourth run during a 7-5 victory over Power Outage

SPORTS



Kyron McMaster, left, helped the BVI become the 105th of 214 World Athletics Federation members to win a World Championships medal. PHOTO: @Getty Images



Pirates' Alfonso Tejada, was 2-for-4 with 2 RBI's and a run scored in their 7-5 victory over Power Outage



Synergy's Marissa Malone, is safe at third, ahead of the throw to Sparks Tamesha Georges



Participants in the Aug 25-27, BVI Football Association's Match Operations Workshop

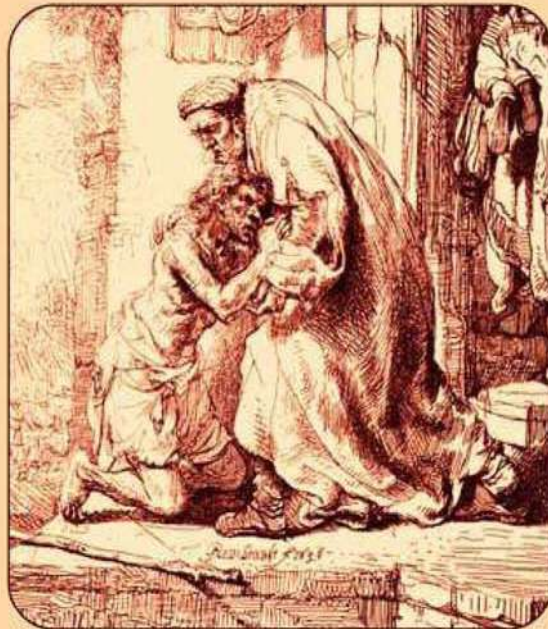


THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

So he got up and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion for him, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.

LUKE 15:20

Detail of "The Return of the Prodigal Son" by Rembrandt (1620-1669)



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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Salome's Stars

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your ability to maintain a balance between sense and sentiment once again helps you sort through apparently conflicting choices and ultimately arrive at the right decision.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) This could be the time to try soothing whatever bad feelings might be lingering between or among colleagues, friends and family members. But be sure you do so without favoring any side.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Before you seek the advice of colleagues about a potential career move, you might be better off getting counsel from someone who won't be affected by the choices you make.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) An idea is only an idea until you put that clever Bovine mind to work to develop it from concept to substance. This could lead to something rewarding, both emotionally and monetarily.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) It can be a challenging week for some relationships if the normal give-and-take flow changes, with one side doing most of the giving and the other the taking.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) The early part of the week could have disconcerting moments, but approaching them with a calm, unruffled attitude goes a long way toward helping things settle down nicely.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A new opportunity could bring with it much anticipation, along with some anxiety. Take time to sort out your options as well as your emotional considerations.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Getting used to change continues to mark much of the week. But accepting what you have to do makes adapting that much easier. A welcome visitor could turn up sooner than expected.

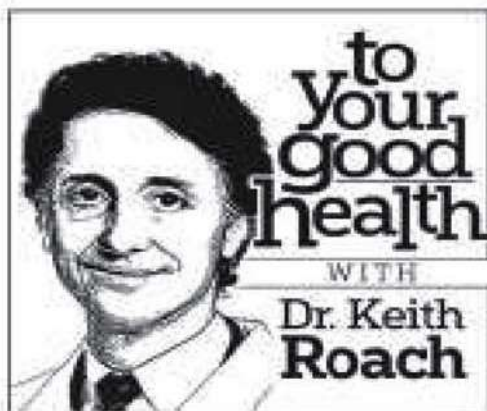
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Are you sure you have all the facts you need to let that matter move to another level? Don't be rushed into a decision unless, and until, you feel like it's the right thing to do.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Learning how to live with a decision is a challenge, but one you Leos and Leonas could really enjoy. You'll also be pleased to see your social life take the upsurge you've been hoping for.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Pace yourself as you prepare to take on a more demanding project. Be careful not to let your energy reserves drain away. Take time to relax with people close to you.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Use your perceptive Virgo instinct to help you see the positive aspects of what, at first, appears to be a disappointment. You could find that it proves to be quite the contrary.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have the ability to see both sides of a situation. You would do well as a counselor or a judge.



Most Common Cause Behind Teary Eyes Are Dry Eyes

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am a 74-year-old woman who loves to read the newspaper every morning. I have a problem that's not serious, just annoying. My eyes tear up frequently while I read, causing me to wipe them. After I'm done reading, the problem stops. I see my ophthalmologist every year and have my vision glasses updated as needed. I am not yet a candidate for cataract surgery. Could you enlighten me about a probable cause for this irritating problem? — *A.H.G.*

ANSWER: By all means, ask your ophthalmologist at your next visit, but the most common cause I see for watery, tearing eyes are ... dry eyes! This apparent paradox is caused by the fact that your eyes have three different fluids.

One of them, called meibum, is a long-lasting, oily material secreted by the meibomian glands, found around the edges of the eyelids near the eyelashes. This covers the eye and prevents fluid from evaporating quickly. Without this fluid, the lacrimal gland (near the temple above each eye) then has to make a lot of its watery secretions, which cause symptoms of tearing.

Most commonly, the meibomian glands get clogged up by secretions becoming dry. Gently cleansing the eyelash area with warm water and baby shampoo helps many people

unclog these glands. Artificial tears lubricate the eye and will reduce the symptoms of watery eyes (and maybe some eye irritation, too, which you might not have mentioned).

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am about to undergo gallbladder removal due to recurring pain from gallbladder sludge. Should I be taking replacements for the bile salts that I will no longer be able to produce, and if so, what is the best type of replacement? — *S.C.*

ANSWER: Your liver makes bile salts, which are necessary for fat absorption. The gallbladder doesn't make them at all; it just stores the bile until you eat a meal, at which point the gallbladder contracts and the bile salts are released into the small intestine to help you digest fat. Most bile salts will be reabsorbed later at the end of the small intestine, recirculating them for reuse.

In people without a gallbladder, the liver itself will continuously release bile salts into the small intestine, rather than on an as-needed basis by the gallbladder. Sometimes, the ability of the terminal ileum (the part of the intestine where bile salts are reabsorbed) gets overwhelmed, and bile acids enter the colon, causing diarrhea.

This is very common in the first few weeks after gallbladder surgery, but the small intestine usually "learns" to absorb more bile salts. The colon also learns to live with bile salts, and the diarrhea mostly goes away. However, some people continue to have diarrhea after surgery, and medication to restrain bile salts (such as cholestyramine) can make a huge difference.

After surgery, avoiding a high-fat diet is prudent for a month or so to minimize the amount of bile needed.

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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HOLLYWOOD

by Tony Rizzo

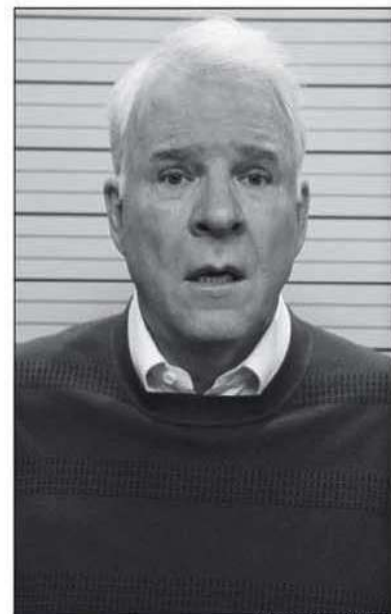
HOLLYWOOD — Big news! Two comic legends are contemplating self-imposed retirement. First up is **Steve Martin**, five-time Grammy Award winner (two for banjo-playing) and honorary Oscar recipient, who is now in his third season of "Only Murders in the Building." Steve turned 78 on Aug. 14, which may have brought his decision on. He is currently married to his second wife, writer **Anne Stringfield**, and became a first-time father at 67 in 2012.

Steve candidly admitted to Yahoo! Entertainment, "When I was younger, was selfish and focused on my career. Now I'm just hanging around the house playing with [my daughter]. ... When ["Only Murders"] is done, I'm not going to seek [other work]. I have a family life that's really fun."

During club dates, Steve used to tell a joke about a guy who asked him, "Do you mind if I smoke?" Steve would say, "Not at all. Mind if I fart?" But when I ran into Steve one day at a club, I said I had the perfect topper for his joke and told him he could use it, which he did: "Do you mind if I fart?" "Not at all. Mind if I fart? At least mine's a natural thing!"

The second comedy legend talking retirement is **Jim Carrey** (61), who confessed, "Well, I'm retiring. ... I'm being fairly serious. ... If the angels bring me some script that's written in gold ink that says to me that it's going to be really important for people to see, I might continue down the road, but I'm taking a break."

Carrey has a 36-year-old daughter. His last two films were "Sonic the Hedgehog" (2020), which cost \$90 million and grossed \$320 million, and its 2022 sequel, which cost \$110 million and grossed \$405 million. They weren't "Jim Carrey films," though, so that may be why he's wishing for a heavenly script.



Courtesy of Hulu

Steve Martin in "Only Murders in the Building"

Sad to report that one of **Tim Allen's** sons in "Home Improvement," **Zachery Ty Bryan**, now 41, has run afoul of the law again. He is facing two felony charges and one misdemeanor charge, and is due in an Oregon court on Sept. 5. Bryan was arrested on July 28 for domestic abuse and one charge of assault in the fourth degree for abusing his fiancée, **Johnnie Faye Cartwright**. Cartwright is the mother of three of his children; in all, he's fathered seven children.

Bryan was arrested back in 2020 for attempted strangulation and assault (also involving Cartwright). He made a plea deal and was sentenced to 36 months of probation, along with mandatory participation in a batterer intervention program. He also had DUI arrests in 2004, 2007, 2017 and 2020, and has been accused of jilting investors in a crypto scheme. If anyone ever needed "Home Improvement," it's him!

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Amber Waves

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TIGER

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The Spats

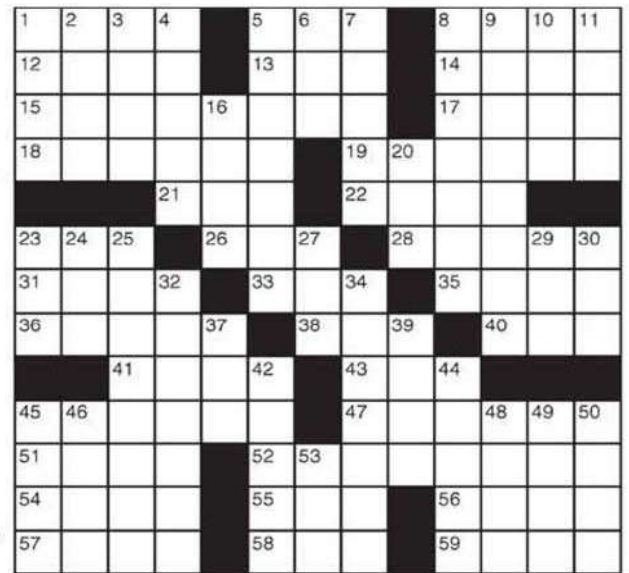
by Jeff Pickering



King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 "Waterloo" group
- 5 Director Craven
- 8 Kilt wearer
- 12 Borscht base
- 13 Chop
- 14 Ginormous
- 15 Baltimore seafood treat
- 17 Congers
- 18 "- Little" (film)
- 19 Sweet-sounding
- 21 Toe count
- 22 Jazzy Fitzgerald
- 23 Lobbying org.
- 26 Stir-fry pan
- 28 Succinct
- 31 "American —"
- 33 Puke
- 35 June 6, 1944
- 36 Casual shirts
- 38 Ran into
- 40 Fr. holy woman
- 41 Unhappy destiny
- 43 Arrest
- 45 Yell, "You're not funny!"
- 47 Believes (in)
- 51 Regrettably
- 52 Unambiguous
- 54 Marathon fraction
- 55 Bee follower



- 56 Judicial garb
- 57 Shopper's delight
- 58 Be sick
- 59 "Closer" actor Clive
- 8 Like ready-to-eat walnuts
- 9 Actor's visual aids
- 10 Leer at
- 11 Try out
- 16 Ship's staff
- 20 Last (Abbr.)
- 23 "Great Expectations" lad
- 24 Fuss
- 25 Telemarketer's tactic
- 27 Kipling hero
- 29 Perched
- 30 Needle hole
- 32 Quick glance
- 34 Refined
- 37 Costa del —
- 39 O'Hara estate
- 42 Pilgrimage site
- 44 Small pack animal
- 45 Easter trees
- 46 Director Kazan
- 48 Garbage barge
- 49 Toothpaste holder
- 50 British gun
- 53 Floral neck-lace

DOWN

- 1 Grade-school basics
- 2 Ernie's pal
- 3 Boyfriend
- 4 Facing the pitcher
- 5 Impatient inquiry
- 6 "A spider!"
- 7 Bjorn Borg,

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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Weekly SUDOKU

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Answers

King Crossword

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- ANATOMY: What are the small bones that make up the human backbone?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which country is made up of about 7,000 islands?
- MOVIES: What native language is spoken in the movie "Avatar"?
- BUSINESS: When did the first Apple computer go on sale?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a male swan called?
- FOOD & DRINK: Which nut is used in a Waldorf salad?
- PSYCHOLOGY: What fear is represented in arithmophobia?
- TELEVISION: Who played the lead in the series "Buffy the Vampire Killer"?
- AD SLOGANS: Which restaurant chain advertises itself as "no rules, just right"?
- SCIENCE: Which science fiction author wrote the three laws of robotics??

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Trivia Test Answers! 1. Vertebrae; 2. The Philippines; 3. Na'vi; 4. 1976; 5. A cob; 6. Walnuts; 7. Fear of numbers; 8. Sarah Michelle Gellar; 9. Outback Steakhouse; 10. Isaac Asimov.

GRIN and BEAR IT *Wagner*



“Always stick to what you believe they want you to say!”

Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- The dot over the lowercase versions of the letters i and j is known as a title.

- There are clocks to tell us the time, and then there’s the Shortlife clock, which tells us how long we have left to live. No, it’s not perfect, but it does estimate a person’s remaining longevity based on World Health Organization data.

- “The Lord of the Rings” movie trilogy was nominated for an astounding 800 awards, of which it received 475, making it the most-awarded series in cinema history.

- One of the most critical issues with AI is that even its creators can’t understand some of the decisions the software makes, or why.

- Do you like apples? Then you’ll likely appreciate the efforts of Tom Brown and his decades-long quest to track, collect and preserve forgotten varieties of the fruit. Brown has discovered more than 1,200 types, including some with rare flavors such as banana and pineapple.

- The Sinocyclocheilus longicornus fish, discovered in a remote cave system by Chinese scientists, has a unicorn-like horn.

- In 1924, Babe Ruth accidentally ran headlong into a concrete wall during a game between the New York Yankees and the Washington Senators, knocking himself out cold for a full five minutes. Upon regaining consciousness, he not only finished the game but scored two more hits and went on to play a second game afterward.

- More than 200 viruses can result in the common cold. Kerchoo!

- Camp Bonifas, near the Korean Demilitarized Zone, has a par-three, one-hole golf course on it that is surrounded on three sides by landmines. As one might well expect, it has been dubbed “The Most Dangerous Hole in Golf.”

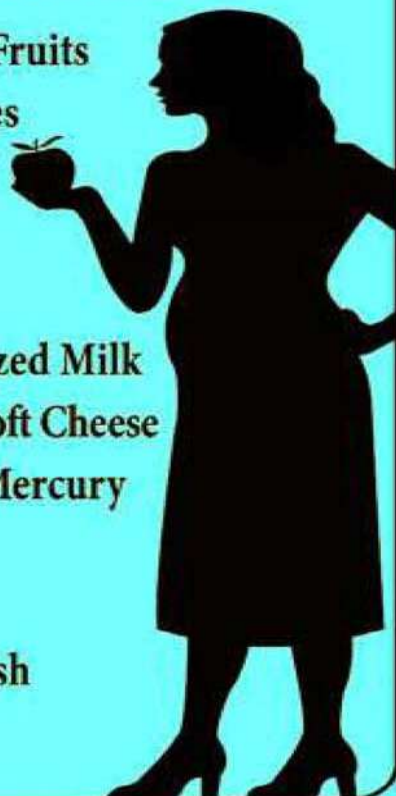
Thought for the Day: “Integrity is the only path where you will never get lost.” — Mike Maples Jr.

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TOP ten

Foods to Avoid When PREGNANT

1. Unwashed Fruits & Vegetables
2. Alcohol
3. Caffeine
4. Raw Eggs
5. Unpasteurized Milk
6. Imported Soft Cheese
7. Fish With Mercury
8. Raw Meat
9. Deli Meat
10. Raw Shellfish



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THIS WEEK IN CORRUPTION

Brick by BRICS

By Transparency International

Last weekend, we were keeping a close eye on Zimbabwe's ongoing general election, unfolding in tandem with the 15th annual BRICS Summit in Johannesburg, South Africa. These two events demonstrate the profound shifts underway across the region.

During the two-day BRICS Summit, heads of government from emerging economies - Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa - gathered to discuss economic cooperation, peace and sustainable development in the Global South. Despite divisions among members, the summit shared other common themes, including how to increase their membership and global influence on a stage currently dominated by the US and its allies.

Corruption was also a topic of interest. The BRICS anti-corruption working group discussed the need to ramp up effectiveness in recovering stolen assets and criminal gains through public-private partnerships. They also highlighted the importance of analysing the gendered effects of corruption.

This came amidst Zimbabwe's general election, where Zimbabweans selected councillors, parliamentarians and a president. The frontrunners, President Emmerson Mnangagwa - who's been in power since the fall of the Mugabe regime in 2017 - and opposition leader Nelson Chamisa go head-to-head in the race. Mnangagwa's government has been vocal about its support for BRICS. Members of his party, ZANU-

PF, have gone so far as to thank BRICS members for supporting Zimbabwe and condemning US sanctions.

This year, the main issue for voters in Zimbabwe is the economy. Many have spoken out against the high cost of living, hyperinflation, price and exchange rate distortions, and unstable local currency as well as

Associates Zimbabwe. Additionally, last-minute boundary changes caused concern as many voters were unaware of their assigned place to vote.

As a result of the lack of media reforms prior to the election, the media was also impacted. Media observers who wish to cover the elections are required to pay an accreditation fee, which is a slight of transparency as it hinders free and fair election coverage.

Despite these irregularities, Zimbabwe must guarantee the right to free and transparent elections. And if there is no outright winner, a run-off will be held on 2 October.

Lack of transparency in elections is a shared regional issue. Last year's Corruption Perceptions Index results showed that electoral integrity is a significant concern across Sub-Saharan Africa.

In Equatorial Guinea, President Teodoro Obiang Nguema is the world's longest-serving leader - with six terms under his belt - which international observers have criticised as unfree and unfair. And the previous elections in Kenya highlight the urgent need for public scrutiny of political financing.

At the close of the BRICS Summit, six new members were welcomed to join in January 2024. Spoiler alert: Zimbabwe was not one of them. As you read this, the counting of the votes continues in the country, and we are on the edge of our seats to learn the results. In the meantime, we remain hopeful that change is on the horizon in Zimbabwe - and beyond.



A female voter casts her ballot at a polling station during the presidential and legislative elections in Harare, on 24 August 2023. Photo: John Wessels/AFP

corruption and lack of accountability.

Civil society groups and opposition leaders have expressed concern about the credibility of elections, highlighting the need for them to be free and fair. Alarming reports of arrests of opposition leaders and intimidation of critics and civil society groups persist. Attempts to block the opposition's electoral campaign have not subsided, and even election observer groups have not been spared, as some have been arrested. The election day was marred by irregularities, including the lack of voting papers and late deployment at polling stations and intimidation of voters by the quasi-security military organisation, Forever

STOPPING THE SPREAD OF POLITICAL ASSASSINATIONS AND GANG VIOLENCE

By Sir Ronald Sanders

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

The saying, coined by the Latin poet, Horace, that "you too are in danger when your neighbour's house is on fire" is particularly relevant now in relation to Latin American countries which are the closest neighbours to the member states of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM).

There has been a marked increase in deadly violent incidents in Latin America, linked to organized criminal gangs. This includes the assassination of the leading candidate in Ecuador's presidential elections and the murder of two other politicians over the last month.

Fernando Villavicencio was assassinated on 9 August, eleven days before the 2023 Ecuadorian general election on August 20, at which he was polling in second place to win the presidential contest. He had a fearless and courageous stance against organized crime and corruption which have increased dramatically over the last three years. He was shot in broad daylight.

It is generally accepted in Ecuador that Villavicencio was the victim of organised criminals who feared that he would crack-down upon their activities if he won the presidency. Ecuadorian police reported 3,568 violent deaths between January and July this year. There are some neighbourhoods that police, who are outgunned, unprepared and underpaid, dare not enter.

According to the International Crisis Group (ICG), there have also been upsurges in violence in Argentina, Costa Rica, Panama and Paraguay. The ICG reports that "Even in Chile and Uruguay, long considered bastions of regional calm, crime is skyrocketing. In 2022 alone,

murders in Chile increased by 32%, reaching a record high. Similarly, incidents of rape and the illegal use of firearms rose. In Uruguay, a transit nation for cocaine smuggling, a surge in crime last year saw a 25% increase in murders. Feeding the region's epidemic of violence is the unchecked flow and circulation of illegal weapons."



In Mexico, the number of criminal groups doubled between 2010 and 2020. In El Salvador, over the last two years, the government of President Nayib Bukele locked up more than 70,000 persons with what has been described as "little semblance of due process". The purpose was to eliminate criminal gangs that have tormented the country for years.

The governments of the neighbouring states of Honduras and Guatemala have praised the El Salvador model as one "worth emulating". And, Honduras President, Xiomara Castro, announced her own crackdown on gangs.

Both the governments of El Salvador and Honduras have been criticised for human rights abuses in relation to these responses to violence and crime. But analysts say that the security situation is "pretty dire". Therefore, although the general population acknowledges human rights abuses in El Salvador, "people are so sick of crime that they're willing to sacrifice democracy or personal freedoms if it means that they can sleep easy at night".

These events in Latin America are taking place in the CARICOM neighbourhood; it would be foolhardy to ignore them or to pretend that Latin America is some distant part of the world that matters little. Latin America envelopes the Caribbean, bound by shared waters.

Crime, particularly involving gangs linked to drug and human trafficking, knows no borders. Much like communicable diseases, it can spread unchecked across nations. Scholarly research shows that



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enterprises of organized crime are far better funded and organised than the law enforcement agencies of all the CARICOM countries combined. In this connection, it is time that the Caribbean pays serious attention Latin America, not only for occasional forays into trade and tourism opportunities, but to safeguard against the spread of crime which now terrorises people and murders politicians and government officials who stand in their way.

The limited attention given to Latin America is evident in the Caribbean media's lacklustre reportage and commentary. Such events as are reported in the press, radio and television are captured from the Internet or international broadcasters such as CNN and the BBC. Consequently, the Caribbean public receives news of Latin America that CNN and the BBC deem important or relevant.

In any event, CARICOM countries cannot ignore matters in neighbouring states in Latin America, particularly as connections, through modern day technology, are being freely used by criminal elements to organise and strengthen their own networks. This begs the question concerning what structured links are there between law enforcement agencies in Latin America and CARICOM?

The Organization of American States (OAS), through several of its programmes, offers the opportunity for discussion and formulation of actions by law enforcement bodies throughout the hemisphere. However, while the OAS forum is beneficial, it should not be the only means by which the burgeoning problems of crime, gangs and violence are addressed between Latin American and Caribbean authorities.

Much more is needed; the fire is raging in some Latin American states, and it is also blazing in Haiti. The Caribbean must try to stop the spread before it happens. This requires focussed national and regional attention by governments and law enforcement agencies within CARICOM, but it also needs a structured relationship with Latin American states to learn from their experiences and to exchange information.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
(NO. 16 OF 2004)
Bright Loyal Investment Ltd
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 24th day of August 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
[15/1]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act. FLABEL (BVI) LTD.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 418058
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 August 25th, 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean** with an address at **116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: August 25th, 2023
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator
[15/2]

WISDOM PORTFOLIO LIMITED PARTNERSHIP
Limited Partnership No. 3061
(the "Limited Partnership")
(Incorporated in the British Virgin Islands)
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to 88(1)(b)(ii) of the Limited Partnership Act, 2017 that the Limited Partnership is in liquidation. **Mrs. Cassandra Glasgow-Penn of Chapel Hill, P.O. Box 2433, East End, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG 1120** was appointed as Liquidator of the Limited Partnership to wind up the affairs of the Limited Partnership and distribute the assets of the Limited Partnership on 22 August 2023.
Dated: 25th August 2023
Sgd.: **Cassandra Glasgow-Penn**
Liquidator [15/3]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act. 2004 Sound Belief Investment Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2083129
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 28th August, 2023.
Dated: 28th day of August 2023
(Sgd.) **Philippa V O'Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator
[15/4]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act. 2004 ALADELIAN INC.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2042082
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 28th August, 2023.
Dated: 28th day of August 2023
(Sgd.) **Philippa V O'Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator
[15/5]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act. 2004 QUICK TARGET LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2111665
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 28th August, 2023.
Dated: 28th day of August 2023
(Sgd.) **Philippa V O'Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator
[15/6]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act. 2004 HuBei Qingning Venture Capital Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2085190
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 28th August, 2023.
Dated: 28th day of August 2023
(Sgd.) **Philippa V O'Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator
[15/7]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act. 2004 Jincheng Runhong New Energy Power Generation Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2085221
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 28th August, 2023.
Dated: 28th day of August 2023
(Sgd.) **Philippa V O'Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator
[15/8]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act. 2004 HJKF Holding Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2081809
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 28th August, 2023.
Dated: 28th day of August 2023
(Sgd.) **Philippa V O'Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator
[15/9]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act. 2004 Genuine Beginning Investment Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2083130
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 28th August, 2023.
Dated: 28th day of August 2023
(Sgd.) **Philippa V O'Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator
[15/10]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act. 2004 Euro Financial Advisory Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1964296
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 28th August, 2023.
Dated: 28th day of August 2023
(Sgd.) **Philippa V O'Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator
[15/11]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 Jones International Rentals Ltd
(the "Company")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1876417
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 August 23, 2023. The Liquidator is **Meade Malone** of Geneva Place, 2nd Floor, 333 Waterfront Drive, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.
Dated: August 28, 2023
Meade Malone
Liquidator
[15/12]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act. Arvish Management Inc.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1639703
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 August 28, 2023. The Liquidator is **Yotha Joyce John-Baptiste**, with address at **Fahie Hill, Tortola, 1110 British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: August 28, 2023.
(Sgd.) **Yotha Joyce John-Baptiste**
Voluntary Liquidator
[15/13]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act. 2004 ALMERIA IMPORT & EXPORT LTD.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 330545
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 28th day of August, 2023.
Dated: 28th day of August, 2023.
(Sgd.) **Philippa V. O'Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator
[15/14]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act. 2004 Kogan Amaro Holdings Corp.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2100879
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 28th day of August, 2023.
Dated: 28th day of August, 2023.
(Sgd.) **Philippa V. O'Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator
[15/15]

NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT Snapbook Inc.
(the "Company")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 25th August, 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:-
Wayne Francis
of Nerine Chambers
P.O. Box 905 Quastisky Building
Road Town, Tortola
British Virgin Islands
[15/16]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act. CARDIAL UNION LTD
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1872289
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 August 28, 2023.
Dated: August 29, 2023
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator
[15/17]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act. EDELIAN MANAGEMENT LTD.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 176812
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 August 25, 2023.
Dated: August 29, 2023
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator
[15/18]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 Phemex Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2022883
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (a) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 24th August, 2023. The Liquidator is **Cassandra Glasgow-Penn of Chapel Hill, East End, Tortola, BVI VG1120.**
Dated this 29th August, 2023.
Sgd. Cassandra Glasgow-Penn
Liquidator
[15/19]

Alpha Six Corporation
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 2107807
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 29th day of August, 2023. The Liquidator is **Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated this 29th day of August, 2023
Sgd. Brian Jackson
Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[15/20]

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CTG Evergreen Investment III Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1849983
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 29th day of August, 2023. The Liquidator is **Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated this 29th day of August, 2023
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[15/21]

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

WESTGATE I INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS INC
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1609686
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 29th day of August 2023. The Liquidator is **RAY GEORGE of Long Trench, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated this 29th day of August 2023

Ray George
Voluntary Liquidator [15/22]

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

995843 Ontario Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number: 2031008
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204(1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 28 August 2023. The Joint Liquidators are Anton Goldstein and Rachael Pape of Conyers Dill & Pearman, Commerce House, Wickhams Cay I, P.O. Box 3140, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110, British Virgin Islands.
Dated: 28 August 2023
Name: Rachael Pape
For and on behalf of *Anton Goldstein and Rachael Pape*
As Joint Liquidators [15/23]

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

Katy Holding Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2103960
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 29 August 2023.
Dated: 29 August 2023.
(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator
[15/24]

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

Online Teaching & Education Group Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1997515
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 29th day of August, 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: 29th day of August, 2023
(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator
[15/25]

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

Onti Holding Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2103965
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 29th August 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: 29th August 2023
(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator
[15/26]

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

RUINONG Holding Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2035560
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 29th August 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: 29th August 2023.
(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator
[15/27]

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

RUIMI Holding Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2036819
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 29th August 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: 29th August 2023.
(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator
[15/28]

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

M C IMPORTS LTD.

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company No. 516322
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 21st August 2023. The Liquidator is **Myron Walwyn of Travers Thorp Alberga, 2nd Floor Jayla Place, P.O. Box 216, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110.**
Dated 21st August 2023
(Sgd) Myron Walwyn
Voluntary Liquidator
[15/29]

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

SUNLNG HOLDING LTD.

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company No. 1813451
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 21st August 2023. The Liquidator is **Myron Walwyn of Travers Thorp Alberga, 2nd Floor Jayla Place, P.O. Box 216, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110.**
Dated 21st August 2023
(Sgd) Myron Walwyn
Voluntary Liquidator [15/30]

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

INVESTNEY INC.

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company No. 2076364
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 22nd August 2023. The Liquidator is **Myron Walwyn of Travers Thorp Alberga, 2nd Floor Jayla Place, P.O. Box 216, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110.**
Dated 22nd August 2023
(Sgd) Myron Walwyn
Voluntary Liquidator
[15/31]

BRIGHT TREND LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 216563
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, Subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from the 29th day of August, 2023.
Dated this 30th day of August, 2023
Sgd. Brian Jackson
Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[15/32]

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

(PROBATE)

BVIHPB2023/0173

**IN THE ESTATE OF MILDRED AGATHA FAHIE late of
TORTOLA BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS, deceased**

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by VICTORIA CONSTANCIA HODGE (hereinafter referred to as "the Applicant") of Tortola British Virgin Islands for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above-named deceased who died on the 15th day of July 2016 at Road Town, Tortola domiciled in the Virgin Islands without revoking a Will bearing the date 31st day of December 2013 wherein the Applicant is named executrix thereof.

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 24th day of August 2023

Filed by: **Harbour Chambers BVI**
12 Chalwell Street Road Town
Tortola Virgin Islands
Legal Practitioners for the Applicant

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

(PROBATE)

PROBATE NO. BVIHPB2023/0158 OF 2023

**IN THE ESTATE OF BETTY LUE ARONA PICKERING, LATE
OF NOTTINGHAM ESTATE, LONG LOOK, TORTOLA, VIRGIN
ISLANDS, DECEASED**

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF ADMINISTRATION

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by ROWAN AR-LINGTON PICKERING of Nottingham Estate, Long Look, Tortola, Virgin Islands for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who is the spouse of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 26th day of September, 2022.

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 28th day of August 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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PUBLIC NOTICES



Lands and Survey Department
P.O. Box 142
Road Town, TORTOLA, VG 1110
VIRGIN ISLANDS

BY EMAIL AND GAZETTE
BVILR/PT/04/2023
NOTICE OF 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	PARCELS
West Central	2537B	147 & 152

TAKE NOTICE that LILLIAN DELSEIT GEORGE and MICHAEL R. GEORGE of Cane Garden Bay, Tortola, Virgin Islands, the Executors of Winnifred Adina Callwood (deceased) have applied to the Chief Registrar of Lands for Lot 21 of Parcel 147 to be partitioned in accordance with Survey Plans No.: CA-2537B-068-T drawn by Burton Chalwell a licensed Surveyor dated March 22nd 2006 and Lot 12 of Parcel 152 to be partitioned in accordance with Survey Plan CA-2537B-064-T drawn by Burton Chalwell a licensed Surveyor dated 27th May 2005.

Parcels 147 and 152 are registered as follows:

- Cyril Henley 1/8th Share
- Adina Callwood of Cane Garden Bay, Tortola, BVI, as Personal Representative of William Waymouth Henley 3/8th Share
- Mavis Robles and Gene Nicholas, as Personal Representatives of the Estate of Idalia Nicholas, (deceased) 1/8th Share
- Daisy Callwood and Mahlon Pickering, as the Personal Representatives of the Estate of Ovidia Henley (deceased) 1/8th Share
- Lilian Delseit George and Michael R. George, as Executors of the Will of Winnifred Adina Callwood (deceased) PO Box 586, Cane Garden Bay, Tortola, V.I. 1/8th Share
- Ismael James Henley aka Ishmael James Henley aka James Henley, as Administrator of
- Of James Alfred Henley, (deceased) 1/8th Share

Anyone who has just cause to object to the proposed Partition of the aforementioned parcel should submit their objection in writing to the Chief Registrar of Lands no later than Monday, 25th September, 2023.

An Interim Restriction has been place on Parcel 147 and Parcel 152 Block 2537B West Central Registration Section pending the outcome of the Application for Partition.

The filed application may be inspected at the Lands Unit upon request. Copies will be provided by the Applicants' Legal Practitioners to any objectors.

Dated this 21st day of August 2023.

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

To: Cyril Henley
Adina Callwood, Personal Representative of William Waymouth Henley (deceased)
Cane Garden Bay, Tortola, Virgin Islands
Mavis Robles
Gene Nicholas,
Personal Representatives of the Estate of Idalia Nicholas (deceased)
McW Todman & CO.
PO Box 3342
Raod Town, Tortola, VG1110
Virgin Islands

Daisy Callwood and Mahlon Pickering,
as Personal Representatives of the Estate of Ovidia Henley (deceased)
c/o PO Box 3452
Road Town, Tortola, VG1110
Virgin Islands [15]

Tel: Lands Unit: (284) 468-2017, Survey Unit: (284) 468-4321 | Email: Lands Unit: landregistration@gov.vg.

Zoomfinder Holdings Ltd

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1865426
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, Subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from the 29th day of August, 2023.
Dated this 30th day of August, 2023
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[15/33]

NOTICE

BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
LOCHLAN REAL ESTATE LIMITED
("the Company")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 29th August, 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 Francis
Nerine Chambers
P.O. Box 905
Quastisky Building, Road Town
Tortola, VG 1110
British Virgin Islands [15/34]

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

ABSOLUBEST INVESTMENTS LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 451605

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 30th August, 2023.
Dated: 30th day of August 2023

(*Sgd.*) *Philippa V O'Sullivan*
Voluntary Liquidator [15/35]

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

YORKSHED LIMITED
BC#536443
(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
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 22 August 2023. The Liquidator is Nelia St Jean of 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.
Dated 22 August 2023

Nelia St Jean
(Liquidator)
[15/36]

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

IN THE ESTATE OF HEINZ CHRISTIAN VORLANDER,
DECEASED

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Valéria Zorgno Vorlander of Rua Doutor João Dalmácio Azevedo, 200, Cidade Jardim, São Paulo - SP, 05676-010, Brazil, the intended Administrator of the Estate of the deceased who died on the 13th day of November 2022, domiciled in Brazil, has applied to the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the Probate Division for a Grant of Letters of Administration with Will Annexed in the Estate of the said HEINZ CHRISTIAN VORLANDER, deceased.

ANY PERSONS having any objections to the Grant of Letters of Administration with Will Annexed to the said VALERIA ZORGNO VORLANDER 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.

Dated the 18th day of August, 2023

HARNEY WESTWOOD & RIEGELS LP
Solicitors for the Intended Administrators
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THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE VIRGIN ISLANDS

BVIHPB2023/0167

In the estate of FOO SIK CHOON, late of No 58, Jalan Maju 1/7, Taman Lembah Maju, Cheras, 56100 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that FOO STEFAN and FOO ERIN, both of No 58, Jalan Maju 1/7, Taman Lembah Maju, Cheras, 56100 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, the Executors named in the Last Will and Testament (the Will) of FOO SIK CHOON, deceased who died on the 17th day of November, 2021, domiciled in Malaysia (the Deceased), have applied to the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the Probate Division for Probate of the Will bearing the date 25 August 2020.

ANY PERSON having an objection to the Grant of Probate to the said FOO STEFAN and FOO ERIN, 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 Executors, 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

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

PROBATE NO. BVIHPB2023/0158 OF 2023
IN THE ESTATE OF BETTY LUE ARONA PICKERING,
LATE OF NOTHINGHAM ESTATE, LONG LOOK, TORTOLA,
VIRGIN ISLANDS, DECEASED

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF
ADMINISTRATON

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by ROWAN ARLINGTON PICKERING of Nothingham Estate, Long Look, Tortola, Virgin Islands for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who is daughter/issue of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 26th day of September, 2022.

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 03 day of August 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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THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE ESTATE OF ÁLVARO MALHEIROS, DECEASED

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by ÁLVARO LUIS FLEURY MALHEIROS of Rua Jacques Felix, 226, Apt. 181, Vila Nova Conceição, São Paulo - SP, 04509-000, Brazil, the intended Administrator of the Estate of the deceased who died intestate on the 21st day of December 2022, domiciled in Brazil, has applied to the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the Probate Division for a Grant of Letters of Administration in the Estate of the said ÁLVARO MALHEIROS, deceased.

ANY PERSONS having any objections to the Grant of Letters of Administration to the said ÁLVARO LUIS FLEURY MALHEIROS 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.

Dated the 25th day of August, 2023

HARNEY WESTWOOD & RIEGELS LP
Solicitors for the Intended Administrator

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

ZETA CUBE DEVELOPMENT LTD

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1688292

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 August 31st, 2023. The Liquidator is Nelcia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated: August 31st, 2023
(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean
Voluntary Liquidator
[15/37]



FORM P7: ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION
FOR GRANT

The Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
VIRGIN ISLANDS
ADMINISTRATION NO. 155 OF 2023

In the Estate of SHIGETOSHI NARAHARA late
of 1-4-1 Shimotakaido, Suginami-ku, Tokyo Japan
168-0073, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by TAKAKO NARAHARA of 1-4-1, Shimotakaido, Suginami-Ku, Tokyo, Japan, language teacher and AIKO MATSUI of 4-22-7, Matsumidai, Nishi-ku, Niigata City, Niigata, Japan, housewife, for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who are the daughters of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 03 June 2017.

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

Dated this day of 2023.

Filed by BGA Law for the Applicant whose address for service is Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116. Road Town, Tortola, VG 1110, British Virgin Islands

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Launch, 17th Caribbean Week of Agriculture

(CARICOM Secretariat, Turkeyen, Greater Georgetown, Guyana - Thursday, 31 August 2023)

The Caribbean Region's premier agricultural event, the Caribbean Week of Agriculture, will be held in The Bahamas, 9-13 October 2023. Activities this year will be held under

the theme 'Accelerating Vision 25 by 2025'.

The event will be launched virtually on 1 September 2023.

President of Guyana, His Excellency Mohamed Irfaan Ali, will deliver the feature address.

The event will feature remarks by the Hon. Clay Sweeting, Ministry

of Agriculture, Marine Resources and Family Island Affairs, The Bahamas; Dr. Carla Barnett, CARICOM Secretary-General; Dr. Manuel Otero, Director-General, Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA); Mr. Mario Lubetkin, Assistant Director-General and

Regional Representative for Latin America and the Caribbean, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO); and Mr. Regis Chapman Representative and Country Director, World Food Programme (WFP). CARICOM Assistant-Secretary-General, -Economic

Integration, -Innovation and Development, Mr. Joseph Cox, will present an overview of the CWA. Ms. Milagro Matus, Deputy Programme-Manager, Agricultural and Agro-Industrial Development, CARICOM-Secretariat, will moderate the hour-long programme.

SUMMER READING BOOK LIST 2023

KINDERGARTEN

This list does not replace the required reading list of each school. While students are not required to read all the books on the list, they are encouraged to read at least two. Selected titles will be used during Reading is Fun Week 2023.



1. Dr. Seuss Collection

by Dr. Seuss

2. ABC-Animals Coloring Book

by Carlyn Benjamin (Local author)

3. First Day, No Way! *

By Lori Mortensen

4. Little Lizard's First Day *

by Melinda Melton Crow

5. When I Grow Up

by Rick Grant (Local author)

6. Where I Live

by Rick Grant (Local author)

*digital book

In an effort to continue to foster the love for reading, students from kindergarten to grade 12 are encouraged to read more.

USVI DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM WINS BIG AT THE 2023 EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR FOR TOURISM ORGANIZATIONS



ST. THOMAS, U.S. Virgin Islands, Aug. 23, 2023 -- The U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Tourism, led by Commissioner Joseph Boschulte and Assistant Commissioner Alani Henneman, attended the 2023 Educational Seminar for Tourism Organizations (ESTO) in Savannah, Georgia. ESTO is the premier annual learning and knowledge-sharing forum for destination marketing professionals.

"Venturing Out: St. Croix," an electrifying three-part video series that captures the essence of adventure and discovery, commissioned by the Department of Tourism, received the prestigious Brand USA 2023 Video Storytelling Awards. The series follows host Creighton as he delves into the heart of wild landscapes, uncovering the true essence of living life to the fullest.

"It is a great honor to be recognized by the Brand USA team for our work in video storytelling. This award and the campaign "Venturing Out: St. Croix" reflects our team's commitment to authentically share the stories of the U.S. Virgin Islands," said Joseph Boschulte, Commissioner of the U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Tourism. "On behalf of the USVI, the Department of Tourism, and our partners, I want to thank Brand USA for this acknowledgment."

The award was presented to Commissioner Boschulte and Assistant Commissioner Henneman during a networking luncheon on August 21st at the Savannah Convention Center.

In addition to the awards, the USVI team participated in various educational sessions, including a TikTok expert panel where Commissioner Boschulte shared about the department's emerging plan to enhance social engagement and reach through the platform.

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GOVERNMENT OF THE
VIRGIN ISLANDS

VACANCY NOTICE

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS PORTS AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBER

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

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS PORTS AUTHORITY

The BVI Ports Authority is of critical value to the Virgin Islands Economy. It helps to facilitate business continuity through ports and shipping, which are an essential part of the socio-economic environment of this Territory.

The Government of the Virgin Islands is seeking a qualified person to fill the following position:

BOARD MEMBER

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

THE IDEAL CANDIDATES EMBODY THE FOLLOWING QUALITIES:

Since most of the work of the Board will be done during regularly scheduled meetings, the competencies required for an effective Chair include the ability to:

- a) Possess the requisite leadership skills and experience in sectors directly relevant to the Authority's functions and responsibilities. Clearly

understand the industry and the needs of its stakeholders.

- b) Capable and willing to attend scheduled Board meetings, and actively contribute to the discussion.
- c) Attend meeting and make a substantial active contribution to Board deliberations. Share recommendations on how the Board can enhance the effective performance of its functions and mandate.
- d) Partner with Chair to ensure that all Board resolutions are carried out and that actions to achieve the Authority's strategic goals are successfully undertaken.
- e) Develop a good working relationship with other Board members and contribute to the Board's working relationship with the senior management of the Authority.
- f) Demonstrate a commitment to confidentiality and good corporate governance.
- g) Think strategically, manage complexity and act decisively.
- h) Demonstrate ability and willingness to work effectively and collaboratively in a group.
- i) Possess an innovative spirit and the ability to think out of the box.

TRAINING/SKILL/EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:

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

Interested persons are asked to send documents (**Cover Letter and Résumé/Curriculum Vitae**) to the address provided below by the closing date.

Agency:

Permanent Secretary
Ministry of Communications and Works
Government of the Virgin Islands
Simmonds Building,
Manuel Reef, Tortola VG1110 British Virgin Islands

Telephone: 1(284) 468-2183
Email: mcw@gov.vg

CLOSING DATE: 15th September, 2023

Remarks by Honourable DeCastro...from page 18

existed before and I am certain that the return of this long-awaited programme after a decade of not being in place will definitely create a level of purpose and a sense of security during the hours after school, when we know that our students are often unattended and unchallenged.

So we are excited that every single school in the Territory from October 2nd to December 7th from Monday to Thursday weekly, when the clock strikes at 3:45, it will signal the extension of the school day, where our children will engage in S.T.E.A.M. activities, academic tutoring and grassroots sports.

In closing, I take this opportunity to celebrate the arrival of a new cohort of remarkable individuals who have embraced the call to be torchbearers of knowledge, and shapers of destinies.

I want to take this opportunity once again as the Premier and CEO has done, to reflect on the Let's Teach VI initiative that sought to bring fresh voices and vibrant energy into our educational landscape. The goal was to tap into the wellspring of potential that exists among high school graduates and those holding associates' degrees and bachelor's degrees in content areas. These individuals, with their unique perspectives and passions are now embarking on a full time journey to become Teacher Trainees and Recruits in our education system.

I am elated to announce that this initiative has been an unequivocally successful. This school year we welcome 30

Teacher Trainees and Recruits to the profession.

Additionally, we also welcome about 30 new trained teachers into our education system. We welcome you as you have come to integrate and be a part of the change. These individuals, will continue to make a difference, and they will become agents of change just like every single one of you sitting here and I encourage you to mentor them to encourage them, so that they can become life partners in education as so many of you have decided to be.

I cannot leave without acknowledging the 9 new Principals and Assistant Principals that have accepted the call to lead our amazing institutions and I want to take this opportunity to speak about the amazing reality of what it means to be a teacher trainee. I am certain that in this new cohort of principals there are individuals who would have started off as a teacher trainee a long time ago.

If you are a new principal and you started off as a teacher trainee, just stand as an example to the teacher trainees that are starting now and show them what is possible. Principal-Marshall, Principal Fraites, Principal Rhymer, thank you so much. There is room for growth and development in education. To the 10

teacher trainees who will start this year, look at those principals, this year they start as the leaders of their institutions after giving years of service and dedication to education. Let's continue to elevate in the profession and let's acknowledge the hard work of the ones, who would have started from the very bottom and are now at the top.

I acknowledge the acting CEO, because she too started out as a teacher trainee in the system, and there are many others. Mr. Todman as well, our amazing emcee, he started out as a teacher trainee, he is now the principal of the Enis Adams primary school. This teacher trainee program, we have passionately reinstated it, and we believe for decades to come it will furnish our education system with the much needed professionals that we need to keep moving Full S.T.E.A.M. ahead.

So let me close by saying absolutely education is by far the best profession in the world. I believe as educators we can boldly say, that it is the profession that builds every single profession. It is the torch that ignites passion, it is a catalyst for curiosity, and a vessel for transformation.

Let me remind every single one of you sitting here today educators, the impact of your work will speak for you for

decades to come. To the new ones you are now a part of the noblest profession and to the ones who have been here, they now join hundreds of you seasoned educators to be the architects of dreams, the instigators of change, and the custodians of our collective future.

Together, let us continue to reimagine education, to empower our students not just to succeed, but to excel; not just to learn, but to love learning. Let us cultivate an environment where every child's potential is recognised, nurtured, and celebrated.

Educators let me express my deepest and

most sincere gratitude to every single one of you, both public and private schools, teachers, principals, counsellors, educators who sit here today. I see your unwavering commitment, I appreciate your unwavering commitment, I believe, wholeheartedly, that you are the heart and soul of our education system. I am confident that, with your passion and dedication, we will continue to light the way forward for generations of Virgin Islanders to come.

God bless you and I wish you an amazing 2023-2024 school year.

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BVI Islanders or Belongers preferred. To apply, send application and resume to Danielle O'Brian. All suitable candidates should submit their resume to dobrien@rockfordconstruction.com. or call 239.217.3487 [s16]

Meyer's - Property Management has a need for the following employees in the capacity of Maintenance man, - Handyman, Carpenter, - Plumber, Housekeepers - and Mason.
Please call 541-2023 for more information [s15]

TORTOLA GENERAL SERVICES LTD. is looking for a Male Gardener to maintain the plants on the Property. Must be responsible, hardworking and able to work flexible hours daily Kindly call 543-3469. [s16]

Caribbean Vacation Concierge Services has a need for the following employees in the capacity of Captains, Provisioning Personnel, Chefs and Hostesses. Please call 541-2023 for more information. [s15]

The Vault Bar and Restaurant is in need of fulltime Waitresses/Barmaids. Interested applicants can submit their resume at vaultbvi@gmail.com or call 345-8383. [s15]

TransCaribbean Ltd. is seeking to fill the position of a full time Store Clerk with at least 5 years of experience. Interested applicants can submit their CV/Resume with a cover letter at P.O. Box 386, Road Town, Tortola or call 284-494-1300. [s16]

OBI Automotive has a need for employees in the capacity of Mechanic, Office Clerk, Cleaner and a Maintenance Person. Please call 545-1660 for more information. [s16]

Pelican's Landing Restaurant and Night Club located at Purcell Estate on Tortola is looking for Bartenders, Cocktail Waitress, Security Officers and Manager. Please-call 442-3525 for info. BVI Islanders preferred. [s16]

CARASI CAFE on VIRGIN GORDA is seeking two full time - CHEFS/KITCHEN COOK and one CASHIER/KITCHEN-ASSISTANT. Interested persons should have 3 to 5 years experience, and should send resumes to carasicafe@gmail.com or call 543-1835 for more information. [s16]

L R CLEANING & MAINTENANCE COMPANY is hiring a full time CLEANER. INTERESTED-candidates please call 499-2973 [s16]

INTERIOR-YACHT CLEANER - to provide a complete interior vessel cleaning and housekeeping service before and after charters, to prepare yachts to a high standard. Previous yacht or hotel cleaning experience is preferred. Cleaning offices etc is also part of this role. A pleasant and friendly disposition is a must for dealing with international charter clients. This role involves weekend and Public Holiday working. Please email your application to apply@horizonyachtcharters.com or call Horizon on 494 8787. [s16]

Luxe Cafe Boutique is in search of an experienced candidate to fill our position of **CASHIER**. The successful candidate will be required to take on the following responsibilities while obtaining the requested qualifications as follows:

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Record sales of purchase into system
- Weekly stationary check for merchandise, for restocking/reordering
- Daily updating of menu posting
- Clean, Professionally, and timely maintenance of dining area
- Assistance in different stations upon request
- Keen to details of directions (written & verbal)
- Displaying organizational skill and great time management when fulfilling duties

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must be knowledgeable with accounting skills (basic counting & money handling)
- Must have basic level of computer literacy
- Must be a team player, dependable, reliable, strong principles, and good work ethics
- Must be respectful and have great professionalism
- Must have a welcoming and friendly personality

Resumes can be sent to Luxebyronnette@gmail.com or contact us at 542-0028

[s16]

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STAFF WANTED

GLAMOUR-BEAUTY SALON AND NAILS, LOCATED IN SOUTH VALLEY, VIRGIN GORDA, IS SEEKING A FULL-TIME COSMETOLOGIST TO JOIN THEIR TEAM OF PROFESSIONALS. INTERESTED APPLICANTS ARE ASKED TO SUBMIT THEIR RESUMES TO admin@curabvi.com OR (284) 495 5868 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

BVI LANDERS OR BELONGERS PREFERRED.
[s15]

CP4 RESTAURANT & BAR needs Full Time 2 Chefs and 2 Kitchen Assistants. Please call 284-499-1542 for further details.
[s15]

MEAVADO BAR & RESTAURANT CLUB is looking for a Full Time Kitchen Assistant. Please call 284-440-1250 for further details.
[s15]

BON APPETIT CAFE is looking for an experience Full Time Cashier with customer services. Please call 284-540-4488 or 544-2109.
[s15]

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[s15]

Xiomar's Ocean Charters is looking for an Operations Manager. Interested applicants can submit their resume to xiomarscharters@gmail.com or call 345-8383
[s15]

Nexgen Yachting LTD has an opening for a Yacht Captain (Belonger Preferred or current work permit) or Captain/Chef team on a Leopard 58 luxury catamaran starting this fall through spring of 2023.

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Must have RYA yacht master or equivalent with at least 3 years of yacht charter captain experience. Please submit CV's to crew@nexgenyachting.com or call us at +1 305.995.0920 x01
[s15]

Main Street Restaurant (BVI) Ltd. is now hiring the following full time staff:

- Bartender,
 - Server,
 - Chef,
 - Cook and Dishwasher.
- Please Send resumes to: mainstreetrestaurantbvi@gmail.com or Call 496-6246
[s15]

J & A SERVICES is seeking a General Assistant to assist with maintenance and repair of diesel generator. Prior knowledge in this field required. Please call 284-543-7830.
[s15]

Charles Hodge Cleaning Services is looking for a full time Supervisor. Interested applicants can submit their resume to chcleaningservice21@gmail.com or call at 547-3876. [s15]

THELMA'S HIDEOUT, North Valley, Virgin Gorda have the following FULL TIME positions open for consideration to employ:

1 Cook; 2 General Workers; 2 Waitresses
The 1 successful applicant as COOK must be productive and knowledgeable in Home cooking and at least have restaurant experience in preparing and cooking local dishes; must be a team player and be able to multi-task and work unsupervised. It is the responsibility of the Cook to clean properly and organize the kitchen, stock items and create/set a daily menu to include sandwiches/fast food. Should be trustworthy, physically fit and be able to work a flexible shift in a hot environment to include weekends, late hours, and public holidays.

The 2 successful applicants as GENERAL WORKERS must have worked previously in a bar/restaurant and is knowledgeable. This position requires a strong mature individual who is firm, polite, friendly with an out-going personality, and excellent customer service. Must be a team player and be able to multi-task and work unsupervised. Should be trustworthy, able to do simple math, take customers orders, serve, prepare tabs, physically fit and be able to lift, stretch, stand on feet for long time, work long late hours, and some cleaning/housekeeping as necessary; must be willing to be flexible and work a split-shift, weekends, and public holidays.

The 2 successful applicants as WAITRESSES must have worked previously in a bar/restaurant and knowledgeable in bartender/serving. This position requires a strong mature individual who is polite, friendly with an out-going personality, and firm in administering their duties; must be a team player and be able to multi-task and work unsupervised. It is the responsibility of the waitress to make sure the bar is fully stock at all times and is ready at the start and end of each shift, and assist as needs demand. Individual should be trustworthy, able to do simple math, take customer order, prepare tabs, physically fit and be able to lift, stretch, stand on feet for a very long time, work long late hours, and some cleaning/housekeeping as necessary; must be willing to be flexible and work a split-shift, weekends, and public holidays.

If you are seriously interested email resume/cover letter to: hi.a.grade.productions@gmail.com or write to: Hi.a.Grade.Productions, P. O. Box 1093,

CAROLINA'S-BEAUTY SALON-requires: full time staff: one-HAIRDRESSER one-NAIL-TECHNICIAN., must be able to do ACRYLIC NAILS. Please apply by telephone : 342-3620 for more information.
[s15]

Mad Dog Restaurant and Bar is looking for a full time Assistant Cook, that has experience in working in a Deli, who is willing to work on holidays and week ends, and can speak English and Spanish. Telephone 544-2681
[s15]

N & L CHARTERS needs Full Time Boat Maintenance/Deck Hand for its charter company. Please call 284-544-6833 for further details.[s15]

W&W Reliable Construction & Project Management is seeking a Full Time Carpentry/ Carpenter. Please call 284-343-5352.
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