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LOAN GUARANTEE SOAP OPERA CONTINUES

Members of the Opposition clearly expressed that the government (from 2019 to present) made an error in deciding not to accept the United Kingdom Government's offer of a loan guarantee. These views were expressed during the 5 September sitting of the House of Assembly by Third District Representative Hon. Julian Fraser and Sixth District Representative Hon. Myron Walwyn.

The Opposition's views on the matter were expressed following Premier and Minister for Finance Dr. the Hon. Natalio Wheatley's disclosure

in the House of Assembly that the United Kingdom's offer of a £300 Million loan guarantee is now off the table, but other discussions are ongoing.

WHY NO LOAN GUARANTEE

When the VIP Administration took office in 2019 the acceptance of the UK Loan Guarantee became an extended situation that was exasperated by the fact that the Government commenced discussions on what were deemed unclear matters in the agreement.

These discussions moved forward on 27 September 2019 when the Government

submitted a proposal regarding the United Kingdom Loan Guarantee in furtherance of the UK/BVI discussions in London.

The views on the loan guarantee seemed only confined to the Government's side, as during the April elections campaign almost all of the opposing parties chided the Virgin Islands Party administration for dragging its feet on accepting the loan guarantee offered by the United Kingdom government for the purpose of recovery and development following the two murderous category five

hurricanes in 2017.

The premise that the government should have made use of the loan guarantee was the theme of the questions on the subject that was put to the Premier by Opposition Members during Tuesday's HOA sitting.

Hon. Fraser asked the Premier if the acceptance of the UK loan guarantee was a priority of his administration; and in response the Premier informed that the time for the guarantee has ended. The BVI Leader explained "It must be noted that the loan guarantee presented following the 2017 hurricanes is no longer on the table. We are however planning to approach a financial institution with the hope of obtaining the best possible rates to assist with infrastructure development."

Britain logically wanted control over the guarantee and the manner in which funds were spent; politicians and commentators were not sure about the UK's level of control but in due course they understood that control and vigilance were a firm condition.

Following the Premier's disclosure that the offer was pulled, Hon. Fraser asked whether attempts to keep the offer were made. "Madame Speaker, wonder if the Premier is considering getting that loan guarantee back on the table," the Third District Representative questioned.

In response, to Hon. Fraser's question Hon. Wheatley announced that conversations on the matter are still taking place. The Premier stated, "As it relates to the loan guarantee we are in ongoing discussions with the United Kingdom government as it pertains to borrowing Madame Speaker." Presently the UK is having its own problems and any decision will have to be carefully evaluated by the Mother Country.

GOVERNMENT THOUGHT LOAN- GUARANTEE ACCEPTANCE WAS A BAD IDEA

Last year December the Premier explained that the Government was reluctant to accept the

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UK Loan Guarantee because of conditions that were attached to that funding. Hon. Wheatley said: "The challenge that was had with the loan guarantee had to do with the conditions which [were] attached to the guarantee. I don't think that when you have somebody

who's down, they're devastated, they've been destroyed by hurricanes, you should be attaching some of the conditions that we attach to it."

While indirectly referring to the UK Loan conditions as onerous the BVI Leader alluded that the agreement

was akin to selling one's soul. "So yes, we want to borrow, but we don't want to sell our soul, to borrow, and we don't want to sell out the Virgin Islands to borrow. We're going to borrow on terms which are fair," he stated. "Of course, you borrow your money,

you have to pay back, plus interest. We'll look for the best rate possible, and that's really the only conditions which are practical and make sense; not lots of other things that have nothing to do with the loan itself."

Hon Wheatley also disclosed that the medium-term plans involve revitalizing a partnership with the Department of Motor Vehicles (DDM) to gather vital information, such as addresses, phone numbers, and owners' names of derelict vehicles located within the Territory. This initiative would also encompass enhancements to existing systems, enabling the use of vehicle identification numbers (VINs) to access owner information in cases where stickers or plates are unavailable.

"We will maintain close collaboration with the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force to address vehicles left on the roadside, obstructing traffic, abandoned in public parking areas, damaged due to accidents, or involved in fires," Hon Wheatley added. "When deemed appropriate, vehicles falling into these categories may be subject to impoundment, with owners required to pay retrieval fees."

Concerning longer-term plans, Hon Wheatley stressed the need to reduce the prevalence of derelict vehicles in the Virgin Islands. He suggested that the government should explore options such as imposing a ban on foreign-owned vehicles exceeding a specific age or threshold or implementing higher import taxes on such vehicles.

Furthermore, he underscored the importance of implementing a disposal fee, which would discourage vehicle owners from abandoning unwanted vehicles on private or public property. Hon Wheatley emphasized the substantial financial burden incurred by the government in the collection, processing, and exportation of derelict vehicles from the islands.

DERELICT VEHICLES CAUSE SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL BURDEN ON GOVERNMENT

Government is considering the introduction of a vehicle disposal fee in response to growing concerns over the mounting costs associated

with the management of derelict vehicles in the Territory. According to statements made by Minister for Health and Social

Development, Hon Vincent Wheatley the proposed fee is part of the medium and long-term strategies the government is currently

considering.

This revelation came in response to a question posed by Third District Representative and Opposition Member, Hon Julian Fraser, RA, during the Continuation of the Second Sitting of the First Session of the Fifth House of Assembly in Road Town on 5 September.

Hon Fraser sought details regarding the Minister's immediate and long-term plans for managing derelict vehicles within the Territory.

Hon Wheatley emphasized that the Department of Waste Management currently oversees the ongoing task of collecting derelict vehicles. He also noted that each year, funding is allocated to specific subheads to cover the expenses related to the derelict vehicle program.

He elaborated: "However, this has become an increasingly burdensome cost for the public, as individuals are not required to bear any expenses for disposing of their vehicles, nor do they contribute to the costs once their vehicles have reached the end of their useful life. This situation needs prompt attention, Madam Speaker, to alleviate the government's financial burden in disposing of derelict vehicles."



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PROSPECT REEF IS A TOP PRIORITY: PROPOSALS PURSUED



Dr. the Hon. Natalio D. Wheatley

Premier and Minister of Finance, Natalio Wheatley, has expressed his strong commitment to the revitalization of Prospect Reef, emphasizing its significance as a top priority. He eagerly anticipates the issuance of a Request for Proposal in 2023. During the 5 September sitting of the House of Assembly (HoA), Premier Wheatley

shared the government’s vision, stating: “Madam Speaker, the Government’s vision is to establish a branded hotel with much-needed conference facilities. As the term of the Board’s membership has expired, we have initiated the process of appointing a new board, and one of its key mandates will be to issue a request for proposal for the redevelopment of Prospect Reef.”

The questions relating to the Prospect Reef Resort were posed by Leader of the Opposition Hon Ronnie Skelton. In his response Premier Wheatley told the

House of Assembly: “Madam Speaker, I believe it was just last Thursday that [the] time for persons to apply to the Board expired.”

Hon. Wheatley also mentioned that Government entities are currently in the evaluation phase, as it relates to the constitution of the Prospect Reef Board. The Premier also disclosed that once the Board is formed, its primary focus will be to release the Request for Proposal for the revitalization of Prospect Reef.

“So it’s a priority for me, and I would like to see a Request for Proposal issued before the end of the year, Madam Speaker,”

the Premier further added.

Back in May Hon. Wheatley provided an update on the Prospect Reef property and first mentioned that government intended to invite bidders to submit their proposals for the development of the resort.

The Premier at the time stated: “Very soon, I’ll be engaging the Prospect Reef board on issuing a Request for Proposal for development. We see Prospect Reef as a hotel that can offer convention centre services to our business community and assist in hosting meetings, conferences and so on. So Prospect Reef is a very big part of what we are intending

to do and the public should see a Request for Proposal very soon.”

He further stated that once the bidding process commences, the Prospect Reef Board will be tasked with considering the submitted development proposals in order to consider the right bidder for the development arrangement.

“When the Request for Proposal goes up, anyone who is interested will be able to put forward a proposal and they’ll have a fair and transparent process to select a proposal,” Hon. Wheatley noted.

BVI IMPORTATION OF TEACHERS QUITE SATISFACTORY

Following multiple rejections from foreign educators, Minister of Education Hon. Sharie de Castro has unveiled a strategic roadmap to bolster the local workforce, with the ultimate aim of reducing the Territory’s dependence on expat teachers.

Speaking before the House of Assembly (HOA) during the 5 September sitting, Hon. de Castro acknowledged the persistent global shortage of teachers as an ongoing challenge. However, she remained optimistic, citing the forthcoming compensation review as a catalyst for anticipated changes and an opportunity to seek

additional funding in the upcoming budget cycle.

While the Ministry explores potential regional collaborations (Jamaica?) to attract graduates interested in overseas teaching opportunities, the Education Minister underscored the government’s unwavering commitment to expand the local teaching talent pool and diminish reliance on foreign educators in light of the global teacher shortage.

The Education Minister candidly shared with her fellow lawmakers that the teaching profession had witnessed a significant exodus, citing factors such as meager salaries, heavy workloads, and

resource constraints.

In a surprising revelation, lawmakers learned that the Education Ministry faced an unprecedented number of rejections when extending recent job offers. The primary reason cited by most candidates was dissatisfaction with the offered compensation packages.

The Education Minister also disclosed that the commencement of the new school year

required approximately 60 additional teachers to achieve a full staffing complement. She noted that the Ministry had prioritized recruitment efforts in recent months, resulting in the successful filling of most vacant positions.

The Teaching Service Commission recommended the hiring of 44 applicants, with 38 already in their roles and the remainder scheduled to join the Ministry by



Hon. Sharie de Castro

mid-September.

Consequently, around 15 teaching positions remained vacant, comprising six at the primary level and an additional eight at the secondary level.



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Statement by Honourable Vincent Wheatley on World Alzheimer's Month



Hon. Vincent O. Wheatley

“World Alzheimer’s Month”

For September, the Virgin Islands’ community joins the rest of the world in observing World Alzheimer’s Month. The observation of World Alzheimer’s Month is being spearheaded by Alzheimer’s Disease International to raise awareness of dementia and to help address and eliminate the stigma associated with the disease. Dementia is a degenerative brain condition that robs a person of their memory, competency, comprehension and behavioural awareness, usually slowly, over years and Alzheimer’s disease is the most common cause of dementia.

This year, the focus for the World Alzheimer’s Month campaign is “Never too early, never too late”. This year’s campaign hopes to underscore the pivotal role of identifying risk factors and adopting proactive risk reduction measures to delay, and potentially prevent the onset of dementia. This includes ongoing risk reduction strategies for persons who have already received a diagnosis.

Currently, there is a paradigm shift worldwide regarding the

perception of Alzheimer’s disease and doctors and patients are beginning to understand that Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias can start many years before symptoms start to become apparent. Nonetheless, with the global number of people living with dementia expected to triple by 2050, there is a greater need for a more urgent understanding and response to the risk factors associated with this condition.

According to the World Health Organization, more than 55 million people have dementia worldwide with over sixty per cent of them living in low and middle-income countries. Through the National Health Insurance’s database, the Virgin Islands Alzheimer’s Association found that 188 persons in the Virgin Islands have been officially diagnosed with dementia. Data statistics from Alzheimer’s Disease International estimates that worldwide, roughly 75% of dementia cases go undiagnosed. Therefore, it can be reasonably estimated that the number of persons living with dementia in the Territory goes above 300.

There is no current cure for Alzheimer’s and given the

international statistics and local data, now more than ever, we as a community must use this year’s theme “Never too early, never too late” as a guiding principle for our perception of Alzheimer’s disease in the Virgin Islands. We must examine all our personal risk factors and find different strategies to mitigate our risk. New research from The Lancet Commission, a medical journal, indicated that twelve main risk factors over our lifetime can cause dementia and modifying these risks could prevent or delay up to forty per cent of dementia cases. However, it takes advocacy, partnership and the collaboration of public, private and Non-Governmental Agencies to tackle this disease and educate our community, thus slowing prevalence rates within the Virgin Islands so we can keep these numbers from drastically rising

Here are some risk reducing tips:

Consume less alcohol and cease smoking.

Maintain physical activities.

Have your hearing checked regularly and use hearing aids if necessary.

Avoid serious head injuries and take care in sports and motorbike riding from an early age.

Ensure that all children have access to education and the support and knowledge to maintain a healthy weight through nutrition and exercise.

Improve sleep and maintain a healthy lifestyle for both brain health and overall well-being.

Monitor all non-communicable diseases.

The Ministry of Health and Social Development through its Aged Care Services continue to provide services that can be accessed by people suffering

from Alzheimer’s disease. We currently have the East End/ Long Look and Carrot Bay senior programmes which are supervised programmes that promote the socialization of senior citizens with their peers. Studies have shown that feelings of loneliness and social isolation can be common among persons suffering from Alzheimer’s disease and other types of dementia. This can further increase symptoms of conditions like depression and anxiety which can lead to a faster cognitive decline.

In addition, the Social Development Department also provides Home care services for elderly persons, which can be accessed by families of persons with Alzheimer’s disease. With this service, the Department provides the highest quality services and care in the client’s residence. This augments the care and services provided by our local hospitals, community-based clinics and other health care facilities. Although we continue to do work to help members of our society who suffer from Alzheimer’s, there is still a long way to go to properly educate the population on the far-reaching impacts of

Alzheimer’s.

So, this September is an opportunity for individuals, businesses and charities to hold events and raise awareness in their communities of the effects of dementia. World Alzheimer’s Month presents an invaluable opportunity for individuals affected by Alzheimer’s, caregivers, professionals, governments, media partners, and communities to collaborate in the fight against dementia. It serves as a platform to raise awareness about the true challenges of dementia, counteract stigma and misinformation, and advocate for improved support and care.

I encourage the entire Territory to engage in the events organized by the Virgin Islands Alzheimer’s Association, in partnership with the Rotary Family of the BVI and the Lions Clubs of the BVI. These activities are also being carried out in collaboration with the Diabetes Association, Sister Islands District Office, and the Social Development Department throughout World Alzheimer’s Month.

Together, we can raise awareness, reduce the risks and eliminate the stigma!

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CARICOM Secretary General urges Innovation, Collaboration in Regional Fisheries Sector

Dr Carla Barnett, Secretary General of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) has called on fisheries stakeholders to invest more in research and innovation so that countries

in the Region can gain maximum benefits from marine living resources.

In opening remarks to the 20th Anniversary Scientific Conference of the Caribbean Regional Fisheries

Mechanism (CRFM) held virtually on Monday 28 August, the Secretary General said that applying knowledge and technology in fisheries and aquaculture will help to create value from

unused or underutilized marine living resources.

"The health of the coastal and marine ecosystems, and the well-being of our people, are integrally connected," she emphasized. "We need to better understand the complexity of our marine ecosystems and enhance their economic and social contribution to our communities and countries that depend on them."

She called on fisheries stakeholders to work together to make use of the best available scientific data and information to guide decisions about fisheries development and conservation.

Dr Barnett also highlighted the numerous obstacles and setbacks that the Caribbean's fisheries sector continues to experience. "Climate change, ocean acidification; overfishing;

pollution; the invasive pacific lionfish; illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, all place immense pressure on our marine fisheries and ecosystems. They also threaten the jobs and livelihoods of fisherfolk and the food security of our people," the CARICOM CEO outlined.

She noted the valuable efforts of the CRFM, and its predecessor, the CARICOM Fisheries Resource Assessment and Management Programme (CFRAMP), to nurture a sustainable sector and empower fisherfolk to participate in regional planning and decision-making.

"The CRFM's work has advanced CARICOM's agenda for the Region, including our strategic focus on developing our women and young people," she said.



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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BOARD MEMBER

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

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- 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.

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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.

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CLOSING DATE: 22nd September, 2023

Contract Signed to Construct New Eslyn Henley Richiez

Minister for Education, Youth Affairs and Sports, Honourable Sharie B. de Castro said that the construction of the Eslyn Henley Richiez Learning Centre, would be a project with immense promise for the future of the Virgin Islands, reflective of a history of resilience, determination, and unwavering commitment.

“Today, we gather with renewed determination and enthusiasm as we embark on a journey to rebuild the Eslyn Henley Richiez Learning Centre,” said Honourable de Castro.

The Education Minister added, “The new school will provide an education that is inclusive, empowering, and aligned with our Territory’s mandate to educate all children. Education is a universal right and we firmly believe that every child, regardless of their abilities, or disability deserves an education that is tailored to their individual needs.”

The contract signed by the Recovery and Development Agency on 25th August on behalf of the Government of the Virgin Islands was awarded to Autland Heavy Equipment Co. Ltd. in the amount of three million, nine hundred and fifty-nine thousand, six hundred and ninety dollars and fifteen cents (3,959,690.15). Chairman of the Fundraising Sub-Committee of the

Virgin Islands Recovery and Development Agency (RDA) Mr. Shea Alexander said that the signing is for an incredible project, from an incredible organisation for incredible work.

He said, “I am really grateful that the Government has made themselves a fitting partner for us and has allowed us to act as their agent and their tool, delivering projects at the highest calibre throughout this Territory.”

Meanwhile, General Manager for Autland Heavy Equipment Co. Ltd. Mr. Dion Crabbe, said that the project was one of Virgin Islands pride with this project being first in the region from inception.

“The BVI had the initiative to look and see some of the needs that we have had, and actually create something for special needs, which speaks volumes,” Mr. Crabbe said.

The Recovery and Development Agency works closely with Government ministries to fulfil their priorities as laid out in the Virgin Islands Recovery to Development Plan.

The Ministry of Education, Youth Affairs and Sports, remains committed to providing high-quality education, as well as facilitating access to, and participation in sports and recreation to enrich the lives of all residents of the Virgin Islands.



Contract Signing LtoR: Premier and Minister of Finance, Dr. the Hon. Natalio Wheatley; Minister for Education, Hon. Sharie B. de Castro; Chairman of the Fundraising Sub-Committee RDA, Mr. Shea Alexander; Managing Director Mr. Autley Crabbe, and General Manager Mr. Dion Crabbe, Autland Heavy Equipment Co. Ltd.



GroundBreaking LtoR: Premier and Minister of Finance, Dr. the Hon. Natalio D. Wheatley; Minister for Works, Hon. Kye M. Rymer; Managing Director Mr. Autley Crabbe, Autland Heavy Equipment Co. Ltd.; Minister for Education, Hon. Sharie B. de Castro; Chairman of the Fundraising Sub-Committee RDA, Mr. Shea Alexander; Ms and Mr. Eslyn Henley Richiez; Principal Eslyn Henley Richiez, Mrs. Madgalene Allister and Past Principal Mrs. Vansittart Huggins.



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Statement from the PJ Patterson Institute for Africa-Caribbean Advocacy on the commemoration of September 7 as Africa-CARICOM Day

The UWI Regional Headquarters, Jamaica W.I. - Wednesday, September 6, 2023—September 7, 2023, marks two years since the first CARICOM Africa Union (AU) Summit, hosted by Kenya. The first Summit of Heads decided to establish for celebration, September 7 of every year as Africa-Caricom Day. The P.J. Patterson Institute for Africa-Caribbean Public Advocacy strongly supports the opportunity it presents for activities geared at greater African and Caribbean unity.

The Caribbean and the African continent share a similar history of an oppressive, exploitative experience. In our most recent history of Independence, CARICOM and Africa were supportive of each other and drew inspiration from the works of individuals that advocated freedom and instilled the hopes of the Right Excellent Marcus Mosiah Garvey, who declared, "Africa for the Africans at home or abroad."

Since our independence, CARICOM and the AU nations have had many fora within which their representatives have discussed and made

several agreements, such as the African, Caribbean and the Pacific Group of States since the 1970s. The CARICOM AU Summit of 2021 the most significant for present and future cooperation and unification. The spheres for cooperation in education, tourism, technology - and knowledge exchange, economic transformation, governance, and the creative industries are many and prospects of rewards so great that it is more than time that an entrenchment is made for this purpose.

In support of Africa-CARICOM Day, The P.J. Patterson Institute for Africa-Caribbean Public Advocacy will collaborate with the Office of the Vice-Chancellor of The University of the West Indies (The UWI) and its entities The Office of Global Affairs and The Centre for Reparation Research to host the first Africa-CARICOM Day Seminar at The UWI's Regional Headquarters on September 7, 2023 at 10:30 AM (Eastern Caribbean) / 9:30 AM (Jamaica), which will be broadcast on UWItv Global and CARICOM's YouTube and Facebook

channels.

Members of the public from across the African continent, the Caribbean or its diaspora are invited to this seminal event that will feature Professor Sir Hilary Beckles, Vice-Chancellor, The UWI and Chair, CARICOM Reparations Commission alongside Dr Carla

Barnett, Secretary-General, CARICOM; noted academics and public officials and UWI student leaders.

The P.J. Patterson Institute for Africa-Caribbean Public Advocacy is committed to the cause of building bridges between nations and the people of the AU

and CARICOM to engage in activities which will promote a truly symbolic relationship. This event is intended to be a building block in the process of forging unity between our nations and people.

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Virgin Gorda Yacht Harbour Presents a Spectacular New Year's Eve Celebration

Spanish Town, Virgin Gorda, September 1, 2023 - Virgin Gorda Yacht Harbour (VGYH) is thrilled to announce, More For 2024, it's official New Year's Eve event.

On December 31st,

2023, the grounds of VGYH will be transformed into a premier event space bringing the best of the BVI to Spanish Town, Virgin Gorda. The event will feature a wide selection

of entertainment, a vibrant marketplace showcasing an array of local vendors offering delicious food, trendy apparel, and one-of-a-kind crafts and art pieces.

"We are excited to

host More For 2024 and bring together the diverse beauty of the British Virgin Islands in one vibrant celebration," said Manager of Virgin Gorda Yacht Harbour, Alejandro Chometowski. "Virgin Gorda has a unique offering within the Territory's tourism product and we thought it was time to find a way to celebrate this and showcase our community, our culture, and our island to the world."

The theme More For 2024 seeks to provide more local entertainment opportunities for the community, more ways to showcase the arts and culture of the BVI, more ways to attract tourists to BVI shores, and more ways for the community to gather and celebrate the diversity of the Virgin Islands.

Entertainment will be at the heart of More For 2024. Event organizers have booked the Virgin Islands premier live bands and cultural entertainers to help patrons usher in 2024 with the unique style of the Virgin Islands.

Speaking on preparations for the event, Chometowski says the team of VGYH along with local contractors have been busy with construction

and renovations around the complex. "Last December it was decided that we would undertake a new year's eve event and that has been the goal post we have been working with through 2023 to update the property both with its physical appearance, as well as services and businesses." Chometowski adds, "As we embark on a new year, More For 2024 aims to foster a sense of community, gratitude, and optimism. The event will feature a special moment of reflection to remember and honor the challenges and triumphs of the past year while setting our intentions of togetherness and more for the year ahead."

Virgin Gorda Yacht Harbour invites everyone to join in its official new year's celebration. With picturesque views, exceptional entertainment, and a warm, welcoming atmosphere, this New Year's Eve celebration promises to be a satisfying end to 2023 and an exuberant start to 2024.

Stay tuned for updates about the events by visiting vgyh.events or follow Virgin Gorda Yacht Harbour on Facebook - VGYH Events, Instagram/ Tiktok - @vgyhevents

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Proposals Invited For Operation Of Water Treatment Plants

The Government of the Virgin Islands request proposals for the management, operation and maintenance of the Waste Water Treatment Plant at Burt Point and Cane Garden Bay, Tortola.

The proposed scope of works comprises of providing all plant, labor, equipment, materials, personnel, staff and resources to perform the works and services in consideration of managing, operation and maintenance of the wastewater treatment plant at Burt Point and Cane Garden Bay on Tortola for a period of seven (7) years.

Procurement Coordinator, Mrs. Ishma Rhymer said eligible tenderers are required to provide key personnel relevant to the scope

of services to be performed, a staff organisational chart and a list of waste water treatment plants managed and operated over the past 15 year.

Mrs. Rhymer added that amongst other things, tenderers must also have a valid Trade Licence for 2023 and submit Certificates of Good Standing in respect of the Social Security and taxes, including Payroll and Income Tax, from VI Social Security Board, National Health Insurance and Inland Revenue.

Bid documents will be available from Monday, 11th September, 2023 weekdays between 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Documents will be sent to bidders electronically upon request to procurement@gov.vg

with the subject title "Manage and Operate the Waste Water Treatment Plants at Burt Point and Cane Garden Bay".

A virtual pre-tender meeting via Webex is scheduled for Wednesday, 27th September, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. The access code and password will be provided prior to the meeting. This will be followed by site visits. All prospective tenderers are invited to attend.

Interested tenderers should submit one (1) original, three (3) copies and one (1) flash drive containing the bidder's documents. The original bid should be placed in a sealed envelope and marked "ORIGINAL" and the additional

copies placed in another sealed envelope and marked "COPIES". Both envelopes should then be placed in an outer envelope and marked "Manage and Operate the Waste Water Treatment Plant at Burt Point and Cane Garden Bay" and addressed to:

The Chairman
Central Tenders Board
Ministry of Finance
Procurement Unit
RFG Place, 2nd Floor
Waterfront Drive
Road Town, Tortola
British Virgin Islands, VG1110

All tenders must be deposited in the Tender Box at the Ministry of Finance (Procurement Unit), RFG Place, Second Floor, Road Town,

Tortola, by the bearer not later than 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 17th October, 2023. Tenders will not be received after the Tender Box is closed.

Tenders will be opened on Tuesday, 17th October, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at the Procurement Unit, Ministry of Finance, RFG Place. Tenderers are invited to witness the opening via Webex. Tenderers will be provided with the access code and password prior to the opening of Tenders.

For more information, contact the Procurement Coordinator at (284) 468-4243/5921 or email procurement@gov.vg.

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TENDER NOTICE

The BVI Football Association invites bids from organizations qualified in the position of Project Management to oversee the building and completion of the BVI Football Stadium in Greenland, East End, Tortola. B.V.I. The said organization will be required to manage the construction of the stands and surrounding enclosure.

Suitably qualified organizations must also have a minimum of 5 years' experience in managing comparable projects.

Please be advised that the design has already been prepared and that the company will be responsible for the quality of the structure.

Please submit your application to:

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GLOBAL NEWS BRIEF

STORIES SELECTED BY GIORGIO MIGLIAVACCA

JAMAICA - One persistent positive area of post-independence Jamaica lies in the area of sports, especially over the past two decades.

In earlier years, Jamaica was accustomed to occasional brilliant individual achievements by few athletes in track and field events at various Olympic meets. However, more and more Jamaican athletes have impressed in recent years. Today, Jamaica is among the strongest countries in sprint events at international track and field meets, including the Olympics. Furthermore, Jamaican sportsmen and women are excelling in other sports like soccer, netball, swimming, and even ice-hockey.

Despite the impressive success of Jamaicans in international sport tournaments, the development of sports in Jamaica isn't administered by a dedicated ministry of sports. Rather, the sports ministry is attached to other ministries. Currently, under the administration of Jamaica's government, the sports ministerial portfolio is included in the super-ministry of Sports, Culture, Entertainment, and Gender Affairs. In former administrations the sports portfolio was attached to the Ministry of Education or other ministries. [CNW]

ROME - Democratic Party (PD) leader Elly Schlein said Sunday that her centre-left group will oppose Premier Giorgia Meloni's government with vigor while, at the same time, taking the opportunities that may arise to influence policy. "We are rooting for Italy and we want to have a pragmatic approach to the government but a tough one too," Schlein said at the annual Forum Ambrosetti in Cernobbio. "For example, we'll make sure we look at how we can intervene in the next budget law". She also pledged to press ahead with the bill the PD has presented with other opposition parties to introduce a minimum wage of nine euros an hour in Italy.

Former industry minister Carlo Calenda, the leader of the opposition, centrist Azione party, told the forum that Meloni's government had followed in the footsteps of her predecessor Mario Draghi's executive when it came to fiscal policy.

"The Meloni government's first budget law was responsible in terms of the final balance," Calenda said. "Meloni put on Mario Draghi's clothes". (ANSA).

FLORIDA - Circuit Judge J. Lee Marsh sent the plan back to the Florida Legislature



Rushell Clayton, of Jamaica, silver, celebrates after the final of the Women's 400-meters hurdles during the World Athletics Championships in Budapest, Hungary, Thursday, Aug. 24, 2023. - AP Photo/Petr David Jousek

with instructions that lawmakers should draw a new congressional map.

A Florida redistricting plan pushed by Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis violates the state constitution and is prohibited from being used for any future U.S. congressional elections since it diminishes the ability of Black voters in north Florida to pick a representative of their choice, a state judge ruled Saturday.

Circuit Judge J. Lee Marsh sent the plan back to the Florida Legislature with instructions that lawmakers should draw a new congressional map that complies with the Florida Constitution.

The voting rights groups that challenged the plan in

court "have shown that the enacted plan results in the diminishment of Black voters' ability to elect their candidate of choice in violation of the Florida Constitution," Marsh wrote. [El Pais]

CAYMAN ISLANDS - Closed-door trials - where the public, media and even the complainant in the case are excluded so government can show secret evidence - could soon be permissible in the Cayman Islands.

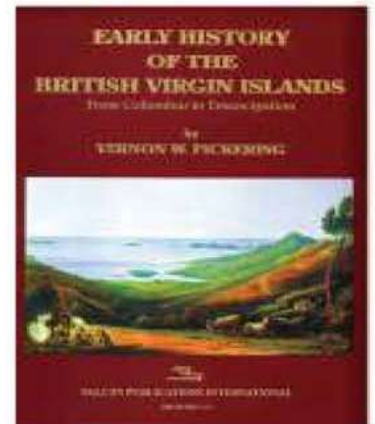
Draft legislation, published last week, creates the framework for civil trials to be held in secret if the evidence is deemed to impact national security.

The Civil Proceedings (Closed Material Procedure) Bill would give Cayman courts the power to review classified material without government having to disclose it to any other party in the proceedings or the public.

Similar legislation has proved highly controversial in the UK, where the balance between open justice, the rights to a fair trial, and the state's need to keep certain evidence under wraps is an ongoing debate. [Cayman Compass]

JAMAICA - As the new academic year looms on the horizon, slated to begin on September 4, Jamaica's Minister of Education and Youth, Fayval Williams, disclosed an increase in teacher resignations since her last update on August 18.

Although the ministry reported 1,538 resignations for the period between January to September 2022, the current



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year saw a comparative decline. As of the latest count, a total of 854 teachers have stepped down, marking a 44 per cent decrease compared to the same period last year.

Addressing concerns and implementing solutions

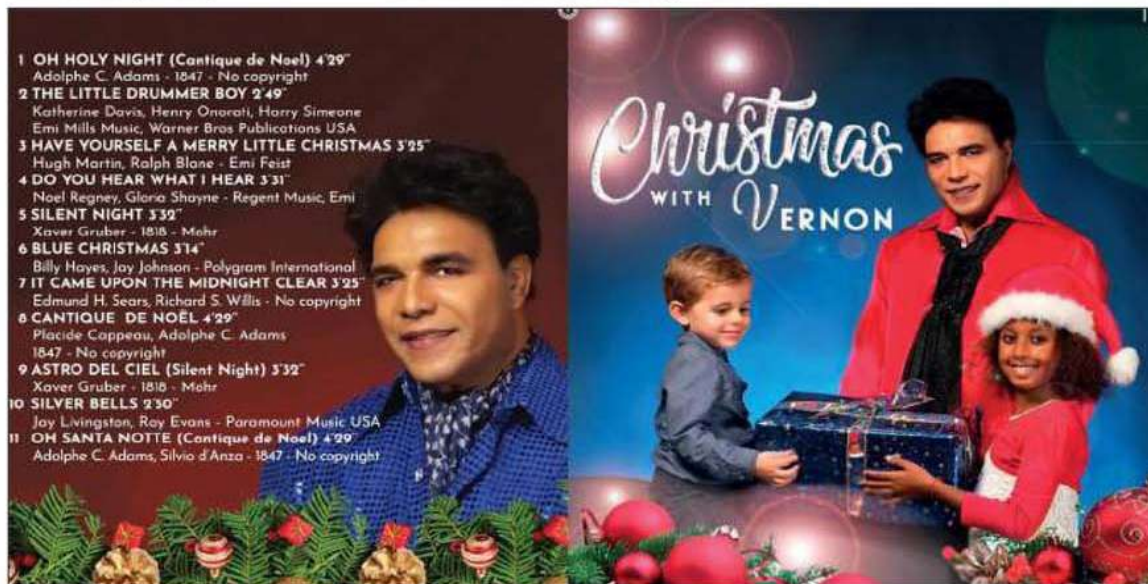
During a Post-Cabinet Press Briefing at Jamaica House, Minister Williams sought to alleviate concerns about potential teacher shortages for the upcoming school year.

Despite the decline in numbers, 25,000 teachers remain employed within the education system.

Several schools recently advertised vacant teaching positions, to which Williams responded by introducing a job portal. This portal simplifies the advertisement of vacant roles and provides aspiring educators with the necessary information to apply for jobs.

In an effort to aid schools with the recruitment process, the Education ministry dispatched various strategies weeks in advance of the academic year.

Schools received pre-approval to make early recruitment decisions, with the green light given for engaging part-time teachers, retired educators, and pre-trained graduates in their final year of study. [CNW]



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Divas On A Dime

BVI Sailing Team and RBVIYC closed its summer 2023 chapter with a wave of gratitude

The British Virgin Islands Sailing Team and Royal BVI Yacht Club (RBVIYC) closed its summer 2023 chapter with a wave of gratitude. Both organizations applauded the dedicated helpers, sponsors, and sailing enthusiasts, both young and adult, who sailed with them over the past months to learn the ropes.

Both the Sailing Team and RBVIYC noted that the summer camp, which featured fun-filled lessons, has set the course for the future generation of BVI sailors. As the sails of the summer camps are neatly folded, all eyes are now set on the horizon for the eagerly awaited

after-school program. Enthusiasts can anticipate more exhilarating maritime experiences, skill-building sessions, and camaraderie as the Royal BVI Yacht Club steers into this next chapter. The sailing community can expect the after-school program to set sail with the same dedication and passion that made the summer camps an outstanding success. With each wave that graced the shores during the summer, a promise of even more exciting adventures on the horizon is now within reach.

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LadyburdTalks...

Dear Readers: Help Stop Bullying- Watch for Bullying Indicators now that school is back in session.

Be sure you are able to recognize the most common types of bullying as well as cyberbullying indicators. Also, be aware that boys and girls often bully differently. For instance, boys may resort to physical bullying and girls are more likely to use relational bullying like ostracizing another student.³

Look for what is called "gateway indicators." These are initial behaviors that students display that are often gateways for more intentional types of bullying. Some possible gateway indicators include rolling eyes, laughing under their breath, making jokes, turning their back on others, and using sarcasm. If you see these behaviors, look a little closer. There may be subtle forms of bullying taking place already.

Empower Student Bystanders

Strive to empower the bystanders in your class. Encourage them to stand up against bullying behavior or to report it to you or another adult. Remind them that research has shown that bullying ends when one person takes a stand.⁴ Then provide safe and confidential ways that they can report bullying incidents.

Keep Your Ear to the Ground:

Victims of bullying are often afraid or embarrassed to come forward. As a result, you may need to rely on other students to let you know when bullying is occurring. Identify your class leaders early in the school year and check in with them. Let them be your eyes and ears when you cannot be present.

Also, be sure you make it safe for them to alert you of potential issues. No student wants to be called a snitch. So, make sure you implement ways for them to get information to you without the rest of the students knowing who it came from



Ladyburd's Mail Box

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Dear Ladyburd: My boyfriend told me that he is not in love with me any more, yet he is coming to my apartment very often, I am not sure if it is because when he told me via text, that he was breaking up with me, I text him back and told him that was OK if that is how he feels, Ladyburd, I did not make any fuss really and truly I was hurting, but I did not make him see me sweat, and it seems he can't get over the fact that I did not beg him to stay. He is calling me now more than ever. What would you do with someone like that.G.

Ladyburd: Dear G: I am so proud of you, you acted with Grace and dignity, even when you were hurting about the whole thing, you kept your cool. He did not have to see you fall apart over him.

He says he does not love you any more. Why are you entertaining this joker. He was the one who did not even respect you enough to come face to face and break it off, he had the nerves to text you., and you are still accommodating him, something is not right here, as soon as I was proud of you, I started getting upset with you. at the same time. Kindly let this individual stop coming over your apartment for freebies, and wait for the man who is going to love, adore and care about you.



Light Bulb Moments

"Reading is a discount ticket to everywhere." – Mary Schmich

"Today a reader, tomorrow a leader." – Margaret Fuller

"There are many little ways to enlarge your world. Love of books is of all." – Jacqueline Kennedy

Poetry Corner

Stay In School Rating:

Stay in school, don't be a fool

*A dropout gets left out
A dropout gets pushed out*

*Show me your name,
what does it mean
Show me your ring,
you're in the scene
Without an education
there is no beginning
With education you are winning*

*Stay in school, student maintain your cool
It's so hard to get a job now a days*

Without education just be on your way

Show me your car, what does it prove?

*Show me your diploma,
you're in the groove
You don't have to be smart to finish school
But you are a square if you are not there
Students that are in school*

You are on the right track

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Tickle My Funny Bones



CAMPING TRIP

Sherlock Holmes and Dr. John Watson went on a camping trip.

After sharing a good meal and a bottle of Petrie wine, they retire to their tent for the night.

At about 3 AM, Holmes nudges Watson and asks, "Watson, look up into the sky and tell me what you see?"

Watson said, "I see millions of stars." Holmes asks, "And, what does that tell you?" Watson replies, "Astronomically, it tells me there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets.

Astrologically, it tells me that Saturn is in Leo.

Theologically, it tells me that God is great and we are small and insignificant.

Horologically, it tells me that it's about 3 AM.

Meteorologically, it tells me that we will have a beautiful day tomorrow.

What does it tell you, Holmes?" Holmes retorts,

"Someone stole our tent."

PUN INTENDED

"I'm afraid of speed bumps, but I'm slowly getting over it.."

" did the barber win the race?
He knew a shortcut."

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Whisk Up Wonders: Elevate Your Butter Game with 5 Delightful Recipes!

Julia Child famously said, "With enough butter, anything is good," and she was absolutely right. But now let's take that plain ol' butter and jazz it up. Brace yourself, because we're about to dive into the realm of compound butter.

Compound butter: think butter, but with panache. It's the perfect inexpensive, fancy-pants upgrade to nearly any meal. It's softened butter mixed with your favorite sweet or savory flavors, then chilled in the fridge until showtime.

Just picture it: a dollop of this buttery brilliance on sizzling hot dishes, melting into a luscious, flavor-packed buttery sauce. It's fantastic on grilled meats, poultry, shrimp and other seafood, steamed vegetables, freshly

baked bread, pasta and rice, potatoes, and even pancakes and waffles. You can also use it to add richness to mashed potatoes or as a finishing touch to sauces and soups. The possibilities are endless!

MASTER RECIPE COMPOUND BUTTER

Yield: Approximately 3/4 cup

Servings: 12 tablespoons

Total Time: 10 minutes

1/2 cup (one stick) softened butter

Up to 1/2 cup additional ingredients as per recipes below*

Place the room temperature butter in the bowl of a small food processor or a small mixing bowl. Add your prepared ingredients and process or mix using a fork until well incorporated. Next you roll the

now amazing butter into a log.

Spoon your blob (that's the technical term, I'm quite sure) of supercharged butter in the middle of a sheet of wax paper. Fold the paper over the blob. Use the edge of something flat (like the side of a small cutting board or a pastry scraper) to press the butter into the folded edge of the paper, forming a cylinder or log shape. Twist the ends of the paper like a piece of wrapped candy.

Place your divine creation in the fridge until solid. Store refrigerated for up to a month or frozen for three months.

To serve, slice into rounds and place atop something deserving of such magnificence. Am I being overdramatic? You won't think so when you try my recipes and pairing suggestions below.

*BLUE CHEESE AND GARLIC BLISS -- 1/2 cup butter, 1/4 cup blue cheese crumbles, 1 tablespoon minced purple onion, 1 teaspoon minced garlic, 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce. Grilled steak or baked potatoes will never be the same again.

*AVOCADO LIME -- 1/2 cup butter, 1/4 cup mashed avocado, 1 teaspoon cumin, the zest and juice from one small lime. It's the perfect partner for salmon, shrimp, fish tacos, chicken and even corn on the cob. Taco 'bout a transformation!

*MEDITERRANEAN MAGIC -- 1/2 cup butter, 1/4 cup shredded Parmesan, 1 tablespoon diced roast red pepper or sundried tomatoes, 2 teaspoons fresh basil, 1 teaspoon minced garlic, one

The Sunny Side Up

pinch red pepper flakes. Imagine this dazzling star dancing its way onto hot pasta or a cozy baguette.

*FRESH BERRY HONEY BUTTER -- 1/2 cup butter, 1/4 cup room temperature mashed fresh berries, 1 tablespoon honey. This concoction adds fruity finesse to biscuits, cornbread, toast or pancakes.

*BANANAS FOSTER BONANZA -- 1/2 cup butter, 1/4 cup mashed banana, 1 1/2 tablespoons caramel sauce, 1 tablespoon brown sugar, 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon and a dash of nutmeg. Slather on pancakes, waffles, French toast or your arm.

And yes, you could even gift these buttery delights. Wrap up some pasta or a fresh loaf of bread, add compound butter, and tada! A thoughtful treat.

But here's the kicker: We're only scratching the buttery surface. Countless combinations await, ready to be mixed, chilled and devoured. I hope you'll enjoy experimenting in the kitchen. Who knew butter could be so versatile?

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

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POLICE NEWS

ARREST BLOTTER

JULY 2 – AUGUST 26, 2023

ROBBERY

1. On 07-07-2023 at about 1550hrs, Police arrested and charged Jelani Marquis, 27, of Hannah's Estate, for Robbery and Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Drug.
2. On 07-07-2023 at about 1550hrs, Police arrested and charged Shamul Mitchell, 35, of Lower Estate, for Robbery and two counts of Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Drug.
3. On 02-08-2023 at about 2135hrs, Police arrested and charged Jason Smith, 18, of Sea Cow's Bay, for three counts of Robbery, Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Drug, and Resisting Arrest.
4. On 04-08-2023 at about 1330hrs, Police arrested and charged Kimron White, 19, of Prospect Reef, with three counts of Robbery.

KEEPING UNLICENSED FIREARM

1. On 19-07-2023 at about 1158hrs, Police arrested and charged Dillon Etienne, 24, of Sea Cow's Bay, for Keeping an Unlicensed Firearm, Unlawful Possession of a Firearm, Unlawful Possession of Explosives, two counts of Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Drug and Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Drug with Intent to Supply to Another.
2. On 20-07-2023 at about 1738hrs, Police arrested and charged Dion McMaster, 38, of Red Bay, for Keeping an Unlicensed Firearm, Unlawful Possession of Explosives, and Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Drug with Intent to Supply. He was remanded to His Majesty's Prison.
3. On 21-07-2023 at about 1157hrs, Police arrested and charged Zuri Christo Reid of Rogues Bay with Keeping an Unlicensed Firearm and Unlawful Possession of Explosives. She was remanded to His Majesty's Prison.
4. On 21-07-2023 at about 1210hrs, Police arrested and charged Ruth Gonzales Tellez of Rogues Bay for Keeping an Unlicensed Firearm and Unlawful Possession of Explosives. She was remanded to His Majesty's Prison.

BURGLARY

1. On 06-07-2023 at about 1948hrs, Police arrested and charged James Leonard Jr., 25, of Cooper Island, for Burglary.
2. On 31-07-2023 at about 212hrs, Police arrested and charged Charles Hodge, 50, of Soldier Hill, for Burglary. He was granted bail in the sum of \$10,000 to appear before Magistrate's Court.
3. On 21-08-2023 at about 1127hrs, Police arrested and charged Cyril Charles, 44, of Purcell Estate for Burglary.
4. On 17-08-2023 at about 0930hrs, Police arrested and charged Ke'Moi Cadore, 18, of Windy Hill, Virgin Gorda, for Burglary, Theft, and Criminal Trespass. He was granted bail in the sum of \$10,000 to appear before Magistrate's Court on 09-10-2023.

THEFT

On 19-07-2023 at about 1500hrs, Police arrested and charged Mikhail Howe, 33, of Lower Estate, for Theft and Assault Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm. He was granted bail in the sum of \$5,000 to appear before the Magistrate's Court on 16-09-2023.

INFLECTING GRIEVOUS BODILY HARM

On 23-08-2023 at about 1438hrs, Police arrested and charged Bryshan Walters, 18, of Paraquita Bay, for Inflicting Grievous Bodily Harm.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED DRUG

On 09-07-2023 at about 0253hrs, Police arrested and charged Kentish Rogers, 38, of Lower Estate, for Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Drug. He was granted bail in the sum of \$5,000 to appear before Magistrate's Court on 22-08-2023.

ASSAULT OCCASIONING ACTUAL BODILY HARM

On 02-08-2023 at about 1356hrs, Police arrested and charged Roy Richards, 44, of McNamara, for Assault Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm. He was granted bail in the sum of \$5,000 to appear before Magistrate's Court on 12-09-2023.

INDECENT ASSAULT

On 09-07-2023 at about 1510hrs, Police arrested and charged a 13-year-old of USA, for Indecent Assault. He was granted bail in the sum of \$10,000 to appear before the Magistrate's Court on 12-07-2023.

HANDLING STOLEN GOODS

On 22-08-2023 at about 2218hrs, Police arrested and charged Eugenia Harvey, 51, of Purcell Estate, for Handling Stolen Goods.

INDECENCY IN A PUBLIC PLACE

On 20-07-2023 at about 1705hrs, Police arrested and charged Reynard Matthews, 32, of North Sound, Virgin Gorda, with Indecency in a Public Place, Idle and Disorderly, and Common Nuisance.

DRIVING WHEN NOT SECURED BY SEATBELT

On 18-07-2023 at about 2210hrs, Police arrested and charged Elton Prentice, 49, of Purcell Estate, for Driving When Not Secured by Seatbelt, Failure to give Name and Address, and Insulting Language. He was granted bail in the sum of \$2,000 to appear before the Magistrate's Court on 14-10-2023.

FIREARM SEIZED, ONE CHARGED

Wednesday, September 6 – Officers of the Criminal Investigations Department seized an AK-47 rifle and a quantity of ammunition on Sunday from a home in Free Bottom. One male was arrested and subsequently charged. Keron Hodge, 21, of Purcell Estate, was charged with one count of Possession of a Prohibited Weapon and two counts of Unlawful Possession of Explosives. He remains in custody until his appearance at the Magistrate's Court.

The RVIPF continues to do its part to reduce the number of illegal firearms on the streets and to arrest those persons in whose possession they are found.

The Force is appealing to the public to get involved in saving lives and keeping the community safe by providing any information on suspected persons or the locations where these firearms are being hidden or imported. Persons can confidentially call the Crime Stoppers line 800-8477 (TIPS) or overseas call 1-284-800-8477 with the relevant information or contact the

RVIPF CHARGE TWO MALES FOR RECENT BURGLARIES

Wednesday, September 6 – Officers of the Criminal Investigations Department have charged two males for two recent burglaries at Family Support Network and Blossoms Florist. Howard Hughes, 53, of no fixed place of abode, was charged with Burglary of the Family Support Network. He appeared before the Magistrate's court and was remanded to His Majesty's Prison.

Similarly, Glenville Callwood, 28, of Baugher's Bay, was charged with Burglary of Blossoms Florist. He was granted bail in the sum of \$5,000 to appear at the Magistrate's Court on October 11, 2023.

Acting Commissioner of Police, St. Clair Amory, commended the Officers, stating, "I am extremely pleased with the swift and decisive action taken by the Criminal Investigations Department in apprehending and charging these suspects. This remarkable display of persistence serves as a powerful reassurance to our community that our law enforcement officers are unwavering in their commitment to combat crime and ensure that offenders are brought to justice." Persons with information about any Burglary can confidentially call the **Crime Stoppers line 800-8477 (TIPS) or overseas call 1-284-800-8477 with the relevant information or contact the RVIPF Intelligence Unit at 368-9339.**

SHOOTING VICTIM SUCCUMBS TO INJURIES

Monday, September 4 - The RVIPF is actively conducting investigations into last night's shooting at Long Bush, which claimed the life of one male. The deceased is confirmed to be 26-year-old Azim Yonnas of Butu Mountain. Information received is that he was shot by an unknown assailant(s) who subsequently fled the scene. The victim was transported to Dr. D. Orlando Smith Hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries.

Officers of the Major Incident Team are determined to bring the perpetrator(s) to justice. Persons with any information that may assist with this investigation can confidentially call the Crime Stoppers line at 1-800-8477 (TIPS)

or overseas call 1-284-800-8477 with the relevant information or contact the RVIPF directly at 368-5682 or 368 9339.

All information will be held in the strictest of confidence

UPDATE: RVIPF SEIZE PLANE AND DRUGS ON ANEGADA

Friday, September 1 – Officers of the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force are actively conducting investigations into the recent drug seizure on Anegada. On August 19, 2023, Officers seized a Cessna aircraft and over 800 kilograms of cocaine on the island. Over the past week, several persons of interest have been arrested and interviewed and have since been released. Officers have also executed search warrants on several properties on the island.

Acting Commissioner of Police, St. Clair Amory, commended all officers involved in the seizures and would like to express thanks to members of the public who have assisted and are willing to assist in this ongoing investigation.

As this is an ongoing and sensitive investigation, no further information can be disclosed at this time.

Persons with any pertinent information into this incident can contact the RVIPF

Intelligence Unit at 368-9339. All information will be held in the strictest confidence.



Salome's Stars

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Get all the facts about that investment "opportunity" before you put as little as \$1 into it. Hidden problems might arise that could prove to be costly.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A little "wool gathering" for the usually productive Lamb is all right if it helps you unwind. But be careful, as too much daydreaming can put you behind schedule in your work.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A work problem is close to being resolved. Now you can go ahead and celebrate the week, accepting invitations from friends who enjoy your company.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Getting your new plan accepted won't be a major hassle if you have the facts to back it up. Your supporters are also prepared to help you make your case. Good luck.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Dealing with a pesky job problem might be time-consuming, but necessary. The sooner you get this situation settled, the sooner you can move on to other matters.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Career advancement is favored, thanks to your impressive work record. On a more personal side, you should soon hear some good news about an ailing family member.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) There might be mixed signals from a certain someone who doesn't seem all that certain about his or her intentions. Best to sort it all out now before it becomes more confusing.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Compromising on a matter you feel strongly about not only ends the impasse, but can be a win-win deal for all. Remember, Scorpios do well with change.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) With all the demands you currently have to deal with, accepting the help of family and friends could be the wisest course to take at this time.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Recent upsetting incidents might have left you with a big gap in your self-assurance. Refill it by spending time with those who know how worthy you really are.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A dispute about money needs to be resolved quickly before it festers into something more serious. Consider asking an impartial colleague to mediate the matter.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A soft approach could be more effective than making a loud demand for the information you need. You might even find yourself with more data than you expected.

BORN THIS WEEK: You're sought out for the wonderful advice you're able to offer others. Sometimes you even take it yourself.

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WHEN LIFE GIVES YOU LEMONS, MAKE LEMONADE Kool-Aid



- If frost is forecast, cover tender plants, such as tomatoes, cucumbers and squash. It doesn't take much to damage or kill them.
- Finish harvesting, and dry, freeze and/or can your fruits and vegetables.
- Start saving your seeds of vegetables, flowers, and herbs.
- Divide perennials, replant and/or share with friends.
- Bring houseplants in from outdoors; check for bugs and diseases, and apply controls.
- Stop fertilizing roses, and remove dead blooms and foliage. - Brenda Weaver

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LAFF - A - DAY



"This is Willie. He used to be the new baby at the Blakes'!"

Climate shocks displace close to two million children in Sub-Saharan Africa

Save the Children is working to enhance prevention, preparedness, support and recovery from climate disasters to protect the youngest in emergencies. The NGO is calling on world leaders to address the crisis at the continent's first climate summit running until 8 September in Nairobi, Kenya.

By Camilla Dionisi, Vatican News

In 2022 the total number of sub-Saharan African children internally displaced within their own countries almost doubled, according to data from the Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre, an NGO that monitors and provides information and analysis on internally displaced people around the world.

The rising numbers require urgent action according to Save the Children, a charitable organisation that has been working alongside young children for over a century now. The NGO says that at the end of 2022, at least 1.85 million children in Sub-Saharan Africa were displaced in their own countries due to climate shocks. The consequences of climate disasters affect health, agriculture, security, housing and work. According to the World Health Organisation, climate change represents the greatest health threat to humanity.

ALARMING NUMBERS IN NIGERIA AND SOMALIA

Floods in Borno State and other parts of Nigeria caused the number of internally displaced persons (IDPs) due to these disasters to increase threefold over the previous year: from 2.6 million in 2021 to an estimated 4 million in 2022. By the end of 2022, at least 854,000 people remained displaced, including an estimated 427,000 children.

Somalia in contrast has missed five rainy seasons affecting 6.6 million people, 39% of the population now with critical levels of hunger. The country has the second highest number of internally displaced persons (IDPs) at 1.1 million.

These alarming numbers highlight how children's livelihoods throughout the region are being undermined by disasters due to the climate crisis and resulting extreme weather events, and as Save the Children states, this despite African countries having contributed least to the root causes with the lowest share of global greenhouse gas emissions.

"CLIMATE REFUGEE" CONCERNS GROWING

According to Save the Children, the emergence of the



Children exposed to extreme climatic and environmental events (ANSA)

El Niño weather pattern known to contribute to the generation of extreme meteorological events, the numbers of internally displaced persons are likely to increase 2023. In Borno State in northeast Nigeria, floods forced more than 30,000 people to leave their homes in 2022.

A 13-year-old girl, given the fictitious name of Falmata, recounts her experience: "Life was hard. We got separated from family members and never heard from them again. We found a small room to shelter but the structure was very bad because it had been ruined by rain. The ceilings are leaking and some parts of the room are open. When I see the clouds, I am afraid and I am

reminded of the floods."

Children struggle to survive without water and adequate sanitation

SAVE THE CHILDREN'S APPEAL

At the Africa Climate Summit taking place from 4 to 8 September in Nairobi, Kenya, leaders of African countries are sharing their experiences and voicing their concerns.

"Falmata's experience with last year's floods is all too common," says Vishna Shah, Director of Advocacy, Communications, Campaigns and Media at Save the Children's regional office for West and Central Africa. "In Nigeria and across the region, many children are terrified. They cling to survival as they move from one extreme weather event to the next, unsure if the unseasonal rains are a blessing for failing crops or if they will wipe out their homes. Children have done nothing to cause this crisis," concludes Vishna Shah, "and they need the international community to uphold its climate finance commitments, including resources for adaptation measures to address loss and damage, and to ensure that these take into account the specific needs of children."

For children, losing their homes means losing access to health care, education, food and security. Save the Children's interventions to combat the climate crisis globally include supporting children and their communities in preventing, preparing for and recovering from climate-related disasters. The charitable organisation is also actively monitoring forecasts and potential risks in all regions, while working with partners to help communities predict, prepare for and prevent the worst possible impacts.

PRIMARY SHELTER	Ernie Danlop Community Centre	The Settlement, Anegada
	Long Trench Community Centre	Long Trench, Tortola
	North Sound Community Centre (<i>Limited Access</i>)	North Sound, Virgin Gorda
	North Sound Methodist Church Hall	North Sound, Virgin Gorda
	Upper Room Victory Church	Little Dix Hill, Tortola
	Valerie O. Thomas Community Centre	Sea Cows Bay, Tortola
	Wendell Potter Learning Centre	Purcell Estate, Tortola
SECONDARY SHELTER	West End Community Centre	West End, Tortola
	Agape Total Life Centre	Anderson Estate, Tortola
	BVI Seventh-day Adventist School	Sea Cows Bay, Tortola
	Cane Garden Bay Baptist Church	Cane Garden Bay, Tortola
	Mount Carmel Baptist Church	West End, Tortola
	Road Town Methodist Church Hall	Road Town, Tortola
TERTIARY SHELTER	Seventh-day Adventist Church Hall	Valley, Virgin Gorda
	Bell Vue Seventh-day Adventist Church	Bell Vue, Tortola
	Cane Garden Bay Methodist Church	Cane Garden Bay, Tortola
	Carrot Bay Seventh-day Adventist Youth Centre	Carrot Bay, Tortola
	Church of God of Prophecy	Jost Van Dyke
	Church of God of Prophecy	East End, Tortola
	Church of God Holiness (Valley)	Valley, Virgin Gorda
	East End Methodist Church	East End, Tortola
	Sanctuary of Hope Church	Valley, Virgin Gorda
	St. Mary's Anglican Church	Valley, Virgin Gorda
The Valley Methodist Church	Valley, Virgin Gorda	

Shelter Classifications

Primary shelters can provide refuge during and after a hazard like a storm or earthquake and are equipped with generators as well as facilities for shelterees to cook and bathe.

Secondary shelters can provide refuge during and after a hazard but don't have as many of the facilities as a primary shelter and would house shelterees for a shorter period of time.

Tertiary shelters can provide refuge after a hazard and would only host shelterees temporarily.

These facilities have been inspected by the Department of Disaster Management, the Environmental Health Division, and the Public Works Department in keeping with the BVI Emergency Shelter Manual.



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Caribbean News / Regional News

Statement by Sir Ronald Sanders, Ambassador of Antigua and Barbuda

At a Meeting of the Permanent Council of the Organization of American States

On Tuesday, 5th September 2023 on "In Remembrance of the 50th anniversary of the coup d'état in Chile"

We, the representatives of our Governments, on this Permanent Council of the Organization of American States, are custodians of democracy, peace, human rights and development in our hemisphere.

It is a grave responsibility, and we must always recall the importance of our task and how much the peoples of our

countries expect us to defend and uphold their rights and freedoms.

Today, we collectively remember - and reflect - upon a dark day in the history of the Americas—the coup d'état in Chile on September 11, 1973.

It led to the overthrow of the democratically elected government of President Salvador Allende.

This event shook not only Chile but the very foundations of democracy and the rule of law in our hemisphere.

For a great many people all over the world, President Allende was a beacon for social justice, economic reform, and

democratic values.

His life was abruptly and tragically cut short, and so, too, was freedom and justice in Chile.

I recall the words of President Allende spoken in his final radio address to the Chilean people on the day of the Coup.

He said: "I have faith in Chile and its destiny. Other men will overcome this dark and bitter moment when treason seeks to prevail. Keep in mind that, much sooner than later, the great avenues will again be opened, through which will pass free men to construct a better society."

But while the coup d'état prevailed, there were widespread human rights abuses, thousands of disappearances, and a regime that stood against the values we cherish today.

To ensure that such an event does not fade into the annals of history, unnoticed and unacknowledged, my delegation fully supports the establishment of a permanent symbol in the OAS headquarters, recognizing President Allende.

We are aware that this will also be a remembrance of all those who lived in fear and suffered under the subsequent

autocratic rule in Chile, and a reminder to all our nations of the dire consequences of standing silent when democracy is assaulted.

Our Council should use this occasion to reaffirm our commitment to the enduring values of democracy, human rights, and the rule of law.

Let us honour President Allende and the countless others who have fallen in the struggle for these ideals, let us also resolve never to allow history to repeat itself.

Thank you.

STATEMENT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY (CARICOM) HONOURABLE ROOSEVELT SKERRIT PRIME MINISTER OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF DOMINICA ON AFRICA-CARICOM DAY

7 SEPTEMBER 2023

(CARICOM Secretariat, Georgetown, Guyana - Thursday, 7 September 2023):- I am pleased to acknowledge, as Chairman of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), the watershed moment two years ago when the leaders of CARICOM and Africa agreed to designate a date to honour the fraternal and enduring bonds that unite our countries, and reflect on the significance of our emerging strategic partnership to our people.

The relationship between the Caribbean Community and the African continent has immense potential to advance priority areas of mutual interest, such as Climate Change, Development Financing, Public Health, and Reparations.

Our alliance has made remarkable progress in

recent times. Reciprocal official visits by leaders of CARICOM and Africa have further strengthened our relations. In this regard, my fellow CARICOM Heads of Government were delighted to receive His Excellency Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda, as a Special Guest during the Forty-Fifth Regular Meeting of the Conference in Port-of-Spain, in July. That exchange allowed us to discuss matters, including health, digitisation, transport, telecommunications, and reform of the international financial architecture, strategically important issues for the people of our Regions.

The recent opening of the AFREXIMBANK Caribbean Office in Barbados will advance efforts to develop and promote critical trade and economic relations

between the Caribbean and Africa.

It is that excellent spirit of cooperation that will continue to unite the Member States of CARICOM and African countries, as we seek to assist our sister nation, Haiti, to resolve its ongoing multi-dimensional crisis.

We understand the importance of solidifying our cooperation and transforming our proposals into initiatives that contribute to the sustainable development of our countries and the welfare of our peoples. I, therefore, look forward to the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between CARICOM and the African Union Commission Secretariats.

People-to-people contact remains a primary catalyst for our ambitions to advance collaboration between the Caribbean and African nations in trade, investment,

health, connectivity and other priority areas. I am confident that our relationship will continue to flourish in the years ahead. Our Community is home to many citizens of the African Diaspora, designated as Africa's Sixth Region. Let us continue to work together

to further solidify the ties of friendship and cooperation that have traditionally bonded us.

I extend wishes for the well-being and prosperity of the Governments and People of CARICOM and Africa.

7 September 2023

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Blinken in Ukraine for Two-Day Visit Amid Russian Airstrikes

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken is in Kyiv on an unannounced two-day visit, his fourth to Ukraine since Russia invaded the country in February 2022.

Blinken is expected to meet with Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba, Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal and President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to hear their assessment of their needs for the ongoing counteroffensive against Russia and the coming winter.

“We’ve seen good progress on the counteroffensive (inaudible). We want to make sure that Ukraine has what it needs not only to succeed in the counteroffensive but has what it needs for the long term to make sure that it has a strong deterrent, strong defense

capacity so that, in the future, aggressions like this don’t happen again,” Blinken said ahead of his talks Wednesday.

Blinken is likely to announce a new package of U.S. assistance worth more than \$1 billion, a senior State Department official told reporters on the trip.

Several hours before his arrival, Russia carried out airstrikes on Kyiv and the southern region of Odesa. No casualties were reported in the capital city, but Ukrainian officials say a civilian was killed and port infrastructure damaged in the south.

The State Department says Blinken intends to demonstrate ironclad U.S. support for Ukraine, and to coordinate with leaders there ahead of the United Nations General

Assembly in New York next week, where Washington will lead the push for continued support for Kyiv.

President Zelenskyy tweeted that he has been meeting with his top staff to make plans for winter, and in his words, “anything the terrorist Russian state might do.”

Russia has accused the United States of prolonging the war by supporting Ukraine, amid reports that Moscow faces a serious shortage of weapons and ammunition.

A senior State Department official traveling with Blinken was asked by reporters about Russian President Vladimir Putin’s reported plans to meet with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un in the coming days in Vladivostok to ask for weapons and ammunition.

The official told reporters: “It



In this photo provided by Ukrainian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, US Secretary of State Antony Blinken, right, and Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba, walk at the Alley of Heroes at the Berkovetske cemetery in Kyiv, Sept. 6, 2023, in Kyiv, Ukraine.

speaks to Russian desperation that they have to go scrounging for stuff in Pyongyang, you know, and that Putin has to fly half all the way across his country to meet another

autocrat.”

The State Department official compared that with the coalition that supports Ukraine, at some 50 countries around the world..

Indian Capital Dresses Up for G20 Summit

NEW DELHI —

Bright murals on city walls, freshly paved roads, illuminated monuments and fountains and tall new statues that showcase India’s cultural heritage will greet delegates arriving for the Group of 20 summit to the Indian capital New Delhi.

Even as Delhi is dressed up as never before, massive security measures will turn the city into a virtual fortress for the weekend summit with tens of thousands of police, paramilitary and commandos deployed along its streets, borders and at hotels that will house presidents and prime ministers. Anti-drone systems will deter aerial threats.

During its G20 presidency, India has tried to boost its global stature and authorities want the city of over 20 million to showcase a rising power.

Earlier this year, Delhi’s Lieutenant Governor, Vinai Kumar Saxena, said the G20 summit was an opportunity to show “the best face of India.”

The summit meeting will be held at a revamped convention and exhibition center, named Bharat Mandapam, in the heart of New Delhi. Thousands of potted plants and flowers bedeck sidewalks along roads that VIP motorcades will zip by.

Cutouts of large monkeys called “langurs” have been installed to scare away smaller monkeys, a routine menace in the city. Workers are dowsing mosquito breeding sites with insecticides in a city where dengue cases have been reported in recent months.

The “beautification” drive, that carries a price tag of millions of dollars, is not without controversy.

Several demolition drives in recent months have bulldozed shanties, displacing hundreds of low-income workers. Authorities have denied any link between the demolitions and the G-20 summit, and said they were carried out against “illegal encroachers.” The government said they will help those who lost their homes.

But rights activists point out that these tenements had existed for decades.

“It is an attempt to conceal the poverty that is visible — that is why there was a frenzy of demolitions,” said Harsh Mander, a prominent rights activist. “That is because these shanties are a reminder of the fact that in the midst of India’s economic growth, huge levels of poverty persist. It is a sanitized version of the city that is being projected.”

The city’s homeless who live under bridges and sleep on footpaths have been shifted to

shelter homes, according to local media.

Many pavement vendors who plied their trade along major roads have been moved to inner lanes. The opposition Congress Party has demanded financial compensation for street vendors, weekly market traders and others whose livelihoods will be affected by the summit restrictions.

“Since the last two days, I was asked to set up my cart in a lane about 150 meters away from the main road. But customers don’t come inside,” said Devki Nandan Pant, a street vendor who sells “kulfi”, an Indian version of ice cream in a South Delhi neighborhood. “It is creating a lot of hardship for people like us.”

Delhi’s usually crowded streets will be largely silent around the G20 venue with stringent traffic restrictions making it out of bounds for most citizens. Major markets in the vicinity of the convention center, schools and colleges have also been ordered shut from Friday. Offices have been told to work from home.

Many residents are simply leaving the city, choosing to take a break rather than navigate the restrictions.

New Delhi resident Vishaka Talreja took a flight on Wednesday to Kashmir with her family.

“Everything will be shut down including food deliveries, so what would we do in the city? We left today itself because I thought it is better to leave before airport security etc. also becomes very stringent or flights get cancelled.”

The grand showcasing of the G20 summit is not just meant to underline India’s ambitions as a rising power, which wants to emerge as the voice of what it calls the “Global South” or developing countries.

It is also expected to give Prime Minister Narendra Modi a boost domestically ahead of next year’s general elections. India’s G20 logo features a lotus, the symbol of Mr. Modi’s Bharatiya Janata Party —

posters have been plastered along roads, not just in Delhi, but in other cities that hosted a series of G20 events in the past year.

Political analyst Rasheed Kidwai pointed out that G20 summits, whose presidency rotates between members, have been held for many years but have never been scaled up to the level as they have been under India’s presidency.

“Among Modi’s biggest backers are the great Indian middle class and urban India. For them, this grand showcasing and fanfare projects the image that we have arrived on the international high table. So, taking the G20 summit from a somewhat routine event to a high profile one does yield political dividends domestically also,” he



Central Reserve Police Force personnel patrol a road next to a hoarding ahead of the G20 Summit in New Delhi, Sept. 6, 2023.

SPORTS

Softball title repeat for Pirates and 3-peat for Synergy

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

SOFTBALL

A thrilling finish to the Virgin Islands Softball Baseball Association Men's Division, saw defending champions Pirates clawing their way back from an 8-4 deficit with a six run sixth, then fended off 2021 champs Power Outage 10-9 on Friday, to successfully defend their title.

On a night Pirates' pitcher Neville "Sheep" Smith—who managed Synergy to a 13-3 victory over newcomers Sparks for their third successive sweep in the Women's Division—wasn't at his best, he had to bear down in the top of the seventh when Power Outage loaded the bases.

"This last game, I'd be honest. I went to the beach about four times just to get my body and arm back again. I knew I wouldn't be top not in the first, second and third innings," Smith told Island Sun

Sports. "But I knew when it came to the last inning, I'd have to dig deep to do what I have to do, and that's what I did."

He said leading 10-8 entering the last inning, gave him a burst of energy. "I'm not going to lie, I was tired," Smith said. "I even told the Third Baseman (pitcher Nicos Penn), if I gave up a hit, he'd have to come into the game. Then I said, 'you know something, let me suck it up. We can't have a Sunday. We already have champagne, T-shirts, we can't afford to come back here' so I just stuck with it."

Power Outage Manager Roy Barry, said his team played exceptionally well despite a few mistakes, but at the end of the evening, his pitcher Jamal "Lefty" Allen, got tired. "Once he got tired and we didn't have somebody to relieve him, I knew we were in trouble," Barry said.

Pirates Manager Austin "Woody" Maduro, said it was a "sweet victory" for his team and it means a lot. "Our first year we came in, this team (Power Outage)

won the championship, we won one game and lost 13," he reflected. "And for the last two years, we've won 13 and lost each year. So, it just shows our team, our workout is improving us. We're not going to stop working out and we're coming for the next one next year again."

Synergy 3-peats

Smith said that Synergy is a superior to any of the Women's teams. "The team is like a family," he said. "When I call on them they answer, so I didn't expect anything different."

Smith repeated both women and men's titles he won last year. "They don't want me to retire, but I think I can retire with this," he said.

Sparks Captain Anecha "Spicy" Graham, said her debutant team wanted to end Synergy's streak. "We didn't get them this year, but next year for sure," she said. "We have a plan to work out from October, because Synergy is the target."

Sparks Manager Allen "Woodrow" Smith is proud of his team. "The season started shaky



Neville "Sheep" Smith had a repeat sweep with Pirates after managing Synergy to a 3-peat sweep

for us and everybody said 'where Woodrow' going with this team,' he noted. "But I like the girls. They stick together and they will

always fight to the end. It's just that Synergy—at this point—is a little too much for us, but we're going to change all of that next season."

BVI hosting Turks and Caicos Islands in Nations League play

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

FOOTBALL

At 3:30 p.m. on Saturday at the A. O. Shirley Grounds, the BVI will host the Turks and Caicos Islands in the CONCACAF Nations League, as they continue to search for their first victory.

Coach Chris Kiwomya told Island Sun Sports that they're looking forward to the game, after having good crowd support for the Cayman Islands game and in the Puerto Rico game, they nearly gave them a victory.

"But you have to remember where we're coming from—Puerto Rico, 40 places above us and even Turks and Caicos are above us—but we feel that we can go out, get a good performance and try to get a win," he said. "We're

going to need the support to try and get a win under the belt and the first game is always important. To get a win at home, the first in a long time, would be really special and I think if they play their part, come down and support us, we can give a performance they'll be proud of."

Tyler Forbes described the crowd support for the last two games as being "absolutely incredible," and said it's really important that they get as many people in the stadium.

"Be ready for a different BVI," he said. "Against Puerto Rico who are many places above us, it was very defensive. We dug deep and played our best. But we're coming against Turks and Caicos who are a lot different this time, so I'd say be ready. Don't be surprised."

Captain Troy Caesar who had his first international goal against Turks and Caicos, said they know what Turks

are capable of and they also know their capabilities. "The coaching staff has a game plan for us to execute and we've been working on what we want to accomplish," he said.

Caesar said he saw lots of positives from Saturday's match against the Rebels, that they can use and come out with a victory. "The training has been intense and coming closer to the game it got a little lighter," he noted. "We're going into the games with the mentality to win. These are two games (Turks and Caicos and Dominica) in which we can compete and try to win. We know the top two teams are going to advance. We know if we win that first game, we'll put pressure on the other teams."

Crowd support he said is important. "From the past couple games, the community has been supporting us tremendously and we need that energy on Saturday," he said.



Tyler Forbes, who scored two goals on Saturday against Rebels, goes for a header

SPORTS



Synergy 3-peated as Softball champions by beating Sparks, for their 3rd successive Softball sweep



BVI Men's National team who will face Turks and Caicos Islands at 3:30 p.m..on Saturday in the CONCACAF Nations

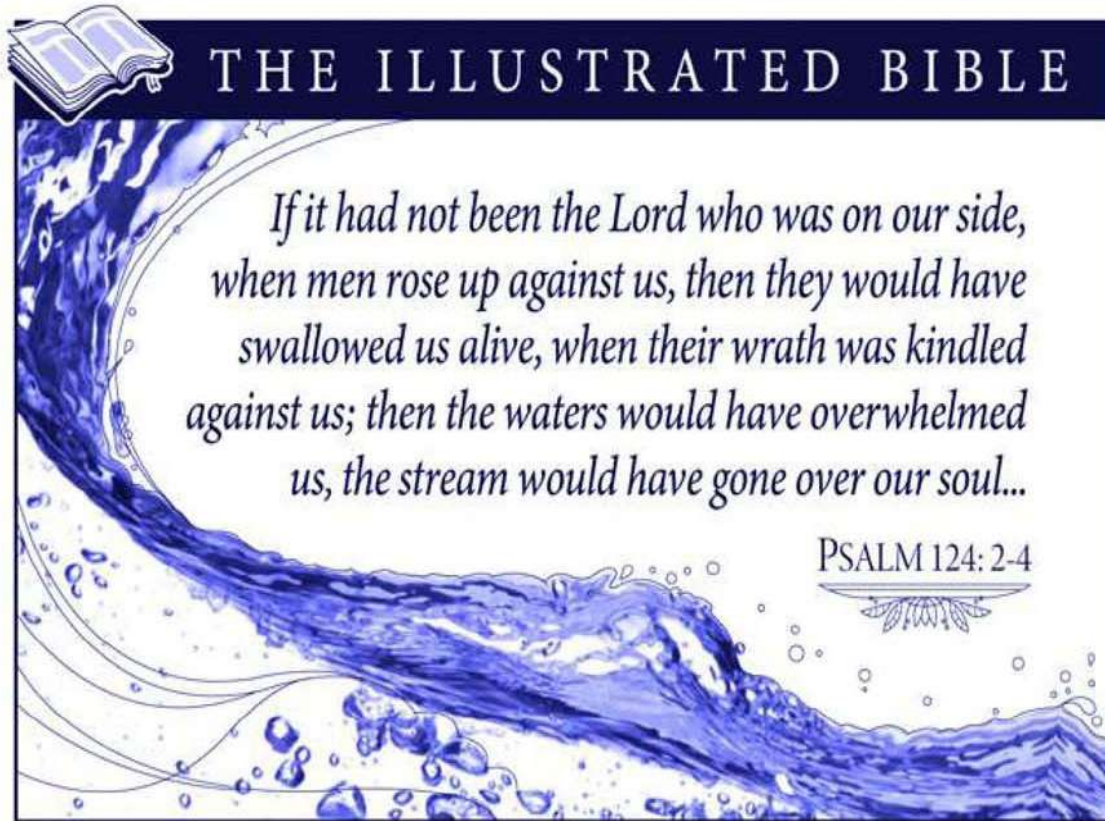


Pirates repeated as Men's Softball champions, by handing 2021 champs Power Outage a repeat sweep



Natalia Drayton, left, Jason Dunkley-Maduro, Adonijah Glasgow and Karissa Scatliffe, competed in the ECVA Championships in St. Kitts

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THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when men rose up against us, then they would have swallowed us alive, when their wrath was kindled against us; then the waters would have overwhelmed us, the stream would have gone over our soul...

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Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



A GOOD EVENING? WELL, I'VE TIPPED VALET, COAT CHECK AND A GUY IN THE BATHROOM ALREADY, SO NOT REALLY.

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A little "wool gathering" for the usually productive Lamb is all right if it helps you unwind. But be careful, as too much daydreaming can put you behind schedule in your work.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A work problem is close to being resolved. Now you can go ahead and celebrate the week, accepting invitations from friends who enjoy your company.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Getting your new plan accepted won't be a major hassle if you have the facts to back it up. Your supporters are also prepared to help you make your case. Good luck.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Dealing with a pesky job problem might be time-consuming, but necessary. The sooner you get this situation settled, the sooner you can move on to other matters.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Career advancement is favored, thanks to your impressive work record. On a more personal side, you should soon hear some good news about an ailing family member.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) There might be mixed signals from a certain someone who doesn't seem all that certain about his or her intentions. Best to sort it all out now before it becomes more confusing.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Get all the facts about that investment "opportunity" before you put as little as \$1 into it. Hidden problems might arise that could prove to be costly.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Compromising on a matter you feel strongly about not only ends the impasse, but can be a win-win deal for all. Remember, Scorpios do well with change.

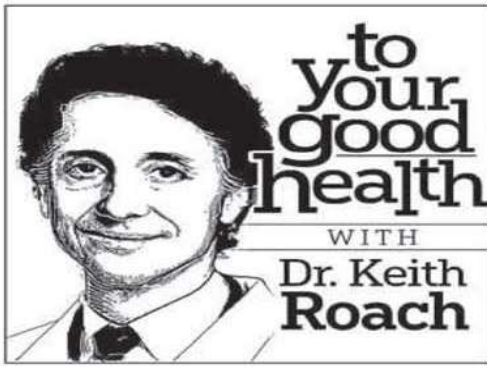
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) With all the demands you currently have to deal with, accepting the help of family and friends could be the wisest course to take at this time.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Recent upsetting incidents might have left you with a big gap in your self-assurance. Refill it by spending time with those who know how worthy you really are.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A dispute about money needs to be resolved quickly before it festers into something more serious. Consider asking an impartial colleague to mediate the matter.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A soft approach could be more effective than making a loud demand for the information you need. You might even find yourself with more data than you expected.

BORN THIS WEEK: You're sought out for the wonderful advice you're able to offer others. Sometimes you even take it yourself.



Spinal Cord Injury Misdiagnosed as Blood Pressure Stroke

DEAR DR. ROACH: Have you ever heard of a “low blood pressure stroke”? That was my husband’s (incorrect) diagnosis several years back when he suddenly could not move his arms and legs. He was told that not enough oxygen was getting to his spine. (His blood pressure is historically low, usually around 90/60.)

That lasted about seven months, and he was bedridden the entire time. He then went to a neurosurgeon and was (correctly) diagnosed with a spinal cord injury. He had C1-C2 surgery and had use of his limbs the next day. After months of physical therapy, he regained a lot of function.

We’ve never heard of that diagnosis before or after his experience. Does it really exist? — E.S.K.

ANSWER: The brain has tremendous ability to regulate its own blood flow under a very wide range of blood pressures, but there are some limits. When a person is used to very high blood pressure levels, such as 200/110 for months or years, a sudden drop to 90/60 (or even 120/80 sometimes) can cause a stroke. That’s the main reason we don’t lower blood pressure too quickly in people who have had very high blood pressure levels for a long time. It takes weeks or months for the brain to recover its ability to regulate blood flow.

In a person who has a heart attack, prolonged low blood pressure (or no blood pressure) will also cause brain damage. That’s why starting CPR as quickly as possible is so critical in order to preserve brain function.

In both of these cases, not enough

blood is getting to the central nervous system (the brain, the spinal cord and the retinas), which can lead to cell death — the hallmark of a stroke. But these are extreme cases.

A healthy person whose normal blood pressure is around 90/60 is at risk for fainting when suddenly standing; however, they are at a lower-than-average risk for heart disease and stroke. The diagnosis of “a low blood pressure stroke” for your husband doesn’t make any sense at all to me, and advanced imaging of the brain should have made it abundantly clear that it was not the right diagnosis.

I’m shocked that he wasn’t treated correctly for that long. But I’m very happy to hear that his neurosurgeon did not assume the diagnosis of a stroke, instead making the correct diagnosis and performing the procedure to help him recover. Your husband is fortunate that he still had neurological function to recover after such a long time, since spinal cord injuries generally heal better when treated promptly.

DEAR DR. ROACH: My primary care physician and blood specialist claim there is nothing that will increase white blood cell count. Are there any supplements that I can take or foods I can eat to improve the low count? — R.J.L.

ANSWER: The question is, why is your white blood cell count low? Some people have low white blood cell counts for no reason; it runs in families, so there aren’t any health concerns there. However, there are a large variety of blood diseases that cause low white cell counts. Some affect the lymphocytes, while others affect the granulocytes (the two main types of white cells).

Nutritional deficiencies are extremely rare in North America (vitamin B12, folic acid and copper are the exceptions that should be looked for), so neither diet nor supplements are usually helpful. If there’s an absence of blood disease or symptoms, low white blood cell counts usually do not need treatment.

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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by Dana Jackson

Q. Is Kaley Cuoco’s series “The Flight Attendant” returning for a third season? I saw that she was in another show on Peacock. Is she able to act in both shows, at least once the strikes in Hollywood are over? — L.J.

A. It used to be that when an actor had a regular role on more than one series at a time, it was considered rare. Think Heather Locklear in both “Dynasty” and “T.J. Hooker” back in the 1980s, Christopher Meloni on “Law & Order: SVU” and “Oz” in the early 2000s, to multiple examples during the modern streaming years. One of those fortunate, highly employable celebrities is Kaley Cuoco. Once her smash hit sitcom “The Big Bang Theory” ended, she landed (HBO) Max’s “The Flight Attendant,” which has lasted two seasons. Cuoco then starred in the movie “Meet Cute” with Pete Davidson as well as the Peacock thriller series “Based on a True Story.”

When asked back in 2022 if “The Flight Attendant” will be back for a third round, she told People magazine, “I think for me, at this moment, the plane has landed.” However, a source from Max told TVLine.com that “no official decision” about future episodes has been made.

Q. In “Star Wars: Rogue One,” there’s a scene on the spaceship where a trooper is passing a “tape” of something to the other side of the door just before Darth Vader comes on board. Is that person played by Leonard Nimoy? It looks and sounds like him. — J.F.

A. I watched the scene you’re referring to and did some digging, including asking some of my “Star Wars” expert friends, and I don’t believe it’s Leonard Nimoy. Best known as Spock from the original “Star Trek” series and several of the subsequent films, Nimoy didn’t appear in any of the “Star Wars” movies. He passed away in 2015, while “Rogue One” premiered in 2016. It’s certainly possible he could have filmed it before his death, but sadly, that’s not the case. I’m also unsure of the actor’s name who looks like him in that scene.



Courtesy of Max

Kaley Cuoco in “The Flight Attendant”

If you want to see Nimoy in his last on-screen role, I recommend the film “Star Trek Into Darkness.” Directed by J.J. Abrams (“Star Wars: The Force Awakens” and “Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker”), it features an all-star cast with Chris Pine playing an alternate version of Capt. Kirk, Zachary Quinto as Spock, Zoe Saldana as Uhura and Benedict Cumberbatch as Khan. Nimoy makes a special cameo as Spock Prime.

Q. Did they ever find out the cause of LeBron James’ son’s heart attack? Will he be able to continue playing basketball? — H.I.

A. Los Angeles Lakers star LeBron James’ oldest child, Bronny, suffered a cardiac arrest while practicing basketball at the University of Southern California this summer. Fortunately, he recovered after a stay in the ICU and hopes to be able to play college ball.

Bronny underwent evaluations in California and at the Mayo Clinic, which led to the discovery of a congenital heart condition that is said to be treatable. According to ESPN, his family expects him to return to the court.

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

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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



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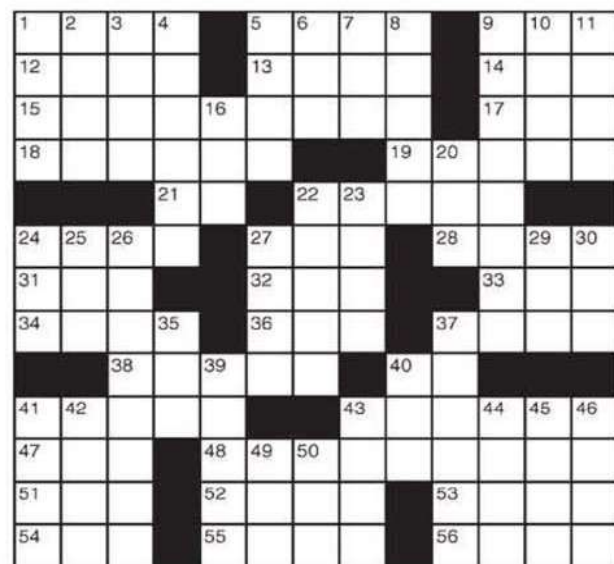
by Jeff Pickering



King Crossword

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- 5 Smack a baseball
- 9 Romance
- 12 Abbr. on a phone
- 13 Sunscreen additive
- 14 "Big Blue"
- 15 Royal with a golden touch
- 17 Actress Vardalos
- 18 Naval rank
- 19 Avid
- 21 Hosp. triage area
- 22 Parsley and sage
- 24 Stately trees
- 27 Candle dripping
- 28 Incite
- 31 Luau souvenir
- 32 Glamorous Gardner
- 33 Santa — winds
- 34 Ward (off)
- 36 Tiara sparkler
- 37 Winter blanket
- 38 Accepted fact
- 40 "I see"
- 41 Flood protection
- 43 Clothe
- 47 Coach
- 48 Parseghian
- Cell phone



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- 16 Ball club VIP
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- 24 Sprite
- 25 Grant's foe
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- 27 Carry on
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- 45 Phone inventor
- 46 Actor Morales
- 49 401(k) alternative
- 50 Aye canceler game

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DOWN

- 1 Gag
- 2 — arms
- 3 Lairs
- 4 Wild parties
- 5 Whirl
- 6 Bankroll
- 7 Lawyers' org.
- 8 Shocking weapon

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

- ♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Purses is missing. 2. Cap is missing. 3. Sweater words are missing. 4. Book is moved. 5. Car is moved. 6. School name is different.

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Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 25 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. FOOD & DRINK: What does the acronym "IPA" stand for in a beer?
2. LITERATURE: Who is the author of "The Hunger Games" series?
3. U.S. STATES: Which state has the most lighthouses?
4. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of New Zealand?
5. GAMES: What is a perfect score in bowling?
6. SCIENCE: What does an auxanometer measure?
7. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a female donkey called?
8. MOVIES: Which holiday is celebrated at the end of "When Harry Met Sally"?
9. TELEVISION: Which entertainer has hosted "Saturday Night Live" the most?
10. ANATOMY: What is the anatomical name for the kneecap?

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MORE READERS: THE ISLAND SUN

1. India Pale Ale; 2. Suzanne Collins; 3. Michigan; 4. Wellington; 5. 300 points; 6. Plant growth; 7. A Jenny; 8. New Year's Eve; 9. Actor Alec Baldwin; 10. Patella.

GRIN and BEAR IT *by Wagner*



"Have you ever seen a credit card melt?"

Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- In 2014, there was a school in Turin, Italy, that had just one teacher and one student. Though the latter admitted to being lonely, officials decided to keep the school open as long as at least one pupil was enrolled.

- Altocalciphilia is the medical term for a shoe addiction.

- Embryonic bats go through a stage called "peek-a-boo," when their wings grow to cover their eyes.

- Muhammad Ali's star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame is the only star that is not on the sidewalk, but on the wall of the Kodak Theatre, to honor the boxing champ's request that he "did not want to be walked on."

- Pennies are used to adjust the time in London's famous Big Ben clock tower. A single cent can change the pendulum's center of mass and alter the time by 0.4 seconds per day.

- Michael Bay filmed Megan Fox washing his Ferrari as her audition for "Transformers."

- Halley's Comet has two correct pronunciations. It can rhyme with "daily" or "valley" since its discoverer, Edmond Halley, spelled his name six different ways during his lifetime.

- The 2003 invasion of Iraq was originally dubbed "Operation Iraqi Liberation" but quickly changed due to the fact its acronym spelled out "oil."

- After learning that her husband had been killed in World War II, Mariya Oktyabrskaya sold everything she owned to donate a tank to the Soviet Red Army, with the condition that she be allowed to drive it. When the tank was hit by gunfire, she would not only risk her own life to jump out and repair it, but ended up becoming the first female tanker to receive the Hero of the Soviet Union award.

Thought for the Day: "Too many people overvalue what they are not and undervalue what they are." — *Malcolm Forbes*

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top ten

HOTTEST PLACES ON EARTH

1. Lut Desert, Iran (159.3°)
2. Flaming Mountains, China (150°)
3. Death Valley, California (134°)
4. Kebili, Tunisia (131°)
5. Mitribah, Kuwait (129°)
6. Tirat Tsvi, Israel (129°)
7. Turbat, Pakistan (128.7°)
8. Oodnadatta, Australia (123°)
9. Rivadavia, Argentina (120°)
10. Athens, Greece (118.4°)

Source: Travel + Leisure

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DIVORCE LAWYER: KEY TO DIVORCE

Divorce refers to the dissolution or the legal end of a marriage. Every country has its own legal requirements governing when a divorce may be granted.

These legal requirements may include a residency requirement, grounds or a reason for the divorce, among others.

The grounds for divorce may vary from being fault-based and no-fault based. All these requirements vary from country to country. Certain exceptions like *Irreconcilable Differences* and *Irretrievable Breakdown* are common no-fault grounds for divorce in almost all countries.

Your divorce could be the most important financial decision in life, as well as one of the most nerve wrecking. In such a circumstance, the key person who can see you through this is a divorce lawyer.

The divorce lawyer helps you in making extremely important financial and emotional decisions like child custody, property divisions etc. You must choose a lawyer well versed and specializing in Family Law.

You can look for a good lawyer by asking around, consulting your friends, relatives and acquaintances. A divorce lawyer with references will be more helpful than the one who is completely unknown to you and all people around.

When you first meet the lawyer, give all case facts. The fee quoted by the person will be a rough approximate as the amount of legal work involved is not very clear at that point.

Usually, they charge by the hour, and a retainer fee as an advance payment may be required by the lawyer. You are at liberty to interview a few lawyers before choosing one to represent you in court.

To be on the safe side, it's a good

idea to enquire from the lawyers the following facts:

The relevant experience he/she has in Family Law and number of years of practice in this field.

Steps involved in the divorce process as well as expected time frame and legalities involved.

Filing fee and the fee that any additional legal assistants employed will ask for.

Inquire about the Retainer Agreement policy of the lawyer/firm.

BILLING CYCLE OF THE LAWYER.

A good lawyer will answer all queries, and will try to address any concerns that you may have about legal implications or your case in general.

A GOOD DIVORCE LAWYER:

Will always be prepared for all your hearings.

Will know exactly what your expectation from the case is.

Will not be able to win all hearings.

May not be able to answer your calls 24*7*365.

Once you and your spouse start the proceedings, do not sign any paper for your partner without express knowledge of your divorce lawyer. Litigations and negotiations are little subjective so ask your lawyer about his/her policy in this matter.

A good divorce lawyer is invaluable to your case, so you should choose one carefully. Also, once your case starts, do not change lawyers unless it is absolutely necessary as this may also harm your case.

In case you are looking to change divorce lawyers, make sure that you get all information from the previous divorce lawyer such as who is the judge, necessary papers etc, so a smooth transition is possible.

Once you place your trust in a lawyer, do it completely and assist him/her. After all, it is your own

life.

Are you feeling relieved after divorce or cheated? After many divorces people feel happy while in many more cases they feel cheated.

Why? Divorce itself is a very painful process and the times that lead to divorce are more painful. The question is why get the sense of feeling cheated after getting divorce? Let us talk about this.

RELATIONSHIP DEMANDS GIVING

People give a lot to their marriage; most of them do it except few. Right from the development of relationship, a lot of time, emotional energy and physical resources are given to make it work.

During marriage the investment goes higher. Most of the partners want the marriage to work. There are exceptions that unbelievably want to destroy because of psychological problems.

When cracks develop in the marriage, a lot more effort is made to save the marriage and when the marriage breaks after putting in so much effort, one feels cheated.

Is this true for all? This is not true for all.

There are few individuals who don't give anything in marriage. They ask for it.

They demand and contribute nothing. That is the game of selfishness played by them. So these people will never feel cheated. They will only feel bad that they lost an easy victim.

What should you do?

The only way out is to forget the losses. Try to erase the past as much as possible. This will be difficult, but break the pain bit by bit. Work on it and it will go away one day. Try to forge another relationship and forget what went wrong.

Cut your losses as soon as possible.

EXPOSURE TO SARGASSUM MAY CAUSE HEALTH PROBLEMS

Even Christopher Columbus met the sargassum weed when he discovered the Caribbean. Sargassum is a genus of brown macroalgae. Numerous species are distributed throughout the temperate and tropical oceans of the world, where they generally inhabit shallow water.

In recent years the maleodorous presence of sargassum has become more prominent in the British Virgin Islands and throughout the Caribbean. According to the St. John Source "This summer's influx of sargassum seaweed is threatening to overwhelm the Bovoni landfill and has prompted government agencies to search for another way to manage its disposal.

"A Waste Management Authority spokesperson Friday denied a report that the agency is about to stop accepting sargassum at the St. Thomas landfill, but said it recognizes the continuing volume of seaweed drifting into V.I. waters and that the rotting on its shorelines is a serious problem."

In July the Cayman Compass divulged the welcome news that "Thirteen Caribbean and Latin American nations agreed to concerted control efforts to address the influx of sargassum seaweed that has impacted coastlines and economies across the region. A gathering in Cancun, Mexico, on 27 June resulted in a 26-point agreement, with the goal of establishing an action plan before the next regional sargassum forum this October in the French-controlled island of Guadeloupe. Signatories to the agreement include Belize, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Guadeloupe, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, and Trinidad and Tobago."

In early August, the Jamaica Observer exposed a worrisome aspect of sargassum: "If the rafts of sargassum seaweed continue, as is very likely, there is the expectation that doctors will increasingly

encounter people with a range of symptoms associated with sargassum toxicity. It is also noteworthy that while no specific treatment for the sargassum toxicity exists, supportive medical care for the various symptoms will be necessary. Consequently, it is better for people to avoid exposure to the seaweed, and for visitors to the island, tour operators and hotels to be cognisant of these effects in order to take active measures to minimise contact of their guests with the seaweed. These could include hiring clean-up crews, installing offshore barriers to limit the amount of seaweed washing ashore, and sending boats into the ocean to remove the seaweed. After returning home, travellers should seek medical care if symptoms occur or are persisting.

"Nevertheless, physical removal from beaches or from bays of the fishing community may provide only temporary respite until the next raft of the seaweed arrives. The matter, therefore, has an international dimension that will need the international scientific community to work with local partners and those who can assist with the logistical handling of the seaweed, to design strategies with positive outcomes that are sustainable." The BVI Health Authority and the BVI Tourist Board are most likely well aware of these dangerous implications and the public would be interested to know what is going to be done.

The Copernicus Marine Service provides key inputs that support major EU and international policies and initiatives and can contribute to: combating pollution, marine protection, maritime safety and routing, sustainable use of ocean resources, developing renewable marine energy resources, supporting blue growth, climate monitoring, forecasting, and more. It also aims to increase awareness amongst the general public by providing European and global citizens with information



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about ocean-related issues.

According to NPR It used to be that the conversation around subtropical marine life centered on declines: the death of coral beds, the diminishing variety of seagrasses, the disappearance of fish.

But for now, it's an overabundance that's hard to miss. From Montego to Miami, an influx of algae called sargassum is leaving stinky brown carpets over what was once prime tourist sand. It's the most sargassum researchers have tracked this early in the year.

Deciding what to do with it is proving more challenging the more we learn about it – and inspiring some entrepreneurs to rethink removing sargassum altogether.

Patches of sargassum have been spotted in the Atlantic Ocean for centuries, but since 2011, a 5,000-mile-long belt of the seaweed has circulated annually between the Gulf of Mexico and the mid-Atlantic.

The density of that belt's clusters keeps increasing, possibly because modern agriculture techniques are sending more and more nutrients downstream and into the ocean.

Just this April, sargassum levels in the Caribbean Sea reached a new record, with the overall belt growing to an estimated 13 million tons, according to a bulletin from the University of South Florida Optical Oceanography lab.

And the top bloom season is still days away, with a peak likely to hit in June or July. If the past is precedent, the size of the belt in July could be double what it is in April, says Brian Barnes, a researcher at USF's College of Marine Science.

It's hard to predict what this could mean for beaches, especially in the eastern Atlantic where persistent clouds are obscuring the satellite views that Barnes and his team rely on.

But already, sargassum beachings are increasing, with the southern regions of Hispaniola, Jamaica and Puerto Rico looking likely to be the most impacted.

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Dated: September 1st, 2023
(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean
Voluntary Liquidator
[16/1]

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Dated this 31st day of August, 2023
Sgd. Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[16/2]

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(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator
[16/3]

APPOINTMENT
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Sgd: Nelcia St. Jean
Voluntary Liquidator
[16/4]

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

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Dated this 31st day of August 2023
Ray A. George
Voluntary Liquidator
[16/5]

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Dated: September 1st, 2023
(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean
Voluntary Liquidator
[16/6]

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

Dons NFT Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2093104
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 September 1st, 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: September 1st, 2023
(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean
Voluntary Liquidator [16/7]

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

Acova Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2093088
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 September 1st, 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: September 4th, 2023
(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean
Voluntary Liquidator
[16/8]

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

Silks Denmark (BVI) Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1585614
(the "Company")
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1), subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 31 August 2023. The Liquidator is **Lewis S. Hunte, KC of 123 Main Street, P.O. Box 3504, Road Town, Tortola VG1110, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: 4th day of September, 2023
Sgd. Lewis S. Hunte, KC
Voluntary Liquidator
[16/9]

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

ANDUIN TECH LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2078830
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 4th day of September, 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa V. O' Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: 4th day of September 2023
(Sgd.) Philippa V O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator
[16/10]

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

ESSENTIAL MIX ENTERPRISES LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 244716
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 31st August, 2023.
Dated: 31st day of August 2023
(Sgd.) Jason Jagessar
Voluntary Liquidator
[16/11]

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

Binduo Holding Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2103959
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 1st September 2023.
Dated: 1 September 2023.
(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator
[16/12]

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

Inchoi Holding Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2103971
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 1st September 2023.
Dated: 1 September 2023.
(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator
[16/13]

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

Shaza Jet Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number: 1504344
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 September 4, 2023. The Joint Liquidators are **Anton Goldstein and Rachael Pape of Conyers Dill & Pearman, Commerce House, Wickhams Cay 1, P.O. Box 3140, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: September 4, 2023
Rachael Pape
As Liquidator
[16/14]

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

KAIL FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS LTD.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1651273
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 September 4th, 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: September 4th, 2023
(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean
Voluntary Liquidator
[16/15]

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

Condor Capital Management Ltd.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No: 1778951
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 September 04, 2023.
Dated: September 04, 2023
Sgd: Philippa V. O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator
[16/16]

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

J.P. Aruba Group LTD
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2106604
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 4th of September, 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: 4th September, 2023
(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator
[16/17]

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

FSS Holding Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1908262
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 5th September 2023.
Dated: 5th September 2023.
(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator
[16/18]

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

Garma Holding Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2103964
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 4th September 2023.
Dated: 4th September 2023.
(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator
[16/19]

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

Aleaty Holding Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2103957
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 4th September 2023.
Dated: 4 September 2023.
(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator
[16/20]

PUBLIC NOTICES

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

ML II BS INC.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1779415
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 4th day of September 2023. The Liquidator is **RAY GEORGE of Long Trench, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated this 4th day of September 2023

Ray George
Voluntary Liquidator [16/21]

APPOINTMENT

NELSON HOLDING INVESTMENTS LIMITED

("the Company")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 342737
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that: **Nelson Holding Investments Limited** is in voluntary liquidation. The date of commencement of liquidation is 31st August 2023. The liquidator is **Carmine Bailey of Kendall Corporate Services Limited, 2nd Floor Abbott Building, 87 Main Street, Waterfront Drive, P.O. Box 3169; PMB425, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated 5th September 2023

Carmine Bailey
Voluntary Liquidator [16/22]

APPOINTMENT

LUCKDALE LIMITED

("the Company")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1935703
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **Luckdale Limited** is in voluntary liquidation. The date of commencement of liquidation is 1st September 2023. The liquidator is **Carmine Bailey of Kendall Corporate Services Limited, 2nd Floor Abbott Building, 87 Main Street, Waterfront Drive, P.O. Box 3169; PMB425, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated 5th September 2023

Carmine Bailey
Voluntary Liquidator [16/23]

APPOINTMENT

IMAKARUM LIMITED

("the Company")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1725970
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that: **Imakarum Limited** is in voluntary liquidation. The date of commencement of liquidation is 11th July 2023. The liquidator is **Carmine Bailey of Kendall Corporate Services Limited, 87 Main Street, Waterfront Drive, P.O. Box 3169; PMB 425, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated 17th July 2023

Carmine Bailey
Voluntary Liquidator [16/24]

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

HUNYA INTERNATIONAL LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 448250
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 6th day of September, 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa V. O' Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: 6th day of September 2023

(Sgd.) **Philippa V O'Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator [16/25]

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

ML III Ventures Holdings Inc.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1773703
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 5th day of September 2023. The Liquidator is **RAY GEORGE of Long Trench, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated this 5th day of September 2023

Ray George
Voluntary Liquidator [16/26]

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

Qiuqiu Inc.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 9th day of September 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
[16/27]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 203 of the BVI Business Company Act.

Apricot Biokey Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2075434
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 203, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 18 August 2023. The Liquidator is **Harry J. Thompson of Harbour House, P.O. Box 4428, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated 31 August 2023

(Sgd.) **Harry J. Thompson**
Voluntary Liquidator(s) [16/28]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

KMXK Capital Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1941584
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 14 August 2023.
Dated 31 August 2023

(Sgd.) **Harry J. Thompson**
Voluntary Liquidator(s) [16/29]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

GREEN SHOE LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 367617
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 4 September 2023.
Dated 4 September 2023

(Sgd.) **Harry J. Thompson**
Voluntary Liquidator(s) [16/30]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 203 of the BVI Business Company Act.

SHOW POSITION HOLDINGS INC.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 435777
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 203, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 4 September 2023. The Liquidator is **Harry J. Thompson of Harbour House, P.O. Box 4428, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated 4 September 2023

(Sgd.) **Harry J. Thompson**
Voluntary Liquidator(s) [16/31]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 203 of the BVI Business Company Act.

Super 8 Property Holdings Ltd

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1856347
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 203, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 4 September 2023. The Liquidator is **Harry J. Thompson of Harbour House, P.O. Box 4428, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated 4 September 2023

(Sgd.) **Harry J. Thompson**
Voluntary Liquidator(s) [16/32]

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

[16]

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 ARLINGTON 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

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, TOR-
TOLA, VIRGIN ISLANDS, DECEASED

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF
ADMINISTRATON

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by ROWAN AR-
LINGTON PICKERING of Nothingham Estate, Long Look, Tortola,
Virgin Islands for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the appli-
cant 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 Adminis-
tration to the application shall file an objection within 14 days of the
publication of this Notice.

Dated this 3rd 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.

[16]

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

PROBATE NO-OF 2023

IN THE ESTATE OF LESHUGHN ARREO SMITH, LATE OF
HORSE PATH, ROAD TOWN, TORTOLA,
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS, DECEASED

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT
OF ADMINISTRATON

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by JADA
HOPKINS of Horse Path, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin
Islands and BRITTANY SMITH of 5377 Palomino Place
Apopka Florida, 32712, United States of America for a Grant of
Letters of Administration to the applicants who are the mothers
of the deceased issues, the deceased having died intestate on the
24th day of February, 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 31st 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.

[17]

*Notice of Appointment of a
Liquidator under Section 203 of the
BVI Business Company Act*
**WORLDMAX
MANAGEMENT
LIMITED**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1691450

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant
to Section 203, subsection 3 of the
BVI Business Companies Act, 2004
that the Company is in voluntary
liquidation. The voluntary liquidation
commenced on 2 August 2023. The
Liquidator is **Harry J. Thompson**
of Harbour House, P.O. Box 4428,
Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin
Islands.

Dated 3 August 2023
(Sgd.) **Harry J. Thompson**
Voluntary Liquidator(s)
[16/33]

*Final Notice of Dissolution under the
BVI Business Company Act.*

**GRANT LLOYD
INDUSTRIES LIMITED**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1565719

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 2 August 2023.

Dated 3 August 2023
(Sgd.) **Harry J. Thompson**
Voluntary Liquidator(s)
[16/34]

*Notice of Appointment of a
Liquidator under Section 204 of the
BVI Business Company Act.*
**Good Fortune Felines
Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2098972

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 September 6th, 2023.
The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean**
with an address at 116 Main Street,
Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin
Islands.

Dated: September 6th, 2023
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator
[16/35]

*Final Notice of Dissolution under
the BVI Business Company Act.*

NUCITA LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1808302

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 September 6, 2023.

Dated: September 6, 2023
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator
[16/36]

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

VIRGIN ISLANDS

BVIHPB 2023/

In the Estate of **LUENG TAM WUN YEE** late of
17th Floor, 5 Fontana Gardens, Block B, Hong Kong,
deceased

ADVERTISEMENT (RESEALING)

Notice is given that after the expiration of 8 days application
will be made to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the
resealing of the Probate of the Estate of **LUENG TAM WUN
YEE** late of 17th Floor, 5 Fontana Gardens, Block B, Hong
Kong, deceased was granted by the High Court of the Hong
Kong Special Administrative Region, Court of First Instance
on 23rd August, 2022.

Signed **SAMUELS RICHARDSON & CO**
Legal Practitioners for the Personal Representative

[16]

The Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
Virgin Islands

BVIHPB2023/0178

In the Estate of **Gottfried Julius Schubert** also known
as **Julius Schubert**, late of Burgfeld 8, 30989 Gehrden,
Germany, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that **SUSANNE SCHUBERT-GRIEP** of Kronthaler
Weg 20, 61476 Kronberg, Germany and **JULIA SCHUBERT** of
Goebenstr. 18, 30163 Hannover, Germany, the residuary beneficiaries
of the estate of **GOTTFRIED JULIUS SCHUBERT** also known as
JULIUS SCHUBERT, deceased (the Deceased), who died on the 4th
day of September, 2022 domiciled in Germany, have 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
Deceased.

ANY PERSON having any objection to the grant of Letters of
Administration with Will Annexed to the said **SUSANNE SCHUBERT-
GRIEP** and **JULIA SCHUBERT**, 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.



Solicitors for the Intended Administratrices

[17]

PUBLIC NOTICES

HCCW 326 / 2023
 IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE
 HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION
 COURT OF FIRST INSTANCE
 COMPANIES (WINDING-UP) NO. 326 OF 2023

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES
 (WINDING UP AND MISCELLANEOUS
 PROVISIONS) ORDINANCE (CAP. 32), LAWS
 OF HONG KONG

AND

IN THE MATTER OF BEYOND WISDOM
 LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a petition for the winding up of the above-named company by the High Court of Hong Kong was, on the 24th day of July 2023, presented to the said court by HAITONG INTERNATIONAL SECURITIES COMPANY LIMITED, 22/F, Li Po Chun Chambers, 189 Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong. And that said petition is directed to be heard before the court at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, the 27th day of September 2023; and any creditor or contributory of the said company desirous to support or oppose the making of an order on the said petition may appear at the time of hearing by himself or his counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the petition will be furnished to any creditor or contributory of the said company requiring the same by the undersigned on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

Dated this 4th day of September 2023

Ashurst Hong Kong
 Solicitors for the Petitioner
 11/F, Jardine House,
 1 Connaught Place, Central, Hong Kong
 (Ref: JCOMBE\BENG\1000-152-833)

Note:- Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said petition must serve on or send by post to the above-named, notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person, or, if a firm, the name and address of the firm, and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their solicitor (if any), and must be served, or if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above-named not later than 6 o'clock in the afternoon of the 26th day of September 2023.

[17]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company Number: 2034034

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 5 September 2023. The Joint Liquidators are Anton Goldstein and Rachael Pape of Conyers Dill & Pearman, Commerce House, Wickhams Cay 1, P.O. Box 3140, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110, British Virgin Islands.

Dated: 5 September 2023

Rachael Pape

For and on behalf of Anton Goldstein and Rachael Pape
 As Joint Liquidators

[16/37]

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

Salvia Bright Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company Number: 2034036

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 5 September 2023. The Joint Liquidators are Anton Goldstein and Rachael Pape of Conyers Dill & Pearman, Commerce House, Wickhams Cay 1, P.O. Box 3140, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110, British Virgin Islands.

Dated: 5 September 2023

Rachael Pape

For and on behalf of Anton Goldstein and Rachael Pape
 As Joint Liquidators

[16/38]



The Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court
 IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
 Virgin Islands

BVIHPB2023/0179

In the estate of Widjojo Soejono, late of JL. Anyelir
 F-28 Cijantung II, RT/RW: 002/004, Gedong, Pasar
 Rebo, Jakarta, Indonesia, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that BUDHI SOEJONO of JL. Anyelir F-28 Cijantung II, RT/RW: 002/004, Gedong, Pasar Rebo, Jakarta, Indonesia, the Testamentary Executor named in the Will made and dated 20 March 2017 of WIDJOJO SOEJONO, deceased who died on the 11th day of May, 2022 domiciled in Jakarta, Indonesia (the Deceased), has applied to the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the Probate Division for Probate of the Will of the Deceased.

ANY PERSON having an objection to the Grant of Probate of the Will to the said BUDHI SOEJONO, 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.



Solicitors for the Executor

[17]

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

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

BVIHPB 2023/0122

In the Estate of EDWARD JOSÉ MÜLLER late of 40
 Edmundstreet, Paramaribo, Suriname, who died intestate on
 5th OCTOBER 2021 domiciled in Suriname deceased

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by MAVIS
 JEANE MULLER of 40 Edmundstreet, Paramaribo, Suriname
 for Letters of Administration to the applicant MAVIS JEANE
 MULLER who is the wife of the deceased, the deceased having
 died intestate on 5th OCTOBER 2021

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

Filed by Attorneys-at-Law BGA Law (BVI) Limited whose
 address for service is Sea Meadow House,
 P. O. Box 116,
 Road Town, Tortola,
 British Virgin Islands.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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

ERAHC Holdings Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1989047
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 2023/09/06. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: 6 September 2023.
(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator
[16/39]

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

Online Teaching Group Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1995904
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 6th September, 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: 6th September, 2023
(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator [16/40]

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

Yue Kang Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2117086
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 6th September 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: 6th September 2023
(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator
[16/41]

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

Olelon Holding Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2103962
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 6th September 2023. Dated: 6th September 2023.

(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator
[16/42]

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

TKC CONSULTING S.A.

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company No. 1890907
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 24th 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 25th August 2023
(Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**
Voluntary Liquidator [16/43]

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

GREEN PATH ADVISORY LTD.

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company No. 195814
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 24th 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 25th August 2023
(Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**
Voluntary Liquidator [16/44]

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

Lugupa Investments Ltd

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company No. 2072726
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 24th 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 25th August 2023
(Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**
Voluntary Liquidator [16/45]

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

POSSES LTD.

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company No. 1845801
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 24th 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 25th August 2023
(Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**
Voluntary Liquidator [16/46]

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

HAN Worldwide Enterprises II Inc.

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company No. 623328

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 24th 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 25th August 2023
(Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**
Voluntary Liquidator [16/47]

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

Cibam Portfolio Inc.

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company No. 1680856

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 24th 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 25th August 2023
(Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**
Voluntary Liquidator [16/48]

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

JOYCE OCEAN ENTERPRISES LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1764675

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 September 7th, 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: September 7th, 2023
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator [16/49]

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

Rhino Media Inc

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2063150

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 September 7th, 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: September 7th, 2023
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator
[16/50]

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

BVIHPB2023/0182

**In the Estate of Knut Schmiedel, late of 11
Hirschparkweg 22587, Hamburg, Germany,
deceased**

TAKE NOTICE that STEFAN MERSE of Olendeelskoppel 14 22397, Hamburg, Germany, Dr. HANS-UWE EHLERS of Brahmsallee 18 20144, Hamburg, Germany and KAI DETIG of Zirkusweg 2 20359, Hamburg, Germany, the Executors of the estate of KNUT SCHMIEDEL, deceased who died on the 21st day of January, 2016, domiciled in Germany (the Deceased), having left a holograph Last Will made and dated 27 September 2015, have applied to the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the Probate Division for Probate of the said Last Will of the Deceased.

ANY PERSON having an objection to the Grant of Probate of the said Last Will to the said STEFAN MERSE, Dr. HANS-UWE EHLERS and KAI DETIG, 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.



**Solicitors for the Executors
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**EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
(PROBATE)**

BVIHPB2023/0180

**IN THE ESTATE OF YESENA IRENE HODGE SAMUELS AKA YENSENA
IRENE SAMUELS AKA IRENE SAMUELS, DECEASED**

TAKE NOTICE that JUNE SAMUELS-KNIGHTS of New York, United States of America, a child of the deceased aforesaid, who died on the 10th day of December, 2001 intends to apply to the High Court of Justice in the Probate Division for a Grant of PROBATE DE BONIS NON ADMINISTRATUS to the Estate of the said YESENA IRENE HODGE SAMUELS AKA YENSENA IRENE SAMUELS AKA IRENE SAMUELS, deceased.

ANY PERSON or persons who has or have any objections to the Grant of PROBATE DE BONIS NON ADMINISTRATUS to the said JUNE SAMUELS-KNIGHTS of New York, United States of America, shall within fourteen (14) days from the date of the publication of this Notice lodge with the Registry of the High Court of Justice in the British Virgin Islands the proper documents setting out the proper objections.

Dated this 7th day of September, 2023
Harbour Chambers BVI
Legal Practitioners for the Applicant

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XMAS IN JULY 2023 EVENT ORGANIZERS DONATE \$6,000 TO BEYOND THE REEF

The donation will help the Road Town-based nonprofit to continue carrying on its marine environmental education and preservation efforts.

Tortola, British Virgin Islands, 1st September 2023 - Wally Castro Marine, the organizers of the Xmas in July 2023 event have donated \$6,000 to Beyond the Reef, a nonprofit organization in the British Virgin Islands that focuses on marine environmental education and preservation efforts. The donation came from the sale of the official reusable tumblers, which was one of the event's environmental protection initiatives.

"This initiative reflects our desire to create awareness on the importance of protecting our beaches and to send the message that our event takes beach and ocean conservation very seriously," said Wally Castro, owner of Wally Castro Marine and the event's main organizer. "With this donation, we support a local organization that reflects our environmental protection beliefs."

Members of Beyond the Reef were present at the event, in charge of the sales of the Xmas in July official merchandise. They were joined by representatives from local nonprofit organizations Virgin Gorda Rotary Club and Valley

Sound Lions Club, who prepared local dishes for the guests to raise funds for their organizations as well.

"We are very thankful for this donation, which will help us continue creating awareness on the importance of marine environment protection in the BVI," said Kendyl Berna, founder of Beyond the Reef. "Our oceans are a precious resource, but they are also very fragile. Those who enjoy the beach and sea must do so responsibly. We applaud the event organizers for all the environmental care initiatives they implemented this year and encourage them to continue implementing these efforts next year."

Celebrated successfully on July 22, 2023, this edition of Xmas in July welcomed over 5,500 people and 400 vessels to Pond Bay Beach, Virgin Gorda to celebrate this traditional summer event. The number of attendees broke the event's attendance record, making it the most successful edition in its history, with attendees from Puerto Rico, the British Virgin Islands and other countries. The event was organized by Wally Castro Marine, Marcos Rivera and the British Virgin Islands Tourist Board & Film Commission. Based in Fajardo, Puerto Rico, Wally Castro Marine (WCM) is the leading boat dealer in Puerto Rico representing name brands such as Riviera Yachts, Boston Whaler,

Bertram, Regulator, Belize, Nor-Tech and Azimut Yachts among others. WCM also offer a parts store, a service department, repairs, and maintenance for all boat brands.

"Every year, Xmas in July electrifies our summer season thanks to the Puerto

Rican Navy and BVI fans who come in and enjoy the best that our territory has to offer," said Clive McCoy, the BVI's Director of Tourism. "By choosing us, they are supporting our marinas, hotels, resorts, villas, restaurants and charters, thus giving a great boost to our marine sector."

For more information on the Xmas in July event, visit www.wallycastro.com or contact the BVI Tourism Office in Puerto Rico at (787) 721-2525 or bvi@prlinksco.com. You can also reach us on social media at Islas Vírgenes Británicas on Facebook and BVI Turismo on Instagram.

EVERY CHILD MATTERS

Parents! Teach your child the PANTS RULE!
Talk Pants and you've got it covered!


P Private parts are private. Nobody is permitted to touch it

A Always remember your body is yours and yours only.

N No means no. Never yield to pressure.

T Talk about secrets that upset you.

S Say something and speak up! Someone can help.



STATEMENT BY THE PREMIER AND MINISTER OF FINANCE, HONOURABLE DR. NATALIO D. WHEATLEY AT THE THIRD SITTING OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTH HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS,

7TH SEPTEMBER 2023

Building a Strong and Inclusive British Virgin Islands through Immigration Reform

Madam Speaker, today, we stand at a pivotal moment in the history of our beloved British Virgin Islands. It is a moment that holds the promise of shaping the very foundations of our

society – the future of our immigration policies and the profound impact they have on our future.

We have released the Commission of Inquiry’s Independent Reviewer’s Report on Belongership and Residency in our territory. The recommendations of this review have now been

presented to us, and I wish to emphasize that this presents us with a unique opportunity. An opportunity to shape the future of our beloved British Virgin Islands in a manner that is firmly grounded in respect for the law and recognition of the privilege granted to individuals who

wish to make these beautiful Virgin Islands their home. The Independent Reviewer’s recommendations underscore the importance of addressing long-standing issues surrounding immigration, and we are committed to doing so in a manner that is transparent, consultative, and inclusive. We are guided by the principle that every voice matters, whether you are a resident or a believer. Our commitment to your input is unwavering, and we will ensure that your perspectives are heard and valued in this process.

The independent reviewer's report will serve as the bedrock upon which we will base our proposals and recommendations for the necessary amendments to our legislation and the creation of relevant policies. We understand that these changes must reflect the evolving needs and aspirations of our people and the challenges we face as a society.

In the coming weeks, we will embark on a comprehensive and inclusive consultative process. We will engage with stakeholders from all walks of life, from Belongers to Residents, seeking your insights, ideas, and feedback. Together, we will forge a path forward that preserves our heritage, strengthens our society, and ensures that we remain a welcoming and thriving community.

In closing, I want to reaffirm our commitment to the principles of justice, fairness, and inclusivity as we navigate the intricate path of immigration reform. This journey may have its challenges, but I am confident that, united as one people, we will emerge stronger and more resilient than ever before.

Together, we will build a future that reflects the true spirit and values of our beloved territory. May God bless you all, and may God continue to bless the Virgin Islands.

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.



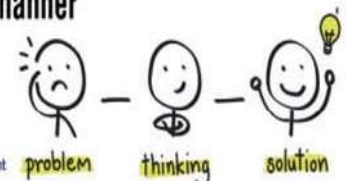
1. **Dr. Seuss Collection**
by Dr. Seuss
2. **ABC-Animals Coloring Book**
by Carlyn Benjamin (Local author)
3. **First Day, No Way! ***
By Lori Mortensen
4. **Little Lizard's First Day ***
by Melinda Melton Crow
5. **When I Grow Up**
by Rick Grant (Local author)
6. **Where I Live**
by Rick Grant (Local 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.

Before you discipline a child

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



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Luxury Wine & Spirits Development Manager

TICO Wine & Spirits Merchants is looking for a Luxury Wine & Spirits Development Manager with 7-10 years experience in the Wine & Spirits trade with extensive knowledge and a proven track record, references will be respectfully requested.

Skills required include but are not limited to:

Management skills are essential to our overall portfolio. Must be proactive and innovative as well as competent in executing promotional activities. Possess excellent communication skills and will be responsible for brand building on and off-premise. Nurture existing and develop new relationships with major resorts and wine accounts in general.

Achieve sales & distribution objectives of brands per supplier's reasonable requests. Must be able to offer quarterly reports and analysis on performance of select accounts. Implement and manage promotions with accounts that increase sales and brand visibility, by the glass – featured wines, etc.

Lead trainings and education for customers and TICO team members to increase brand awareness and knowledge. Implement training & educational classes. Host wine dinners with Managing Director in TICO's wine room and at accounts as well as host wine events and tastings at key accounts with suppliers.

Work in conjunction with Sales Director and Brand Manager of Product and Innovation. Maintain regular on and off-island account visits and have the ability to work independently. Ability to work nights, weekends and holidays is required. Sampling of alcoholic drinks is required. Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite and inventory / reporting software required. Individuals who meet the criteria will be contacted for an interview. Send CV and 2 reference letters to tico@ticobvi.com 284-494-2211.

[s17]

Employment Vacancy General Manager/Chef Road Town Restaurant

Successful applicant with qualification and skills as follows: 7 years experience within restaurant trade in a top managerial position including proven culinary experience, higher education is certainly essential, having culinary diploma or degree will be a major plus. Proficient with POS systems - Front and Back office – Touch Bistro would be expected. Good Knowledge of marketing and event management, ability to do daily procurement, inventory control. Solid understanding of overall beverages with wines and spirits necessary. One will be managing the Bar as well as all facets of the Restaurant.

The position comes with working long hours on your feet including days, nights, weekends and holidays. The ability to lift heavy boxes and stock items required. Successful candidate must be a team leader and always have a positive attitude. Excellent communication skills as well as problem solving & conflict management are a must. Sobriety required as are traceable references. Candidates who successfully meet requirements will be contacted.

Submit Resume with:
1-personal/1-professional reference to:
Contalgo Ltd.
contalgoltdbvi@gmail.com
284-343-9694 [s17]

EMCS Caribbean is looking for Finishers / Decorators Interested applicants can submit their CV/Resume with cover letter to P O Box 386 Road Town, Tortola, BVI or call 284-494-1300 [s17]

EMCS Caribbean is looking for Plumbers Interested applicants can submit their CV/Resume with cover letter to P O Box 386 Road Town, Tortola, BVI or call 284-494-1300 [s17]

Fusions Bar & Grill Needs Full Time Bartenders & Cooks. Please call 441-8250 for further details. [s17]

**MORE READERS:
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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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Rockford Construction
Rockford Construction Co. is seeking one (1) Project Manager for a construction project for a period of up to twelve (12) months. Must have a Bachelor's degree in construction management or related field, and 15 years experience in running major resort development projects is preferred. The successful candidate must have the ability to manage and administer the construction and delivery of new facilities and/or remodeling of existing facilities, to include contract preparation, on-site coordination, market outreach, and all aspects of contract management. Remuneration commensurate with experience. 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]

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]

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]

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]

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]

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

KAD POOL SERVICES LIMITED requires two Full Time Pool Technicians. Apply in writing to the Managing Director, P.O. Box 3169, PMB 196, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110, BVI or call 284-541-8006.

KAD POOL SERVICES LIMITED is seeking a Tiles Man. For more information please call 284 541 8006. [s17]

Richards Electrical has a need for an Electrician and an Assistant Electrician for the company. Please call 341-2392 for more information. [s17]

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]

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]

Moonstone an upscale European style nightclub in Tortola BVI is looking for the following:

MANAGERS, BARTENDERS & SERVERS: Must have experience in serving in the American tourist, European or South African and Middle Eastern nightclub and restaurant industry. Be entertaining, polite. Great customer service is a must.

GO GO DANCERS: Must to entertain the crowd with dance routines to add ambience. Music being electronic dance music.

INSIDE AND OUTSIDE ATTENDANT:

Must keep the inside and outside perimeter clean at all time.

Phone +12843410783 or email info@moonstonenightclub.com [s17]

Clean Tech Marine Services is looking 1 female worker to join our team. We are a yacht detailing company that does interior and exterior yacht maintenance. Experience and extensive knowledge of Marine cleaning and detailing products is a must. Please email cleantechdetailers@gmail.com. or Telephone: 343 3272 [s17]

EMCS Caribbean is looking for **Construction Manager** Interested applicants can submit their CV/Resume with cover letter to P O Box 386 Road Town, Tortola, BVI or call 284-494-1300 [s17]

EMCS Caribbean is looking for **Foreman** Interested applicants can submit their CV/Resume with cover letter to P O Box 386 Road Town, Tortola, BVI or call 284-494-1300 [s17]

P.S. I LOVE YOUR HAIR SALON AND SPA is hiring 2 Full Time Hairdresser. Please email psiloveyourhairbvi@gmail.com to apply or call 284-495-0084. [s17]

EMCS Caribbean is looking for **Construction Supervisor** Interested applicants can submit their CV/Resume with cover letter to P O Box 386 Road Town, Tortola, BVI or call 284-494-1300 [s17]

T&E Boat Maintenance & Repairs seeks reliable Full Time Mechanic with minimum of 2 years experience.-Contact number 1-284-440-4603. [s17]

TOM FIX IT ALL is seeking a Full Time Welder. Please call 284-442-1974 for further details. [s17]

A MIGO - FISHING COMPANY is seeking a Full Time Fish Cleaner. Please call 284-5472785 for further details. [s17]

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