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PAC FORMATION SLOWNESS BAFFLES OPPOSITION MEMBERS

Frustrated about the Government's seemingly slow-motion about the formation of the Public Accounts Committee, members of the Opposition sought to expedite the process last week but were defeated in their effort.

The Public Accounts Committee (PAC), is a major watchdog body within the House of Assembly. It plays a crucial role in the local House of Assembly as it serves to provide the necessary checks

and balances for the Executive, aiming to uphold principles of accountability, transparency, and good governance in public office.

The Standing Orders of the House of Assembly rule that a Minister of Government cannot sit on the Public Accounts Account. This is why it is being stated that the government is currently in a quandary as it relates to the forming of the Public Accounts Committee. The issue is said to stem from

the fact that the government has a very slim majority with no backbenchers. All of the current members of government have either ministerial or junior ministerial titles and in order to have a government member of the PAC one of the current members would need to give up their title.

During the Special Sitting of the House of Assembly on 13 October Opposition members, namely Opposition Leader and Chair of the Public

Accounts Account Hon. Ronnie Skelton and Sixth District Representative Hon. Myron Walwyn made an unexpected move with the aim of amending the Order Paper to address the issue of forming a Public Accounts Committee (PAC) for the House.

The Premier had originally designated this sitting to observe the Heroes and Foreparents holiday and celebrate the men and women who laid the foundation for the Virgin Islands' current thriving and self-sustaining economy. However, during the course of the sitting, members of the Opposition proceeded with their move, asserting that no prior notice was required for the motion to form the PAC. Premier Dr. the Hon. Natalio Wheatley, on the other hand, disagreed, stating that the House had previously agreed to address a specific issue during this sitting.

Subsequently, after the motion was moved, House Speaker Corine N. George-Massicotte called for a recess to thoroughly consider the motion and its eligibility. Upon her return, the Speaker stated, "While I had the opportunity to consider the motion that was moved, I will call on the



Hon. Ronnie Skelton

Leader of the Opposition at this time." Opposition Leader Hon. Skelton then proposed a motion to withdraw the original motion, which was seconded by another Opposition member. Prior to the withdrawal, the Premier assured the House that his government had no intention of avoiding the formation of the PAC. He stated: "I want to let the Opposition know that there is no effort to avoid forming the PAC. While they are quite anxious to get it formed, I would kindly ask that today we deal with the matter of the national heroes and leave the PAC issue for the next sitting."

PAC ISSUES PREVIOUSLY RECORDED

Back in 2022 as the previous House of Assembly drew to a close it was noted that even then the Public Accounts Committee

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C&W Charitable Foundation Director, Dominic Boon, is pictured with Honourable Stacey Mather, along with representatives from Unite BVI and the YouthEmpowerment Programme following a tour of the YEP center during a recent visit to the Territory for the company's fundraising Virgin Islands Swim held on October 5, 2023.

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had formation troubles. In an interview at the time with Tola Radio on 11 March, 2022 the then Leader of the Opposition Hon. Marlon Penn explained that the PAC's delayed establishment took away a lot of the time the organization had to attend to its accountability mandate.

In explaining the delayed formulation Hon. Penn stated: "We had to wait for an adjustment from the Standing Orders Committee so that we can then have a different formula where they won't be a lopsided membership in terms of Opposition members versus the one Government member

on the Committee. That process took some time – I don't chair the Standing Orders Committee which is chaired by Hon. Carvin Malone. Once that was done, the resolution was brought to the House to constitute the Committee."

GOVERNOR SUPPORTS PROPOSED POLICE ACT AMENDMENTS

His Excellency Governor John Rankin remains resolute in his defense of proposed amendments to the Police Act 2023. These amendments, which have sparked concerns about potential erosion of citizens' rights and increased police authority, continue to be championed by Governor Rankin, who is once again calling for their approval in the House of Assembly.



His Excellency John James Rankin CMG

The Police Act is a legislation that has made returns to the House of Assembly only to be pulled because of public concerns. This year the Bill made its appearance in the House of Assembly but was pulled after public outcries forced legislators to convene informally on 9 February to consider the situation. Even members of the House of Assembly publicly announced that some of the mentions in the Bill made them uncomfortable. As a result, it was announced that the debate on the Bill has been delayed until further notice.

Last week Governor Rankin voiced his support for the controversial Bill during a press conference convened by

the National Security Council (NSC) on 12 October. The press conference was prompted by recent events, including a disturbance at Elmore Stoutt High School and the shooting of a prison officer in East End. During the press conference, Governor Rankin emphasized the importance of ensuring that the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force (RVIPF) possesses the necessary powers to fulfill their responsibilities. He asserted: "This is why we need the Police Act to return to the House of Assembly for approval."

Furthermore, Governor Rankin reiterated his unwavering commitment to upholding the human rights of

individuals within the Territory. He countered the concerns raised, stating: "Contrary to some assertions, this act aligns with international human rights standards. I would not support it otherwise," Mr. Rankin affirmed.

One significant point of contention in the bill centers around Section 27-35, which addresses the collection of fingerprints, foot impressions, and DNA. Critics argue that the Bill effectively grants the police broad authority to collect fingerprints without consent in almost any conceivable circumstance, without the need for a warrant. Governor Rankin, in response to concerns about potential misuse, defended this provision, emphasizing its potential use in apprehending serious offenders, including rapists.

Additionally, Section 36 of the same bill permits the police to conduct warrantless searches of individuals' residences if there are reasonable grounds to believe the person does not live there or lacks permission to be there. Section 38 allows a police officer to search the home of someone arrested for a serious offense without a warrant, even in the individual's absence. These provisions have raised alarms among local activists.

Safe Haven Centre To Host Food Drive Outreach

Monday, October 17, 2023 - The Safe Haven Transitional Centre (SHTC) is hosting a Thanksgiving Food Drive and Free Shower Service outreach programme for vulnerable members of the Virgin Islands community.

The food drive aims at restoring the Family Support Network's (FSN) food pantry for Thanksgiving, while the Free Shower Service to provide free showers for unhoused and vulnerable individuals in the community will be held at the centre on a weekly appointment basis.

The food drive will close on November 9 and members of the public are asked to donate canned goods and non-perishable food items.

Programme Aide at the Safe Haven Transitional Centre Miss Drex-Anne Gatton, noted that this initiative seeks to benefit the less fortunate and also victims of domestic violence.

Miss Gatton said, "It is our hope to also be able to donate some of the items received to Community Mental Health Services. Community Mental Health Services will distribute items received to their clients who are some of the most vulnerable in our community."

The Programme Aide added that persons interested in assisting can do so by directly donating to the centre, while companies, schools and business places can place donation boxes at their facilities to allow students, customers or employees to participate.

In addition, persons are asked to contact Safe Haven with information on vulnerable individuals who may benefit from the free shower initiative.

The services offered can be accessed by contacting the centre directly at 468-5815, and via email to the programme aides at dgaton@gov.vg or kthomas@gov.vg. The Family Support Network can also be contacted by telephone at 284-540-2085 and email at familysn1@yahoo.com.

The Ministry of Health and Social Development remains committed to improving the life and social well-being of the people of the Virgin Islands.

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EAST END BAKERY OWNER LAMENTS ABOUT ABSENCE OF POLICE

Amid widespread public criticism, Zelma Williams, the proprietor of Mangrove Bakery in East End, has voiced her concerns about the lack of police presence in her community. Her frustration comes in the wake of a break-in at her business on 10 October during which thieves damaged her establishment's door and ran away with an undisclosed sum of money. Williams promptly reported the incident to the local police station but was met with disappointment. Recalling her ordeal while speaking on Tola Radio, Williams expressed: "I went to the police station, and I yelled

and called out, but there was no response. I noticed some phone numbers on the wall, so I made the calls. However, I received no reply. I even attempted to contact the East End Police Station, and although I could hear the phone ringing while I was there, no one answered."

Despite her concern for her bakery's customers, Williams reluctantly returned to her business. The violation from the robbery and the apparent neglect from the authorities continued to trouble her. Later that day, she made a second visit to the police station, but once again, no one was there to address her.

"I won't be returning there. I've cleaned up my place, and I'm resigned to my circumstances. However, not everyone will react the same way. This kind of behavior is deplorable. It's not the first or second time. When you go to the police station, there's no one!" lamented the exasperated businesswoman. She added: "Where is our sanctuary? The police are supposed to protect us, but the station is closed? The police talk about increased patrols? They don't seem to have anyone's best interests at heart. We are human beings! We seek help, so help us!"

The burglary in East End occurred in the context of reports of a similar incident at Crandall's, a business in Road Town, earlier in the week. Numerous residents and elected representatives have been advocating for enhanced police presence in their communities. However, the Commissioner of Police has contended that law enforcement officers are deployed elsewhere because continuous coverage is not required in some areas. In response to the concerns, Police Commissioner Mark Collins later announced the reopening of the police stations

in the East End and West End communities, effective from Monday, 16 October. He clarified that these stations had temporarily closed to have all response officers stationed in Road Town for collective briefings at the commencement of each shift, facilitating hotspot identification and targeted policing.

Since the onset of 2023, there has been a noticeable uptick in crime and violence. Commissioner Collins confirmed that there were as many as 11 burglaries reported between October 9 and 11.

BVI MOURNS DEATH OF GREAT EDUCATOR AND ENTREPRENEUR JAMES ALFRED CHRISTOPHER

A celebration of life service for the late James Alfred Christopher was held on 13 October at the St. George's Episcopal Anglican Church. Mr. Christopher was born on 1 January, 1929 and departed this life on 26 September 2023.

Mr. Christopher who was known to everyone as Alfred was the sixth child of the late Timothy Christopher and Catherine Christopher. The family resided in Fort Charlotte which overlooks Road Town and Road Harbour.

Alfred's early education was at the Sea Cows Bay infant school followed by the St. George's Anglican Church School. He did exceptionally well and was selected to be one of the pioneer students of the Virgin islands senior school which was opened in May 1943 and later became the Virgin Islands Senior School

– today it is the Elmore Stoutt High School.

During his life the multi-talented Alfred accomplished much! He served in the field of education as a Pupil Teacher, Assistant Teacher, and Principal from 1947 – 1954. His teaching career continued at Sea Cow's Bay Primary School as an assistant to the then Principal, Miss Augusta Forbes. On his own he worked his way through Rhodes Preparatory School, New York and then New York University as a fulltime student from 1958 – 1965. In 1963 he obtained a B.S. Degree in Social Studies and History and in 1965 a Master of Arts Degree in Secondary Education Administration.

On completion of these studies, Alfred was granted an 18-month extension of his student visa to work in the



The late James Alfred Christopher

USA. During this period, he worked in several schools in the role of Teacher, Guidance counselor, and Social Worker.

In 1967 Alfred returned to the British Virgin Islands but was unsuccessful in obtaining employment. He then took up employment in neighboring US Virgin Islands and taught at the George Washington, Wayne Aspinall, and Charlotte Amalie High School.

In 1969 Alfred returned to the Territory and served as an Assistant Principal as well

as Head of the Social Studies Department at the BVI High School. He taught several subjects such as English Language, English Literature, Music, History, Geography, and Science. As a result of his method of teaching students became highly motivated and garnered outstanding results in the Cambridge GCE O'Level Examinations. During this period he earned the nickname Settle Down as that was what he told students to get them ready for lessons. This nickname stuck with him even when he was no longer teaching.

From 1974 -1984 Mr. Christopher served as Deputy Chief Education Officer. In this position schools in the Territory were visited by him every month. In 1984 he left the Education profession and embraced his entrepreneurial

spirit in hospitality and tourism. After all his parents had founded the Sea View Guest House and Restaurant. He turned what was to be his residential home at the Hotel Castle Maria.

Alfred was a kindhearted as well as a philanthropist and donated to many persons and causes throughout his lifetime. He was also a musician and taught a number of family members to play the piano. He also loved photography.

The late James Alfred Christopher is survived by: His sister Ishma Christopher, brother – Herman Christopher, many nieces and nephews, extended relatives, and numerous friends. The publishers, management and staff of The Island Sun newspaper extend condolences to the relatives and friends of the late James Alfred Christopher. May his soul rest in peace.

KHOUZAM SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO AUTHOR OF IMPRESSIVE THESIS



L to R - Aniello Veneri (CIFO President), Dr. Claudio Ernesto Manzati (who started the scholarship), Lucia Rusin author of the winning thesis, Senator Carlo Giovanardi presenting plaque, Attorney-at-Law Giorgio Khouzam, and Giorgio Migliavacca (vice president of the Italian Academy of Philately and Postal History).

Spazio Filatelia, the area devoted to philately at Milan's central headquarters of Poste Italiane, hosted the final ceremony of the second edition of the "Giovanni Riggi di Numana" Award held on Saturday 14 October 2023.

This award, jointly set up by the Khouzam Foundation (in memory of Giorgio Khouzam, past president of the Federation of the Italian Philatelic Societies) and the Association of Collectors of Definitive Stamps (CIFO), aims at promoting and stimulating studies concerning philately and postal history through a thesis for a Doctorate. On 15 October, the € 3,000.00 scholarship was presented to Dr. Lucia Rusin of Fiumicello

Villa Vicentina (Udine), who had received a Master's Degree in Science for the Conservation and Restoration of Cultural Heritage at the faculty of the Alma Mater Studiorum – University of Bologna with a dissertation on "The Origin of the Kingdom of Italy from the first postage stamps".

Her work deals with the study of the first stamps of the Old Italian States, analysed through X-ray refractometric techniques, UV and Mass Chromatographic, fluorescence, UV spectrophotometry and Visible, as well as chemometric studies of its components such as dyes, binders and paper.

Additionally the well-attended ceremony featured the official presentation of a

new book published by Post Horn publishers written by Prof. Angelo Piermattei titled "Letters on the oceans' routes of two 19th century Tuscan entrepreneurs".

This volume includes in-depth research on about 300 letters of the two Viti entrepreneurs (Vito and Giuseppe) who used the postal service as a more modern means of communication to reach locations divided by the oceans or by big terrestrial distances.

The Viti letters are well known to collectors since quite a number of them are bejeweled with rare very elusive and spectacular frankings of rare stamps of the Grand Duchy of Tuscany and Duchy of Modena..

Heroes And Foreparents Day

Premier and Minister of Finance, Honourable Dr. Natalio D. Wheatley said that the upcoming Heroes and Foreparents Day will be significant in recognising the outstanding contributions of Virgin Islanders, in shaping their unique history and identity.

Premier Wheatley's comments come ahead of the October 16th, Heroes and Foreparents Day, on which stalwart educators will be honoured in commemoration of 80 years of secondary education in the Virgin Islands.

Honourable Wheatley said, "As we observe Heroes and Foreparents Day, let us reflect on the sacrifices and patriotic acts of service undertaken by those who have gone before, and have paved the way to increased opportunities, greater success, and an enhanced measure of freedom."

Premier Wheatley also explained that the House of Assembly has taken a courageous and unprecedented step towards acknowledging, institutionalising, and declaring national heroes.

He said, "This year we have taken the additional step of celebrating our educators, who are 80 years and older, as we recognize the 80th anniversary of the introduction of secondary education, and the 55th anniversary of comprehensive education."

He added, "I say hearty congratulations to all honourees and their families. May their legacy endure for generations to come."

Heroes' and Forefathers Day was celebrated for the first time on 18th October, 2021, replacing St. Ursula's Day and has subsequently been observed every third Monday of October.

This initiative is in alignment of the Government and people of the Virgin Islands' overall objective to advance and promote its history and heritage, while safeguarding the national development of the Territory.

The Government of the Virgin Islands' vision is a Virgin Islands where all Virgin Islanders feel a sense of belonging and pride, and actively participate and recognise cultural activities that reflect their heritage, and ultimately enrich their lives.



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BVI Removed From European Union List Of Non-Cooperative Jurisdictions For Tax Purposes

Following a meeting of the European Union's (EU's) Economic and Financial Affairs Council (ECOFIN) today (17 October 2023), the

British Virgin Islands (BVI) has been removed from the EU list of non-cooperative tax jurisdictions (Annex I). In a statement, the EU

Council noted that the "British Virgin Islands was removed from the list as it has amended its framework on exchange

of information on request (criterion 1.2) and will be reassessed in accordance with the OECD standard. Pending this reassessment this jurisdiction has been included in Annex II."

This recognises the legislative changes (including BVI Business Companies Amendment Act 2022, and BVI Business Amendment Regulations 2022) made in 2022 and which came into force on 1 January 2023, to meet requirements set out by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Global Forum on Transparency and Exchange of Information for Tax Purposes as part of its Peer Review Process. As such, the BVI has now been reinstated to the state of play document (Annex II) which includes jurisdictions committed to implementing reforms.

Commenting on the announcement, BVI Minister for Financial Services, Labour, and Trade,



Hon. Lorna Smith, OBE

Honourable Lorna Smith, OBE said: "We welcome the announcement that the BVI has been removed from Annex I of the EU list, which reflects the current state of play in the BVI. As a world-class international financial centre, the BVI is committed to maintaining the highest international standards on transparency and regulation."

For more information see link to the EU press release: <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2023/10/17/taxation-antigua-and-barbuda-belize-and-seychelles-added-to-eu-list-of-non-cooperative-jurisdictions-for-tax-purposes/>



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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REMARKS BY THE HONOURABLE VINCENT O. WHEATLEY MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AT THE OPENING CEREMONY FOR THE THIRTY-SIXTH OECS/PPS POLICY BOARD MEETING & NINTH COUNCIL OF MINISTERS: HEALTH

MONDAY, 9th OCTOBER 2023

I wish to acknowledge the protocol that has been established, but wish to also recognize the Premier, my Honourable colleagues here present, and my Honourable colleagues, who have journeyed for quite a distance to be here with us.

To our visiting OECS delegation and regional partners, it is my distinct pleasure to welcome you here today, to my home, the British Virgin Islands. I would have loved to take you to Virgin Gorda or Anegada, but I will save that for your next visit.

As we convene under the theme “Improving lives through preventive healthcare: an evidenced-based approach” let us commit ourselves to turning knowledge into action, working towards a future where wellness and prevention take center stage.

I must take this time to commend the OECS Pooled Procurement Services Team for their continuous work in providing a consistent supply of pharmaceuticals at reasonable prices. The advances that have been made in the region through the tireless work of the PPS Policy Board has propelled the Caribbean forward during the last decade. However, there is a lot of work yet to be done.

Funding medical care has always been an increasing expense, I have always said that it is very expensive to be sick and this is one of the core reasons why, preventative healthcare is at the forefront of my tenure as Minister for Health and Social Development.

Preventative measures take time to implement, so we need to start now! In our schools, in our homes, and even at work. Preventative healthcare is not just about managing symptoms; it is about stopping diseases and resultant health issues before they take control of your well-being and quality of life. It is also about adopting a proactive

mindset, one that values wellness as a lifelong journey and not just a destination.

Preventing breast, rectal, and cervical cancers are paramount in our quest for better public health. These efforts not only save lives but also contribute to a higher quality of life for individuals. Early detection, lifestyle modifications, and access to regular screenings are pivotal steps in our shared journey towards reducing the burden of these cancers. By prioritizing prevention and awareness, we empower individuals to take charge of their health and foster a healthier Caribbean for all.

Many of us often get consumed in our daily lives and may neglect our health, until it becomes a greater issue. Let us change that narrative by getting regular check-ups, eating a balanced diet, engaging in physical activity and maintaining mental wellness practices.

In the Caribbean, we face a unique health challenge with our food; and trust me this is a challenge for me too. While very delicious, sometimes, our portion options and sizes are not conducive to our health. With small changes to our eating habits and choices, we can enjoy the best of both worlds, the pleasures of our cuisine and a healthier life.

During these meetings, I hope to engage in fruitful discussions surrounding how we can optimize our resources and best practices, through insightful presentations that spark new ideas, and collaborative efforts, that lead to innovative solutions for the challenges we collectively face.

In the lead up to these meetings, I have had the profound privilege to collaborate with our Outgoing Chair, Honourable Sir Molwyn Joseph. It is with deep respect for his dedication and vision that I congratulate and thank

him for his stellar service in this role and I humbly accept the responsibility of carrying on this mantle. I really don't know where he gets all the energy from, but he is an incredibly hard worker.

In closing, I must remind you all, that preventative healthcare is a gift, a gift that we give to ourselves. It is a commitment to

a brighter, healthier tomorrow. So, let us not wait for illness to remind us of its value, let us champion a culture of prevention because, in the end, good health is our most precious asset. In the words of Honourable Mia Motley, our health is our first wealth.

I thank you for listening.



Hon. Vincent O. Wheatley



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Prerequisites:

- The applicant should possess basic Math and English skills.
- High School Diploma or higher education

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OECS Meetings Discuss Pressing Healthcare Issues

Minister for Health and Social Development Honourable Vincent O. Wheatley said the just concluded OECS Ministers of Health meeting delved into the pressing healthcare issues facing members of the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS).

The Ninth Council of Ministers: Health Meeting was held back-to-back with the 36th OECS/Pooled Procurement Services (PPS) Policy Board Meeting which was dually chaired by Honourable Wheatley.

According to the Health Minister, one of the salient points discussed robustly during the sessions was the migration of health practitioners from OECS countries. Honourable Wheatley acknowledged that the Virgin Islands is one of the beneficiaries of the migration and stated that the Council looked at different ways to share the expertise of healthcare practitioners among OECS member

states.

Honourable Wheatley said, "The question is now, how do we keep persons in the region so it would not be like St. Vincent and the Grenadines or St. Lucia is losing persons but instead they are sharing their expertise with somebody. That was one of the salient points we took away from the conference."

Minister Wheatley said that there is a need for deeper and wider collaboration among states in terms of what their needs are and that the meetings looked at the different expertise and best practices from each nation.

"I have learnt so much from the other countries about how they tackle problems that exist here, all in the name of getting better healthcare for our people both primary and tertiary," the Minister added.

Meanwhile, Director General of the OECS His Excellency, Dr. Didacus Jules reiterated Honourable Wheatley's point on the



need for collaboration. Dr. Jules noted that most of the discussions at the two meetings centred on how the region can come together to better serve the people and improve healthcare.

The OECS Director General said the PPS Meeting focused heavily on pooling the procurement of medicine and medical supplies in the OECS to pay at a cheaper rate, and added that the OECS is seeking to transition to a position where everything is pooled.

"Whatever governments require that can be delivered more cost-effectively to them via pooling of the requirements across the OECS we can provide. It was a very important meeting because the back-to-back meetings allowed us to look at the needs of the health systems in the OECS and see how that can be aligned to real improvements in the quality of medical services available across the OECS," Dr. Jules said.

Additionally, Minister for Health, Wellness and Elderly Affairs in St. Lucia,

Honourable Moses Jn. Baptiste said the meeting was fruitful as countries with lived experiences could share so that others from the sub-region can benefit.

Honourable Jn. Baptiste said, "Our meetings were very frank, very upfront and we looked at the problems in the OECS squarely and we tried our very best to have a plan of action which would cause our various issues to be looked at in the coming months and in the coming years."

The Ministry of Health and Social Development hosted the ministers and other healthcare delegates

from across the OECS from October 9 to 12 to discuss the best course of action towards affordable healthcare in the OECS region. The 36th OECS/PPS Policy Board Meeting and the Ninth OECS Council of Ministers: Health was held under the theme: Improving Lives through Preventive Healthcare: An Evidence-Based Approach.

The Ministry of Health and Social Development remains committed to building partnerships and relationships that improve the health and social well-being of the people of the Virgin Islands.



Heroes and Foreparents Day and the 80th Anniversary of Secondary Education Honouring Our Stalwart Educators

Remarks by Honourable Dr. Natalio D. Wheatley Premier and Minister of Finance

16 October, 2023

A pleasant good day to all the people of the Virgin Islands.

Today, we are commemorating Heroes and Fore Parents Day and the 80th Anniversary of Secondary Education in the Virgin Islands, and we are also remembering and recognizing the contributions of 38 of our stalwart educators who are over 80 years old.

By all means, this is a grand occasion. We have a lot to celebrate, a lot to be grateful for, and a lot of persons to be thankful to. And let me say at the outset that while we are recognizing the contributions in education, we do have heroes in all fields and professions, and our heroes and stalwarts in education number far more than the 38 individuals who will be mentioned today. All our educators and all the people who have worked – and who continue to work – towards the development and advancement of our fledgling nation and our people are heroes.

It is easy to take for granted many of the comforts, conveniences and privileges we enjoy today, and to not know or appreciate the hard work, sacrifice and struggles that have brought us to this point in our development as a country and a people.

Where we are today and what we have achieved are the cumulative results of, for the most part, the efforts of Virgin Islanders over generations. We have come a long way on this journey of building a nation.

Our Territorial Song, O Beautiful Virgin Islands, gives a reference point from whence we came.

Out of the huts of history's pain

**Our ancestors bled and died!
But with strength and willpower we overcame**

To restore Virgin Islands pride!

To preserve our beauty we devised a plan

To obtain ownership of your precious lands!

Educating our people is the

golden key

To maintain the success of this Territory!

The Virgin Islands story cannot be properly told without acknowledging the activism and national service of the likes of:

Theodolph H. Faulkner, Isaac Glanville Fonseca, Hamilton Lavity Stoutt, Dr. Willard Wheatley, Noel Lloyd and the Positive Action Movement, and countless others. Our Virgin Islands heroes include those who fought against the institution of slavery, who marched for our right to govern ourselves, who answered the call for leadership in various capacities when leadership was needed, whose sacrifice are responsible for the freedoms we enjoy today, whose innovativeness and determination laid the path for our political and economic development.

Among those numbers also stand our educators, to whom we owe a tremendous amount of appreciation.

It is our educators over the past decades who have instilled knowledge and skills in our people, enabling us to develop our competencies in all the fields – academic, professional and vocational – to power our economy and our development, and to take charge of our destiny. They have done this often in less than ideal conditions, with less than the best resources, and for compensation that were far insufficient compared to the value and importance of their work. But they soldiered on, determined by the vision of the greatness of what our people can become and what they can achieve.

Unfortunately, some of our honorees are no longer with us, such as Mrs. Jennie Wheatley, MBE and former Deputy Chief Education Officer Mr. James Alfred Christopher, who passed on quite recently. We remember them and we pray for their eternal rest, and for all our heroes whom we have lost over the years.

We also express our appreciation to those who are still

with us, who are able to be with us physically, and through whose hands thousands of Virgin Islands youths, myself included, would have passed and been molded.

I am fortunate to have a perspective from both the viewpoint of the student and the educator.

I am the product of BVI educators, and their devotion to duty is responsible for my successes in academics and in my professional life. As a former educator, I have felt the fulfillment that comes with seeing your students doing well, and how it motivates you to become more invested in your charges.

I have witnessed this cycle in our educators, especially our honorees, who have led, inspired and molded younger educators who came into the system over the years.

The contributions of these men and women to the development of the Virgin Islands and to the success of each of us, are beyond

measure. They are responsible for the shaping of our Virgin Islands story and what our people will become and achieve in the future.

It is quite fortuitous that our celebration of 80 years of secondary education in the Virgin Islands coincides with our observance of Heroes and Fore Parents Day.

Heroes and Fore Parents Day is about creating awareness about the contributions of Virgin Islanders to our development and advancement, whose work have often times been under-valued and under-appreciated.

Sometimes, they did not get the recognition because we took them for granted or we did not appreciate the significance of their work and dedication. In some cases, it is also because as Virgin Islands people, we did not own up to our responsibility in documenting and telling the story of our people; and therefore versions of what were purported to be our story were the

ones being told. Heroes and Fore Parents Day and activities such as today's events aim to change that.

Through recognition of our stalwart educators and our heroes and fore parents, we aim to ensure that the historical records and the telling of the Virgin Islands story are made more accurate. We aim also to inspire our present and future generations, and instill them with the confidence to aspire to greatness – as those before them have clearly done.

As we celebrate 80 years of secondary education in the Virgin Islands and Heroes and Fore Parents Day 2023, we thank all who have contributed to the progress of our country and our people, especially our educators. We recognise and remember them, and we pledge to make them proud as we continue on the path they have paved for us.

I thank you.

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Cable & Wireless Charitable Foundation Raises Funds to Narrow the Digital Divide through an Endurance Swim from BVI to USVI

Proceeds will go towards providing connectivity and devices for youth to access the digital world

ROADTOWN, Tortola, October 11, 2023 - Flow announces the successful completion of the Virgin Islands Swim to raise funds for the Cable & Wireless Charitable Foundation (CWCF) in its effort to help provide greater digital access and empowerment.

The swim was completed by Foundation Director, Dominic Boon on October 5, during a recent visit to the Territory. It was undertaken between the BVI and USVI on the route of West End,

Tortola to Cruz Bay, St. John, and covered a distance of 16km or 10 miles in four hours and 40 minutes.

Proceeds from the swim challenge will be donated by the CWCF to purchase devices and connectivity for youth in the Territory to utilize.

Speaking of the achievement, Boon said that it was an amazing feeling to have completed the swim. He explained that open water swimming is not a solo sport, but a team sport, that needs a lot of help to do it safely. He expressed his appreciation for the support given to the cause by community partners, including the crew of the Soul Rebel. Boon was also accompanied by a Flow representative and a Swim Support Coordinator.

He added, "I was very proud that we will be able to contribute to some of the community projects in the British Virgin Islands. I hope we will be able to partner with organizations that are helping to bring connectivity to young people across the BVI and really make a difference to their lives and

the communities." During his visit, Boon also met with various stakeholders, including Honourable Stacy Mather,

Unite BVI, and the team at the Youth Empowerment Programme (YEP) who facilitated a tour of the YEP facility and shared more about the work of YEP, its impact on the youth of the community, the types of youth development programmes being offered, as well as the vision for the new Virgin

Gorda - Youth Empowerment Programme.

The Cable & Wireless Charitable Foundation was launched in 2017 as part of a commitment to doing business in a responsible and sustainable way. Today, it's a powerful platform, helping to enable progress and build



C&W Charitable Foundation Director, Dominic Boon, is pictured during his fundraising Virgin Islands Swim on October 5, enroute to Cruz Bay, St. John. (Photo Credit: Flow)

more resilient communities across the Caribbean our region. Since its launch, the Foundation has donated millions of dollars to help local, regional, and international agencies deliver relief and recovery projects across the Caribbean

and Latin America. *To read more about the Cable & Wireless Charitable Foundation and support the fundraising effort, please click here: [Cable & Wireless Communications | The CWCF Big Challenge](#)*

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Ayana Glasgow Is Executive Director Of International Business Regulations



Ms. Ayana Glasgow

Ms. Ayana Glasgow has been appointed Executive Director of International Business Regulations in the Ministry of Financial Services, Labour and Trade.

Ms. Glasgow brings to the post over 25 years of experience in the field of financial services and will be cultivating enhanced collaboration between the Government of the Virgin Islands and key stakeholders within the financial services sector to advance business development, strategic objectives, and policy initiatives.

Additionally, the Executive Director will work to coordinate the development of a comprehensive national policy for the financial

services sector.

Minister for Financial Services, Labour, and Trade, Honourable Lorna G. Smith, OBE congratulated Ms Glasgow on her appointment.

Honourable Smith said, "Ayana's recruitment is pivotal in our ongoing efforts to strengthen the ministry's resources. Her wealth of experience spanning both the regulatory and private sector, is a critical asset in advancing the financial services agenda. I have complete confidence that she will be an outstanding addition to our team."

Deputy Governor, Mr. David D. Archer Jr. said attracting talented and experienced individuals like Ms. Glasgow is a

representation of our commitment to building a World Class Public Service.

Mr. Archer Jr. added, "Public Officers like Ms. Glasgow play a major role in our vision of excellence in the Public Service. I cannot wait to see the incredible work she will do."

Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Financial Services, Labour and Trade, Ms. Petrona Davies, said Ms. Glasgow is highly respected, with great knowledge of the regulatory landscape and the challenges and opportunities within the industry.

"I am confident that Ms. Glasgow will play a key role in advancing the Ministry's agenda and keeping the Virgin Islands as a leading international business and finance centre," Ms. Davies

added.

Ms. Glasgow expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to serve at this capacity as well as an outlook for her future in this role.

"I am deeply honoured at the opportunity to serve in this role. It is crucial that we continue to foster engagement between key stakeholders, including the private sector and competent authorities, to navigate the challenges we face. My goal is to serve as the linchpin that makes this collaboration happen," she said.

In this role, Ms. Glasgow will work closely alongside the Minister, as well as with other senior staff in the ministry and stakeholders throughout the industry.

Ms. Glasgow earned

a Bachelor in Business Administration from the Acadia University along with a Master's in Business Administration: Global Development from the University of Phoenix.

The new Executive Director also boasts a decorated career, having served as the Deputy Director, Banking and Fiduciary Services at the BVI Financial Services Commission; Director of Ogier Fiduciary Services (BVI) Limited; Executive Director of Aleman, Cordero, Galindo & Lee Trust (BVI) Limited.

The Government of the Virgin Islands remains committed to ensuring the financial services sector continues to function at global standards.

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GLOBAL NEWS BRIEF

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ISRAEL - The war against Hamas, the deadliest for Israelis in half a century, threatens to become the swansong of a politician who for three decades in power has wielded security as his greatest asset.

Now 73 years old and facing an indictment for corruption, Benjamin Netanyahu returned to the residence of the Prime Minister of Israel on Balfour Street in Jerusalem late last year, the only place where he can seek refuge from serving a prison sentence if convicted. "Everything but the cell" could well have been his motto when he spent a year and a half in the opposition. After being ousted from power in June 2021 with the votes of two of his conservative political proteges in 2023, at the head of the most conservative government in the history of the State of Israel, he has faced a protest movement with few precedents against the judicial reform he has imposed, again in an attempt to avoid prison.

After the fiasco of the Yom Kippur War in 1973, Israelis forced Labor Prime Minister Golda Meir out of power. And four years later,

an electoral upset ended the hegemony of the left, as Netanyahu's Likud party came to power for the first time since the birth of the Jewish state three decades earlier. "Netanyahu's political exit is inevitable," predicts Ami Yaalon, former head of the Shabak, the state's internal security service.

Anshel Pfeffer, Netanyahu's biographer, noted this week in his column in the daily Haaretz that if the prime minister does not set clear goals for the war against Hamas, he will have to face the consequences. [El Pais]



ISRAEL - Nothing will stop the destruction of Gaza. Nothing will be able to mitigate the objective of Israel, its government, and its society, shared by the U.S. and the European Union. Not even the ashes of Hamas should remain. The price to be paid will be very high, accepted by the Israelis, in lives — their

own, those of their soldiers, and those of the unfortunate hostages, and others, those of many Gazans — in international prestige, in their advanced economy, and in relations with their neighbors, perhaps even leading to disastrous geopolitical consequences such as a regional escalation or even to war without intermediaries against Iran. Its allies will also pay the price, the closer they are to it, and this is especially true of Ukraine, in terms of reduced military aid, political neglect, and disregard for the international legislation and institutions that are so convenient for Putin. [El Pais]

ROME - Venice Mayor Luigi Brugnaro said Sunday that the city was suspending the use of electric buses operated by the 'La Linea' company after one crashed in its Mestre district on Saturday, injuring 15 people, after a vehicle of the same type plunged from an overpass on October 3 in a disaster in which 21 people died. Brugnaro stressed that this was a precautionary measure while checks are run on this type of bus. Investigators are working to establish the cause of both accidents. [ANSA].

FAKE NEWS (UK) - ROME, (By Alessio Jacona*) British and

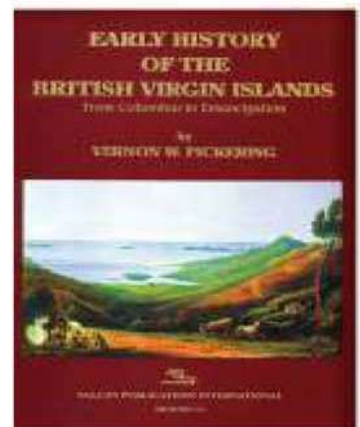
global politics have had a new taste of the risks to democracy represented by so-called deepfake, namely fake multimedia content created using **artificial intelligence (AI)**. During the annual Labour party conference in the UK, accounts on the social media platform X (formerly known as Twitter) released a video containing audio in which party leader Sir Keir Starmer's counterfeit AI voice can be heard swearing at and abusing members of his staff. The episode represented a fake and full-blown attack on the Labour leader from the internet just as he is starting to prepare his political campaign for the general elections that are due to be held between the end of 2024 and early 2025.

Most of all, it seems to have been launched on purpose to discredit him just when the polls are giving his party - which has been in opposition for 15 years - a lead of almost 20 points over Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's Conservatives. The deepfake was initially published on an account with only 3,500 followers, in a post that read as follows: I have obtained audio of Keir Starmer verbally abusing his staffers at conference. This disgusting bully is about to become our next PM." At the time of writing, the content had been viewed 1.5 million times. [ANSA]

D O M I N I C A N REPUBLIC - Santiago. - Tragically, a woman of Haitian nationality, identified as Rosema Chaver, lost her life in a pursuit by agents of the General Directorate of Immigration on the Joaquín Balaguer highway. The incident occurred while she was attempting to escape from the immigration agents near the La Paz neighborhood in Santiago de los Caballeros.

The Haitian community has raised concerns about alleged abuses. [Dominican Today]

ANTIGUA - The Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) Commission has affirmed its unwavering support for



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 Antigua and Barbuda and Guadeloupe in the wake of the devastation left by Tropical Storm Phillippe.

Both islands grappled with the impacts of widespread flooding, power failures, and considerable property damage as a direct result of the tempest.

The OECS Commission not only expressed deep sympathy for the islands but also empathy for the individuals who experienced personal injuries and property loss or damage. Assurances of support were conveyed by the OECS Commission to both Antigua and Barbuda and Guadeloupe as they commence their recovery processes. [CNW] **JAMAICA** - In an unfolding incident that has garnered governmental attention, unauthorized cannabis-infused snacks have found their way into Jamaica, sparking a thorough inter-ministerial investigation.

The initiative stems from a directive by Prime Minister Andrew Holness, targeting the issue head-on, following the recent incidents that revealed the unintended consumption of these products by school children [CNW].

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BVI BARRACUDAS SWIM TEAM MADE A SPLASH



On September 30 the BVI Barracudas Swim Team made a splash at the Season Opener Meet held at the St. Thomas Aquatics Center. With a team of 12 swimmers, ranging in age from 7 to 16, the Barracudas demonstrated their growing prowess in the pool.

The BVI Barracudas have been steadily making waves in the competitive swimming scene. Most of the swimmers on the team began their competitive journey just a year ago. Since then, they have shown remarkable dedication to improving their strokes

and dropping their race times. This commitment was evident at the St. Thomas meet, where over 50 swimmers participated.

One of the standout moments of the meet was when five Barracudas swimmers competed in the 100-meter Individual Medley (IM) event for the first time.

Their impressive performance showcased the progress they've made over the past year, as they have honed their skills and

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Ladyburd Talks...

Dear Readers: Here are some tips to give us some energy throughout the day, that may help us to feel less draggy.

Waking Up: Instead of: Sleeping in..Try: Getting up at the same each day.

- This enables your circadian rhythms, which are governed by your body's "master clock" in the hypothalamus gland, to stay in synch with the 24-hour day. In the absence of light, your body's sleep-wake cycle wants to delay by an average of 12 minutes every day and work on a 24.2-hour rhythm. (Scientists don't understand why but think it may relate to the sun's seasonal shifts.) "That means your body wants to keep pushing your bedtime to later," says Mariana Figueiro, PhD, program director of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute's Lighting Research Center. "But if you let that happen and still have to get up at the same time every day, you're going to be tired."

To keep your circadian rhythms in time with the 24-hour day (when they get out of whack, you feel like you're jet-lagged), aim for 30 minutes of light first thing, even on a Saturday when you've decided to sleep in. An easy way to get it is to go for a half-hour stroll outdoors or have your breakfast by a sunny window. If your schedule requires you to rise when it's dark outside, crank up the lights indoors—every little bit may help.

{Source: Prevention.com article by: Daryn Eller}



Ladyburd's Mail Box

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Dear Ladyburd:

My husband and I are together for a few years now and during the second year of the marriage I found out that he fathered a child. He did not bother to let me know about it, his excuse was that he did not want to hurt me, so he kept quiet, I accidentally found out and I was upset, I told him to get out of my life I never want to see him again, anyhow, he apologized to me and told me that he loves me and it was a one night affair, and I forgave him. My main problem is that I cannot bring myself to love the child, every time I see the child I remember that he cheated on me and I get enraged. What can I do?
Enraged Wife

Ladyburd...Dear Enraged Wife: The first thing you must remember is that the child is not at fault, and you cannot blame him for coming into the world, try to address your feelings with your husband as well as going and getting some counseling.

You might also be feeling that way because you have not really forgiven him for cheating on you, you have not put it behind you, so you will have to let it go and move on, and to do that, you will have to forgive your husband, not in words, but in deeds. The question to ask, is he being faithful to you now? or is he still cheating on you?.. These are some questions you will have to ask your husband in a serious discussion.

(repeat)



LIGHT BULB MOMENTS

"You've got to get up every morning with determination if you're going to go to bed with satisfaction." —

George Lorimer

Poetry Corner

Sowing Generosity

Sowing Gratitude
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Is a simple lesson in reciprocity
When we give
We not only portray
God's goodness
But we exercise a
Commitment to making
The world a better place
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As your gift touches the heart
Of the beneficiary
It not only fills a need
But starts a chain of good deeds
Whether it's time given
Or a gift to another
And it doesn't matter
If it's a friend, a stranger or a
brother
Giving is a gift
That uplifts
Blesses and
Makes positive impact
So spread love, share your talents
and
Give your time
So that through your actions
God's love will shine

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{Local Poet}

Tickle My Funny Bones



Young Johnny

Young Johnny wanted desperately to get a set of drums for his birthday.

His parents weren't keen on the idea but his grandparents being grandparents couldn't resist bringing a smile to his face and they bought him the drums.

"Gee thanks, this is the best present I've ever had" said Johnny excitedly, when his grandparents gave him their gift.

A week later his granddad came to visit and he was asking Johnny how he was getting on with playing the drums.

"They've already earned me over \$100" said Johnny

"Wow" said granddad,

"you must be getting really good at playing them."

"Not really" said Johnny, "but mum gives me \$10 each day for not playing them during the day and dad gives me \$10 a day for not playing them in the evening."

Short Jokes

1. A naked man broke into a church. The police chased him around and finally caught him by the organ.
2. Why do they lock public bathrooms, are they afraid someone will clean them?
3. What did 0 say to 8?....."Nice belt."
4. A customer walked up to my bank window and asked me to cash a check. "Of course," I said. "But I'll need to see ID." She dug through her purse and handed me a snapshot. "That's me in the middle," she said.

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"The golfer brought an extra pair of pants in case he got a hole in one...."

BVI BARRACUDAS SWIM TEAM MADE A SPLASH



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become proficient in all four strokes necessary for the IM. Notably, Jack Morris achieved a remarkable feat by dropping 18.44 seconds off his previous time.

The Team is not resting on its laurels. The young athletes are now setting their sights on the USVI Short Course National Championships, where they will face formidable competition from both St. Thomas and St. Croix. To ensure their participation in this important event, the team is actively working on fundraising efforts, demonstrating a significant improvement in his abilities.

The Barracudas' performance at the Season Opener Meet in St. Thomas was nothing short of outstanding. These young athletes have shown remarkable progress and dedication to their sport. With their sights set on future competitions, the Barracudas are poised to make even bigger waves in the world of competitive swimming.





DIVAS ON A DIME

By Patti Diamond

Harvest Delight: Sweet Potato and Black Bean Chili

As the autumn air turns cool and crisp, it's time to warm your soul with a hearty bowl of Sweet Potato and Black Bean Chili. This recipe not only brings the comfort and flavor of chili to your table, but also bursts with vibrant autumn hues that will make your Halloween party or harvest gathering extra special.

Before the little ghosts and goblins head out for their sweet trick-or-treat adventures, make sure they enjoy a bowl of this nutrient-packed chili to fuel their fun-filled night with a dose of wholesome goodness.

This chili isn't just about fantastic flavor, it's a plant-based nutritional powerhouse that just happens to be vegan. Sweet potatoes bring a dose of vitamin A, fiber and natural sweetness. Black beans contribute plant-

based protein and fiber. The colorful array of vegetables provides a variety of vitamins and antioxidants.

This recipe is flexible enough to be easily customized. To make this very kid-friendly, adjust the level of spice to appeal to your family.

This chili comes together quickly, so I advise having all the veggies chopped before you start sauteing the onions.

SWEET POTATO AND BLACK BEAN CHILI

Yield: 4 (1 1/2 cup) servings

Total Time: 35 minutes

2 tablespoons olive oil

1 (1 cup) onion, diced,

3 cloves garlic, minced, or more to taste

3 (3 cups) sweet potatoes, peeled and chopped

3 (1 1/2 cups) carrots, sliced

1 (3/4 cup) red bell pepper, chopped

1 tablespoon chili powder

1/2 tablespoon cumin

1 teaspoon garlic powder

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon black pepper

1/2 teaspoon cayenne, optional (adjust to taste)

1/2 cup water or vegetable broth

1 (15-ounce) can black beans

1 (15-ounce) can diced tomatoes with chilies

Assorted chili toppings: tortilla chips, diced onion, crackers, shredded cheese, sour cream

In a Dutch oven or soup pot over medium heat, warm the olive oil. Saute the onions for a minute or two so they get a head start cooking.

Add the garlic, sweet potatoes, carrots and bell pepper to the pan. Cook until the onions are soft, about 5 minutes.

Reduce the heat to medium-low and add all the spices, stirring well to coat all the veggies. Be careful that you don't burn the spices; keep stirring the pot.

As soon as the spices become beautifully fragrant, add the water or broth, beans and the tomatoes. Deglaze the pan by scraping the bottom of the pan, stirring to incorporate. Bring the pot to a boil then reduce heat to low.

The Sunny Side Up

Allow your chili to simmer, partially covered, stirring occasionally, over low heat for about 20 minutes, until the flavors marry, and the sweet potatoes and carrots are soft.

Serve in bowls and let your guests top their chili with their favorite toppings.

This chili is such a hit with my family, I always make at least a double batch. It's great for meal prep and easy lunches, and it freezes beautifully.

This vegan chili is absolutely delicious and nutritionally balanced as written. But for those carnivores seeking a meaty twist, consider adding some cooked hamburger crumbles, shredded chicken or pork. Or give Italian sausage a try. Simply brown the sausage separately and mix it in at the end. It's a delightful alternative that elevates this dish to a whole new level.

This Sweet Potato and Black Bean Chili embodies the essence of budget-friendly style. As you prepare for your Halloween or harvest gathering, remember that you don't have to break the bank to create a warm and memorable meal. Enjoy your flavorful, colorful and budget-friendly creation!

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This plant-based chili is a nutritional powerhouse

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UN ACTION NEEDED URGENTLY TO END ISRAEL-HAMAS VIOLENCE

BY RONALD SANDERS

(The writer is Antigua and Barbuda's Ambassador to the United States and the Organization of American States. The views expressed are entirely his own)

The attack by Hamas on civilians in Southern Israel on 7 October 2023 was as stupid as it was cruel, brutal and inhuman.

Whatever the purposes - and there were many - behind a slaughter of 1,200 persons, including children - Hamas gave the perfect cover to the Benjamin Netanyahu government in Israel to try to carry out a long-desired objective by many Israelis. And that is to annex Gaza and cleanse it of Palestinians who are either refugees or descendants of refugees who were forced to flee from Palestine in 1948 when Israel announced its independence and a bitter war ensued between the nascent Israeli State and surrounding Arab countries.

THE BACKGROUND TO THE ISSUE

There were two attempts, driven by external powers to partition Palestine into two states, one Arab, one Jewish. The first was offered by Britain, the occupying power in 1937, and the second was proposed by the United Nations in 1947. The Arab countries rejected both plans, and Israel declared itself independent creating its own state. This led to the first Arab-Israeli war and produced more than half a million Arab refugees, and deep hostility that has never waned.

What built even greater resentment was that after the war, Israel destroyed hundreds of Palestinian villages and adopted an "Absentees' Property Law" by which the government confiscated land and houses that Palestinians were forced to abandon.

Over the years, there have been several attempts to negotiate a two-state solution to the problem, but with no success. Meanwhile, with each war, Israel has secured more territory, both occupying and settling it with Jewish people.

ENCAGING PALESTINIANS IN GAZA

Until 7 October, there were approximately 2.3 million Palestinians, hemmed into Gaza, living in crowded and impoverished conditions. Gaza is a narrow piece of land located on the eastern coast of the Mediterranean Sea, bordered by Israel to the east and north, and Egypt to the southwest. It is 41 km (25 mi) long, and from 6 to 12 km (3.7 to 7.5 mi) wide. Its total area is 365 km (141 sq. mi).

Since October 7, more than 2,700 people in Gaza, one third of them children, have been killed and 9,000 wounded by retaliatory Israeli military assaults. Further, 1.1 million people in North Gaza (the area closest to Israel) have been warned to move to South Gaza or risk being killed by military action. Many are trying to seek refuge in Egypt.

However, Egypt, which already hosts millions of migrants, is uneasy about the prospect of hundreds of thousands of Palestinian refugees crossing into its territory. Therefore, it has not opened the border. Consequently, if Israel continues its bombardment of Gaza in an attempt to kill Hamas' leaders, many more thousands of its inhabitants, including those trying to flee, will be killed.

THE RISE AND SUPPORT FOR HAMAS

That carnage, laid at the feet of Israel, would suit Hamas, which has controlled Gaza since 2007 and whose main goal as set out in its revised charter of 2017 is "the destruction of the state of Israel". The resentment and demand for revenge, resulting from the killing of thousands of Palestinians would bring greater support for Hamas.



Hamas was formed in 1987 and, for decades, it has pursued a violent strategy aimed at rolling back Israeli rule - and it has made its presence felt at the cost of human suffering to both Israelis and Palestinians.

Hamas is known to have a close relationship with Iran. Iran and Israel regard each other as mortal enemies, and Iran is said to be providing weapons and money to Hamas. Additionally, Hamas is now producing its own weapons. This explains how it was able to employ sophisticated means of carrying out its October 7 attack. But it should be noted that Iran is reported to have been surprised at the event, and the US Secretary of State has publicly said that there is no evidence of Iranian involvement.

Nonetheless, Iran does have an interest in the incident, since it helps to pause, if not to derail, attempts by the US government to promote a deal between Israel and Saudi Arabia, the world's largest oil producer, to normalize relations. Further, Israel's decision to carry out intense military action in Gaza and the likely shedding of Palestinian blood, has caused several Arab states to retreat from closer relations with Tel Aviv. This retreat by Arab states from fashioning closer contact with Israel also suits Iran whose leadership want to keep Israel isolated.

THE IRONY OF ISRAELI SUPPORT FOR HAMAS

In its radical ardour, and access to financing and weaponry, Hamas has usurped the Palestinian Authority in the fight for Palestinian rights.

The irony is that it is the Israeli authorities, which for several years gave favourable treatment to Hamas, that has helped it to rise. In their fear that the Palestinian Authority might succeed in negotiating internationally for a sovereign state that would include the territories occupied by Israel, the Israel authorities sabotaged the Palestinian Authority at the 2006 election which Hamas won in Gaza.

BITTERNESS AND RESENTMENT RUN DEEP

Bitterness and resentment between the Palestinians and Israel run deep. Israeli successes at annexation and expansion, while Palestine withered and Palestinians suffered dislocation and marginalization, have intensified Palestinian anger.

One of the external factors that heightened this acrimony was the recognition of Jerusalem as the Israeli capital by former US President Donald Trump. Palestinians regard Eastern Jerusalem as "occupied territory" where, one day, they wish to establish their own capital.

NOTHING JUSTIFIES BARBARISM

No well thinking person or government can excuse terrorism and barbarism for whatever cause. These events rightly create revulsion and rejection of its perpetrators.

Equally, however, no well thinking person or government should support any effort that uses these circumstances as an opportunity to punish all Palestinians for the actions of a radical group and seize more territory.

This is not the time to take sides. All governments - powerful ones particularly need to look backward and forward at this issue and act to stop the escalating violence and carnage from which nothing good will result.

The fact that the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) has met, in an emergency session, and failed to issue even a joint statement on this matter is simply appalling. There is urgency for diplomatic action at the highest level. The innocent people on both sides of this conflict require responsible action by those entrusted with peace and security in the world. So, too does the global community if this conflict escalates adding to the existing disruption of peace in the world.

INTRODUCTION TO THE STAMPS OF THE B.V.I.

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PART 3

STAMPS

The stamps of the Virgin Islands belong to the extremely, and deservedly popular group of West Indian stamps. One of the most famous collectors of all times, said: "among all the fascinating pages of the well-filled stamp album, few are so arresting to the collector and to the profane alike as those devoted to the stamps of the Islands of Virgins". This was the opinion of Frederick John Melville (1882-1940) 150 years ago. He was so impressed as to say: "the charm of the designs, the technical interest in the stamps, and the immunity from really deceptive forgeries, combine to make the stamps of the Virgin Islands of unsurpassed attraction to the specialist".

THE TORTOLA POST OFFICE

The first Post Office was opened in Tortola in 1787, its postmaster was M. McNamara, at this time postage stamps were not invented yet and it was not until 1858 that a small supply of adhesive stamps issued by Great Britain depicting Queen Victoria was utilized by the local Post Office. These stamps were cancelled by an "A 13" postmark and as such they are extremely rare. Meanwhile the Postmaster had acquired vast portions of land on the hill overlooking Road Harbour in Tortola and the area is still named after him.

In 1860 the control of the Tortola Post Office was transferred from the General Post Office in London to the local administration. On 11 February 1863 the Virgin Islands Postage Ordinance was passed by the local Legislative Council; it set out regulations for the prepayment of postage on letters between colonies.

Three years later Messrs. Nissen & Parker, stationers and printers in London, were commissioned to provide the first postage stamps for the Virgin Islands. They were well established as printers, engravers and stationers for about 100 banks in the United Kingdom. In 1861, Nissen & Parker printed the first stamps of Nevis. This debut on the stamp scene was followed five years later by the first stamps of the Virgin Islands and, in 1869, those of Hyderabad, did not do much to boost the company's business as postage stamp printers.

The 1866 stamps were lithographed and the company actually farmed out most of the work to the firm of Waterlow and Sons. John Rapkin (1813-1899) engraved the master dies for each of the four values prepared by Nissen & Parker. Rapkin had made his reputation as chief engraver for the well-known London-based map printer John Tallis. The son of a shoemaker, he had eight children and a sizable business eventually named John Rapkin & Sons with four of his sons in business with him. He died aged 85 in 1899 and the Rapkin enterprise survived until the 1970s.

The first two Virgin Islands adhesive postage stamps - a One Penny and a Six Pence - arrived in Tortola in December 1866 and were issued shortly

afterwards.

Most of the early stamps (1866-1883) were cancelled by the earlier mentioned "A13" postmark followed later by an "A91" postmark.

YES, WE ARE DIFFERENT

One remarkable aspect of the early Virgin Islands stamps is that they do not feature Queen Victoria's portrait or Britannia like the stamps of most British colonies did in those days. The Virgin Islands were not the first to do so, but they were the first to adopt a well defined motif that was used for many years and has survived to the 21st century. From their inception local stamps sent a subliminal message back home that the Virgin Islands were different and determined to forge their own future.

Both stamps depict St. Ursula, crowned by a nimbus, holding a lamp in her right hand, and with ten other lamps in the surround. In the One Penny design a central figure occupies an oval frame, and in the Six Pence a rectangle showcases the same female figure (believed by some to be the goddess of Justice as depicted on a local seal).

The same design was used in later years for new stamps but in different colours: a rose-red for the 1 Penny and a dull violet for the Six pence. For many years collectors believed that these early stamps depicted the Blessed Virgin and stamps issued in later years were strongly influenced by this misconception since they depicted what appeared to be a "Madonna".



The first stamp of the British Virgin Islands: the One Penny green depicting St. Ursula holding a lamp was issued in 1866 together with its 6 pence rose twin. St. Ursula is the patron saint of the BVI. An additional 10 lamps surround her, making the number of lamps eleven, each of them symbolizing 1000 virgin companions cruelly slain by the Huns.

convince me that there may have been more than eight transfers. The 6d. perf. 15 is a much rarer stamp than catalogues would us believe. In fact, only 1,000 are said to have been printed.

TO BE CONTINUED

An authentic inscription of the early fifth century proves that a consul by the name of Clematius rebuilt a ruined basilica in Cologne, Germany on the tomb of virgin martyrs. This is the nucleus of facts underlying dubious elaborations of legends beginning as far back as the ninth century. Ignorance of Latin epigraphy mistook eleven for 11,000, a mistake which might suggest that the martyrs were possibly only eleven in number.

Thus took shape the legend of St. Ursula, the daughter of a British king, visiting Rome with her 11,000 virgin companions together with married associates and their children. Their supposed martyrdom on their return journey together with a non-existent Pope Cyriacus and equally non-existent bishops was at the hands of the Huns.

The 1d. and 6d. stamps of the first issue have a perforation 12. The next printing of the low denomination was perforated 15 (1868) while the 6d. with the same perforation appeared in 1870.

A major B.V.I. rarity is the 1868 One Penny green perforated 15 x 12; only twelve copies of this rarity are known.

The plate used for the 1d. Perf. 15 is from a transfer completely different from the first issue. Scholars suggest there were as many as eight transfers of the 1d. perforated 15. However, during my research I have found so many previously unrecorded varieties that do not belong to the better known transfers to

THIS WEEK IN CORRUPTION

TILL DEBT DO US PART

BY TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL

Last week, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank annual meetings took place in Marrakech, Morocco. The events brought together global leaders from over 190 countries, and this year is the first time the gathering takes place outside the United States. This was an opportunity to rebalance global power, scale up international efforts, and move closer to a more stable and prosperous global economy.

Debt restructuring is a hot topic this year following, among other things, the lasting impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. During the opening address, IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva shared that debt in over half of low-income countries has increased significantly, especially among low and medium-income countries, many of which remain at debt distress or high-risk of debt distress.

In practice, this means that such countries spend more on debt service payments than on health, education and the fight against climate change.

As with any distribution of large sums of public money, debt management programmes are not immune to corruption. And although there are some initiatives to enhance transparency in debt, many difficulties remain that hinder transparency and accountability. For example, in many cases, information about lending decision-making, agreements, allocations, and conditions remains undisclosed and unsupervised.

The existing lack of data related to debt management is a reason for concern, with 40 per cent of countries failing to disclose debt information over the past two years. In addition to the already inadequate mechanisms for publishing data, **creditors and borrowing governments can introduce confidentiality clauses in lending agreements to keep essential information hidden from public scrutiny.**

In today's global economic climate, there is a shift from traditional lenders to bilateral and commercial creditors, which has increased the risk of obscure lending practices - a great cause for concern. The lack of information, transparency and oversight mechanisms in the management of loans also hinders the capacity of

Supreme Audit Institutions, parliament, and civil society actors to scrutinise and monitor the loans - and follow how the money is spent. This, coupled with mismanagement, leaves countries at risk of debt distress and economic crises, which increases poverty and unemployment rates, disproportionately affecting groups that experience marginalisation. This is especially seen in countries like Sri Lanka.

In 2022, Sri Lanka took out massive international loans to finance economic growth during its worst financial crisis since independence.

The country soon defaulted on its debts, leading to large-scale civic uprisings, with people demanding the resignation of the then-president and systemic change to ensure good governance and tackle corruption.

This ultimately led to a US\$2.9 billion debt-restructuring process by the IMF. This unique program includes anti-corruption and governance as key pillars,

including a governance diagnostic - the first of its kind in Asia.

While we applaud this initiative, development funds are still being mismanaged and more is needed to ensure transparency and accountability in Sri Lanka and beyond. It's imperative to foster civic monitoring and engagement - a sentiment shared by Georgieva herself - and to provide public access and scrutiny of debt-related information.

Systemic change can be achieved by implementing policies and regulatory frameworks to prioritise transparency and accountability in debt negotiations, and (re)structuring and management to ensure corruption can't slip through the cracks.

In the complex global landscape, we're faced with a simple truth: **throwing money at a structural problem won't make it disappear.** Real change requires strong governance, civic engagement and widespread monitoring to ensure debt sustainability programmes alleviate the burden rather than enhance it. As we pave the way forward, **it's essential to recognise that we, as a global community, aren't just handling finances; we're shaping the destinies of nations - and the people within them.**



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COMMENTARY

Leveraging debt

By Dickson Igwe



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Financial capital aka debt is a tool of the rich to get richer still

Now, middle-income consumers – the 30-100K income bracket that most of us fall into in the Virgin Islands-use debt for a mortgage, or a car. However, for food, drink, clothing, and lower priced items that are essential, such as rent, electricity and water,

middle-income consumers use cash that is available and not borrowed.

OK. There are two main types in the economics tale, producers and consumers, and then there are further sub divisions: savers and spenders, employed and self-employed, high income, middle income, low income, even homeowners and renters.

The rich – the 1-10%, are high-income consumers, savers, and investors with net pay of 250K and above. The rich tend to be frugal: savers. The rich also appear to adopt a culture of savings and investment as *modus vivendi*. The rich are supply-siders: production oriented. They further adopt devices such as using debt in creative ways such as using other people’s money in various ventures. A blogger to this writer’s column stated that “the rich leverage debt to get richer while debt makes the

middle class and poor, poorer.” There is substance to that assertion.

The 90%, that is the middle income and poor, spend on liabilities that are not tax-deductible using debt. The rich on the other hand use debt for investment in assets that are tax deductible and that earn revenue. The rich use debt for assets that put money in their pockets. The rest use debt for liabilities that depreciate and lose money like cars and credit card spending on vacations and the like. Bear in mind that both types need each other. Investors and producers could not exist without consumers, and consumers need the products produced by businesses, corporations, and investment.

OK. Modern governments also spend other peoples’ money, and leverage debt. Bear in mind government is a different economic beast from a

private individual. Government is a vast organization-employing hundreds of thousands in some nations- that rules through the acquisition of power by various means.

Most governments operate on deficits and depend on debt. Governments tend to spend more than they earn; they operate on fiscal deficits. That shortfall is debt, provided by banks through investors.

Investors and banks consider lending to government a safe place to keep their money. Albeit, interest rates returns to investors from government lending is lower than interest rates from private businesses and individuals.

Financial capital- investor cash-derives safety and security by lending to government. Governments use bonds, treasury notes, and various instruments as a means of deficit spending, and raising

cash when there is need. However, only governments with a history of transparency and accountability have the credibility to raise cash in the preceding manner.

It is safe to assert that the majority of middle-income consumers live paycheck to paycheck. In the USA credit-debt is a way of life and nearly half of all residents are \$500 away from broke. Debt keeps millions of consumers in the game, so debt is far from a bad word. Debt keeps capitalism going; debt makes the world go round. The diligent use of debt by individuals, organizations and government, can lead to El Dorado.

On the other hand, debt is a factor in growing inequality as the returns on debt capital make the wealthy, wealthier still.

Dickson Igwe

BVI Electricity Corporation Conducts Armed Robbery Simulation



Dr. Neil Smith

General Manager of the BVI Electricity Corporation (BVIEC) Dr. Neil Smith said the recently conducted comprehensive armed robbery simulation was a success.

Dr. Smith said the corporation, in a commitment to ensuring the safety and security of its

employees, conducted the exercise at its workplace last Friday as part of ongoing efforts to prepare and train team members for a wide range of emergency situations.

The General Manager said, “The safety and well-being of employees is our top priority, and we take proactive measures to prepare for any potential threat. The simulated armed robbery scenario, which was carried out in coordination with local law enforcement, security experts, and the emergency medical technicians, allowed our staff to experience and respond to a high-stress situation in a controlled and safe environment.”

During the simulation, employees were able to practice critical response procedures, including: Immediate notification of law enforcement and company security. Lockdown and

securement of vulnerable areas.

Evacuation routes and procedures. Communication strategies. First aid and medical assistance for injured individuals.

Dr. Smith said the exercise was conducted after a weeklong training exercise provided invaluable hands-on experience and allowed employees to familiarise themselves with the protocols that are in place to ensure their safety.

“Our team members’ ability to remain calm and respond appropriately in an emergency is essential, and this simulation was designed to enhance their preparedness,” he said.

Dr. Smith added, “As part of our ongoing commitment to safety and security, we will continue to conduct regular training exercises

and drills, ensuring that our team is well-prepared to respond effectively in any emergency situation. Our employees’ well-being and peace of mind are of the utmost importance to us.”

The exercise was conducted in partnership with the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force and planning with the Emergency Response team at the Dr. D. Orlando Smith Hospital. The activity was also observed by the BVI Red Cross through their Disaster Coordinator Ms. Resherma Lyons.

The Management and staff of the BVI Electricity Corporation extend appreciation to the local law enforcement agencies, security consultants, all participants and the community for their support and cooperation during this exercise.

Of notable mention is Mr. Devante Maduro and Mr. Gumbs who were unknowing bystanders and who willingly rushed to the rescue of employees who they thought were severely injured.

The public is invited to contact the corporation’s General Manager for more information about safety and security measures or to inquire about its emergency preparedness training programmes.

The BVI Electricity Corporation continues to provide the best possible service to its customers, and to aid in the development of the Territory’s electrical infrastructure by adequately supplying a reliable and continuous electrical supply to the entire British Virgin Islands population at an affordable cost.

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REMARKS by DR. CARLA N. BARNETT SECRETARY-GENERAL, CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY (CARICOM) on the occasion of the Canada-CARICOM Summit “Strategic Partners for a Resilient Future” Ottawa, Canada 17-19 OCTOBER 2023



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The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada; Honourable Roosevelt Skerri, Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Dominica and Chairman of the Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM); Other Heads of State and Government of CARICOM Member States; Distinguished delegates; Ladies and gentlemen.

It is a pleasure to be here today as we convene this Summit between the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and Canada. On behalf of the Community, I express heartfelt appreciation to the Government of Canada for hosting this high-level engagement and for the warm hospitality extended to our delegations. Canada has remained a vital CARICOM

partner since we established formal diplomatic relations, and the Community attaches great value to the bonds of friendship forged over the years.

Today's engagement provides another opportunity for dialogue on strategies to further strengthen our cooperation and is a follow-up to our engagement during the Community's Forty-Fourth Heads of Government Conference in the Commonwealth of The Bahamas earlier this year. These interactions are important to nurture closer relations with the view to the development of increased collaboration across various domains, including in the political, economic, environmental, health, scientific, and technical fields.

Excellencies, persistent socio-economic challenges continue to intersect with our common goals in foreign policy, trade, security, and development. Effectively addressing these global challenges requires focused global efforts founded on solidarity and driven by collective action.

Over the next two days, we will discuss a range of issues, including climate change and resilience, access to finance, reform of the international financial architecture, regional security, immigration, trade and investment, and the situation in Haiti.

CARICOM is committed to

decisive action on climate change and building resilience in an inclusive and sustainable way in our Region. However, of equal urgency is working together to effectively reduce emissions and make a just transition to a clean energy future across the globe, to limit global warming to within 1.5 degrees Celsius. And, understanding that there are limits to adaptation, we also have to fairly and effectively address Loss and Damage.

CARICOM Member States and Regional Institutions have been collaborating with Canada on projects to combat the impact of climate change in the Region, including projects to enhance marine and coastal ecosystems management, and bolster water security. CARICOM's Sustainable Agricultural Project to boost productivity, which has been implemented in five Member States, enjoyed significant support from Canada. This project helped to build climate resilience in agriculture and, by extension, contributed to CARICOM's push to reduce our food import bill by 25% by 2025, and thereby build food and nutrition security for our Region.

Among other initiatives, Canada has also provided support to some small and medium-sized enterprises involved in fisheries,

aquaculture, marine biotechnology, ocean renewable energy, and high-tech marine services.

Top of Form

This Summit is being convened against the backdrop of an unforgiving international environment marked by multifaceted global instability. As export-oriented small economies, still recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic and facing the ongoing challenges posed by climate change, the growing instabilities pose additional risks to the Community's outlook for economic growth.

Dealing effectively with these challenges will require meaningful action on the call for improved access to affordable finance and fundamental reform to the international financial architecture. The discussions around the Bridgetown Initiative will therefore feature in these discussions.

This Summit will also provide a space to shape the Region's financial and economic future, through trade and investment strategy discussions. In this regard will explore practical ways in which Canada can support the Region, in a manner that is uniquely beneficial to Canadian business interests and capital markets. Enhancing these commercial relationships and promoting multisectoral business

and investment opportunities are critical to foster economic growth, job creation, and prosperity for both sides.

Excellencies, the situation in our largest Member State, Haiti, continues to be a major concern for the Community. Collaboration is critical among parties willing to help resolve the security, humanitarian and political crises. The Government of Canada is part of the collective effort to support meaningful solutions to the multidimensional crisis in Haiti. CARICOM's objective is to help our sister Member State achieve peace, stability, and critically, economic and social development well into the future.

This diverse and substantial agenda underscores our mutual interest in bolstering ties and enhancing cooperation, and I am very optimistic that the initiatives, which will be discussed over the next two days, will reflect continued leadership, commitment and shared responsibility to shape a better and more resilient future for the peoples of CARICOM and Canada.

Thank you very much co-Chairmen, ladies and gentlemen. (CARICOM Secretariat, Turkeyen, Greater Georgetown, Guyana - Wednesday, 18 October 2023)

ST. KITTS DAZZLES WITH EXCITING FALL TOURISM DEVELOPMENTS

St. Kitts Tourism Authority Continues to Make Waves Across The Industry

Basseterre, St. Kitts (October 17, 2023) — The St. Kitts Tourism Authority is dedicated to maintaining the momentum gained during the island's Summer of Fun, with a continued focus towards advancing St. Kitts as a premier tourist destination. This commitment is evident through their hosting of key U.S. trade initiatives, attendance at CTO's State of the Tourism Industry Conference (SOTIC), the launch of a new website, celebration of World Tourism Day, and a prestigious Travel Weekly Magellan Award. The St. Kitts Tourism Authority's marketing strategy continues to prioritize the creation of demand as it builds awareness of the destination.

Throughout September, the Authority organized and attended a series of travel trade and media events in primary U.S. markets, including Boston, Connecticut,

New Jersey, and New York, to comprise its 2023 U.S. Road Show. Drawing more than 280 attendees, encompassing both prominent travel writers and travel agencies, these events were critical in providing opportunities for representatives from St. Kitts and Nevis to engage with and educate the trade on the islands' diverse tourism offerings and unique spirit.

At SOTIC, the Caribbean's premier forum for the presentation and exploration of tourism development in the region, Honourable Marsha T. Henderson, Minister of Tourism, Civil Aviation, International Transport, Employment and Labour, and Urban Development, strengthened her connections with industry leaders. Minister Henderson participated on a Ministerial panel that discussed perspectives on investment trends, partnerships, and maximizing tourism growth.

“As we continue efforts towards buttressing St. Kitts' presence across the tourism industry and destination awareness across the United States, relationships with stakeholders, industry foreleaders, and influential media are paramount to our success,” said Ellison “Tommy” Thompson, CEO of St. Kitts Tourism Authority. “With a bustling summer behind us, the Tourism Authority has our eyes focused on what's to come for the island and allocating efforts into enhancing marketing initiatives.”

Additionally, The St. Kitts Tourism Authority launched its new website in September. With its first major refresh in over six years, the Tourism Authority's website is now reflective of the powerful Venture Deeper campaign, as well as integrating updated website navigation capabilities and a streamlined approach to content

viewing. Featuring a collection of stories highlighting the art of limin', feeding your soul, and making time for love, the vibrant, redesigned page can be viewed at www.visitst Kitts.com.

“The art of limin' is natural to our Kittitian spirit, and this attitude and state of being is accurately portrayed in our newly launched website,” said Melnecia Marshall, DCEO of St. Kitts Tourism Authority. “Our newly developed content stories aim to reflect the authentic Kittitian way of living. The bright colors and majestic imagery speak to the ethos of St. Kitts and give consumers an excellent peek into our traditions, culture, and unique offerings.”

On 27 September 2023, St. Kitts celebrated World Tourism Day as the St. Kitts Tourism Authority reflected on this year's theme of Tourism and Green Investments. With sustainability at the forefront

of St. Kitts' lifestyle, Minister Henderson vocalized the need for green investments to bolster tourism and safeguard the island's rainforest and national treasures. This statement reignited St. Kitts' desire and commitment to creating opportunities for regenerative tourism that positively impacts the environment and its people.

With sustainable tourism at the heart of St. Kitts' strategy, the Tourism Authority is honored to be recognized as the Gold Award winner of the 2023 Travel Weekly Magellan Award for Caribbean Eco-Friendly “Sustainable” Destination. This tremendous achievement reflects St. Kitts' position as a leader in this space and further solidifies the island as the highest standard of excellence within the region.



Israel-Hamas War Could Radically Alter the Middle East

WASHINGTON —
The terror attack by the Hamas militant group that killed approximately 1,400 Israeli civilians, and Israel's determination to destroy the Palestinian militant group in return, may be the start of a new, painful chapter in a region already badly scarred by decades of conflict and violence.

Current and former officials, analysts and aid groups, speaking to VOA directly and at public forums, warn that unlike past conflicts between Israel and Hamas, when each side sought to damage the other before eventually easing off, this time is different.

Despite some considerable differences of opinion, almost all agree that the nature of the Hamas attack has broken the tit-for-tat cycle of violence that has characterized hostilities for most of the past two decades. And they warn that the Israeli effort to eradicate the threat from Hamas could leave Gaza, Israel and the larger Middle East much messier, if not less stable, than ever before.

"Hamas has departed from the script that Israel assigned it for years," according to Jon Alterman, director of the Middle East program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

The initial terror attack "was surely only the first act that Hamas had planned," he said. "They knew it was going to be followed by airstrikes and a ground invasion. ... What other surprises do they have planned?"

Former officials and analysts say that is, perhaps, the key question facing Israel's military as it prepares for an expected ground assault against Hamas and its allies in Gaza.

And some, like Middle East Institute senior fellow Nimrod Goren, note that although Israel has a more powerful military and superior technology, past incursions showed that fighting in the streets of Gaza "usually doesn't end very well" for the Israeli military.

Israel's last military incursion in 2014 resulted in the deaths of 67 soldiers when Israeli troops met stiff resistance while never penetrating more than a few kilometers into Gaza.

This time, Israeli military commanders have promised a much more thorough campaign.

"The goal of Israel, as has been announced, is to try and get Hamas out of Gaza in terms of military capabilities and governing capability," Goren said.

"It's not only about taking

control and deterring like last time, but it's now about changing who is ruling Gaza," he said. "It's about reshaping the order in Gaza."

And most officials and analysts expect Israel will face a much stiffer test than it did nine years ago.

Hamas capabilities

U.S. intelligence estimates put the number of Hamas fighters at between 20,000 and 25,000, though some estimates say the number might be 30,000 or higher, bolstered by support from about a dozen other militant groups in Gaza.

Hamas' firepower, due to its own initiative and support from Iran, is also formidable.

Already, Hamas has fired thousands of rockets into Israel, and experts believe it has plenty more at its disposal.

"Their arsenal has grown exponentially over the years, and a lot of that is self-manufactured," said Joe Truzman, a research analyst at the Washington-based Foundation for Defense of Democracies.

"They have rockets that will target areas near the Gaza border, and that's complemented with mortar fire. They have medium-range rockets that, let's say, can actually reach a little bit further," Truzman told VOA.

"And then you have the long-range rockets," he said. "They're able to attack major cities like Tel Aviv and Jerusalem."

U.S. officials also assess Hamas has plenty of weaponry that would allow it to cause problems for Israeli forces poised to enter Gaza — including small arms, rocket-propelled grenades, man-portable air defense systems (MANPADS) and anti-tank missiles.

Hamas also displayed its ability to use drones during its initial attack on Israel, using the aerial devices to attack Israeli military observation towers. It also is thought to have drones that can attack Israeli naval assets; Israel has accused Hamas of using unmanned underwater drones for an attempted attack in 2018.

Additionally, Hamas has shown an ability to learn and apply those lessons.

"They're operating like an army," said Truzman, adding that for most of the past five years, Hamas has operated its own joint operations room. "It's about 10 to 12 armed groups, terrorist groups, in the Gaza Strip, all affiliated with Hamas that coordinate with one another during times of conflict." Gaza's tunnels

Hamas also has shown a capacity to use an extensive system of tunnels underneath Gaza to its advantage.

During previous fighting with Israel, Hamas used the tunnels to deploy rocket units to launch attacks and quickly disappear to evade retaliatory strikes. And in 2014, Hamas used the tunnels to ambush Israeli forces that entered Gaza.

Analysts expect the tunnels will at least slow down any ground operation by Israel, if not give Hamas an opportunity to inflict heavy casualties.

"If you really want to root out Hamas and break Hamas as a military organization, you have to go all the way in," said Raphael Cohen, a senior political scientist at the RAND Corporation. "You have to fight underground."

"Hamas knows this and has been working presumably on booby traps and [the] like," Cohen said. "That looks very, very messy."

Fighting Hamas above ground is also expected to be difficult for Israeli forces.

"The way that Hamas is dispersed in everybody's basement and everybody's apartment building and in every part of the city, that's going to be really challenging," warned Thomas Trask, a retired U.S. lieutenant general who previously served as vice commander at U.S. Special Operations Command.

"It's just going to be a block-by-block, very difficult slog," he said.

Israel is likely to counter with armored vehicles, tanks and bulldozers.

But Gaza's cramped quarters may make advancing difficult.

The narrow stretch of land bordering Israel and the Mediterranean coast is some 40 kilometers long and about 13 kilometers wide at its widest point and is home to more than 2 million Palestinians. Some observers and analysts have described Gaza as perhaps the most densely populated piece of land in the world.

Additionally, if Israel makes good on its pledge to eliminate Hamas, its forces will have to penetrate deeper into Gaza than they have since Israel left Gaza in 2005.

Close quarters

"You've got narrow alleys. You've got concrete buildings of different heights. You've got warrens," said Seth Jones, director of the international security



Protesters lift Palestinian flags and a portrait of Mohammed Deif chief of Al-Qassam Brigades, Hamas' military wing, during a rally at the entrance of the French embassy complex in Beirut early on Oct. 18, 2023.

program at CSIS.

"Hamas, and actually other groups ... they have an intimate knowledge of Gaza's streets and alleys, underground facilities, including tunnels, buildings," Jones said. "So, as IDF [Israel Defense Force] soldiers make their way through Gaza, they've got to have to deal with the improvised explosive devices, suicide bombers, anti-tank missiles, RPGs, drones."

And stuck in between Hamas and the Israeli forces are civilians, not all of whom are willing or able to respond to Israeli demands to use designated evacuation routes to escape the fighting.

"People have nowhere to shelter," said Tahani Mustafa, the Palestine senior analyst for the International Crisis Group.

"They don't have safe rooms. They don't have bomb shelters," Mustafa told VOA from London, adding that she had left Gaza shortly before the fighting began.

"So, Hamas can try and tell people to stay as safe as possible," she said. "But ultimately, how people are doing that is basically congregating in homes of different relatives, friends, in certain facilities like UNRWA [United Nations Relief and Works Agency] schools, hospitals."

As of Tuesday, an estimated 600,000 are thought to have heeded Israeli requests to leave northern Gaza, expected to be the initial front in the offensive. But Jones said the mere presence

of civilians, some of whom may decide to take up arms, will make the likely Israeli offensive more daunting.

"IDF soldiers have ... extraordinary competence in operations in both the West Bank and Gaza, and obviously up north in Lebanon," he said during a call, in response to a question from VOA.

"But when you're facing extraordinary stress — Hamas and other militants and civilians trying to kill you in a densely packed urban environment and have to make very quick decisions with your finger on the trigger with imperfect information — it's going to lead to civilian casualties," Jones said.

Already, Israel's aerial campaign against Hamas in Gaza has inflicted a toll.

According to the Gaza Health Ministry, as of Tuesday, Israeli airstrikes have killed about 3,000 people, about a quarter of them children, and wounded 12,500 more. Most are thought to be civilians, though it is unclear how many of them are Hamas fighters or members of other militant groups.

Further complicating the likely offensive, Israeli and U.S. officials have accused Hamas of purposely putting Palestinian civilians in harm's way.



SPORTS

After Dominica tie, BVI fights back for 2-2 draw with Turks

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

FOOTBALL

Substitute Justin Smith scored deep into stoppage time, pulling them from the jaws of defeat, to a 2-2 draw against hosts Turks and Caicos Islands on Monday afternoon, after they had taken the early lead.

With both teams getting a point from the draw, the BVI moved to the top of their CONCACAF League C Group C ahead of Dominica, 5-4, setting up a winner takes all at the A. O. Shirley Grounds on Nov 16, after the BVI and Dominica played to a 1-1 draw in St. Lucia on Thursday.

Midfielder Josh Bertie put the BVI's Nature Boys ahead three minutes into the physical game that saw six yellow cards on both sides, off an assist by Miguel Marshall, as they took their foot off the gas, allowing Turks and Caicos' Billy Forbes to knot the game at 1-1 in the 27th from a penalty.

Forbes would score again in the

76th for a 2-1 lead, before drawing a yellow card a minute later. From then onwards, the BVI who finished with eight shots on goal to Turks' 10, worked with a greater sense of urgency, in a game where they had possession of the ball 49% to Turks' 51%, but committed 19 fouls to their hosts' 10.

Five minutes into stoppage time, Smith got a pass from his One Love teammate Johari Lacey who came in as a sub with him, and fired it past Turks' Goalkeeper Sebastian Turbyfield, for the 2-2 draw, as he raced across the field with three backflips to celebrate.

"We really needed this goal and once I saw the opportunity, I had to take it," Smith said. "We really need to win and come out of our group, because honestly, we were way better than them. We could have won 5-0, but it is what it is."

Bertie said he got a pass from Marshall and was able to put it in the corner, but in the end, it was disappointing as they should have won but he's happy with the draw and not a loss.

"We stepped off the gas when we scored and should have kept going a bit, got sloppy, made silly mistakes that cost us two goals from free kicks," he noted. "We

had chances and we have things to work on. The positive outcome is that we didn't lose."

As it was a big game, Coach Chris Kiwomya expected more from his team.

"We got off the hook today, but I'm really disappointed with the performance," he said. "But I think we've come a long way. We're actually drawing games now. Dominica scored in the 83rd minute, disappointed again. Our team hadn't won in 19 years (until a Sept 9 victory over Turks), so I think we're going in the right direction. But I have to try and change the mindset so we can control the game more."

Turks and Caicos Coach Ricky Hill said the goal was definitely to win and get the three points and go to Dominica with a slight chance to get six points and rely on the outcome of the Dominica vs BVI game.

"That's gone now, because we can only get a maximum of four points now," he said. "We spoke about building the foundation and trying to score the first goal, but within two minutes we were one nil down, that's how the script can go wrong. In terms of our management of the game,



The BVI's starting XI vs Dominica

knowledge of the game and perhaps our communication, we have lots of work to do."

BVI vs Dominica 1-1

Luka Chalwell who scored twice against the Turks and Caicos Islands on Sept 9, scored in the 29th for the BVI's 1-0 lead. Both teams had their chances on goal and BVI goalie Daniel Gilford withstood the pressure until Vice captain Briel Thomas scored in the 83rd. With the result, the BVI improved

to 0-2-8 against Dominica.

Kiwomya said his boys really worked hard, went ahead and had chances to go two goals up which would have given them a blanket and a little more confidence. "When it was one nil, we knew it was always going to be difficult," he said. "They put so many balls in the box, but they got guys six foot two, six foot three—about five of them so it's hard to defend against them, but the guys played really well."

Debutant BVI U23 Men show progress in ECVA Championships

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

VOLLEYBALL

Coach Kwele Williams is pleased with the BVI Men's U23 Volleyball team's debut showing in the Eastern Caribbean Volleyball Association Championships held at the Multipurpose Sports Complex and won by St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

The team finished with a 2-2 record. They began play with a straight set 25-23, 25-22 and 25-13 victory over Anguilla, before a 13-25, 7-25 and 13-25 setback to Dominica. Rebounding from that loss, they overpowered Grenada in a five-set thriller, 17-25, 26-24, 22-25, 25-16 and 17-15, before a

heartbreaking five set loss to St. Maarten, 25-22, 20-25, 15-25, 25-20 and 13-15.

"I must congratulate the guys and I'm really proud of the progress and development they've made," Williams told Island Sun Sports. "From start to finish, we saw improvement from game one to the final set of the last game (against St. Maarten)."

He said in the Grenada match they came out flat before they built up their energy and focused on defense. "They were able to come up with a win in that match," he noted, describing the tournament for the newbies as a 'roller coaster.' "We had to get them to maintain that same level of energy throughout the match (with St. Maarten). After a tournament like this, we realize that we have the talent, but with the experience

from the competition, you realize you can't take your foot off the pedal. You have to come out from the jump start to keep the same energy and I think that was one of our problems throughout the tournament—we played in spurts."

Williams said because of the level of the teams, one can't drop the level at any time, something they'll work on and eliminate some of the errors. In some matches he said, they ended up beating themselves and giving away the points.

"Overall, the guys were really, really good in this tournament," he said. "Some are two sport players—football and basketball, which is a good thing—and I think seeing the opportunity and they did stand a chance, I'm hoping this can drive them towards more volleyball and give that commitment towards



BVI U23 Men's ECVA Volleyball team

PHOTO: Cleave Farrington

more development. Volleyball is a sport of timing so the more you practice the more you gel together and that has certainly happened in this tournament. I'm looking for the guys to be motivated now and work through the whole year round as a team, so that when the next

tournament comes around, they'll be able to go further."

As they have been seeing a build-up in the sport, Williams said he's hoping that other youngsters see what has happened and get involved. "The more the merrier," he said.

SPORTS



*Captain Kamal Panchoo gets on his hand and saves a ball from hitting the ground
PHOTO: Cleave Farrington Photography*



BVI players listen to the national anthem ahead of playing Dominica at the Darren Sammy Ground in St. Lucia



Before he scored the equalizing goal against Turks and Caicos Islands, Justin Smith, left, pressed Dominica's Troy Jules on Thursday



BVI players T'shame Gallimore, Troy Caesar, Luka Chalewll, Phil Nelson and Jake Forbes, forms a wall against a Turks and Caicos penalty



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- Brenda Weaver

Source: www.almanac.com

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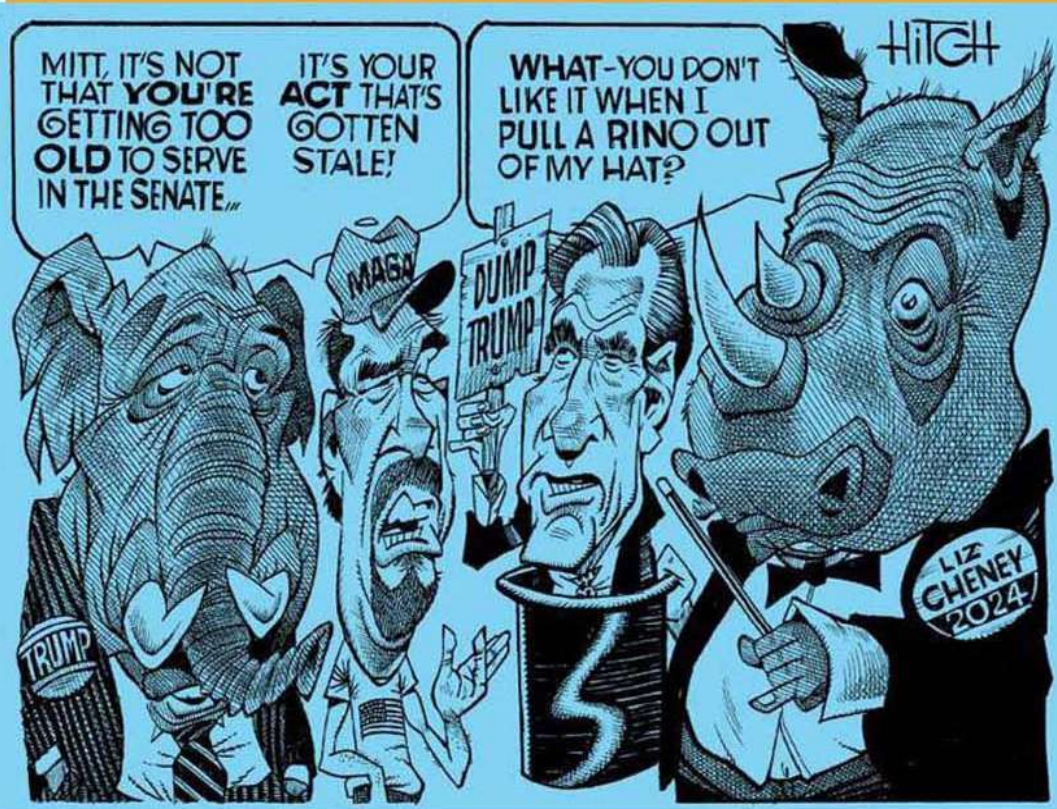
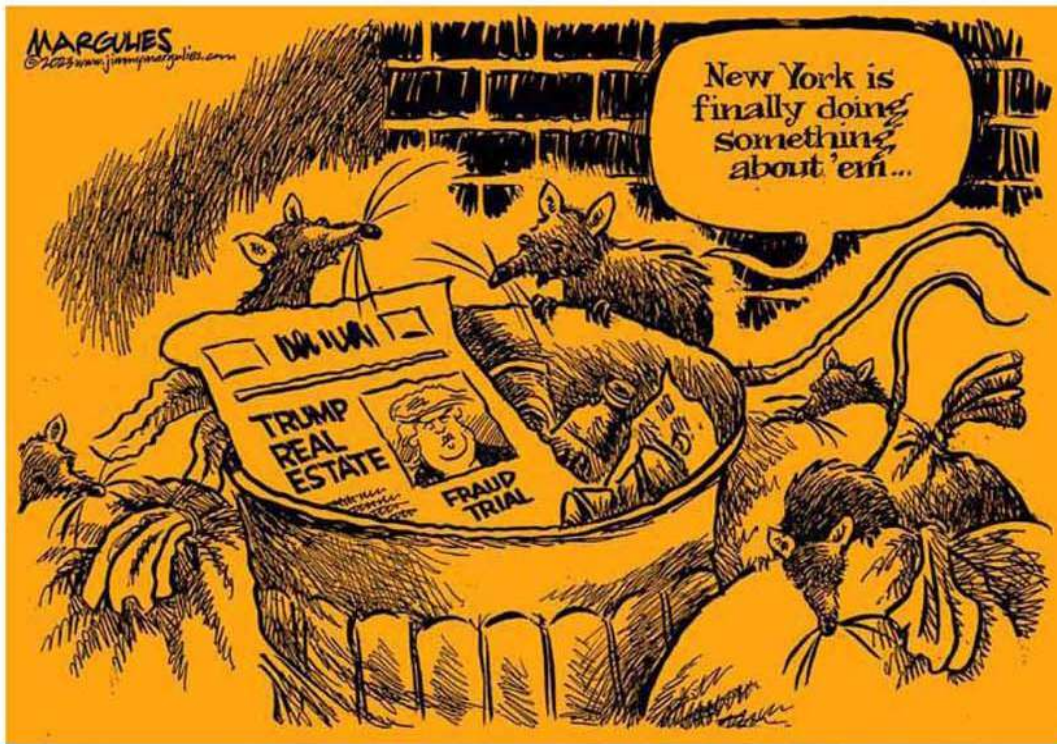
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Out on a Limb

celebrity extra

by Dana Jackson

Q. I saw a commercial with Julianna Margulies in a new series. Did "The Good Wife" end? What is her new show? — J.K.

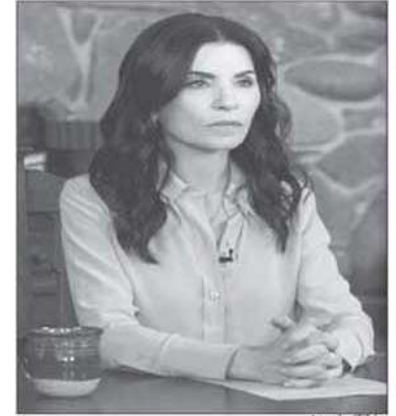
A. "The Good Wife" was a smash hit series for CBS, but it's been long gone, having ended its run in 2016 after seven seasons. It spawned a successful spin-off series called "The Good Fight," starring Christine Baranski, and has another spin-off in the works called "Elsbeth." It will star Carrie Preston as "the astute but unconventional attorney" who fans will recall from the same role she played on "The Good Fight."

As for Margulies, she is one of television's most acclaimed and employable actresses, having turned a one-episode guest role on NBC's "ER" into an Emmy award-winning one that lasted six seasons. In recent years, she's accepted parts that have allowed her to stretch her already impressive range. She played an abrasive fashion magazine editor in the AMC series "Dietland," followed by a doctor racing against time to stop an Ebola virus outbreak in "The Hot Zone." Most recently, she returned as Reese Witherspoon's ex-girlfriend and co-anchor in the Apple TV+ drama series "The Morning Show." Margulies once said that the character is a cross between Diane Sawyer and Rachel Maddow. As for any other upcoming projects, it surely won't be long before Margulies is asked to headline a new series, but for now, she seems content making a big impact in smaller roles.

Q. How is Priscilla Presley been doing since the unexpected death of her daughter, Lisa Marie? — G.G.

A. Priscilla and Lisa Marie Presley attended the Golden Globe Awards together this past January to support Austin Butler in his nominated role (he won!) in the feature film "Elvis." Just two days later, Lisa Marie was rushed to the hospital with a bowel obstruction that would claim her life. Her mother, Priscilla, issued a statement shortly thereafter and asked for privacy for her "profound loss."

Now, almost a year later, Priscilla herself will be the subject of a film directed by Sofia Coppola, daughter of Francis Ford Coppola ("The Godfather") and



Julianna Margulies in "The Morning Show"

Oscar winner for her screenplay of the 2003 film "Lost in Translation."

"Priscilla," which will premiere in theaters on Nov. 3, stars Cailee Spaeny ("Mare of Easttown") as the titular character. Coppola says that she really connected with the young Priscilla who was thrust into stardom seemingly overnight and how impressed she was when Priscilla later left her marriage with Elvis.

As for how Priscilla is doing, she'll likely speak more about it in upcoming interviews for her biographical film, which she helped co-write.

Q. My mother's favorite talk show is "The Talk," but she is worried it won't be back with new episodes because of the strikes. Is there anything definitive I can tell her about it? — L.L.

A. By the time you read this, the syndicated multi-host show "The Talk" will be back with new episodes. Season 14 took off on Oct. 9 with the same five hosts and a new executive producer, Rob Crabbe, who served the same role on the fun-filled "The Late Late Show with James Corden."

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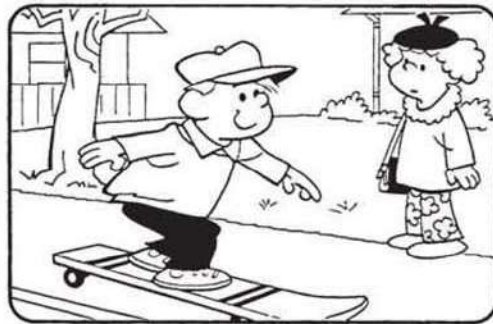
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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- U.S. STATES: Which state is home to the Girl Scouts, founded by Juliette Gordon Low in 1912?
- MOVIES: Which 1990s movie features a character named Jack Dawson?
- ART: Who painted the Sistine Chapel ceiling?
- ASTRONOMY: Which U.S. astronaut wrote his daughter's initials on the moon?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Australia?
- HISTORY: In which year was Korea divided into two occupation zones that would become North and South Korea?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: How many presidents were elected in the 1950s?
- Which 20th-century novel features a character named Holden Caulfield?
- TELEVISION: Queen Latifah stars in which 1990s TV sitcom?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the largest species of shark?

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Answers

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- Trivia Test Answers
- Georgia; 2. "Titanic"; 3. Michelangelo; 4. Gene Cernan; 5. Canberra; 6. 1945; 7. One — Dwight Eisenhower; 8. "The Catcher in the Rye"; 9. "Living Single"; 10. The whale shark

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



BIBBLE TRIVIA
by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Gomorrah (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Matthew 24:35, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my _____ shall not." *Life, Children, Love, Words*
3. To what type person did Saul seek relief when an evil spirit tormented him? *Harpist, Sorceress, Madman, Soldier*
4. What two weapons did David use to kill Goliath? *Spear/Rock, Sword/Mallet, Sling/Stone, Ax/Knife*
5. The grain of what seed did Jesus liken to the kingdom of heaven? *Mustard, Barley, Apple, Corn*
6. What daughter of Leah was defiled by Shechem? *Bathsheba, Dinah, Elisabeth, Anna*

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Words, 3) Harpist, 4) Sling/Stone, 5) Mustard, 6) Dinah

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Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- There is cellphone reception at the summit of Mount Everest.
- The sport of badminton was originally called "Poona," which was played by British officers stationed in India in the 1860s.
- In the 1500s, when folks associated social class with the height of one's footwear, some shoes were so tall that the wearer required servants to help them walk. In response, many countries passed laws limiting the height of shoes, though the decrees were often ignored.
- Iguanas have two normal eyes and a third eye on their head that only detects brightness.
- First cultivated by the Aztecs, morning glories were used in divination rituals. A concoction was prepared by combining the flowers' ground seeds, which contain an ingredient with effects similar to LSD, with water, which was then drunk to produce visions.
- Auto-brewery syndrome is a rare condition in which pure alcohol (ethanol) is produced in a person's gut after eating carbohydrate-rich foods.

- If you traveled at the speed of light, you could reach Pluto in four hours.
- Part of Manhattan's Ninth Avenue is named Oreo Way in honor of the beloved cookie, which was invented at a Nabisco factory on that street in 1912.
- You can obtain a degree in Viticulture and Enology, or the cultivation of grapes and the science of winemaking, at Cornell University.

- Humans and the galaxy share 97% of the same kind of atoms.
- The world's largest sandcastle, sculpted by a 30-person team led by Wilfred Stijger of Holland, stood 69.4 feet high and utilized 5,000 tons of sand. Stijger created it to represent the power the coronavirus held over the world and included a crown-shaped replica of the virus at its top.

Thought for the Day: "Be patient with yourself. Nothing in nature blooms all year." — Lisa Kelly

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

ROMANS 12:1



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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Some flashes of Aries ire might erupt as you confront an unusually bewildering situation. But you should be able to keep your temper under control as you work through it.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) That marriage twist the arts and practicality that Taureans excel at once again highlights your enjoyment for much of the week. However, you need to watch any sudden urge to splurge.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Even with all the pluses apparently outweighing the minuses, you still might want to defer an important decision just to make sure you have all the facts that you need.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) One or two problems might threaten to derail smoothly running situations at work or at home. But a few well-placed words should help get things back on track quickly.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) This could be a good time for all you Leos and Leonas in the spotlight to open up your generous Lion's hearts and share the glory with those who helped you accomplish so much along the way.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Before investing time or money (or both) into a questionable matter, you might want to get advice from someone with expertise who knows these situations better than you do.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Be careful how you handle a workplace matter that seems out of place in the schedule you've prepared. Before you act in one way or another, find out who set it up and why.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your entertainment aspect is strong this week. Besides providing a wonderful break from everyday obligations, sharing fun times with others brings you closer to those you care for.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Having a weekend fun fest? Your friend or relative who's down in the emotional dumps could perk up if you find a way to include them in your plans.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) If you're in one of those "Goat knows best" periods, you might want to ease up and try listening to what others have to say. You could learn something.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) That new challenge is getting closer, and you should be out there now showing facts and figures that can help persuade potential allies to rally to your support. Good luck!

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Getting a head start on holiday plans could help free up some time later to spend on other projects. Meanwhile, a colleague has some ideas that you might find worth discussing.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are always there for others, but sometimes you need to be reminded that you need to be there for yourself as well.

HOLLYWOOD

by Tony Rizzo

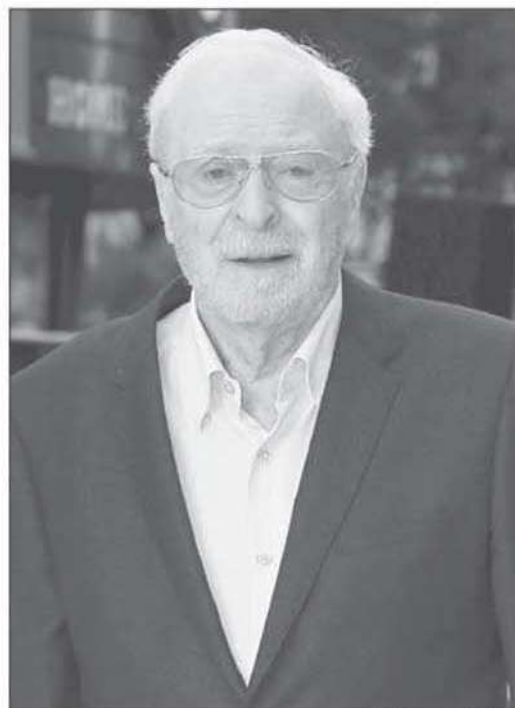
HOLLYWOOD — Another movie legend **Michael Caine** announced that he's "sort of" retired! He explained that when shooting his last movie "The Great Escaper" (with the late, great **Glenda Jackson**), he was provided a walking cane that was incorporated into his character, but could only give them one take of each shot. "I'm bloody 90 now," he remarked.

Among his greatest films spanning his filmography of more than 100 movies were "Sleuth" (1972); "Educating Rita" (1983); "The Cider House Rules" (1999); "The Dark Knight" (2008); and the classic that started it all — "Alfie" (1966). When asked how he would like to be remembered, Caine replied, "For the fact that I remained an actor all my life, and I never went into anything else. I never left; I never wanted to leave."

Back in 1984, I was once hired by disaster film producer **Irwin Allen** ("The Poseidon Adventure" and "The Towering Inferno") to photograph the comic greats he brought together — **Milton Berle, Bob Newhart, Red Buttons, George Burns, Danny Thomas, Dan Rowan, Dick Martin, Steve Allen** and **Sid Caesar** — who gave Caine a crash course in comedy before he filmed "Blame It on Rio." It was an unforgettable, sidesplitting night with all the greats. (P.S. The film flopped!)

Seth Macfarlane has put his money where his mouth is. "The Orville" star and writer recently donated \$1 million for striking writers, as well as another \$5 million to kick off a campaign to raise at least \$10 million for ECF (formally the Actors Fund) to attract more donors during the strikes. So far, he's donated \$7.4 million to more than 3,515 to film and TV workers, assistants, grips, gaffers, lighting and sound designers, script supervisors, craft service workers, hair and makeup professionals and wardrobe people. What a family guy!

It was a close call on Sept. 24 for



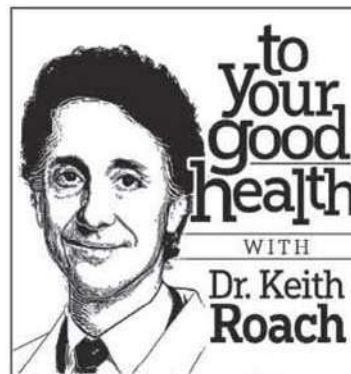
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Michael Caine
("The Dark Knight")

89-year-old Oscar-winning legend **Sophia Loren** ("Two Women"), who had to have emergency surgery after falling in her bathroom. Loren had several fractures and a busted femur, necessitating the cancellation of the opening of her fourth restaurant named for her in Bari, Italy. Loren won Best Actress at the David di Donatello Awards (the Italian equivalent of the Oscars) in 2021 for "The Life Ahead."

Recently, it was revealed that **Chris Rock** sought counseling after the famous **Will Smith** slap heard around the world at the 94th Oscars. Rock claimed to be humiliated in front of his daughters, parents and one of the largest audiences in TV history. It was no consolation for Rock that Smith resigned from the Academy and was banned from their events for 10 years. But Rock did have the last laugh when a year later (after not speaking of the incident initially), he was paid \$40 million by Netflix for his special "Chris Rock: Selective Outrage," with a second special to follow. Somebody slap me ... please!

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Heart Is Deconditioned to Exercise After Airbag Injury

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am a 69-year-old who used to walk up 75 to 90 flights of steps several days a week as exercise. After a steering wheel airbag went off and damaged my heart, I am afraid my ability to do that stopped. After years of medication, I am now on a pacemaker, which definitely helps.

Could the exercise have weakened my heart to such a degree that it could be viewed as overdoing it, therefore exacerbating my condition? — Anon.

ANSWER: In general, exercise does not harm the heart. On the contrary, exercise is almost always good for the heart. However, there are exceptions. In healthy people, there is an optimal amount of exercise, and extreme levels of exercise (on the order of running more than 10 miles a day every day) begin to decrease the benefit that a person gets from exercise. (This remains controversial, but I am convinced from the data.)

In people with severe heart disease (the kind with blockages in the arteries), overdoing exercise can lead to a heart attack, but this is an exception. For every person who gets harmed by overexercising, there must be a hundred who don't get adequate exercise.

The fact that you have improved a lot on the pacemaker suggests that at least part of your problem wasn't with the pump function of your heart, nor with the arteries leading to your heart. The problem lies with the electrical supply.

Once a pacemaker is in, that problem

is immediately alleviated, but the heart may still be deconditioned ("out of shape"). Regular exercise will help the problem.

Your cardiologist can better answer the question for you and also give you advice on how to build up your exercise tolerance over time.

DEAR DR. ROACH: Colds and flus seem to linger in my lungs and nose for a week or more after all other symptoms have passed. If my phlegm and mucus are clear or white, and I feel healthy otherwise, am I still considered infectious? — S.C.

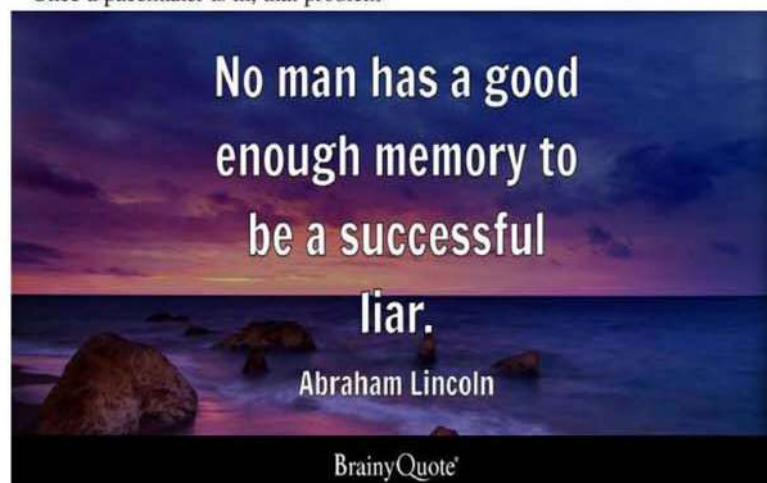
ANSWER: The color of sputum and mucus is not a reliable indicator of whether an infection is caused by bacteria or viruses, nor of whether you are still infectious. Colds and flus like COVID are caused by viruses. A person is most infectious starting from a day or two before they get symptoms up until a day or two after symptoms start. Most people are no longer infectious after five to seven days of having symptoms, but unfortunately, that's not always 100% certain.

Part of the body's response to infection is to make a great deal of mucus to wash the infection away. This can lead to us feeling very uncomfortable with copious sneezing, runny noses and productive cough. In some people, this tendency is more prolonged. It sounds like you might be one of those people in whom the body's response to infection causes more symptoms than the infection itself.

We can test pretty well for COVID infectiousness with at-home testing, but those home tests don't exist for the flu or other viruses. Following the same advice for COVID — staying home for at least 24 hours after a fever has gone, or remaining in isolation for at least five days without a fever — will minimize your infectiousness to others.

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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CAN YOU BE SURE THAT WHAT YOU BUY IS THE REAL THING?

How can stilton be called stilton when it is made in Denmark, Wisconsin? It is no joke, check it out! How can Parmesan made in Argentina or somewhere in the United States be called Parmesan? The real Parmigiano Reggiano is made in Parma and Reggio, nowhere else. And how can spaghetti made in Italy be labeled as "Made in USA" when there is no way they are made in USA?

For example, my loafers are from a well-known USA company, but are made in China, why is that? Once upon a time real good shoes were made in Italy and Britain; actually they still are but they look expensive compared to cheap imitations imported from the Far East.

The only way one understands what is the problem is when the shoes fall apart as if they were made of cheap plastics or when orthopedic problems set in and cause \$\$ tens of thousands or more in remedial surgery and therapy.

Presently you have shoe shops with an Italian name well publicized on tv, newspapers and electronic media who sell shoes, flip flops, sandals etc but they are not made in Italy; they may cause serious damage to your feet, your posture, as well as to make the so-called "real leather" that would poison your system with chemicals used to imitate the real thing.

These are some of the mind boggling questions consumers like myself often ask without ever getting a satisfactory answer. What is evident is that the West, and by extension our global village, is being flooded by inferior products manufactured in the Far East, Central America and parts of Africa and imported by giant companies who resell them at 5, 10 up to 50 times their original cost.

A facebook page outlines the reasons why it is called "Ban Made in China" with the following explanation: "My New Year's Resolution is that I plan not to purchase any items that are Made FARAWAY countries. It is my hope that as I shop for everyday items, I can raise awareness of the many products that are nearly all Made In Faraway lands. In packing up all my Christmas ornaments, I discovered that most of them were made in China. I have been hanging on to some Christmas money and have had

trouble finding anything to buy because everything I pick up has a "Made in Faraway" label. Check your house and all your earthly belongings as you put away your dishes or shop for clothes. If I disposed of everything in my home that was made in Faraway I would not have much left in my house."

An article of The National Post discloses that "acting on a tip, agents of the Food and Drug Administration paid a surprise visit to a cheese factory in rural Pennsylvania on a cold November day in 2012. They found what they were looking for: evidence that Castle Cheese Inc. was doctoring its 100 percent real Parmesan with cut-rate substitutes and such fillers as wood pulp and distributing it to some of the country's biggest grocery chains. One might be tempted to think of this as a ripped-from-the-headlines episode of "NYPD Bleu," except that the FDA wasn't playing. Some grated Parmesan suppliers have been mislabeling products by filling them with too much cellulose, a common anti-clumping agent made from wood pulp, or using cheaper cheddar, instead of real Romano."

The real Parmigiano Reggiano bears that exact name, however lousy imitations are made worldwide using names that sound-alike in order to confuse the buyer and make him/her believe is buying the real thing; these are some of the names used: "Parm; Parmiggiano; Parmagiano; Parmegiano; parmigeano; Parmigiano Reg; Regg; Reggano; reggiano; Regiano; Regianno; Reggiano Parmesan; Reggiano Parmigiano; Parmesan Reggiano." In cases like this, the Consorzio of the real Parmigiano Reggiano has successfully sued companies that encroach on their cheese's identity. Mislabeling of cheese is a big problem worldwide and it is a very serious crime. The Grana Padano is made in Lombardy

According to <http://www.confcooperativepiacenza.it/>

Stefano Berni, director of the Consorzio Grana Padano, starts from this consideration to anticipate the picture that emerges from a research entrusted to the team of Professor Rubin of the Eastern Piedmont University, which



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was illustrated in the Milanese 'Tuttofood', in terms of confondibility and indistinction of similar products.

"Unfortunately - continues the director of the Consorzio Grana Padano, the most consumed PDO product in the world, starting from the first indications of the study - the alarm cry that we have been raising for some time in the national and European policy is even more serious than we thought. The consumer who goes to a store finds PDO products, such as Grana Padano and Parmigiano Reggiano, mixed with similar products of unknown origin and the lack of adequate regulations do not put him in a position to be able to choose consciously".

A situation that clashes with about 14,000 supervisory and control interventions (for an investment of over 8 million euros) that the Consorzio Grana Padano carries out every year to guarantee the excellence of the more than 4 million and 700 thousand forms produced in 2012 with an increase in exports of 7.5%.

According to Natural News "after being tipped off about possible fraud in the cheese industry, Bloomberg Business tested a variety of Parmesan grated cheeses available for purchase in grocery stores around the U.S., and discovered that a significant number of manufacturers are lying about what exactly is in their products. An independent laboratory hired by Bloomberg learned that a number of grated Parmesan cheeses marketed as containing 100 percent "real" cheese, are in fact laced with exceedingly high levels of cellulose," a common anti-clumping agent made from wood pulp.

"Caveat emptor", buyer beware not all that glitters is gold, cheap products may cause serious health problems including cancer, bone disorders, harm your eyesight, cause intoxication by chemicals... and the list goes on. It is not simply a matter of "you get what you pay for", it is the principle of fair dealing, so when you sell something that is not what it is supposed to be you are committing a crime. A trustworthy, Godfearing person, manufacturer or company would never do that. As the Italians say "To trust is good, not to trust is better!".

[Guest editorial by Giorgio Migliavacca]



PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act
EMUNA INTERNATIONAL, INC.

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company No. 214333
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 26th September 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 28th day of September 2023
(Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**
Voluntary Liquidator [22/1]

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

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company No. 1997108
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 27th September 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 28th day of September 2023
(Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**
Voluntary Liquidator [22/2]

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

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company No. 1069616
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 28th September 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 29th day of September 2023
(Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**
Voluntary Liquidator [22/3]

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

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company No. 2029554
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 28th September 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 29th day of September 2023
(Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**
Voluntary Liquidator [22/4]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act
ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY INTERNATIONAL LTD.

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company No. 290328
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 28th September 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 29th day of September 2023
(Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**
Voluntary Liquidator [22/5]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act
ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY INTERNATIONAL LTD.

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company No. 1803728
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Dated 29th day of September 2023
(Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**
Voluntary Liquidator [22/6]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act
Dons NFT Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2093104
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 October 13th, 2023.
Dated: October 13th, 2023
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator [22/7]

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

Zackimi Holdings Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 12th day of October, 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register
The Liquidator is:-
Wayne S. Francis
of c/o Sertus Chambers,
P.O. Box 905,
Quastisky Building,
Road Town, Tortola VG 1110,
British Virgin Islands
[22/8]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act
Tir Na Nog Investments Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1653409
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 October 13th, 2023.
Dated: October 13th, 2023
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator [22/9]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2100736
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 October 13th, 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: October 13th, 2023
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator [22/10]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2068517
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 13th October 2023.
Dated: 13th October 2023.
(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator [22/11]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2070283
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 13th October 2023.
Dated: 13th October 2023.
(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator [22/12]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2070279
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 13th October 2023.
Dated: 13th October 2023.
(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator [22/13]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
LICHFIELD CORPORATION

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 39699
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 October 6, 2023.
Dated: October 9, 2023
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator [22/14]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. - 1892636
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 9th October, 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa V. O'Sullivan, of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: 17th day of October, 2023.
(Sgd.) **Philippa V. O'Sullivan**
Philippa V. O'Sullivan
Liquidator [22/15]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
Kaward Consulting Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1486058
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 October 17, 2023.
Dated: October 17, 2023
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator [22/16]

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

BC#1763824
(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 11 October 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St Jean of 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated 11 October 2023
Nelcia St Jean
(Liquidator)
[22/17]

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

BC#1871590
(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 11 October 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St Jean of 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated 11 October 2023
Nelcia St Jean
(Liquidator) [22/18]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.
Chariots Investment Global Inc.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
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 17th October, 2023. The Liquidator is **Mr. Meade Malone, with address at Geneva Place, 2nd Floor, #333 Waterfront Drive, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: 17th October, 2023.
(Sgd.) **Meade Malone**
Voluntary Liquidator [22/19]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
DUDELANGE FINANCIAL INC.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1039506
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 October 13th, 2023.
Dated: October 18th, 2023
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator [22/20]

PUBLIC NOTICES

IN THE MATTER OF THE REGISTERED LAND ACT, CAP.
229 OF THE LAWS OF
THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

AND

IN THE MATTER OF MOHAMED NAGY A.
DARWISH
AND REPUBLIC BANK (BVI) LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that in exercise of the power of sale conferred on the Chargee by the Registered land Act, Cap. 229 of the Laws of the Virgin islands and in right of the said power vested in REPUBLIC BANK (BVI) LIMITED, the Chargee by virtue of a certain Charge of the undermentioned land created by MOHAMED NAGY A. DARWISH as Chargor and REPUBLIC BANK (BVI) LIMITED as Chargee and registered in the Land Register of the Virgin Islands as an encumbrance in the register relating to the said land, REPUBLIC BANK (BVI) LIMITED will put up for sale by public auction at the office of McW. Todman & Co., Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands on Wednesday the 8th day of November, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. the undermentioned parcel of land together with any improvements standing thereon with the upset price set at \$720,000.00.

ALL THAT piece of parcel of land together with the dwelling house thereon situate at Soldier Hill, Tortola, British Virgin Islands containing 0.544 of an acre and described in the Land Register of the Virgin Islands as Parcel #322 Lots 316 & 317 of Block #2538B of the West Central Registration Section.

Interested persons are asked to submit a sealed offer or provide a written notice confirming interest in the property and an intention to bid at the time of the Auction anytime up to 4:00 p.m. on 7th November, 2023 to the office of McW. Todman & Co.

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

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

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

Dated the 18th day of October, 2023.

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

[23]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004
LDJ Holding Ltd
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2028692

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 13th day of October 2023. The liquidator is Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, Blackburne Highway (PO Box 116) Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.
Dated: 13th day of October 2023.
(Sgd.) *Philippa O'Sullivan*
Voluntary Liquidator
[22/21]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004
Dreamland Investments Group Inc.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1719436

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 13th day of October 2023. The liquidator is Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, Blackburne Highway (PO Box 116) Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.
Dated: 13th day of October 2023.
(Sgd.) *Philippa O'Sullivan*
Voluntary Liquidator [22/22]

Fort Cambridge Aviation Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1682788

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, Subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from the 17th day of October, 2023.
Dated this 18th day of October, 2023
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator [22/23]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.
WYNFORT CORP
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2068850

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 October 17, 2023. The Liquidator is Nelcia St. Jean, with address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.
Dated: October 18, 2023.
(Sgd.) *Nelcia St. Jean*
Voluntary Liquidator
[22/24]

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

BVIHPB2023/0217

In the estate of Nadir Lopes Mantovanini, late of Rua Oliveira Dias, 263 4th Floor, Jardim Paulista São Paulo, Brazil, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that WALTER MANTOVANINI FILHO of Rua Antônio Gontijo Carvalho, 67 São Paulo, Brazil and MARIA CECILIA MANTOVANINI AGUIAR of Rua Recanto 215, São Paulo, Brazil, the lawful children of NADIR LOPES MANTOVANINI, deceased who died on the 22nd day of February, 2022, domiciled in Brazil; intestate (the Deceased), have applied to the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the Probate Division for a Grant of Letters of Administration in the estate of the Deceased.

ANY PERSON having any objection to the grant of Letters of Administration to the said WALTER MANTOVANINI FILHO and MARIA CECILIA MANTOVANINI AGUIAR, 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 Administrators

[22]

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

IN THE ESTATE OF RENATO EDMUNDO BREDA, DECEASED

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to section 28 of the Trustee Ordinance of the Laws of the Virgin Islands Revised Edition 1991 (Cap 303) that any person having a claim against or an interest in the estate of RENATO EDMUNDO BREDA, deceased, late of Rua das Magnólias, 120, Largo Perpetuo Socorro, Pindamonhangaba - SP, 12421-430, Brazil, who died on the 5th day of March 2022 (the Deceased), is hereby required to send particulars in writing of his or her claim or interest to Harney Westwood & Riegels LP of Craigmuir Chambers, P. O. Box 71, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands (Attention: Myles Chingara), the Solicitors acting for MARIA PETRELLA BREDA, the Administrator and Trustee of the Deceased's estate, and to send such particulars not later than 7th day of December 2023 after which date the said Administrator will distribute the estate among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interests of which she has had notice and will not, in respect to the property so distributed, be liable to any person of whose claim he shall not then have notice.

[22]

PUBLIC NOTICES

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

**VIRGIN ISLANDS
BVIHPB 2023/0207**

**In the Estate of CATHERINE McKay-Gray
Late of 9 Waterfront Apartments, Road Town, Tortola, British
Virgin Islands, deceased**

ADVERTISEMENT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by MICHAEL GRAY of Johnson Ghut, Tortola British Virgin Islands for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who is the surviving son of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 7th day of December, 2004.

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 2nd day of October 2023

FILED by KENDALL Law, Attorneys at law for the Administrator whose address for service is c/o KENDALL Law 2nd Floor Abbott Building, Waterfront Drive, Road Town Virgin Islands VG 1110

[22]

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

BVIHPB 2023/

**In the Estate of PROCTOR CARLISLE SCOTT of
Purcell Estate, Tortola, The Virgin Islands, deceased.
ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT**

TAKE NOTICE that KRÉSIA BERNELLE MARGUERITE CARLISLE SCOTT FREDERICK, of Purcell Estate, Tortola, The Virgin Islands, the person named as Executrix in the Last Will and Testament of PROCTOR CARLISLE SCOTT, dated the 8th day of December, 2003, who died on the 4th day of November, 2007 at Purcell Estate, Tortola, The Virgin Islands has applied to the Probate Division of the High Court of Justice Virgin Islands in the Territory of The Virgin Islands for a Grant of Probate to the estate of the said deceased.

ANY PERSONS having any objection to the Grant of Probate to the said KRÉSIA BERNELLE MARGUERITE CARLISLE SCOTT FREDERICK, 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 British Virgin Islands a document setting out the said objections.

DATED: this 10th day of October, 2023.

Dancia Penn & Co
Solicitors for the Executrix

[22]

*Notice of Appointment of a
Liquidator under Section 204 of the
BVI Business Company Act.*
**ANTARY MANAGEMENT
INC.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1694643

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 October 17, 2023. The Liquidator is Nelcia St. Jean, with address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated: October 18, 2023.

(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean
Voluntary Liquidator
[22/25]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1466301

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 October 17, 2023.

Dated: October 18, 2023

(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean
Voluntary Liquidator [22/26]

*Notice of Appointment of a
Liquidator under Section 204 of the
BVI Business Company Act*
OMNILEX Legal Limited
BC#2083287

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 12 October 2023. The Liquidator is Nelcia St Jean of 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated 12 October 2023

Nelcia St Jean
(Liquidator) [22/27]

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

**XAYMACA INVESTMENT
CORPORATION**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 610105

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 1st 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: 1st day of September 2023.

(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator [22/28]

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

IN THE ESTATE OF ALICE TURNER, DECEASED

**In the estate of ALICE TURNER, late of Royal Henley Retirement
Apartments, St Catharines, Ontario, deceased.**

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by John Thomas Richard Becker of 3 Giles Travers Close, Egham, Thorpe, Surrey, United Kingdom, TW20 8QU, for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above named deceased who died on the 12th day of January 2023 without revoking a Will bearing the date of the 18th day of May 2018 wherein the applicant is named sole executor.

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

Dated the 17th day of October, 2023

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

[23]

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

**IN THE ESTATE OF OLAVO FELIX CINTRA FILHO, DE-
CEASED**

**In the estate of OLAVO FELIX CINTRA FILHO, late of Rua
Bela Cintra, 2271, 8 andar, Consolação, 01415-009, São Paulo,
Brazil, deceased.**

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Juliana Andraus Cintra of Rua Cinderela, 41, Apto 151, São Paulo - SP, 01455-050, Brazil, for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above named deceased who died on the 14th day of June 2023 without revoking a Will bearing the date of the 24th day of July 2019 wherein the applicant is named sole executrix.

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

Dated the 18th day of October, 2023

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

[23]

PUBLIC NOTICES

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

In the Estate of Liston Crabb also known as Liston Fahie late of Belle Vue, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by EVADNEY CHRISTOPHER of Anderson Hill, Tortola, British Virgin Islands for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicant who is the niece of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 20th May, 2004.

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

Dated this 9th day of October, 2023.

Filed by Maximea & Co. Law Chambers Legal Practitioners for the Applicants 2nd Floor, Glancina George Building Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands Tel: 1 284 494 6623, 494 2366 whose address for service is the same.

[22]

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

PROBATE NO. OF 2023

IN THE ESTATE OF ABHAYKUMAR SAKERCHAND JHAVERI, LATE OF FLAT C, 9TH FLOOR, WAH FUNG BUILDING, 13-17 MINDEN AVENUE, TSIMSHATSUI, KOWLOON, HONG KONG, DECEASED

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by RAJIVE ABHAY JHAVERI of Flat C, 9th Floor, Wah Fung Building, 13-17 Minden Avenue, Tsimshatsui, Kowloon, Hong Kong (the Applicant), for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicant who is the child and intended Administrator of the Estate of the Deceased, the Deceased having died intestate on the 5th day of March 2022.

ANY PERSON having any objection to the grant of Letters of Administration to the application shall file an objection within fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of this Notice.

Dated this 10th day of October 2023

Filed by Harney Westwood & Riegels LP, Legal Practitioners for the Applicant, whose address for service is Craigmuir Chambers, PO Box 71, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands (Ref: 058851.0001/NJR)

[23]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 13 of the BVI Limited Partnership Regulations, 2018
Ausper-YGC Limited Partnership
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
LP No. 2583

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 13, subsection (a) of the BVI Limited Partnership Regulations, 2018 that the Partnership is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 18th September 2023. The liquidator is HU LUMENG of No. 2, Lane 2, Houzhu Road, Pingxi Village, Guanlu Town, Xianju County, Zhejiang Province, China.

Dated: 18th September 2023
(Sgd.) LUMENG HU
Voluntary Liquidator
[22/29]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 13 of the BVI Limited Partnership Regulations, 2018
Ausper-SBL Limited Partnership
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
LP No. 2584

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 13, subsection (a) of the BVI Limited Partnership Regulations, 2018 that the Partnership is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 18th September 2023. The liquidator is HU LUMENG of No. 2, Lane 2, Houzhu Road, Pingxi Village, Guanlu Town, Xianju County, Zhejiang Province, China.

Dated: 18th September 2023
(Sgd.) LUMENG HU
Voluntary Liquidator
[22/30]

NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)
FREE RANGE LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 18th day of October, 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.

The Liquidators is:-
Wayne Francis
Nerine Chambers,
Quastisky Building
P.O. Box 905
Road Town, Tortola,
British Virgin Islands
VG 1110
[22/31]

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

CLAIM NO. BVIHPB2023/0219

IN THE ESTATE OF CLAUDE HEILMAN, LATE OF BIRCHWOOD GRANGE, 177 PRESTON HILL, HARROW, UNITED KINGDOM, DECEASED

ADVERTISEMENT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Pradeep Kotak of 69 Wychwood Avenue, Edgware, Middlesex, HA8 6TQ, UK for a Grant of Letters of Administration with Will Annexed to the applicant who is a beneficiary of the estate of the deceased estate, the deceased having died on 29 November 2012 at Birchwood Grange, 177 Preston Hill, Harrow, United Kingdom without revoking a Will bearing the date of 25 January 1996.

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

Dated this 10th day of October 2023

McW. Todman & Co., Attorneys-at Law for the Executor(s) whose address for service is: McNamara Chambers, 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands; email: nstjean@mctodman.com

[22]

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
(PROBATE)
VIRGIN ISLANDS
BVIHPB 2023/0216

In the Estate of JAMES REILLY late of 1000 N. Lake Shore Dr. Unit #1105, Chicago, Illinois USA 60611, deceased

ADVERTISEMENT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by VERONICA LYNCH of 1000 N. Lake Shore Dr. Unit #1105, Chicago, Illinois USA 60611 for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above named deceased who died on the 4th day of April 2022 without revoking a Will bearing the date of the 13th day of February 2014 wherein the applicant is named sole executor.

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

Dated this 11th day of October 2023

FILED by KENDALL Law, Attorneys at law for the Administrator whose address for service is c/o KENDALL Law 2nd Floor Abbott Building, Waterfront Drive, Road Town Virgin Islands VG 1110

[22]

PUBLIC NOTICES

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
(PROBATE)
THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
BVIHPB 2023/0220

IN THE ESTATE OF JORGE PEREIRA DE CARVALHO
late of Rua Rita Ludolf, No. 71,
Apartment 401, Leblon, Rio de Janeiro (RJ), Federative
Republic of Brazil, deceased

ADVERTISEMENT OF
APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by CORNÉLIA STEIN DE CARVALHO, Retiree, of Rua Rita Ludolf, No. 71, Apartment 401, Leblon, Rio de Janeiro (RJ), Federative Republic of Brazil (hereinafter referred to as “the Applicant” or “the Intended Administrator”), for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicant, who is the person entitled to and entrusted with the administration of the estate of the above-named deceased (“the Deceased”) by the court having jurisdiction at the place where the Deceased died domiciled and the person beneficially entitled to the estate of the Deceased by the law of the place where the Deceased died domiciled, the Deceased having died intestate on the 29th day of May, 2020, at HOSPITAL COPA D’OR, Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Federative Republic of Brazil, domiciled in the Federative Republic of Brazil.

ANY PERSON having an objection to the Grant of Letters of Administration 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 10th day of October, 2023.

Filed on behalf of the Applicant/Intended Administrator herein, by VIGILATE LAW, Legal Practitioners for the Applicant/Intended Administrator, whose address for service is at C/O VIGILATE LAW, Chevelle Centre, Middle Floor, Unit #2, Main Street, RoadTown, Tortola, Virgin Islands.

[22]

NOTICE INTENTION TO DEVELOP

I, LATOYA COTTON have applied to the Planning Authority for approval to construct Restaurant/Commercial/Restaurant/Bar/Lounge on land at Butu Mountain, East Central on Parcel # 209, Block # 3039B.

Copies of the plan are available for public inspection at the office of the Town & Country Planning Department, to whom any written comments should be sent. Comments should be received within two weeks after final publication of notice.

[23]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.
Sungent BioVenture II Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1992816
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 18th October 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa O’Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: 18th October 2023
(Sgd.) **Philippa O’Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator [22/32]

ISUCCESS LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 371852

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, Subsection (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 18th day of October, 2023. The Liquidator is **Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, Johnson’s Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated this 19th day of October, 2023
Sgd. **Brian Jackson**

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[22/33]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act
SYNAPSE ADS INC.
(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)

Company No. 2029554
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 28th September 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 29th day of September 2023
(Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**
Voluntary Liquidator [22/34]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act
MARK DEVELOPMENT LTD.
(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)

Company No. 1069616
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 28th September 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 29th day of September 2023
(Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**
Voluntary Liquidator [22/35]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act
Betton Investments Limited
(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)

Company No. 1803728
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 28th September 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 29th day of September 2023
(Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**
Voluntary Liquidator [22/36]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act
ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY INTERNATIONAL LTD.
(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)

Company No. 290328
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 28th September 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 29th day of September 2023
(Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**
Voluntary Liquidator [22/37]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act
Fire More Limited
(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)

Company No. 1997108
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 27th September 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 28th day of September 2023
(Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**
Voluntary Liquidator [22/38]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act
EMUNA INTERNATIONAL, INC.
(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)

Company No. 214333
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 26th September 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 28th day of September 2023
(Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**
Voluntary Liquidator [22/39]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1999218
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 17th October 2023. The liquidator is **Jason Jagessar of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town Tortola, VG1110, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: 17th October 2023
(Sgd.) **Jason Jagessar**
Liquidator [22/40]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act
Kendal Management International Ltd.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company Number: 1921378
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 17 October 2023. The Liquidator is **Rachael Pape of Conyers Dill & Pearman, Commerce House, Wickhams Cay 1, P.O. Box 3140, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: 19 October 2023
Rachael Pape
As Liquidator [22/41]

Message for International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction

All this means that we have a population that is well on board with the key ways they can incorporate risk reduction concepts into daily living.

But in the spirit of continued improvement, and in keeping with this year's Disaster Risk Reduction Day theme of 'Resilience for All,' I would like to call our collective attention to the fact that when disasters strike, they hit our most vulnerable persons much harder.

Having a disability is a risk multiplier when it comes to facing emergencies. A person whose sole income is a disability grant may have enough funds to meet their basic needs, but would be facing a housing crisis if their home were damaged by a storm. More frequent serious hazard impacts can put such persons in a cycle of moving from crisis to crisis. Let's break the cycle!

You may wonder, what steps have been taken at the national level to support persons with disabilities and fight inequality? I am happy to share that the Government of the Virgin Islands leads in this area. The Public Service has a modern approach to recruitment and hiring of differently-abled persons. The Ministry of Health and Social Development supports resilience of vulnerable persons with their assistance grants programme. It also encourages vulnerable persons to keep in close touch with their case managers and health care providers to maintain continuity of care.



We also have the recently completed SMART Community Centres, which were renovated with accessibility in mind. This helps to ensure that persons using a mobility device such as a walker or wheelchair can have equal access to shelter in the event of an emergency. And, as our recent EMAP re-accreditation showed, national plans and exercises include the most vulnerable of our population.

But how can we as a Territory better support persons with disabilities and other vulnerable groups in our population? In the workplace, we can build awareness about the barriers that persons with disabilities face. Employers can make sure that they hear and understand the challenges of employees and make assistive technology available to our customers and staff. Those of us with means can contribute to the organisations that work to support vulnerable persons. Volunteering your time or donating to the local food pantry enables those organisations to continue their work as part of the social safety net.



Finally, I would encourage us all to do our part to reduce the sense of isolation that may be felt by vulnerable persons. Let us practise a culture of inclusion: hire persons with disabilities and include them in our social activities. Being fully integrated participants in society strengthens the bonds of social support, which helps us achieve resilience for all.

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


DO'S

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

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

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



A message from the Department of Disaster Management and Sol

Sister Islands Preparedness Meetings Continue



their neighbourhood, or in their business.”

Residents have received tips for hurricanes and other hazards, on contingency and disaster planning, how to stay informed, and considerations for emergency shelter. DDM and Sister Islands Programme officers have also discussed training opportunities and community evacuation planning with attendees.

The officers have also shared

information on the upcoming ShakeOut earthquake preparedness exercise, which takes place on October 19.

Residents can access a variety of resources such as a hurricane tracking map, templates for family and business emergency plans, and tips on preparing for storms and other hazards on the department’s website www.bviddm.com.

Officers from the Department of Disaster Management (DDM) are hosting community preparedness meetings on the sister islands to improve community-based resilience.

The DDM in collaboration with the Sister Islands Programme have held meetings in North Sound, Valley, and The Settlement, with the final meeting today, October 18 at the Jost Van Dyke Methodist Church Annex.

DDM Community Relations Officer Cecil Jeffrey said the sessions will give sister islands residents a chance to meet the team and learn ways they can prepare for and respond to hazards.

“The worst thing that could happen after a disaster is for persons to feel helpless,” Mr Jeffrey said, adding, “The goal we are working toward is empowering persons all over the Territory to take action after an emergency, whether it’s in their home,



PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE

BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)
WEALTH RISE HOLDINGS LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 27th day of July, 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register

The Liquidator is:-

Wayne S. Francis
of c/o Sertus Chambers,
P.O. Box 905,
Quastisky Building,
Road Town, Tortola VG 1110,
British Virgin Islands
[22/42]

NOTICE

BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)

Weave Net Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 27th day of July, 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register

The Liquidator is:-

Wayne S. Francis
of c/o Sertus Chambers,
P.O. Box 905,
Quastisky Building,
Road Town, Tortola VG 1110,
British Virgin Islands
[22/43]

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

PETERSFIELD TRADING LIMITED
BC# 323099

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 19 October 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St Jean of 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated 19 October 2023

Nelcia St Jean

(Liquidator)

[22/44]





DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE

Bulletin

Appointments For Residence And Belonger Status Applicants

The public is advised that effective Wednesday, October 11, persons are required to schedule appointments via BVIPS.org in order to submit applications for Residence and Belonger Status.

For additional information about this application-process, contact the Immigration Department at 468-4700.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR BEST RESULTS

Al's Marine Limited is looking for a reliable and motivated individual to work as a Cleaner. Individual must have a full driver's license and be able to work independently. Tel:1284 494-3883 [s23]

EMCS Caribbean is looking for Electricians. Interested applicants can submit their CV/Resume with cover letter to P O Box 386 Road Town, Tortola, BVI or call 284-494-1300 [s23]

Fatima's Fashion Store needs a Full Time Sales Clerk. Please call 494-2711 for further details. [s22]

EMCS Caribbean is looking for Carpenters. Interested applicants can submit their CV/Resume with cover letter to P O Box 386 Road Town, Tortola, BVI or call 284-494-1300 [s23]

Curry Tabanca is looking for a cook
 The potential candidate must be able to cook Healthy meals. email or contact, 543-1212. [s23]

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BINGS DROP IN at Fat Hogs Bay, East End needs one (1) Full Time Bartender. Please call 284-499-9691 for further information. [s23]

Queens Way Restaurant & Bar needed 2 Kitchen Assistant/Cleaner. Please contact 284-543-0482 for more information. [s23]

Alwon's Restaurant Bar & Club needs two (2) full time Bartenders. Please call 542-9444 for further details. [s23]

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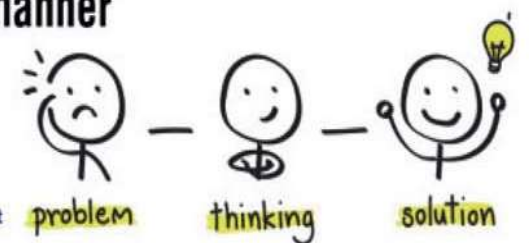
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WE'RE-HIRING! full time: **GENERAL ASSISTANTS.** Requirements: -Preferably 2 years Cooking experience Must be able to start work promptly at 5:00am – Fast Leaner –

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BK C-Store Fashion & Auto Stop hiring Cashier / Store Attendant - FULL-TIME and Cleaner / Store Attendant - PART-TIME. Formal inquiries only - Email: bkcstore@yahoo.com or WhatsApp: 284-442-1842. Absolutely no Telephone nor Walk-in enquiries. Belongers Preferred. [s22]

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Position Available January 1st,2024
The position is for our new location at Moorings.
Position: Store Attendant/ Cashier
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Call for Interview 340 4926 [s23]

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Tropical Rentals Limited is in need of a Rental Agent with the following qualifications:
*Must have a pleasing personality and good customer service
*Must be 25 years old and above
* Must possess exceptional interpersonal skills and be able to work under pressure.
* Willing to work on weekends and holidays
* Must have a valid BVI driver's license
Interested applicants may email resume at roxane@vimotors.net BVIlanders and/or Belongers preferred. Please call 494-2496. [s22]

Countryman-General Maintenance & Services is seeking three (3) Maintenance Technicians with one (1) year experience. TelephoneL 284-543-9651 [s22]

Green Clean has job vacancy for a residential and commercial full time Cleaner. Interested persons should please call 284-340- 4993 for further details. [s22]

Harris Place Restaurant located on Little Harbour Jost Van Dyke is seeking a cook with at least 3 years experience in the restaurant business with the added ability-to-pleasantly converse and relate to dinner guests. Hours are evenings weekdays and weekends. Interested persons should contact and submit resume to russelljonesbvi@gmail.com or call : Cynthia Jones at 284-344-8816. British Virgin Islanders and Belongers preferred. [s23]

WANTED: One full time Gardener/Handyman required to work 40 hours per week. Must have at least 2 years experience in gardening and basic maintenance. Must have basic reading skills and be able to work with little supervision. Please contact telephone 545-9474 to arrange for an interview. [s22]

KB'S Cleaning Services is in need of a full time/part time Cleaner. Interested person call: 284-499-7989-or email:kbscleaningservices@yahoo.com [s22]

TMT-CLEANING SERVICES needs one full time CLEANER. Telephone 545-5620 for more information. [s22]

ODYSSEY CONSULTANCY LTD CORPORATION NOW HIRING: ONE full time CLEANER. Telephone: 284-541-3051 [s22]

Seeking Housekeeper - applicant must be reliable, personable and a team player willing to work on Tortola with flexible hours/days. BVIlanders and Belongers preferred. Interested persons should send resume and work history via email to: info@mlsbvi.com or telephone: 1-284-442-4200 [s23]

Richard Corner Restaurant & Bar on Flemming Street, Road Town needs two (2) Full Time Bartender and one (1) Full Time Pizza Man with three (3) years experience. Please call 284-499-7952. [s22]

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For Sale of Land
Available for immediate Sale is 0.869 acres of land located in the quiet hillside community of Soldier's Hill, Tortola, the land provides superb views of Brewer's Bay Beach and faces Tortola's North side with an access road off Brewer's Bay Road.
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The asking price is \$170,000.00, for more information please contact Maximea & Co. Law Chambers at 494-2366 and 494-6623. [s22]

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