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MISINFORMATION ABOUT VIRGIN GORDA'S MOSQUITO PROGRAMME CREATES CONFUSION

Minister for Health and Social Development, Hon. Vincent O. Wheatley, who is also the Ninth District Representative has lent his voice to the current outcries in the Virgin Gorda community about the ongoing Green VI Bug Out programme and its mosquito release initiative.

The Minister's address of the

situation is in response to the fact that a number of Virgin Gorda residents expressed concern about the genetically altered mosquitos that are being released in their community as part of the Green VI Bug Out program. The apprehension of the Virgin Gordians stems from Green VI's disclosure that the released male mosquitos

carry the Wolbachia bacteria. During a meeting held on 17 October at the Old Yard Inn Conference Room Hon. Wheatley attributed the recent discord and confusion to a few individuals who he said may have been misinformed. The Ninth District Representative asserted: "People often fail to attend these crucial meetings

designed to provide the necessary information for understanding."

In an attempt to bring clarity to the situation, Hon. Wheatley pointed out that the origins of the Bug Out program can be traced back to the Chikungunya outbreaks that struck the Territory between 2012 and 2013, causing widespread panic. He noted that the Zika outbreak later in 2016 further underscored the urgency for action.

The Health Minister said that in response, the British Virgin Islands adopted an unconventional approach, and collaborated with Green VI to launch the Bug Out initiative. The primary mission of this initiative, he noted was to reduce the mosquito population, and to combat the spread of diseases like Chikungunya, Zika, dengue, and others.

Hon. Wheatley noted that despite achieving a 50% reduction in the Aedes

(Stegomyia) Aegypti mosquito population through various methods over the years, there has been no further significant progress. As such the Health Minister expressed concerns about waiting for more serious diseases such as malaria or yellow fever to emerge and stressed the need to aim for a mosquito population as close to zero as possible.

He stated that rather than resorting to the conventional method of fogging, officials opted for the Wolbachia approach, which offers a more sustainable solution. Hon. Wheatley detailed, "Extensive discussions and meetings were held to evaluate how this method would function and be received by the community."

Entomologist Dr. Amy Lynd, who is part of the Bug Out team explained that since January 2023, Green VI has been releasing male Aedes Aegypti mosquitos

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three times a week. Dr. Lynd clarified, "These male mosquitos have a very short lifespan, so consistent releases are necessary to mate with the emerging females from their breeding sites. We initially began

in Handsome Bay and have since expanded our operations into The Valley over the past seven months. We have further expansion plans, including areas like North Road, Fishers Cove, and St. Mary's Church."

The Bug Out program continues to navigate the fine line between public health and community concerns, with ongoing dialogue shaping its future."

PREMIER IS VERY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE ECONOMY AND UPCOMING TOURIST SEASON

Premier Dr. Natalio Wheatley has staunchly defended the financial health of the Territory's economy, dispelling worries of an impending downturn. During a recent press conference, political commentator Cindy Rosan questioned the Premier about the economy's apparent sluggishness in the wake of rising crime and burglaries.

Premier Wheatley, however, vehemently refuted the notion of economic stagnation, pointing to ongoing economic activities and tourism prospects as indicators of resilience.

The exchange began when Rosan minced no words in stating: "The economy is slow. It's not moving."

In response, Premier Wheatley fired back with a flurry of examples showcasing pockets of economic vibrancy within



Dr. the Hon. Natalio D. Wheatley


the Territory. He highlighted key locales such as Peter Island, Norman Island, and Nanny Cay as thriving hubs of commercial activity. Additionally, he offered a glimpse of the "soon-to-be-developed" Prospect Reef resort as a potential game-changer set to inject new life into the local economy.

"We have a multitude of initiatives in the pipeline, many of which will be unveiled in the upcoming budget speech. These initiatives are designed to invigorate the economy, bolster small businesses, and drive growth. I firmly

believe our economy is far from underperforming," Premier Wheatley asserted. While acknowledging the impact of new government spending regulations, Premier Wheatley conceded that the slowed procurement process might give the impression of reduced government expenditure in the economy.

However, Hon. Wheatley remained confident in the tourism sector, predicting a record-breaking year ahead. Premier Wheatley disclosed that the forthcoming tourist season is poised to be one of the best in the Territory's history, potentially eclipsing the remarkable 2016, which saw 1.1 million visitors. While specific figures for the current year were not disclosed, he expressed optimism regarding the prospects of a thriving tourist season.

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CCTV NETWORK ACROSS THE TERRITORY IS WORKING WELL AND UNDERGOING SIGNIFICANT EXPANSION

In a recent press conference held on 12 October, Commissioner of Police Mr. Mark Collins revealed that the Territory is on the cusp of completing an extensive CCTV camera roll-out. This positive announcement came during a media inquiry into the role of CCTV footage in crime-solving and security within the BVI.

The RVIPF commenced its CCTV camera installation project a few years ago but only some areas were covered. During the press conference,

a member of the media asked the Commissioner about malfunctioning CCTV cameras within the network, and in response Collins stated: "I'm not sure about any times when CCTV is not working. I mean, we have a good network of CCTV across the Territory now, and we are in the final stages of that roll-out."

Expanding on the challenges faced during the implementation process, the Commissioner explained: "There have been some delays due to the

installation of fiber optic lines and other infrastructure requirements. So, it has taken longer than anticipated. However, we also have a robust network of privately owned CCTV systems, and business CCTV setups, and our officers are equipped with body-worn cameras, which further enhance our capabilities when responding to incidents."

Highlighting the importance of video evidence, Commissioner Collins stated: "The prevalence of CCTV footage has

significantly improved our ability to gather and access evidence, thanks to both the CCTV network and body-worn cameras."

While acknowledging the occasional limitations of the system, he noted: "Of course, there will be times when an incident occurs, and the camera may not capture it, or network connectivity issues may arise. However, I must emphasize that I haven't received many reports indicating that the

CCTV system is consistently non-operational."

Earlier this year, the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force (RVIPF) had urged the VI community to embrace CCTV camera usage, particularly following a spate of burglaries. Chief Inspector Vernon Larocque stressed the convenience and accessibility of modern CCTV technology, underscoring its affordability and ease of installation.

PREMIER EMPHASIZES READINESS TO POSSIBLE SCHOOL SHOOTINGS

Premier and Minister of Finance, Dr. the Hon. Natalio D. Wheatley, has sounded a call to action for the Territory to proactively prepare for potential threats, including the unsettling global trend of school shootings. During a press conference on 12 October, Dr. Wheatley emphasized the necessity of readiness, despite the VI having no history of such incidents.

Drawing upon his prior experience as the Education Minister, Wheatley observed that the British Virgin Islands' preparedness efforts had traditionally focused on natural disasters, a gap in addressing the distinct challenges posed by school shootings.

"As we see around the world, the alarming occurrence of school shootings and related

events, even though we have not encountered such incidents here, it is our responsibility to recognize these global trends and equip ourselves accordingly," he stressed.

The Premier pledged to engage with relevant officials, with a particular focus on the Education Minister, to ensure the establishment of robust responses and comprehensive plans to effectively manage any such horrendous incidents.

Meanwhile, Commissioner of the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force Mark Collins reassured the community that the RVIPF is already well-equipped and prepared to manage situations involving school shootings or potential threats. He cited a recent incident at Elmore

Stout High School (ESHS) as a testament to their readiness.

During this incident, a report had been received concerning a masked individual with a firearm on the school premises. The Commissioner commended his officers for their swift response, saying: "Within a few minutes of that incident being reported... I had a firearms commander and Chief Inspector at the school, coordinating resources and addressing the situation head-on."

This cited incident occurred on 9 October and

the Ministry of Education disclosed that the matter originated from an alleged act of retaliation connected to a stolen bicycle. It was stated that law enforcement was called in to assist, resulting in the detainment of individuals who had returned to the school premises, including one individual wearing a mask.

The Ministry clarified that no firearms or other weapons were found in the possession of those involved. An imitation firearm was discovered but was not linked to the school.

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Public Officers Complete Preventative Maintenance Training



Thirty (30) public officers have completed a Preventative Maintenance Training, provided through the Virgin Islands Public Service Learning Institute (VIPSLI).

The training is the product of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) inked in July with the H. Lavity Stoutt Community College (HLSCC). Through the MoU, the institute and the HLSCC will partner to deliver critical training to public officers in various career groups.

The two-day training immersed maintenance personnel from throughout the Public Service into the area of preventative maintenance. Individuals were equipped with the knowledge, skills and were given hands-on experience with the best practices to proactively identify, prevent, and address maintenance issues in a systematic and efficient manner.

Permanent Secretary in

the Office of the Deputy Governor, Mrs. Sharleen DaBreo-Lettsome, MBE commented on the Government's commitment to ensuring that public officers at all levels receive the knowledge and skills necessary to be effective in their roles.

Mrs. DaBreo-Lettsome said, "We have a major responsibility to ensure that public officers at all grades are exposed to the learning and development opportunities that will aid them in the execution of their duties. This particular offering is a reflection of our commitment to ensuring that all Government employees, regardless of their career, can access opportunities for development."

Interim Director of the Virgin Islands Public Service Learning Institute, Dr. Connie E. George said, "VIPSLI is committed to building capacity throughout the service. We are putting strategic focus into ensuring

the Public Service is filled with highly knowledgeable and capable officers."

Throughout the two days, the officers received information that allowed them to understand the significance of preventative maintenance, identify critical maintenance tasks, developing effective preventative maintenance plans and improving safety practices. All attendees received official certificates, highlighting the significant milestone.

The completion of this cohort of attendees marks the beginning of a training programme that will be ongoing, ensuring that all Maintenance Officers have the opportunity to advance their skills and knowledge. A second cohort of officers will partake in the training on November 16 and 17.

The Government of the Virgin Islands remains committed to the learning and development of all public officers.

Cabinet Approves 2024 Public Holidays

Acting in accordance with Section 5 of the Public Holidays Act (Cap 199), as amended, Cabinet has approved the following public holidays for 2024:

Monday, 1st January - New Year's Day

**Monday, 4th March - The Anniversary of the Birth of Hamilton Lavity Stoutt
(In lieu of Thursday, 7th March)**

Friday, 29th March - Good Friday

Monday, 1st April - Easter Monday

Monday, 20th May - Whit Monday

**Friday, 14th June - Sovereign's Birthday
(to be confirmed)**

Monday, 1st July - Virgin Islands Day

Monday, 5th August - Emancipation Monday

Tuesday, 6th August - Emancipation Tuesday

Wednesday, 7th August - Emancipation Wednesday

Monday, 21st October - Heroes and Foreparents Day

Monday, 25th November - The Commemoration of the Great March of 1949 and the Restoration of the Legislative Council

Wednesday, 25th December - Christmas Day

Thursday, 26th December - Boxing Day

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VI Receives Payout For Tropical Storm Philippe Damage

The Government of the Virgin Islands has received US\$552,297 from the Caribbean Catastrophe Risk Insurance Facility (CCRIF) to assist in recovery efforts

following the passage of Tropical Storm Philippe on October 4.

The storm caused widespread damage to homes, businesses,

infrastructure and agriculture in the Territory. The payout was made under the facility's excess rainfall policy and is the first since the Territory joined CCRIF in 2018.

Premier and Minister of Finance Honourable Dr. Natalio Wheatley said the Government and people of the Virgin Islands are grateful to CCRIF for the timely and much-needed financial support in accordance with the agreement, which will help with the recovery and reconstruction efforts.

Premier Wheatley said, "This payout will enable us to address some of the most urgent needs of our people and restore some normalcy to our islands."

The Premier said he recognises that additional financial and other resources

will be needed to assist with the recovery process and a Contingency Warrant would be issued to the Public Work Department in the amount of \$500,000 separate and apart from the insurance proceeds, to aid with the recovery and rebuilding of the Territory from damages caused by Philippe.

Premier Wheatley congratulated the members of his government for their foresight in entering into such an insurance policy for times like these whereby they can mitigate its financial gap in funding its recovery efforts.





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- (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)

THIS IS NOT A DRILL: R.CITY TO HEADLINE VIRGIN GORDA'S NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION

Spanish Town, Virgin Gorda, October 23, 2023 - With a long awaited mix-tape set to be released on October 27, R. City, the dynamic musical duo composed of brothers Theron and Timothy Thomas will have their first LIVE, in person event at Virgin Gorda's Yacht Harbour's, More for 2024 on December 31, 2023.

The album titled, This is Not a Drill...This is Really Happening, is the first music released by the group, since 2017. The brothers, who are originally from the US Virgin Islands have had over a decade of international success as recording artists touring the world, and more recently with Theron Thomas winning his first Grammy as a songwriter for Lizzo's, About Damn Time.

The duo's manager, Benny-Demus said the two are excited to have their first LIVE performance, close to home. "Those taking part in the celebrations for More for 2024 in Virgin Gorda will be the first to experience R. City's new music live and we are

all thrilled to be able to share this experience with fans and family in Virgin Gorda. R. City is prepping to give BVI an unforgettable performance to usher in what we all hope will be a great 2024." Launched in September, More for 2024 is the first of its kind New Year's Eve celebration for the island of Virgin Gorda. Organizers have promised an exciting evening of music, food, culture and community spirit to usher in the new year.

Property-Manager, Alejandro-Chometowski said the night promises to be an unforgettable celebration of music. "Along with R. City, we believe that we were able to get some of the BVI's best bands to entertain patrons throughout the night. If you like fungi music, Leon and the Hotshots and Razor Blades will be performing live. If you like calypso and soca, Evolution Band promises to keep our spirits up throughout the night. And if you are looking for original Virgin Islands calypso and cover music, Elvis White

and Final Faze will keep you dancing all night long."

Don't miss the chance to ring in 2024 with an unforgettable night of music and revelry.

The event is free to the public, but for a VIP experience, tickets can be purchased by visiting the event website - www.vgyh.events.

The theme More For 2024 seeks to provide more local entertainment opportunities

for the community, more ways to showcase the arts and culture of the BVI, more ways to attract tourists to BVI shores, and more ways for the community to gather and celebrate the diversity of

the Virgin Islands.

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



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- Ensure the enjoyment and safety of the guest.

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

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Bvi Airports Authority Celebrates Air Traffic Control Office

Air Traffic Controllers at the BVI Airports Authority (the Authority) were recognised for their invaluable contributions when the Virgin Islands observed International Air Traffic Control Day on October 20.

A recognition ceremony was held at the Authority's compound in Beef Island, and was addressed by Minister of Communications and Works, Honourable Kye Rymer, and members of the Authority's team.

Honourable Rymer expressed gratitude to the workers and stated that he supports the vital work carried out by the controllers.

"We appreciate the work you do, and the ministry is fully committed to supporting the growth and further development of the air traffic services in the Virgin Islands," Honourable Rymer said.

Acting Director of Operations, Mr. Darryl Flanders, joined in celebrating the Air

Traffic Controllers and acknowledged their unwavering dedication to their work, "Today we celebrate you. We truly appreciate you for all that you do as air traffic services are crucial to our operations. I cannot thank you enough for your dedication to keeping our aerodromes safe and coordinated," he said.

Human Resources Manager Ms. Karid Penn, shared her appreciation for the exceptional team, emphasising that, "our people are our most important asset here at the Authority."

Ms. Penn expressed the HR department's delight in celebrating the special group of individuals and acknowledged their significant contributions. She added, "It is not every day that a special day is set aside to celebrate our staff so I am delighted to celebrate International Air Traffic Control Day with all of you."

Corporate Administrator Ms. Drusilla F. Fahie thanked the Air Traffic Controllers on behalf of the Chairman of the Board of Directors for their stellar contributions to the Authority.

Ms. Fahie reassured the workers that the Board is fully committed to supporting the initiatives of the ATC unit and will ensure continued delivery of exemplary services.

She said, "You Air Traffic Controllers are our unsung heroes, you are not often seen, but your effects on our operations are seen, heard and felt loudly; we are, simply because of you and we thank you". Ms. Fahie also praised the controllers for their exemplary service and encouraged them to continue shining in their crucial roles.

Meanwhile, Officer in Charge, representing the Managing Director Mr. Elvis Harrigan, emphasized the pivotal role played by air traffic services in the daily operations of the Authority. He said the controllers work tirelessly behind the scenes, playing a pivotal role in ensuring the safe and efficient flow of air traffic at the Territory's airports.

Mr. Harrigan said, "We recognise the significance of air traffic services in the day-to-day operations of our airports. Your work is the unseen force that keeps our aviation operations running smoothly. We are grateful for your dedication."

The celebration culminated

with each Air Traffic Controller receiving a token of appreciation from the BVI Airports Authority in recognition of their outstanding contributions and commitment.

The BVIAA takes great pride in honoring the remarkable individuals who make our airspace safer, more efficient, and reliable. International Air Traffic Control Day serves as a reminder of the vital role played by Air Traffic Controllers in the aviation industry.



Survey On Granting Residence And Belonger Status Is Closed

The public is notified that the survey based on granting Residence and Belonger status closed Wednesday, October 25.

The survey link can be directly accessed via <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TJWWLM2> or on the Government of the Virgin Islands' official website.

For additional information persons can email the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sustainable Development at mtcsd@gov.vg or telephone 468-2161.

Contract Signed For Road Rehabilitation Works At Hodge's Creek

The Government of the Virgin Islands has signed a contract for the rehabilitation of the roadway from Hodges Creek Marina to Paraquita Bay at the Cutlass Tower.

The contract in the amount of Two million, three hundred and eighty six thousand, fifteen dollars and ninety-nine cents (\$2,386,015.99) was awarded to Northam Construction Ltd and is expected to be completed in a six (6) month timeline.

Premier and Minister of Finance Honourable Dr. Natalio Wheatley stated that his Government is committed to solving the age old challenges that the Territory has in relation to road infrastructure.

The Premier said the Minister of Communications and Works has a comprehensive plan for routes throughout the Territory and is waiting on the financing to be able to execute those plans.

Premier Wheatley said, "As the budget speech is coming up, you will hear more about our plans to borrow so that we can provide the public with the roads that they deserve. Considering that I am not only the Premier and Minister for Finance, but the Representative for the Seventh District, I am doubly pleased that the people of this district who have had to cope with dilapidated roads and potholes will soon see some level of relief, and I have great confidence that Northam Construction Ltd will be able to deliver the type of quality of roads that our people deserve."

Minister for Communication and Works Honourable Kye Rymer gave a synopsis of the works to be completed from Hodge's Creek Marina to Paraquita Bay and noted that going forward, roads will be rehabilitated and maintained to a higher standard than they were done in the past.

Honourable Rymer said, "The road infrastructure of the Territory requires our urgent attention and as a Government, we understand the impact that the road network has, not only in providing a smooth road for the enjoyment of motorists, but more important providing a safe passage in the prevention of accidents and safeguarding motorists and pedestrians alike."

The minister said there is the need for a comprehensive road rehabilitation programme that not only reconstructs our roadways, but includes and incorporates all the utilities such as Water and Sewerage Department, BVI Electricity Corporation and the Territory's telecommunication companies.

Honourable Rymer added, "As a result, any major roadway development to be undertaken will incorporate the plans of the various utility companies to ensure that digging up after the roads are rehabilitated would be minimised."

Managing Director of Northam Construction Ltd Mr. Lordon Hamlet thanked the Government of the Virgin Islands for choosing his company to complete the



road rehabilitation works.

Mr. Hamlet said, "Firstly I want to thank God for giving us the health, strength and desire to undertake these ventures. I want to thank the Government of the Virgin Islands for the opportunity, and I want to thank my project team for holding it down and delivering this. I

also want to say that we are eager and ready to start this project and deliver on time and in budget."

The full video of the contract signing can be viewed on the Government's Facebook page at BVIGovernment.

The Ministry of Communications and

Works continues to ensure the continued development and maintenance of public infrastructure in keeping with international standards so that public utilities are reliable and affordable in support of an enhanced community life for every resident and visitor in the Virgin Islands.



Governor's Office and Office of Gender Affairs mark International Day of the Girl

Earlier this month the Governor's Office in collaboration with the Office of Gender Affairs observed International Day of the Girl on 11th October. The aim of this year's campaign was to highlight inspirational girls who are helping to drive change locally.

To mark the occasion, the Governor accompanied by Chief of Staff at the Governor's Office, Mrs Geraldine Ritter Freeman, and Gender Affairs Coordinator, Ms Patricia Hackett, met three motivated young women who are in, or seeking to be, in careers which are often considered male dominated.

Ms. Brianna Brewley age 26 years, who works at Autland Heavy Equipment Company, where she operates the machinery,

Ms. D'Andra Lewis, age 26 years, who is a Boat Captain and the Managing Director of Hidden Points Charter Services and Ms. Nia Davies, age 19 years, who has completed her Associate Degrees in Surveying, Architecture and Construction.

The aim of the meeting was to understand how they arrived in their respective professions, the challenges they face and what more could be done to support other girls in future.

His Excellency Governor John Rankin said 'It is a privilege to meet inspiring young women and celebrate them as they continue to break barriers and encourage the next generation of girls. Achieving gender equality is integral to resilient

economies and strong, free societies – it is the right and smart thing to do'.

Ms Patricia Hackett said "I'm very proud of these young women and commended them for choosing male dominated skills, something that was unheard of many decades ago in the Caribbean. If we are to achieve gender equality, girls and women need to enjoy the same opportunities as men and boys in terms of career choices and education. Office of Gender Affairs will endeavour to play a pivotal role in promoting and encouraging more young women to choose non-traditional skills in the BVI. Mentoring young women would augur well in going forward".



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Customer Service Leaders Complete ‘Train The Trainers Course’

Eleven (11) customer service leaders in the Public Service have completed the “Train the Trainer-Customer Service Course”, facilitated by Virgin Atlantic Limited.

The training was conducted through the Virgin Islands Public Service Learning Institute and engaged individuals in sessions that targeted their understanding of customers and their needs and engaging customers at a professional standard among other modules.

Permanent Secretary in the Office of the Deputy Governor, Mrs. Sharleen DaBreo-Lettsome, MBE said, “It is paramount that we continue to ensure that the individuals who are charged with leading customer service are continuously exposed to the international standards for customer service. This is an important step as we work toward building a World Class Public Service.”

Virgin Atlantic was awarded “World’s Best Airline” in 2021 at the TTG Travel Industry Awards, a travel awards programme that is noted as the “toughest” and “most coveted”.

Mrs. DaBreo-Lettsome said this is a testament to their globally recognised customer service programme. She said customer service professionals from Virgin Atlantic Limited conducted the training and attendees gained detailed understanding of how the company has built its customer service model, and have received guidance on how to apply these best-practices to the Public Service.

Meanwhile, Director of Customer Service, Ms. Kedimone Rubaine, who also attended the workshop, gave an outlook of what the training could mean for the future of the Government’s approach to customer service.

Ms. Rubaine said, “A major component of the plan to curate an exceptional customer experience,

is ensuring that we can continue to look at how we do things and identify where we can improve. Virgin Atlantic has given us a fresh perspective and we look forward to implementing some excellent initiatives.”

Ms. Rubaine added, “The Customer Service leaders will give input into the training modules and customise these for the Public Service. Training for the Public Service will begin in early 2024. We will work with the frontline officers at Ports of Entry and other highly-trafficked customer facing departments”

Interim Director of the Virgin Islands Public Service Learning Institute, Dr. Connie E. George said, “We take pride in being able to facilitate training opportunities

like these. This is a welcomed advancement on our mission to expand the development of our customer service professionals; we will continue to provide learning opportunities that support the vision for Public Service Excellence.”

The attendees at the three day workshop were:

Kedimone Rubaine

Michel Ambrose

Akilah Forde-Vanterpool

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GLOBAL NEWS BRIEF

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ARGENTINA - Against all odds, Sergio Massa won the first round of the presidential elections in Argentina on Sunday. Winning 36.6% of the vote, the economy minister put a stop to the far-right tsunami. Javier Milei, the political phenomenon who burst into Argentine politics ready to break everything with a chainsaw, won 30%. The two will head to the runoff on November 19.

The results of the first round of the presidential election was a miracle for Massa and a frustration for Milei, who was hoping to win the elections outright (by winning 45% or reaching 40% with a difference of 10 points over the runner-up). In the case of Massa, the victory was particularly miraculous given the dire economic state of the country, where inflation is at 140%, 40% of people live in poverty and the Central Bank is in the red.

At the end of the day, the fear of Milei was greater than voters' anger at the government. Coming in third place was Patricia Bullrich, from Juntos por Cambio (Together for Change), the alliance that

brought Mauricio Macri to power in 2015. The former security minister won 23.8% of the votes and was knocked out of the race. It is a historic defeat for Argentina's traditional right, which did not see Milei coming and is struggling to staunch its decline. [EL PAIS]

ITALY - **A n d r e a** Giamb Bruno, the former partner of Premier Giorgia Meloni, has been reported by the self-governing order of journalists in Lombardy to its local disciplinary board in relation to sleazy comments made in off-air recordings broadcast by the satirical news programme Striscia la Notizia, sources said on Monday.

Giamb Bruno, 42, has been a freelance journalist since 2014.

On Friday Meloni, 46, announced that she was separating from her partner and father of her 7-year-old daughter Ginevra after ten years.

He is also heard apparently admitting to an affair with another female colleague. [ANSA]

ISRAEL - Israel has declared war on the Hamas militant group after surprise multifront terror attacks

by Hamas from Gaza on October 7. The current conflict has already claimed thousands of Israeli and Palestinian lives.

Israel has said it struck Hamas targets in Gaza on Monday as well as thwarting a Hezbollah strike from Lebanon. Meanwhile, Gaza's Hamas-run Health Ministry says the death toll has passed 5,000.

At least 5,087 Palestinians have been killed since Israel launched retaliatory air strikes in Gaza on October 7, the Hamas-run Health Ministry in Gaza said.

Of those, 2,055 were children, and 1,119 were women. Another 15,273 people were wounded in the strikes, the ministry said.

The numbers of dead and injured from Gaza cannot be independently verified

Israel declared war on Hamas after the militant group broke through border defenses and killed more than 1,400 people in Israel on October 7.

Israel says it only strikes Hamas militants in the densely populated Gaza Strip. Civilians caught in the crossfire, however, have borne the brunt of the war.

Palestinians have been cut off from food and water. EU foreign ministers are meeting Monday to discuss the situation as much-needed aid slowly trickles into Gaza. [Deutsche Welle]

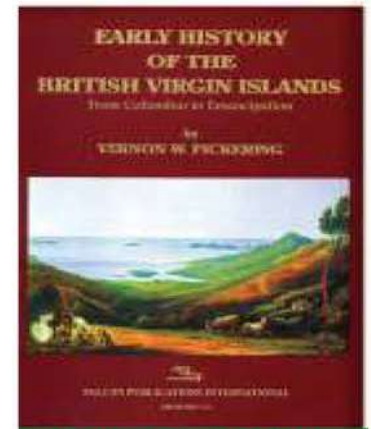
POLAND - "A victory for Tusk, the former European Council president, would bring Poland closer to its European allies and restore support for Ukraine. His Civic Coalition (KO) party ran with the Third Way and the New Left on separate lists, but with a common commitment to restore relations with Europe," Al Jazeera wrote.

The Euronews portal listed things that are obvious after the elections. It noted a major shift among voters. "Polish voters have decided that they want a change of direction for the country not only politically, but also socially and culturally," it said. At stake in the election was the health of the constitutional order, a stance on LGBTQ+ rights and abortion, as well as the foreign relations of a country that was a key ally of Ukraine after the Russian invasion began," it wrote.

"The election, seen as one of the most important in decades, was seen as a choice between defending Poland's sovereignty and liberal values," wrote the reporters of the U.S. daily The New York Times. The parliamentary elections, held after a fierce campaign in a highly polarized country, were closely watched abroad, including in Russia and Ukraine. "The parliamentary elections, held after a fierce campaign in a highly polarized country, were closely watched abroad, including in Russia and Ukraine," they added.

"The vote is seen as the most important election for the EU this year, potentially redefining relations between Brussels and the largest member state in Central and Eastern Europe after years of wrangling," the Financial Times wrote. [Warsaw Voice]

CARIBBEAN - The Caribbean is witnessing a worrying increase in heart disease cases, especially among its younger population. This trend can be traced back to a shift in lifestyle habits, such as increased consumption of processed foods, reduced



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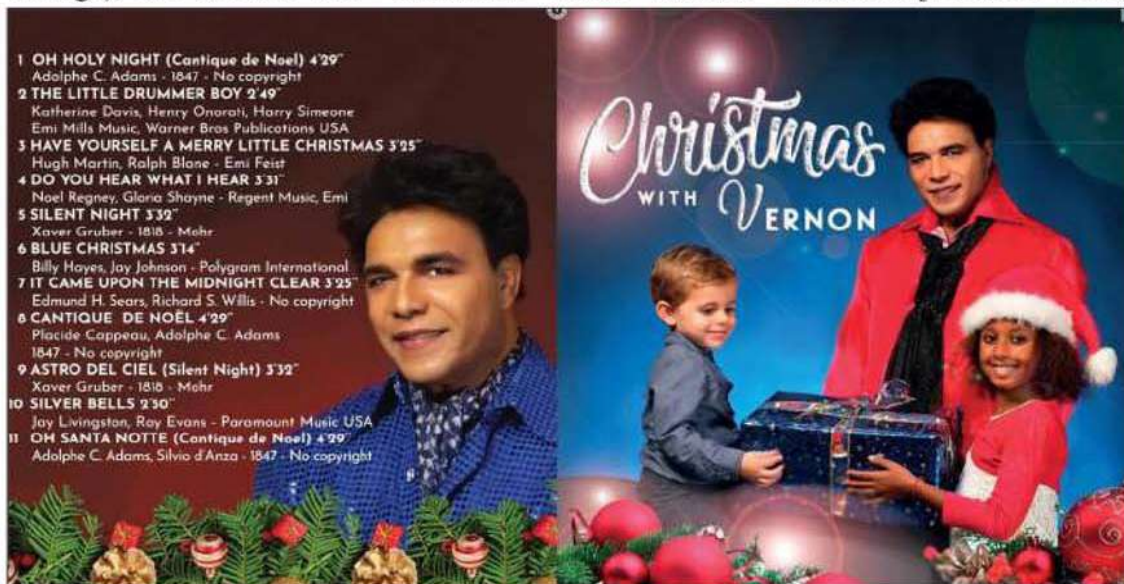
physical activity, and a rise in tobacco consumption, among other factors.

CARPHA takes the lead: Initiatives to counter the threat

To address this health crisis, the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) is partnering with regional entities to roll out various campaigns.

Notably, the Caribbean Expanded Salt Initiative and the Six-Point Policy Package stand out as efforts to reduce salt intake, combat childhood obesity, and champion heart-healthy habits. According to media reports, Dr. Heather Armstrong, who leads Chronic Disease and Injury at CARPHA, stresses the pivotal role of personal responsibility.

Regular medical screenings and embracing heart-conscious lifestyles, rich in wholesome foods, can mitigate many risks. Further, communities can bolster these efforts by ensuring access to exercise-friendly zones and a variety of fresh, nutritious produce [CNW]



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Divas On A Dime

BVIHSA SUCCESSFULLY RAISES FUNDS FOR THE BVI CANCER SOCIETY THROUGH PINK BINGO



In support of the fight against breast cancer, the BVI Health Services Authority (BVIHSA) held a successful “Pink Bingo” event on Friday, 20 October. This fundraising initiative took place in the Lobby of the Dr. D. Orlando Smith Hospital.

This special Pink Bingo encouraged staff of the BVIHSA to wear pink or hold something Pink when they declared “BINGO.” Although it was a fun event, there were also brief remarks about the impact of cancer in the Territory and the role that the BVI Cancer Society plays in helping persons affected by this dreadful disease.

Friday’s Bingo was a part of the larger “BVIHSA Goes Pink” campaign that is aimed at highlighting the importance of breast cancer awareness; and prevention throughout the month. Other significant activities under this campaign include a Continuing Medical Education session for healthcare workers, the release of public service announcement videos; and the waiving of National Health Insurance copay on mammograms for the

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Ladyburd Talks...

Dear Readers: There are not many weeks left until December, in fact not many left until Christmas itself. Are you thinking about getting ready for the festive season yet?

Have you started your shopping?

If you need some inspiration for how to get your home ready for the holiday season then look no further.

We also want to encourage you to think about saving money this Christmas season too.

1. DECLUTTER

Before you start to spread festive cheer, the first step is to spend some time in each room and work through any piles of clothes, paperwork, home accessories or built up clutter. Send un

wanted items to charity or recycling to give your home a fresh, ready-to-go home.

2. DEEP CLEAN

It's not fun but before you get all the Christmas decorations out, give your home a thorough clean to make it sparkle. It will freshen and revitalise your space instantly.

<https://lovechicliving.co.uk/25-easy-ways-to-a-christmas-ready-home/> (Continue next week)



LIGHT BULB MOMENTS

"I remind myself every morning: Nothing I say this day will teach me anything. So, if I'm going to learn, I must do it by listening."

—Larry King

Poetry Corner

I Promise Myself

To be so strong that nothing can disturb my peace of mind.

To talk health, happiness, and prosperity to every person I meet.

To make all my friends feel that there is something worthwhile in them.

To look at the sunny side of everything and make my optimism come true.

To think only of the best, to work only for the best

and to expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about

the success of

others as I am about my own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

To wear a cheerful expression at all times and give a smile

to every living creature I meet.

To give so much time to improving myself that I

have no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear,

and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

To think well of myself and to proclaim this fact to the world, not in loud words, but in great deeds.

To live in the faith that the whole

world is on my side,

so long as I am true to the best that is in me.

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Tickle My Funny Bones



Twitter

A man tells his doctor,

"Doc, help me.

I'm addicted to Twitter!"

"The doctor replies,

"Sorry, I don't follow you ..."

Dinner

"I went out for a meal last night.

I ordered everything in French, and surprised everybody; it was a Chinese restaurant.

I said to this Chinese waiter, 'Look, this chicken I got here is cold.'

He said, 'It should be; it's been dead two weeks.'

'I said, 'Not only that,' I said. I said... I said it twice, I said, 'He's got one leg shorter than the other.'

He said, 'What do you want to do with it, eat it or dance with it?'

I said, 'Forget the chicken; give me a lobster.

And he brought me this lobster.

I said, 'Just a minute, he's only got one claw.'

He said, 'Well he's been in a fight.'

I said, 'Well give me the winner.'

PUN INTENDED

"I went to a Karaoke Bar last night that didn't play any 70s music. At first I was afraid, oh I was petrified."



Ladyburd's Mail Box

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Dear Ladyburd: I am writing you this letter with tears in my eyes. I have a 9 year old son, and his mother and I are separated a few years now, (we were not married) I am involved with someone else I am quite happy the way things are with my relationship with this other person. Every month I give my child's mother money for his food, school stuff etc. My Problem is: this woman do not want the child to spend any time with me, and Ladyburd, that is not right, she is trying to spite me and is hurting the child and I am going to take this to the authorities, if she do not do better. This woman revels in quarrelling, and I am not into that. Being Unfair.

Ladyburd: Dear Being Unfair: That is the problem with some women. When they have it good, they do not know it. Just imagine you are supporting your child, and she accepts your money with open arms, but she does not want you to see your child. That of course cannot be right, she should be happy that you are the type of father who cares about your child. If you know her mother or any relatives of hers, who you can dialog with, you should be able to talk to them and ask them to speak with your child's mother, and let her know the importance of a relationship with your child, because to deny you, that will have long term effect. (This is not the first time I am getting letters like yours, so it is an on-going problem with some women.

(Repeat)

BVIHSA SUCCESSFULLY RAISES FUNDS FOR THE BVI CANCER SOCIETY THROUGH PINK BINGO



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months of October and November.

The BVIHSA is thankful to sponsors who generously donated prizes for the Pink Bingo. These sponsors are One Mart Superstore, Mrs. Cedorene Malone-Smith, Mr. Purnel Christian Thomas, Dr. Asha-Marie Flax-Miller, and Dr. Allison Flax-Archer.

This is the second year the BVI Health Services has collaborated with the BVI Cancer Society to help raise awareness about Breast Cancer. Last year's collaboration was in the form of a Cancer Education Symposium that featured Breast Cancer Survivors sharing their experience, and cancer specialists answering questions about cancer treatment.

The BVIHSA remains committed to promoting the health and well-being of our community. We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated, contributed, and supported this initiative. Together, we can make a difference in the fight against breast cancer.





Spooktacular Spiced Dark Chocolate Brownie Pear-fect for Halloween

Are you ready for a ghoulishly delightful and creatively creepy dessert? This recipe may be a little unorthodox, but the results are sure to impress your Halloween party guests. We're taking the classic boxed brownie mix and turning it into something extraordinary. With a few simple tweaks and the addition of sculpted pears, you'll have a dessert that's both delicious and fun.

Since we're on the subject, here's how to give all your boxed brownie mixes a miraculous makeover. To the recipe on the box, consider these enhancements: Replace the oil with melted butter. Add an extra egg or just the yolk for extra richness. Swap out the water

with coffee for a flavor boost. Include a teaspoon of flavoring like vanilla or almond. And lastly, always stir the batter by hand, no need for a hand mixer.

By making these changes, no one will ever guess that you're using a boxed mix, and you'll end up with a luscious, homemade-like brownie.

This Spooktacular Pear-Infused Dark Chocolate Brownie Cake is a Halloween masterpiece, blending the richness of ginger and dark chocolate with the sweetness of pears in a creative and fun dessert.

GHOUISHLY GOOD SPICED DARK CHOCOLATE & PEAR BAKE

Yield: 12 servings

Total Time: 90 minutes

1/4 cup crystallized ginger, finely minced

2 teaspoons granulated sugar (divided)

1/3 cup melted butter

1 whole egg

1 egg, separated

1 (18-ounce) boxed supreme dark chocolate chunk brownie mix

2 teaspoons dried ground ginger

1/4 cup cold coffee or water

3 fresh unpeeled ripe Bosc pears

1 tablespoon cornstarch

Preheat your oven to 350 F and generously grease a 9-inch springform pan.

Begin by mincing the crystallized ginger with a teaspoon of granulated sugar (this helps prevent sticking). You'll need about 1/4 cup. Set aside.

Melt the butter, set aside. In two small bowls, separate the eggs. Add the second egg yolk and most of the white to the first egg and reserve about a tablespoon of the egg white for later as a glaze.

In a mixing bowl, combine the boxed brownie mix with the dried and crystallized ginger. Add the melted butter, coffee (or water), and the eggs. Stir by hand until just combined. Avoid over-mixing.

Pour the brownie batter into the prepared springform pan and bake at 350 F for 15 minutes. While the brownie partially bakes, it's time to sculpt the pears into

The Sunny Side Up

skull shapes.

Wash the pears but do not peel them. Cut them in half lengthwise and use a small spoon or apple corer to remove the core and the vein that runs to the top stem.

Position the halved pear so the flat side is down and the larger end of the pear is on top. Use a small spoon or apple corer to scoop out two holes for the eyes, then cut out the nose with a very small spoon or a straw. Use a paring knife to score the smaller end to look like teeth.

Drain excess moisture by placing them flat side down on paper towels. By now, your brownie should be partially baked. Remove the brownie and reduce the oven temperature to 300 F.

On a small plate, combine cornstarch with a teaspoon of sugar. Dip the cut side of each pear into the cornstarch mixture before placing them artistically on top of the partially baked brownie. Whip the reserved egg white with a teaspoon of sugar until frothy. Brush this glaze over the skulls.

Return the skull-infested brownie to the oven for 50 minutes.

Your guests will be thrilled by the hauntingly delicious creation you've prepared. Enjoy!

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Sinisterly Sweet and Spiced Skull Brownie

Virgin Islanders, Nikiesha Richards and April Glasgow Awarded in International Poetry Competition



Virgin Islanders, Nikiesha Richards and April Glasgow were awarded on October 20, 2023, for their winning entries in the KVI Network Creations LLC poetry competition. Nikiesha came in second with her untitled poem, and April placed third with her poem, “illuminate.” The winner was Juanita Rodgers from the United States with her poem, “Wanderlust.”



This poetry competition ran from September 1 to 30, 2023, and poets used word prompts like “enigma,” “egregious,” “euphoria,” “nostalgia,” “illuminate,” or “wanderlust” to create their pieces. The diverse panel of

judges rigorously assessed submissions based on clarity, creativity, structure, grammar, and more.

LLC is a platform for creative expression and talent.

(To view the poems by April and Nikiesha, please visit KVI Network LLC’s social media platforms.)



on the ground and making sure that our ways are clear.”

Director of the Public Works Department (PWD) Mr. Jeremy Hodge said while he was unable to be physically present on the tour, he hopes that this opens the door for formal policy development that will allow a better funded and streamlined process allowing the Public Works Department to comprehensively prepare for the Atlantic Hurricane Season.

Mr. Hodge said, “The passage of Tropical Storm Phillipe opened a window allowing my department to better mobilise to clean up after the tropical storm that brought several inches of water. The practice should allow for the PWD to be able to have the ability to carry out a significant cleaning of ghuts and drains than it normally would.”

The delegation included Deputy Premier and Minister for Financial Services, Labour, and Trade, Honourable Lorna Smith, OBE; Minister for Health and Social Development, Honourable Vincent Wheatley; Junior Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries, Dr.

KVI Network Creations,

The Honourable Karl Dawson; Acting Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Communications and Works, Mrs. Elvia Smith-Maduro;

Deputy Director at Public Works Department, Mr. Kurt Hodge and delegates from the private sector.



Photo of Minister for Communications and Works, Honourable Kye Rymer



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Honourable Rymer And Team Assess Drainage In Road Town

Minister for Communications and Works Honourable Kye Rymer led a delegation through several areas of Road Town to assess the drainage situation ahead of Tropical Storm Tammy.

Honourable Rymer stated that the walkthrough was necessary to ensure that the appropriate man power was present and to identify all the areas of concern ahead of the weather that is expected to affect the Territory.

Honourable Rymer said, “As we are expecting extensive rain on the weekend, we are back looking at our drainage and our ghuts to ensure that they are cleared. Where we need to hire private contractors, we are doing so. We are out walking and looking at all the ghuts in the town area, and from there we will look at some other areas of concern. So today we are just out observing, making sure that we have enough people

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

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PART 4

THE FOUR PENCE AND ONE SHILLING STAMPS

In 1867 Waterlow & Sons, as subcontractors of Nissen & Parker printed a One Shilling stamp depicting the Virgin St. Ursula. The design was to inspire a lower 4 Pence denomination issued the following year.

The printers wanted to impress and produced this One Shilling stamp with a rather innovative bi-coloured process. The background design in rose carmine was printed in lithography, while the central figure of the Virgin in black was typographically printed separately in a second phase.



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1867 1s Black and Rose-Carmine with missing black causing the figure of St. Ursula to be omitted, pos.4, mint original gum (the only example recorded with original gum), trimmed perforations at top as is common with the very few examples that are thought to exist, fine and fresh. Provenance: W. H. Peckitt, Lord Crawford, Duveen, Arthur Hind, S. A. Brown, Tomasini. The Stanley Gibbons Stamp Catalogue 2024 evaluation is £150,000. This great rarity was auctioned by David Feldman (Geneva) in December 2015.

The frame of the basic 1867 One Shilling underwent two changes, the first and more subtle one merged the two lines into a single one. Copies with double-lined frame were largely utilised to make up a later third type with large crimson frames superimposed and are extremely difficult to locate. As was the case with their 1d and 6d. predecessors the double-lined frame stamps were printed on white and toned paper. However, a small quantity was also printed on bluish-grey paper and they are truly scarce.

Their third evolution with large crimson frames superimposed is also known printed on bluish-grey paper, and it is from the production of these very stamps that resulted the most glamorous rarity of the Virgin Islands -- the so-called "Missing Virgin".

In 1868 Waterlow & Sons, as subcontractors of Nissen & Parker printed a 4d. stamp showing a pictorial representation of the Virgin, which is often believed to be that of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Nevertheless, the

Virgin is an artistic re-elaboration of a seal of the Colony depicting *Astraea*, the Goddess of Justice.

THE MISSING VIRGIN

The early stamps are keenly studied by specialists and collectors who appreciate their beauty, exotic background and intrinsic rarity. Their price is still within reach even of collectors with relatively modest means, and the existence of three highly priced rarities is no deterrent for the serious collector.

The most remarkable stamp of the Virgin Islands Victorian era was never put on sale at the Road Town post office. In 1890, twenty-three years after its printing, the Virgin Islands 1 shilling error with the typographically printed figure of the Virgin omitted was discovered in London in a shop in the old Booksellers Row. The stunning error, of which only five examples are said to exist, was estimated between US\$160,000-220,000, but it is believed that when an example of this rarity is auctioned, it may fetch a much higher sum.

Despite its fame and glamour, the "The Missing Virgin" is not the rarest stamp of the Virgin Islands. There are at least two varieties of the One Shilling stamp with large crimson frames superimposed and overprinted "4D" which are much rarer.

Collectors who want to learn more about the stamps of the British Virgin Islands are encouraged to secure a copy of the "Specialised Stamp Catalogue of the British Virgin Islands: 1787-2001" by contacting the BVI Postal Administration.

The issues of the 1880s are quite attractive and hold much interest for the scholar. These stamps were the first local stamps to depict Queen Victoria; they utilised a common design featuring the profile of the monarch's head, turned left. They were introduced to save on stamp production costs; this was made possible by using the same key plate for nine different colonies and by inserting the colony's name using a duty plate.

The BVI was admitted into the Universal Postal Union on 1 July 1870 and, as a result, the first task was to adjust the postage rates. The available stocks would have been sufficient were it not for the lack of a 1/2d. denomination needed for inland mail and for making up the newly introduced 2 1/2d. rate. In the event, the comparatively inexpensive uniform 'Key Plate' type depicting the monarch was adopted and a red-brown 2 1/2d. denomination in this design was issued.

Ultimately, however, the colour of the stamps had to be changed to conform to the UPU 'scheme' (green for printed paper rate; red for post-card rate and blue for letter rate); this was eventually accomplished in two stages but not without some practical and philatelic consequences. In fact, the 'Key Plate' types printed in unorthodox colours succumbed to a premature demise. As a pertinent postscript it should be noted that, beginning in 1879, the UPU rate for 1/2 oz letters addressed to any member country was 4d. This, however, does not mean that the 4d denomination was the most heavily used since in making up that rate, more often than not, a combination of smaller denominations was used.

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THIS WEEK IN CORRUPTION

CORRUPTION AS A FUNDAMENTAL THREAT TO PEACE AND SECURITY

BY TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL

Research analysis by Roberto Martínez B. Kukutschka

The United Nations recognises that democracy is the best way to bring about international peace, and research has proven that democratic countries do not go to war against each other. But right now, democracy is backsliding around the world - and corruption is one of its greatest antagonists.

The Russian invasion of Ukraine in February 2022 exemplified how corrupt authoritarian regimes threaten international peace, security and economic stability. After his return to power in 2012, Vladimir Putin embarked on a campaign to remove all constitutional checks on his authority. Under his leadership, the Russian government has successfully weakened the autonomous political institutions, organisations and individuals that could constrain Putin's power or hold him accountable, cracked down on political opponents, passed new legislation that limits the space for civil society, banned almost all independent media and chased opponents into exile. At the same time, favouritism in the allocation of public contracts, licenses and concessions, kickbacks and other corrupt schemes helped a small group of oligarchs amass great fortunes that largely depend on their loyalty to the regime. In short, corruption facilitated the consolidation of autocracy in Russia, and once Putin was firmly entrenched in power, he had a free hand to pursue whatever policies he wanted - including war - with little opposition from domestic political and economic elites. Such blurred lines between business and politics in the country explain the lack of public opposition to Putin's decision to invade Ukraine even after several rounds of sanctions that have weakened the Russian economy.

The Russian invasion of Ukraine is perhaps the most extreme example of the dangers that serious corruption and weak checks on power at the domestic level can ultimately pose to international peace and security. Corruption, however, can also be used in much less obvious ways to destabilise a country. There are several historical examples of colonial and postcolonial powers deliberately corrupting the leaders of lands they sought to control. In the past few years, countries like Russia (28), Iran (25) and Qatar (58) have also exploited domestic loopholes in anti-corruption and government integrity systems to: weaken

political actors that threaten their interests; advance foreign policy goals; and undermine the people's trust in the government and institutions of the target country.

This poses a significant threat even for countries with high levels of public integrity and effective anti-corruption controls. While the threats might come from abroad, the vulnerabilities - including loopholes in lobbying, political finance and conflicts of interest regimes - are often home-grown and require action at the national level. Even countries at the top of the Corruption



Perceptions Index (CPI) need to look critically at their anti-corruption frameworks. These countries need to fully implement their international anti-corruption commitments and close the loopholes in their financial systems which help foreign actors - from corrupt politicians to organised crime leaders - hide their ill-gotten gains and undermine democracy. They also need to prioritise transparency of asset ownership, especially companies, trusts and real estate.

While the examples above show how domestic levels of corruption can become a source of regional or global instability or make a country vulnerable to undue influence from foreign actors, most of the research on the links between conflict and corruption highlights the destabilising effects of corruption within national borders. It is well documented that conflict creates new opportunities for bribery, rent-seeking and theft of public resources. In turn, corruption can also fuel conflict by:

- generating new or stimulating existing grievances in society that fuel violence
- weakening the capacity of the state to protect its citizens from threats like organised crime and terrorism, including by limiting the effectiveness of defence, security and law enforcement institutions
- undermining trust in government and the legitimacy of the state, which limits the state's ability to mediate emerging conflicts and credibly enforce negotiated agreements
- Cross-country studies have also found that anti-corruption is as important as a country's bureaucratic capacity in preventing the outbreak of civil war. Transparent and accountable governments that enact policies to benefit society at large instead of the narrow interests of a few tend to be better at keeping the peace within their national borders.



COMMENTARY

Capital is multigenerational

By Dickson Igwe



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September 21, 2023

Inherited Capital is the greatest source of social inequality. Capital ownership keeps specific families on top the social and wealth pyramid, for multiple generations. Capital and power are synonyms. The system of social class with its various divisions sits on the ownership of capital and wealth above any other consideration.

In the Virgin Islands, land ownership- land is capital- by the native population after slavery and the plantation, propelled certain families up the social ladder who remain at the top even to this day, aided by distinctions such as the ability to read and write, speak the Queen's English, wile, and a fairer skin.

OK. A glance at the list of global corporations and their owners tells a story. Most of these businesses are American, Chinese Pacific, and European. From Walmart to JP Morgan, Facebook to Twitter, Ali

Baba to Tik Tok, Virgin Atlantic and Dyson, Marriott to the Hilton, Apple and Google, Tesla and Exxon Mobil, Cartier, Christian Dior, and Louis Vuitton, then add a host of international businesses, from India to South Korea and Mexico to Nigeria –corporations concentrate wealth and power in a few hands.

Global capital, controlled by a handful of people and their families is the reality: the norm. Global corporations and their owners rule the world. Albeit, fund managers, trusts, offshore accounts, foundations, and complex securities, disguise this ownership. Global Capital uses an army of lawyers, accountants, bankers, financiers, security types, and administrators: the buffer between the 1% and the rest.

Then, the nature of capital is such that it outlasts its owners who are wise enough to ensure the control of these assets stays within their families or a select group of individuals and organizations after they die.

A second reality is that in societies that are strong scientifically, socially, and economically, sustaining wealth from one generation to the next is much easier than in poorer lands. A billionaire in the USA is better able to ensure future generations enjoy his wealth than a billionaire in Nigeria.

Social and economic stability better protects the wealthy. In a crisis-ridden land and war-torn country, a fortune is lost at the drop of a hat if the investor is not cautious.

Now, capital can pre-exist wealthy individuals, who are heirs to capital owned by their forebears, this achieved with wills, trusts, and foundations, the means of ensuring the continuing hegemony of the founders and pioneers after death. Trusts and wills ensure their children are unable to dispose of that capital when they pass on, this achieved through complex and elaborate legal and financial device.

One of the features of wealthy families is that they are inheritors of wealth and capital. The idea that all start at the same level, and

have access to the same opportunities, for example, the idea of the "American Dream" is fairy tale.

Inheritance drives social inequality in spite of attempts by socialist governments to create a level playing field through wealth tax, inheritance tax, and progressive taxation. Two similar individuals with equal competence, where one inherits millions and the other encumbered by poverty and deprivation. It is easy to know who will prevail in the game of life. Capital will ensure the former rules over the latter.

Then geography is a major part of why social inequality exists globally. A child born in a rich country with an income per capita exceeding \$50K with access to great healthcare and

education has better life chances than a child born in a poor and destitute country where the average income is \$1K per annum and life expectancy is 50. Education and competence may aid the child in the poor country, but usually that means migration to the richer land.

Capital ownership and inheritance are by no means the only factors in the wealth stakes. Education, competence and sheer good fortune all factor into why some are wealthy, middle income, and poor. Inheritance remains invincible as the route to wealth, however. Capital and its ownership is the most brutal divider of men into the different social and income groups. That is the narrative of history.

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Caribbean News / Regional News

Robust growth to continue in Guyana - IMF

GEORGETOWN, Guyana, CMC – The International Monetary Fund (IMF) in its new Regional Economic Outlook report for the Western Hemisphere says Guyana will continue to experience robust economic expansion even as other countries in Latin America and the Caribbean face less favourable growth conditions and brace for a slowdown in their productive sectors.

The report noted that Guyana should record a 38.4% real Gross Domestic Product

(GDP) growth rate this year and next year, the country's growth should continue with an expansion of 26.6% expected.

The debt taken on by the government is projected to be about 29.9% of GDP while a 7.2% inflation rate is also expected.

This debt refers to all external financial obligations including loans taken while inflation, generally, is the rate of price increases over a period of time.

Guyana is the only country expecting double-digit growth.

St Vincent and the Grenadines (6.2%) and Panama (6.0%) are the countries with the next highest growth rates.

The entire Latin America and Caribbean region expects a 2.3% growth rate this year while growth among the non-tourism-dependent countries in the Caribbean – Haiti, Guyana, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago -should be 13.6% this year.

The IMF also projects a 1.6% growth rate for South America and a 3.8% growth rate for the bloc of countries encompassing

Central America, Panama, and the Dominican Republic.

In Guyana's case, massive oil finds offshore are contributing to the high economic growth rates expected.

"... growth in the Caribbean commodity exporters will slow down in 2023 and further in 2024 as these countries face less favourable external conditions, although Guyana will continue to grow at a robust pace following the discovery of sizable oil reserves," the IMF said.

The slowdown in other

countries has been attributed to a weaker external environment, severe weather conditions, and a softening demand for tourism services.

In September, President Dr Irfaan Ali announced that Guyana recorded a 59.5% economic growth rate at the half-year mark with the non-oil economy growing by 12.3%.

Source: <https://jamaicagleaner.com/article/caribbean/20231015/robust-growth-continue-guyana-imf>

CARICOM Skilled Workers Programme Continues with CSME Focal Points Attachments

(CARICOM Secretariat, Turkeyen, Greater Georgetown, Guyana - Wednesday, 25 October 2023) Another phase of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Skilled Workers Programme began in Barbados, Tuesday. CARICOM Single Market and Economy (CSME) Focal points from Dominica, St. Vincent and the Grenadines and Belize were welcomed in Barbados as they started a one-week work-related attachment.

The initiative provides opportunities for learning best practices in the administration of the regimes of the CSME and to develop practical skills to assist Member States in implementing the CSME and decisions of the Organs and Bodies of the Caribbean Community. The aim is to foster advocates for

CARICOM integration through the exposure given to the participants.

This activity is supported under the 11th European Development Fund (EDF) Strengthening Framework for CARICOM Integration and Cooperation Process (SFCICP).

The visiting CSME Focal Points were greeted at the Office of the Prime Minister of Barbados by the Acting Permanent Secretary, Ms. Paula Byer; the host Focal Point Ms. Shenelle Richards and Mr. Titus Preville, Director, -CARICOM Single Market, CARICOM Secretariat.

Throughout the day the participants engaged local officials at the Barbados Accreditation Council; the Immigration Department and visited the Jean and Norma Holder Institute. Later in the afternoon they



had presentations at the CARICOM Secretariat, Single Market and Trade Directorate.

They will continue similar activities throughout the week before having a wrap up session on Friday, 27

October 2023.

CSME Focal Points from Saint Lucia and Trinidad and Tobago will be hosted in Belize from 29 October - 4 November 2023. The representatives from Antigua and Barbuda,

Barbados, Grenada and Haiti are slated to be in Guyana from 19 to 25 November 2023 and Focal Points from Guyana, Montserrat, Jamaica and Suriname will be in Trinidad and Tobago - 3 to 9 December 2023.

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Johnson Next Republican to Try to Win House Speaker Role

Another Republican in the U.S. House of Representatives may seek a floor vote Wednesday to try to become the chamber's next speaker, after lawmakers struggled for three weeks to fill one of the top leadership roles in the U.S. government.

Republicans meeting in a closed-door session late Tuesday picked Representative Mike Johnson as their latest House speaker candidate, and the fourth since Representative Kevin McCarthy was ousted from the job.

Johnson is a lawmaker from the state of Louisiana who rallied Republicans around former President Donald Trump's legal effort to overturn the results of the 2020 election.

He received 128 votes Tuesday night to beat other candidates. McCarthy, who was not a declared

candidate, came in second place with 43 votes.

It was unclear if Johnson would be able to muster the support of most of the Republicans in the House, something the three previous candidates to replace McCarthy have been unable to do.

Republicans hold a slim 221-212 majority, and with Democrats united behind House Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries, any Republican candidate can only lose a few Republican votes and still achieve the simple majority threshold to win the speaker role.

Republicans moved on to Johnson after another candidate, Representative Tom Emmer, withdrew his candidacy earlier Tuesday.

Emmer had outlasted eight other candidates in rounds of secret balloting. The 62-year-old Emmer has served as majority whip, one

of the top leadership posts in the House Republican Conference, since earlier this year.

Former President Donald Trump posted on his Truth Social media platform early Tuesday afternoon that he did not know Emmer well and referred to him as a RINO – a term meaning Republican in Name Only.

"The Republican Party cannot take that chance, because that's not where the America First Voters are. Voting for a Globalist RINO like Tom Emmer would be a tragic mistake!" Trump posted.

As many as 20 Republican House lawmakers said they would not vote for Emmer, leading to his withdrawal.

The role of speaker of the House has been vacant since October 3 when eight Republicans joined with all 212 House Democrats to make McCarthy the first-ever



Republican Mike Johnson has been nominated to become speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, Oct. 24, 2023.

Republicans made their fourth pick in two weeks, underlining the chaos engulfing the fragmented party after previous nominees failed to win the gavel.

speaker to be removed from his position.

A right-wing faction of the Republican Party was displeased with McCarthy for passing a short-term measure funding the government to keep it open past a September 30 deadline with Democratic legislators' help.

Since McCarthy's ouster, House Republicans have been unsuccessful in coalescing around a replacement. They first nominated Representative Steve Scalise of the southern state of Louisiana, who was not able to secure the needed votes.

The Republican caucus next gave its nod to Representative Jim Jordan of the Midwestern state

of Ohio. Jordan is a conservative firebrand and staunch supporter of Trump.

But Jordan also failed to gain a 217-vote majority in the House, falling well short on a first vote in the full House and then losing ground on two subsequent ballots.

The Republican infighting has left the role of speaker unfilled, leaving the House unable to respond to crucial budget matters. A Nov. 17 deadline looms for budget issues to be resolved or a partial government shutdown will go into effect.

The speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives is second in the line of presidential succession.

Sudan Cease-Fire Talks to Resume Thursday in Saudi Arabia

STATE DEPARTMENT —

Talks between Sudan's warring factions will resume Thursday in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, with a focus on securing access for humanitarian aid to reach beleaguered civilians, according to senior U.S. State Department officials.

The United States and Saudi Arabia have brokered multiple cease-fires between the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) at talks in Jeddah since May, but fighting has continued in Khartoum and elsewhere, with each side accusing the other of cease-fire violations.

The U.S. adjourned the talks on June 21.

"The new round will focus on ensuring unhindered humanitarian access, achieving cease-fires, and other confidence-building measures to create conditions for the safe delivery of humanitarian assistance," a senior official

said.

The official emphasized that Thursday's talks will not tackle political matters, as both belligerents have been clearly informed that "there is no acceptable military solution to this conflict."

The SAF and RSF have been fighting each other since April 15, triggering a humanitarian crisis in Sudan and in neighboring countries.

Senior U.S. officials have stated that both sides, by choosing to pursue conflicts that involve indiscriminate artillery and drone strikes causing civilian casualties, have demonstrated their unsuitability for governance in post-conflict Sudan.

Sudan's neighbors in the Horn of Africa are playing a role in the latest negotiations as the regional bloc IGAD, or Intergovernmental Authority on Development, will facilitate the resumed talks.

IGAD Executive Secretary Workneh Gebeyehu, a former

foreign minister of Ethiopia, will take part in the talks for the African Union.

"We've been in constant communication with our colleagues from IGAD, as well as the African Union. They are in agreement that relaunching Jeddah is essential," another senior State Department official told reporters in a phone briefing.

IGAD is one of the regional economic communities recognized by the African Union. It has eight members: Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan and Uganda.

Sudanese civilians need access to the essentials of life, which include food, shelter, medicine and security, says Alex Rondos, senior adviser for United States Institute of Peace's Africa Center.

"The toughest and boldest decision for Sudan is whether an external force will be needed to protect supply routes, logistics centers and critical infrastructure," Rondos wrote in a recent Peace Institute

publication.

Sudan has become the largest internal displacement crisis in the world. An estimated 5.6 million people have been displaced within

and outside Sudan after more than six months of fighting, according to the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.



A Sudanese woman, who fled the conflict in Murnei in Sudan's Darfur region, walks beside carts carrying her family belongings upon crossing the border between Sudan and Chad in Adre, Chad, Aug. 2, 2023.

SPORTS

'We are serious about making Netball something to be proud of'

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

ROAD RACING

After returning from the inclement weather affected 'Battle of the Saints' Netball Tournament in St. Maarten with a bronze medal, Technical Director of BVI Netball Mandi Attack, said their aim is to raise the awareness of the sport.

"Literally, we are starting to encourage the government to understand, that we are serious about making netball in the BVI, something that people should be proud of," Attack said. "The girls that went out on this tournament, made the BVI proud. They've come back with a trophy, medals around their necks, social media has pushed us this weekend, which has been amazing and people have acknowledged that and have shared the social media and encouraged all the women that traveled this time, to bring back a trophy. We brought back that trophy, so therefore, give us a few

years and we could be something to reckon with."

The BVI opened the tournament with a 90-18 loss to St. Kitts-Nevis, then rebounded with a 63-10 victory over Guadeloupe. They lost the next two to St. Maarten, 67-45 and 51-41.

"It was an amazing experience it was definite exposure for the BVI team to see what is required to take on an international netball tournament. And it was a huge learning curve in which my girls came out fully learning and positive with it," Attack said. "They are so keen now to take on other countries and to start getting more matches under their belt, to get ranking points, in order to get ranked in the world."

The idea of the tournament Attack noted, was for each country to play each other twice, then playoff for medals and all teams could have had ranking points, but Tropical Storm Tammy interrupted play and they were only able to get the minimal number of matches in,

in order to get the ranking points for the tournament—now World Netball. Attack described St. Kitts as a semi pro team that is already ranked. She said it was an awesome experience for the girls.

"Their eyes were opened to how netball is played outside of the BVI and they had that shock for the first time," she noted. "When they came out against Guadeloupe, they came out firing. Each time they played, they got better and better. It's just a shame that we weren't able to squeeze in a couple more games, in order to show their true colors of what they can actually do."

Against St. Maarten, she said they were able to see them play, analyzed them and knew what they had to do. They went out there, tried their best and when that didn't work, they adapted. She was proud of the team keeping St. Maarten within 10-12 points. Furthermore, she noted, they also need to travel with more than 12 players to make switches, in case there's an injury, it doesn't take the team down, which also keeps fresh legs on the



BVI Netball team at the 'Battle of the Saints' tournament with the St. Maarten Sports Minister

court.

"The girls have tried with their fitness throughout, but now I think they really appreciate what our fitness trainer has put them through, they now appreciate why he does that," Attack said. "Each time they go to their fitness class, they'll step up even more, in order to prove they can survive 60 minutes, full out."

As they were unable to obtain the ranking points they're seeking, Attack said BVI Netball need to invite international teams in order

to play top class netball, and people understand that the sport which was played annually between 1972 and 1992, including playing in the Caribbean Netball Tournament, be brought back to the territory.

"Bringing those teams in and people understanding what netball is again, we can only then grow from there," she said. "Once people understand it's a fascinating sport and enjoyable to watch, we hope the schools will start to bring that into their educational strategies."

New Maurant College Classic Series course unveiling on Virgin Gorda

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

ROAD RACING

A new course will be unveiled on Saturday when the Maurant College Classic Series opens at 7 a.m. on Virgin Gorda.

"We have a brand new course in Virgin Gorda, because the College's location has changed to a new location called Village Rose, which is very close to Bucks Supermarket, and this year, we're heading from the location to The Baths and back, which will be very different for the race series," Race Director Stephanie Russ Penn told Island Sun Sports. "That is something to see how this goes and get feedback and see how people like that change, but I'm excited to see how it pans out, what it looks like and what it brings to the 2023 series."

This year she said, they have been looking where the series is as time progresses since it was

introduced in October, 1996 and piloting something different and this year, decided to do a fun run edition, which includes less races. Each race she said is a standalone event with awards being doled out after each race.

"The first race on Tortola, we were able to award the top runners, the top 10-15 between the One Mile and 2 Mile races and that would be the same plan as we go to Virgin Gorda to have our kickoff for the first race there," Russ Penn explained. "Most of the reception was still good, the race was still quick, people were able to get their award immediately, there was no waiting. You could still come, do your conditioning, walk-run, your push hard or not push hard and it was a small intimate race (with 57 participants) and for that one, you found most people actually got to go home with something. Even though we were giving medals for

the top awardees, we were still able to give something through our sponsors, so it was an added incentive maybe for your efforts in getting up so early. I think people get up early every year as they look forward to the races which I'm happy about."

The race on Virgin Gorda Russ Penn said, is a race for a cause and she has been happy that they have been able to maintain a relationship with the Valley Sound Lions Club, who have been instrumental in the success of races there. This race focus is on breast cancer and people are encouraged to wear pink.

"Persons are encouraged to come out and bring a donation, so that we can all collectively contribute to breast cancer awareness for this first race," Russ Penn said, noting that for the Nov 11 race in Virgin Gorda the focus will be on diabetes awareness and persons are encouraged to wear blue.



Virgin Gorda Road Runners participants who competed over the weekend, will run again on Saturday

The final race on Tortola will be on Nov 4. Tropical Storm Tammy cancelled the Oct 21st race and she said that she's evaluating the format for the final race as the plan was to run it as the Elite Relay Exchange, which has become a nice addition to the series in the last two years.

"Since we didn't get to do race

two, I'm evaluating which is the best format to use," Russ Penn said. "And it's possible that we might run it as an individual race like race one and forego the Relay Exchange for 2023. I'll make that decision by the end of this week, before we start to promote that race but it will be the final race in Tortola."

SPORTS



The BVI Netball team with their 3rd place award in the "Battle of the Saints" Netball



Dominica and BVI will meet again on Nov 16 in a winner's take all Nations League match at the A. O. Shirley Grounds. The winner gets promoted to League B



Tropical Storm Tammy did not stop the Virgin Gorda Road Runners-Walkers from competing in Saturday's event



The BVI team that faced Dominica in St. Lucia on Oct 12 at the Darren Sammy Ground



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Countries with the Longest Life Expectancy



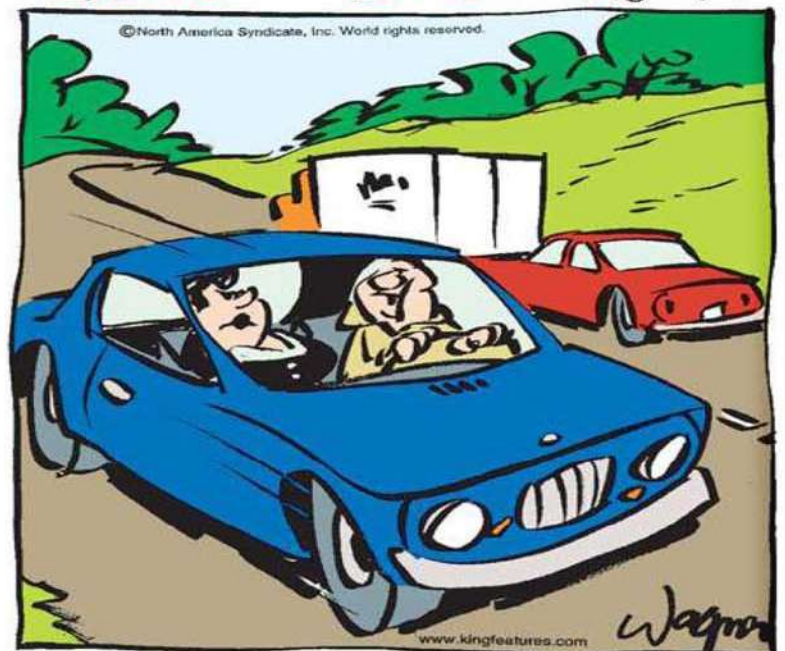
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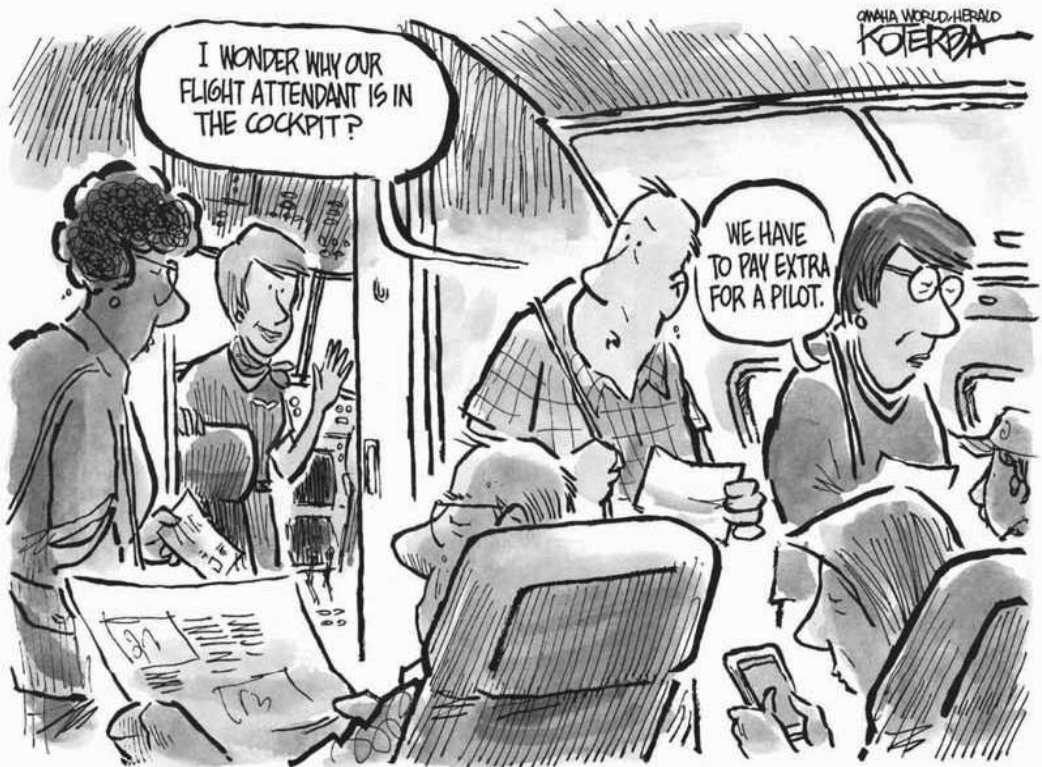
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Out on a Limb



celebrity extra

by Dana Jackson

Q. I read that Martin Scorsese's new movie is more than three hours long. Will it have an intermission? What is the longest movie ever made anyway? — *K.K.*

A. Widely considered one of America's greatest film directors, Martin Scorsese is known for making films that are anything but short. His latest release, "Killers of the Flower Moon," clocks in at three hours and 26 minutes, and he makes no apologies for not having an intermission. He recently told the Hindustan Times that if viewers at home "can sit in front of the TV and watch something for five hours," people can sit and watch a movie in theaters for more than three hours.

However, he doesn't mention that many Broadway plays and musicals do include intermissions, and those who prefer the couch to their local movie-house have the option to hit pause for a bathroom break. But if "Killers of the Flower Moon" turns out to be as great as the initial reviews are stating, you won't want to take a break, even if your bladder has other ideas.

According to Guinness World Records, the longest film ever made is the aptly titled "The Cure for Insomnia," an 85-hour experimental movie that was released in 1987. Before that film, 1963's "Cleopatra," starring Elizabeth Taylor, premiered at four hours and three minutes, but was then edited down to three hours and four minutes.

When "Titanic" came out in 1997, the debate about intermissions was brought up. Director James Cameron didn't seem concerned, though, and even went beyond that length last year with his film "Avatar: The Way of Water," which audiences flocked to see despite it being three hours and 12 minutes.

Q. Is it true that "Monk" is coming back? Will it still have the same cast and, obviously, Tony Shalhoub? — *L.S.*

A. Tony Shalhoub is soon returning to his three-time Emmy-winning role of Detective Adrian Monk, but in the form of a movie, not a new series. "Mr. Monk's Last Case: A Monk Movie" reunites the cast for the first time since the series ended in 2009. Returning are Ted Levine as Leland, Jason Gray-Stan-



Deposiphotos
Director Martin Scorsese
("Killers of the Flower Moon")

ford as Randy and Traylor Howard as Natalie. Bitty Schram is also expected to appear as Sharona in flashback scenes.

Also, despite its definitive-sounding title, the series' creator, Andy Breckman, says that he hopes to follow it up with another movie someday. "A Monk Movie" premieres Dec. 8 on Peacock.

Q. Is it true that Michael Caine is retiring from acting? What was his final movie? — *B.N.*

A. Yes, the acclaimed two-time Oscar winner Michael Caine is now 90 years old and is done accepting roles. He's starred in more than 100 films and wants to end his career on a high note, having earned great reviews for his current and final film "The Great Escaper." In the movie, he plays a nursing home resident who breaks out to attend the 70th anniversary of the D-Day landings at Normandy.

However, Caine isn't done exploring art. He's written his first work of fiction, a thriller called "Deadly Game," and plans to keep writing. "Deadly Game" will be released on Amazon and in stores on Nov. 23.

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The Spats

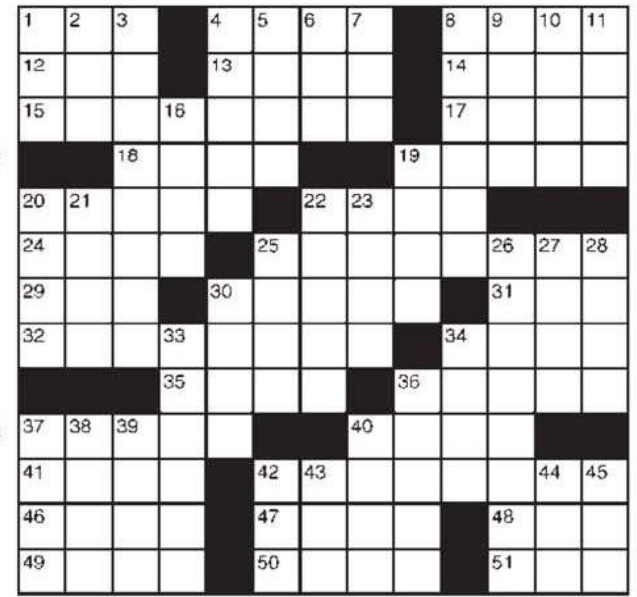
by Jeff Pickering



King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Lass
- 4 Choose
- 8 Beanies
- 12 Historic time
- 13 Actor's quest
- 14 Theater award
- 15 Contingency funds
- 17 Goddess of victory
- 18 Orange veggies
- 19 Pursuing
- 20 Cellist Casals
- 22 Innocent one
- 24 New York canal
- 25 Misfortune
- 29 Balloon filler
- 30 Pal
- 31 Big D.C. lobby
- 32 Melancholy melodies
- 34 Alike (Fr.)
- 35 Aftermath
- 36 Condition
- 37 Of the Arctic
- 40 Chinese dynasty
- 41 Egg
- 42 Believed
- 46 Ganges wrap
- 47 Skip
- 48 Apprehend



- 49 BPOE members
- 50 Lectern locale
- 51 Sticky stuff
- 7 Lock opener
- 8 Have a huddle
- 9 Slightly
- 10 Toll road
- 11 Crystal gazer
- 16 Like ganders
- 19 "Dear —"
- 20 Stew veggies
- 21 Operatic solo
- 22 Police ID
- 23 Tosses in
- 25 Nonsense
- 26 Attractive
- 27 "I smell —!"
- 28 Hardy cabbage
- 30 Sow's mate
- 33 Hindu teachers
- 34 Sicilian volcano
- 36 Prepares flour
- 37 Sit for a photo
- 38 Ellipse
- 39 Hide in the bushes
- 40 1502, in Old Rome
- 42 Brick carrier
- 43 "I — Rock"
- 44 Eastern "way"
- 45 "Game of Thrones" ailer

DOWN

- 1 Prized possession
- 2 Altar constellation
- 3 Small beetle
- 4 Teaser ad
- 5 Charged bits
- 6 The Browns, on scoreboards

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

- ♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
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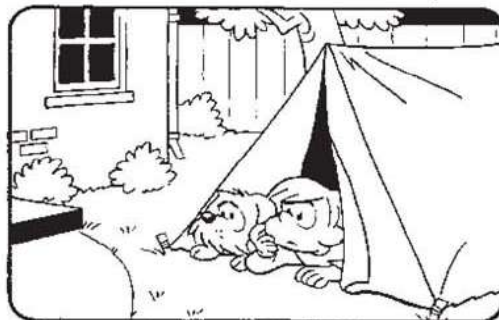
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Shutters are missing. 2. Swing is missing. 3. Dog's tongue is hidden. 4. Cap is missing. 5. Bug spray is missing. 6. Flip is smaller.

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Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 26 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a male duck called?
2. LITERATURE: Who wrote the novel "Pride and Prejudice"?
3. ASTRONOMY: In which constellation are the gas and dust clouds called the Pillars of Creation located?
4. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president died at his retreat in Warm Springs, Georgia?
5. MOVIES: Which 1999 movie features a character named Neo?
6. MEDICAL: Which part of the human body is affected by Bright's Disease?
7. TELEVISION: In which state is the sitcom "Newhart" set?
8. GEOGRAPHY: What is the tallest mountain in Africa?
9. HISTORY: Which politician made the phrase "Iron Curtain" famous in a speech about eastern Europe?
10. U.S. STATES: What is the capital of South Dakota?

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1. A drake; 2. Jane Austen; 3. Serpens; 4. Franklin Roosevelt; 5. "The Matrix"; 6. The kidneys; 7. Vermont; 8. Mount Kilimanjaro; 9. Winston Churchill; 10. Pierre.

Trivia Test Answers

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



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BIBLE TRIVIA
by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Acts (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. What companion of Paul was commended for his holy scripture knowledge since childhood? *Timothy, Linus, Trophimus, Jude*
3. From 1 John 4:8, "He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is _____." *Honor, Love, Everlasting, Comfort*
4. What king unwittingly signed a decree causing Daniel to be thrown into the lions' den? *Elah, Jabin, Darius, Agag*
5. Because Moses was standing on holy ground, what did God tell him to remove? *Cloak, Hat, Shoes, Armor*
6. In Judges 16, who said, "Let me die with the Philistines"? *Samson, Micah, Delilah, Manoah*

ANSWERS: 1) New, 2) Timothy, 3) Love, 4) Darius, 5) Shoes, 6) Samson

"Test Your Bible Knowledge," a book with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in stores and online.

Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- In a survey of hundreds of Oreo cookie eaters, Kraft Foods came to the conclusion that biters were easygoing and self-confident; dunkers displayed a more energetic and adventurous side; and twisters leaned toward the sensitive and trendy.
- The average person spends 38 days brushing their teeth during their lifetime.
- Not only does the moon have its own time zones, but an astronomer designed a watch relying on "lunations," the amount of time it takes for the moon to revolve and rotate around the earth.

• There are more than 10 holidays that support chocolate. Naturally, we fully support that.

• The "Trembling Giant" in Utah's Fishlake National Forest includes over 47,000 quaking aspen trees that share the same root system. Some scientists have estimated its age at nearly a million years old.

• An hour of drumming will burn between 400-600 calories. That's more than hiking or weightlifting.

• The oldest known prosthetic wear, a toe made primarily of wood and bound with leather thread, possibly dating to 950 B.C., was discovered on the mummified body of an Egyptian noblewoman in Cairo in 2000.

• Male Hercules beetles possess an elongated horn that can surpass their body length.

• Stanford University's English department offers a course titled "The Last Great American Songwriter: Storytelling with Taylor Swift Through the Eras," in which students analyze Swift's albums and draw connections between her lyrics and classic literature.

• Only four words in the English language end in "dous."

• Cambodian bamboo trains are made of an electric generator and a makeshift bamboo platform for seating and run at speeds of up to 40 km per hour. While unmaintained tracks do indeed make for some bumpy rides, at least the fares are low.

Thought for the Day: "Doubt kills more dreams than failure ever will." — Suzy Kassem

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

Let no one be found among you who sacrifices their son or daughter in the fire, who practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft, or casts spells, or who is a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead. Anyone who does these things is detestable to the Lord...

Detail of "Witches Presenting Wax Dolls to the Devil" from The History of Witches and Wizards (1729)

DEUTERONOMY 18:10-12

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might be growing impatient with a situation that seems to resist the efforts made to resolve it. But staying with it raises the odds that you'll find a way to a successful resolution eventually.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Travel and kinship are strong in the Bovine's aspect this week. This would be a good time to combine the two and take a trip to see family members for a preholiday get-together.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A colleague could make a request you're uncomfortable with. If this is the case, say so. Better to disappoint someone by sticking to your principles than disappointing yourself if you don't.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The Moon Child's ability to adapt to life's ebbs and flows helps you deal with changes that you might confront at work or at home — or both. Things settle down by the weekend.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) It's a good week for Leos and Leonas to get some long-outstanding business matters resolved. Then go ahead and plan a fun-filled family getaway weekend with your mate and the cubs.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A possible workplace change seems promising. If you decide to look into it, try not to form an opinion based on a small part of the picture. Wait for the full image to develop.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A newcomer helps keep things moving. There might be some bumpy moments along the way, but at least you're headed in the right direction. You win praise for your choices.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You could be pleasantly surprised by how a decision about something opens up an unexpected new option. Also, assistance on a project could come from a surprising source.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) With more information to work with, you might now be able to start the process that could lead to a major change. Reserve the weekend for family and friends.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) This could be a good time to gather information that will help you turn a long-held idea into something substantive. Meanwhile, a personal matter might need attention.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A new challenge might carry some surprises, but you should be able to handle them using what you already know. That new supporter should be there to lend assistance.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Someone might try to disguise their true motives. But the perceptive and perspicacious Pisces should have little to no problem finding the truth in all that foggy rhetoric.

BORN THIS WEEK: You can always rely on your elusive skills to help you find solutions to problems that others often give up on.

HOLLYWOOD

by Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD — Glenn Close has become a Netflix darling. Her first and most recent film for the streaming service was “Heart of Stone,” co-starring Gal Gadot and Jamie Dornan, which dropped Aug. 11. Then comes the horror thriller “The Deliverance,” with Mo’Nique and Omar Epps, followed by the comedy “Back in Action,” with Jamie Foxx, Cameron Diaz and Kyle Chandler.

In addition, she also co-stars in “Brothers,” a comedy with Josh Brodin, Peter Dinklage and Oscar winner Brendan Fraser, which will be released in theaters.

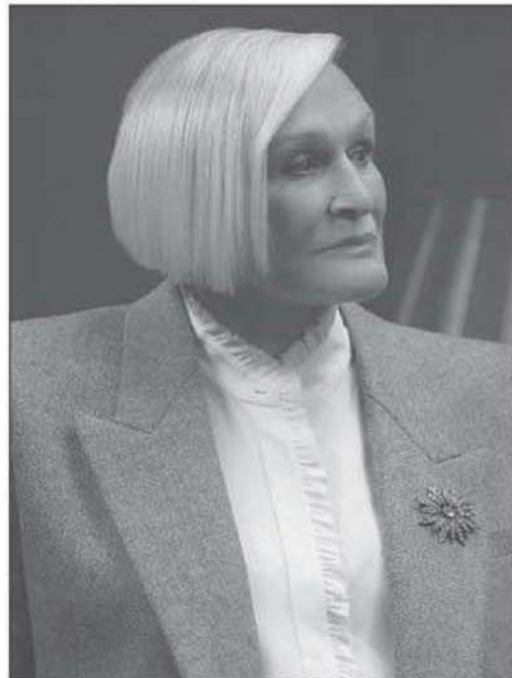
We’ve had biopics on “Elvis” (the Priscilla Presley biopic drops Nov. 3) and we’ve seen one on Whitney Houston, but a Michael Jackson biopic is long overdue. So, Lionsgate is taking on the task. Simply called “Michael,” it’ll star Jaafar Jackson, son of Michael’s brother Jermaine. The film will cover Michael’s life, minus anything relating to the alleged sexual abuse of children, since the film’s being made with the blessing of Jackson’s estate.

Jaafar is 27 and was raised in Encino, California. His debut song, “Got Me Singing,” was released in 2019. The edge he brings may be that he grew up with Michael’s children and knew his uncle well.

Richard Gere is back at work with the comedy “Longing,” co-starring Diane Kruger. He’s then set to star in Paul Schrader’s drama “Oh, Canada” with Uma Thurman and up-and-coming superstar Jacob Elordi.

In addition to playing Elvis Presley in “Priscilla,” Elordi will star in the drama “On Swift Horses,” with Daisy Edgar-Jones and Will Poulter. He has completed two steamy seasons of “Euphoria” and is prepping for season three, which won’t be released until 2025.

Have the powers that be in the black tower of Universal Studios completely lost their minds? What could have possessed them to shell out \$400 mil-



Robert Viglasky/Netflix

Glenn Close in “Heart of Stone”

lion to acquire the rights to “The Exorcist” franchise? Their plan is to create a new trilogy of “Exorcist” films after the first one — “The Exorcist: Believer” (costing \$30 million and grossing \$85.2 million so far) — was released on Oct. 6. The film afforded critics a field day that may not make it a big box-office bonanza.

It stars Leslie Odom Jr. (of “Hamilton” fame and currently on Broadway in “Purlie Victorious”), Ann Dowd and Jennifer Nettles. It also features a cameo from Ellen Burstyn, star of the original “Exorcist” (1973). The second installment, “The Exorcist: Deceiver,” isn’t due until sometime in 2025.

Universal’s only hope to recoup their investment may be waiting after November 2024 when their big-screen version of the Broadway megahit “Wicked” opens. However, there’s no telling how audiences will feel about waiting a year for part two (like with “Dune”). It stars Ariana Grande, Cynthia Erivo, Oscar winner Michelle Yeoh and Jeff Goldblum as the Wizard of Oz. Universal’s going to have a “Wicked” time trying to recoup their “Exorcist” money.

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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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HYPERTENSION ONE OF THE MOST NON COMMUNICABLE DISEASES IN THE REGION

By CMC News, PLR, CNW

The Trinidad-based Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) says hypertension, also known as high blood pressure, is the number one risk factor for illness and premature death from cardiovascular disease, and one of the most common non-communicable diseases (NCDs) in the Caribbean region.

“This disease may go undetected, thus getting your blood pressure checked frequently is especially important so that timely treatment, including lifestyle changes and/or medication, can be started to reduce progression to complications,” said CARPHA’s Dr Joy St John in observance of World Hypertension Day.

World Hypertension Day is being observed this year under the theme “Measure Your Blood Pressure Accurately, Control It, Live Longer,” with health officials saying the objective is to raise awareness, promote hypertension detection and encourage citizens of all countries to prevent and control this silent killer. CARPHA said that the non-Latin Caribbean has the greatest mortality rate from cardiovascular disease, estimated at 418 per 100,000 inhabitants.

It said that a study that examined 10-year mortality trends in 20 English and Dutch-speaking Caribbean countries found that cardiovascular disease accounted for most deaths, estimated at between 13-25 per cent, with Montserrat,

Bermuda and Trinidad and Tobago having the highest percentages.

In the adult population aged 30-79, the regional age-standardized prevalence of hypertension was 35.4 per cent in 2019. It was more substantial in men (37.6 per cent) compared to women (33.3 per cent).

The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) in 2021 noted that the top 20 per cent of countries in the world with the highest prevalence included countries in the Caribbean, with Dominica (47.7 per cent) having the highest prevalence and Belize with the lowest prevalence (38 per cent).

From PLR and other sources this newspaper has learned that hypertension is often called the “silent killer” because it can damage your heart, kidney, and brain, even though you feel no symptoms. Blood pressure is the force exerted by circulating blood on the walls of blood vessels, and constitutes one of the principal vital signs. If your blood pressure is normal, you can work with your health care team to keep it that way. If your blood pressure is too high, you need treatment to prevent damage to your body’s organs. High blood pressure is dangerous because it makes the heart work too hard and contributes to atherosclerosis (hardening of the arteries). Blood pressure is a measure of how hard the blood pushes against the walls of your arteries as it moves through your body.

Doctors do not know what causes high blood pressure in



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90 to 95 percent of people who have it. In about 10 percent of patients, the disease can be traced to specific causes: heredity, kidney abnormalities, adrenal gland tumors, diabetes, chronic kidney disease, hormone abnormalities, use of birth control pills, pregnancy or a congenital narrowing of the aorta. Other possible causes of higher blood pressure are weight gain and decreased physical activity in winter. The nicotine in cigarettes and other tobacco products causes your blood vessels to constrict and your heart to beat faster, which temporarily raises your blood pressure. In some people, alcohol causes blood pressure to rise quite a lot.

The key for any high blood pressure treatment is to bring the condition under proper control. Treatment depends on how high your blood pressure is, whether you have other health problems such as diabetes, and whether any organs have already been damaged. Treatment begins with changes you can make to your lifestyle to help lower your blood pressure and reduce your risk of heart disease.

You want to achieve your treatment goal, but sometimes it seems your blood pressure just doesn’t want to budge. You and your doctor can carefully review your treatment and lifestyle to see what’s going on.

For hypertension that isn’t controlled by diet and exercise, new treatment guidelines for hypertension recommend that most patients be started on a thiazide-type diuretic, unless there is a compelling need for a different class of medications.

However, the biggest problem with treatment of high blood pressure is not a lack of knowledge, but a lack of the application of our current knowledge.



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Gardenvale Investment Ltd
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Wayne S. Franci
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[23/1]

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[23/2]

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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 2nd October 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 2nd October 2023
(Sgd) Myron Walwyn
Voluntary Liquidator
[23/3]

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Dated 2nd October 2023
(Sgd) Myron Walwyn
Voluntary Liquidator
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(Sgd) Myron Walwyn
Voluntary Liquidator
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(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
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Dated 2nd October 2023
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Voluntary Liquidator
[23/10]

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Company No. 2128479
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Dated: 19th October 2023.
(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator
[23/11]

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Company No. 2128450
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Voluntary Liquidator
[23/12]

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(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2016979
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 15th day of June 2023. The Liquidator is **Ray A. George of Long Trench, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated this 15th day of June 2023
Ray A. George
Voluntary Liquidator
[23/13]

GLOBAL TRADEMARK LICENSE LTD.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1591220
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 20th day of October, 2023.
Dated this 20th day of October, 2023
Sgd. Brian Jackson
Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[23/14]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.
SILVER DRAGON GLOBAL LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1959368
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 20th, 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: October 20th, 2023
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator
[23/15]

Xiangsheng Harmony Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 2047514
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 20th day of October, 2023. The Liquidator is **Phillip A. Fenty of Belisarius Building, Wickhams Cay II, Tortola VG1110, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated this 20th day of October, 2023
Sgd. Phillip A. Fenty
Phillip A. Fenty
Voluntary Liquidator
[23/16]

Euro Professional Services Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1010787
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 20th day of October, 2023. The Liquidator is **Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated this 20th day of October, 2023
Sgd. Brian Jackson
Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[23/17]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004
HOME SOLUTIONS HOLDINGS LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1996454
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 **Jason Jagessar of Sea Meadow House, Road Town VG1110, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: 17th October 2023.
(Sgd.) **Jason Jagessar**
Voluntary Liquidator
[23/18]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004
HOME SOLUTIONS TECHNOLOGY LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1998775
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 **Jason Jagessar of Sea Meadow House, Road Town VG1110, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: 17th October 2023.
(Sgd.) **Jason Jagessar**
Voluntary Liquidator
[23/19]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act
Almaz-Asia KZ Ltd.
(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company No. 326427
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 10th October 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 11th October 2023
(Sgd) Myron Walwyn
Voluntary Liquidator
[23/20]

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

REDSMITH ENTERPRISES LTD.
(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company No. 1855779
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 10th October 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 11th October 2023
(Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**
Voluntary Liquidator [23/21]

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

TVS TELECOM (PTY) LTD.
(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company No. 217126
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 10th October 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 11th October 2023
(Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**
Voluntary Liquidator [23/22]

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

DE HEERD INVESTMENTS LIMITED
(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company No. 61199
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 10th October 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 11th October 2023
(Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**
Voluntary Liquidator [23/23]

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

TOURMALINE GROUP LTD.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1828935
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 20th day of October 2023. The Liquidator is **Ray A. George of Long Trench, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated this 20th day of October 2023

Ray A. George
Voluntary Liquidator
[23/24]

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

Livy Natural Ltd.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1880314
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 18 October 2023. The Liquidator is **Ray A. George of Long Trench, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Ray A. George
Voluntary Liquidator
[23/25]

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

TRAVEL WORLD INVESTMENT LTD.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1054484
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 18th day of October 2023. The Liquidator is **Ray George of Long Trench, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated this 18th day of October 2023

Ray George
Voluntary Liquidator
[23/26]

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

ROSSI COMMERCIAL (BVI) Ltd.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1449877
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 10th day of October 2023. The Liquidator is **RAYA. GEORGE of Long Trench, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated 10th day of October 2023.

RAYA. GEORGE
Voluntary Liquidator
[23/27]

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

LCBMK LTD.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1779634
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 10th day of October 2023. The Liquidator is **Ray George of Long Trench, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated this 10th day of October 2023

Ray George
Voluntary Liquidator
[23/28]

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

MORAX VENTURES CORP.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1523311
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 3rd day of October 2023. The Liquidator is **RAY A. GEORGE of Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated this 3rd day of October 2023

Ray A. George
Voluntary Liquidator
[23/29]

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

ARALDUVA INVESTMENTS S.A.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 156902
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 29th day of September 2023. The Liquidator is **Ray George of Long Trench, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated this 29th day of September 2023

Ray A. George
Voluntary Liquidator [23/30]

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

ARALDUVA INVESTMENTS S.A.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 156902
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 29th day of September 2023. The Liquidator is **Ray George of Long Trench, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated this 29th day of September 2023

Ray A. George
Voluntary Liquidator [23/31]

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

Jaguar MX Oil International Ltd.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1937464
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 29th day of September 2023. The Liquidator is **Ray George of P.O. Box 315, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated this 29th day of September 2023

Ray A. George
Voluntary Liquidator [23/32]

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

Jaguar Energy Financial Services Ltd
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1937462
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 29th day of September 2023. The Liquidator is **Ray George of P.O. Box 315, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated this 29th day of September 2023
Ray A. George
Voluntary Liquidator [23/33]

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

Jaguar Mex E&P Management Ltd.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1937463
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 29th day of September 2023. The Liquidator is **Ray George of P.O. Box 315, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated this 29th day of September 2023

Ray A. George
Voluntary Liquidator [23/34]

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

BLAKE MANAGEMENT SERVICES INC.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 630081
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 26th day of September 2023. Dated 26th September 2023
The Liquidator is **RAYA. GEORGE of P.O. Box 315, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

RAYA. GEORGE
Voluntary Liquidator [23/35]

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

REFLECT INTERNATIONAL INC.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1810274
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 18th day of September 2023. The Liquidator is **Ray George of Long Trench, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated this 18th day of September 2023.

Ray George
Voluntary Liquidator [23/36]

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

AMETRINE BUSINESS GROUP LTD.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1843320
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 18th day of September 2023. The Liquidator is **Ray George of Long Trench, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated this 18th day of September 2023

Ray George
Voluntary Liquidator
[23/37]

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

LUNIA INVESTMENT CORP.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 189751
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 12th day of September 2023. The Liquidator is **Ray George of Long Trench, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated this 12th day of September 2023.

Ray George
Voluntary Liquidator
[23/38]

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

Lavah Streams Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2014183
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 20th October 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town Tortola, VG1110, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: 20 October 2023
(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**
Liquidator
[23/39]

MAGOO COMMERCIAL CORP.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 506036
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 18th October 2023.
Dated 23rd October 2023
Sgd. Sebastian Kerher
Voluntary Liquidator
[23/40]

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Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act
DUNFERMLINE OVERSEAS LTD.
 (IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
 Company No. 620734

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 19th October 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 20th October 2023

(Sgd) Myron Walwyn

Voluntary Liquidator [23/41]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act
Katze Enterprises Limited
 (IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
 Company No. 2045763

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 19th October 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 20th October 2023

(Sgd) Myron Walwyn

Voluntary Liquidator [23/42]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act
MOUNT LEWIS INVEST & TRADE INC.
 (IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
 Company No. 617070

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 19th October 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 20th October 2023

(Sgd) Myron Walwyn

Voluntary Liquidator [23/43]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act
Compass Management Consulting Corp.
 (IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
 Company No. 1819073

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 19th October 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 20th October 2023

(Sgd) Myron Walwyn

Voluntary Liquidator [23/44]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act
PATRIMONIAL ALLIANCE LTD.
 (IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
 Company No. 2113548

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 19th October 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 20th October 2023

(Sgd) Myron Walwyn

Voluntary Liquidator [23/45]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act
WICKERSIDE HOLDINGS, INC.
 (IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
 Company No. 45534

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 19th October 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 20th October 2023

(Sgd) Myron Walwyn

Voluntary Liquidator [23/46]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act
Euska Enterprises Ltd.
 (IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
 Company No. 1966882

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 19th October 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 20th October 2023

(Sgd) Myron Walwyn

Voluntary Liquidator [23/47]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act
FILLEIGH HOLDINGS LTD.
 (IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
 Company No. 628406

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 19th October 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 20th October 2023

(Sgd) Myron Walwyn

Voluntary Liquidator [23/48]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

Open Process Ventures GP Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 2097603

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 July 21st, 2023.

Dated: July 21st, 2023

(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean

Voluntary Liquidator [23/49]

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

M-U HOLDING LTD.

(the "Company")

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 559489

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 October 10, 2023. The Liquidator is Meade Malone of Geneva Place, 2nd Floor, #333 Waterfront Drive, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated: October 17, 2023

Meade Malone

Liquidator [23/50]

APPOINTMENT
SOUTH AFRICAN BREWERIES INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS INC.
 ("the Company")

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 49444

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that: South African Breweries International Holdings Inc. is in voluntary liquidation. The date of commencement of liquidation is 20th October 2023. The liquidator is Carmine Bailey of Kendall Corporate Services Limited, 2nd Floor Abbott Building, 87 Main Street, Waterfront Drive, P.O. Box 3169; PMB425, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated 23rd October 2023

Carmine Bailey

Voluntary Liquidator [23/51]

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

GMR FAMILY HOLDINGS LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1810776

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 24th, 2023. The Liquidator is Nelcia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated: October 24th, 2023

(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean

Voluntary Liquidator [23/52]

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

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

IN THE ESTATE OF OLAVO FELIX CINTRA FILHO, DECEASED

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

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

CLAIM NO. BVIHP 2023/ 0224

IN THE ESTATE OF ASHA CARMENA GORDON, DECEASED

ADVERTISEMENT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Shaheem Parsons of Long Trench, Tortola and Diana Richardson of Purcell Estate, Tortola, British Virgin Islands for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the estate of the deceased.

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 19th October 2023

Filed by Travers Thorp Alberga, Attorneys-at Law for the Administrator whose address for service is:
2nd Floor Jayla Place, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands;
email: mpeters@tta.lawyer

[24]

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

In the Estate of Tsai, Teng-Long

late of 2F, No.1-2, Aly 4, Ln.42, Jingxing Rd., Wenshan Dist.,
Taipei City, Taiwan. (R.O.C), deceased

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Ching-Hui Tsai of 14F, No. 67, Zongzheng Rd., Xindian District, New Taipei City, Taiwan, ROC, a merchant, for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant, who is the son of the Tsai, Teng-Long late of 2F, No.1-2, Aly 4, Ln.42, Jingxing Rd., Wenshan Dist., Taipei City, Taiwan. (R.O.C), the deceased. The deceased having died intestate on the day of 19th May 2022.

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

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

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NOTICE

BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT

PULCHRA MARIS

FINANCE S.A.

("the Company")

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 23rd October, 2023; under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.

The Liquidator is:-

Wayne Francis

Nerine Chambers

P.O. Box 905

Quastisky Building, Road Town

Tortola, VG 1110

British Virgin Islands

[23/53]

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

Mildred Group Limited

BC#1607802

(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 24 October 2023 The Liquidator is **Nelcia St Jean** of 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated 24 October 2023

Nelcia St Jean

(Liquidator)

[23/54]

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

Tabitha Holdings Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1919997

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 25th day of October, 2023.

Dated: 25th day of October, 2023.

(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**

Voluntary Liquidator

[23/55]

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

Diamond Desire Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1608893

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 25 October 2023.

Dated: 25 October 2023.

(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**

Liquidator

[23/56]

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

IN THE ESTATE OF TSUI YIN HING, DECEASED

In the estate of TSUI YIN HING, late of Unit 3, 2nd Floor, Block A, Belleve Garden, No. 53 Kung Lok Road, Kwun Tong, Kowloon, Hong Kong, deceased.

Notice is given that after the expiration of 8 days application will be made to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the resealing of a grant of letters of administration of the estate of the Deceased granted by the Court of First Instance of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region on the 2nd day of August 2021 to HOY SO YUET ALISON of Unit 3, 2nd Floor, Block A, Belleve Garden, No. 53 Kung Lok Road, Kwun Tong, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

Dated the 19th day of October 2023.

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

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THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
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]

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 NAGYA.
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 NAGYA 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

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

ANDUIN TECH LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 2078830

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 25 October 2023.

Dated: 25 October 2023.

(Sgd.) *Philippa O'Sullivan*

Liquidator

[23/57]

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

**ZHONGTCH INVESTMENT
CO., LTD**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 2041613

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 24th October 2023.

Dated: 24th October 2023

(Sgd.) *Philippa O'Sullivan*

Voluntary Liquidator

[23/58]

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

Apricot Biokey Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 2075434

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 25 October 2023.

Dated 25 October 2023

(Sgd.) *Harry J. Thompson*

Voluntary Liquidator(s)

[23/59]

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

WORLDMAX

MANAGEMENT LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1691450

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 25 October 2023.

Dated 25 October 2023

(Sgd.) *Harry J. Thompson*

Voluntary Liquidator(s)

[23/60]

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

VIRGIN ISLANDS

BVIHPB 2023/0226

In the Estate of OLGA MARINA OSORIO late of Aruba,
Oranjestad, Herman, Gorterstraat, deceased

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by OMIRA URANIA HABIBE of Aruba, Noord, Tierra del Sol, Mesavista 35 for a Grant of Letters of Administration with the Will Annexed of the above-named deceased who died on the 5th May, 2021 in Aruba domiciled in Aruba without revoking a will bearing the date of 5th day of June, 2013 wherein the applicant solely under the laws of succession of Aruba and the exclusion of all others authorised and entitled to apply for an obtain a grant of letters of administration with the will annexed in the estate of the deceased as the person entitled to share in the undisposed residuary estate of the deceased.

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

Dated this 25th day of October, 2023.

Filed by:

SAMUELS RICHARDSON & CO

Legal Practitioners

whose address for service is

Wattley Building, 2nd Floor

PO Box 3410,

Road Town, Tortola

British Virgin Islands

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

Super 8 Property Holdings Ltd

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1691450

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Dated 25 October 2023

(Sgd.) *Harry J. Thompson*

Voluntary Liquidator(s)

[23/61]

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SHOW POSITION

HOLDINGS INC.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 435777

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 25 October 2023.

Dated 25 October 2023

(Sgd.) *Harry J. Thompson*

Voluntary Liquidator(s)

[23/62]

AIR CANADA RETURNING TO DESTINATION TRINIDAD

Port of Spain, June 17, 2023: Tourism Trinidad is pleased to announce that Air Canada will be returning its air service between Toronto, Canada to Port of Spain, Trinidad. This is welcome news for travellers and for the tourism industry.

Historically, Air Canada has and still remains a vital partner to Trinidad and Tobago's tourism industry and its diaspora connectivity. The airline for the twelve-month period of January to December 2019 had a total of 22,918 passengers disembarking at Port of Spain, Trinidad.

Air Canada will recommence service on November 01st 2023, with three flights per week arriving in Trinidad at 11:25PM, on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays and departing at 12:30AM Thursdays, Fridays, and Sundays.

Then from December 3rd, 2023, to March 9th, 2024, service will be expanded to four flights per week, arriving at 12:25AM, Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, and departing at 1:30AM, Tuesday, Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays.

Carla Cupid, Chief Executive Officer of Tourism Trinidad, said "We welcome back Air

Canada to our destination. This is a positive development for our tourism industry, and we look forward to using this connection to continue to promote Trinidad as a top travel destination."

On hearing the news of the new flights, High Commissioner for Canada to Trinidad and Tobago, His Excellency Arif Keshani, noted that, "The ties between our countries are significant and I am very pleased that Air Canada will be resuming their flight between Port of Spain and Toronto this Fall. This, combined with the expansion of Canada's electronic travel authorization (eTA) program to include Trinidad and Tobago, will further serve to enhance our bilateral economic, social and people to people connections."

Minister of Tourism, Culture and the Arts, Senator the Honourable Randall Mitchell, also expressed his enthusiasm about the news. We continue to work with our international partners and stakeholders in the Air Transportation industry to increase our connectivity and seat capacity from our traditional source markets while at the same time, reducing the cost of travel to Trinidad and Tobago." He continued, "This

marries well with the recent announcement by the Canadian government of Visa free travel to Canada to the diaspora located there."

Tourism Trinidad and the Ministry of Tourism,

Culture and the Arts are confident that the recommencement of Air Canada's service between Toronto and Port of Spain will be a major boost to the tourism industry. The airline's flights will

provide a convenient and affordable way for Canadians to travel to Trinidad and vice-versa, while helping to attract more visitors from other parts of the world.

SUMMER READING BOOK LIST 2023

KINDERGARTEN

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



1. Dr. Seuss Collection

by Dr. Seuss

2. ABC-Animals Coloring Book

by Carlyn Benjamin (Local author)

3. First Day, No Way! *

By Lori Mortensen

4. Little Lizard's First Day *

by Melinda Melton Crow

5. When I Grow Up

by Rick Grant (Local author)

6. Where I Live

by Rick Grant (Local author)

*digital book

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

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BVIAA Celebrates Regional Junior Ambassador Of Tourism

The Virgin Islands made history when Ms. Naomi Onwufuju was recently crowned Regional "Junior Ambassador of Tourism" at the Caribbean Tourism Organization's Youth Congress held in the Turks and Caicos Islands.

Ms Onwufuju, a student at the Elmore Stouff High School competed against representatives from 14 other Caribbean Islands and is the first Virgin Islands Ambassador to secure this prestigious title.

In her presentation at the 2023 Regional Tourism Conference, Naomi stated that the Virgin Islands, the epitome of natural beauty, is not just any tourist destination; it is a paradise that should be enjoyed by all. Accessibility she said is not only a responsible tourism policy, but also a moral obligation.

The BVI Airports Authority (the Authority) celebrated Naomi's achievements at a ceremony at the TB Lettsome International Airport. The event was addressed by Junior Minister of Tourism Honourable Luce Smith, representatives of the Ministry of Communications and Works, the Authority's Sole Shareholder, the Director of Tourism, and members of the Authority's Board, and its executive team.

Honourable Hodge-Smith recounted Naomi's journey from winning the local title to the

regional competition, where the VI was announced as the champion. She praised the student's calm demeanor during the competition and her eloquent responses to her mystery questions. Honourable Hodge-Smith also recognised Naomi's family, teacher, and the BVI Tourist Board for their dedicated efforts in preparing her for this momentous achievement. Deputy Financial Secretary, Dr. Drexel Glasgow represented the Financial Secretary at the ceremony and expressed his joy at seeing the VI's success on the regional stage. He commended Naomi for her commitment and hard work, adding, "It is a good feeling to see the VI bring things home, we expect to see great things from you and wish you the best as you progress."

Managing Director at the BVI Airports Authority Mr. Kurt Menal congratulated Naomi and extended the Authority's support by offering her an internship opportunity during school breaks. Mr. Menal also emphasised the essential role of the airports in the tourism infrastructure, particularly regarding accessibility, and encouraged young people to consider the airport as an option for employment and a choice of career. He said, "The BVI Airports Authority is fully committed to inspiring other young people

in the Virgin Islands to become ambassadors for tourism, and to consider the airport as an option for employment, I encourage you to look to Naomi's journey as a testament of what one can achieve with vision and persistence."

Meanwhile, Director of Tourism, Mr. Clive McCoy, celebrated Naomi's victory and underscored its significance for the Territory and its tourism industry. He said, "This win marks the beginning of the VI's winning streak as we intend to bring home the title every year going forward".

McCoy also recognised his hardworking and dedicated team at the BVI Tourist Board who assisted Naomi with her preparations for her historic win.

Chairman of the Board Mr. Theodore Burke said he recognised tourism as the lifeblood of the Virgin Islands and celebrated Naomi's role in promoting the Territory as a top destination. He said, "it is our belief that your efforts will undoubtedly boost tourism and make the VI's airports the front doors to exciting adventures, relaxation, discovery, and unforgettable experiences."

Another speaker at the event was Mrs. Elvia Smith-Maduro who represented the Ministry of Communications and Works.



The BVI Airports Authority also recognised their stakeholders Seven-Fourteen Cafe and Silver Airlines for their generous contributions to Naomi for her accomplishments.

The British Virgin Islands Airports Authority is responsible for managing and operating the airports of the British Virgin Islands and is dedicated to ensuring the accessibility and convenience of air travel to and from the British Virgin Islands, promoting tourism, and providing an exceptional travel experience for visitors and residents alike.



CARICOM Secretariat Moves to Improve Civil Society Engagement

(CARICOM-Secretariat, Turkeyen, - Greater Georgetown, Guyana - Wednesday, 25 October 2023 CARICOM Secretary-General, Dr. Carla Barnett, has hosted the first in a series of discussions with the leadership of Regional

civil society stakeholders, as the Secretariat seeks to review its process for the engagement of the social partners.

Addressing the senior management teams of the Caribbean Policy

Development Centre (CPDC) and the Caribbean Congress of Labour (CCL), Dr Barnett explained that this renewed focus is expected to enable more meaningful dialogue and exchanges.

"We want to ensure greater

collaboration, coordination and inclusivity in interactions with the Organs and Bodies, CARICOM Secretariat, Community Institutions, and our social partners," she said. She noted that one objective of the series of consultations was to develop a mechanism for structured, ongoing engagement.

Both groups welcomed the initiative. Richard Jones, Officer in Charge of the CPDC, committed to engage its members for their views and perspectives on regional development policies and programmes, share Community information, and help to raise awareness

of the CARICOM Charter of Civil Society.

President of the CCL, Andre Lewis, expressed appreciation for the Secretariat's efforts to include the labour sector in formulating and implementing policy, noting that is important to reflect the views of workers.

The Secretariat plans to host ongoing consultations with Regional social and economic partners to allow for information sharing and a more diverse citizen contribution to the policies and programmes which drive the regional integration process.



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FULL TIME/PART TIME OFFICE ASSISTANT needed at well-known Road Town business. Position requires young applicants well conversant with basic secretarial skills, including typing and computer skills. **KNOWLEDGE OF QUICK BOOKS IS A MUST, A TEAM PLAYER who RESPECTS TIME, good telephone manners, good spoken and written English, and flexible hours are required.** Salary will be commensurate with skills, first time job seekers or young applicants would be ideal/ **Only serious applicants need apply.** Send resume to : islandsunnewsp@gmail.com or telephone 340-3119 [s26]

Warehouse/Inventory Coordinator
Island Services BVI is seeking an experienced warehouse / inventory manager with a minimum of 5 years experience in inventory control in a retail environment. Must have experience with computerized inventory systems.
The successful candidate will take full accountability for day-to-day operations of the warehouse, as well as receiving products into inventory and maintain accurate stock levels. The ideal candidate must be organized and have sound time management, good computer and customer service skills along with a college degree.
A valid drivers license and a keen eye for detail and safety a must.
Heavy lifting required. Please drop off resume to Pasea Store, call 494-2555 or email Personnel Director: sales@islandservicesbvi.com Belongers Preferred [s24]

Sushi Line Cook needed for sushi restaurant : A line cook experienced in sushi preparation is needed to assist Sushi Chefs in busy restaurant. Should have extensive knowledge and expertise in the specialized preparation of all sushi ingredients. Should be willing to assist in monitoring stock supplies as well as routine cleaning and sanitization of the kitchen. Required to work six days per week (Monday through Saturday), 8 hours per day. For further information or application submission please contact us at : vijobz@outlook.com along with your resume. Sweet & Savoury Ltd 541-1212 [s24]

DAN'S - HIDE - OUT requires TWO FULL TIME BARTENDERS. Telephone 443-8788 [s24]

HAM'S CONSTRUCTION needs - full-time - ONE CARPENTER.. ONE FULL TIME PLUMBER Telephone 443-8788 [s24]

Installer/Handyman
Island Services BVI is seeking Furniture Installer/ Handyman to assist with off-loading containers, furniture installation, furniture repairs, lock repairs and the ability to finish special reconfiguration request. Must be able to use a power drill, portable jigsaw and other repair/installation tools.
The successful candidate must be hard working and capable of doing heaving lifting. Please drop off resume to Pasea Store, call 494-2555 or email Personnel Director: sales@islandservicesbvi.com Belongers Preferred [s24]

Coconut Sun Ltd requires: Watersports retail assistant Looking for Enthusiastic individual to help out with retail and watersports setup. Must have general experience in watersports to include, Kayaks, Sups and Efoils. Applicants must have Powerboat and First Aid experience. Applicant must be able to lift watersports equipment to assist customers. Have Experience with P.O.S Systems Must be prepared to work weekends and bank holidays. BVI Islanders and belongers preferred Please apply in writing and send CV to- admin@arawakvi.com Tel: 284-494-5240 [s24]

Tidoudou Cafe at Scatliffe Alley seeks (1) one full time Kitchen Helper / Cook urgently. Please call 284-543-9651 for more information. [s24]

ONE FULL TIME HANDY-MAN required. Telephone 340-2159 [s24]

Clarke's-Cleaning-& Maintenance-Services needs One (1) Full Time Maintenance/Male. Please call 468-3207 for further details. [s24]

Rock Cleaning seeks Three (3) Full Time Cleaners to work. Person must be dependable. Please call 343-9083 or 545-6491. [s24]

MY FRIENDS STORE is seeking a full time General Sales Clerk. Please call 342-4545/442-2122 for further details. [s24]

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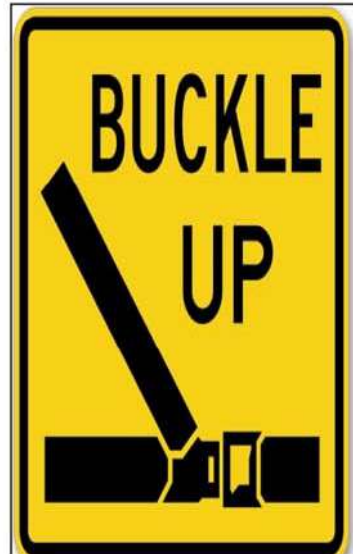
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STAFF WANTED

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]

French Deli:
Position Available January 1st, 2024
The position is for our new location at Moorings.
Position: Store Attendant/ Cashier
Responsibilities - include Customer service, Cashing, Coffee preparation and food services.
BVI Islander / Belonger preferred
Call for Interview 340 4926 [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]

EMCS Caribbean is looking for Steel Fixers
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Als 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 4943883 [s23]

FULL TIME/PART TIME OFFICE ASSISTANT needed at well-known Road Town business. Position requires young applicants well conversant with basic secretarial skills, including typing and computer skills. **KNOWLEDGE OF QUICK BOOKS IS A MUST, A TEAM PLAYER who RESPECTS TIME,** good telephone manners, good spoken and written English, and flexible hours are required.
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B&F Medical Complex P.O Box 412 Road Town, Tortola VG1110
Email: bfmedicaloffice@yahoo.com and or bfmedical@hotmail.com or Telephone: 284-494-2196 [s24]

EMCS Caribbean is looking for Site Engineers
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]

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

EMCS Caribbean is looking for Carpenters
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EMCS Caribbean is looking for Chief Engineering Managers
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]

EMCS Caribbean is looking for Project Managers
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]

Queens Way Restaurant & Bar needs 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]

EMCS Caribbean is looking for Assistant Project Managers
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]

EMCS Caribbean is looking for Masons
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]

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

HONEY & SPICE BAR AND-RESTAURANT needs one full time-CAKE DECORATOR with at least three years experience. MUST BE ABLE TO BAKE AND ICING THE CAKES. Telephone 342-1677 [s24]

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

Captain Jacks Seafood & Supplies needs Full Time Fishermen, Fish Pot Maker, Lobster Pot Maker, Fish Cleaner and Packaging and Sales Persons. Please call 547-4735. [s24]

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