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TROPICAL STORM PHILIPPE PELTS BVI

Tropical Storm Philippe unleashed a deluge of heavy overnight rains on the British Virgin Islands, wreaking havoc on the night of October 3 and the morning of October 4. The relentless rainfall triggered widespread flooding, rock slides, power outages, and the closure of schools, government offices,

and airports across the Territory.

Reports of flooding poured in from various areas of the Territory, including Road Town, Purcell, Huntums Ghut, Pasea, Sea Cows Bay, and West End. In a startling sight, cars were partially submerged on Flemming Street in Road Town,

highlighting the extent of the inundation.

The British Virgin Islands Electricity-Corporation (BVIEC) issued an official statement-confirming power outages that affected numerous areas throughout the Territory during the hours when a flash flood warning was in effect. The

combination of heavy rains and power disruptions compounded the challenges faced by residents and authorities.

In response to the ongoing crisis, His Excellency Governor John Rankin addressed the public with an early morning statement on Wednesday. Governor Rankin assured residents that Tropical Storm Philippe was gradually moving away from the Territory, albeit with lingering rainfall. He stated: "Rainfall continues this morning and is expected to do so throughout the day as Philippe moves away from our area. Rainfall amounts of 3-4 inches were recorded in parts of the Virgin Islands last night."

Governor Rankin emphasized that the Territory remained under a flash flood warning until 4:00 p.m on Wednesday, urging residents

to exercise utmost caution. He expressed concern about the deteriorating road conditions, acknowledging that several routes had become impassable.

His Excellency implored all residents to remain at home and prioritize safety during these challenging conditions. He stressed that staying indoors was the best way to mitigate risks and allow emergency responders to address the consequences of the storm.

As the British Virgin Islands grapples with the aftermath of Tropical Storm Philippe, residents are encouraged to stay informed through official channels and adhere to safety advisories issued by local authorities. The community's resilience and solidarity will undoubtedly play a crucial role in overcoming the challenges posed by this natural disaster.



About 80 feet of the bridge in Brewers Bay was undermined when nine inches of rain fell from Tropical Storm Philippe, which left the underground water pipes exposed (Photo by Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway)



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YEAR-LONG FOOD FÊTE SCHEDULED TO START IN NOVEMBER

The BVI Food Fete Year-long celebration has taken off with a bang, igniting the taste buds and setting the stage for an extraordinary culinary journey in the British Virgin Islands. The event which was previously only a month long, is now being extended to ensure that more visitors to the Territory can enjoy the culinary offerings of BVI.

The series of events was unveiled on 2 October by the BVI Tourist Board & Film Commission (BVITBFC) during a media brunch event at Main Street Restaurant BVI Ltd. It was announced that the Food Fête will take place between November 2023 and June 2024 with a major drive to showcase that the BVI is a foodie's dream come true.

During the launch event members of the BVI Tourist Board explained that the Food Fête is aiming to not only showcase the diverse culinary experiences available in the Territory but also attract more tourist to the destination.

While there are several exciting events lined up as part of the BVI Food Fete's 2023/2024 yearlong

celebration, one event was noticeably missing. The absentee from this year's lineup is the Jost Pork event that has been part of the Food Fete Calendar over the last few years.

Director of the BVI Tourist Board, Clive McCoy, explained that the decision was made based on feedback from Jost Van Dyke residents. He said that the community was not thrilled about the event and the BVITB listened to the concerns and decided to replace the Jost Pork event. As a result, the Tourist Board has introduced the Jost Lime & Dine promotion, which includes a ferry service to facilitate dining on the sister island.

McCoy shared details about the Jost Lime & Dine promotion, stating, "As the name suggests, it's Jost Lime & Dine, and we know what Jost Van Dyke is all about. It's about liming and having a good time, so we are expecting them to put their best foot forward, showcase their menu, showcase whatever lime they have for

those nights on Saturdays and Wednesdays in February and all the Saturdays in January."

The TB Director explained that in order to make dining on Jost Van Dyke more accessible, the BVI Tourist Board will provide a complimentary ferry service for individuals returning from the island as part of the promotion. However, he stated that visitors will be responsible for their own transportation to Jost Van Dyke.

Despite the absence of the Jost Pork event, the BVITB has put extensive thought and effort into this year's BVI Food Fête. The year-long celebration will kick off with the highly anticipated Anegada Lobster Festival from 24 to 26 November. Other events included in the line-up are A Taste of Virgin Gorda on 16 March and A Taste of Tortola on 29 June. With these exciting events and more, the BVI Food Fete Year-long celebration promises to be grander and more spectacular than ever before.

WORKERS MUST REPORT WORKPLACE GRIEVANCES: LABOUR MINISTER SAYS

Minister with responsibility for Labour Hon. Lorna Smith has issued a heartfelt plea to workers, urging them to promptly report any workplace grievances to the Labour Department.

During a recent address in the House of Assembly, Hon. Smith disclosed that labor-related issues stood out prominently among the complaints she encountered while visiting Virgin Gorda in her capacity as the Territorial At-Large Representative.

Notably, amidst these complaints, the Minister identified a pervasive sense of fear among employees grappling with uncomfortable workplace situations. She implored members of the public not to let this fear deter them from seeking assistance from the Labour Department, emphasizing that it was essential to either visit the department's offices or make contact via phone.

The Minister of Labour also offered an example of the types of complaints she has received. She explained that some individuals were unknowingly working beyond the 40-hour threshold without understanding their rights, emphasizing the importance of consulting the Labour Department to gain clarity on such matters.

Additionally, Hon. Smith urged fellow At-Large representatives to conduct regular office hours in communities throughout the Territory, recognizing the array of issues residents wish to discuss with their elected leaders. She urged her colleagues, irrespective of their political affiliation, to actively engage with the constituents who entrusted them with their votes, thus countering the perception that Territorial-At-Large representatives may become distanced from the concerns of the people once they assume their roles in the House of Assembly."



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GOVERNOR URGES REQUIRED REFORMS TO MEET MAY 2024 DEADLINE

In his Fourth Quarterly Review of the implementation of the Commission of Inquiry (COI) recommendations for the Territory, His Excellency Governor John Rankin emphasized both the progress made by the Government and the challenges that lie ahead as it relates to the required reforms. Most of all, the Governor's report heavily underscored the need for urgent action to meet the May 2024 deadline for the comprehensive COI-recommended legislative

reform.

In his report, the Governor reiterated his concerns about bottlenecks in the reform process, emphasizing the profound scale of legislative changes required. He highlighted the critical steps of drafting legislation, cabinet consideration, passage in the House of Assembly, and timely implementation. To achieve this ambitious goal, he called for Ministries, Offices, and the Attorney General's Chambers to prioritize

their work and allocate additional resources as needed.

His Excellency said that he did not see an immediate need to seek additional powers at this stage of the reform process, however, he cautioned that if significant progress is not made in the next quarter, additional actions may become necessary. The Governor further expressed the expectation that several more of the forty-eight recommendations would be completed over the

next few months, with all of them finalized by the end of May 2024.

In the coming months, Governor-Rankin announced that he anticipates the implementation of a strengthened Integrity in Public Life Act and the establishment of the Integrity Commission. Further, he noted "The Whistleblower Act should become law and the necessary amendments to the Register of Interests Act should be made so that it is freely and

easily accessible. These mechanisms will be key to safeguarding against the abuses that the COI highlighted."

Governor Rankin also revealed that he plans to publish his final Quarterly Review in December of this year. He also noted that the report will serve as part of his handover to the new Governor Daniel Pruce, as a means of ensuring a smooth transition in the ongoing reform efforts.

PROSPECT REEF WAILINGS CONTINUE AFTER YEARS OF UNKEPT PROMISES

The government's handling of the Prospect Reef redevelopment project has come under scrutiny, with Sixth District Representative Hon. Myron Walwyn criticizing the slow progress and deteriorating state of the site. This critique in the House of Assembly ignited a debate about the future of the once-promising tourist attraction, particularly in light of impressive developments in neighboring Caribbean nations. Certainly time has been wasted with unkept promises that will eventually compromise the credibility of a number of politicians.

The Sixth District Representative highlighted the striking contrast between Prospect Reef's current condition and the thriving investments seen in countries like Jamaica, which are witnessing substantial growth, especially in the hotel industry.

"When I asked about new developments, I couldn't get an answer. But when you look around at some of the other countries in the Caribbean, you see them doing marvelous things...I was just reading the other day that Jamaica plans to add another 8,000 hotel rooms by 2024, expanding

over the next two to five years."

Drawing attention to the neglected state of Prospect Reef, which was once home to a thriving hotel development and various tourist attractions, Hon. Walwyn questioned the present government's commitment to revitalizing the greatly positioned site.

"We have nothing. You drive across Prospect Reef, and you can't even see Prospect Reef anymore; it's covered in bush. What are we doing? Because if we are not staying on top of these things — and this is not politics, this is about

people's lives — many are struggling in the BVI, and I'm not sure if we fully grasp the gravity of the situation," the Representative stated.

In response, Premier Wheatley acknowledged the historical challenges faced by the Prospect Reef redevelopment project but firmly pledged to see it through. He further stated, "Our economy is not all doom and gloom. Our main economic pillars are performing well. Regarding new investments mentioned some of them. We will complete some of these projects."

"These were projects that

could have been completed by previous administrations but were not. We had Prospect Reef, and we had the opportunity to make it happen, but it didn't," the Premier further stated.

Hon. Wheatley also disclosed that a new board had recently been appointed to oversee the project and was currently in the evaluation phase. Once fully constituted, the board's first task will be to issue a request for proposals (RFP) to breathe new life into the Prospect Reef development, signaling the government's determination to revitalize this key location.

FCDO Director General And VI Minister of Communications and Works Hold High-Level Meeting, Highlighting UK Support for VI Infrastructural Projects



Following their productive discussion in Road Town in June, the recent high-level meeting between the Virgin Islands Minister of Communications and Works and the FCDO Director General on 14th September 2023 confirmed the support of the United Kingdom for the Virgin Islands in their pursuit of investment for crucial infrastructural projects. The meeting emphasized collaboration, progress, and a shared vision for the development of the Virgin Islands.

During the meeting, the discussions primarily focused on infrastructural development, with a particular emphasis on the urgent need for airport

expansion in the Virgin Islands. The UK reiterated its commitment to supporting the Virgin Islands' infrastructural projects and stressed the importance of a collaborative approach. Key points that underscored the UK's support for the Virgin Islands' infrastructural endeavours included:

Airport Expansion:

The Minister of Communications and Works highlighted the urgent need for airport expansion in the Virgin Islands and explored strategies to overcome previous challenges. The success of the project is contingent upon the Virgin Islands' effective handling of debt and recovery plans, as well as the support

from the United Kingdom. The UK encouraged the Virgin Islands to incorporate social elements into the project, drawing inspiration from successful regional airport models. This exemplifies the UK's commitment to maximizing the benefits of the project and ensuring its long-term success.

Furthermore, the UK commended the Minister's commitment to actively engage the public in the airport expansion process, aiming to garner community support. This inclusive approach aligns with the recently held visioning meeting for the airport expansion, which involved a cross-section of stakeholders and industry partners. The Virgin Islands is expected to begin drafting the business case for the expansion by late 2023 or early 2024, demonstrating their strong commitment to advancing the project. The Minister also toured London City Airport and engaged in discussions with UKG infrastructure experts and the Inverness Airport Authority to learn valuable lessons for the future airport development in the Virgin Islands.

The meeting between

Minister Rymer and Director General Rangarajan, along with associated meetings, builds upon previous discussions and emphasizes the United Kingdom's support for sustainable infrastructural project investments in the Virgin Islands. By prioritizing collaboration, progress, and shared goals, this meeting has laid a solid foundation for the future of the Virgin Islands. It also highlights the UK's unwavering commitment to supporting the Virgin Islands in their pursuit of sustainable development and growth.

Protocols for Effective Financial Management (PEFM):

Discussions in London addressed the potential impact of new large infrastructure borrowing on the VI's compliance with borrowing ratios outlined in the Protocols for Effective Financial Management (PEFM). All parties acknowledged that the Protocols allow for temporary deviations from fiscal ratios when there is a clear plan for returning to compliance, and when the proposed projects adhere to the PEFM procedures. The UK recognized that these infrastructural

projects are investments in the territory's sustainability. The PEFM includes best-practice processes such as a thorough business case and appraisal of funding arrangements. The UK reiterated its willingness to consider detailed proposals positively and the Minister also engaged with the UK Local Partnerships agency to follow up on an FCDO offer of technical assistance on infrastructure planning, utilizing Local Partnership's experience in supporting projects of a similar scale across the UK.

The commendable debt management efforts of the Virgin Islands were acknowledged during the meeting. These proposed investments into the territory will demonstrate the UK's confidence in the continuing ability of the Virgin Islands debt management capabilities and commitment to supporting the financial stability of the territory. The UK confirmed its readiness to consider detailed proposals positively, further reinforcing the strong partnership between the United Kingdom and the Virgin Islands.

Message by Governor Rankin on the Ongoing Cleanup Efforts Related to Tropical Storm Philippe



His Excellency

John James Rankin CMG

October 4, 2023

Good day to everyone

in the Virgin Islands. Since early this morning, I have been working closely with the Director of Disaster Management and his team in response to the effect of Tropical Storm Philippe, which we have all experienced. And of course I have also been in regular touch with the Acting Premier.

While the strong winds associated with Tropical Storm Philippe have abated, forecasters anticipate that showers may continue on and off for the remainder of the day.

For the moment, I would urge members of the public to remain at home and stay safe. This will

allow essential workers to clear debris, assess damage, and provide other assistance. So, unless you are involved in that assistance, please stay home for the time being.

Thankfully, so far, we've had no reports of injuries related to the storm. I am also very grateful to those working diligently to

restore services.

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As per section (2) of the

Virgin Islands Constitution Order, 2007, an individual must be a Belonger 18 years of age or older, and domiciled in the Virgin Islands.

Persons must present a Virgin Islands Passport, with

embossed seal, a Belonger's Card or Belonger's Certificate to register. A Naturalisation Certificate can also be used, provided the certificate is dated before June 15, 2007.

Further, section 17(1) of the

Elections (Amendment) Act No. 14 of 2011 states:

"A registered voter who is ordinarily resident in the Territory and who moves his place of residence from within one local electoral district or polling division to another, may have his name transferred to the list of voters for the local electoral district or polling division to which he has moved, if he applies on Form No. 9 and establishes, to the satisfaction of the Supervisor of Elections, proof of residence within the local electoral district or polling division to which he/she has moved".

Persons who have moved their place of residence and wish to transfer are encouraged to apply for a transfer. Documents to support a transfer can be in the form of cable, water, electricity or telephone bills,

a rent receipt, lease agreement or a notarised document stating the new address.

Registration and Transfer forms are available at the Office of the Supervisor of Elections, Road Town Post Office, the District Offices on Anegada and Virgin Gorda and the Government Office on Jost Van Dyke. Additionally, these forms are accessible online at <http://www.bvi.gov.vg/departments/office-supervisor-elections> under the services tab.

For further information, please contact the Office of the Supervisor of Elections at 284-468-4380 or 284-468-3701 Ext. 4380 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The Office is located at Creque's Building, #216 Upper Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.



PROGRAM LISTINGS

MONDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

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

THURSDAYS

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

FRIDAYS

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

SATURDAYS

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

SUNDAYS

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

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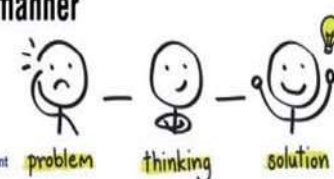
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- b) Capable and willing to attend scheduled Board meetings, and actively contribute to the discussion.
- c) Attend meeting and make a substantial active contribution to Board deliberations. Share recommendations on how the Board can enhance the effective performance of its functions and mandate.

- d) Partner with Board Member to ensure that all Board resolutions are carried out and that actions to achieve the Commission's strategic goals are successfully undertaken.
- e) Develop a good working relationship with other Board members and contribute to the Board's working relationship with the senior management of the Commission.
- f) Demonstrate a commitment to confidentiality and good corporate governance.
- g) Think strategically, manage complexity and act decisively.
- h) Demonstrate ability and willingness to work effectively and collaboratively in a group.
- i) Possess an innovative spirit and the ability to think out of the box.

TRAINING/SKILL/EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:

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

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

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CLOSING DATE:
13th October, 2023

Government Of the VI Takes Steps Toward Public Debt Reform

The Government of the Virgin Islands has undertaken a Debt Management Self-Assessment to evaluate the various processes and institutions currently in place to guide public debt activities.

The Debt Management Self-Assessment was facilitated by the Commonwealth Secretariat's Debt Management Unit from September 18 to 29 and spanned the full gamut of government debt management functions.

Acting Deputy Financial Secretary in the Ministry of Finance, Dr. Drexel Glasgow said the objective of the assessment was to identify core strengths and areas for improvement

for further technical assistance over the next five years.

He said the programme of reforms will help strengthen capacity and institutions to help the Virgin Islands manage its public debt effectively and sustainably.

Dr. Glasgow said, "This assessment will not only be instrumental in evaluating the Territory's debt management practices but also identifies areas for improvement along with other recommendations. The analysis from the report will be a core document guiding any reforms in debt management."

"Following submission of the assessment, the Commonwealth

Secretariat will develop a five-year programme to facilitate the implementation of the measures identified," Dr. Glasgow added.

The Government of the Virgin Islands commenced an aggressive approach to reform informed by the recommendations in the British Virgin Islands Commission of Inquiry Report since 2022. It is in line with this Reform that the Government requested assistance from the Commonwealth Secretariat to undertake a Debt Management Performance Self-Assessment of the Territory.

Adviser and Acting

Head of the Debt Management Unit of the Commonwealth Secretariat, Mr. Mac Banda said this public debt assessment forms part of a longstanding relationship with the Ministry of Finance of the Government of the Virgin Islands.

Mr. Banda said, "In recent past, our DMU has offered extensive technical assistance, capacity-building support, and advice on debt management systems to the BVI. This includes our flagship tool, Commonwealth Meridian, which the BVI has been using for public debt management. I am pleased that the Ministry of Finance has chosen to partner with the Commonwealth Secretariat on this new journey, which will undoubtedly impact not only the economy but the lives of people in the British Virgin Islands."

The assessment was jointly led by Policy Analyst in the Macro-Fiscal Unit, Michele Richmond-Phillips and Debt Management Adviser at the Commonwealth Secretariat, assigned to the Caribbean, Delia Cox. Discussions were held with several departments and teams throughout central government, statutory bodies and the private sector, to ensure that the assessment

captured the country's unique context and to ensure that the programme of support is tailored and effective.

The team also met with Premier and Minister of Finance, Honourable Dr. Natalio Wheatley to discuss some preliminary findings of the assessment. The Premier expressed his gratitude to the Commonwealth Secretariat for their continued partnership and support, as the assessment comes at a critical time for the Virgin Islands.

About the Commonwealth Secretariat's Debt Management Unit

The Commonwealth Secretariat's Debt Management Unit (DMU), through its public debt management programme, has been supporting member countries' efforts to effectively manage their debt portfolios for over forty years. In accordance with the mission of the Commonwealth Secretariat and the Sustainable Development Goals, the programme aims to strengthen the policy framework, institutional and legal arrangements, institutional capacity and management information systems to support prudent and effective debt management in member countries. The overall aim is to achieve sustainable debt, reduce long-term debt servicing costs, and manage the risk of contingent liabilities.

Delivery of the programme is through advisory support, capacity building and provision and support of public debt management systems including the new public debt management system, Commonwealth Meridian that incorporates advanced and improved functionalities to address emerging debt management requirements and takes advantage of the latest state-of-the-art technologies.

Theme: Dare to Dream

Theme: this year's contest theme is "Dare to Dream". Students are asked to use their artistic talents to create a poster that visually communicates the contest's theme, and their interpretation of peace.

Eligibility: The contest is open to children who will be 11, 12 or 13 on November 15, 2023. By entering this contest, students are joining more than 600,000 children from around the world in sharing their vision of world peace.

Prizes: Winners at the local, district, and international levels will receive recognition and awards. The international grand prize winner will receive a cash prize along with a trip for themselves and two family members or guardians to the Lions Clubs International Convention. The school with the winning entry will also receive local recognition and an award.

Submission Deadline for submitting entries is October 27th, 2023.

Posters will be evaluated on three criteria at each level of judging: originality, artistic merit and expression of the theme "Dare to Dream." The contest winner will be recognized by Lions Club of Tortola and the winning poster will advance to the next level of judging at the District Level. Please contact your school, art group or email tortolalions@gmail.com for official contest rules & conditions.

BVIHSA ANNOUNCES HOSPITAL AND PRIMARY CARE SERVICES STATUS AMID INCLEMENT WEATHER

Road Town, Tortola – Wednesday 04th October 2023 - In response to the current inclement weather conditions, the BVI Health Services Authority (BVIHSA) wishes to inform the public about the status of our healthcare services:

The Dr. D. Orlando Smith Hospital and the Iris Oneal Clinic on Virgin Gorda are OPEN to provide emergency and urgent care medical services to the community.

However, in the interest of safety, we have made the following adjustments:

1. Suspension of Outpatient Services: All outpatient services, including routine check-ups and non-emergency appointments, have been temporarily suspended until the all clear is received from the NEOC. This also applies to persons with appointments for elective surgeries today and Thursday 5th October

2023.
2. Ancillary Services: Ancillary services such as imaging and laboratory services will be available for emergencies only.

3. Administrative Businesses: Administrative offices within the BVIHSA will be closed today. Staff responsible for administrative duties are encouraged to work remotely if possible.

In addition, please be advised that hospital visitation at the Dr. D. Orlando Smith Hospital is not available at this time. We understand the importance of staying connected with loved ones during challenging times. Therefore, persons may contact the relevant unit for telephone updates on their loved ones.

For your convenience, the Iris O’Neal Clinic on Virgin Gorda is open for emergencies, and all other

community clinics are available via emergency phones. Relevant contact numbers are listed below:

- Romalia Smith Clinic - Anegada: (284) 346 9801
- Iris Oneal Clinic – Virgin Gorda: (284) 440 1661
- Jost Van Dyke Clinic: (284) 440 1667
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- Roslin Penn Clinic – Long Look: (284) 440 1631
- Theresa Smith-Blyden Clinic – Capoons’

Bay: (284) 443 1360

We understand the inconvenience this may cause, but the safety and well-being of our patients, staff, and the community are our top priorities. We will continue to closely monitor the weather conditions and provide updates on when regular services will resume.

For any medical emergencies, please do not hesitate to visit the Dr. D. Orlando Smith Hospital, the Iris O’Neal Clinic on Virgin Gorda, or contact your nearest community clinic. Our dedicated healthcare

professionals are ready to provide essential medical care during this time.

The BVIHSA advises all residents to stay safe, stay informed, and follow local authorities’ guidance regarding weather-related precautions.

We will continue to provide updates through our media partners and our social media platforms, as the situation evolves. Your understanding and cooperation during this time are greatly appreciated.

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LIONS CLUB OF TORTOLA RECYCLE FOR SIGHT

(September 5, 2023, Road Town, Tortola) -- As we welcome September and say goodbye to August, the Lions Club of Tortola are asking persons to search dresser drawers and closets for used eyeglasses and say goodbye to them, by donating these to the Lions Recycle For Sight program.

During the months of September 2023 to March 2024, Lions Club of Tortola will be collecting used prescription eyeglasses and prescription and non-prescription sunglasses as part of a unique recycling program. The collected glasses will be cleaned and prepared for distribution in

countries where eye care is often unaffordable and inaccessible.

“Since 1917, Lions around the world have been helping combat vision impairment and blindness. Here at home our Lions champion the cause through collection of used eyeglasses, vision screenings and providing aid to persons with vision challenges” said Daphodil Sampson, MJF, President. “We are appealing to everyone in our community to donate their used eyeglasses. In most developing countries, an eye exam can cost as much as one month’s wages and a single eye doctor may serve a community of hundreds of

thousands of people. “Your donation of even a single pair of eyeglasses will help change someone’s life. By helping them to see, you enable them to work more efficiently, learn better in the classroom and have a better quality of life.”

The donated glasses will be shipped to a regional Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center where they will be cleaned, categorized by prescription and prepared for distribution by Lions and other groups.

To donate used glasses (including sunglasses and reading glasses), place them in the specially marked Lions Recycle For Sight collection

boxes currently located at Tortola Vision Center, Eureka Medical Clinic, Bolo’s Department Store, Caribbean Cellars Ltd, CTL Home Center, B&F Medical Complex, Penn Medical and PicSmith Medical Services. You can also contact us at tortolalions@gmail.com and we will arrange collection from you.

The Lions Club of Tortola has been serving the community for more than 50 year and meet on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6pm at BVI Finance Conference Room. Lions clubs are a group of men and women who identify needs within the community and

work together to fulfill those needs. For more information or to get involved with the Lions Club of Tortola, please contact us at tortolalions@gmail.com.

Lions Clubs International is the world’s largest service club organization with more than 1.4 million members in approximately 49,000 clubs around the world. Since 1917, Lions clubs have aided the blind and visually impaired and made a strong commitment to community service and serving youth throughout the world. For more information about Lions Clubs International, visit the Web site at www.lionsclubs.org.

Norwegian Author Fosse Wins Nobel Prize in Literature



FILE - Jon Fosse poses ahead of the 2022 International Booker Prize ceremony in London, May 26, 2022. Fosse won the Nobel Prize for Literature, which was announced on Oct. 5, 2023.

Norwegian author Jon Fosse has been awarded this year’s Nobel Prize in Literature.

The Swedish Academy highlighted what it said were Fosse’s “innovative plays and prose, which give voice to the unsayable.”

His immense oeuvre written in Norwegian Nynorsk and spanning a

variety of genres consists of a wealth of plays, novels, poetry collections, essays, children’s books and translations,” the academy said.

Fosse never achieved popular recognition outside of Norway. But within literary circles, the 64-year-old playwright is considered among the greatest of all

time.

He has been honored across Europe and was even knighted in France in 2007. Norway’s government has long covered his living expenses and financed his work with a lifetime stipend.

The American writer Damion Searls described Fosse as “probably the best craftsman of them all.” Others have likened him to Henrik Ibsen, whose 19th century plays popularized modernism in theater.

Fosse had limited success as a playwright until he finally made a name for himself in his 40s, with a 1998 showing of his first-ever play in Paris, called *Nokon kjem til å komme*, or, in English, *Someone Is Going to Come*.

Since then, Fosse’s plays have been produced in more than 60 countries, his translator said.

While many in theater are

celebrating Fosse’s victory, critics have long accused the Committee of unfairly favoring European and white writers, snubbing artists of color from the Global South.

The Nobel announcements began Monday with the prize in Medicine going to Hungary’s Kataline Kariko and Drew Weissman of the United States for their joint research that led to the rapid development of the mRNA COVID vaccines.

The academy on Tuesday awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics to Pierre Agostini, Ferenc Krausz and Anne L’Huillier for their individual efforts that led to the creation of “extremely short pulses of light that can be used to measure the rapid processes in which electrons move or change energy.”

On Wednesday, Mounji Bawendi, Louis Brus and

Alexei Ekimov were awarded the Nobel Prize in Chemistry for their work in advancing the field of nanotechnology.

The Nobel Peace Prize will be announced Friday, followed by the final prize for economic sciences on Monday.

All the categories except economics were established in the will of 19th century Swedish businessman Alfred Nobel, who made a fortune with his invention of dynamite.

The first Nobel Prizes were awarded in 1901, five years after his death.

The economics prize was established in 1968 by Sweden’s central bank Sveriges Riksbank in Nobel’s memory, with the first laureates, Norway’s Ragnar Frisch and Jan Tinbergen of the Netherlands, announced the next year.

Commonwealth supports British Virgin Islands with debt management reform

The Commonwealth Secretariat has partnered with the British Virgin Islands to conduct a full assessment of its debt management practices, as part of a reform process aimed at achieving economic stability.

Upon the request of the territory's Ministry of Finance, the Commonwealth Secretariat organised a workshop from 18 to 29 September 2023 to evaluate all public debt management operations and processes, with a focus on identifying strengths and areas of improvement.

The findings from the assessment report will guide the Commonwealth-supported reform, designed to enhance the ability of the British Virgin Islands to manage its public debt over the next five years.

The way forward

Addressing the workshop, Dr Drexel Glasgow,

acting Deputy Financial Secretary at the Ministry of Finance of the British Virgin Islands, said:

“This assessment will not only be instrumental in evaluating the territory's debt management practices but also in identifying areas for improvement. The analysis from the report will be a core document, guiding any reforms in debt management.

“Following [the] submission of the assessment, the Commonwealth Secretariat will develop a five-year programme to facilitate the implementation of the measures identified.”

‘A pivotal undertaking’ Mac Banda, acting Head of the Commonwealth Secretariat's Debt Management Unit, expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to collaborate with the British Virgin Islands on this pivotal undertaking. He added:

“Effective debt

management is fundamental to our economic well-being. So, we are delighted to assist the Ministry of Finance with this reform process – a testament to the enduring partnership between the Commonwealth Secretariat and the British Virgin Islands.

“We are confident that the outcomes of this reform will go beyond improved economic performance. They will help the government to

make prudent financial discussions and ensure a fair distribution of resources to uplift everyone in the British Virgin Islands.”

Mr Banda further highlighted that the British Virgin Islands has been using the Commonwealth Meridian software for managing its public debt portfolio since 2022.

The assessment was jointly led by Michele Richmond-Phillips, Policy

Analyst II at the territory's Macro-Fiscal Unit, and Delia Cox, Adviser at the Commonwealth Secretariat's Debt Management Unit.

In preparation of the assessment report, both experts spoke with officials from various government departments, statutory bodies and the private sector to ensure that the findings were tailored to the local context and reflected the views of stakeholders.

Re: Dedication of New Sanctuary & Revival Services

Bishop Kenneth Hodge, Lady Anne-Marie Hodge and the congregation of NTA Living Hope Ministries cordially invite you to join us for the dedication of our new sanctuary on Sunday October 15, 2023 at 9:30 am at the 2nd Floor, R & R Malone Complex, Pockwood Pond, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

You're also invited to join us for three nights of revival services from Sunday October 15th through to Tuesday October 17th, 2023 at 7:30pm under the theme 'Crossing Over Into Promise.'

The Lord promised the children of Israel in Isaiah 43:2 that during times of difficulty "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you.

When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, Nor shall the flame scorch you."

We believe that we are about to enter a season of fresh revelation as we see God move mightily on our shores.

We would be pleased to welcome you to celebrate and worship with us. In His Name,

**Bishop Kenneth M. Hodge
Senior Pastor**





GLOBAL NEWS BRIEF

STORIES SELECTED BY GIORGIO MIGLIAVACCA

VENEZUELA - The politician — who currently leads the opposition primary polls in Venezuela — defends privatization policies and the reduction of the size of the state. However, she's tolerant and flexible on issues such as abortion and gay marriage.

María Corina Machado, who is the undisputed poll leader in the opposition primaries, which will take place on October 22. isn't an outsider, nor a newcomer to politics. She isn't part of the group of leaders from the disruptive extreme-right, nor does she represent charismatic populism (fascism).

Machado defines herself — and her party, Vente Venezuela — as “liberal” (or neoliberal, depending on how you look at it), both politically and economically. Her political vision revolves around reducing the size of the state as a provider of public policies, supporting entrepreneurship and promoting the free market, as a means of creating wealth and jobs in a devastated economy. Her vision of government is similar to what Margaret Thatcher or Ronald Reagan had in mind. In Latin America, her proposals seem to align with former Chilean president Sebastián Piñera, of the center-right, who served two terms (2010-2014, 2018-

2022). “Margaret Thatcher had the courage to defend her values all her life against everyone who opposed her,” Machado tweeted in 2013, perhaps alluding to herself. She spent a decade after Thatcher's death navigating the Chavista regime — which has been led by Nicolás Maduro following his predecessor's death — and the opposition itself. Only now has she gained a big following. [El Pais]

VATICAN - On 9 October Pope Francis elevated 21 clerics from around the world to the rank of cardinal. These appointments effectively allow the pope to influence the election of his successor.

The new cardinals come from the United States, France, Italy, Argentina, Switzerland, South Africa, Spain, Colombia, South Sudan, Hong Kong, Poland, Malaysia, Tanzania, Venezuela and Portugal. South Sudan got its first cardinal and Malaysia got the second in its history.

As in previous years, Francis has increasingly chosen bishops and archbishops from non-European countries to be named cardinals. “Diversity is necessary; it is indispensable,” Francis said. Appointments to the Catholic Church's College of Cardinals, which elects new popes, effectively allow the pontiff to influence the choice of

his successor.

There are now 137 cardinal electors, about 73% of whom were chosen by Francis. This increases the likelihood that the next pope will share his vision of a more progressive, inclusive church. [Deutsche Welle]

ANKARA, Oct 1 (Reuters) - Two attackers detonated a bomb in front of Turkish government buildings in Ankara on Sunday in an assault that left both of them dead and two police officers wounded, in what authorities called the capital's first terrorist attack in years.

CCTV footage obtained by Reuters showed a vehicle pulling up to the Interior Ministry's main gate and one of its occupants quickly walking toward the building before being engulfed in an explosion, while the other remains on the street.

DIAMOND WAR - G7 experts are set to arrive in India on a fact-finding mission this week ahead of the expected announcement of a new embargo on importing Russian diamonds. An EU ban has also been under discussion for months — but imposing new regulations on the global diamond market is no easy feat. Experts from the G7 and Belgium will discuss potential sanctions on Russian-mined diamonds this week on a visit to the Indian cities of Mumbai and Surat. The trip is the latest step forward in months of negotiations among Western powers over how to impose

sanctions that could transform a sprawling — and often controversial — global industry.

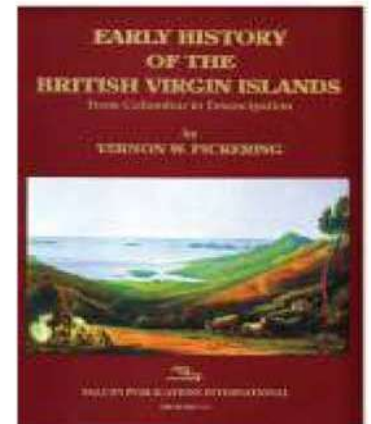
Around one-third of the world's supply of diamonds are mined in the Siberian region of Yakutia by Russian state-owned company Alrosa. The diamond industry overall contributes around \$4.5 billion to the Russian economy annually, making it one of the largest sectors in Russia to avoid the sweeping sanctions imposed by Western powers since the start of the full-scale invasion of Ukraine in 2022. [France 24]

BARBADOS - Barbados Prime Minister Mia Mottley is rumored to be a top contender for the United Nations Secretary-General position, with selection due in 2026.

Despite no official statement, insiders suggest Mottley is likely to be the favored candidate. With the role historically cycling through different global regions, the next Secretary-General is anticipated to hail from Latin America or the Caribbean, favoring Mottley's candidacy. As the position has never been held by a woman in its 78-year history, there's significant pressure to appoint a female candidate. Mottley meets this crucial criterion, standing out among potential candidates. [CNW]

HAVANA TIMES — The Russian ambassador to Cuba, Viktor Koronelli, said on Wednesday that Moscow and Havana are “in contact” and “working” to clarify the issue of hiring Cubans in both countries to fight on the Russian side in the war in Ukraine. Koronelli made these statements to the international media outside an act of gratitude by the Cuban Government for a donation of 650 tons of vegetable oil from Russia and the World Food Program (WFP). “The competent bodies are working and are in contact with both the Russian and Cuban sides,” said the diplomat, who acknowledged that his embassy is aware of Cubans who had gone to Russia “to prepare militarily,” but that he did not know the specific figures.

BAHAMAS-The government of The Bahamas signed a loan agreement with the Saudi Fund for Development (SFD) for \$70 million, that will go toward funding airport infrastructure in the Exumas, a press



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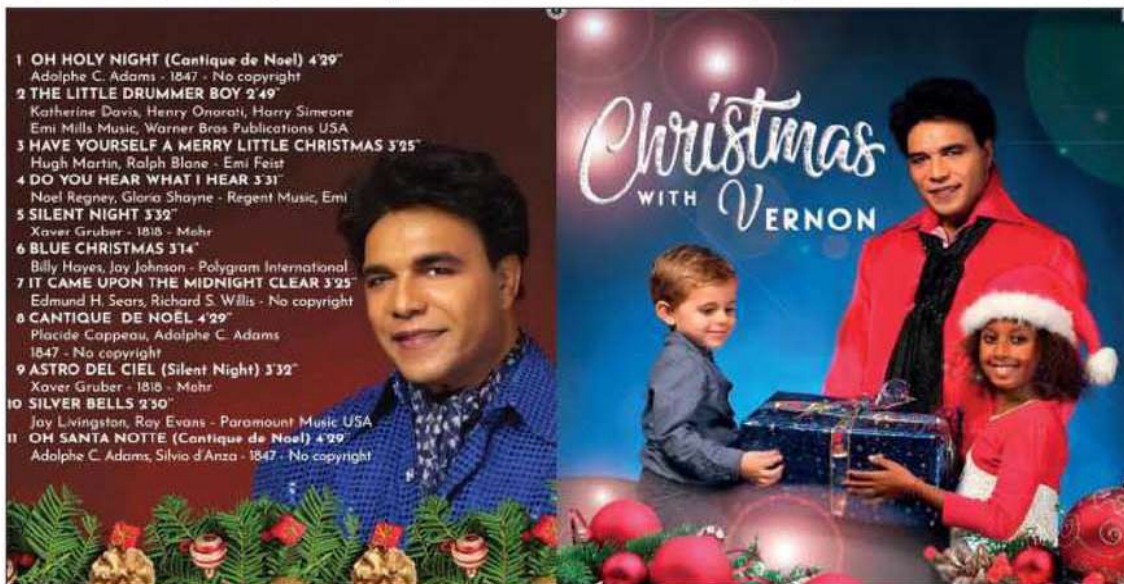
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statement released by the fund yesterday explained. Minister of Tourism, Investments and Aviation Chester Cooper, who is currently in Saudi Arabia, signed the loan agreement and also spoke at the United Nations World Tourism Organization's annual World Tourism Day event, according to a press statement from the Ministry of Tourism, Investments and Aviation.

Cooper and other government and tourism officials are on a trade mission to West Asia, that began Sunday with stop in Qatar. The delegation arrived in Riyadh, the capital of Saudi Arabia, on Tuesday. “This loan is a critical part of the Davis administration's Family Island Airport Renaissance project.”

The Saudi Fund statement explained that the money will help to improve airport facilities in the Exumas, to increase the number of visitors to those islands from 237,000 to 285,000 visitors annually.

The Saudi Fund statement said the agreements signed with The Bahamas and also Mauritius “are part of the SFD's commitment to support sustainable development in developing countries and small island developing states (SIDS) around the world”. [Nassau Guardian]



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Through the Lens of The Sunny Side



BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS GEARS UP FOR THE ANNUAL ANEGADA LOBSTER FESTIVAL

The Grand Crustacean Celebration Kicks off on 24th November 2023

Photo Credit: BVI Tourist Board & Film Commission

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THE FORGE BUILDERS EXPO PROVED TO BE A RESOUNDING SUCCESS



The Forge Builders Expo, held on Saturday, September 30, at the R&R Malone Complex, proved to be a resounding success, attracting forging enthusiasts and curious minds alike for a day filled with excitement, learning, and networking.

The Expo featured a wide array of captivating discussions, including insightful talks with banks and realtors, offering valuable insights into the financial and real estate aspects of the forging industry.

One of the highlights of the Forge Builders Expo was the exhibitor displays. Attendees

had the chance to explore a diverse range of exhibitors showcasing the best in the industry.

Throughout the event, participants were immersed in the world of building and construction and found inspiration in the expert presentations from the diverse gathering of professionals.

The event created an atmosphere of camaraderie and shared passion. It also provided an invaluable opportunity for networking and forging new connections within the industry.

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LadybirdTalks...

Dear Readers: Speak with your children about Bullying (4 of 4)

Use the buddy-system. If you're trying to avoid being bullied, two people are stronger than one. For example, walk with a friend or a group of friends to school, or hang out with them at recess. In other words, make sure to have friends surrounding you wherever and whenever you think you might run in to the bully.

If you have a buddy, remember to be a buddy. Offer to be there for a friend if you know he or she has bully trouble. Act if you see a friend being bullied; after all, you know how hard it is to be bullied. Tell an adult, stand with your friend being bullied, and tell the bully to stop. Support those you see being hurt with words of kindness.

Ignore the bully if they say or do something to you. As much as you can, try to ignore the bully's threats. Pretend you can't hear them and try to leave the situation immediately and go to a safe place.

Bullies are always looking for a reaction to their teasing. Pretending that you don't notice or care (even if you do care on the inside) may stop a bully's behavior because they are not getting the reaction they expect and want.

Recognize that you have a right not to be bullied. It is not your fault that you are being harassed. You, like everyone else, deserve to feel safe.

Say "no." Tell the bully "No, stop it!" in a loud, assertive voice and then leave if you feel you need to:

You can also say something straight-forward like, "Stop bothering me. Standing up to the bully, simply by saying "no," sends a message that you are not afraid and will not accept his or her behavior. Bullies tend to go after kids who don't stick up for themselves and who they think will take their abuse and do whatever they say. There's always strength in numbers. Kids can stand up for each other by telling a bully to stop teasing or scaring someone else, and then walk away together.

Source: <https://www.wikihow.com/Deal-with-Bullies-at-School>



Ladybird's Mail Box

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Dear Ladybird: I am a married woman of three years and my husband and I are just not getting along at all. I love my husband very much, but I don't know what it is, but things are not jelling the way I am expecting it to, we quarrel for the simplest of things and I am just not happy in our relationship. Is there anything you could suggest that we do to make our lives happier. **Not Contented**

Ladybird: Dear Not Contented: Firstly, you have to realize that, both of you are now one; and you have to communicate with each other, and spend quality time with each other; you **cannot** go into your own little cocoon and live separate lives in the same home; and expect to be happy. Remember what brought you together in the first place. If you are quarreling with each other for the simplest things, that won't work. There will be disagreements; we know that; but you should try to be able to discuss things rationally. Discuss this matter and try to get along with each other. **It's worth it.** (Repeat)



Light Bulb Moments

"When we strive to become better than we are, everything around us becomes better too."

— Paulo Coelho

"If you are working on something that you really care about, you don't have to be pushed. The vision pulls you."

— Steve Jobs

Poetry Corner

Live In The Now

Look not back on
yesterday
or what you have left
behind.
For only today is yours to
claim,
and this moment only is
your time.

Fret not on what has been
or on what has passed
you by.
Yesterday is far behind
you.
You can't change it if you
try.

New opportunities await
you.
They come with each new
day,
so look ahead with faith
and hope,
and blessings will come
your way.

Yesterday is out of your
reach
and tomorrow is not
yours to claim.
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to you.
So use it wisely, in Jesus'
name.

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Tickle My Funny Bones



My Age

A 60 year old millionaire is getting married and throws a big wedding reception.

His friends are quite jealous and in a quiet moment one of them asks him how did he land such a hot 23 year old beauty?

"Simple," grins the millionaire,
"I faked my age."

His friends are really amazed and ask him how much he said.

"Well", he replied. "I said I was 97!"

Take The Bus

Judge asks the defendant, "Why did you steal that car, Mr. Jones?"

Mr. Jones looks down, "I just had to get to work for an important meeting."

The judge keeps asking, "Well why didn't you take a bus?"

Mr. Jones looks up, surprised, "Don't you need a special license to drive the bus?"

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"Apple is designing a new automatic car.

But they're having trouble installing Windows!"

THE FORGE BUILDERS EXPO PROVED TO BE A RESOUNDING SUCCESS



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Apple Dutch Baby: An Autumn Delight That Won't Break the Bank

There's no better way to celebrate the changing seasons than with a warm, comforting dish that's both budget friendly and oh so delicious. Let's enjoy the Apple Dutch Baby -- a delightful treat that embodies the essence of fall while keeping your wallet happy.

An Apple Dutch Baby offers a delightful blend of sweet and slightly tart flavors, thanks to caramelized apples infused with brown sugar and cinnamon. Its texture is a perfect contrast of crispy, golden edges and soft, custard-like pancake, with the comforting aroma of warm spices.

Dutch baby pancakes, also known as German pancakes, originally trace back to German immigrants who settled in the United States in the 18th and 19th centuries. Originally called "Deutsch" babies, these delightful pancakes were brought to America with a rich tradition of hearty, oven-baked breakfasts. Over

time, the name evolved into "Dutch baby," possibly due to the mispronunciation of "Deutsch." These puffy, golden creations quickly gained popularity and have become a beloved breakfast and brunch staple, known for their simplicity and deliciousness.

One of the beauties of Dutch babies is their versatility. While our Apple Dutch Baby is a fantastic fall treat, you can customize this dish year-round with a variety of seasonal fruits. In the spring, try it with fresh berries; in the summer, peaches or plums. By embracing what's in season, you not only enjoy fruits and vegetables at their peak of flavor, but also at their lowest price point.

In autumn, the markets overflow with apples in various shades and flavors. In this recipe, use whatever variety is on sale or looks the best.

The best pan for cooking an Apple Dutch Baby is a well-seasoned cast iron skillet. Its ability to retain and distribute heat evenly results in that perfect crispiness on the edges and a tender, custardy center for the pancake.

APPLE DUTCH BABY

Yield: 4 to 6 servings

Total Time: 40 minutes

2 medium apples, thinly sliced (use your favorite variety)

6 tablespoons butter, divided

1/4 cup plus 1 tablespoon brown sugar

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon, divided

1 cup all-purpose flour

4 large eggs

1 cup milk

1/4 teaspoon salt

2 teaspoons vanilla

Powdered sugar,

extract optional

Preheat your oven to 425 F (220 C).

Core and thinly slice your apples. To peel or not to peel, that is your decision. Melt 4 tablespoons of butter.

Place the sliced apples in a large 10- or 12-inch cast iron skillet, or other oven-safe skillet. Pour the melted butter over the apples and sprinkle 1/4 cup brown sugar and 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon over the top. Bake the apples in the preheated oven for 10 minutes.

While the apples are cooking, make the batter. Melt the

The Sunny Side Up

remaining 2 tablespoons of butter. In a blender, combine the flour, eggs, milk, salt, vanilla extract, melted butter, 1 tablespoon brown sugar and 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon. Blend for 1-2 minutes or until smooth.

Carefully remove the very hot skillet from the oven and pour the batter over the apples. Place the skillet immediately back in the oven and bake for 15-20 minutes, or until the Dutch baby is puffed up and golden brown.

Remove from the oven, sprinkle with powdered sugar and a touch more cinnamon, if desired, and serve warm.

What makes the Dutch baby truly magical is its simplicity. With just a handful of pantry staples and a bit of seasonal fruit, you can create a dish that's both impressive and easy on the wallet. It's a reminder that living frugally doesn't mean sacrificing the pleasures of life -- it's about savoring them more intentionally. t

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

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Apple Dutch Baby offers a delightful blend

Biden to Argue for Continued Funding for Ukraine



FILE - President Joe Biden speaks outside the White House in Washington, Oct. 2, 2023. The president said Wednesday that he'll tell Americans "it's overwhelmingly in the interest of the United States" that Ukraine be able to fend off Russia.

WHITE HOUSE —

With U.S. funding for Ukraine at risk because of congressional turmoil, President Joe Biden says he will be delivering a "major speech" to persuade the American people to continue supporting Ukrainians in their defense against Russia's invasion.

"I'm going to make the argument that it's overwhelmingly in the interest of the United States of America that Ukraine succeeds," Biden said Wednesday as he faced questions from reporters.

The remark followed Tuesday's dramatic ousting of Republican Kevin McCarthy from his role as House speaker, just days after Congress omitted provisions for further Ukraine funding from a last-minute deal to prevent a government shutdown.

While a new deal to fund government operations must be negotiated by mid-November, Biden indicated he would seek alternative

routes to ensure the flow of aid.

"We can support Ukraine in the next tranche that we need," he said. "And there is another means by which we may be able to find funding for that. But I'm not going to do that now."

Funds remaining

The Pentagon warned that without action from Congress, funding could run out in a matter of months, with only \$5.4 billion remaining under the Presidential Drawdown Authority funds and \$1.6 billion left of the \$25.9 billion provided by Congress to replenish U.S. military stocks that have been flowing to Ukraine.

"It does worry me, but I know there are a majority of members of the House and Senate in both parties who have said that they support funding Ukraine," said Biden.

A lapse in funding will

affect not only the situation on Ukraine's battlefields as it grinds through its counteroffensive and heads into the challenging winter months, but it also could embolden Moscow, said Luke Coffey, a senior fellow focusing on foreign policy at the Hudson Institute.

"They see the writing on the wall, and they're very hopeful that this continued chaos stays in the United States and that there's isn't any funding for Ukraine," he told VOA. "Only Russia stands to benefit here."

White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre declined to provide further details on the president's speech but acknowledged that a growing share of the American public is questioning whether to continue sending historic sums of money to help the Ukrainian people.

"We have seen the polling," she said in response to VOA's question during Wednesday's briefing. "We also believe that it is fundamentally important to our own national security, as well as supporting the great people of Ukraine, to continue."

Twenty months since Moscow's invasion, public support for U.S. military assistance is waning, according to a poll released Wednesday by the Chicago Council on Global Affairs. Sixty-three percent of those surveyed said they supported sending additional arms and supplies to Kyiv, compared with 72% in July 2022. The drop was sharpest among Republicans,

followed by independents, while Democratic support remained largely unchanged.

Amid eroding support, Biden needs to better explain to the American people that their vital interests are at stake, said former Ambassador to Ukraine John Herbst, who is now senior director of the Atlantic Council's Eurasia Center.

The message should be that Putin's aims directly threaten American interests, Herbst told VOA. "Because if he wins in Ukraine, he will be provoking and maybe committing direct aggression against our NATO allies, which will require greater American defense expenditures and the use of American troops."

Since the war began, the Biden administration and Congress have directed more than \$75 billion in assistance to Ukraine, which includes humanitarian, financial and military support, according to the Kiel Institute for the World Economy, a German policy institute.

Ukraine's Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba said Monday that he remained confident that U.S. support had not wavered, calling the decision by Congress to not put aside funds for Ukraine an "individual case."

McCarthy's successor

A new House speaker who opposes funding could quash a proposal before it even comes to a vote, so a deal regarding Ukraine may depend on who succeeds McCarthy. The speaker was ousted Tuesday when a motion to do so from fellow Republican Matt Gaetz was supported by eight Republicans and 208 Democrats.

On Wednesday, Jim Jordan became the first to publicly declare his intention to run for speaker. Other names have been floated, including Steve Scalise, the Number 2 House Republican who has long been favored to take over as speaker after McCarthy, and Kevin Hern, chair of the Republican Study Committee, the largest Republican caucus in the House.

The group Defending Democracy Together ranked lawmakers from A to F on the strength of their past support for Ukraine aid, with A signifying the strongest support. Jordan and Hern were rated as F, while Scalise was rated as B.

House Republicans plan to meet next Tuesday for a first round of internal party voting.

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

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PART 1

GEOGRAPHY

On the map the British Virgin Islands (59.3 square miles) are located between Puerto Rico and the nearest West Indian Island of St. Kitts. They lie 55 miles north of the Lesser Antilles between latitude 18° 25' North and longitude 64° 20' and 64° 52' West, and are among the most beautiful islands in the world. The archipelago consists of forty islands, divided into categories of islands, cays and rocks. The largest and most populated island is Tortola (21.3 square miles), where the capital of the group, Road Town, is situated. Other large islands of the group are: Virgin Gorda (8.3 square miles), Anegada, Jost Van Dyke and Peter Island. West of these lie the United States Virgin Islands (formerly Danish West Indies). The BVI is about 60 sea miles south-east from Puerto Rico and has a population of over 25,000 people. The islands, with the exception of Anegada, are hilly: the highest elevation being Sage Mountain, which stands at 1,780 feet, where traces of a primeval rain forest may still be seen. The people of the BVI are renowned for their warm personality, perhaps a result of the pleasantly warm temperatures which range from 75 degrees Fahrenheit to 87 degrees Fahrenheit all year round. The tradewinds constantly cool the islands and the short interruptions usually presage occasional rainfall. Tortola is considered a Yachting Mecca, and sailing and other sea sports are plentiful. Many of the islands in the archipelago dot the crystalline waters around an historic seaway: the Sir Francis Drake Channel. Moving along this highway we come upon Norman Island, the famous "Treasure Island" of Robert Louis Stevenson.



HISTORY

More and more archaeological evidence is surfacing suggesting that as early as 1000 BC Amerindians "stone people," (also known as Ciboney) reached the Virgin Islands and were later overthrown by the Taino Arawaks at about 200 AD. Recent finds have confirmed that the Arawaks had settlements throughout the archipelago that later became known as the Virgin Islands. Sometime before the arrival of Europeans the Caribs, another Amerindian tribe, took over the control of the area and enslaved the indigenous population. On the 16th November 1493, the Italian Admiral, Christopher Columbus, commanding a Spanish fleet of three large galleons and fourteen caravels, was en route to Puerto Rico with an expedition financed by the Spanish Treasury and some Genoese bankers. It was during this voyage that Virgin Gorda and the neighbouring islands were discovered and the entire archipelago was named "Santa Ursula y Las Once Mil Virgenes" (St Ursula and 11,000 Virgins).

On his last voyage to the West Indies in 1595, Francis Drake in the company of Sir John Hawkins, moored his fleet of 27 ships with 2500 men at Gorda Sound. The Dutch were the first Europeans to make a permanent settlement in Tortola, and their presence dates back to 1621

when the islands were used as a base to pillage and harass the Spanish settlements in the bigger islands.

Apart from the strategic interest, early English designs on the islands were not too clear. In 1672 William Stapleton captured Tortola from a small group of Dutch settlers (about twelve families), seriously damaged their fort, seized their guns, and took away about 80 subjects, including Irish, English, and Welsh. They were removed to the more important island of St. Christopher, and the Virgin Islands were annexed to the Leeward Islands' government by King Charles II of England.

During the 1730s a number of Quaker missionaries visited the islands proselytizing a large number of planters and their African slaves. When the seat of power was transferred from Virgin Gorda, in 1741, John Pickering, a wealthy planter and leader of the Quaker community, became the first Lieutenant Governor of Tortola.

In 1773 the islands were granted a constitutional government with a fully elected House of Assembly and a partly elected, partly nominated Legislative Council in return for an impost of 4½ percent. The first attempt to establish Courts of Justice was unsuccessful. A well orchestrated conspiracy headed by Lieutenant Governor Nugent and a number of affluent planters frustrated any attempts made by the newly appointed Chief of Justice,

George Suckling. It was only a decade later that constitutional rule started to be implemented and ironically enough, the first efforts of the legislators were to establish rigorous punishments for slaves and to settle ongoing land disputes.

The first post office was opened in Tortola in 1787, and concurrently a packet boat service began to call at Tortola once a month to bring in and collect mails. That same year the first ever Royal Visit to the Virgin Islands took place when William IV (then Prince William Henry) sailed to the islands in the "Pegasus" (a frigate) escorted by Captain Horatio Nelson of the "Boreas" and Captain Holloway of the "Solebay".



Throughout the 1700s the cultivation of sugar cane was expanding, and as a consequence, the demand for slave labour escalated. Samuel and Mary Nottingham had a fairly large estate at Long Look on the island of Tortola and in 1776, after they had left to go to live in New York, the Nottinghams manumitted 25 slaves

and gave them fifty acres of land at Long Look. The Nottinghams sent a written deed declaring that each slave had legally purchased freedom. When the Nottinghams freed their slaves they established a unique precedent by actually emancipating them with the donation of land and tools to cultivate it. By 1787, a Committee for the Abolition of the Slave Trade was established in London. Most members of the Committee were Quakers, whilst other political groups and religious societies started to manifest their disapproval with the slave trade. Then in the spring of 1807 the English Parliament approved a law abolishing the slave trade. This dealt a fatal blow to the Virgin Islands economy, and as the white planters returned to England a number of free blacks then began to buy land, which became a pattern that continued throughout the 19th century.

TO BE CONTINUED

The struggle to know

BY TRANSPARENCY
INTERNATIONAL

Last week, on *International Right to Know Day*, we took stock of the state of freedom of information in some of the world's leading democracies.

Western governments made targeted sanctions a key part of their response to Russia's brutal invasion of Ukraine. They promised to trace Russian elites' assets stashed within their jurisdictions and, when possible, confiscate them. Considering high public interest, authorities in these countries should be systematically and proactively sharing information about how they're getting on.

Unfortunately, that's not the case. So together with our national chapters and partners, we decided to exercise our right to information, sending freedom of information requests to 19 countries and the European Commission earlier this year.

We asked them – what we believed were – straightforward questions about financial sanctions, asset freezes and related investigations. We assumed governments would be monitoring the outcomes of measures they've imposed. How else can they know if their actions are proving successful?

It's been over eight months and we've yet to hear back from seven countries – including Germany, Canada and the United States.

We've hit a total brick wall with Australia and the United Kingdom, where relevant departments refused to provide us any information – both essentially telling us it would take too much time and effort to compile the data.

Out of the countries we did hear from, most provided only partial information.

Only three countries provided comprehensive responses. This included Cyprus, which has been getting a lot of attention as a playground for Russian kleptocrats. We learned, for example, that the police are investigating nine cases of possible sanctions violations – which is not surprising considering recent investigative reports into a Cypriot service provider's relationships with sanctioned Russian elites. Sadly, most other EU countries weren't as forthcoming. The response from the European



Why can't Western governments tell us what they're actually doing to sanction Russian kleptocrats?

Commission, who should be coordinating their efforts, was especially disappointing.

Why is it important that we have a full picture on the implementation of these sanctions?

Targeted sanctions aren't exactly an accountability tool, but they do provide an opening to seek justice for kleptocracy, in which advanced Western economies have long been complicit. That's why we have been encouraging these governments to focus their efforts on targeting assets that could be proceeds of corruption, and laundered and invested

in their economies.

More than a year and half after Western governments unleashed targeted sanctions against Russian elites, we should be discussing measures to more decisively counter cross-border corruption.

It's only through having access to information on progress so far and the remaining obstacles that we can have a meaningful debate.

Obtaining public information should not be this frustrating. Governments need to do much better when it comes to upholding the public's right to know.

Our experience making freedom of information requests has illustrated continued obstacles that prevent civil society and the wider public to meaningfully scrutinise the effectiveness of targeted sanctions.

Last year, the EU Court of Justice effectively said that building obscure, complex corporate structures is part of privacy and private life. Even so, the court had an obligation to balance the right of personal data protection and the right to privacy with other rights and interests. Curiously, it does not give any recognition to freedom of information at all, writes our legal advisor Ádám Földes.

Forthcoming EU anti-money laundering directive will dictate that access to information on companies' real owners will need to be based on "legitimate interest". EU decision-makers must prescribe detailed rules to uphold the right to this information for the stakeholders whose legitimate interest was confirmed by the court.



COMMENTARY

Debt generates wealth

By Dickson Igwe



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September 21, 2023

Capital ownership has driven increasing social and wealth inequality practically-everywhere. Social inequality is a global phenomenon driven by the power of capital, and the owners of capital. Capital-human and physical assets that generate wealth- tends to increase the wealth and power of those who control capital. Today, wealthy capitalists own the most powerful corporations and practically run the world.

There is a belief that Inequality may have become unsustainable, and is driving a resurgence in fascism, nationalism, and conflict worldwide. Dubious populists, many who are billionaires themselves, are using growing inequality to stir up the masses to anger, in an attempt to grab power: the drivers of Brexit, Donald Trump's Revolution, and Hungary's Orban are prime examples.

OK. Loans, mortgages, and credit enable the capitalist system. Modern markets would not function

without debt termed financial capital. Debt generates wealth for both lender and borrower in specific circumstances. However, debt-overwhelmingly benefits the lender also known as the investor.

Debt can be a good thing if it is debt of the right type. Debt that is sustainable. Debt that fosters investment. Debt used for a business's cash flow. Debt that offers benefits such as shopping discounts, travel privileges, and air miles and so on and so forth.

The Capitalist system pushes this tale, advising us to keep a good credit score by adopting a healthy relationship to debt, by keeping what we borrow sustainable and not defaulting.

Now, there are two types of individual in economics: producers and consumers. Economics is the study of scarcity, with producers using scarce human and physical resources to produce products needed by markets and society.

Consumers – and we are all consumers- in the marketplace, determine production: what and when to produce. The producer decides the where and how. Both producer and consumer are critical to the marketplace. Both exist no matter the ideology or system in place.

Then, the fine balance of demand and supply is the invisible choreography

that brings us the goods and services we need. The producer observes and assesses the market and influences consumer choice through advertising and marketing. The producer decides what to produce

based on consumer behavior. The preceding is the basis for Supply Side Economics.

The presumption is that consumers possess the ability to pay. The problem is that consumers do not always have the means to

pay for what they want, need, and consume. However, producers require payment or business goes to the wall.

That is where debt features. Debt is the bridge linking investors to consumers, who sustain the corporate world.

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

DO'S

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

DON'TS

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

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- Open all doors and windows.
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BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS GEARS UP FOR THE ANNUAL ANEGADA LOBSTER FESTIVAL

The Grand Crustacean Celebration Kicks off on 24th November 2023



crustacean, like the crispy fried lobster with mango dip and lobster pizza, along with the tried-and-true favourites like the savoury lobster rolls and lobster patties.

Options are plentiful for getting to the island for the day or the entire weekend with the usual carte du jour of ferries and barges from the USVI, Tortola and Virgin Gorda. There will be musical entertainment in a carnival-like atmosphere among the participating restaurants, including evening entertainment to the delight of overnighting guests.

While on Anegada, guests are encouraged to take in the array of attractions and activities that are unique to Anegada, including the Flamingo Point Lookout, Conch Shell Mounds Lookout, Faulkner House Museum, Fisherman's Wharf, the Iguana Headstart Facility and the most popular attraction, the Anegada Conchshell Mounds also known as Conch Island.

BVITBFC Events Manager Dirk Walters who along with his team are spearheading the organization of the Anegada Lobster Festival said, "We have exciting prizes for guests to the festival and the more restaurants you visit will give you a chance to enter the drawing for the grand prize of two roundtrip tickets between Miami and the British Virgin Islands on American Airlines. The prize will be subject to blackout dates. I wish all a safe and happy Anegada Lobster Festival!"

The Anegada Lobster Festival is produced by the British Virgin Islands Tourist Board & Film Commission, which works closely with Anegada businesses and the community as well as with many government and statutory agency partners including the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force, BVI Ports Authority, Customs and Immigration, BVI Health Services Authority, Virgin Islands Search And Rescue (VISAR), Department of Disaster Management, Public Health Department, and Environmental Health Department.

Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, 2nd October 2023 – The British Virgin Islands is anticipating an exciting Anegada Lobster Festival over the weekend of 24th to 26th November. Now in its 11th year, the festival is projected to be bigger and better as patrons are welcomed to the British Virgin Island's coral gem, the island of Anegada.

"We are excited about welcoming guests to this year's Anegada Lobster Festival. Working with industry partners and government and statutory agency partners, we aim to make the experience more seamless from arrival, throughout the festival experience, right through to departure. We will soon be releasing our "flapbook" which will provide patrons with a guide to all things Lobster Festival, including a map, accommodations, marine and land transportation, attractions, restaurant menus, and reminders for a safe celebration," said British Virgin Islands Director of Tourism Clive McCoy, as he extended an open invitation to all to attend.

New this year, is a Family Fun Day at the Anegada Recreation Grounds presented by the VI Recreation Trust. This exciting addition will include waterslides and pools, bouncy houses, and concession machines. The Family Fun Day takes place on 25th and 26th November and will not only provide entertainment for children visiting Anegada for the festival

but also provide a weekend of fun activities for the children of Anegada. Other new enhancements include live music by leading local band Too Smooth, greeting all visitors arriving at the ferry dock, the popular Party Cycle and the Party Bus, providing shuttle service and excursions. To ensure a more seamless transportation system for the convenience of guests, the British Virgin Islands Tourist Board & Film Commission (BVITBFC) will be overseeing transportation service with an efficient schedule and routing system. Taxis will also be available for hire for private transfers.

The festival will kick off on Friday, 24th November, just after the US Thanksgiving Day holiday with an evening of food and entertainment at select restaurants around the island. This year, a record twelve restaurants on Anegada are eagerly waiting to welcome festivalgoers to the island, each featuring a lobster sampler at a cost of \$10 in addition to their regular menus. The participating restaurants include two new eateries, Lil Bit and KG's Café, while returning restaurants include Anegada Reef Hotel, Big Bamboo, Cow Wreck, Flash of Beauty, Lobster Trap, Pink Flamingo, Wonky Dog, Potter's by the Sea, Sid's at Pomato Point and Topsy. The chefs of these establishments are busy preparing and innovating new recipes to present the delicious

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA AMBASSADOR ASSUMES HISTORIC THIRD TERM PRESIDENCY OF THE OAS PERMANENT COUNCIL

St. John's, Antigua and Barbuda. 29 September 2023... Sir Ronald Sanders, Ambassador of Antigua and Barbuda to the Organization of American States (OAS), is set to create history by assuming the presidency of the OAS Permanent Council for an unprecedented third term. This remarkable achievement marks another significant 'first' for Antigua and Barbuda since the OAS expanded its membership 61 years ago.

Sir Ronald's third official term commences on October 1st. He has already demonstrated his leadership and commitment by serving as President on various critical occasions, including acting as President over five sessions in the past two weeks alone.

His previous official tenures as President in 2016 and 2021 saw him steering the Council's response to political crises in nations like Haiti, Venezuela, and Nicaragua. As a pivotal figure within the Organization, Sir Ronald has been instrumental in drafting, negotiating, and endorsing resolutions, declarations, and statements that resonate with countries across the hemisphere.

Ambassador Sanders has consistently voiced significant issues pertaining to the Caribbean, taking a strong stance on matters like Climate Change, racism, discrimination, reparations for slavery, women's rights, and the urgent call for social justice and equity.

In recognition of this historic accomplishment, Antigua and Barbuda's Foreign Minister, E. Paul Chet Greene, expressed the Government's profound pleasure. "Ambassador Sanders' record-setting leadership at the OAS amidst a plethora of challenges facing the nations of our Hemisphere unequivocally demonstrates that a country's size is no barrier to its ability to lead effectively, provided it is armed with knowledge and experience," stated Minister Greene.

Looking ahead, Ambassador Sanders disclosed that his third presidency's agenda would prominently feature critical issues like climate change; guns, gangs and violence; and access to concessional financing for development. He aims to improve the inter-American system and anticipates addressing the ongoing situations in Haiti, Nicaragua, and Guatemala.

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Work on Funding Foreign, Humanitarian Aid at Standstill Amid US House Turmoil



Staff members carry American flags back into the office of the Speaker of the House after they were used as a backdrop while former Speaker of the House Kevin McCarthy spoke after being ousted from the position of speaker on Oct. 3, 2023.

The U.S. Congress is at a standstill Wednesday, with its lower house paralyzed by the ousting of its speaker and lawmakers facing a deadline six weeks away to approve spending bills and avoid a government shutdown.

The lack of a functioning House of Representatives, and the prospects of losing more days to identifying and electing a speaker candidate who can garner enough support, leaves in limbo several important spending bills, including those providing for foreign military financing, international humanitarian aid and efforts to counter China's influence.

Lawmakers in the Republican-majority House are not expected to hold any further votes this week. Instead, Democrats and Republicans will discuss who might lead the narrowly divided chamber through a period that will require agreement not only among themselves, but eventually with the Democrat-led Senate before the spending bills can be enacted.

Recent history suggests selecting the new speaker may not be a quick process. Former House Speaker Kevin McCarthy, who was ousted Tuesday, needed 15 rounds of voting in January to earn the post. He had to make several concessions to conservative holdouts in his party, including a rule that a single lawmaker could call for a vote to remove him as speaker.

Republican Congressman Matt Gaetz brought such a motion Monday, expressing frustration in McCarthy's leadership after McCarthy failed to pass a government funding bill last week with conservative spending priorities.

The slim Republican majority in the House meant that Gaetz needed only a handful of Republicans to vote along with Democrats to oust McCarthy in the 216-210 vote. The majority of Republicans voted to keep McCarthy in leadership.

It was the first time in U.S.

history that House members had voted to remove the speaker.

While eligible to seek the role again, McCarthy announced Tuesday night he would not seek reelection to the speakership.

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US House Removes McCarthy as Speaker of House

WASHINGTON — For the first time in U.S. history, U.S. lawmakers voted Tuesday to remove the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives from power.

Republican Kevin McCarthy was removed from his position as speaker in a 216-210 vote triggered by a rare challenge from his own party. The House cannot hold votes until a new speaker is set to be elected next week.

Republican Representative Matt Gaetz filed a motion late Monday to force a vote on removing McCarthy, expressing frustration in McCarthy's leadership after McCarthy failed to pass a government funding bill last week with conservative spending priorities.

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"Think long and hard before you plunge us into chaos because that's where we're headed if we vacate the speakership," Representative Tom Cole warned fellow Republicans on the House floor Tuesday.

Gaetz responded during debate on the House floor, saying, "I don't think voting against Kevin McCarthy is chaos. I think \$33 trillion in debt is chaos. I think that facing a \$2.2 trillion-dollar annual deficit is chaos. I think that not passing single-subject spending bills is chaos."

Some Republicans have also expressed frustration over a deal McCarthy made with President Joe Biden earlier this year to cap spending levels in return for raising the debt ceiling.

"Many of us had begged the speaker, pleaded with the speaker repeatedly to utilize the debt ceiling to leverage spending cuts and reforms. Instead, he negotiated an unlimited increase to the debt ceiling," Republican Representative Bob Good said on the House floor Tuesday, urging members to remove McCarthy.

Before Tuesday, no speaker of the House had ever been removed from the post. McCarthy announced Tuesday night he would not seek reelection to the speakership.

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A vote to remove McCarthy required a simple majority in the 435-member House of Representatives. Republicans control the chamber with a 221-212 majority over opposition Democrats.

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The challenge from Gaetz came days after McCarthy relied on votes from a Democratic bloc to pass a short-term funding measure and avoid a shutdown.

McCarthy became House speaker in January after repeated rounds of voting that saw Gaetz and other Republicans oppose his candidacy. One concession that led to McCarthy's ultimate election was agreeing to allow any single member to call for a vote to oust the speaker.

SPORTS

BVI hosting Oct 11-15 ECVA Men's U23 Volleyball Championships

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

VOLLEYBALL

Players with backgrounds in different sports including one from Virgin Gorda, has formed the nucleus of the BVI Men's U23 Volleyball team they will field, when they host the Eastern Caribbean Volleyball Championships from October 11-15, at the Multipurpose Sports Complex.

BVI will face their counterparts from Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, St. Maarten, St. Kitts-Nevis, Saba, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines and Grenada.

"We have a very talented team. They're a bit on the young side and inexperienced in this type of tournament, but I think we have a wealth of trainers and coaches giving their all to get these guys tournament ready," Coach Kwele Williams told Island Sun Sports in an exclusive interview. "I think most of the boys have a natural athletic ability, so we're now trying

to groom that into actual volleyball play to become a team. Volleyball is not an individual thing or just physical alone. It's a lot of mental and physical so we're trying to improve on the mental and the little things that cost you in games and to reduce unforced errors. Sometimes in a game, you can give a team 15 points just by errors. Those are the things we're focusing on, to build skill levels."

Williams said about 80% of the team is new and this year was the first time in the league for many, who have come from other sports including Basketball, Football and Cricket, but they're naturally talented. Past teams, he noted, had a different development pathway as they focused on more developed players. This team however, also includes 14 and 16 year old players.

"We're trying to develop from the youths and even going into the grassroots—going into the Primary Schools—that's the only way we'll get to where the other competitive teams are," he noted. "They may bring an U23 team, but what you may find is that some of their players have been playing for 10, 12 years, whereas, our guys

have only been playing volleyball, 2-3 years. That makes a difference when nerves hit you."

Williams said they have been drilling into players that playing at home is 10 times worse than playing in a visitor's arena. "Everybody knows you and when you look into the stands and see 10 eyes looking at you, you shake a little more," he said. "We're trying to get beyond that. With their age level, we're hoping to have this team together for 4-5 years, the 19-20s might move on to the senior team. But we have that core of guys, 14-17, those are the guys we're looking for to become champions down the road."

He said that the guys have the ability but everybody likes to jump, set and hit. He said that anyone can hit and they have attackers from all over the court. "But the challenge is, we want that in game situations," he said. "So that's what we have been focusing on."

Williams said the public is in for a treat in a 'very competitive tournament' with very good teams coming from nine different countries. He said that the BVI is a multinational territory and



Hosts BVI is debuting in the ECVA Men's U23 Volleyball Championships with a young team

he invites people to come out and support their country. "But remember we're living in the BVI, so we're going to try our best to defend the house," he said. "It should be a really, really good tournament, very competitive. High quality."

The BVI hasn't been to an U23 tournament in quite a few years, he noted, but he's surprised with the rankings from the last tournament, with Antigua and Barbuda as the No 1 team entering the tournament, followed by St. Lucia, St. Maarten and Grenada.

"You have some heavy hitters but our guys are up to the challenge," Williams said. "We haven't been in

this type of competition, but I have the confidence in the guys that we're going to come out and put on a good representation of the BVI."

No information could be gleaned into the schedule and the pairings when Island Sun Sports spoke to Williams on Tuesday. All the game details are in the hands of the ECVA authority.

The BVI team is comprised of: Khymal Panchoo, Javin Wattley, Jevon Davis, Jaydon George, Malcom Christopher, Deshawn Dooley, Jason Dunkley-Maduro, Frandi Martin Jr., Leo Hewlette, Sheldon Harry Jr., Demron Glasgow and Demron Ramirez.

'Revenge match' for Emmett Caines Knockout Tournament crown

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

FOOTBALL

Defending BVI Football Association league champions One Love, is seeing Sunday's 6 p.m. Emmett Caines Knockout Tournament final in Greenland as a 'revenge match' after being knocked out of the President's Cup by VG United in May.

The final pairings was set on Sunday, after VG United who held a 2-0 halftime lead over crosstown rivals Sugar Boys, saw them tying the game at 2-2 in the second half, before VG United secured the victory, 4-3 on penalty kicks and the right to meet One Love.

Bernard Cumberbatch had given VG United the lead in the 23rd minute and that lead was doubled

Tooney. Sugar Boys responded by pulling a goal back through Alejandro Sanchez in the 54th minute and levelled the game in the 85th minute when Sanchez scored again.

Neither team though could find the winner and the game went to the penalty shootout, resulting in a 4-3 edge for VG United.

"Tonight's game was a tale of two halves, the first half we played the kind of ball we wanted to play, a lot of passes, a lot of movement," explained VG United Manager Jermain Abrams. "Sugar Boys is a veteran team and we didn't expect them to fold after two goals down, but we didn't show much composure in the second half. We held it until the end of the game after they got two quick goals. We had a lot of second half chances, missed a penalty and we missed two other good opportunities. Those kinds of opportunities we

have to capitalize on and put the game out of hand. All in all, we're proud to represent our club in a big game."

Abrams described One Love who they beat for the President's Cup in May before losing to the Wolues in the final, as a 'formidable opponent' who are seasoned as a veteran team. "We have to keep our composure but as a manager of VG United, we don't fear any team in the BVI," he said. "But sometimes, we can't let that confidence get to us. One Love is a very good opponent. They're not going to just roll over, so it's going to be a very exciting game. We want the fans to come out on Sunday, show their love. Respect to One Love. This should be a good final for the Emmett Caines Tournament Cup."

After seeing VG United's victory, One Love's Coach Javon Carty told Island Sun Sports that it will be a very competitive game.



A Virgin Gorda United player heads the ball against Sugar Boys' Alejandro Sanchez, who scored twice

PHOTO: Mia Lennard

"It's a revenge match based on the semi-finals of the President's Cup that we failed to win," Carty said of their 3-2 loss to VG United in May. "We knew, to be honest, it was two errors, one defensive and a goal keeper error that gave them

the goals, but this time, we have a stronger goalkeeper, a stronger defence line, so it's going to be a very competitive one. Hopefully, at the end of it, One Love is the champion."

SPORTS



BVI Baseball players Kennard Dawson, left, Demoi Hodge, Rayondre Mercer, Nateshon "Shadow" Thomas and Shamoy Christoper, helped Great Britain to a European Championships silver medal



Hosts BVI U23 Men's Volleyball team as they prepared for the Oct 11-15 ECVA Championships



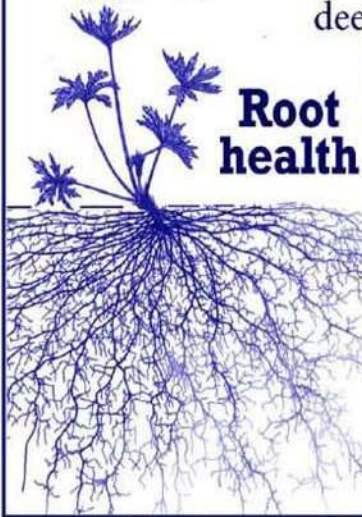
BVI Archery team won 2 silver and 2 bronze medals in the Caribbean Development Championships in Tobago



VG United players celebrating their 4-3 victory on penalty kicks against Sugar Boys, after the game ended in a 2-2 regulation draw

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The Garden Bug



If a potted plant looks poorly, gently remove the plant from the pot and examine the root system. Healthy roots should be white or tan in color, sturdy, very numerous and reaching deeply into the soil. If any roots are discolored, limp, crumbly or have a bad smell to them, the plant may have “root rot” and will need your intervention. Hold its roots under running water, and remove any rotten sections with scissors or nips. Then place into a new pot with fresh soil.

- Brenda Weaver

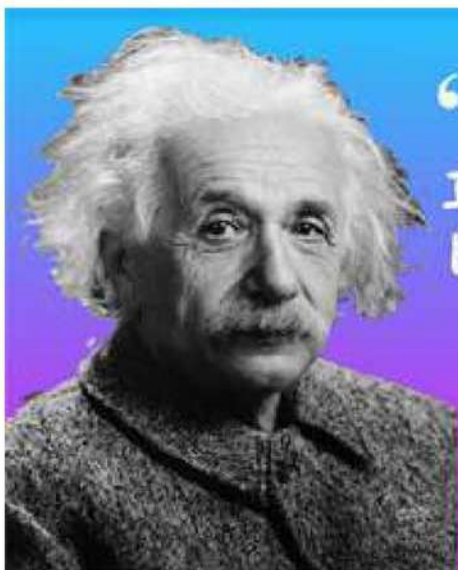
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LONGEST BRIDGES

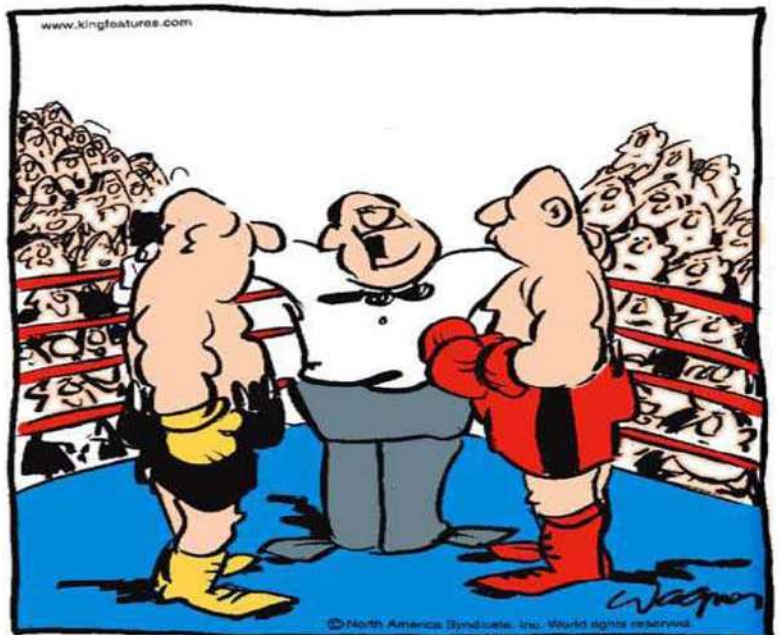
1. Weihe Grand Bridge, China
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4. Manchac Swamp Bridge, Louisiana
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7. Runyang Bridge, China
8. Donghai Bridge, China
9. Shanghai Maglev Line, China
10. Atchafalaya Basin Bridge, Louisiana

Source: Science Kids



“ I have no special talent. I am only passionately curious. ”

GRIN and BEAR IT



“Shouldn't you guys retire? Your daughters are fighting in the main event.”

I guess it's time to pass the torch.



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Out on a Limb



celebrity extra

by Dana Jackson

Q. I know it's not even Halloween yet, but when will the Hallmark Christmas movies begin airing? I hope they're not being postponed because of the strikes. — *L.E.*

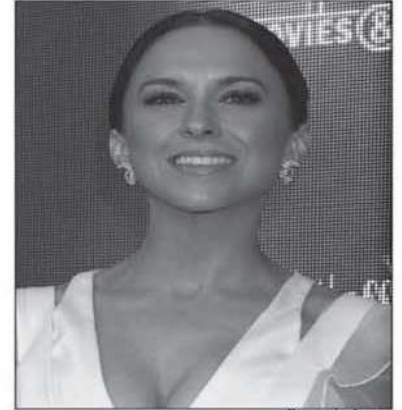
A. It appears filming was already completed before the writers' and actors' strikes began. According to Entertainment Weekly, the Hallmark Channel, the Hallmark Movies & Mysteries network, and the streaming service Hallmark Movies Now will air a combined 42 new holiday movies starting this October — Oct. 20 to be exact. One of the most anticipated is a "Party of Five" reunion with Lacey Chabert and Scott Wolf in "A Merry Scottish Christmas." The actors played siblings in the late-1990s series and will once again star as brother and sister — but as different characters.

Both are veterans of the Hallmark Channel, but this is the first time they've teamed up in decades. Chabert told Variety that the two have talked for years about doing another project together. The screenplay for "A Merry Scottish Christmas" was written by "Dateline" correspondent Andrea Canning and author Audrey Schulman. The film follows two siblings who reunite in Scotland with their mother at Christmas where "a big family secret is revealed." The movie premieres on the original Hallmark Channel on Nov. 18 at 8 p.m. ET.

In addition to Chabert and Wolf, other returning Hallmark favorites include Catherine Bell, Jonathan Bennett, James Denton, Ryan Paevey, Bethany Joy Lenz and Victor Webster. Be sure to visit EW.com/movies/hallmark-christmas-movie-schedule-2023 for release dates, times and more details on Hallmark's Countdown to Christmas.

Q. Is it true that Taylor Swift and Travis Kelce are dating, or is this just a publicity stunt? How serious is it? — *C.E.*

A. Back in July, Kansas City Chiefs tight end Travis Kelce attended Taylor Swift's concert as a fan, but also with the hope of meeting her in person backstage. He reportedly made her a friendship bracelet with his phone number on it, but still didn't get to meet the pop star in person. Fast forward a couple months, and rumors began swirling



Lacey Chabert (Upcoming in "A Merry Scottish Christmas")

that the two did eventually connect and are, in fact, dating. It wasn't until Swift attended a Chiefs game in person, cheering him on next to his mom, Donna, that the rumor was confirmed to be true.

If you didn't get a ticket to Swift's live concert tour this past year, you can see her on screen in "Taylor Swift: The Eras Tour" at your local movie house beginning Oct. 13.

Q. Is it true that Mark Wahlberg is quitting acting? When will his last movie be? — *K.J.*

A. In a candid interview with Cigar Aficionado, 52-year-old movie star Mark Wahlberg recently admitted that his days of acting "at the pace I am now" will end sooner rather than later. That doesn't necessarily mean he's retiring completely, but he does want to spend more time with his wife and four kids, who now live in Nevada instead of Los Angeles.

Wahlberg's already starting to transition to an off-camera role in show business as a producer and hopes to begin directing, but still has several starring roles on the horizon, including "The Six Billion Dollar Man."

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

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BIBLIE TRIVIA
by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Malachi (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
 2. What color is the great throne on which God sits while passing final judgment? *Gold, Silver, Purple, White*
 3. In II Timothy 3, all scripture is given by the _____ of God. *Blessing, Reproof, Willingness, Inspiration*
 4. According to Paul, who pretends as an angel of light? *The unholy, Satan, Herod, The wicked*
 5. Which epistle warns against patronizing prostitutes? *Luke, Romans, 1 Corinthians, Philippians*
 6. "What" of the spirit is the word of God? *Sword, Praise, Love, Lamp*
- ANSWERS: 1. Old, 2. White, 3. Inspiration, 4. Satan, 5. 1 Corinthians, 6. Sword

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Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- If you want to become a police officer in Norway, you'll need a B.A. from the Police University College. The program includes theoretical studies in criminal law, ethics and social sciences, plus a year of practical field training.
- Chloroform was once used in the treatment of asthma, cholera and gonorrhoea, not to mention as a sweetener in medicines.
- Folks around the world really do love their soda — to the tune of about 6,700 cans per second, or enough to wrap around the earth every 17 hours. Be sure to recycle!

• International animal rights organization PETA asked musical duo the Pet Shop Boys to change their name to Rescue Shelter Boys. (Obviously, they refused.)

• During a Bulls vs. Jazz game in 1987, after basketball legend Michael Jordan dunked over John Stockton, a 6 foot, 1 inch guard, an upset fan yelled at him to "pick on someone your own size." In response, Jordan next dunked over the 6 foot, 11 inch Mel Turpin, turned to his heckler, and asked, "Was he big enough?"

• Slave ants capture ants from other colonies to increase their workforce.

• If you measure it in terms of rainfall, a hurricane releases the force of 10,000 atomic bombs over an area about 413 miles wide.

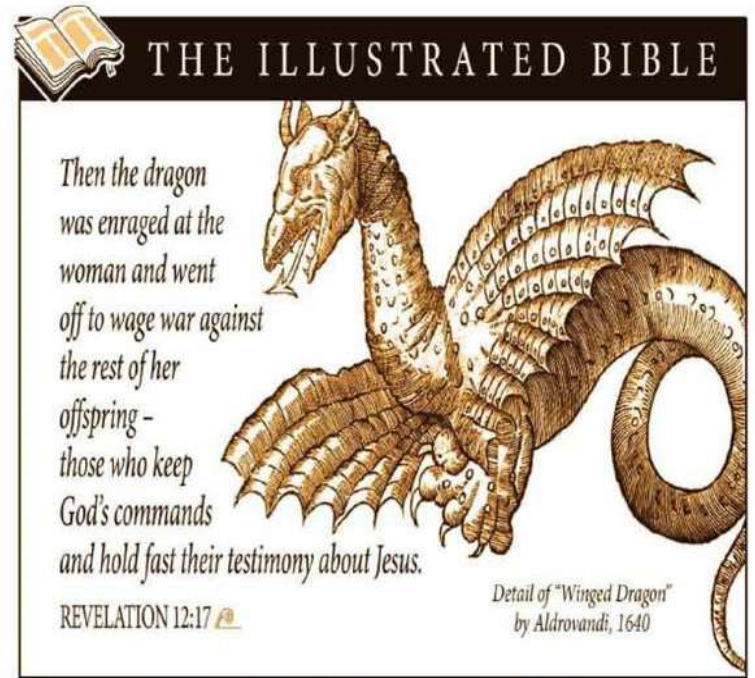
• The prevalence of syphilis in the 19th century led to a sharp increase in demand for sunglasses, as the disease causes intense sensitivity to light if left untreated.

• Thousands of years ago, keys were made from wood.

• During the "I smell a rat" scene in the Martin Scorsese flick "The Departed," Jack Nicholson decided things didn't feel quite intense enough, so he improvised by pulling a real gun on co-star Leonardo DiCaprio.

Thought for the Day: "I attribute my success to this: I never gave or took any excuse." — Florence Nightingale

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) An upcoming trip could create some problems with your schedule unless you tie up as many loose ends as possible before you head out the door. Ask a friend or colleague to help you.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Being eager to start a new project is fine. However, moving ahead without knowing what will actually be expected of you could cause a problem down the line. Ask some questions.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Getting through some recent challenges in good shape might give you a false sense of security. Don't relax your guard. You need to be prepared for what else could happen.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Caution is still advised, even though you think you're as prepared as you need to be at the moment. Keep in mind that change is in your aspect, and you should expect the unexpected.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The Lion's gift of persuasion helps you get your points across, even to some of your most negative naysayers in the workplace. Also, an old friend might seek you out for some advice.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Being sure of your convictions is fine, but leave some room for dissenting opinions. You might learn something that could help you avoid a possible problem later on.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Getting good legal advice on what your rights actually are is the first step toward resolving that pesky problem so that it doesn't reemerge at a later date. Good luck.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Longtime relationships work well this week, whether they're personal or professional. It's also a good time to invite new friends and colleagues into your life.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) This is a good week to do the research that will help you uncover irrefutable facts for a project; this will back you up on your new venture when you most need it.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Change is an important factor in your aspect this week and could affect something you might have thought was immune to any sort of adjustment or "alteration."

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Being asked to share someone's deeply personal confidence might be flattering, but accepting could be unwise. Decline gracefully but firmly.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) As wise as you are, you could still be misled by someone who seems to be sincere but really isn't. Take more time to assess the situation before making any commitments.

BORN THIS WEEK: You like to face challenges that others might try to avoid, and by doing so, you set an example of courage for all.

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HOLLYWOOD

by Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD — The word on “Wonka,” the reboot of “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory” starring **Timothée Chalamet** as Willy Wonka (previously played by **Gene Wilder** and **Johnny Depp**), is that it opens in theaters on Dec. 15. We’ll be able to see if we agree with its director, **Paul King**, who claims that Chalamet, who sings “a couple of bigger, showstopper-y sort of things,” but also “moments of real, pure emotion,” has a singing voice like **Bing Crosby**! The film also stars **Keegan-Michael Key**, **Rowan Atkinson**, **Olivia Colman**, **Matt Lucas** and **Hugh Grant** as an Oompa-Loompa.

Super-soap-star **Thaao Penghlis**, who has spent the last four decades as Count Tony DiMera in “Days of Our Lives,” has used his downtime from the soap to write, produce and narrate the podcast “The Lost Treasures.” The podcast is a thrilling detective story-style exploration of Greece’s greatest contribution to literature: the poet Homer. It explores “The Iliad” and “The Odyssey” through the life of German archaeologist **Heinrich Schliemann**, who changed history when he discovered the real-life locations and treasures of these epic poems.

The four-episode podcast includes three story chapters that transport you to Troy and Ancient Greece. The first episode dropped Sept. 5, and the podcast will conclude on Oct. 17 with the fourth and final narration from Australian-born Penghlis. “The Lost Treasures” is available wherever you get your podcasts.

Want to know why writers and actors make so little from residuals? Maybe it’s because most of the stars grab all the money from reruns. To name a few: **Ray Romano** makes \$18 million yearly for “Everybody Loves Raymond.” Toward the end of “The Big Bang Theory,” **Jim Parsons** got paid over \$1 million per episode and still gets \$10 million a year from reruns. **Kelsey Grammer** makes \$13 million a year for “Frasier” (no wonder he wanted to reboot it). Both **Charlie Sheen** and **Jon Cryer** earn over \$13 million a year for “Two and a Half



Todd Williamson/Peacock

Thaao Penghlis
 (“Days of Our Lives”)

Men.”

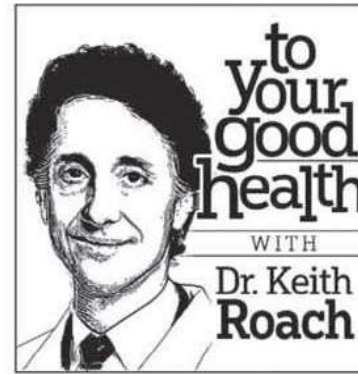
The cast of “Friends” gets \$20 million per person each year, while **Mark Harmon** banks \$60 million a year from “NCIS” reruns. **Nancy Cartwright**, the unseen voice of Bart Simpson, pulls in \$400,000 an episode and \$20 million a year from reruns. “Seinfeld’s” **Jerry Seinfeld** and **Larry David** still get between \$40 and \$60 million a year, and **Leonardo DiCaprio** earns \$12 million a year from airings of “Titanic.” This happens all while supporting actors and writers can’t make a decent living.

Is Universal seriously planning to reboot “Murder She Wrote”? **Angela Lansbury’s** mystery series ran for 12 seasons from 1984-1996, and although she received Emmy nominations throughout those 12 years, she never won. She did, however, earn three Golden Globe Awards, for her portrayal of Jessica Fletcher.

Back in 2013, an attempted reboot with Oscar-winner **Octavia Spencer** (without Lansbury) was in the works, but then got quickly abandoned.

Lansbury still lives on in rerun heaven, and “Murder She Wrote” without her in it would truly be murder!

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What Prompted the Discontinuation of Fen-Phen?

DEAR DR. ROACH: I’m a 71-year-old healthy female who has struggled with my weight all my life. In the ‘90s, I thought I had finally found the solution in fen-phen. It was like a miracle! It took all the nagging thoughts of food out of my brain.

My question is, with all the drug ads on TV every day blithely showing the many side effects leading up to — and including — death, why can’t we use fen-phen? I worked in a hospital where a very large number of employees were taking it with great results. I never heard a hint about anything that could affect someone’s health.

Also, I talked to many of the other patients at the doctor’s office where I was receiving it. Everyone was overjoyed with the results. I had no temptations and no constant yammering in my brain to eat something. As I said, it was a miracle. I felt like a normal person. So, why are all of these drug companies allowed to advertise their products, but one drug that truly worked had to get snatched away from us? —M.H.

ANSWER: Fen-phen was a combination of fenfluramine and phentermine, which was approved for use in 1986. Approximately 18 million prescriptions were written for this medicine until 1987, when an association was made between the use of fen-phen and valve diseases of the heart. These cases were

reported with fenfluramine or with the related dexfenfluramine alone, but never with phentermine alone. (Phentermine remains on the market.) Approximately 150 cases were reported.

Subsequent studies estimated that seven out of 10,000 people who took fenfluramine or fen-phen for less than four months developed valve disease, while 35 in 10,000 people who took fenfluramine or fen-phen for more than four months developed valve disease. They were compared to people who either took phentermine alone or did not use a weight-loss medicine.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration determined that the risk of valve disease (some being severe enough to prompt valve replacement surgery) was too high, so the FDA asked manufacturers to remove these drugs from the market.

I fully understand your perspective. Some people are willing to take the risk of a side effect because the benefit of the medicine is so great. In my opinion, people should have the option of making their own decision, but in this case, the FDA felt that the risk was too high.

I have not seen a medicine for weight loss as effective as fen-phen until recently, when semaglutide (Wegovy and Ozempic) and tirzepatide (Mounjaro, not yet approved for weight loss) became available. Just as you say, many of my patients report that they were able to easily control their eating while on these medicines, and as of the time I am writing, there have not been any serious adverse effects of taking these drugs, although there are plenty of mild effects.

However, these medicines only work when you continue to take them, and stopping them generally results in rapid regain of the weight that was lost. It’s important to realize that if you take a weight-loss drug, you’re making a commitment to a long-term treatment.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual questions, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu.

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Courtesy is as much a mark of a gentleman as courage.

Theodore Roosevelt

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GUYANA-VENEZUELA: THE PATH TO PEACEFUL RESOLUTION

By Sir Ronald Sanders

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

Recent intimidatory and aggressive statements issued from Venezuela in the name of President Nicolas Maduro, the Government of Venezuela and the National Assembly concerning Guyana, have raised alarms in the regional, hemispheric and international community.

The Commonwealth, the Organization of American States, and CARICOM have objected to Venezuela's behaviour toward Guyana, particularly as the Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro alleges, without any substantiation, that the Guyana Government is allowing the United States of America (US) to construct a military base on its territory "against Bolivar's Venezuela".

In a UN statement, the Guyana Government rejected Venezuela's allegation, stating that "this all derives from Venezuela's grotesque claim to two-thirds of Guyana".

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

The background to these events is that in 1899, Venezuela agreed to an international arbitration that established the boundaries between Guyana and Venezuela as a 'full, final, and perfect' settlement. However, in 1962, just as Guyana was on the brink of gaining independence, Venezuela reversed its longstanding acceptance of the 1899 settlement. Without providing any evidence, the government claimed that the settlement was nothing more than a covert political agreement that infringed on its rights.

Based on this unfounded allegation, Venezuela has staked a claim to two-thirds of Guyana, specifically the Essequibo region. This claim, together with intermittent acts of belligerence by Venezuela including its naval forces, have cast a shadow over Guyana's economic development for all 57 years of its independence, deterring investors and causing instability in the country.

In February 1966, three months before Guyana's independence from Britain, representatives from Venezuela, Britain, and Guyana convened in Geneva. There, they signed an agreement endorsed by the governments and parliaments of all

three nations, aiming to resolve 'the controversy'. This agreement outlined several steps towards resolution, including a provision for the UN Secretary-General to select a means of resolution as specified in Article 33 of the UN Charter. This process is articulated in Article IV of the 1966 Geneva Agreement which Venezuela fully endorsed.



Therefore, after the failure of initial resolution steps, UN Secretary-General António Guterres decided on 30 January 2018 that the International Court of Justice (ICJ) would be the avenue for resolution.

THE PATH OF PEACEFUL RESOLUTION
Accordingly, in March 2018, Guyana applied to the ICJ for judicial adjudication.

In response, Venezuela refused to recognize the ICJ's jurisdiction, abide by its decisions, or participate in its proceedings. This response was a direct infringement of Article 93 of the UN Charter, which clearly states: "All Members of the United Nations are ipso facto parties to the Statute of the International Court of Justice".

However, the ICJ adjudged that it had jurisdiction to hear the case. Venezuela appeared twice before the Court to object. On both occasions, the Court rejected the Venezuelan objections. Therefore, the case has continued much to the disquiet of Venezuela which has clearly always been fearful of the Court's decision.

THE HOSTILE PATH

In 2020, Guyana started producing and selling oil and gas offshore, boosting its economy. The IMF declared Guyana to be the fastest growing economy in the world with GDP growth of 62.3% in 2022 and 59% in the first half of 2023.

In the wake of these spectacular riches, an immediate response was sparked from the Venezuela government when, on 13 September 2023, the Guyana President, Irfaan Ali, updated the public on bids for 14 new offshore oil blocks, which had been opened for exploration and development. Ali said that immediate bids on 8 of them had been received from oil giants such as ExxonMobil, Hess Corporation, China National Offshore Oil Corporation and Total.

On 19 September 2023, the Venezuela government described the bidding process as "illegal" and issued a "warning" to all the participating companies that it would "apply all necessary measures to prevent the illegitimate exploitation of the natural resources that belong to our nation".

This was followed by the



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unsubstantiated allegation on 23 September 2023 at the UN General Assembly that the US is seeking "to establish a military base in the contested territory, with the aim of creating a spearhead in its aggression against Venezuela and consolidating the plunder of our energy resources".

ATTEMPT TO DIVIDE CARICOM

In an open message, posted on his X page, Maduro proposed that Guyana should abandon the process at the ICJ for "a meeting promoted by CARICOM to retake the Geneva Agreement of 1966". It is a misleading proposition because it is clear, from even a cursory reading of the Geneva Agreement, that Guyana has followed its terms to the letter.

President Maduro had previously sought, unsuccessfully, to divert CARICOM from supporting the ICJ process. He has not succeeded in this further attempt. Although many CARICOM governments are friendly with the Maduro Government and have urged the US to drop sanctions against it, on 22 September 2023, CARICOM publicly supported Guyana's sovereignty and right to develop its resources.

PROMOTING NATIONALIST VENEZUELA SENTIMENT

On 21 September 2023, Venezuela's National Assembly, decided to arouse nationalist sentiment at the urging of the government. It decided to hold a referendum on the claim to Essequibo "so that the people strengthen the defence" and "the inalienable rights of Venezuela". It is a referendum hardly worth holding since, in furtherance of their unsubstantiated claim, for 61 years successive Venezuelan governments have indoctrinated their people from primary school in the belief that Essequibo belongs to Venezuela.

When the Venezuelan political parties met in Mexico in August 2021 in one of the failed attempts to find a way out of the many political, economic and humanitarian challenges that the country faces, the only thing on which they could agree was the claim for the Essequibo

INTERNATIONAL INVOLVEMENT AND RESPONSE

In the wake of all this, the international community has made its position clear: it favours ICJ adjudication as the appropriate and peaceful means to settle the controversy, adhering to the Charter of the UN and international law.

This resolution path not only serves justice but also underpins the stability and development prospects of both Guyana and Venezuela, fostering an environment where mutual respect and cooperation can flourish.



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 Company Number 1849983
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, Subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from the 29th day of September, 2023.
 Dated this 29th day of September, 2023
Sgd. Brian Jackson
 Brian Jackson
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [20/5]

Alpha Six Corporation
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company Number 2107807
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, Subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from the 29th day of September, 2023.
 Dated this 29th day of September, 2023
Sgd. Brian Jackson
 Brian Jackson
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [20/6]

NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
 (NO. 16 OF 2004)
RYXSparkle Holdings Limited
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 29th day of September 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidator is:-
Wayne S. Francis
 of c/o Sertus Chambers,
 P.O. Box 905, Quastisky Building,
 Road Town, Tortola VG 1110,
 British Virgin Islands
 [20/7]

The BVI Business Companies Act Advertisement of Liquidator's Appointment Section 204(1)(b)
HAZELHURST HOLDINGS LIMITED
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 BC No. 685608
 (the "Company")
NOTICE is hereby given in accordance with Section 204(1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the above mentioned company has commenced liquidation and dissolution as of September 23, 2023. **Mr. Ryan Geluk** of **BDO Limited, Sea Meadow House, Tobacco Wharf, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands,** has been appointed liquidator.
Ryan Geluk
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [20/8]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act
Macro International Limited
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company Number: 3686
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204(1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary-liquidation commenced on 29 September 2023. The Joint Liquidators are **Anton Goldstein and Rachael Pape** of **Conyers Dill & Pearman, Commerce House, Wickhams Cay 1, P.O. Box 3140, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110, British Virgin Islands.**
 Dated: 2 October 2023
Rachael Pape
 For and on behalf of Anton Goldstein and Rachael Pape
 As Joint Liquidators [20/9]

NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
 (NO. 16 OF 2004)
BONBON BUSINESS MANAGEMENT INC.
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 21st day of September, 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidators is:-
Wayne Francis
 Nerine Chambers,
 Quastisky Building
 P.O. Box 905
 Road Town, Tortola,
 British Virgin Islands
 VG 1110 [20/10]

NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
 (NO. 16 OF 2004)
ARISTOLEA MANAGEMENT INC.
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 1st day of September, 2023; under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck from the Register. The Liquidators is:-
Wayne Francis
 Nerine Chambers,
 Quastisky Building
 P.O. Box 905
 Road Town, Tortola,
 British Virgin Islands
 VG 1110 [20/11]

NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
 (NO. 16 OF 2004)
WICHITA HOLDING & FINANCE S.A.
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 18th day of September, 2023; under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck from the Register. The Liquidators is:-
Wayne Francis
 Nerine Chambers,
 Quastisky Building, P.O. Box 905
 Road Town, Tortola,
 British Virgin Islands, VG 1110 [20/12]

NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
SAM JET LIMITED
 ("the Company")
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 29th September, 2023; under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidator is:-
Wayne Francis
 Nerine Chambers
 P.O. Box 905 Quastisky Building
 Road Town, Tortola, VG 1110
 British Virgin Islands
 [20/13]

NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
SAM JET HOLDINGS LIMITED
 ("the Company")
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 29th September, 2023; under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidator is:-
Wayne Francis
 Nerine Chambers
 P.O. Box 905 Quastisky Building
 Road Town, Tortola, VG 1110
 British Virgin Islands
 [20/14]

STRUCK OFF
Liquidator's Final Notice
QUBUS OVERSEAS INVESTMENTS LTD.
 ("the Company")
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 677451
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to section (208) (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 28th September 2023.
 Dated 2nd October 2023
Carmine Bailey
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [20/15]

STRUCK OFF
Liquidator's Final Notice
DESERT ROSE PETROLEUM LIMITED
 ("the Company")
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 1655848
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to section (208) (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 27th September 2023.
 Dated 2nd October 2023
Carmine Bailey
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [20/16]

STRUCK OFF
Liquidator's Final Notice
VEKKA LTD
 ("the Company")
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 2081636
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to section (208) (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 27th September 2023.
 Dated 2nd October 2023
Carmine Bailey
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [20/17]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act
Barossa Global Capital Ltd
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company Number: 1734753
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204(1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 22 September 2023. The Joint Liquidators are **Anton Goldstein and Rachael Pape** of **Conyers Dill & Pearman, Commerce House, Wickhams Cay 1, P.O. Box 3140, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110, British Virgin Islands.**
 Dated: 22 September 2023
Rachael Pape
 For and on behalf of Anton Goldstein and Rachael Pape
 As Joint Liquidators
 [20/18]

CLARKSBORO CORPORATION
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 454703
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 1 5th September 2023.
 Dated 29th day of September 2023
 (Sgd.) **Mr. Alfredo Caruci**
 Voluntary Liquidator [20/19]

TECOM GLOBAL TECH INVESTMENT (B.V.I.) LIMITED
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 509089
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204(1)-(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **TECOM GLOBAL TECH INVESTMENT (B.V.I.) LIMITED** is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 25th day of September 2023. The Liquidator is **Alfredo Caruci** of **Citico B.V.I. Limited, Flemming House, Wickhams Cay, P.O. Box 662, Road Town, Tortola, VG 1110 British Virgin Islands.**
 Dated 29th day of September 2023.
 (Sgd.) **Alfredo J Caruci**
 Voluntary Liquidator [20/20]

PUBLIC NOTICES

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

BVIHPB 2023/0203

**In the Estate of Iris de Castro, late of Slaney, Road
Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, (Deceased)**

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by MONIQUE de CASTRO JOSEY of 4581 River Hill Circle, Ellenwood, Georgia 39284, United States of America who is the daughter of Iris de Castro, deceased who died testate on the 19th day of March, 2022, for a Grant of Probate in the Estate of the said deceased.

ANY PERSON 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 this 29th day of September, 2023

Filed by HUNTE & CO. LAW CHAMBERS, Attorneys-at-Law whose address for service is 123 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

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

BVIHPB2023/0210

IN THE ESTATE OF DOROTHY HODGE, DECEASED

TAKE NOTICE that BEVERLY ELEANOR HODGE and VARRISSE VANDERVOLT HODGE both of Sea Cows Bay, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, the Administrators of the estate of the deceased aforesaid, who died on the 16th day of July, 2021 intend to apply to the High Court of Justice in the Probate Division for a Grant of LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION to the Estate of the said DOROTHY HODGE, deceased.

ANY PERSON or persons who has or have any objections to the Grant of LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION to the said BEVERLY ELEANOR HODGE and VARRISSE VANDERVOLT HODGE both of Sea Cows Bay, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, shall within fourteen (14) days from the date of the publication of this Notice lodge with the Registry of the High Court of Justice in the British Virgin Islands the proper documents setting out the proper objections.

Dated this 3rd day of October, 2023

Harbour Chambers BVI
Legal Practitioners for the Applicants

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MILLENNIUM SECURITY HOLDINGS CORP.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 532836

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204(1)-(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that MILLENNIUM SECURITY HOLDINGS CORP. is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 22nd day of September 2023. The Liquidator is Alfredo Caruci of Citeo B.V.I. Limited, Flemming House, Wickhams Cay, P.O. Box 662, Road Town, Tortola, VG 1110 British Virgin Islands.

Dated 29th day of September 2023.
(Sgd.) Alfredo J Caruci
Voluntary Liquidator
[20/21]

LEF CORPORATE LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1859734

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204(1)-(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that LEF CORPORATE LTD. is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 22nd day of September 2023. The Liquidator is Alfredo Caruci of Citeo B.V.I. Limited, Flemming House, Wickhams Cay, P.O. Box 662, Road Town, Tortola, VG 1110 British Virgin Islands.

Dated 22 day of September 2023
(Sgd.) Alfredo J Caruci
Voluntary Liquidator
[20/22]

DURBUY INC.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 484754

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 8 September 2023

Dated September 11, 2023
(Sgd.) Mr. Alfredo Caruci
Voluntary Liquidator
[29/23]

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

Data One Group Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2018736

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 3rd day of October, 2023. The liquidator is Philippa V. O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated: 3rd day of October 2023
(Sgd.) Philippa V O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator
[20/24]

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

BVIHPB2023/0209

**IN THE ESTATE OF IN THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM
WAMOUTH HENLEY aka WILLIAM WAYMOUTH
HENLEY, DECEASED**

TAKE NOTICE that MARVIN EGBERT BLYDEN of Tortola, British Virgin Islands, a grandson of the deceased aforesaid, who died on the 26th day of September, 1904 intends to apply to the High Court of Justice in the Probate Division for a Grant of LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION to the Estate of the said WILLIAM WAMOUTH HENLEY aka WILLIAM WAYMOUTH HENLEY, deceased.

ANY PERSON or persons who has or have any objections to the Grant of LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION to the said MARVIN EGBERT BLYDEN of Tortola, British Virgin Islands, shall within fourteen (14) days from the date of the publication of this Notice lodge with the Registry of the High Court of Justice in the British Virgin Islands the proper documents setting out the proper objections.

Dated this 2nd day of October, 2023

Harbour Chambers BVI
Legal Practitioners for the Applicant
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**THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
(PROBATE)
VIRGIN ISLANDS**

BVIHPB 2023/

**In the Estate of GRACE CHU LANG late of 1210 Cardinal Ave.,
Sugar Land, Texas 77478, United States of America, deceased**

ADVERTISEMENT (RESEALING)

Notice is given that after the expiration of 8 days application will be made to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the re-sealing of the Grant of Letters of Administration of the Estate of GRACE CHU LANG late of 1210 Cardinal Ave., Sugar Land, Texas 77478, United States of America, deceased was granted by the County Court of Fort Bend in the State of Texas on 11th January, 2016.

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

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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

BVIHPB2023/0196

IN THE ESTATE OF RUDOLPH ANTONIO SMITH,
LATE OF FRENCHMAN'S CAY, WEST END, TORTOLA,
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS, DECEASED

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Lloyd A. Smith of Frenchman's Cay, West End, Tortola, British Virgin for a Grant de bonis non in respect of the Will of the above named deceased who died on the 8th day of July 2005 without revoking a Will bearing the date of the 22nd day of June 2005 wherein the applicant is named as Executor.

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

Dated this 21st day of September 2023.

Sabals Law, Solicitors for the Executor whose address for service is 87 Main Street, 2nd Floor, Abbott Building, Waterfront Drive, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands. [20]

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

BVIHPB2023/0309

IN THE ESTATE OF CYRIL ALCEDO CRABBE, DE-
CEASED

TAKE NOTICE that JERONE CRABBE of Missouri, United States of America, the Administrator of the estate of the deceased aforesaid, who died on the 24th day of May, 2021 intends to apply to the High Court of Justice in the Probate Division for a Grant of LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION to the Estate of the said CYRIL ALCEDO CRABBE, deceased

ANY PERSON or persons who has or have any objections to the Grant of LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION to the said JERONE CRABBE of Missouri, United States of America, shall within fourteen (14) days from the date of the publication of this Notice lodge with the Registry of the High Court of Justice in the British Virgin Islands the proper documents setting out the proper objections

Dated this 3rd day of October, 2023

Harbour Chambers BVI
Legal Practitioners for the Applicant

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

Mobius Group Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2018547

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 3rd day of October, 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa V. O'Sullivan** of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated: 3rd day of October 2023
(Sgd.) *Philippa V O'Sullivan*
Voluntary Liquidator
[20/25]

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

Diamond Desire Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1608893

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 5th day of October, 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa V. O'Sullivan** of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated: 5th day of October 2023
(Sgd.) *Philippa V O'Sullivan*
Voluntary Liquidator
[20/26]

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

**GOLDENKEY ENTER-
PRISES LIMITED**
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1729515

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 5th day of October, 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa V. O'Sullivan** of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated: 5th day of October 2023
(Sgd.) *Philippa V O'Sullivan*
Voluntary Liquidator
[20/27]

FORM P16: ADVERTISEMENT (RESEALING)
Rule 30 (2)

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

In the Estate of TSE KAI KWONG late of
Flat 4, 21st Floor, Kong Hing Court, Aberdeen Centre, No.13
Nam Ning Street, Aberdeen, Hong Kong, deceased

Notice is given that after the expiration of 8 days, application will be made by the son of the deceased TSE CHUN YIP of Flat 4, 21st Floor, Kong Hing Court, Aberdeen Centre, No.13 Nam Ning Street, Aberdeen, Hong Kong to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the resealing of the grant of Probate of the estate of TSE KAI KWONG late of Flat 4, 21st Floor, Kong Hing Court, Aberdeen Centre, No.13 Nam Ning Street, Aberdeen, Hong Kong, deceased, granted by the High Court of Hong Kong at LG1, High Court Building, 38 Queensway, Hong Kong to the Executor, TSE CHUN YIP, dated the 6TH day of May 2022

Philippa O'Sullivan
BGA Law (BVI) Limited
Attorney-at-Law for the Administrator

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

BVIHPB 2023/0205

In the Estate of LUIGI THOMAS CHICHERIO late of
Frohburgstrasse 60, 8832 Wollerau, Switzerland, deceased

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by LOUIS REMO CHICHERIO of Weinbergstrasse 10, 8807 Freienbach, Switzerland for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above named deceased who died on 10th day of December, 2022, at Lachen Switzerland, domiciled in Switzerland without revoking a will bearing the date of the 25th day of October, 2017 wherein the applicant is named the Executor.

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

Dated this 29th day of September, 2023.

Filed by: SAMUELS RICHARDSON & CO
Legal Practitioners
whose address for service is
Wattley Building, 2nd Floor
PO Box 3410
Road Town, Tortola

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

BVIHPB2023/0212

**IN THE ESTATE OF HAROLD LEVI THOMAS,
DECEASED**

TAKE NOTICE that JACQUELINE LAVERNE THOMAS, LATOYA ALEA THOMAS and SHAVON THOMAS-FERACHO all of St. Thomas, United States Virgin Islands, the Administrators of the estate of the deceased aforesaid, who died on the 28th day of January, 2021 intend to apply to the High Court of Justice in the Probate Division for a Grant of LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION to the Estate of the said HAROLD LEVI THOMAS, deceased.

ANY PERSON or persons who has or have any objections to the Grant of LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION to the said JACQUELINE LAVERNE THOMAS, LATOYA ALEA THOMAS and SHAVON THOMAS-FERACHO all of St. Thomas, United States Virgin Islands, shall within fourteen (14) days from the date of the publication of this Notice lodge with the Registry of the High Court of Justice in the British Virgin Islands the proper documents setting out the proper objections.

Dated this 3rd day of October, 2023

Harbour Chambers BVI
Legal Practitioners for the Applicants

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

PROBATE NO. OF 2023

**IN THE ESTATE OF HUI CHUN WO JAMES, LATE OF
FLAT A, 10TH FLOOR, BROADWOOD PARK, NO. 38
BROADWOOD ROAD, 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 the Grant of Probate of the estate of HUI CHUN WO JAMES, Deceased, late of Flat A, 10th Floor, Broadwood Park, No. 38 Broadwood Road, Hong Kong Deceased, granted to HUI KIN WANG KARL and HUI KIN CHEUNG KEVIN by the Deputy Registrar of the High Court of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region with Grant No. HCAG002265/2023 on the 8th day of March 2023.

Harney Westwood & Riegels LP
Solicitors for the Applicants

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

**DEARHAM
INVESTMENTS CORP.**
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 264688

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 4th, 2023. The Liquidator is Nelia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated: October 5th, 2023

(Sgd.) Nelia St. Jean
Voluntary Liquidator
[30/28]

NOTICE

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

Vadas Solutions Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 8th day of September 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.

The Liquidator is:-

Wayne S. Francis
of c/o Sertus Chambers,
P.O. Box 905, Quastisky Building,
Road Town,
Tortola VG 1110,
British Virgin Islands
[20/29]

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

**JOYCE OCEAN
ENTERPRISES LTD.**
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from October 4, 2023.

Dated: October 5, 2023

(Sgd.) Nelia St. Jean
Voluntary Liquidator [20/30]

**Westchester Investment
Holdings Limited**
(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 the 3rd day of October, 2023. The Liquidator is Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated this 5th day of October, 2023
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[20/31]

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

CLAIM NO. BVIHPB2023/

**IN THE ESTATE OF PANNA DIPAK SHUKLA, LATE OF
11, KHATAU APARTMENT, 243 WALKESHWAR ROAD,
MUMBAI 400006, DECEASED**

ADVERTISEMENT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Nimish Nalin Shukla of 24, DuruMahal, 84 Marine Drive, Mumbai-400003, Amit Arvind Gunderia of G-52, Venus Apartment, R.G. Thadani Marg, Worli Seaface, Worli, Mumbai 400018 and Bhavant Rupam Shukla of B/201 Bhagirathi Niwas, M.V. Road, Andheri (East) Mumbai 400069 for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above-named deceased who died on the 16 January 2021 at Gr. Mumbai, Greater Mumbai, Mumbai, Maharashtra, 400006, without revoking a Will bearing the date of 25 August 2020 wherein the applicants are named executors.

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

Dated this 29th day of September 2023

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

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

BVIHPB2023/0197

IN THE ESTATE OF LILLIAN CHRISTOPHER, DECEASED

TAKE NOTICE that KENT BERNIER of St. Thomas, United States Virgin Islands, the Administrator of the estate of the deceased aforesaid, who died on the 5th day of May, 2014 intends to apply to the High Court of Justice in the Probate Division for a Grant of LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION to the Estate of the said LILLIAN CHRISTOPHER, deceased.

ANY PERSON or persons who has or have any objections to the Grant of LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION to the said KENT BERNIER of St. Thomas, United States Virgin Islands, shall within fourteen (14) days from the date of the publication of this Notice lodge with the Registry of the High Court of Justice in the British Virgin Islands the proper documents setting out the proper objections.

Dated this 3rd day of October, 2023

Harbour Chambers BVI
Legal Practitioners for the Applicant

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PUBLIC NOTICES

**THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
VIRGIN ISLANDS
PROBATE NO. OF 2023**

In the Estate of Hsu, Chih-Chin late of 19F, No. 216, Xinyi Rd,
Linkou District, New Taipei City, Taiwan
(R.O.C.), deceased

FORM P7: ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by KAO, CHIU-HUA of 8F.-18, No. 121, Sec. 1, Chongqing S. Rd., Zhongzheng Dist., Taipei City, Taiwan (R.O.C.) for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant, who is the spouse of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on 21 January 2023.

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: 2 October 2023

Filed by Conyers Dill and Pearman, Legal Practitioners for the Applicants, whose address for service is Commerce House, Wickhams Cay 1, P.O. Box 3140, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands VG1110. Tel: 1 (284) 852 1000 Fax: 1 (284) 1001

Email: Robert.Lindley@conyers.com

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

BVIHPB2023/198

In the estate of JOHN OSWALD DAWSON also known as J. Oswald Dawson also known as Oswald Dawson, late of Carrot Bay, Tortola, Territory of the Virgin Islands, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that BRENDA PATRICIA DAWSON and SIMOND SIMEON LLEWELLYN, both of Carrot Bay, Tortola, Territory of the Virgin Islands, the Executors named in the Last Will and Testament (the Will) of JOHN OSWALD DAWSON, deceased who died on the 20th day of March, 2022 domiciled in the Territory of the Virgin Islands (the Deceased), have applied to the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the Probate Division for Probate of the Will bearing the date 29th day of September, 2020.

ANY PERSON having an objection to the Grant of Probate to the said BRENDA PATRICIA DAWSON and SIMOND SIMEON LLEWELLYN, shall within fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of this Notice lodge with the Registry of the High Court in the Territory of the Virgin Islands a proper document setting out the said objections.



Solicitors for the Executors

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**VITA DEVELOPMENT
LIMITED**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company Number 1772339

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 5th day of October, 2023.

Dated this 5th day of October, 2023

Sgd. Brian Jackson

Voluntary Liquidator

[20/32]

NOTICE

BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT

Russell Gate Worldwide

Limited

("the Company")

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 3rd October, 2023; under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck from the Register.

The Liquidator is:-

Wayne Francis

of Nerine Chambers,

P.O. Box 905,

Quastisky Building,

Road Town, Tortola,

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

COMMERCIAL DIVISION

CLAIM NO. BVIHC (COM) 180 of 2023

**IN THE MATTER OF DAUPHIN HOLDINGS
GROUP LIMITED**

AND

**IN THE MATTER OF THE BVI INSOLVENCY ACT, 2003
NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that an Application for the appointment of Charlotte Caulfield and James Drury, of Interpath Advisory, PO Box 4571, LM Business Centre, 4th Floor, Fish Lock Road, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, each a licensed insolvency practitioner under the Act, as joint liquidators of DAUPHIN HOLDINGS GROUP LIMITED ("the Company"), whose registered office is located at Vistra (BVI) Limited and its registered address is c/o Vistra Corporate Services Centre, Wickhams Cay II, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110, British Virgin Islands, was made to the Commercial Division of the High Court of Justice on 29 September 2023 by CITICC INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT LIMITED, a company incorporated in Hong Kong with registration number 2225142 and an address of Room 1006B, 10/F West Tower, Shun Tak Centre, 168-200 Connaught Road Central, Hong Kong, the legal practitioners of whom are Conyers Dill & Pearman, Commerce House, Wickhams Cay I, P.O. Box 3140, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Any creditor or member of the Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an order on the said Application may appear at the time of the hearing on Monday 6 November 2023 at 10.00 am (or the time specified in the final Commercial Court list, if different) by himself or his Counsel for that purpose, at the BVI Commercial Court, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands. A copy of the Application will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or member of the Company requiring the same on payment of the regulated charge.

NOTE: Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said Application must serve on, or send by post to, the below named, notice in writing of his intention to do so, so that it reaches the undersigned no later than 16:00 hours on Friday the 3rd of November 2023. The notice must be in compliance with Rule 162 of the Insolvency Rules, 2005 and must state the name and address of the person or firm, and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their solicitor (if any):

CONYERS DILL & PEARMAN

Legal Practitioners on behalf of the Applicant

Commerce House, Wickhams Cay 1

PO Box 3140

Road Town, Tortola

British Virgin Islands

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2023 LAND BASED EMERGENCY SHELTERS

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

Shelter Classifications

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

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

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

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



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ANGUILLA AND DESTINATION HUB CREATE AN EXCITING REGIONAL SHOWCASE AT THE MONACO YACHT SHOW



Anguilla, October 4, 2023: The Anguilla Tourist Board (ATB), along with Destination Hub partners St. Maarten, St. Martin and St. Barths, showcased the region and engaged with yacht builders, brokers and yachting enthusiasts at the prestigious Monaco Yacht Show from September 27 – 30, 2023.

“Today’s yachting enthusiasts are not content to remain on their crafts – they want to embark on underwater excursions, explore secluded islands via tender, drive all-terrain vehicles across challenging landscapes and connect with local communities,” stated Mr. Kenroy Herbert, Chairman of the Anguilla Tourist Board. “Anguilla offers all this and more – from championship golf and excellent tennis facilities to luxury spa retreats, superb resorts and exceptional

dining. We are ideally located and perfectly positioned to meet the needs and aspirations of these discerning travelers.”

A major development on the horizon is the Unified Cruising Permit, a significant initiative in collaboration with the Government of Anguilla, the Anguilla Tourist Board, and their partners in St. Barths, French St. Martin, and Dutch St. Maarten. This Unified Permit, which is close to being finalized, will allow yachts to cruise freely between the four destinations, making it more convenient for yacht owners and charter companies to explore this beautiful region.

Destination Hub hosted an informative seminar on September 27th, which attracted an excellent turnout of more than 50 agents. The seminar provided an invaluable platform for partners to connect with brokers, captains, and yacht owners. The member

destinations highlighted their unique offerings and surprised their guests with special incentives and prize giveaways. Anguilla’s Malliouhana and Belmond Cap Juluca luxury hotels each offered three-night stays in premium rooms, with breakfast; beautiful Sandy Island offered 2 gift certificates for a delightful lunch for two.

The Destination Hub partners also conducted an exclusive interview with Superyachts.com, providing an additional opportunity to present the Hub’s abundant offerings. This cutting-edge online platform is renowned for its yachting expertise and lifestyle content tailored for high-net-worth individuals.

The grand finale of the Monaco Yacht Show experience was a spectacular cocktail party hosted by Destination Hub on the closing day of the event. The celebration was

a resounding success, with over 80 attendees including captains, yacht brokers, and owners, and cemented the connections forged during this exceptional showcase.

The Monaco yacht show featured a diverse exhibition of 560 carefully selected exhibitors, representing excellence and innovation in yachting: naval designers and architects, yacht equipment providers, service providers and destination representatives, as well as manufacturers of tenders and nautical gadgets.

The impressive fleet assembled at Port Hercule comprised 117 superyachts in

total, including 3 exceptional catamarans which made this event the ultimate gathering of maritime luxury. The show welcomed 58 yachts presented by shipyards and 59 yachts presented by brokers. This balance of yacht builders and brokers ensured a diverse presentation of new builds and charter yachts.

For information on Anguilla please visit the official website of the Anguilla Tourist Board: www.IvisitAnguilla.com; follow us on Facebook: [Facebook.com/AnguillaOfficial](https://www.facebook.com/AnguillaOfficial/); Instagram: [@Anguilla_Tourism](https://www.instagram.com/Anguilla_Tourism/); YouTube; Twitter: [@Anguilla_Trsm](https://twitter.com/Anguilla_Trsm), Hashtag: [#MyAnguilla](https://twitter.com/hashtag/MyAnguilla).

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VIRGIN GORDA TRANSPORT LIMITED

The following vacancies exist with Speedy's Garage Limited and Virgin Gorda Transport Limited

(2) Ferry Captains: Must be a holder of Grade 1 Masters License 100T Minimum. Individuals must be mature over 25 years old and have good leadership and communication skills. Applicant should possess valid STCW Basic, Crowd Control and Crisis Management Certificate and Security training. Minimum Experience of five years required

(5) Ferry Crew/Deckhands: Seeking able bodied individuals willing to fill these positions. Applicants must have STCW certificate, a strong swimmer, mature, possess

(5) Shuttle Drivers: Looking for individuals over 25 years old with excellent driving skills, must be able to drive standard transmission trucks. Applicants must be able to comfortably and safely transport passengers to designated destinations. Eligible person must have good customer service and communication skills and a friendly personality for this position.

(2) Ticket Agents: Applicants applying for this position must be pleasant with great customer service skills, be computer literate and have good math skills.
Honest, committed and hardworking individuals only.

BVI Islanders or Belongers preferred. Only serious applicants need apply. Application Forms available at Speedy's Headquarters, Valley, Virgin Gorda.

Email: info@speedysbvi.com
Telephone: (284) 495-5240

[s21]

THELMA'S HIDEOUT, North Valley, Virgin Gorda is seeking to employ 1 PART-TIME GENERAL WORKER:

The successful applicant should have worked previously in a bar/restaurant and is knowledgeable.

This position requires a strong mature individual who is firm, polite, friendly with an out-going personality, and excellent customer service. Must be a team player and be able to multi-task and work unsupervised. Should be trustworthy, able to do simple math, take customers orders, serve, prepare tabs, physically fit and be able to lift, stretch, stand on feet for long time, work long late hours, and some cleaning/housekeeping as necessary and be willing to cover/work any area as it relates to the business should and when the need arise; must be willing to be flexible and work a split-shift, weekends, and public holidays.

If you are seriously interested email resume/cover letter to: hi.a.grade.productions@gmail.com or write to: Hi.a.Grade. Productions, P. O. Box 1093, North Valley, Virgin Gorda VG1150

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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

BVIHPB 2023/0211

In the Estate of BEVERLY CHRISTOPHER (nee' Rolle) also known as BEVERLY EVERSLEY CHRISTOPHER (nee' Rolle) late of Sea Cow's Bay, Tortola, Virgin Islands, deceased

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by HANARO OLONZO CHRISTOPHER also known as OLONZO HANARO CHRISTOPHER of Sea Cow's Bay, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, Plumber for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who is the surviving spouse of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 4th day of April, 2023.

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 3rd 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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THE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT, 2004
CARMEL ASSETS LIMITED

(the "Company")

Company Number 307444
NOTICE OF LIQUIDATOR'S APPOINTMENT

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that I SANYU RICHARDS of Magnolia Chambers, Mill Mall #23, Wickham's Cay I, Road Town, Tortola British Virgin Islands, have been appointed the voluntary liquidator of the Company by a resolution of the directors dated 22nd September, 2023.

Dated the 26th day of September, 2023

Sanyu Richards
Voluntary Liquidator
[20/34]

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Salary - will be commensurate with experience.

Please respond in writing together with your Resume and four samples of your published work to The Publisher, RelyOn Marketing Group at www.relyonmg@gmail.com.

[s20]

ACE - Property Development Ltd. is seeking a **Cleaner**. Minimum 3 years experience. Serious applicants please call 346-8180.-BVI Islanders or Belongers preferred.

[s20]

Haven Rentals is seeking a **Customer-Service Representative**. Please email CV to havengroupdealers@gmail.com [s20]

Beans Coffee Co.

Currently seeking full time barista with bartending experience for our well established coffee shop in Road Town. Experience in customer facing roles is essential and 2 years minimum barista experience required.

These are long term roles involving early, late and weekend shifts including bank holidays. Interested persons should email their resume/CV to beansbvi@gmail.com. or Telephone: 541-1057 BVI Islanders/Belongers preferred.

[s20]

North Sound Maintenance Repair Services requires full time positions 2 Carpenters, 1 Mason, 1 Cleaning Service Person & 1 Delivery Driver. Please call 284-342-4268 for further details.

[s20]

The **Pizza Guy** is seeking a full time **Customer Services Representative** to assist with kitchen supplies and delivery. Please call 284-547-9938 for further details.

[s20]

JOËLLE FOOD BAR is seeking a sales clerk with cooking experience and extremely good customer service. Must be able to sell and upsell the products. Must be able sandwiches and pastries. Required to be on the job by 5 am. Minimum wage is offered. Call 341-0783. Serious inquiries only. [s21]

BK C-Store Fashion & Auto Stop hiring **Cashier / Store Attendant - FULL-TIME** and **Cleaner / Store Attendant - PART-TIME**.

Formal inquiries only - Email: bkstore@yahoo.com or WhatsApp: 284-442-1842. Absolutely no Telephone nor Walk-in enquiries. Belongers Preferred. [s20]

PLAYROOM NIGHT CLUB seeks Four (4) full Time Bartenders. Please call 545-6776 for further details. [s20]

Northam Construction Ltd. has a need for the following employees in the capacity of **Masons, Carpenters, Steelmen, Labourers, Electrician,-Plumber, Manager,-Foreman, Tiler, Stone Masons and Sheetrock Workers**. Please call 441-7806 for more information. [s21]

Lust Beauty Bar has a need for the following employees as **Hairstylist, Hairdresser, Lash Technician, Barbers and Braiders** for the business. Please call 441-7806 for more information. [s21]

BRBS Cleaning requires: Two (2) Full time cleaners 2 - 3 years of experience. Energetic and flexible Ability to work independently with minimum supervision Ability to follow health and safety standards Exemption or Belongers preferred. Please email us at brbscleaning@gmail.com [s20]

C A R I B B E A N TRANSPORT LTD. needs one full time **AUTO BODY REPAIRMAN**. Telephone 441-6232 or 541-5788 [s21]

FOR RENT

One Bedroom Apartments Available For Rent.

Nestled in the tranquil hills of Slaney with a breath-taking view of the ocean and just 3 minutes away from Road Town. Both apartments are identical and are fully furnished with a full kitchen.

They are air conditioned, comes with washer & dryer, cold and hot water, fiber internet cable, smart televisions and hurricane shutters. All while enjoying the benefits of a generator, security cameras, private parking and a free tank of gas

Note: Tenant(s) will be responsible for electricity - suitable for a single person or a couple. Please call Wayne Todman at 440-3494 for viewing. Serious inquiries only. [s21]

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REAL ESTATE

For Sale of Land

Available for immediate Sale is 0.869 acres of land located in the quiet hillside community of Soldier's Hill, Tortola, the land provides superb views of Brewer's Bay Beach and faces Tortola's North side with an access road off Brewer's Bay Road.

The land is located seventeen minutes from Road Town and only a few minutes from Cane Garden Bay.

The asking price is \$170,000.00, for more information please contact Maximea & Co. Law Chambers at 494-2366 and 494-6623.

[s22]

For sale: Parcel 55 Block 4941B Virgin Gorda South-Reg.-Section, measuring approx. 0.220 of an acre in need of extensive-refurbishment. A 2-bedroom, 1-bathroom dwelling house with an attached-

2-bedroom,-1-bathroom apartment and a 1-bedroom, 1-bathroom-caretaker's apartment.

Sale price is \$400,000 together with an obligation to pay the sellers' legal fees and all costs associated with the sale.

Interested Belongers please contact ghp@ghpbvi.com for more information.

[s21]

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