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PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE FORMED

The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) has finally been formed! This move came several months after the Dr. Natalio Wheatley government took office, and followed the Opposition's protest walkout from the House of Assembly on 31 October.

The Public Accounts Committee (PAC), is a major watchdog body within the House of Assembly. It plays a crucial role within the local House of Assembly as it provides the necessary checks and balances for the Executive, aiming to uphold principles of accountability, transparency, and good governance in public office.

Members of the Opposition over the last few months have been vocal against what they deemed was the Government's dragging of

its feet as it related to the Committee's formation. In fact, the Opposition's need to see the Committee formation was so great that during the Special Sitting of the House of Assembly on 13 October Opposition members made an attempt to push the Government into addressing the formation matter.

During that sitting Opposition Leader and Chair of the Public Accounts Account Hon. Ronnie Skelton as well as Sixth District Representative Hon. Myron Walwyn, made an unexpected move with the aim of amending the Order Paper to address the issue of forming a Public Accounts Committee (PAC) for the House. The attempt was unsuccessful and two weeks later the Members of the

Opposition cited the issue of the unformed PAC as a concern during their post walkout interview.

Opposition members had walked out of the House of Assembly (HOA) during the preceding session to protest the government's repeated decision to relegate the Opposition's scheduled questions to the end of the HOA's order paper.

However, the government has since decided to move forward with the formation of the PAC which now includes only Opposition members on the very day the Opposition walked out of the House. In his address to the House of Assembly following the PAC formation Premier Wheatley expressed his disappointment over the absence of Opposition members during the



Dr. the Honourable Natalio D. Wheatley, Premier of The BVI with UK Minister Mike Freer MP, from the Ministry of Justice, who visited the BVI between Sunday 5 to Tuesday 7 November. The purpose of the visit was for the Minister to see first-hand the opportunities and challenges in the BVI justice system, and to identify areas for further partnership with the UK. (more on page 9)

process.

Hon. - Wheatley emphasized that his intention had always been

to create the PAC once the issue of committee membership was resolved.

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He argued that this matter remains actively under consideration, despite the opposition's contention that the rules governing the PAC's formation, and its exclusion of government ministers, were explicit.

As all government members have either been

appointed as ministers or junior ministers in various ministries, the opposition has maintained that this disqualifies them from PAC membership, in accordance with HOA rules.

Premier Wheatley stated: "Our intent was never to

hinder the Public Accounts Committee's work, and yet here we are. We will have to proceed independently, without the presence of opposition-members. Nevertheless, our duty is to uphold good governance, accountability, - and transparency."

In their absence, Premier Wheatley announced the appointment of Opposition Leader Ronnie Skelton as Chairman, along with Opposition members Hon. Stacey Mather, Hon. Julian Fraser, Hon. Marlon Penn, Hon. Myron Walwyn, and Hon. Melvin Turnbull as other PAC members.

Premier - Wheatley concluded: "We eagerly anticipate the Public Accounts Committee carrying out their responsibilities impartially, without causing disruptions, and with unwavering integrity, always keeping the best interests of the people of the Virgin Islands in mind."

DEPUTY PREMIER TO TACKLE THE EXHORBITANT INSURANCE COSTS



Hon. Lorna Smith

The staggering cost of homeowner insurance is not lost on Deputy Premier and Minister for Financial Services, Labour and Trade, Hon Lorna Smith who announced that the government intends to address the issue.

While bringing the matter up in the House of Assembly on 31 October the Deputy Premier announced that there is a bold and comprehensive plan to confront the pressing issue of exorbitant sky-high insurance costs. Moreover, the Minister disclosed that the BVI intends to lend its voice to the international discussion on this subject.

While noting the BVI's intention to discuss the matter beyond the local

shores, Hon. Smith told legislators: "The genesis of this dialogue will be in early December 2023, when the BVI will proudly represent our interests at a global forum dedicated to championing international financial stability. Amongst the topics that will echo within those hallowed halls is the vastly experienced climate change and its pervasive impact on the availability and affordability of insurance."

Hon. Smith told the House of Assembly that she is aware that the insurance matter is a complex issue. She stated, "In our quest to address the soaring expenses associated with homeowner insurance policies, it is imperative that we grasp the intricate web of factors at play, which are shaped by both local dynamics and global influences. We must recognize that this challenge extends far beyond the shores of the British Virgin Islands; it is, in essence, a pivotal part of a broader global predicament."

Nonetheless, the Minister of

Trade noted that although the insurance matter on the global scale is being propelled by various international disasters and issues, here in the Territory additional factors are contributing to the large cost. Hon. Smith explained: "In the British Virgin Islands, the relentless surge in homeowner insurance costs can be attributed to an intricate tapestry of factors. These include hefty payouts following the ravages of Hurricanes Irma and Maria in 2017, the inexorable march of inflation, and the frustrating limitations in reinsurance capacity available for the Caribbean." To tackle this monumental challenge head-on, Hon Smith unveiled a visionary plan. It involves a strategic exploration of long-term solutions, notably an ambitious pursuit of a regional risk-sharing program or an innovative reinsurance solution. Such endeavors could potentially herald expanded partnerships with entities like the Caribbean

Catastrophic Risk Insurance Facility (CCRIF).

In fact, the Deputy Premier unfurled a tapestry of strategies, including forging powerful collaborations with the insurance industry to craft innovative solutions for managing and mitigating the looming specter of natural disasters.

Moreover, she championed the importance of educating property owners about the arsenal of protective measures at their disposal,

from fortifying homes with hurricane shutters to erecting stalwart storm surge barriers. It was noted that building codes will be enforced with renewed vigor, and avenues for funding resilient infrastructure development will be explored with vigor as well. It was stated that these initiatives aim to serve as guardians against the ravages of natural disasters, ultimately leading to a reduction in insurance costs.

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HON. PENN RAISES CONCERNS ABOUT THE PREMIER'S LEADERSHIP

Eighth-District Representative-Hon. Marlon Penn has raised concerns about Premier Natalio Wheatley's political maturity, suggesting it may be insufficient for effective leadership.

During an opposition press conference on 2 November, Hon. Penn commented: "Our Premier took to the airwaves just yesterday, passionately discussing a range of topics, yet seemingly neglecting the issues directly impacting the lives of our community and our Territory's residents."

The Eighth District

Representative went on to elaborate, saying: "This behavior indicates a lack of political maturity, particularly given the current state of our nation. It also underscores a deficiency in handling and addressing the pressing issues of our time." Members of the Opposition have accused the government of rushing vital legislation through the House of Assembly, fast-tracking first, second, and third readings in a single session, which has limited opportunities for in-depth debates and public input.



Hon. Marlon Penn

Hon. Penn cited the Trade Commission Act and the Jury Act as examples of legislation pushed through the House in this manner.

Additionally, the Opposition has alleged that the government has been relegating their questions and the concerns of the public to the end of the House's agenda while prioritizing the government's extensively bloated three-hour statements.

Penn emphasized the challenges faced by local businesses and individuals, stating, "Every day, we receive calls from the public and the business community, detailing the difficulties they are grappling with. People

are struggling to cover basic expenses like utility bills, putting food on the table, and supporting their families."

In his frustration, he added: "At a time when the Premier should be focusing on addressing the issues affecting our citizens and our economy, he appears to be more interested in radio appearances and distractions, leaving the British Virgin Islands to face its ongoing challenges without adequate attention."

GOVERNMENT MEMBERS CRITICIZE OPPOSITION'S WALKOUT

Both Deputy Premier and Minister of Trade Hon. Lorna Smith, as well as Minister of Health Hon. Vincent Wheatley have criticized members of the Opposition for their 31 October decision to walk out of the House of Assembly.

The six opposition members had left the HOA session after the government postponed the scheduled question-and-answer segment to the end of the sitting.

In voicing his opinion on the recent walkout by Opposition members from the House of Assembly Health Minister Wheatley expressed his disappointment at the opposition's unexpected departure during the other business segment of the

HOA. He questioned the outcomes of their action, stating: "What have they really achieved? What have they proven? What have they given to the public to go away with, to say 'well, that was a good thing that you did? Because you did that, now this can happen.' I don't know what it is that they have gained."

He further surmised that the Opposition's intent might have been to "punish us for a simple thing, re-ordering the order paper," given the government's numerical disadvantage.

Wheatley defended the re-ordering of the agenda, explaining that public officers were overwhelmed by the numerous questions posed by the Opposition, prompting a request for

additional time to prepare responses.

Meanwhile, Minister for Financial Services, Labour, and Trade, Hon. Lorna Smith, expressed her disapproval of the Opposition's walkout, stating that it should not have occurred. She argued that the people suffered the most due to the Opposition's decision to leave the HOA.

Smith contended that pushing back the question-and-answer segment for government business was not unusual in the HOA and saw no reason for Opposition objections.

Premier and Minister of Finance Dr. the Hon. Natalio Wheatley is also on record for criticizing the Opposition's walkout. The BVI Leader in a follow-up mention of the matter characterized it as a move that achieved

nothing and aimed to tarnish his government's image. Hon. Wheatley further emphasized the importance of participating in democratic processes rather than resorting to absenteeism and grandstanding.

The Premier also clarified that the order paper was reordered to accommodate

public officers' requests for additional time to respond to the significant number of questions posed by the opposition. He maintained that this change did not undermine democracy but simply placed the questions after public business on the agenda.

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Remarks by Honourable de Castro on Anti-Bullying Week



Hon. Sharie de Castro

October 15th 2023

I greet you today with a sense of deep purpose and urgency as we approach an important event in our calendar—Anti-Bullying Week 2023. This week holds immense significance, not only for our educational institutions but for our entire community.

Anti-Bullying Week is more than just a series of events; it is a collective statement of our commitment to creating a safer,

kinder, and more inclusive society. It is a week dedicated to raising awareness about the pervasive issue of bullying and its devastating consequences on individuals and communities. It is a time when we come together as one to address this pressing concern, with the ultimate goal of fostering an environment where every member of our society can thrive without fear or intimidation.

Our overarching goal in hosting this week of events is to effect positive change by shedding light on the issue of bullying and empowering our citizens to take action against it. We aim to heighten awareness of the detrimental effects of bullying, not just within the confines of our schools but also within our larger communities. By doing so, we aspire to break the silence that often surrounds bullying and its consequences.

The Ministry of Education,

Youth Affairs, and Sports and The New Horizons Guidance and Counselling Unit stands as a united front to bring awareness to the negative effects of bullying in our schools and in our wider communities.

Far too often, we find ourselves complicit in our silence—silent when we witness bullying, silent about the profound hurt it causes, and silent when bullying is dismissed as ‘just banter’ or brushed off as a joke. But it does not have to be this way.

While it is true that we may not always see eye to eye with everyone, and disagreements may naturally arise, we must recognize the power we hold within ourselves to choose respect and unity. We can choose kindness.

During this Anti-Bullying Week, let us come together as a territory to engage in

meaningful conversations about what bullying truly means to each of us. Let us explore how seemingly harmless banter can escalate into something deeply hurtful, and most importantly, let us collectively explore proactive measures to eradicate bullying from our schools and communities. Together, we can make an enduring difference and take a firm stand against bullying.

From the playground to the hallowed halls of the House of Assembly, and from our digital devices to the sanctity of our homes, let us raise our voices against bullying and declare that we will not tolerate it any longer.

As part of our efforts, I encourage every citizen to actively participate in the activities planned for the week, including the “Dress the Town in Odd Socks” event on the 17th

of October, 2023, which serves as a symbol of our commitment to embracing diversity and inclusion. Additionally, we have organized Pep Rallies at various schools to foster a sense of camaraderie and unity.

Let us work together diligently to instill a culture of respect, understanding, and compassion within our educational institutions and far beyond. Together, we can illuminate the path to a brighter, kinder future for all.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for your unwavering support and dedication to this crucial cause. Together, we can make a lasting impact and create a community where bullying has no place.

Thank you for your support of Anti-Bullying Week 2023.

Minister for Education, Youth Affairs and Sports Reading is Fun Week 2023

Remarks by Honourable de Castro on World Teachers' Day
Remarks by Honourable Sharie B. de Castro

OCTOBER, 9th 2023

I am delighted to announce the upcoming celebration of "Reading is Fun Week" in our beautiful territory, which will take place from Monday, October 9 to Friday, October 13, 2023, under the inspiring theme, "Reimagining Reading Beyond the Book." This week represents our unwavering commitment to enhancing the literacy skills of our students and fostering a lifelong love for reading.

The Ministry of Education, Youth Affairs & Sports, is proud to lead several activities during Reading is Fun Week. During this special week, schools across our islands will come together to showcase the practical applications of reading skills in real-life situations. Public and private educational institutions throughout the territory will organize a wide range of activities designed to enrich the reading experience of students.

We will be conducting reading outreach programs

to various institutions, including The Eslyn Henley Richiez Learning Centre, Dr. D. Orlando Smith Hospital, Adina Donovan Home for the Elderly, and centers for the elderly across the Territory. If you wish to participate in this noble initiative, please reach out to the Ministry.

Join us for a stimulating panel discussion titled "Reading Beyond my Book" on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, from 7 to 8 pm on ZBVI. Esteemed panelists will emphasize the significance and benefits of reading, highlighting how it aids in making real-life connections and informed decisions in the 21st century.

Tune in to 284 Media and GIS as students take the reins, presenting news clips and bulletin board updates during the week. Throughout the week, expect to hear a diverse range of individuals, including students, share short excerpts, poems, and more on ZBVI, ZCCR, and FUZE radio stations.

The pinnacle of our celebration will be a joint forum with HLSCC Virgin Islands Studies Institute, titled "Celebrating 80 Years of Secondary Education in the BVI Through the Lens of Past Educators and Students." Our featured local author, Dr. Charles Wheatley, will share insights from his book, "Visions for Education." This forum will

be recorded and broadcasted at various times throughout the week.

We invite the entire community to actively participate in these enriching activities and take a moment each day to immerse yourselves in the joy of reading. Additionally, we welcome book donations to support our school libraries. Let us come together as a community to celebrate the power of reading and ignite a passion for lifelong learning in our students. Together, we can reimagine reading beyond the book and pave the way for a brighter future for our Virgin Islands. Let the joy of reading fill our hearts and minds during this special week. Thank you.

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Mike Freer MP Arrives In The BVI

Parliamentary-Under Secretary of State for the Ministry of Justice, Mike Freer MP, arrived in the BVI on Sunday 5 November for a two day visit. His responsibilities include Courts and Legal services, and this includes the Overseas Territories. The purpose of the visit is to help the Minister to better understand the legal and justice systems in the BVI as well as to identify opportunities to build on UK partnerships and support. Minister Freer will meet



Mike Freer MP,

key individuals within the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force and at His Majesty's Prison, as well as the Attorney General, Director of Public Prosecutions and Members of the Judiciary.

His Excellency the Governor, John Rankin CMG said: "I am grateful to the Minister for taking the time to visit the BVI. Over the next few days, I hope the Minister will be able to learn more about the judicial system in the BVI and see first-hand the challenges which law enforcement agencies face."



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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Statement By Premier Wheatley On European Blacklist Status



Dr. the Hon. Natalio D. Wheatley

TUESDAY, 31ST OCTOBER, 2023

Madam Speaker, in December 2021, the OECD's Global Forum launched its peer review of the Virgin Islands concerning the international standard for exchange of information upon request. This peer review covered the period from 2016-2022, a time when these Virgin Islands was facing the devastation to our infrastructure caused by Hurricanes Irma and Maria in 2017 and facing the international crisis caused by the Panama papers which followed closely behind significant regulatory compliance actions imposed by the Financial Services Commission against Mossack Fonseca. While the Peer Review Group (PRG) made attempts to recognise the difficulties faced by the Virgin Islands, specifically regarding the Hurricanes, the combination of these events had a significant negative impact on its exchange of information framework, which resulted in the BVI moving from "Largely Compliant" to "Partially Compliant" at the conclusion of the peer review in November 2022.

Madam Speaker, in 2022, before the conclusion of the peer review report, a number of legislative changes were made to address deficiencies identified during the peer review process.

This included amendments to the BVI Business Companies Act and its Regulations. While these amendments were made in 2022, due to practical and administrative reasons, they entered into force on 1 January, 2023. This meant that these important amendments could not be recognised in that report. However, the impact of these amendments on the legal and regulatory framework of the BVI meant that the Territory could be considered for an early supplementary review.

Immediately after the publication of the peer review report in November 2022, the BVI made an application to the Peer Review Group for the grant of a supplementary review. This request could only be considered by the PRG at its meeting that was scheduled for February/March, 2023. A delegation consisting of Jeremiah Frett, Financial Secretary and Latoya James, Director of International Tax Authority travelled to the OECD Headquarters in Paris, France and made an admirable oral presentation to the PRG outlining the reasons why the BVI should have been granted a supplementary review. Unfortunately, Madam Speaker, this approval came after the Council of the EU meeting in February, 2023.

Madam Speaker by EU standards, a rating less than 'largely compliant' is one of the criteria that determines the "EU List of Non-cooperative Jurisdictions for Tax Purposes" (EU List). As such, following a meeting of the Council of the European Union on 14 February 2023, the BVI was added to the EU list of non-cooperative

tax jurisdictions (Annex I). In a statement, the EU Council found that the BVI was not sufficiently in compliance with the OECD standard on the exchange of information on request, but noted that this was the first time the BVI had been added to the list.

Madam Speaker, had the approval for a supplementary review been granted before the EU list was published, the BVI would have remained on Annex II, reflecting jurisdictions that have committed to implementing reforms. As expected the EU

has recognised the approval of the supplementary review and removed the BVI from Annex I at the Council of European Union meeting on 17 October, 2023.

Madam Speaker, the BVI remains a world-class international financial centre, committed to high international standards on transparency and regulation and offering a premier business-friendly jurisdiction facilitating global investment and trade. We welcome this announcement and we remain committed to meeting international standards. This

Government continues to make the necessary arrangements for the supplementary review that will be launched in Q1 of 2024 and recognise the hard work that has been done so far by the key agencies, including the International Tax Authority, Ministry of Finance and the Financial Services Commission in addressing the recommendations made in the November 2022 report. We look forward to the upgrade of our rating in 2024 and ultimately to the BVI also being removed from Annex II.

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2023 CXC CSEC RESULTS

STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORT HONOURABLE SHARIE B. DE CASTRO AT THE FIFTH SITTING OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTH HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS ON TUESDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2023

Madam Speaker, I rise to present to this Honourable House the 2023 Caribbean Examinations Council (CXC) Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC) Examination results for the Virgin Islands.

The Council, celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year, has established internationally accepted examinations, which provide a good measure of the performance for students across the region. This examination is a significant milestone in our students' educational journey as it provides a firm foundation as they move on to studies in higher education.

Madam Speaker, I am pleased to announce that, this year, our students have once again demonstrated their resilience and commitment to learning. Despite the unique challenges brought about by the ongoing global pandemic, our students have risen above and beyond, showing commendable results in the CSEC exams.

This year, the Virgin Islands achieved an impressive 100% pass rate in twelve subjects; this represents a 200% increase over 2022.

SUBJECTS WITH 100% PASS RATE

- a. Agricultural Science (Single Award)
- g. Industrial Technology (Electrical)
- b. Clothing, Textiles & Fashion
- h. Industrial Technology (Mechanical)
- c. Economics
- i. Physical Education & Sports
- d. Family & Resource Management
- j. Principles of Accounts
- e. Food, Nutrition & Health
- k. Theatre Arts
- f. Industrial Technology (Building)
- l. Visual Arts

In addition, Madam Speaker, the Virgin Islands accomplished

a pass rate of 90 - 99% in eight CXC subjects:

SUBJECTS WITH 90 - 99% PASS RATE

- a. Biology
- e. Human & Social biology
- b. Caribbean History
- f. Integrated Science
- c. Chemistry
- g. Office Administration
- d. English A (Language)
- h. Technical Drawing

Madam Speaker, allow me to highlight our performance of our students in English A, at this juncture. Two hundred and four students wrote the CSEC English An examination. It gives me pleasure to announce that the Territory achieved a 92.6% pass rate, in which 89 students attained a Grade I pass, 64 students – a Grade II pass and 38 students – a Grade III pass.

In addition, the Virgin Islands produced a pass rate of 80-89% in two CXC subjects: Electronic Document Preparation and Management, and Information Technology. Madam Speaker, such commendable results are a testament to the consistent hard work of our teachers and students.

For five CSEC subjects, the Virgin Islands achieved 50% or more Grade I passes:

- CSEC Subject Percentage
- a. Electronic Document Preparation and Management 69.9%
- b. Family and Resource Management 57.1%
- c. Industrial Technology (Mechanical) 100%
- d. Physical Education & Sport 74.2%
- e. Theatre Arts 50%

Madam Speaker, while we celebrate these achievements, there are areas that require our attention and improvement, and we remain committed to

addressing these gaps. One such area is Mathematics, in which the Virgin Islands attained a 46.6% pass rate, which represents a 2.4% decrease from 2022, and 4.6% increase over 2021. Of the 161 students who sat the CSEC Math exam, 14 students achieved Grade I, 28 achieved Grade II and 33 achieved Grade III passes.

Madam Speaker, plans are underway to remediate the challenges identified with mathematics especially post the hurricanes of 2017 and post pandemic. A Math Revitalization Committee is being set up to allow stakeholders to work together to strengthen and improve the delivery and instruction of mathematics. Professional development sessions are ongoing at schools in the territory to strengthen and improve instructional quality and remediation in mathematics. Revisions have also been made to both the Scope and Sequence of the VI Primary and Secondary Math Instructional Objectives to ensure that students are exposed to each core thoroughly and meaningfully.

The Ministry has also created two new positions for instructional coaches, specializing in mathematics to observe, coach and train teachers to increase their competency in teaching mathematics and to analyze student assessment data and develop intervention programmes. The positions were advertised and placement is being finalized.

Madam Speaker, regarding the CXC examinations, the ranking of students is typically determined based on the total number of Grade I passes they achieve, rather than the total number of subjects passed. Based on that criterion, Madam Speaker, I am proud, as the Minister for Education, to

announce the top three students in the Virgin Islands.

- Name of Student
- Institution
- No. of Subjects
- No. of Grade 1s
- 1. Aniyah WILLIAMS
BVI SDA School
Biology, Chemistry, English A, Mathematics, Physics, Principles of Business, Social Studies, Spanish, Electronic Document Preparation and Management, Human and Social Biology, and Family and Resource Management
- 2. Khemoe FOY, Jr.
BVI SDA School
9
6 Grade 1: English A, Mathematics, Social Studies, Electronic Document Preparation and Management, Human and Social Biology, and Family and Resource Management
- Grade II: Biology, Chemistry and Physics
- 3. Jefferson FRANK
St. George's School
10
5 Grade 1: Biology, English A, Principles of Business,

Physical Education and Sport, and Human and Social Biology

Grade II: Chemistry, English B, Geography, Information Technology, and Mathematics

Madam Speaker, I would like to extend my deepest congratulations to all our students for their achievements. Your hard work, resilience, and dedication are inspiring. To our teachers, administrators, parents and guardians, thank you for your unwavering support and dedication to our children's education.

In conclusion, Madam Speaker, these overall results underscore our commitment to education and the potential of our young people. As we navigate the future, we will continue to invest in our education sector, because we believe that our children are not just the future of the Virgin Islands – but that they are the present. As such, we will continue to move Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Cabinet Approves 2024 Public Holidays

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

- Monday, 1st January - New Year's Day
- Monday, 4th March - The Anniversary of the Birth of Hamilton Lavity Stoutt
(In lieu of Thursday, 7th March)
- Friday, 29th March - Good Friday
- Monday, 1st April - Easter Monday
- Monday, 20th May - Whit Monday
- Friday, 14th June - Sovereign's Birthday
(to be confirmed)
- Monday, 1st July - Virgin Islands Day
- Monday, 5th August - Emancipation Monday
- Tuesday, 6th August - Emancipation Tuesday
- Wednesday, 7th August - Emancipation Wednesday
- Monday, 21st October - Heroes and Foreparents Day
- Monday, 25th November - The Commemoration of the Great March of 1949 and the Restoration of the Legislative Council
- Wednesday, 25th December - Christmas Day
- Thursday, 26th December - Boxing Day

UK Minister Mike Freer MP expects UK and BVI Partnership on Justice Issues

UK Minister Mike Freer MP, from the Ministry of Justice, visited the BVI between Sunday 5 to Tuesday 7 November. The purpose of the visit was for the Minister to see first-hand the opportunities and challenges in the BVI justice system, and to identify areas for further partnership with the UK.

On Monday, Minister Freer met the Premier, Dr. the Hon Natalio Wheatley, and discussed overcrowding in the prison and the rehabilitation of offenders. He then visited HMP Balsam Ghut with the Minister for Health & Social Development, Hon Vincent Wheatley, to see the facilities and hear from prison staff. Minister Freer also met the Commissioner of Police, Attorney General, Director of Public Prosecutions, Prison Superintendent and

members of the judiciary.

On Tuesday, Minister Freer visited the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force (RVIPF) Marine Unit to see the UK-funded Rigid Hulled Inflatable Boats (RHIBs). There he learned about the challenges in dealing with drug and gun trafficking due to the BVI's porous borders.

The Minister finished his visit with a trip to H. Lavity Stoutt Community College for a lively discussion on parliamentary democracy with the Minister for Education, Hon Sharie de Castro, to mark UK Parliament Week. Students posed questions to both Ministers and the event helped the students to learn more about the political systems in both the BVI and the UK.

Minister Freer said "I am grateful for the warm

welcome I have received in the BVI. The challenges that law enforcement agencies face are not unique, and we must work in partnership to deal with them. The UK Ministry of Justice is committed to supporting HMP Balsam Ghut. Over the past 12 months we have provided training, personnel support and equipment."

His Excellency the Governor, John Rankin CMG said: "I am grateful to the Minister for undertaking this busy programme. His visit showed the importance of learning and sharing best practice in meeting common challenges. I remain committed to working with both BVI and UK partners in reviewing and improving the law enforcement and justice systems here in the BVI."

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PROPOSED COMMERCIAL RECREATIONAL VESSEL LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENTS

STATEMENT BY HONOURABLE DR. NATALIO D. WHEATLEY PREMIER AND MINISTER OF FINANCE AT THE FIFTH SITTING OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTH HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY EUROPEAN BLACKLIST STATUS

TUESDAY, 31ST OCTOBER, 2023

Madam Speaker, I stand before you today to address a matter of significant importance to the maritime community and the economic vitality of the British Virgin Islands. The upcoming introduction of legislative amendments to the Commercial Recreational Vessels Licensing (CRVL) Act marks a crucial step towards ensuring a fair, transparent, and thriving maritime sector within our beloved Virgin Islands.

The proposed amendments which at present, are being finalised to be introduced to this Honorable house in short order, are a result of careful consideration, stakeholder consultations, and a deep understanding of the evolving needs of our maritime industry. They are meticulously crafted to streamline processes, enhance operational efficiency, and to foster an environment conducive to sustainable growth. These

recommendations are aimed at enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of the CRVL Act, with the ultimate goal of fortifying our position as a leading maritime jurisdiction in the region.

The core amendments include a range of policies aimed at achieving the following objectives:

Streamlining Vessel Categorisation;

Ensuring Vessel License Integrity;

Promoting Large Yacht Presence;

Strengthening Registration Requirements;

Mandating BVI Charter Origin;

Exempting BVI Vessels from Cruising Permits; and

Exempting BVI Vessels from Import Duties.

Madam Speaker, these amendments are designed to strike a balance between regulatory oversight and the

facilitation of a flourishing maritime sector.

Madam Speaker a key amendment to the CRVL Act pertains to the expiration dates of CRVL licenses. By transitioning from a uniform expiration date of October 31st to an anniversary date expiration, we seek to eliminate procedural bottlenecks and reduce administrative burdens on vessel operators. This shift will allow for a smoother and more staggered renewal process, ensuring that licenses are renewed in a timely manner without overwhelming administrative resources.

Additionally, Madam Speaker, we propose an extension of the length of time that non-commercial vessels can remain in our territorial waters, before requiring importation. This aligns us with international standards and sends a welcoming message to vessel owners, encouraging

prolonged stays in the Virgin Islands without the worry of import duties. This extension not only fosters economic activity but also strengthens our reputation as a hospitable and attractive destination for maritime tourism.

Madam Speaker, the proposed amendments further seek to adjust long-standing CRVL fees, which have not been adjusted since their enactment in 1992. The fee revision seeks to encompass present market rate and inflation levels to obtain administratively optimal fees.

In conjunction with the proposed amendments to the Commercial Recreational Vessels Licensing (CRVL) Act and other relevant legislations, we will embark on a comprehensive public awareness campaign. This campaign will aim to inform and engage the public, industry stakeholders, and relevant

organisations about the forthcoming changes and their significance.

Madam Speaker the proposed amendments to the Act will serve as a testament of our commitment to fostering an environment that is conducive to both local and international vessel operators. By implementing these changes, we not only stimulate economic growth, but also contribute to the preservation and sustainability of our invaluable blue economy.

Madam Speaker, I seek the support and collaboration of each Member of this House in advancing these critical amendments. Together, we can forge a path towards a prosperous future, for our maritime industry and the broader economy of the British Virgin Islands.

LIBERTY NETWORKS DEPLOYS TAARA'S WIRELESS OPTICAL COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY TO INCREASE HIGH-CAPACITY CONNECTIVITY IN THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN REGION

• *Taara, a project at X (formerly known as Google X), provided an innovative solution using invisible light beams transmitted through the air to provide broadband connection between telecom nodes*

• *In partnership with Taara, Liberty Networks provided resilient high-speed internet connectivity to customers in Anguilla*

MIAMI, FL. – November 1, 2023: Liberty Networks, a leading infrastructure and enterprise connectivity provider in Latin America and the Caribbean, part of Liberty Latin America (LLA), announced today that it had successfully deployed Taara's wireless optical communication

technology to enhance high-speed data connection between two

Caribbean islands. Taara is a moonshot for connectivity at X, Alphabet's moonshot factory.

In August this year, Liberty Networks completed a final repair to a spur of the Eastern Caribbean Fiber System (ECFS), which connects Anguilla with neighboring islands and the rest of the world. The spur had already undergone a temporary repair following an incident with a vessel's anchor earlier in the year. The final repair and planned system maintenance downtime provided the ideal opportunity to deploy the new Taara technology alongside

existing microwave radio system technology as an additional form of broadband service delivery.

Taara's technology uses beams of light to enable high-speed data transmission through the air. To create a link, the beam is sent between two Taara terminals, which are small and quick to deploy. The technology complements existing microwave systems, but provides significantly more capacity, up to 20 Gbps. During the subsea cable repair, Taara's link beamed 10 Gbps successfully across 18 kilometers from St. Martin to Anguilla, helping to maintain broadband service for residents, businesses, and

essential services to over 11,500 customers in Anguilla. "We are thrilled to partner with Taara at X, deploying their innovative technology," said Ray Collins, Liberty Latin America's SVP of Infrastructure and Corporate Strategy. "This state-of-the-art technology not only supported the maintenance of the existing connectivity successfully but, as it is left in place, also strengthens the continued resilience of our network with triple redundancy now in place, ensuring uninterrupted communication and business continuity for our customers in Anguilla. We see further use cases for this cutting-edge technology following this

successful deployment." "We were honored to help Liberty Networks to quickly deploy fiber-like connectivity using Taara's wireless optical solution. We look forward to working with Liberty Networks to broaden the use of this technology, which provides resilient high-capacity backhaul," said Mahesh Krishnaswamy, General Manager of Taara. Liberty Networks is committed to leveraging innovative technologies to deliver reliable, high-performance connectivity solutions. The company continues to connect communities and transform lives through strategic partnerships and new approaches to connectivity

Advisory Committee To Review Minimum Wage

The Ministry of Financial Services, Labour and Trade has today announced the establishment of an ad hoc Advisory Committee to review the minimum wage.

The minimum wage in the Virgin Islands was last increased on 1 October 2016, from \$4.00 per hour to \$6.00 per hour. However, a 2022 review of Social Assistance in the BVI by the Social Policy Research Institute (SPRI Global) found that this was well below what is now needed. The researchers cautioned, however, that the speed by which the minimum wage can be adjusted must take into account economic constraints.

With this in mind, Deputy Premier and Minister for Financial Services, Labour and Trade, Hon. Lorna Smith has determined that the best way forward is to establish an Advisory Committee to undertake a review of what the most appropriate level of the minimum wage should

be.

She said: “The Government is conscious of the many economic challenges the people of the BVI face. We must all put our shoulder to the wheel, government, employers and employees to ensure that individuals on low incomes do not bear a greater share of the burden than they should. The review will be comprehensive, transparent, and involve the expertise of a diverse range of stakeholders to ensure inclusive participation and perspective. Importantly it will also report by the end of March 2024”.

The Minister will appoint the Minimum Wage Advisory Committee in accordance with Part III of the Virgin Islands Labour Code, 2010. The Advisory Committee will comprise experts and representatives from a diverse range of sectors, including key economic sectors,

employers, employees, Sister Island representatives, youth and our development partners.

The committee will have access to technical support from economists, statisticians, financial analysts, and other government officials. This expertise will help the committee understand and analyse complex data, develop and evaluate policy options, and make informed recommendations.

It will complete its review and submit its final report to the Minister for Financial Services, Labour and Trade within four (4) months of its inaugural meeting which is planned to take place on 21 November.

The Minister said: “The review of the Minimum Wage is only one part of a wider assessment by the Government of how we can address the cost of living crisis across the BVI. We

know our people need to be better supported and I expect to make further announcements on this in the near future.”

The following persons will serve on the Committee:

Mr. Colin O’Neal

Ms. Nelda Farrington

Ms. Amberly Crabbe

Mr. Michael Thomas

Mr. Sendrick Chinnery

Mr. Laurence Wheatley

Mr. Elton Leonard

Ms. Stephanie Faulkner

Ms. Diana Wheatley

Ms. Binta Jallow

Ms. Cleopatra Besson

Mr. Sean Palmer

Ms. Lynette Harrigan, MBE

Mr. Doug Riegels

The Ministry of Financial Services, Labour and Trade is committed to promoting sustainable economic development of the Territory, through effective and efficient management of the labour market, inclusive of income protection regulation.

Before you discipline a child

S - stop! Calm yourself and your child

T - take a few deep breaths

O - observe the needs of your child

P - proceed in a kind but firm manner



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GLOBAL NEWS BRIEF

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ITALY - The entire peninsula has been hit by 73 extreme events in just two days between water bombs and wind storms that have concentrated for about 70% in Tuscany but that have hit the entire peninsula and especially regions like Sardinia, Liguria, Lombardy, Trentino Alto Adige, Friuli Venezia Giulia, Veneto, Emilia Romagna and Sardinia with collapsed bridges, broken roads, flooded rivers, landslides, floods and trees felled but also unfortunately victims and missing for which expresses deep sympathy. This is what emerges from the monitoring of Coldiretti of 4 November on the consequences of storm Ciaran, based on data Eswd (European Severe Weather Database), in reference to the new alert issued by the Civil Protection. On Sunday 5 storm Debi inflicted more torrential rain causing evacuations of various towns and hamlets.

PHILIPPINES - The leaders of Japan and the Philippines agreed last week Friday to start negotiations

for a key defense pact that would allow their troops to enter each other's territory for joint military exercises. The move is part of efforts to strengthen their alliance in the face of China's alarming assertiveness in the region.

Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, who was on a two-day visit to Manila, also announced after holding talks with President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. that a coastal surveillance radar would be given to the Philippines through a grant. The country is the first beneficiary of a newly launched Japanese security assistance program for allied militaries in the region.

Additional Japanese patrol vessels, defense equipment and radars would be provided to strengthen the Philippines' law enforcement capability at sea, Kishida said. Japan has supplied a dozen patrol ships in recent years to the Philippines, which are now largely using them to defend its territorial interest in the disputed South China Sea.

Japan has had a longstanding territorial dispute with China over islands in the East China Sea. There has been a series of tense confrontations, meanwhile, between Chinese and Philippine coast guard and navy ships in the disputed South China Sea. [El Pais]

TRUMP-Donald Trump's son was pressed about what steps he took to verify information before signing documents certifying to lender Deutsche Bank that his father's financial statements were correct.

Eric Trump testified last week Friday that he was relying on accountants to ensure the accuracy of financial statements that authorities say fraudulently exaggerated his father's wealth and the value of his assets to deceive banks and insurers.

On the witness stand for a second day in the civil case brought by New York Attorney General Letitia James, Eric Trump was pressed about what steps he took to verify information before signing documents certifying to lender Deutsche Bank that his father's financial statements were correct.

The son insisted he would never sign something that

was inaccurate. "I relied on one of the biggest accounting firms in the country. And I relied on a great legal team. And when they gave me comfort that the statement was perfect, I was more than happy to execute," he said.

Eric Trump's comments echoed those of his brother, Donald Trump Jr., whose testimony earlier this week appeared to be laying groundwork to blame any irregularities in the financial statements on the Trump Organization's longtime outside accountant, Donald Bender. Trump Jr. testified that the company "relied heavily on" Bender as "a point person for just about anything we did, accounting wise."

James' lawsuit alleges that Donald Trump, his company and top executives, including Eric and Donald Jr., conspired to exaggerate his wealth by billions of dollars on his financial statements. The documents were given to banks, insurers and others to secure loans and make deals. [El Pais]

ROME - Recent strong winds and stormy waters have caused over 100 million euros worth of damage to bathing establishments, seaside restaurants and other resort facilities along the Italian coast according to preliminary estimates presented by the Italian bathing establishments union SIB on Saturday.

"From Liguria to Tuscany, from Lazio to Campania, from Friuli Venezia Giulia to Veneto, thousands of bathing establishments, restaurants and other coastal infrastructure have been seriously damaged or destroyed by the wind and the strong sea storms of recent days," said SIB President Antonio Capacchione, adding that "no coastal resort has been spared". [ANSA]

JAMAICA -Dengue cases are on the rise in Jamaica, with the island now having



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recorded some 2,763 suspected, presumed and confirmed cases.

The numbers were reported by the island's Ministry of Health and Wellness as of November 1.

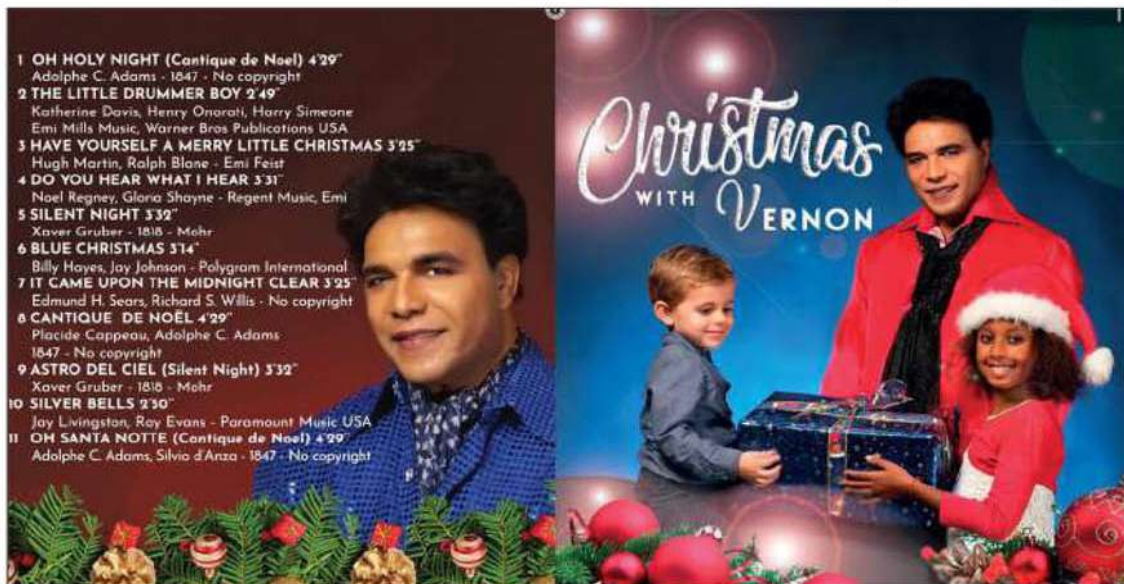
Of that number, 694 are confirmed, with dengue type two continuing to be the dominant strain.

At the same time, the total number of dengue-related deaths now stands at nine – seven classified as suspected and two as confirmed.

All the parishes continue to observe increases in dengue cases in 2023, compared to 2022, with Kingstown and St Andrew reporting the highest number of cases (695) for 2023.

However, St Thomas maintains the highest case rate of 363.4 per 100,000 population, followed by Portland (211.2 per 100,000) and Trelawny (152.0 per 100,000).

Meanwhile, of the suspected, presumed and confirmed cases, there were more males than females. [CNW]



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The Sunny Side Up



Through the Lens of The Sunny Side



During the 2023 Buy BVI Trade Show, Royale II emerged as the clear winner of the People's Choice Award. Pictured above : Ms. Chenaye Duncan owner with her display (more on page 14 and 16)

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THE ANNUAL BUY BVI TRADE SHOW MADE A GLORIOUS RETURN



The annual Buy BVI Trade Show which was on a hiatus made a glorious return to the Multipurpose Sports Complex. The event which was hosted by the BVI Chamber of Commerce took place on 27 & 29 October.

The two-day event celebrated the entrepreneurial spirit and ingenuity of local businesses. This vibrant event provided a platform for businesses to showcase their products and services, connect with industry peers, and compete for prestigious awards. Let's delve into the highlights of this year's event.

One of the most eagerly anticipated accolades at the Buy BVI Trade Show was the Best BizPitch Award, which recognized the business with the most compelling and persuasive pitch. In this category, Everything Organic VI emerged as the standout winner of this prestigious award. Their pitch, grounded in a commitment to sustainability and health, resonated strongly with both judges and the audience.

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Ladyburd Talks...

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

This holiday season you'll want to be sure you've got all the basic, essential and extra Christmas decorations so you and your family can truly get into the holiday spirit.

We all love to buy a few new pieces each year, whether we're updating our color scheme, adding a new festive touch to the home, or simply want to update to some of the best Christmas decorations out there.

THE ULTIMATE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS LIST

Christmas Tree
 Christmas Tree Skirt
 Christmas Ornaments
 Christmas Lights
 Christmas Stockings
 Tree Topper
 Christmas Wreath
 Advent Calendars
 Christmas Candles

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LIGHT BULB MOMENTS

- Don't sit down and wait for the opportunities to come. Get up and make them. -Madam CJ Walker
- Just because you're different doesn't mean you don't belong. -Unknown

Poetry Corner

Never Let Go of Hope

*One day
 you will see
 that it all
 has finally come
 together.*

*What you have
 always wished for
 has finally come
 to be.*

*You will look back
 and laugh at what
 has passed
 and you will ask
 yourself,
 "How did I get
 through all of that?"*

*Just never let go
 of hope.
 Just never quit
 dreaming.
 And never let love
 depart from your life.*

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Tickle My Funny Bones



A SLAP AND A KISS

The story is told of four people who shared a berth in a train going from Paris to Madrid: a beautiful young woman traveling with her grandmother, and a handsome young army who was with his commanding officer.

On the way the train passed through a tunnel, and the train became pitch black.

Suddenly, in the darkness there was a sound of a kiss followed by a slap. When the train emerged from the tunnel, the four sat stone faced as if nothing had happened.

The beautiful young woman thought to herself, "That was a wonderful kiss, but my grandmother must have slapped his face and he probably thinks I did it and he won't pay attention to me again."

The grandmother thinks, "That's a fresh thing for that man to kiss my granddaughter.

I'm sure glad she stood up for herself, I'm sure it will teach him a lesson."

The commanding officer thought, "This is terrible, she must have thought that I was the one who kissed her, wait until I get back to the base, I'm really going to give my lieutenant a piece of my mind."

And the handsome young lieutenant thought, "This was my day. I got to kiss a beautiful woman and slap my boss and get away with both."

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**"Who invented King
 Arthur's round table?
 Sir Cumference..."**



Ladyburd's Mail Box

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Dear Ladyburd: I am asking for your advice, in this matter concerning my older daughters, they still feel and act as if I am to still treating them as babies, they are ages 22 years and 18 years old, they want me to clean, wash, cook, pay bills etc for them.

Both of them are working, what do you think I should do?...

Miriam

Ladyburd: Dear Miriam: I believe you should have a conversation with your daughters and explain to them what you are expecting of them and decide amongst yourselves, what each of them can contribute to. I would not pressure them to contribute more than they can afford, but they should contribute, that will teach them responsibilities, also, everyone being adult, should pick up and clean up after themselves, without any issues, because that is only fair. I cant understand why they would think they could create messes and you are to clean up after them, thats not logical.

This is the time when you and your daughters should bond together and work all issue out.

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For the Most Creative Award, the winner was announced to be K's Plumbing Services. K's Plumbing Services demonstrated a unique approach to their business, showcasing creativity

in problem-solving, design, and customer engagement. During the 2023 Buy BVI Trade Show, Royale II emerged as the clear winner of the People's Choice Award.



DIVAS ON A DIME

By Patti Diamond

Homemade Copycat Crackers: A Savvy Saver's Delight

Are you a fan of those fancy, flavorful (and expensive!) crisps you find in gourmet markets? You know, the first to disappear from charcuterie boards everywhere? The ones where there's rain on the coast (wink, wink!).

Well, I've got great news for you just in time for the holidays. You can make your own, and it's not only cost-effective, but surprisingly easy.

These crisps closely resemble their high-end counterparts. Here's the real magic -- one batch yields a whopping 100 crackers for around \$5. For reference, they sell for an average of \$7.50 for a box of 30 online.

No need for a fancy kitchen setup here. Mix all the

ingredients easily by hand in a single bowl, divide the batter between four small loaf pans, bake, cool, slice thin, and bake again. Simple as that.

These homemade crackers are a treat for the taste buds. They're essential on charcuterie boards, paired with soups, salads or a simple smear of almond butter.

You can customize the ingredients to your liking. You mix and match seeds, fruits and nuts. The possibilities are endless.

Seed ideas: golden flax seeds, pepitas, chia seeds, millet, sesame seeds, sunflower seeds.

Dried fruit ideas: cranberries, apricots, raisins, dates, figs, cherries, blueberries,

currants.

Nut ideas: almonds, walnuts, pistachios, cashews, pecans, hazelnuts, macadamia nuts.

Additional ideas: fresh thyme, rosemary, olives, grated firm cheeses, ginger, pumpkin spice.

No buttermilk? No problem! You can easily create your own by combining 2 cups of milk with 2 tablespoons of lemon juice or vinegar. Let rest for 15 minutes, and it's ready. Alternatively, plain yogurt is a suitable replacement.

IMPOSTER-COAST CRISPS

Yield: 100 crackers

Freeze Time: 3 hours

Cook Time: 1 hour, divided

2 cups whole wheat flour

2 teaspoons baking soda

1 teaspoon kosher salt

1 cup assorted seeds

1 cup assorted dried fruit, chopped

1 cup assorted nuts, chopped

2 cups buttermilk

1/4 cup honey or pure maple syrup

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Lightly grease four mini loaf pans (3 inches by 6 inches).

In a large mixing bowl, combine the flour, baking soda and salt. Stir to combine. Add the seeds, fruit and nuts, and mix.

Add the buttermilk and honey, and stir until everything is mixed and the fruit and nuts are evenly distributed.

Evenly fill your loaf pans. Bake for 30 minutes, or until golden on top and a toothpick inserted in the

The Sunny Side Up

center comes out clean. Let cool for 10 minutes in the pans before turning out onto a rack to cool completely. It's important that the loaves are completely cool before freezing.

Wrap the cooled loaves in plastic and put in the freezer for 3 hours, or until firm. The loaves can be made in advance and frozen for up to a month before slicing.

Preheat the oven to 300 degrees.

Using a serrated bread knife, slice the frozen loaves as thinly as you possibly can. You should get around 25 slices from each loaf.

Place slices in a single layer on an ungreased baking sheet and bake for 15 minutes on one side, then flip them over and bake for another 15 minutes. Your crackers could take a little more or less time depending on their thickness. Watch carefully so they don't burn.

If your crackers aren't as crisp as you'd like, it's possible they were sliced a bit thick. Simply reheat the oven to 250F degrees, place the crackers on a sheet pan, and turn the oven off. Leave them in the warm oven for 30 minutes, and they'll crisp up nicely. Happy snacking!

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Homemade Copycat Crackers: A Savvy Saver's Delight

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POLICE NEWS

ARREST BLOTTER

OCTOBER 8 - 29, 2023

BURGLARY

On 29-10-2023 at about 1613hrs, Police arrested and charged Brandon Foxe, 20 of Long Bush with Burglary. He was granted bail in the sum of to appear at the Magistrate's Court on Jan 11, 2024.

THEFT

On 13-10-2023 at about 2311hrs, Police arrested and charged Jamal Innis, 27 of Spring Ghut with six counts of Theft and Uttering Forged Documents. He was granted bail in the sum of \$5,000 to appear at the Magistrate's Court on 23-11-2023.

POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED DRUG WITH INTENT TO SUPPLY

1. On 28-10-2023 at about 1048hrs, Police arrested and charged Jehkhalibbah Williams, 18 of Purcell Estate for Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Drug with Intent to Supply and Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Drug. He remains in custody.

2. On 29-10-2023 at about 1423hrs, Police arrested and charged Aleem Fahie, 28 of Brandywine Bay for Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Drug with Intent to Supply and Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Drug. He remains in custody.

3. On 29-10-2023 at about 2136hrs, Police arrested and charged Keanus Smart, 18 of Free Bottom for Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Drug with Intent to Supply, Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Drug, Keeping an Unlicensed Firearm and Unlawful Possession of Explosives. He remains in custody.

4. On 29-10-2023 at about 2136hrs, Police arrested and charged Khaleed Francis, 24 of Nottingham Estate for Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Drug with Intent to Supply, Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Drug, Keeping an Unlicensed Firearm and Unlawful Possession of Explosives. He remains in custody.

COMMON ASSAULT

On 19-10-2023 at about 1440hrs, Police arrested and charged Orin Ceasar, 33 of Carrot Bay with Common Assault, Resisting Arrest, Disorderly Conduct, and Throwing missiles. He was granted bail in the sum of \$10,000 to appear at the Magistrate's Court on 06-12-2023.

DRIVING WITHOUT A DRIVER'S LICENSE

1. On 09-10-2023 at about 1805hrs, Police arrested and charged a 17-year-old male of Sea Cow's Bay for Driving Without a Driver's License. He was granted bail in the sum of \$5,000 to appear at the Magistrate's Court on 21-11-2023.

2. On 13-10-2023 at about 1535hrs, Police arrested and charged Ra-Shaun Penn, 19 of East End for Driving Without a Driver's License, Driving an Unlicensed Vehicle, Driving an Uninsured Vehicle, Driving Without a Front Identification Plate, Driving Without a Rear Identification Plate and Driving Without a Crash Helmet. He was granted bail in the sum of \$3,000 to appear at the Magistrate's Court on 23-11-2023.

SHOOTING VICTIM IDENTIFIED

Monday, November 6 – Police can confirm this morning's shooting victim as Julio Rivera, a 25-year-old resident of Purcell Estate.

He was found with multiple gunshot wounds about his body in the main parking lot on Wickham's Cay I. He was subsequently pronounced dead at the scene. The Royal Virgin Islands extends heartfelt condolences to his family.

Officers of the Major Crime Team have since launched investigations into this matter and are determined to find those responsible for this cowardly act.

Persons with information in relation to this incident can confidentially

contact the Crime Stoppers line 800-8477 (TIPS) or overseas call 1-284-800-8477 with the relevant information or contact the RVIPF Intelligence Unit at 368-9339.

All provided information will be treated with the utmost confidentiality.

Honourable De Castro Away From The Territory Till November 20

Minister for Education, Youth Affairs and Sports, Honourable Sharie B. De Castro is currently away from the Territory on duty travel until November 20.

During the period November 9 – 11, Honourable de Castro will be attending the CXC Third Annual Ministerial Summit in Barbados; for the period November 11 – 16, she will be attending the 42nd UNESCO General Conference in Paris; and for the period November 16 – 19, she will be attending the First UKOTA Overseas Territories Youth Summit and the UK Youth Parliament in London.

Junior Minister for Culture and Tourism, Honourable Luce Hodge-Smith will perform the functions of Minister for Education, Youth Affairs and Sports during Honourable de Castro's absence.

The appointment is in accordance with section 52 (2) of the Virgin Islands Constitution Order, 2007 where the Governor action in accordance with the advice of the Premier shall, by instrument under Public Seal appoint Ministers from among the elected members of the House of Assembly.

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

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PART 5

THE STAMPS OF KING EDWARD VII AND KING GEORGE V

After the death of Queen Victoria, a new set of definitive stamps depicting her son and successor, King Edward VII, was issued by the Virgin Islands post office in 1904. The design features an ornate frame with the head of King Edward VII, turned to left [based on a portrait medallion by Emil Fuchs] based on the design of the Imperium Type of stamps used for other colonies.



His successor, King George V reigned from 1910 to 1936. The first definitive stamps of his reign were issued in 1913 (February) - 1916-17 and 1919. They depict the head of King George V, facing left; Imperium Type [Die 1] used for other colonies. Some are bi-coloured stamps, and some were printed on coloured paper.



During World War One, a number of British colonies introduced a temporary levy on correspondence in order to raise funds for expenditure incurred in connection with the war. In mid-August 1916 a notice was issued in Tortola notifying the public that effective 1 September, all letters and parcels posted in the Virgin Islands to places in the British Empire outside the Leeward Islands had to pay additional postage as follows: 1d. on every letter, and 3d. on every parcel. Incoming postal packets containing dutiable goods were also to be charged a "War Surtax" of 3d. before delivery. "Three-penny and penny stamps surcharged WAR STAMP will shortly be on sale for this purpose. Until these are ready ordinary stamps can be used," the Postmaster's notice stated. On 1 February 1917 the tax was extended to letters addressed to the U.S.A. Covers or postal receipts documenting proper (non philatelic) use of these stamps are scarce. War Stamps remained in use as definitives after the war ended.

BVI War Stamps are keenly collected by specialists as they were overprinted on stamps from different printing plates; they offer interesting varieties including inverted watermark and the exceedingly rare watermark sideways of the 1d., of which very few exist.

The 1/2d. and 1d. definitive stamps of King George V were re-issued in November 1921 on paper watermarked Multiple Crown Script CA instead of the original Multiple Crown CA. These stamps had a life of barely seven months and a large quantity of them was destroyed in 1924 by a major hurricane. They are quite scarce in used condition.

A new definitive series with a brand new design was issued in March 1922. It featured the head of King George V, facing left, and the badge of the Virgin Islands Presidency. These stamps were printed on paper with watermark Multiple Crown Script CA and included the following denominations: 1/2d., 1d., 2d., 2.1/2d., 5d., and 6d. A 5 shilling denomination was issued in 1923, followed by a 1d. in dull violet (instead of carmine), and a 1.1/2d. carmine red in 1927, and a 2/6d. in 1928. Some of these definitive stamps were printed on colored paper and some of the later printings differed in nuance from the earlier ones, thus offering some scope to the specialist.

Meanwhile, in June 1922 a 3d. purple on pale yellow paper, 1s. grayish black on emerald paper, 2s. 6d. black and red on blue paper, and 5s. green and red on yellow paper had been issued. All were printed on coloured paper watermarked Multiple Crown CA.



10 April 1917 -Registered cover from Road Town to London franked with two strips of 3 1/2d and one Properly Used as required 1d red overprinted WAR STAMP - all postmarked with the large ROAD TOWN double circle date-stamp. The cover transited through New York on 21 April 1917 as per oval NY postmarks struck on the back, reaching London on 30 April as per circle-date-stamp (cds)



A very enthusiastic and highly sophisticated stamp collector, King George V celebrated his Silver Jubilee in 1935 when the first British omnibus series was issued to mark the historic and auspicious occasion.

On 6 May 1935 the Virgin Islands issued a set of four stamps to honour the Monarch. They featured the Harold Fleury design used by 43 other colonies: a view of Windsor Castle above the river Thames within a frame; on the right is a profile of George V wearing the Imperial Crown, framed by the Collar of the Order of the Garter superimposed on the Royal Sceptre, the Dove Sceptre and the State Sword, below the Collar is a pendant of St. George and the dragon, at the top left-hand corner is the Golden Orb; the lower corner has the value tablet and the words 'Postage and Revenue.' The name of the Colony is set across the sky of the vignette.

TO BE CONTINUED

THIS WEEK IN CORRUPTION ON THE RECORD

BY TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL

Journalists are more than just storytellers, they are the defenders of truth. And the protection of media independence, freedom of expression and ACCESS TO INFORMATION are critical pillars for upholding democracy.

Yesterday marked the International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists, which is an opportunity to reflect on the challenges faced by journalists - in the anti-corruption sphere and beyond - and continue to fight back against the escalation of violence and repression against them.

We take this time to remember brave investigative reporters who were killed for holding power to account. Among them are Ján Kuciak and Daphne Caruana Galizia, who lost their lives for exposing high-level corruption and financial crime.

This year's theme focuses on the role of a safe and free press in ensuring the integrity of elections and democratic systems.

While journalists already face many challenges in their daily work, election periods bring extra risks - especially when reporting in authoritarian and oppressive regimes. In fact, between January 2019 and June 2022, attacks against journalists related to elections occurred in at least 70 countries around the world. And where the suppression of freedom of the press occurs, corruption will closely follow.

Since 1993, the UN estimates that over 1,600 journalists have been killed - with nine out of ten cases going unpunished due to inadequate or lack of investigations. Latin America and the Caribbean has the highest number of murders of journalists - a region where they play a critical role in speaking out against corruption.

Across Latin America, journalists have documented the influence that criminals have over candidates and politicians - putting them at serious risk. In Honduras, journalists help shed light on drug trafficking groups that finance political campaigns and electoral processes. While in Peru, journalists exposed at least six candidates with shady pasts, including ties to organised crime networks, during the 2022 elections.

In Guatemala, the anti-corruption movement is led almost exclusively by civic society and independent media, who as a result, experience increased suppression and violence. In August of last year, journalist and El Periódico president José Rubén Zamora - who has been integral in exposing corruption - was arrested alongside other prominent figures in the country. Although the court recently overturned his conviction, the legal ordeal is still ongoing. This signals a worrying pattern of attacks on the freedom of press and expression in Guatemala.

When citizens cannot access the media and independent journalism - especially during elections - democracy fails. And with violence against journalists on the rise all around the world, urgent action is needed.

Strong partnerships between journalists and civil society organisations are crucial, and states must uphold their obligation to protect independent press so that journalists can work openly and without fear of retaliation. It's only when these rights are safeguarded that democracy stands a chance.

For the fourth consecutive year, the Americas scores an average of 43 out of 100 in the Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI). A lack of bold, decisive action to fight corruption and strengthen public institutions is fuelling organised criminal activities, undermining democracy and human rights, and threatening the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This is, in turn, sparking violence, environmental damage and migration across the hemisphere.



Photos, candles and messages left at the foot of the Great Siege Monument in Valletta, Malta demanding justice for journalist Daphne Caruana Galizia, who was murdered in 2017. Photo: Pablo L Mendoza/Shutterstock



COMMENTARY

THE CAPITAL MIX

By Dickson Igwe



Dickson Igwe

October 20, 2023

The story on capital in the series asks a question relevant to the layperson in economics: what mix of scarce resources best fits in with the outcome and vision of an investor, policy maker, even a consumer looking at starting a business? That is key to why the creative management of capital is vital for prosperity.

What are the best combinations and mixes of the components of capital – land, technology, machinery, equipment, finance, management, enterprise, - that achieve the desired outcome, and drives prosperity?

The term capital has expanded from being simply physical assets that produce wealth such as Land, factories, machinery, finance, and technology, to include the more human factors that drive wealth and productivity, such as management, labor, innovation, risk, and enterprise. Far from fixed, capital possesses variables and differentials.

Now, how a country's leaders, businesses, and labor force, decide what proportion of one component of capital in relation to the other components is appropriate to achieve an outcome is critical in getting to the desired place: El Dorado. Then, the human factor is king. Wise policy makers fully understand that reality, and never

risk the integrity of a country's capital assets with poor human resource management.

The Virgin Islands is a trading nation. It situates an offshore and financial services economy, with tourism as second pillar of the economy, and main employer. Consequently, ensuring the country possesses the enterprise, labor force, and management to derive maximum productivity and output from these industries is essential. That means adopting all the components of capital in appropriate proportions- capital combining- while investing in the right type of learning to derive the maximum output from that capital.

The Virgin Islands requires specialists and administrators in financial services, such as accountants, bankers, corporate lawyers, trust managers, and middle managers, and more than this writer can name. The education system must drive the preceding tale by directing resources in these areas. Capital in this context is the leadership, management, and skills that when combined with finance, and technology, achieves the specific outcome of increasing revenues from this industry.

It is so too with the travel, maritime, and tourism industry. There is the need for mechanical engineers, civil engineers, architects, marine technicians, navigators, surveyors, oceanographers, chefs and culinary, hotel management, moorings management, restaurateurs, aviators, boat captains, refrigeration, boat engine, sail makers, and so on and so forth.

Not forgetting that the country requires all the additional and appropriate learning and skills that build and drive a society, for example, police, search and rescue, coast guard, public service, agriculture, transportation,

building, infrastructure, healthcare, education, and the list goes on. All the preceding are capital that mix to generate wealth individually and corporately, as they aid in overall wealth creation: GDP.

Therefore, how to combine appropriately the various components of capital is crucial to prosperity. For example, the decision where to invest by both government and private sector will take the components of capital into account to mix and derive the best output and outcome, by combining them to the optimum.

There is no attaining a vision without understanding how the best combinations of capital will achieve that vision. There is no point spending huge sums on artwork for a hotel instead of on good furniture and catering, or

birdcages instead of comfortable seating and tables, for a restaurant.

How to find the best capital combination or mix? For example, investing in Prospect Reef will factor in most of the components of capital before development, and after. Before development, combining the appropriate mixes, of the components and quantities of capital in the design and construction of a new resort and business park, will require the right amount of debt capital, spending on project management, inputs of enterprise, engineering and construction skills, machinery, innovation, land development, and so on and so forth.

Then after the completed project, capital combination, in the form of debt capital such as cash flow, hotel and moorings

management, resort management, marketing, technology, culinary and hotel management skills, maritime skills, security, and more.

Airport expansion will require capital mixing and combining in how the components of capital such as land, buildings, finance, engineering, technology, training, management, combine correctly to form a complete whole. The appropriate combinations of capital will depend on the vision and dream of an expanded facility.

How to combine the various components of capital to derive the best economic and social outcomes is the road to true prosperity, and the main task of the visionary.

Dickson Igwe

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
- Ensure regulators to be used on cylinder are the same diameter as the cylinder valve
- Check your lines once a year, many leaks are due to corrosion



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.





IMPORTANT NOTE IN CASE OF LEAKAGE

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



A message from the Department of Disaster Management and Sol

Caribbean News / Regional News

SIX TO COMPETE FOR 284 EXCELLENCE FILM COMPETITION

Road Town, Tortola, BVI, Friday, 3rd November 2023 – The highly anticipated 284 Excellence Film Competition is set to take place on November 19th at UPs Cineplex, commencing at 6 p.m. This exciting event will feature six talented filmmakers competing for a chance to win \$8,500 in cash and prizes.

The 284 Excellence Film Competition aims to promote and celebrate the art of filmmaking in the Virgin Islands. Each filmmaker accepted the challenge to produce a short film, showcasing their creativity and storytelling skills.

Commenting on the competition, an excited Natalie Hodge, BVI Film Commissioner said, “The BVI community should not miss out on this incredible opportunity to witness the talent and creativity of the British Virgin Islands’ filmmakers. Join us at UPs Cineplex on November 19th at 6 p.m. for the 284 Excellence Film Competition.”

The Red Carpet event

promises to be a glamorous affair. Attendees can expect a night of entertainment and excitement as they witness the screening of these exceptional short films.

Filmmakers will compete for various awards, including Best Director, Best Soundtrack, Best Editing, Best Actor, Best Actress, Best Screenplay, Audience Fan Favourite, Best Short Documentary, Neil Blyden Memorial Award for Cinematography, and the Rhodni A. Skelton Award for Best Film. The winners will be selected by a panel of industry professional judges, ensuring a fair and unbiased evaluation of the films.

The entries for the competition include Three Little Wishes a fantasy film by Emmanuel Phillips, A Slice of BVI Culture a documentary by Mia Lennard and Dean Greenaway, Dove’s Little Secret a comedy/drama by Dwayne Vanterpool, Crack of Dawn a documentary by Camroy Peters, Surreal a

thriller by Naudia Turnbull, and Dear Home, I’ll Miss You a documentary by Melany Payano.

A production of the BVI Film Commission, the 284 Excellence Film Competition is made possible by the generous support of sponsors, including the National Bank of the Virgin Islands, Ayana’s New Beginnings, YASH BVI, Sisters Plan It and The Dressing Room BVI. Their contributions have helped to make this event a reality and provide the filmmakers with valuable resources and opportunities.

The competition will be hosted by the charismatic Charis Hoyte, who will guide the audience through an unforgettable cinematic experience.

Tickets for the 284 Excellence Film Competition are priced at \$30 per person and can be reserved by calling 852 6020. Ticket purchases can be made using cash, credit, or debit card, at the BVI Tourist Board’s Waterfront booth.

284 EXCELLENCE
FILM COMPETITION

A cinematic experience showcasing Virgin Islands films made by talented local filmmakers competing for

\$8,500
IN CASH AND PRIZES

19th November, 2023
UP's Cineplex | Cinema 1
6:00 PM
\$30.00 PP
Dress: Red Carpet Ready

OTHER AWARDS INCLUDE

- Best Director
- Best Animation
- Best Soundtrack
- Best Editing
- Best Actor
- Best Actress
- Best Screenplay
- Best Short Documentary
- Neil Blyden Memorial Award for Best Cinematography
- Rhodni A. Skelton Award for Best Film
- Audience Fan Favourite

Reserve tickets by calling
1-284-852-6020.
Ticket purchases can be made with cash or using credit/debit card at BVI Tourist Board's Waterfront booth.

#284XFC #bvilfilm #shortformfilms #novemberfest #culturefest

ST. KITTS CELEBRATES MILESTONE INAUGURAL JETBLUE FLIGHT

The Highly Anticipated New Airlift Route Offers Year-Round Options for New York Travellers

Basseterre, St. Kitts (November 2nd, 2023) —The St. Kitts Tourism Authority is pleased to announce the milestone airlift route from New York (JFK) to St. Kitts (SKB) that took its maiden flight today, November 2, 2023. This new airlift route is an integral step towards expanding international travel opportunities and enhancing accessibility to the island.

“This new route is an important milestone that provides convenience to New York-based travellers and connects our island with the United States,” said Honourable

Marsha T. Henderson, Minister -al Transport, Civil Aviation, Urban Development, Employment, and Labour. “We are excited to welcome more U.S. visitors with this route, allowing them the opportunity to experience the exceptional Caribbean experiences that St. Kitts has to offer.”

Prior to the inaugural flight’s take-off, JetBlue and the St. Kitts Tourism Authority hosted an event at Terminal 5 in JFK that featured Caribbean-inspired food and beverages, island-themed decorations, and remarks from

the JetBlue and comments from St. Kitts’ Minister of Tourism, acknowledging the milestone of this highly anticipated airlift route. Before the first guests boarded their flight, a ribbon-cutting ceremony took place, followed by a surprise and delight moment for travelers.

“The St. Kitts team has much to celebrate following the inaugural JetBlue flight and events at JFK,” said Ellison “Tommy” Thompson, CEO of St. Kitts Tourism Authority. “We look forward to hosting both our new and returning visitors on

the island to experience the genuine hospitality, warm-hearted people, and exciting experiences that await in St. Kitts.”

The route is serviced by an A320 aircraft, which is configured with approximately 150-162 seats in a single-class layout. The direct, year-round service is available three times weekly and will offer seamless travel experiences to and from New York to St. Kitts. The service operates on Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays providing travellers with greater flexibility. Seats are

available for booking now.

St. Kitts is experiencing continuous growth in connectivity internationally. With the introduction of the new JetBlue route, St. Kitts will now have year-round service from New York (JFK), London (Gatwick), and Miami.

More information on the JetBlue flights can be found here: <https://www.jetblue.com/>

Visitors are reminded to regularly check the St. Kitts Tourism Authority website (www.visitst Kitts.com) for updates and information.

VOA NEWS VOA NEWS VOA NEWS VOA NEWS

Ohio Voters Approve Abortion Rights Protections, Democrats Grab Control of Virginia Legislature



Issue 1 supporters cheer as they watch election results come in, Nov. 7, 2023, in Columbus Ohio. Ohio voters have approved a constitutional amendment that guarantees the right to abortion and other forms of reproductive health care.

A year away from the country's next presidential election, Democrats and abortion rights advocates won a series of victories in elections in several U.S. states Tuesday.

Voters in the state of Ohio approved a constitutional amendment guaranteeing

access to abortion and other forms of reproductive health care.

The measure follows the U.S. Supreme Court's decision last year to overturn the 1972 *Roe v. Wade* decision that had protected abortion rights.

Ohio was one of several

states where an abortion ban went into effect as a result of the court's decision.

Before Ohio, voters in several other states, including California, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Montana and Vermont, adopted initiatives to protect abortion access following the Supreme

Court ruling last year.

In Kentucky, Democratic Governor Andy Beshear won re-election Tuesday after a campaign that included advocating for exceptions to the state's near-total abortion ban.

Voters in Virginia denied Republican Governor Glen Youngkin's hope of putting the state's legislature in his party's control. Democrats held onto a slim majority in the state Senate while taking back a majority in the House of Delegates.

Youngkin has proposed instituting a 15-week abortion ban in Virginia except in cases of rape, incest or if the life of the mother is at risk. A Democratic majority in the legislature will block that effort.

Republicans did score a win Tuesday in the state of Mississippi, where Governor Tate Reeves defeated Democrat Brandon Presley to earn a second

term in office.

November 2024 will feature a much bigger slate of national and state elections, led by races for the U.S. president, all 435 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives and new terms for 33 seats in the U.S. Senate.

There will also be special elections to finish the final years of Senate terms for two seats, one left vacant by the death of Democrat Dianne Feinstein and the other by Republican Ben Sasse's resignation to become a university president.

Democrats currently hold a narrow majority in the Senate, while Republicans have a small majority in the House.

Eleven states will hold elections for governor in 2024, while voters in most of the 50 states will cast ballots in legislative races.

Some information for this report came from The Associated Press, Agence France-Presse and Reuters

European Commission Recommends Starting Membership Talks With Ukraine

The European Commission said Wednesday it recommended member states open membership talks with Ukraine once the country addresses several outstanding reform issues.

The EU granted Ukraine candidate status last year, four months after Russia launched its full-scale invasion of Ukraine.

EU leaders are expected to decide during a meeting in mid-December whether to accept the European Commission's recommendation.

EU foreign policy chief Josep Borrell said Wednesday that

Ukraine "belongs to our European family."

"Today's decision is a clear recognition of Ukraine's relentless reform efforts and a strong political will despite the tragic circumstances," Borrell said. "It acknowledges the strong resilience and resolve of the Ukrainian society."

The commission said the membership talks should be launched once Ukraine resolves several remaining issues regarding fighting corruption, adopting a lobbying law that meets EU standards and strengthening national minority safeguards.

The EU's executive arm also recommended opening membership talks with Ukraine's neighbor, Moldova, and to extend candidate status to Georgia.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said Wednesday he welcomed what he called a "strong statement by G7 foreign ministers reiterating the unwavering support for Ukraine even amid other global developments."

Japan holds the rotating presidency of the Group of Seven leading industrial nations, and G7 foreign ministers said in a joint statement Wednesday that



The European Union foreign policy chief Josep Borrell shakes hands with Japanese Foreign Minister Yoko Kamikawa as they pose for the cameras during their bilateral meeting at the foreign ministry in Tokyo, Nov. 8, 2023.

their support for Ukraine in its battle against the Russian invasion "will never waver," following meetings in Tokyo.

Some information for this story came from The Associated Press, Reuters and Agence France-Presse.

SPORTS



Former USVI Major League Baseball players conduct 3-day clinic

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

BASEBALL

Four former U.S. Virgin Islands Major League Baseball players from St. Thomas and St. Croix, conducted a 3-day clinic on Tortola and Virgin Gorda, between Tuesday and Thursday.

Calvin Pickering and Akeel Morris from St. Thomas and Jerry Brown and Midre Cummins from St. Croix, are part of the Major League Baseball Players Alumni Association Legends for Youths program.

"Growing up in St. Thomas and being the third player after Elrod Hendriks and Al McBean to make it to the Major Leagues and 30 years later I made it, it's a great feeling to come back and be a part of this," Pickering, a first baseman who played with the Kansas City Royals, Baltimore Orioles, Boston Red Sox and the Cincinnati Reds, told Island Sun Sports. "I've been

wanting to do something like this for a long time, come back and do a MLB clinic here and include our locals who have actually made it. It's good to come and share the knowledge with these youths."

Pickering told the 40 youths on Tuesday that they have to be coachable or they're not going anywhere. He said when they get to a level with coaches who knows baseball, first impression means everything, including the way they carry themselves on the field.

"If someone doesn't know you, they put a checkmark next to your name. Don't give them ammunition to use against you," he said. "If you're not coachable, you're not going any place, no matter how talented you are. It's that simple."

St. Croix's Jerry Brown, a second baseman who played with the Texas Rangers, Oakland A's, Cleveland Indians, Florida Marlins and New York Mets, said he didn't know what to expect. "There are some guys with the ability and if they get the right people in front of

them, they can move forward," he said.

St. Croix counterpart and outfielder Midre Cummins, who won a World Series title with the Arizona Diamondbacks and also played with the Boston Red Sox, Minnesota Twins, Philadelphia Phillies, Pittsburgh Pirates, Baltimore Orioles and the Tampa Bay Devil Rays, said it was a pleasure and think they had more fun than the kids.

"People don't understand that this means a lot coming back to the islands and doing things for our kids," he said. "Just like other kids we saw potential and saw a couple kids that need more guidance."

Cummins told the youngsters that they made professional baseball because they worked extremely hard and listened to their elders, parents, teachers and showed respect. "That's why we made it. I was not the best player



BVI Softball/Baseball Association officials with ex USVI Major League Baseball players

on my team, but I outworked the next guy," he said. "There's going to come a time when hard work beats talent any day of the week. There are a lot of guys you play with who have talent, but they don't work hard."

Morris, a pitcher from St. Thomas who played with the New York Mets, Atlanta Braves, Los Angeles Angels and San Francisco Giants, also played Little League Baseball against BVI players growing up and

has a son on Tortola. He said it was special to promote baseball after the opportunities he's had.

"I saw a lot of raw talent, flashes of this and that in different age groups and they just need repetition," he said. "It's really exciting to see. You can see the difference with those who are coming more often than not. As a group, it's going to be exciting to see if we bring it all together over time and make it consistent to see what will come out of all of this."

Thad Lettsome happy with Santiago 2023 Pan Am Games improvements

SAILING

Laser Sailor Thad Lettsome ended the Santiago 2023 Pan Am Games in Chile with two of his best races to finish 14th overall, finishing five places higher than his Lima 2019 debut. He ended the competition with 117 points after 10 races.

"Today was one of my best days, I finished with a 13th and a 12th which are some of my best races and I'm happy with the day," Lettsome told Island Sun Sports after race 9 and 10 on Friday. "We had a medium breeze, similar to what I've seen over the course of the week, just a little bit lighter, and I was able to execute two good starts and some really good down

winds. I was passing boats the entire race so I was happy with that and ended up finishing the event 14th overall out of 22 boats."

Entering the event, Lettsome said his goal was a top 10 finish but came up slightly short of it, which was disappointing but he had a lot of good takeaways. Another goal he said was to get better throughout the regatta and finish better than he began which he did, which showed in the final races and a sixth place earlier in the event. His other goal was to execute good starts which he said he was happy with after the first day.

"I had really good down winds and I would say overall throughout the whole regatta, I was passing boats on every downwind leg. So just some things to clean up on the upwind approaching the top mark," he noted. "Overall, I'm quite happy with the performance but there's definitely more to go in terms of

upwind speed."

Lettsome said his main challenge in the games was boat speed compared to other boats upwind, something that can be fixed by having more time in the boat. He was also seeking one of the two available Paris 2024 Olympics spots from North America countries and finished seventh.

"That put me five out of the standings for the Olympics which is okay, it's respectable but not where I wanted to be. I'm quite happy with the improvements," Lettsome said. "I had problems with starts before but it seems I've fixed that. I also had trouble approaching the top mark, consolidating it and maintaining my position, but I feel like I've fixed that quite a bit as well, so, really, just the boat on boat speed, which is going to take more time in the boat."

Lettsome still has more

opportunities to qualify for Paris 2024, starting with the World Championship in January 2024, and a last chance regatta in April in France. There's also designated spots for emerging nations, which are awarded at the last chance regatta. "Finally, you have the wild card spots which are awarded by a committee and those will be decided in June," he pointed out. "So we have three of four chances to qualify for the Olympics and two of the chances which include Pan Am's have already passed, so, not even quite halfway yet."

In terms of improvement from Lima 2019, Lettsome said "I've improved miles, I've improved loads." On reflection, in 2019, he beat only two or three boats, while in Santiago 2023, he had eight boats behind him and 13 in front of him and finished closer to the middle of the fleet.

"In 2019, I really wasn't



Laser Sailor Thad Lettsome in the Pan Am Games PHOTO: Todd VanSickle

competing that much with the top guys, but here I was definitely able to compete as you saw with the sixth place, and some things you don't see like off the line, with good starts and ahead at the beginning of the race," he noted. "Just because I'm a little bit slower than these guys on the upwind, I get sucked into the pack, but my mental decisions here have been quite sharp, so it's just a matter of speed upwind now."

SPORTS



Participants in the 2 Miles segment of the Mourant College Classic Series



Islanders' Carlos Septus makes a bicycle kick against One Love's Johari Lacey



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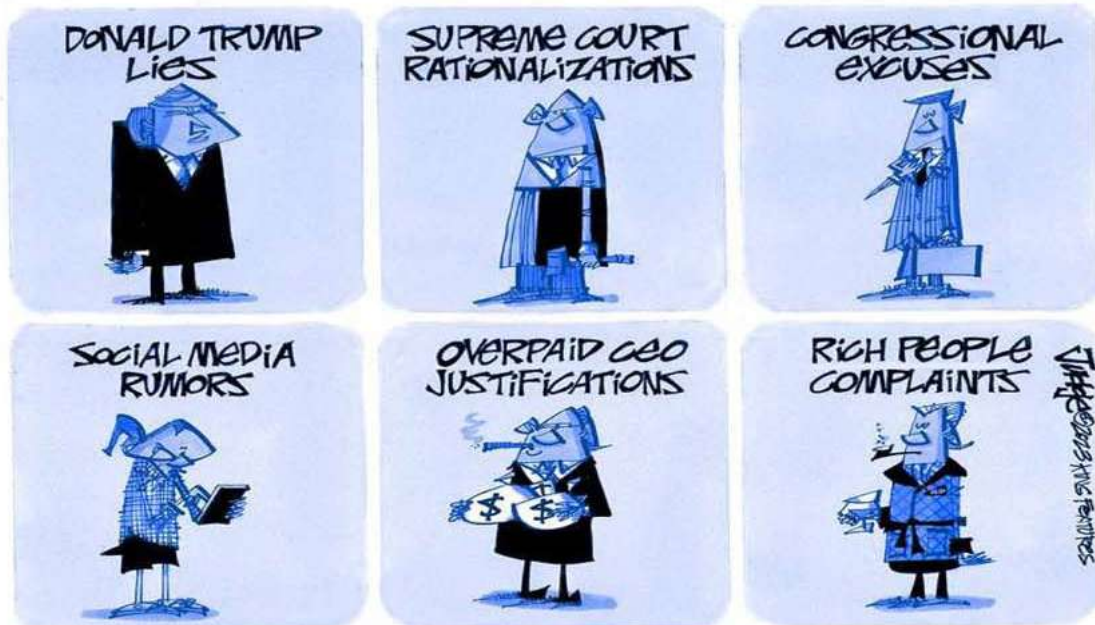
The Garden Bug

Cranberries

Commercially-grown cranberries grow in bogs, but cranberries can be grown on dry land. Determine the pH of your garden soil, as cranberries need a soil pH of less than 5; also, make sure you have very well-draining soil. Cranberry plants need about three months of temps in the 32°-45°F. range to trigger a dormant phase. Fruit of the cranberry plants may appear the year after planting, but more likely the second year depending on the number of pollinators visiting your plantings. - Brenda Weaver

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AND YET THEY SAY U.S. MANUFACTURING IS IN DECLINE.

If God wanted us to fly, He would have given us tickets.

Mel Brooks

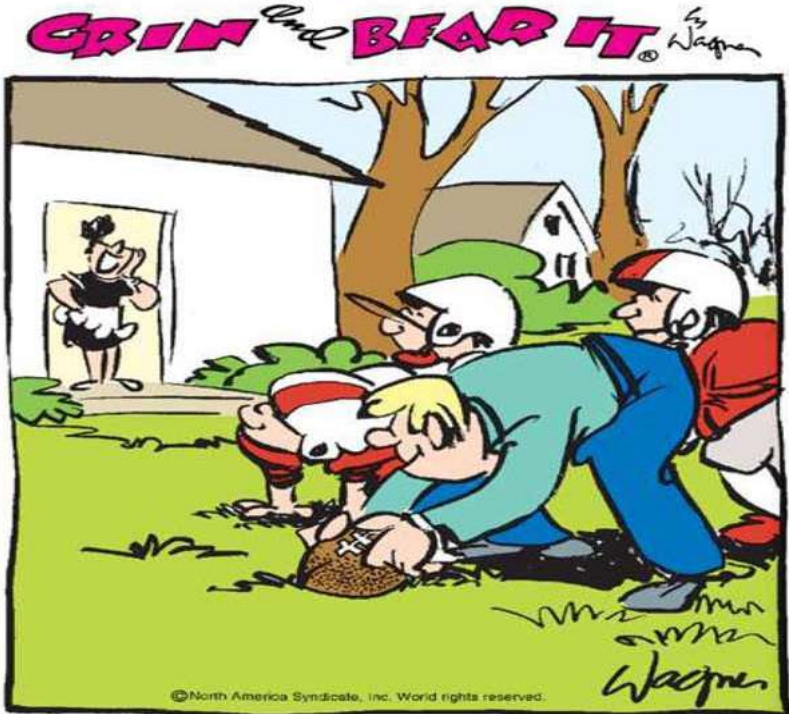
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top ten

HAPPIEST COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD

1. Finland
2. Iceland
3. Denmark
4. Switzerland
5. Netherlands
6. Sweden
7. Germany
8. Norway
9. New Zealand
10. Austria

Source: 2021 World Happiness Report



"Concession stand's open!"

celebrity extra

by Dana Jackson



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Q. I recently saw the movie "Killers of the Flower Moon," which is based on a true story. Who is the lead actress in it? Is she of Native American heritage? — *L.I.*

A. Yes, actress Lily Gladstone is of Blackfeet and Nez Perce indigenous ancestry and grew up on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation. She earned her bachelor's degree of fine arts in acting/directing at the University of Montana with a minor in Native American Studies. "Killers of the Flower Moon," the newest film by acclaimed director Martin Scorsese, isn't her acting debut, but it will very likely lead to her first Oscar nomination, as she has wowed audiences with her performance in a film that also stars Robert De Niro and Leonardo DiCaprio.

According to an article in Entertainment Weekly, what cemented Gladstone's decision into taking the role in "Flower Moon" was the fact that Scorsese "sought out input from the Osage community." The movie, which is based on the book by David Grann, is about a series of real murders in the 1920s that took place on the oil-rich land of Oklahoma's Osage Nation, which led the newly formed FBI to jump on the case.

Before landing this high-profile role, Gladstone auditioned but never won roles on the hit series "Yellowstone," a show she calls "delusional" in its portrayal of her native people. She has appeared in several critically acclaimed series, however, including Showtime's "Billions" and FX on Hulu's "Reservation Dogs."

Q. With all the delays because of the strikes, what is the latest on the upcoming "Snow White" movie? Will it be in theaters or just on TV? — *H.O.*

A. The live-action Disney film "Snow White," starring Rachel Zegler ("West Side Story"), has postponed its release date. Originally planned to debut in theaters in March 2024, it's been pushed back to March 21, 2025. It'll be directed by Marc Webb and co-star Gal Gadot ("Wonder Woman") as the Evil Queen.

The original animated "Snow White" film was released in 1937. While the upcoming release is technically live-ac-



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Actress Lily Gladstone ("Killers of the Flower Moon")

tion, the seven dwarfs will be digitally enhanced with CGI.

Q. Whatever happened to actress Bridgette Wilson? I remembered that she was in the first big Adam Sandler movie "Billy Madison," but I haven't seen her in anything lately. — *K.J.*

A. Bridgette Wilson won the Miss Teen USA pageant in 1990 before making a name in Hollywood over the next couple of decades. After playing Sandler's love interest in the hit comedy "Billy Madison," she starred in the action film "Mortal Kombat," the horror flick "I Know What You Did Last Summer," and the romantic comedy "Love Stinks."

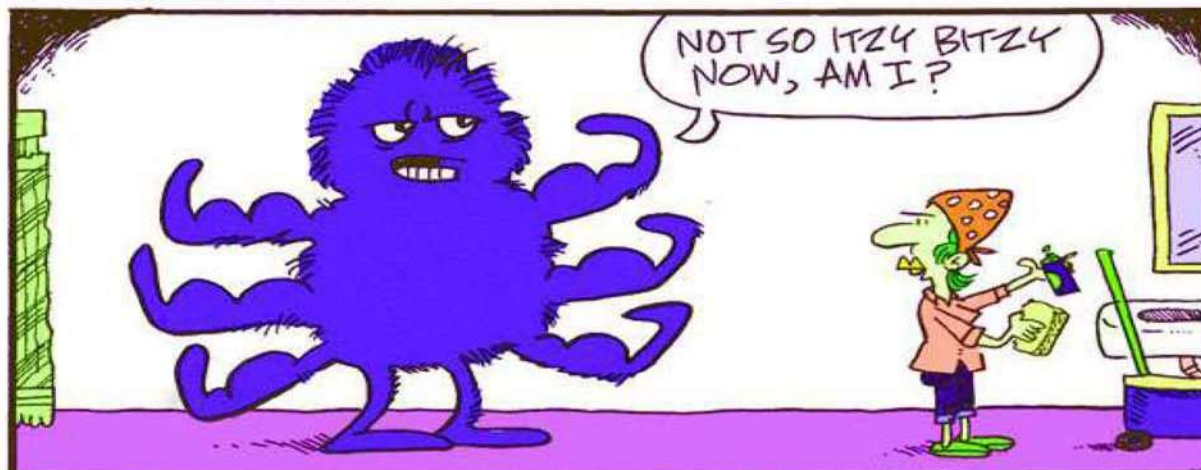
In 2000, she married tennis champion Pete Sampras and changed her name to Bridgette Wilson Sampras. The couple has stayed under the radar since Pete retired in 2002 and has been raising their two sons in California. Sadly, Pete recently announced that Bridgette has been battling ovarian cancer and asked for "good thoughts and prayers for our family as Bridgette continues to thrive on her healing journey."

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

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Out on a Limb



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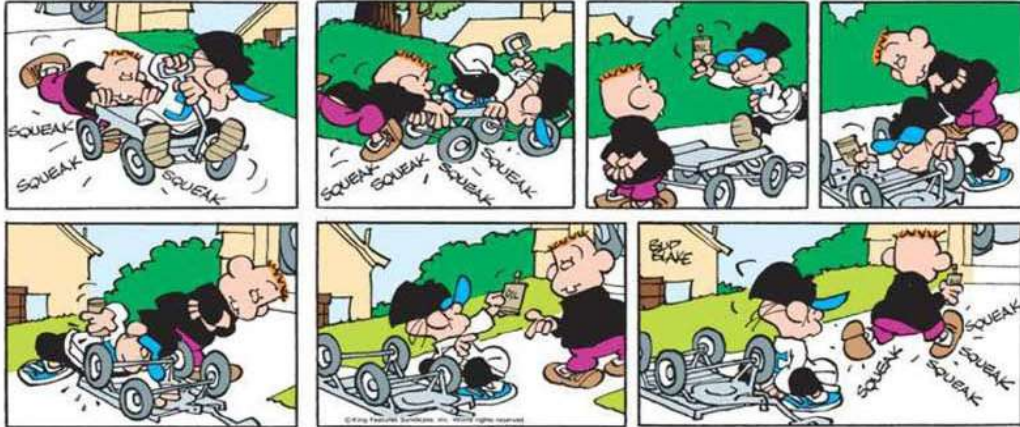
Amber Waves

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TIGER

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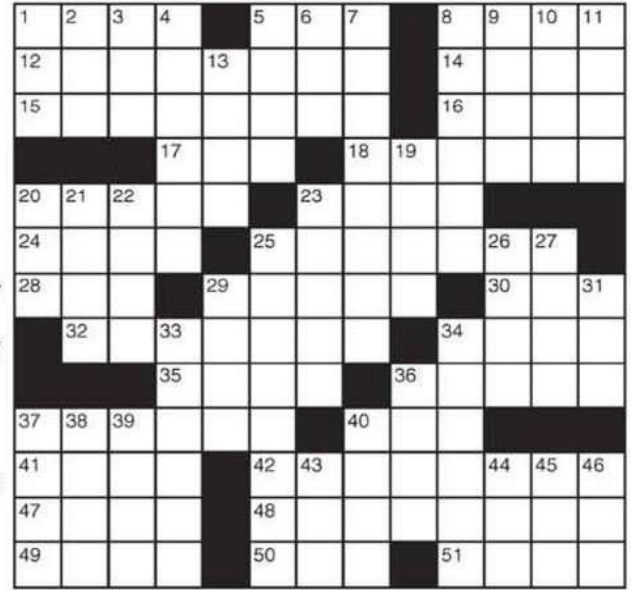
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King Crossword

ACROSS

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- 8 Burlap fiber
- 12 Switchboard worker
- 14 Barak of Israel
- 15 Longtime CBS News anchor Walter
- 16 Chinese secret society
- 17 Aachen article
- 18 Glide
- 20 Long
- 23 Pack of cards
- 24 Wan
- 25 Wood eater
- 28 1959 Kingston Trio hit
- 29 Relinquish
- 30 Flamenco cheer
- 32 "Charlotte's Web" author
- 34 Boring
- 35 Unctuous
- 36 Test versions
- 37 Catch some Z's
- 40 Flow out
- 41 Young cow
- 42 Almost
- 47 Leer at
- 48 Acts altruistically



- 49 Despot
- 50 "Mayday!"
- 51 Phoenix cagers
- 10 Casserole base
- 11 Jittery
- 13 Related
- 19 Summit
- 20 Orange veggie
- 21 Noble Italian family
- 22 Pequod captain
- 23 God
- 25 Hindmost parts
- 26 Talk up
- 27 First lady of scat
- 29 Brainiac
- 31 Golfer Ernie
- 33 Stereo component
- 34 Fixes, as software
- 36 Cookouts, briefly
- 37 Highlander
- 38 Kvetches
- 39 Stewpot
- 40 Summers in Paris
- 43 Tic-tac-toe win
- 44 Debtor's note
- 45 Heavy weight
- 46 Mag. staff

DOWN

- 1 Ad —
- 2 Earth Day mo.
- 3 Zodiac cat
- 4 Cantankerous
- 5 "Don't rub —!"
- 6 Witticism
- 7 Keep from spoiling
- 8 Lakeside rental
- 9 "Oops!"

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

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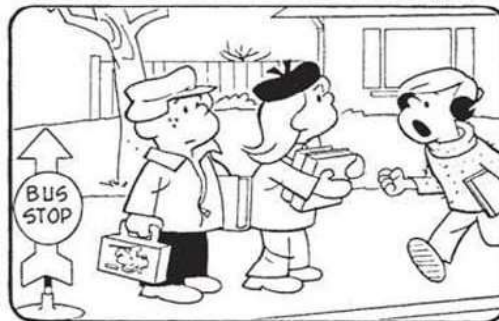
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Sign is shorter; 2. Lunchbox is moved; 3. Jacket is opened; 4. Hat bow is smaller; 5. Purse is missing; 6. Arm is lower.

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Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 22 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

1. Argentina; 2. Mitchell; 3. Isaac Newton; 4. Stanley Kowalski; 5. White Russian; 6. "Cheers"; 7. The American Express card; 8. Distribution of light and dark in drawing and painting; 9. The Dakota apartment building; 10. Venus.

Trivia Test Answers

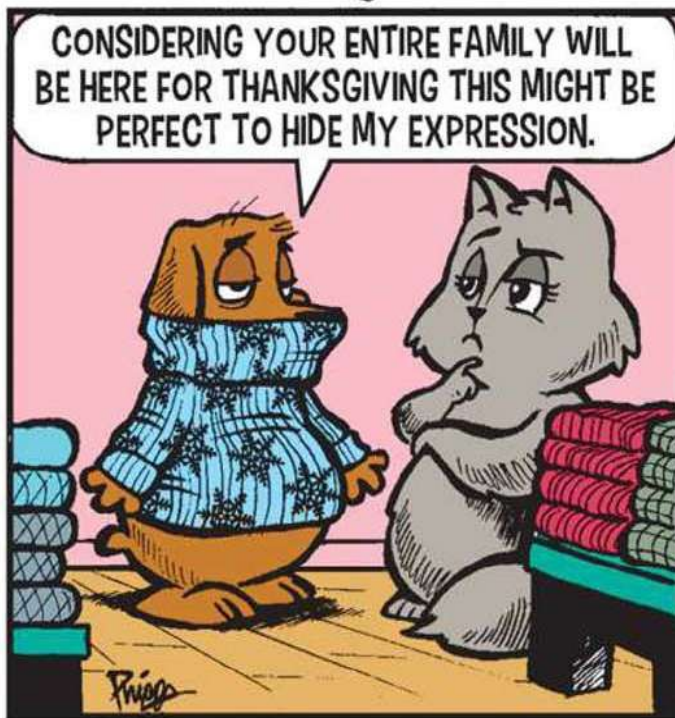
Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- SCIENCE: What was Joseph Lister's main contribution to science?
- HISTORY: Which pro football team won the very first Super Bowl?
- MUSIC: What is the title of the Rolling Stones' 2023 album?
- MOVIES: Who played the monster in Mel Brooks' "Young Frankenstein"?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: How much of the popular vote did Abraham Lincoln receive when he was elected president in 1860?
- GEOGRAPHY: In which country is the ancient city of Petra located?
- AD SLOGANS: What product was advertised by a man who kept saying, "I can't believe I ate the whole thing"?
- FOOD & DRINK: What is often called the national dish of Canada?
- LANGUAGE: What does an oologist study?
- TELEVISION: What does SVU stand for in "Law & Order: SVU"?

MORE READERS: THE ISLAND SUN

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



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BIBBLE TRIVIA
by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Phinehas (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
 2. What harlot's household was saved in the Jericho siege by displaying a scarlet thread in the window? *Milcah, Rahab, Rachel, Jezebel*
 3. Who answered the Lord about from where he came, "From walking up and down in it (the earth)"? *Moses, Abraham, Satan, Aaron*
 4. From Genesis 25, who was the first woman to inquire of the Lord? *Eve, Adonijah, Rebekah, Ruth*
 5. Whose death caused Jesus to weep in John 11:35? *Jehu, Lazarus, Simeon, Elijah*
 6. Whose wife urged him to curse God and die? *Job, Boaz, Samson, Dan*
- ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Rahab, 3) Satan, 4) Rebekah, 5) Lazarus, 6) Job

Sharpen your understanding of scripture with Wilson's Casey's latest book, "Test Your Bible Knowledge," available in bookstores and online.

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Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- Hummingbirds are the only birds that can fly backward. In fact, they're so impressive in the air that they've been referred to as the "flying ninja."
- And speaking of flying, fruit flies can turn in midair simply by shrugging their shoulders.
- Want to feel safer while driving? White cars are considered the safest color because they typically stand out against black roads. Statistics have also shown that they're 12% less likely to be involved in an accident than black cars.
- Forefingers possess the highest dexterity among their eight neighbors.
- If you ever visit China, don't hug a tree! The act was forbidden after a mass tree hugging occurred outside of China's imperial garden and the Chinese government speculated that the huggers were part of a suspicious cult.
- Until it actually blows against something, wind makes no sound.
- Gold will never erode because it is chemically inert, meaning it doesn't react to oxygen in the atmosphere.
- Earlier this year, Taylor Swift's "Eras" tour performances registered as a 2.3 earthquake on seismometers in Seattle due to the collective dancing of her enthusiastic fans. The activity was compared to 2011's "Beast Quake," in which Seattle Seahawks fans shook the ground as they celebrated a touchdown, but Ms. Swift's lasted longer.
- During the 12th century, tennis was first played in France, but without rackets. Instead, players used the palms of their hands to lob the ball back to their opponents.
- Humans' ability to detect and discern scents fluctuates throughout the day, peaking during the late hours when environmental stimuli decrease, likely due to changes in body temperature and brain activity.

Thought for the Day: "For pilgrims walking ... every footfall is doubled, landing at once on the actual road and also on the path of faith." — Robert Macfarlane

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THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17

Detail of "Portrait of E.H." by Erich Heckel (1917)

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Salome's Stars

- ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) There's no need for that suspicious Aries mind of yours to work overtime, either at home or on the job. Remember that appearances are often deceiving.
- TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) A new opportunity might seem riskier than you would like. Examine all sides; then rely on your good sense to guide you toward the right decision.
- GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) You might be enjoying your new relationship, but if you're still unsure of a commitment, continue to hold off. Your instincts are usually right.
- CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) You might feel under pressure these days, but be careful not to blow off steam in a way you'll later regret. Opt for a calm discussion to air out grievances.
- LEO** (July 23 to August 22) A difficult situation will need more than your personal charm to resolve it. Put that Leonine intelligence to work, and you'll soon come up with a prudent solution.
- VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) A friend might resent your well-intended attempt to offer advice. Back off and let things settle down before you try again. Meanwhile, be cautious about investments.
- LIBRA** (September 23 to October

- 22) Be careful about taking on added obligations at work and/or in your personal life without first checking to see whether you can handle the extra load.
- SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) A rejection is no reason for you to give up. Check to see what went wrong and make adjustments. Then try again! Success is in your aspect.
- SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Things should be looking up at work, as your ideas begin to find favor with both bosses and co-workers. Romantic aspects also improve.
- CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Be more loving with your spouse or partner to prove that you're not taking them for granted. In addition, business deals will need careful scrutiny.
- AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) As the holidays approach, be wary of those who can take unfair advantage of your generous nature. Also, an old injury flares up and needs attention.
- PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Expect to see some old friends at upcoming holiday gatherings, including some who were — and could once again be — very special in your life.
- BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a strong sense of responsibility, and whatever you decide to do, you do it to the best of your ability.

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HOLLYWOOD

by Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD — **Millie Bobby Brown**, veteran of two “Godzilla” films, two “Enola Holmes” films with **Henry Cavill**, and the Netflix series “Stranger Things” (as Eleven), is a confirmed bachelorette! She admitted she didn’t grow up dreaming about marriage: “That wasn’t my dream. My dream was to have a baby. I wanted to be the woman that my mom is to me, and I wanted to be the woman that my grandmother was to me. So that was never my ... intention to be a wife.”

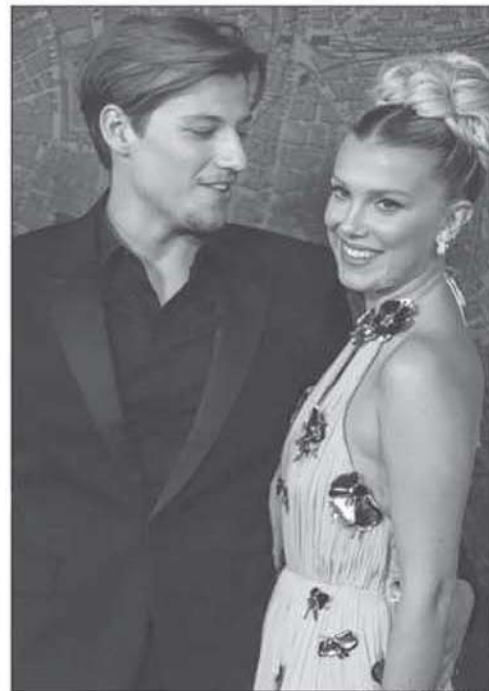
But all of that changed when she met **Jake Bongiovi**, son of rocker **Jon Bon Jovi**. She’s 19, and he’s 21. Oh, young love! They’ve been together since 2021 and got engaged this past April, but there’s no date for the couple’s “I do’s” quite yet.

His next film is “Sweethearts,” and hers is “The Electric State,” opposite **Chris Pratt**, **Ke Huy Quan**, **Stanley Tucci**, **Brian Cox**, **Anthony Mackie**, **Jason Alexander** and **Billy Bob Thornton**. “Stranger Things” was renewed for a fifth season, and although they started shooting in June, they have been delayed by the strike.

Even before he decided to play **Elvis Presley** in “Priscilla,” **Jacob Elordi** starred opposite **Zachary Quinto** in the true-crime serial-killer film “He Went That Way.” The film’s release was delayed due to the pandemic and the death of its Australian director **Jeffrey Darling**, who drowned while surfing in March 2022.

The film is a wicked spin on “buddy road trip” pictures, set in 1964 following 19-year-old serial killer Bobby (Elordi). It was based on the true story of celebrity animal trainer **Dave Pitts** and his fateful three-day encounter with serial killer **Larry Lee Raney**, and premiered at this year’s Tribeca Film Festival.

Quinto can also be seen in “Down Low” with **Simon Rex**, **Audra McDonald** and **Judith Light**, which dropped on Oct. 10. He also starred in the sci-fi film “Distant” with **Anthony Ramos**, set to be released on Jan. 19, 2024.



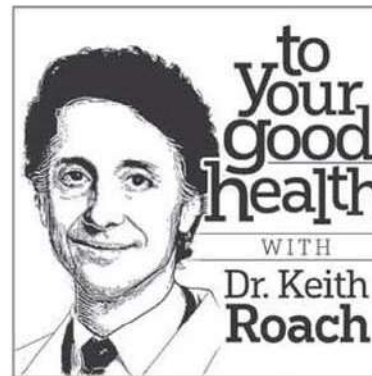
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Actors Jake Bongiovi and Millie Bobby Brown

Netflix, despite Wall Street’s expectations for increased earning growth per share and subscribers in the third quarter, is planning a new round of price hikes. Anticipating that they will soon settle the strikes with the writers and actors, the company feels that the new contracts will create some emptiness in free cash flow. Having to pay more for actors and writers is being called “a bridge too far” by the streaming service.

Rodgers and Hammerstein were the royal kings of Broadway musicals for many years. Many of their musicals were adapted into films that became major blockbusters, such as “Oklahoma!” starring **Gordon MacRae** and **Shirley Jones**. It grossed \$7.1 million in 1955. Another was “South Pacific” starring **Rossano Brazzi** and **Mitzi Gaynor**, which grossed \$17.5 million in 1958. When “Oklahoma!” was screened this past July in 800 cinemas around the world, it was a box-office sensation, so you can expect more classic films like these to return to cinema glory. It definitely makes for “Some Enchanted Evening!”

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Hyaluronic Acid Can Improve Joint Pain, but Isn’t Recommended

DEAR DR. ROACH: A friend recommended hyaluronic acid for joint pain in my wrist and hand. I have been taking 180 mg once a day for a couple months now and have experienced notable success. I also feel that my neck pain and range of motion in my neck have improved. My question is, what exactly is hyaluronic acid? Is it safe, and are there any side effects I should be aware of? — *T.E.*

ANSWER: Hyaluronic acid is a naturally occurring substance composed of long strings of sugar. Because of this structure, it carries a great deal of water, so it acts as a shock absorber and lubricant for several places in the body, including the joints. Hyaluronic supplements are usually purified from chicken cartilage, but can also be produced by bacterial fermentation. The body makes about 5,000 mg of hyaluronic acid daily.

Multiple studies on injections of hyaluronic acid have shown that it is only slightly better than a placebo at treating arthritis, especially of the knee. I have stopped recommending injection treatments to my patients with knee arthritis, as they are quite expensive. Oral hyaluronic acid, however, is inexpensive. There have been several small studies showing benefit (again, mostly for the knee rather than the neck), but I couldn’t find any well-done large studies that were convincing.

There is very little harm from hyaluronic acid. None of the studies I’ve read found any serious side effects; however,

that doesn’t mean it is completely safe, since supplements aren’t regulated the way prescription medicines are. But I can conclude that oral hyaluronic acid is possibly effective and probably safe for treatment of osteoarthritis.

The studies have mostly used doses in the 100-200 mg range, but I have seen supplements for sale that have 20 mg or less of hyaluronic acid. I’m glad you are taking a similar dosage to what is shown to be effective.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I have had muscle twitches in virtually every part of my body for about 50 years now. These fasciculations usually occur somewhere on my body every day. My legs and arms are the most common areas. There is no discomfort, and they rarely last more than a minute or two. Why do these occur, and should they be of any concern? I am an active, healthy 58-year-old male who isn’t on any medication. — *D.J.*

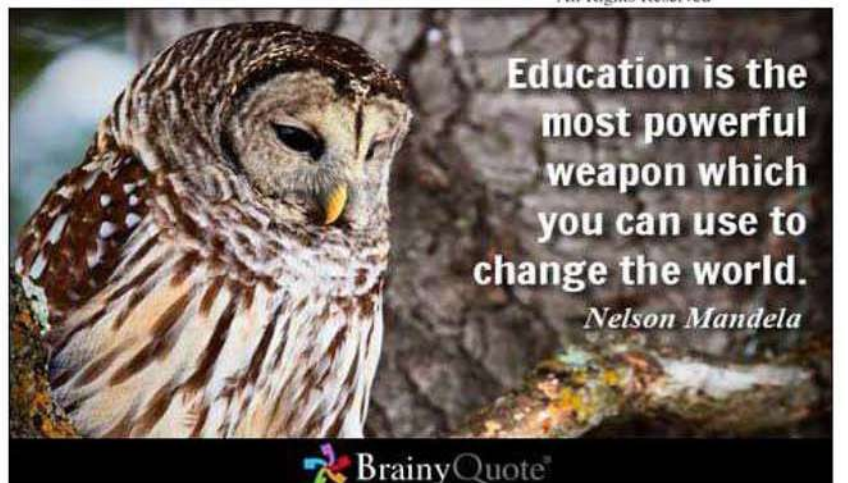
ANSWER: Muscle fasciculations are common. Most people get them from time to time, sometimes in the small muscles like the eyelid and sometimes in the large muscles like your legs and arms. Fasciculation can be a sign of a serious neurological problem, such as a lower motor neuron disease. If the muscle doesn’t receive proper neurological signals, it increases its receptors so that the muscle can be easily stimulated, causing twitching.

If you had suddenly developed this, especially with weakness or atrophy of your muscles, that would be very worrisome, and you should see a neurologist right away. However, since it has been going on so long, it is very unlikely to be a serious disease.

You probably have benign fasciculation syndrome, which, as its name suggests, is not a worrisome condition and usually does not worsen over time.

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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A CALL TO ARMS AGAINST THE SURGE OF GANG VIOLENCE

By Sir Ronald Sanders

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There has been a surge in gang violence and gun violence in Latin America and the Caribbean, leading to a high level of murders and heightened fear in many countries.

The figures are alarming not only for the countries of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) but also for all other countries in the Americas, including the United States of America and Canada.

The situation has become so alarming that I was prompted, in my capacity as President of the Permanent Council of the Organization of American States (OAS), to hold a Special Meeting on this matter on November 1, 2023. Representatives of 22 countries spoke, painting a worrying picture from both humanitarian and security standpoints.

The consensus from the meeting was undeniable: this is a challenge too vast for any single country to tackle in isolation. However, El Salvador claims that its aggressive measures, including jailing 71,000 gang members (about 2% of its population) have brought a great sense of security to a society that had been terrorized by gang violence for decades. Human rights bodies have criticised the administration of President Nayib Bukele, claiming that some of its stringent measure violate human rights law.

The experience in El Salvador is indicative of the tension between strong law enforcement measures to curb the criminal activity of armed gangs and international humanitarian law which demands that, at all times, individuals be guaranteed the enjoyment of fundamental rights and liberties.

How humanitarian law, in respect of uprooting criminal gangs, meshes with the call for a military force to remove over 60 gangs that are tormenting the country, is one of the paradoxes from which some governments have shied away.

In any event, the panel of experts, who vividly described the scale of the problem of guns, gangs and violence, left no doubt about three things: gangs and guns are in the hands of organised criminal enterprises which operate across borders; the infiltration of guns, mostly from the United States of America (US) is fuelling homicides including assassinations; and national law enforcement agencies lack the capacity to cope with the problem by themselves.

Such conditions partly explain the expansion of gang and criminal activity throughout the Americas. But it is not the full explanation; other factors contribute. Among these are disillusioned, disenchanted and desperate young people who are lured into gangs as a way of getting money and asserting themselves.




The presentation by Trinidad and Tobago's Attorney-General and Minister of Legal Affairs, Reginald Armour, to the OAS meeting was as startling as it was revealing. For example, he pointed out that "in Jamaica, approximately 70% of the violence is related to criminal organizations, despite the Government's drastic measures to combat gangs, by the implementation of 'Gang Suppression' laws and States of Emergency, repeated military and police operations and the arrest of 149 gang leaders". He observed that "these gangs continue to evolve with new leaders and a ready supply of illicit firearms originating from the United States".

Mr. Armour also disclosed that "in Trinidad and Tobago, the combination of firearms and the fragmentation of competing gangs has increased the murder rate, with 614 homicides recorded in 2022".

This situation is not unique to Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago, the two most populous states of CARICOM, apart from Haiti. In 2022, official figures showed that 5 CARICOM countries were among the top 10 nations in the world with the highest national murder rates per 100,000 people. The 5 countries were: Jamaica, St Lucia, Belize, Dominica and Guyana in that order. Of the other 5 countries, 4 were Latin American: Honduras, Mexico, Colombia and Brazil.

At the OAS meeting, Romain Le Cour Grandmaison, a senior expert at the Global Initiative against Transnational Organized



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Crime, pointed out that, "the proportion of firearms involved in national homicides increased from 15% in 1997 to 70% in 2021". He said that now, around 50 people are murdered with firearms every day. A similar point about the relation between firearms and violence, particularly murder was made by other speakers, including Maria Eugenia Mata of the Ministry of Public Security of Costa Rica.

According to an article from The Economist, "in previously safe countries, murder rates are hitting record levels, including Ecuador, Costa Rica, and Chile. The article calls it the new narco-network: a cocktail of drugs, guns, and migration is fuelling gang violence across the region".

The Caribbean and Latin America, therefore, lying next to each geographically with many of them bordering the Caribbean sea, have a common problem and a collective responsibility to their peoples to work together to address it effectively.

Undoubtedly, national efforts are underway, yet law enforcement agencies grapple with being underfunded and understaffed. Many are also in need of training and equipment. The OAS Secretariat has done a great body of work that assesses strengths and weaknesses within these security forces, and it has expertise that should be utilized to improve national capacity.

In the face of such stark realities - where firearms, gangs, and transnational crime erode the fabric of our societies - the call for action has never been more pressing. We stand at a crossroads where the only path forward is one of unity, collaboration, and unwavering resolve. It is not just about enhancing law enforcement capabilities; it is about forging an unbreakable chain of solidarity across the Americas.

The OAS is well-placed to spearhead this initiative, transforming policy recommendations into concrete measures: from tightening firearm export controls in the United States to fostering regional intelligence-sharing protocols, from expanding support for community programs that address the root causes of gang recruitment to bolstering judicial systems that can withstand the corruption and influence of organized crime.

OAS member states should commit to a mobilizing the necessary political will and financial resources to implement such a plan. The time for concerted action is now; the cost of delay is simply too great.



PUBLIC NOTICES

RIDLEY CAPITAL HOLDING LTD

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1753276

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 1st day of November, 2023. The Liquidator is **Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated this 2nd day of November, 2023

Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[25/1]

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

Gardenvale Investment Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 2nd day of October, 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register

The Liquidator is:-

Wayne S. Francis
of c/o Sertus Chambers,
P.O. Box 905, Quastisky Building,
Road Town, Tortola VG 1110,
British Virgin Islands
[25/2]

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

Strago Enterprise Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2093109

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 November 2nd, 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: November 3rd, 2023

(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean
Voluntary Liquidator
[25/3]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the
BVI Business Company Act.
SAFERMA TRADING ENTERPRISES CORP.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1924191

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 12, 2023.

Dated: October 13, 2023

(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean
Voluntary Liquidator
[25/4]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1466301

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on September 25th, 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: September 26th, 2023

(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean
Voluntary Liquidator
[25/5]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1560015

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 2nd day of November 2023. The Liquidator is **Ray A. George, of Long Trench, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated this 2nd day of November 2023.

(Sgd.) Ray A. George
Voluntary Liquidator
[25/6]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the
BVI Business Company Act.

Acova Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2093088

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 13, 2023.

Dated: October 13, 2023

(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean
Voluntary Liquidator
[25/7]

APPOINTMENT DIRECTFIELD LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 515421

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 2nd November 2023. The liquidator's name is **Nelcia St. Jean P.O. Box 4074, Baugher's Bay, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110, British Virgin Islands.**

Sgd: Nelcia St. Jean
Voluntary Liquidator
[25/8]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1694140

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 November 3rd, 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: November 3rd, 2023

(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean
Voluntary Liquidator
[25/9]

Final Notice of Dissolution under
the BVI Business Company Act.
ANTARY MANAGEMENT INC.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1694643

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 November 3, 2023.

Dated: November 3, 2023

(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean
Voluntary Liquidator
[25/10]

Final Notice of Dissolution under
the BVI Business Company Act.
WYNFORT CORP

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2068850

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 November 3, 2023.

Dated: November 3, 2023

(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean
Voluntary Liquidator [25/11]

NOTICE

**BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
LEADING TRADE
SUCCESS LTD**

("the Company")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 3rd November, 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
PO Box 905, 3rd Floor
Quastisky Building, Road Town
Tortola, VG 1110
British Virgin Islands
[26/12]

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

LDJ Holding Ltd

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2028692

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 6th day of November 2023.

Dated: 6th day of November 2023.

(Sgd.) Philippa V. O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator
[25/13]

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

Dreamland Investments Group Inc.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1719436

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 6th day of November 2023.

Dated: 6th day of November 2023.

(Sgd.) Philippa V. O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator
[25/14]

Xiangsheng Harmony Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 2047514

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 6th day of November, 2023.

Dated this 6th day of November, 2023

Sgd. Phillip Fenty

Phillip Fenty
Voluntary Liquidator [25/15]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on November 3rd, 2023. The Joint Liquidators are **Michele Hibbert with address at Sea Cow's Bay, Tortola, British Virgin Islands and Saajid Jasat Bhana with address at Obarrio, Calle 59, Casa 5, Apartado 0816-04554 Ciudad de Panamá, República de Panamá.**

Dated: November 3rd, 2023.

(Sgd.) Michele Hibbert and Saajid Jasat Bhana
Joint Voluntary Liquidators
[25/16]

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

Nooa International Management Ltd

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on November 2nd, 2023. The Joint Liquidators are **Michele Hibbert with address at Sea Cow's Bay, Tortola, British Virgin Islands and Saajid Jasat Bhana with address at Obarrio, Calle 59, Casa 5, Apartado 0816-04554 Ciudad de Panamá, República de Panamá.**

Dated: November 2nd, 2023.

(Sgd.) Michele Hibbert and Saajid Jasat Bhana
Joint Voluntary Liquidators [25/17]

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

Numan Holding Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on November 2nd, 2023. The Joint Liquidators are **Michele Hibbert with address at Sea Cow's Bay, Tortola, British Virgin Islands and Saajid Jasat Bhana with address at Obarrio, Calle 59, Casa 5, Apartado 0816-04554 Ciudad de Panamá, República de Panamá.**

Dated: November 2nd, 2023.

(Sgd.) Michele Hibbert and Saajid Jasat Bhana
Joint Voluntary Liquidators [25/18]

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

Bristlecone Holdings Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on October 31st, 2023. The Joint Liquidators are **Michele Hibbert with address at Sea Cow's Bay, Tortola, British Virgin Islands and Saajid Jasat Bhana with address at Obarrio, Calle 59, Casa 5, Apartado 0816-04554 Ciudad de Panamá, República de Panamá.**

Dated: October 31st, 2023.

(Sgd.) Michele Hibbert and Saajid Jasat Bhana
Joint Voluntary Liquidators [25/19]

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

OLINE INVESTMENTS LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1645855

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 November 6th, 2023. The Liquidator is **Philipp Neumann with an address at Folio Chambers, PO Box 800, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: November 6th, 2023

(Sgd.) Philipp Neumann
Voluntary Liquidator [25/20]

PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004
SOLIDUS DAE ACCESS VI, LTD.
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No: 2090289
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 November, 2023. The Liquidator is **Philippa V O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
 Dated: 6th day of November, 2023
 (Sgd.) **Philippa V O'Sullivan**
 Liquidator [25/21]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004
SOLIDUS DAE ACCESS VII, LTD.
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No: 2098795
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 November, 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa V O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
 Dated: 6th day of November, 2023
 (Sgd.) **Philippa V O'Sullivan**
 Liquidator [25/22]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004
SOLIDUS DAE ACCESS VIII, LTD.
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No: 2098793
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 November, 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa V O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
 Dated: 6th day of November, 2023
 (Sgd.) **Philippa V O'Sullivan**
 Liquidator [25/23]

NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)
Koala Tech Global Holdings Limited
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 12th day of October, 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register
 The Liquidator is:-
Wayne S. Francis of c/o Sertus Chambers, P.O. Box 905, Quastisky Building, Road Town, Tortola VG 1110, British Virgin Islands
 [25/24]

NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)
Vadas Solutions Limited
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 24th day of October, 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register
 The Liquidator is:-
Wayne S. Francis of c/o Sertus Chambers, P.O. Box 905, Quastisky Building, Road Town, Tortola VG1110, British Virgin Islands
 [25/25]

NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)
RYXSparkle Holdings Limited
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 24th day of October, 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register
 The Liquidator is:-
Wayne S. Francis of c/o Sertus Chambers, P.O. Box 905, Quastisky Building, Road Town, Tortola VG1110, British Virgin Islands
 [25/26]

NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)
Uvchem Capital Holdings Limited
 (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 been dissolved and struck off from the Register
 The Liquidator is:-
Wayne S. Francis of c/o Sertus Chambers, P.O. Box 905, Quastisky Building, Road Town, Tortola VG1110, British Virgin Islands
 [25/27]

NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)
CGC Small Town Limited
 (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 been dissolved and struck off from the Register
 The Liquidator is:-
Wayne S. Francis of c/o Sertus Chambers, P.O. Box 905, Quastisky Building, Road Town, Tortola VG 1110, British Virgin Islands
 [25/28]

NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)
Bright Loyal Investment Ltd
 (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 been dissolved and struck off from the Register
 The Liquidator is:-
Wayne S. Francis of c/o Sertus Chambers, P.O. Box 905, Quastisky Building, Road Town, Tortola VG 1110, British Virgin Islands
 [25/29]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004
HOME SOLUTIONS LIMITED
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 1998042
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 17th October 2023. The liquidator is **Jason Jagessar of Sea Meadow House, Road Town VG1110, British Virgin Islands.**
 Dated: 17th October 2023.
 (Sgd.) **Jason Jagessar**
 Voluntary Liquidator [2/30]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act, 2004
GOLDENKEY ENTERPRISES LIMITED
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 1729515
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 7th November, 2023.
 Dated: 7th day of November 2023
 (Sgd.) **Philippa V O'Sullivan**
 Voluntary Liquidator [25/31]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004
VALUE CREATION CO., LTD.
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 1982598
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 7th day of November, 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa V. O' Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
 Dated: 7th day of November 2023
 (Sgd.) **Philippa V O'Sullivan**
 Voluntary Liquidator [25/32]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.
Kubra Business Corp.
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 2015239
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 November 7th, 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
 Dated: November 7th, 2023
 (Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
 Voluntary Liquidator [25/33]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.
Blakstead Ltd.
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 1577716
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 November 7th, 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
 Dated: November 7th, 2023
 (Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
 Voluntary Liquidator [25/34]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004
JABIL CIRCUIT (BVI) INC.
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 3585
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 07th day of November, 2023.
 Dated: 07th day of November, 2023
 (Sgd.) **Philippa V. O'Sullivan**
 Voluntary Liquidator [25/35]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act
FEROLY LTD
 (IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
 Company No. 2068459
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 6th November 2023. The Liquidator is **Myron Walwyn of Travers Thorp Alberga, 2nd Floor Jayla Place, P.O. Box 216, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110.**
 Dated 6th day of November 2023
 (Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**
 Voluntary Liquidator [25/36]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act
ELROHIR ENTERPRISES CORP.
 (IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
 Company No. 545429
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 6th November 2023. The Liquidator is **Myron Walwyn of Travers Thorp Alberga, 2nd Floor Jayla Place, P.O. Box 216, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110.**
 Dated 6th day of November 2023
 (Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**
 Voluntary Liquidator [25/37]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act
KOMET FINANCE LTD.
 (IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
 Company No. 1617993
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 6th November 2023. The Liquidator is **Myron Walwyn of Travers Thorp Alberga, 2nd Floor Jayla Place, P.O. Box 216, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110.**
 Dated 6th day of November 2023
 (Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**
 Voluntary Liquidator [25/38]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act
Metopi Ltd.
 (IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
 Company No. 1912667
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 7th November 2023. The Liquidator is **Myron Walwyn of Travers Thorp Alberga, 2nd Floor Jayla Place, P.O. Box 216, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110.**
 Dated 7th day of November 2023
 (Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**
 Voluntary Liquidator [25/39]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act
TIANGEN LTD.
 (IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
 Company No. 1929902
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 6th November 2023. The Liquidator is **Myron Walwyn of Travers Thorp Alberga, 2nd Floor Jayla Place, P.O. Box 216, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110.**
 Dated 6th day of November 2023
 (Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**
 Voluntary Liquidator [25/40]

PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act
ULTIMATE CONCEPT LIMITED
 (IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
 Company No. 1594975
 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 7th November 2023. The Liquidator is Myron Walwyn of Travers Thorp Alberga, 2nd Floor Jayla Place, P.O. Box 216, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110.
 Dated 7th day of November 2023
 (Sgd) Myron Walwyn
 Voluntary Liquidator [25/41]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act
VALLONGO INVESTMENTS INC.
 (IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
 Company No. 1875526
 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 6th November 2023. The Liquidator is Myron Walwyn of Travers Thorp Alberga, 2nd Floor Jayla Place, P.O. Box 216, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110.
 Dated 6th day of November 2023
 (Sgd) Myron Walwyn
 Voluntary Liquidator [25/42]

NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
GAMINE (BVI) LIMITED
 ("the Company")
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 NOTICE is hereby given that on the 7th November, 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 [25/43]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act.
Drastrend Ltd.
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 1577718
 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 November 8th, 2023. The Liquidator is Nelcia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.
 Dated: November 8th, 2023
 (Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean
 Voluntary Liquidator [25/44]

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

BVIHPB 2023/

**In the Estate of CHRISTINA D. CHINNERY also known as
 CHRISTINANA DELORES CHINNERY late of St. Thomas,
 U.S. Virgin Islands, deceased**

ADVERTISEMENT

Notice is given that after the expiration of 8 days application will be made to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the resealing of the Probate of the Estate of CHRISTINA D. CHINNERY also known as CHRISTINANA DELORES CHINNERY late of St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, deceased granted by The Superior Court of the Virgin Islands, Division of St. Thomas and St. John on April 20, 2020.

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

[26]

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

BVIHPB 2023/

**In the Estate of MYRNA ADORA BAKER late of
 Nisbett Settlement in the Parish of St. James in the
 Island of Nevis, deceased**

ADVERTISEMENT

Notice is given that after the expiration of 8 days application will be made to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the resealing of the Probate of the Estate of MYRNA ADORA BAKER late of Nisbett Settlement in the Parish of St. James in the Island of Nevis, deceased granted by The Eastern Supreme Court at Charlestown in the Island of Nevis in the Federation of St. Christopher and Nevis on 21st day of September, 2023.

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

[26]

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

IN THE ESTATE OF BORIS PESKO, DECEASED

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by FAROUK ABDULLA of 6 Mome Kapora Str., Belgrade, Serbia the intended Administrator of the Estate of the deceased who died intestate on the 23rd day of October 2021, domiciled in Switzerland, has applied to the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the Probate Division for a Grant of Letters of Administration in the Estate of the said BORIS PESKO, deceased.

ANY PERSONS having any objections to the Grant of Letters of Administration to the said FAROUK ABDULLA shall within fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of this Notice lodge with the Registry of the High Court in the Territory of the Virgin Islands a proper document setting out the said objections.

Dated the 6th day of November, 2023

HARNEY WESTWOOD & RIEGELS LP
 Solicitors for the Intended Administrator

[26]

**EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
 IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
 (PROBATE)
 BVIHPB2023/0238**

**IN THE ESTATE OF HULDA ELIZABETH MARTIN,
 DECEASED**

TAKE NOTICE that CLARENCE ALFRED THOMAS of Florida, United States of America and PATRICIA LEONA DAVIS of Texas, United States of America, the Administrators of the estate of the deceased aforesaid, who died on the 25th day of July, 2022 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 HULDA ELIZABETH MARTIN, deceased.

ANY PERSON or persons who has or have any objections to the Grant of LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION to the said CLARENCE ALFRED THOMAS of Florida, United States of America and PATRICIA LEONA DAVIS of Texas, United States of America, shall within fourteen (14) days from the date of the publication of this Notice lodge with the Registry of the High Court of Justice in the British Virgin Islands the proper documents setting out the proper objections.

Dated this 7th day of November, 2023

Harbour Chambers BVI
 Legal Practitioners for the Applicants

[26]

PUBLIC NOTICES

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
 IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
 VIRGIN ISLANDS
 COMMERCIAL DIVISION
 Claim No. BVIHC (COM) 2023/0187
 In the matter of JOESH OVERSEAS LIMITED
 AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY
 ACT 2003
 BETWEEN
 KAREN JANE LI

Applicant

JOESH OVERSEAS LIMITED

Respondent

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an application for the appointment of joint liquidators has been made in respect of JOESH OVERSEAS LIMITED whose registered office is at c/o Trident Trust Company (BVI) Limited, Trident Chambers, P.O. Box 146, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110, British Virgin Islands.

The Applicant is KAREN JANE LI.

The application was filed on 5 October 2023. It will be heard by the Judge of the Commercial Court, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, sitting in the Commercial Courtroom Upstairs, Main Street, Tortola, British Virgin Islands on Monday, 20 November 2023 (at a time to be confirmed in the Final Commercial Court List).

Any person intending to appear at the hearing of the application, whether to support or oppose the application, must give notice to the Applicant or their legal practitioners in accordance with Rule 162 by 4.00 pm on Friday, 17 November 2023.

Travers Thorp Alberga
 Legal Practitioners for the Applicant
 2nd Floor, Jayla Place, P.O. Box 216, Road Town,
 Tortola, British Virgin Islands

[26]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act
Petronor Power Limited
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company Number: 1904358

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 7 November 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: 7 November 2023
 Rachael Pape
 For and on behalf of Anton Goldstein and Rachael Pape

As Joint Liquidators [25/45]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act
Petronor Energy Limited
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company Number: 1904359

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 7 November 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: 7 November 2023
 Rachael Pape
 For and on behalf of Anton Goldstein and Rachael Pape

As Joint Liquidators [25/46]

FORM "A"

"NEW"

To: The Licensing Magistrate
 And
 The Officer in Charge of Police
I, KARLENE THOMAS-LUCIEN dba CURRY TABANCA -now residing at JOHNSON'S GHUT, ROAD TOWN, TORTOLA in the Territory of the Virgin Islands do hereby give notice that it is my intention to apply to the Licensing Magistrate at the Special Sitting of the Magistrate's Court to be held at Road Town, Tortola, on the 1st day of DECEMBER, 2023 for RESTAURANT/BAR Licence to sell intoxicating liquor at my premises situated at PARKER STREET, ROAD TOWN, TORTOLA, BVI, in the territory of the Virgin Islands and registered Parcel Number 301 of Block 2837E of the ROAD TOWN, Registration Section in the Land Registry of the Virgin Island

Dated this 1st day of November, 2023.

Signed *Karlene Thomas-Lucien*

[25]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company Number: 1828154

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 3 November 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: 3 November 2023
 Rachael Pape
 For and on behalf of Anton Goldstein and Rachael Pape
 As Joint Liquidators [25/47]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act
Promargent Ltd.
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 1577721

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 November 8th, 2023. The Liquidator is Nelia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated: November 8th, 2023
 (Sgd.) Nelia St. Jean
 Voluntary Liquidator [25/48]

IN THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
 IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
 (PROBATE DIVISION)
 BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS
 BVIHPB 2023/0237

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DELIAH OLYMPIA RUBAINE, LATE OF ST. THOMAS, UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS, DECEASED, INTESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by SELMA PATRICIA RUBAINE, of 6A-10-8 Lilliendahl & Marienhøj, St. Thomas, United States Virgin Islands, and COLLEEN ANGELA RUBAINE of 3800 County Road 94, Apt4208, Manvel, Texas, United States of America 77578, in the Probate Division of the High Court of Justice in the British Virgin Islands, for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicants who are the children of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 20th day of September 2023.

ANY PERSON, having any objections 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 7th day of November 2023.

Filed by Silk Legal, Legal Representatives of the Applicant whose address for service is:
 Simms Mill Mall
 30 DeCastro Street
 Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands
 Telephone: 284-340-9569

[26]

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

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS
 CLAIM NUMBER BVIHPB

In the Estate of Eldra Benjamin, Late of 120-19 229th St. Cambria Heights, Queens New York, United States of America, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Lucia Patricia Benjamin Brown of St Thomas USVI, Cyril Herbert Benjamin of 9134 Estate Thomas NQ, St Thomas USVI 00802-2669 and Gloria Esperanza Benjamin Stout of Fat Hoggs Bay, Tortola, British Virgin Islands for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicants who are the children of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on 5th day of March, 2004.

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

Dated the 31st day of October, 2023

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

494 2366 whose address for service is the same.

[25]

PUBLIC NOTICES

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

BVIHPB 2023/0232

**IN THE ESTATE OF EDWARD CLARKSON MADURO late
of 3520 Home Town Lane, St. Cloud, Osceola, Florida 34769,
United States of America and Baugher's Bay,
Tortola, British Virgin Islands, deceased**

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **KALMAN MADURO** of 161 Callibluff Drive, Summerville, South Carolina 29486, United States of America and **CALVIN MADURO** of 932 Jadestone Circle, Orlando, Florida 32828, United States of America (hereinafter referred to as "the Applicants" or "the Intended Administrators"), for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased ("the Deceased") who died on the 28th day of June, 2008, at his home at 3520 Home Town Lane, St. Cloud, Osceola, Florida 34769, United States of America, domiciled in the Territory of the Virgin Islands. The Applicants are two (2) of the lawful children of the Deceased.

ANY PERSON having an objection to the Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicants shall file an objection with the Registrar of the High Court in the Territory of the Virgin Islands within fourteen (14) days of the date of publication of this Notice.

Dated this 30th day of October, 2023.

Filed by: **VIGILATE LAW**, Legal Practitioners for the Applicants/Intended Administrators, whose address for service is at: the offices of **VIGILATE LAW**, Chevelle Centre, Middle Floor (Unit #2), Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, Virgin Islands (British), Tel: (284) 340-8484. [25]

Euro Professional Services Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1010787

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 8th day of November, 2023.

Dated this 8th day of November, 2023

Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[25/49]

GREGORY SERVICES LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1859

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 8th day of November, 2023.

Dated this 8th day of November, 2023

Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[25/50]

FORM "A"

"NEW"

To: The Licensing Magistrate
And

The Officer in Charge of Police
I, ISAAC RAGNAUTH dba ISLAND FLAVA -now residing at **BAUGHER'S BAY, TORTOLA** in the Territory of the Virgin Islands do hereby give notice that it is my intention to apply to the Licensing Magistrate at the Special Sitting of the Magistrate's Court to be held at Road Town, Tortola, on the **1st day of DECEMBER, 2023** for **RESTAURANT/BAR/CLUB Licence** to sell intoxicating liquor at my premises situated at **BAUGHER'S BAY TORTOLA, BVI**, in the territory of the Virgin Islands and registered **Parcel Number 759 of Block 3038B** of the **ROAD TOWN, Registration Section in the Land Registry of the Virgin Island**

Dated this 27th day of September, 2023.

Signed Isaac Ragnauth
[25]

FORM "A"

"NEW"

To: The Licensing Magistrate
And

The Officer in Charge of Police
I, ANNETTA PENN dba MLJ BREAKFAST & FAST FOOD -now residing at **VANTERPOOL-ESTATE, TORTOLA** in the Territory of the Virgin Islands do hereby give notice that it is my intention to apply to the Licensing Magistrate at the Special Sitting of the Magistrate's Court to be held at Road Town, Tortola, on the **1st day of DECEMBER, 2023** for **RESTAURANT/BAR Licence** to sell intoxicating liquor at my premises situated at **LONG SWAMP, TORTOLA, BVI**, in the territory of the Virgin Islands and registered **Parcel Number 193 of Block 3439B** of the **EAST END, Registration Section in the Land Registry of the Virgin Island**

Dated this 23rd day of October, 2023.

Signed Annetta Penn
[25]

FORM "A"

"NEW"

To: The Licensing Magistrate
And

The Officer in Charge of Police
I, ERNEST JACOB dba BLESSINGS TO ALL -now residing at **JOSIAH'S BAY** in the Territory of the Virgin Islands do hereby give notice that it is my intention to apply to the Licensing Magistrate at the Special Sitting of the Magistrate's Court to be held at Road Town, Tortola, on the **1st day of DECEMBER, 2023** for **RESTAURANT/BAR Licence** to sell intoxicating liquor at my premises situated at **LONG LOOK TORTOLA, BVI**, in the territory of the Virgin Islands and registered **Parcel Number 188 of Block 3240A** of the **LONG LOOK, Registration Section in the Land Registry of the Virgin Island**

Dated this 4th day of November, 2023.

Signed Ernest Jacob
[26]

FORM "A"

"NEW"

To: The Licensing Magistrate
And

The Officer in Charge of Police
I / W e - M O S K I T O HOMEOWNERS LIMITED residing at **MOSKITO ISLAND** in the Territory of the Virgin Islands do hereby give notice that it is my intention to apply to the Licensing Magistrate at the Special Sitting of the Magistrate's Court to be held at Road Town, Tortola, on the **1st day of DECEMBER, 2023** for **BAR Licence** to sell intoxicating liquor at my premises situated at **MOSKITO ISLAND, BVI**, in the territory of the Virgin Islands and registered **Parcel Number 3 of Block 5247B** of the **VIRGIN GORDA, EAST, Registration Section in the Land Registry of the Virgin Island**

Dated this 6th day of November, 2023.

Signed Christopher Tilling
[26]

FORM "A"

"NEW"

To: The Licensing Magistrate
And

The Officer in Charge of Police
I / W e - M O S K I T O HOMEOWNERS LIMITED residing at **MOSKITO ISLAND** in the Territory of the Virgin Islands do hereby give notice that it is my intention to apply to the Licensing Magistrate at the Special Sitting of the Magistrate's Court to be held at Road Town, Tortola, on the **1st day of DECEMBER, 2023** for **BAR Licence** to sell intoxicating liquor at my premises situated at **MOSKITO ISLAND, BVI**, in the territory of the Virgin Islands and registered **Parcel Number 5 of Block 5247B** of the **VIRGIN GORDA, EAST, Registration Section in the Land Registry of the Virgin Island**

Dated this 6th day of November, 2023.

Signed Christopher Tilling
[26]

FORM "A"

"NEW"

To: The Licensing Magistrate
And

The Officer in Charge of Police
I / W e - M O S K I T O HOMEOWNERS LIMITED residing at **MOSKITO ISLAND** in the Territory of the Virgin Islands do hereby give notice that it is my intention to apply to the Licensing Magistrate at the Special Sitting of the Magistrate's Court to be held at Road Town, Tortola, on the **1st day of DECEMBER, 2023** for **BAR Licence** to sell intoxicating liquor at my premises situated at **MOSKITO ISLAND, BVI**, in the territory of the Virgin Islands and registered **Parcel Number 8 of Block 5247B** of the **VIRGIN GORDA, EAST, Registration Section in the Land Registry of the Virgin Island**

Dated this 6th day of November, 2023.

Signed Christopher Tilling
[26]

PUBLIC NOTICES

FORM "A" "NEW"

To: The Licensing Magistrate
And
The Officer in Charge of Police
I / W e - M O S K I T O
HOMEOWNERS LIMITED
residing at **MOSKITO ISLAND**
in the Territory of the Virgin Islands do hereby give notice that it is my intention to apply to the Licensing Magistrate at the Special Sitting of the Magistrate's Court to be held at Road Town, Tortola, on the 1st day of **DECEMBER, 2023** for **BAR** Licence to sell intoxicating liquor at my premises situated at **MOSKITO ISLAND, BVI**, in the territory of the Virgin Islands and registered **Parcel Number 9** of Block 5247B of the **VIRGIN GORDA, EAST, Registration Section in the Land Registry of the Virgin Island**

Dated this 6th day of November, 2023.
Signed Christopher Tilling
[26]

FORM "A" "NEW"

To: The Licensing Magistrate
And
The Officer in Charge of Police
I / W e - M O S K I T O
HOMEOWNERS LIMITED
residing at **MOSKITO ISLAND**
in the Territory of the Virgin Islands do hereby give notice that it is my intention to apply to the Licensing Magistrate at the Special Sitting of the Magistrate's Court to be held at Road Town, Tortola, on the 1st day of **DECEMBER, 2023** for **BAR** Licence to sell intoxicating liquor at my premises situated at **MOSKITO ISLAND, BVI**, in the territory of the Virgin Islands and registered **Parcel Number 11** of Block 5247B of the **VIRGIN GORDA, EAST, Registration Section in the Land Registry of the Virgin Island**

Dated this 6th day of November, 2023.
Signed Christopher Tilling
[26]

FORM "A" "NEW"

To: The Licensing Magistrate
And
The Officer in Charge of Police
I, KAI E. DECASTRO
dba **MAIN STREET RESTAURANT** -now residing at **SEACOW'S BAY TORTOLA** in the Territory of the Virgin Islands do hereby give notice that it is my intention to apply to the Licensing Magistrate at the Special Sitting of the Magistrate's Court to be held at Road Town, Tortola, on the 1st day of **DECEMBER, 2023** for **RESTAURANT/BAR** Licence to sell intoxicating liquor at my premises situated at **ROAD TOWN, TORTOLA TORTOLA, BVI**, in the territory of the Virgin Islands and registered **Parcel Number 9** of Block 2837F of the **ROAD TOWN, Registration Section in the Land Registry of the Virgin Island**

Dated this 1st day of January, 2023.
Signed Kai E. DeCastro
[25]

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

CLAIM NO. BVIHPB2023/

IN THE ESTATE OF SHEA CHAU HUNG PING, ALIASES SHEA HELEN AND CHAU HUNG PING, LATE OF FLAT B1, 3RD FLOOR, NO. 7 TAI TAM RESERVOIR ROAD, HONG KONG, DECEASED

ADVERTISEMENT

Notice is given that after the expiration of 8 days application will be made to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the resealing of the Probate of Shea Chau Hung Ping, alias Shea Helen, late of Flat B1, 3rd Floor, No. 7 Tai Tam Reservoir Road, Hong Kong, granted by the High Court of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, Court of First Instance in Hong Kong on the 11 day of September 2023. Dated this 02 day of November 2023

Filed by: Vistra Legal (BVI) Limited
Legal Practitioners for the Applicant
[25]

FORM "A" "NEW"

To: The Licensing Magistrate
And
The Officer in Charge of Police
I / W e - M O S K I T O
HOMEOWNERS LIMITED
residing at **MOSKITO ISLAND**
in the Territory of the Virgin Islands do hereby give notice that it is my intention to apply to the Licensing Magistrate at the Special Sitting of the Magistrate's Court to be held at Road Town, Tortola, on the 1st day of **DECEMBER, 2023** for **RESTAURANT** Licence to sell intoxicating liquor at my premises situated at **MOSKITO ISLAND, BVI**, in the territory of the Virgin Islands and registered **Parcel Number 3** of Block 5247B of the **VIRGIN GORDA, EAST, Registration Section in the Land Registry of the Virgin Island**

Dated this 6th day of November, 2023.
Signed Christopher Tilling
[26]

FORM "A" "NEW"

To: The Licensing Magistrate
And
The Officer in Charge of Police
I / W e - M O S K I T O
HOMEOWNERS LIMITED
residing at **MOSKITO ISLAND**
in the Territory of the Virgin Islands do hereby give notice that it is my intention to apply to the Licensing Magistrate at the Special Sitting of the Magistrate's Court to be held at Road Town, Tortola, on the 1st day of **DECEMBER, 2023** for **RESTAURANT** Licence to sell intoxicating liquor at my premises situated at **MOSKITO ISLAND, BVI**, in the territory of the Virgin Islands and registered **Parcel Number 5** of Block 5247B of the **VIRGIN GORDA, EAST, Registration Section in the Land Registry of the Virgin Island**

Dated this 6th day of November, 2023.
Signed Christopher Tilling
[26]

FORM "A" "NEW"

To: The Licensing Magistrate
And
The Officer in Charge of Police
I / W e - M O S K I T O
HOMEOWNERS LIMITED
residing at **MOSKITO ISLAND**
in the Territory of the Virgin Islands do hereby give notice that it is my intention to apply to the Licensing Magistrate at the Special Sitting of the Magistrate's Court to be held at Road Town, Tortola, on the 1st day of **DECEMBER, 2023** for **RESTAURANT** Licence to sell intoxicating liquor at my premises situated at **MOSKITO ISLAND, BVI**, in the territory of the Virgin Islands and registered **Parcel Number 8** of Block 5247B of the **VIRGIN GORDA, EAST, Registration Section in the Land Registry of the Virgin Island**

Dated this 6th day of November, 2023.
Signed Christopher Tilling
[26]

FORM "A" "NEW"

To: The Licensing Magistrate
And
The Officer in Charge of Police
I / W e - M O S K I T O
HOMEOWNERS LIMITED
residing at **MOSKITO ISLAND**
in the Territory of the Virgin Islands do hereby give notice that it is my intention to apply to the Licensing Magistrate at the Special Sitting of the Magistrate's Court to be held at Road Town, Tortola, on the 1st day of **DECEMBER, 2023** for **RESTAURANT** Licence to sell intoxicating liquor at my premises situated at **MOSKITO ISLAND, BVI**, in the territory of the Virgin Islands and registered **Parcel Number 9** of Block 5247B of the **VIRGIN GORDA, EAST, Registration Section in the Land Registry of the Virgin Island**

Dated this 6th day of November, 2023.
Signed Christopher Tilling
[26]

FORM "A" "NEW"

To: The Licensing Magistrate
And
The Officer in Charge of Police
I / W e - M O S K I T O
HOMEOWNERS LIMITED
residing at **MOSKITO ISLAND**
in the Territory of the Virgin Islands do hereby give notice that it is my intention to apply to the Licensing Magistrate at the Special Sitting of the Magistrate's Court to be held at Road Town, Tortola, on the 1st day of **DECEMBER, 2023** for **RESTAURANT** Licence to sell intoxicating liquor at my premises situated at **MOSKITO ISLAND, BVI**, in the territory of the Virgin Islands and registered **Parcel Number 11** of Block 5247B of the **VIRGIN GORDA, EAST, Registration Section in the Land Registry of the Virgin Island**

Dated this 6th day of November, 2023.
Signed Christopher Tilling
[26]

PUBLIC NOTICES

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

IN THE ESTATE OF SONG FOK TEK FRANK ALSO
KNOWN AS FRANK FOK TEK SONG, LATE OF 1/F, 5
SELKIRK ROAD, KOWLOON TONG, 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 probate of SONG FOK TEK FRANK also known as FRANK FOK TEK SONG, Deceased, late of 1/F, 5 Selkirk Road, Kowloon Tong, Hong Kong, Deceased, granted to SONG TEI, KEIEI (in the Will called KEIEI TEI) by the Deputy Registrar of the High Court of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region with Grant No. HCAG009905/2023 on the 28th day of July 2023.

Harney Westwood & Riegels LP
Legal Practitioners for the Applicant
[25]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.
REISAN GROUP LTD.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1768121
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 November 8th, 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean** with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.
Dated: November 8th, 2023
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator [25/51]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.
CA Rend Holdings Ltd
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2122070
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 November 8th, 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean** with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.
Dated: November 8th, 2023
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator [25/52]

NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
VALITSA MANAGEMENT LIMITED
(“the Company”)
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 9th November, 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
[25/53]

VEHICLE FOR SALE
WHITE KIA REASONABLY PRICED.
Telephone 342-7982 to view
[s26]

FORM “A” ^{“NEW”}
To: The Licensing Magistrate
And
The Officer in Charge of Police
I / W e - C A R I B B E A N
CELLARS LTD residing at
WICKHAMS CAY 1, ROAD TOWN, TORTOLA, BVI in the Territory of the Virgin Islands do hereby give notice that it is my intention to apply to the Licensing Magistrate at the Special Sitting of the Magistrate’s Court to be held at Road Town, Tortola, on the 1st day of **DECEMBER, 2023** for **RETAIL** Licence to sell intoxicating liquor at my premises situated at **WICKHAM’S CAY 1, ROAD TOWN, TORTOLA, BVI**, in the territory of the Virgin Islands and registered Parcel Number 149/1 of Block 2938B of the Road Town, Registration Section in the Land Registry of the Virgin Island
Dated this 3rd day of November, 2023.
Signed Kevin Fahie
[26]

FORM “A” ^{“NEW”}
To: The Licensing Magistrate
And
The Officer in Charge of Police
I / W e - C A R I B B E A N
CELLARS LTD residing at
LOWER ESTATE ROAD TOWN, TORTOLA, BVI in the Territory of the Virgin Islands do hereby give notice that it is my intention to apply to the Licensing Magistrate at the Special Sitting of the Magistrate’s Court to be held at Road Town, Tortola, on the 1st day of **DECEMBER, 2023** for **RETAIL** Licence to sell intoxicating liquor at my premises situated at **LOWER ESTATE, ROAD TOWN, TORTOLA, BVI**, in the territory of the Virgin Islands and registered Parcel Number 141 of Block 2838C of the Road Town, Registration Section in the Land Registry of the Virgin Island
Dated this 3rd day of November, 2023.
Signed Kevin Fahie
[26]

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

IN THE ESTATE OF MOYSÉS WORCMAN,
DECEASED

In the estate of **MOYSÉS WORCMAN**, late of Rua Carlos Millan, 22, Apto 152, Jardim Europa, São Paulo - SP, 01456-030, Brazil, deceased.

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Dina Beatriz Worcman Regensteiner of Rua Carlos Millan, 22, Apto 151, Jardim Europa, São Paulo - SP, 01456-030, Brazil, for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above named deceased who died on the 5th day of August 2023 without revoking a Will bearing the date of the 10th day of September 2022 wherein the applicant is named sole executor.

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

Dated the 27th day of October, 2023

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

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Public Consultations
Continue on Crown Land Policy

The Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change invites the public to participate in a series of community meetings to discuss the Virgin Islands Crown Land Policy.
The Schedule of meetings is as follow:
Tortola
November 8th
West End Community Centre
5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Virgin Gorda
November 09th
Catholic Community Centre
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The Crown Land Policy can be viewed on the Government’s website at bvi.gov.vg

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A property maintenance /
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repair work for a retail store in
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as stocking shelves. Must be
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Tortola Contractor Store Limited: Requires (Full time) 2 AC Technicians, 2 AC Maintenance 2 Helpers and 1 Sales Clerk. T W O - G E N E R A L MAINTENANCE Please Call 494-1245 or 442-2651 [s26]

The Tortola Auto Group Ltd. (TAG) is accepting applications for the position of Automotive Technician. Ten (10) years' experience as an Automotive Technician with at least two (2) years' experience-specifically working-on-Changan vehicles-is-required together with a professional Automotive-Diploma/Qualification. Interested persons should contact and submit their CV/Resume to hr@tagbvi.com and/or 284-494-2600.[s25]

Charles Hodge Plumbing & Construction is in need of full time skilled workers to fill the following positions: Foreman/Supervisor, Steel Fixer, Carpenter, Mason, Electrician, Painter, Tiler, Bricklayer and Plumber. Please email your resume to chconstructionbvi@gmail.com or call 345-8383 [s25]

Newton Construction Co. Ltd is looking for Carpenter / Mason one with 10 years experience. Telephone: 494 2882 [s25]

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SUNSHINE - G . M . - STORE is looking for (Full time) MAINTENANCE/HANDYMAN, - SALES CLERK AND CLEANER. People interested please call 284-541-0704 [s25]

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Tel :284-494-0098 # 13 Mill Mall Road Town Tortola. [s25]

North Latitude Marina seeks a Maintenance Worker and a Sales Clerk for the business. Please call 440-1982 for more information. [s25]

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