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PREMIER REFUTES CRITICISM ABOUT GOVERNMENT TRAVEL

Premier and Minister of Finance, Dr. the Hon Wheatley, has Natalio strongly refuted what he termed 'politically expedient' narratives surrounding government travel, which have been disseminated by members of the Opposition and various individuals within the Territory.

Remembrance Day Observed In The BVI (more on page 4) (GIS Photo)

The Premier conveyed these remarks during a press briefing held on 10 November, where he discussed his participation in the Joint Ministerial Council (JMC) in London and other issues relevant to the BVI.

Addressing the issue, Hon. Wheatley emphasized, "I want to encourage everyone to consider that I have come across this narrative, which pertains to government travel. It's important to recognize that every government, the BVI including government, must engage in travel. Other overseas territories also find themselves in the position of traveling, sometimes for extended periods, just to reach London."

He further added, "Travel is an integral part of participating in international meetings, where one must advocate their interests global standing. and Naturally, expenses are incurred for airfare and accommodations, and the greater the distance, the higher the costs."

The Premier underscored that he believes these narratives do not serve the best interests of the people, and he cautioned against the notion that the British Virgin Islands can thrive without active international engagement, stating that such a stance would ultimately harm the Territory.

"You go to international meetings where you are fighting for your interest and your place in the world and inevitably, you

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have to pay for aeroplanes and you have to pay for hotels," the Premier stated.

In a separate statement, Hon. Wheatley expressed his concern that these political narratives would be detrimental to the well-being, Territory's

saying: "Since assuming office, some members of the Opposition and sections of the media have accused government officials indulging in leisurely trips idle conversations during international travels. with no tangible outcomes to show for it."

He continued, "While it may

be politically expedient to propagate such a narrative, particularly by Opposition Members, it is essential to understand that adopting such a posture would have adverse consequences for every citizen and resident of the Virgin Islands."

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HON. MARLON PENN IS CONCERNED ABOUT PROLIFERATION **OF GUN-RELATED CRIMES**



Hon. Marlon Penn

Opposition Member, Eighth District Representative Marlon Penn has strongly condemned the escalating crime situation in the Territory, expressing grave concerns over the proliferation of gunrelated crimes that threatens the safety of residents. Hon. Penn articulated his worries, asserting that the situation has deteriorated to the point where individuals risk becoming inadvertent casualties ensnared in the crossfire of violent incidents.

Eighth District Representative shared apprehensions during a recent appearance on the Talking Points show, stating: "These are exceptionally trying times for all of us within this Territory.

Personally, this is the first time I have genuinely felt unsafe, even in the midst of social activities here. You could be out with a friend, just seeking a bit of social interaction, and suddenly find yourself caught in the crossfire of bullets."

Emphasizing the severity of the issue, the Opposition Member pointed out that his District has witnessed as many as seven murders in the past year, some occurring in close proximity to popular social

He further disclosed a personal connection to the problem, revealing that one of the murders took place right in front of a relative's residence he frequently visits. "One of those murders unfolded right in front of my grandparents' home, where I regularly visit multiple times a week to spend time with my aunts, cousins, and other family members in that community. For me, this is a deeply disheartening and profoundly concerning situation."

Hon. Penn mentioned that he had previously called for all lawmakers to convene in the House of Assembly to address the crime issue, and lawmakers already engaged in discussions with the Police Commissioner on the matter.

Nevertheless, the Eighth District Representative stressed that addressing the issue of crime should be an ongoing and persistent dialogue. He asserted, 'Crime is not just a matter of national security; it is a concern for all of us who hold leadership positions in this country. Therefore, all of us must actively participate in the discussions and conversations about how we plan to combat the issue of crime.'

Hon. Penn's remarks and concerns come more than a year after Police Commissioner Mark Collins faced significant backlash for his comments in a leaked and subsequently

discontinued police recruitment video, where he suggested that the Territory could rapidly transition from paradise to a state characterized by 'muck and bullets.' At the time, many individuals called for the Commissioner's resignation and demanded an apology for his ill-timed statements.



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POLICE COMMISSIONER SAYS SMEAR CAMPAIGN TARGETS HIM

Police Commissioner Mark Collins has expressed his belief that an ongoing campaign is underway to tarnish his reputation, despite his continuous efforts to enhance safety within the BVI. During an interview on Tola Radio on 9 November, host Cindy Rosan inquired about whether he perceived an ongoing conflict with the local media.

The Commissioner has come under public criticism lately following a leaked email that residents insinuate it alleged the Commissioner in evidence tampering. Despite Collin's refuting and explanation that the email was misunderstood and misinterpreted some person

have taken to social media to state that the Commissioner should resign.

In an effort to clear his name Commissioner Collins appeared on Tola Radio to set the record straight. During that interview he also declared that he was being smeared. The COP said: "I do believe there is an evident and persistent campaign aimed at discrediting my role as Police Commissioner, and there have been recent news reports that contain information that is entirely inaccurate."

When Rosan asked about the motivations behind this alleged smear campaign, Collins responded, "You would need to ask those



Mark Collins QPM Commissioner of Police

responsible for it, not me. I assumed the role of Police Commissioner three years ago with the intention of fulfilling my responsibilities diligently. You mentioned issues of corruption within

the force, and I have made efforts to root out instances of corruption while steadfastly upholding higher standards" To illustrate his commitment to maintaining these high standards, Commissioner Collins highlighted that he has taken decisive action to remove corrupt officers from the police force. He remarked: "We have taken a resolute stance when dealing with officers who do not meet the required standards to serve as police officers. When necessary, we have suspended officers and initiated legal proceedings against them, leading to charges for various offenses."

The Commissioner did not specify who he believes is behind the smear campaign against him. However, it is important to note that many Virgin Islanders hold reservations about the appointment of foreign law enforcement officers to the highest position in the BVI. Instead, they favor the idea of a local police officer with integrity and experience in managing crime within the community. Nevertheless, there are varying opinions, some individuals expressing concerns that local leadership within the police department might exacerbate the issue of crime.

MINIMUM WAGE: ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT

In a significant move to address long-standing concerns surrounding the minimum wage, Deputy Minister Premier and Financial Services, Labour, and Trade, Hon. Lorna Smith, announced the establishment of an ad hoc (specific) advisory committee during a press conference on 9 November. This committee's primary mission is to conduct a comprehensive review of the current minimum wage situation in the Virgin Islands.

The minimum wage in the Virgin Islands has remained static since it was raised from \$4.00 per hour to \$6.00 per hour. Recent findings from

a 2022 review conducted by the Social Policy Research Institute pointed out that the current minimum wage falls far short of what is required for individuals to maintain a decent standard of living in the Territory.

However, it has been emphasized that any revisions to the minimum wage should take into account various economic factors and constraints.

Deputy Premier Smith stressed the importance of this advisory committee, stating: "I believe that establishing this committee is the most effective approach to determining a fair and appropriate minimum wage level. We are fully aware



Hon, Lorna Smith

of the economic challenges faced by the people of the BVI, and it is crucial that we collaborate with government, employers, and employees to ensure that those with low incomes are not disproportionately burdened."

The advisory committee's mandate includes conducting a - c o m p r e h e n s i v e,

transparent, and inclusive review process, with participation from a diverse range of stakeholders. Importantly, the committee aims to deliver its report by the end of March 2024.

The committee's formation adheres to Part III of the Virgin Islands Labour Code, 2010, and it will comprise representatives from various sectors, including key economic areas, employers, employees, Sister Islands representatives, and youth.

To ensure rigorous analysis, the committee will have access to

technical support from economists, statisticians, financial-analysts, government officials, and development-partners. This-multidisciplinary expertise will facilitate the examination of complex data, the development and evaluation of policy options, and the formulation of informed recommendations.

The committee is expected to complete its comprehensive review within four months of its inaugural meeting, scheduled for late November.

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Remembrance Day Observed In The BVI

On Saturday at 11am, a twominute silence was observed as part of the Remembrance Day Ceremony at Government House. The Ceremony was attended by twenty-seven veterans from all over the world. Remembrance Day or Armistice Day is held on 11 November every year. It commemorates the signing of the armistice at 11am on 11 November 1918, which led to the end of the First World War. On Remembrance Day, we remember those who gave their lives in the line of duty.

The Governor laid a wreath as the representative of the King to honour and remember all those military servicemen and women who gave their lives for peace and freedom. The Acting Premier, Hon. Kye Rymer, laid a wreath on behalf of all those in the BVI to honour and respect BVIslanders who fell in conflict. The Commissioner of Police, Mark Collins, laid a wreath to remember police officers who gave their lives. Ms Brenda Herbert-Stewart, US Army, laid a wreath on behalf of all military veterans remember their fallen comrades.

In his speech, His Excellency

the Governor, John Rankin CMG said:

"I wear my poppy in memory of my father who served with the Royal Air Force in World War II. And I wear it as a mark of my respect for all those, including our veterans here today, who have served or continue to serve to protect the rights of freedom we enjoy, including here in these Virgin Islands.

I would also particularly remember today Private Samuel Hodge, who was born in Tortola in 1840. His name and story should be better known to all of us in the Virgin Islands. That is because Private Hodge received the Victoria Cross, the highest British award for bravery, for his actions while serving in the



West India Regiment in Gambia in 1866. He was the first, and as far as I am aware, the only BVIslander to be awarded the Victoria Cross.

His story is a remarkable one. He was the "bravest soldier" in his regiment. That is one reason why I continue to hope that agreement can be reached for a War Memorial to be built in the Queen Elizabeth II Park. To help remember Samuel Hodge and to be a place for all in the BVI to pay respects to those who have served in the armed forces.

We owe a huge debt to our service people, past, present and future. We will remember them, and I salute all of you who are gathered here this morning."

Those wishing to watch the Ceremony in full, can do so on the Government of the Virgin Island's Facebook page: https://fb.watch/oi7119nK6Z/

Veterans residing in the BVI are encouraged to register with the Governor's Office to be invited to future Remembrance Events. Please email Govoffice. Tortola@fcdo.gov.uk with your contact details and details of branch and location of service.







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Honourable de Castro Attending Official Meetings Overseas

Minister for Education, Youth Affairs and Sports, Honourable Sharie B. de Castro is away from the Territory on Travel Duty attending official meetings from November 9 to 20.

The Minister attended the 3rd Caribbean Examinations Council (CXC) Ministerial Summit in Barbados from November 9 to 11 where she served as a panelist. This year's summit focused on the theme: 'Reimagining Educational Reform –Towards Transformative Agility'.

Honourable de Castro is also attending the 42nd United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) General Conference in Paris from November 11 to November 16.

Honourable de Castro said,

"Attendance at the UNESCO General meeting is integral to the success of the education sector in the Virgin Islands. The delegation from the Virgin Islands will be interacting with stakeholders that will seek to assist with supporting our education mandate in areas such as STEAM development, literacy, TVET, youth development and development in terms of our cultural sector."

The Minister will also travel to London for the United Kingdom Overseas Territories Association Youth Summit and Youth Parliament from November 16 to November 19.

Honourable de Castro said, "It is integral that there is a special segment, where the UK Overseas Territories are in a position to raise issues from the dispatch box in the House of Commons on an ongoing basis. We were invited to allow a young person between the ages eleven to eighteen to be able to take part in this special sitting in the House of Commons Chamber." 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.



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VI Public Urged To Become Familiar With Crown Land Policy

Premier and Minister of Finance, Environment, Natural-Resources and Climate Change, Honourable Dr. Natalio Wheatley is urging residents to pay attention to the Virgin Islands Crown Land Policy as

public discussion continues on the document.

Honourable Wheatley said, "I cannot emphasise enough the need to preserve land for the public interest and to make land accessible to young people

and young families, to give them that opportunity to own a part of their legacy as Virgin Islanders and provide avenues for them to create generational wealth. I urge everyone to familiarise themselves with the





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

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(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)

policy and also submit their ideas and concerns."

Honourable Wheatley said the policy among other things detail the history of Crown Lands, an essential part of the Virgin Islands past and touches on other topics including first time homeownership programme, lease of commercial and agricultural land, and Crown Land application criteria.

Premier Wheatley added, "As Virgin Islanders, your contributions towards shaping the final framework for managing Crown lands is of utmost importance. We, therefore, encourage you to give us your feedback and let your individual and collective opinions be part of the final document."

The policy seeks to ensure that the natural environment is protected for the benefit of present and future generations; it also seeks to ensure the conservation of the biodiversity and ecosystem integrity in the development of Crown land, particularly with regards to reclamations, docks, jetties, barge ramps, and other seabed development.

Public consultations have been held with residents of Anegada, Jost Van Dyke, Virgin Gorda, West End, Tortola and Road Town, Tortola. Plans are also in place to meet with residents of the East End/Long Look Community at a later date.

The Virgin Islands Crown Land Policy can be accessed on the Government of the Virgin Islands portal at bvi.gov. vg. Public feedback should be emailed to nrl@gov.vg

The Virgin Islands Crown Land Policy governs the administration management, development and use of all Crown land for all purposes, and focuses on strengthening the transparent administration and management of Crown land, including disposal of the same. This Policy does not address matters concerning private land.

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BVI Airports Authority Is Advisor On International Governing Board

The BVI Airports Authority has been elected to serve as an Advisor on the Governing Board of Airports Council International - Latin America and the Caribbean (ACI-LAC).

The ACI serves 712 members as of January 2023 and operates in 1925 airports in 171 countries. The council is organised, structured, and governed in a federal manner and includes ACI World and five ACI Regions: Africa, Asia-Pacific and Middle East, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, and North America.

The BVI Airports Authority became a member of the council in 2019, and was recently elected to serve as an Advisor on the Governing Board in elections held during the ACI-LAC Annual Assembly Conference and Exhibition held in Miami from November 5 to 7.

Managing Director Mr. Kurt Menal led the delegation to the conference and restated the Authority's commitment to being an active aviation player in the region.

Mr. Menal said, "Our twoyear term as an advisor will see the Authority actively contributing to the council's mission and vision, particularly focusing on air transport liberalisation in Latin America and the Caribbean and on actively addressing the perennial issue of intra-regional connectivity."

Mr. Menal also participated in a panel discussion on air transport liberalisation. He said the Authority's participation on the panel not only underscored its expertise but also demonstrated its dedication to shaping the future of aviation in Latin America and the Caribbean.

He said, "The recent appointment to the Governing Board positions the Authority as a leader in aviation and as an advocate for regional airports, fostering collaboration for enhanced air connectivity and capacity building."

Mr. Menal added, "The Governing Board of ACI ensures that policy recommendations and activities represent the collective interests of ACI members and the Authority's appointment will not only allow the Authority to provide crucial leadership but also act as a strategic link between the Authority and over 700 business partners associated with ACI-LAC."

This direct access he said is expected to strengthen the ongoing collaboration with the Government of the Virgin Islands, particularly in the ambitious Airport development project.

Meanwhile, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Mr. Theodore Burke applauded the Authority on achieving this significant milestone.

Mr. Burke said, "It is indeed an honour for the Authority to have been elected to champion the cause of smaller airports in the Caribbean as an Advisor on the Governing Board of ACI-LAC. This prestigious appointment not only recognises our commitment to



excellence but also provides an unparalleled opportunity for our staff to be exposed to international best practices and development."

In addition to being an advisor, the Authority is also represented on several subcommittees of ACI-LAC, including Safety, Environment, Commercial & Economics, General Aviation, and Human Staff Resources. members specialising in these areas the represent Authority, contributing to capacity building and expanding their professional networks.

The Airports Council International represents the collective interests of airports around the world to promote excellence in the aviation industry. They do this by working with governments, regional ACI members, experts, and international organisations



like the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) to develop policies, programs, and best practices that advance airport standards globally.

The BVI Airports Authority continues to look forward to the exciting opportunities and challenges that lie ahead during this two-year advisory term, after which the Authority will ascend to the post of governing member of ACI-LAC. This appointment solidifies our commitment to excellence and innovation in airport management and capacity building.

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS STUDENTS TO HAVE EARLY RELEASE DAY

The Ministry of Education has announced that students attending all public schools will have an Early Release Day on Thursday November 16. Acting Chief Education Officer Mrs. Orlandette Crabbe said the shortening of the school day is to allow educators to engage in collaborative sessions to further enhancestudents' learning experience.

Mrs. Crabbe said that professional development remains a top priority for the Ministry of Education, and the Early Release Days will see teachers engaged in their Professional Learning Communities from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30p.m. Mrs. Crabbe said, "For our primary schools, these meetings are organised by grade level, while our secondary school teachers will assemble by department. Professional

Communities Learning (PLCs) are groups educators, who come together to collaboratively improve their professional skills and the academic performance of their students. These communities are based on the idea that educators working together can positively affectstudent learning. "The Acting Chief Education Officer said learning communities are teachers and administrators, who share expertise, analyse discuss teaching strategies, and work on ways to enhance student learning. The focus she added is on continuous improvement, where members collectively seek solutions, share best practices, and support each other's professional growth. Mrs. Crabbe further stated that the sessions are not just about meetings but are about building stronger teacher capacity, fostering collaboration across schools, and ensuring that the new teachers receive the support they need to thrive. She added, "It's all about the success of our students and a brighter future for education in our community." Early Release Days are scheduled for November 16, and January 24 and June 19, 2024. Parents are asked to collect students promptly at 2:00 p.m. on the selected days. The Ministry has also arranged for buses to pick up students on the approved days. The Ministry Education Youth Affairs and Sports remains committed in reimagining education in the Virgin Islands Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead.

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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

BVIEC Completes Gap Analysis to Enhance COVID-19 Business Continuity Support

The British Virgin Islands Electricity Corporation (BVIEC) announced on September 29, 2022 that it has been awarded a grant of €245,481 (EUR) from the European Union (EU) under the COVID-19 Resilience Response Facility of the Resilience, Sustainable Energy Marine Biodiversity (RESEMBID) Programme. This grant will fund the implementation of the 'BVIEC COVID-19 Business Continuity Support' project, aimed at fortifying the Corporation's capacity to maintain essential

operations during pandemics and extreme disasters.

In the announcement, **BVIEC** detailed commitment to enhancing resilience against unforeseen challenges, including pandemics and recurrent disasters. The funding provided by the EU through the RESEMBID Programme underscores the EU's support for BVIEC's critical mission to provide reliable electrical services to the British Virgin Islands.

Gap Analysis Yields Key Insights

The comprehensive Gap

Analysist, completed in May 2023, marked a significant milestone in the project's progress. This analysis delved into the specific areas of opportunity, identifying key gaps and prescribing solutions to bolster the BVIEC's ability to maintain operations during crises. These solutions include but are not limited to:

1. Generation Remote
Monitoring-Software:
BVIEC-recognized the need
for advanced Generation,
Transmission, and Distribution
Monitoring Software. The
implementation of this

software will empower both departments to monitor assets remotely, ensuring the uninterrupted flow of electricity.

2. Electronic
Customer Service Center:
BVIEC acknowledged the
absence of a Customer
Service Software system. A
proposed solution aims to
enhance customer support
by providing customers with
multiple avenues to contact
the Corporation, thus ensuring
efficient and responsive
service.

Armed with the findings

of the Gap Analysis, the BVIEC seeks to bridge the identified gaps and enhance overall resilience through a comprehensive strategy:

BVIEC Gap Components:

- Assign-Pole Numbers: This component will involve GIS support to accurately assign pole numbers and identify fault locations.
- 2. Enable-Mobile
 Connectivity: By granting
 access-to-internal applications
 for Customer Services,including NorthStar and
 AMR, BVIEC will enhance
 its capacity to serve customers
 efficiently and effectively.

Jost Van Dyke School Temporarily Relocates Student

The Ministry of Education has announced that the students of the Jost Van Dyke Primary School have been temporarily relocated until their new school building is complete.

Ministry officials met with the principal, staff and parents of the Jost Van Dyke Primary School on Thursday November 2 to discuss suggestions for the relocation following which a consensus was reached by all parties that the students will be relocated to the Leonora Delville Primary School.

Acting Chief Education Officer, Mrs. Orlandette Crabbe expressed thanks to the principal and staff of Leonara Delville Primary school for their warm hospitality and willingness to accommodate their colleagues and peers.

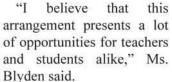
Mrs. Crabbe said,
"Arrangements were immediately made with New Horizon Ferry Services as

well as land transportation to and from the school, back to the ferry."

Mrs. Crabbe added, "On Monday November 6, in preparation for the students' arrival on Tuesday November 7, the teachers from Jost Van Dyke familiarised themselves, as they will be co-teaching for the remainder of the term at the Leonora Delville Primary School."

Principal of Leonora Delville Primary school Ms. Janelle Rhymer welcomed the Jost Van Dyke school family and said that she looks forward to the incredible opportunities that the arrangement will bring.

Principal Ms. Lavern Blyden of the Jost Van Dyke primary school said she welcomed the opportunity to have her students and teachers join their peers on Tortola while the new school building is nearing completion.



Students from the prekindergarten class will occupy a room in the Albert Chinnery Administration Complex on Jost Van Dyke from Monday, November 13.

Meanwhile, the Recovery and Development Agency has submitted formal correspondence from the contractor assuring the Ministry of Education that the construction of the new school on Jost Van Dyke will be completed by December 15.

The Ministry of Education extends appreciation to the parents, principals, staff and members of both institutions for their support and cooperation and remains committed to providing safe and conducive learning environments that foster the development of the whole child. (GIS Photo)

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VI Government Seeks Business Case For Airport Development

The Government of the Virgin Islands has commissioned the development of a comprehensive business case to determine the way forward for the development of the Terrence B. Lettsome International Airport.

The BVI Airport Authority, under the guidance of the Government, has recently published a Request for Proposals (RFP) to develop the business case that will determine the financing model to be undertaken for the expansion project and marks a pivotal moment following the successful conclusion of

a comprehensive visioning exercise.

M i n i s t e r - f o r Communications and Works, Honourable Kye Rymer said the visioning exercise engaged a primary group of stakeholders who provided invaluable insights that will serve as the cornerstone for the direction of the airport expansion project.

Honourable Rymer said in a bid to ensure meticulous planning and adherence to international standards, he led a delegation on a crucial visit to the United Kingdom where constructive conversations were held with the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO), who has pledged support for the development of the airport.

The Minister added that the office recommended that the business case should adopt His Majesty's Treasury Green Book 5 case model, ensuring a robust and well-considered approach to the project.

Honourable Rymer said the public's input is invaluable, and the successful tenderer will be tasked with fostering an inclusive dialogue, ensuring that the community's voice is heard and considered throughout the development

stages. This commitment to transparency and public engagement, he added, underscores the Government's dedication to a project that benefits and resonates with the broader community.

Honourable Rymer said, "The collaborative efforts between the Government and the BVI Airports Authority underscore a shared vision for a modern, efficient, and worldclass aviation facility that meets the evolving needs of the Territory."

He added, "As we embark

on this transformative journey, the Government of the Virgin Islands invites all stakeholders and community members to stay informed and engaged. Together, we are building the foundation for a brighter and more connected future."

The BVI Airports Authority continues to operate a safe, sustainable, efficient and economically viable system of airports within the Virgin Islands through their commitment to the development of infrastructure, services and regulatory compliance.

BVI Youth Sailors Shine in St Thomas

The RBVIYC youth sailing team went on tour to St Thomas this past weekend with Optis loaded up on the bow of a mothership for the first time since 2017!

All the real fun started on the ferry from west end for the 1530 sailing. The sailors were all amped up and ready to go when their parents wished them well for their first overseas regatta. We were warmly welcomed at St Thomas YC by their commodore Emily Zimmerman and met the mothership that was on the end of the dock. After the unloading we settled down to some pasta and a team chat before the sailors went to bed.

The first day of racing started early with some of the kids getting up before the sun! There were 14 sailors racing in the green fleet representing the St Thomas Yacht Club, St Croix and all of the BVI team. However we discovered that the green fleet was starting with the Opti Championship fleet so they were on a starting line with 27 other boats. The conditions also made this challenging with above 25 kts gusts rolling through with big wind shifts and a challenging cross sea. We all got a good bit of practice bailing out Optis on day 1! Not to be phased, the RBVIYC sailors gritted their teeth and went for it. They had a steep learning curve and all of our sailors rose to the challenge. We saw huge

improvement from all of the sailors throughout the day. After three races they were all getting the hang of it and we saw the best result of the day from Aerin Westlake who got a third place. As well as all of the sailors pushing at the starts. The sailors all worked on their down wind skills throughout all seven races and this really paid off on Sunday.

The conditions were largely the same on day two with big gusts, large wind shifts and difficult waves the whole way from Great St James to the yacht club itself. None of this phased any of our sailors who rigged up and were on the water for 0900. Race 1 of day two was a little shaky with some friendly fire on the start line, however they quickly overcame this with a cracking set of results.

Lying in third overnight, Aerin found her feet again after a shaky first race on Sunday. With great upwind speed she was the first green fleeter round the windward mark in three of the races. She was closely followed in most of the races by Arun Bissoondutt who also excelled upwind on day 2. Aerin achieved four second place finishes on day two only missing out by a few seconds on getting a first place in a race to finish her regatta in third place overall.

In all of the races Henry Clifton had brilliant starts, finding clean air and an open race course. He was in the mix with the Champs fleet for the best starts of the day. This paid off with a best result of 4th and very consistent places for the day to back up his achievements on day one and end the regatta in seventh place overall.

Next up for the BVI was Arun whose best result was a very well deserved third place in race ten. Arun was also presented with a special award for perseverance and resilience! Jake Richardson and Piper Bailey both finished every one of the twelve races and posted top ten finishes. Piper was also awarded the 'Die Hard' award for her determination throughout the weekend.

Phoenix Steer and Maggie Nolan also showed great spirit and determination and like their team mates posted top ten finishes. Phoenix rounded out his regatta with his best result of seventh place and played a massive role in the team keeping everyone entertained with his jokes and dancing! Maggie's top finish was a sixth place in race 8 and she was also acknowledged by the organizers with a Clean Ocean Award for helping the environment by picking up trash from the sea throughout the weekend.

"Overall I am so proud of The Royal BVIYCs Opti Squad who came together to support each other for a great adventure." said Coach James Campbell "On behalf of the Team I would like to thank the following people and groups; St Thomas YC for a great event, Adventure Charters BVI and their Crew and who donated the mothership for the weekend, Liz Buratti who stayed on board and helped to look after the kids off the water all of the RBVIYC families and most importantly all of the young sailors who all did so well and made the BVI proud."

Click here for more photos on our Facebook page

Results - Opti Green Fleet

3. Aerin Westlake - 37pts

7. Henry Clifton - 67pts

9. Arun Bissoondutt - 106pts

11. Jake Richardson - 114 pts

12. Phoenix Steer - 115 pts

13. Piper Bailey - 119 pts

14. Maggie Nolan - 123pts



Update CRS Categorization In The BVIFAR Portal

BVIFARs users who have a reporting obligation under the Common Reporting Standards ("CRS") are being asked to ensure that they have accurate and up-to-date information in the portal.

All such Virgin Islands Financial Institutions are being asked to ensure that their profile reflects the reporting entity type and the CRS entity classification.

Updates to your reporting entity type and CRS entity classification can be done by completing a change of reporting obligation filing. See section 1.3.1 of the

BVIFARs user guide for this process. The user guide can be found on our website at https://bviita. vg/blog/2018/02/06/updated-bvifars-user-guide-2/.

Section 28 of the Mutual Legal Assistance (Tax Matters) Act, Revised Edition 2020 (as amended) requires a Virgin Islands Financial Institution, in registering with the ITA, to include the categorization of the Virgin Islands Financial Institution as determined in accordance with the Common Reporting Standard (see 28(2)(b)).

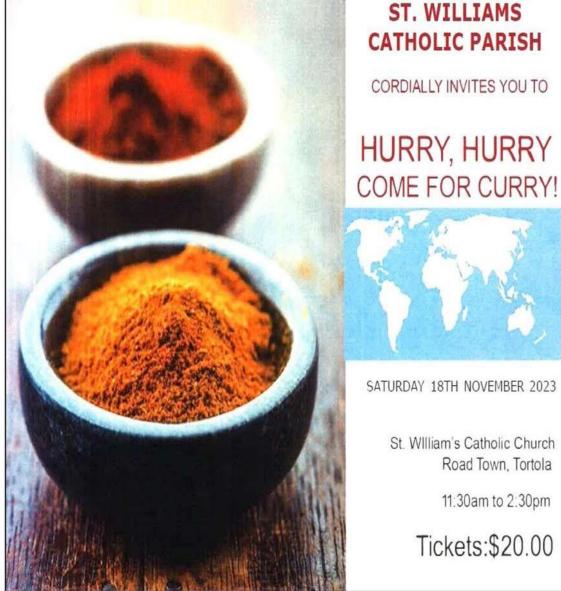
This categorization is the CRS entity classification and reporting entity type referred to in the enrolment form and change of

reporting obligation filing within BVIFARs.

Failure to do so means that the Virgin Islands Financial Institution commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) (see section 28(6)).

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RUSSIA - The Israelseems to Hamas war have fueled Kremlin's ambition and aggression. Will Vladimir Putin try to capitalize on the conflict in the Middle East to better his position in Ukraine? The Russian president must make a decision, or maybe he already has.

Grigory Yavlinsky, the politician and founder of the Russian United Democratic Party Yabloko, the sole, legal opposition party in Russia, met President Putin on October 26. In their 90-minute meeting, Yavlinsky emphasized the importance of a ceasefire that would enable peace talks to commence. Yavlinsky had to spend three days in quarantine before meeting with Putin.

"The large number of and ongoing fatalities casualties, along with future prospects, should compel Russian leaders to engage in talks. However, this is not happening," said Yavlinsky in a WhatsApp conversation with EL PAIS. "The longer this war goes on, the more lives are lost

and the less optimistic the outlook becomes. Stopping the massacre is a pressing matter." Yavlinsky offered to act as a mediator for a ceasefire with Ukraine. However, Putin did not respond, leaving doubts about whether the veteran politician from Ukrainian city of Lviv made any impact on the stubborn president. [El Pais]

ANTIGUA - Effective June 5, 2024, American Airlines will introduce a second daily nonstop flight from Miami to Antigua, extending this double daily nonstop service until September 3, 2024.

This development is seen as a direct response to the growing demand for flights to Antigua and Barbuda during the summer months.

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Charles Fernandez, the Minister of Tourism for and Antigua Barbuda, expressed his enthusiasm for this additional service.

He believes it will play a pivotal role in bolstering the destination's appeal and

economic activity during the traditional shoulder season. [CNW]

ROME - No-one is challenging the right to strike, Labour Minister Marina Elvira Calderone said on Thursday morning after trade unions reacted angrily on Wednesday to an injunction issued by Deputy Premier and Transport Minister Matteo Salvini limiting the oneday general strike they have called for Friday, affecting the transport sector in particular, to four hours.

"The right to strike is fundamental and must absolutely be reaffirmed and confirmed, no one has called it into question," said Calderone. "In the sphere of essential services it is necessary to respect rules that serve to protect the rights of citizens" such as "mobility", she added.

"Injunctions have been issued on many other occasions, they are not unheard of," concluded the minister. Italy's UIL and CGIL trade unions have called a general strike on Friday in protest against the 2024 budget bill, which is currently before parliament.

However, earlier this week the country's strike watchdog said the stoppage did not meet the

requirements for a general strike and ruled that it should be rescheduled - a decision that the unions rejected.

On Wednesday UIL General Secretary Pierpaolo Bombardieri described the injunction as an "act of institutional squadrismo" (fascist thuggery) and said they would respond "with a big demonstration" in Rome's Piazza del Popolo.

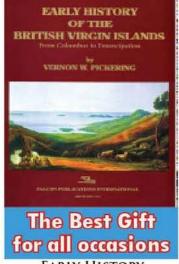
CGIL leader Maurizio subsequently Landini announced that the transport sector strike would last for just four hours, from nine in the morning to one in the afternoon, instead of eight hours, as a sign of responsibility towards workers who might be sanctioned for arriving at work late. Salvini said he was satisfied with the reduction and that "good sense has prevailed"

Premier Giorgia Meloni said the injunction had been "shared" by the rest of the government and that it had no intention of limiting the right to strike. (ANSA).

HAITI - A heavily armed surrounded Fontaine Hospital Center in the Haitian capital of Portau-Prince on Wednesday. The hospital is considered a lifeline to the community living in the Cite Soleil shantytown, which has been seeing violent attacks by gangs against each other as well as residents. The hospital founder and director, Jose Ulysse, told the AP news agency that gangs were setting homes around the hospital on fire, due to which people inside were unable to leave.

Ulysse had initially said some gang members entered the hospital, but later said none of them had come in, and denied reports that they had entered the facility and taken patients hostage.

"There was no hostagetaking. There was a gang war, but the war is around the hospital. We've had neighboring houses burnt down," he told the AFP



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news agency.

"All the health staff took cover... and we had to call the police to come and help us evacuate all the people who couldn't move on their own, among them women who had a caesarean yesterday and couldn't walk," he said. Ulysse said Haitian police arrived with three armored trucks and evacuated 40 children and 70 other patients to a safe space. Ulysse said those responsible were members of the Brooklyn gang, led by Gabriel Jean-Pierre. also known as "Ti Gabriel." The gang has around 200 members and is involved extortion, hijacking of goods and violence, according to a UN report.

Jean-Pierre is also the leader of a gang alliance called G-Pep, one of the two rival coalitions in Haiti.

Haitian gangs become more powerful since the assassination of President Jovenel Moise, and the numbers of kidnappings and killings have risen. Deutsche Welle]



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ROTARY CLUB OF ROAD TOWN AND DEDICATED INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS HOST A MINI HEALTH FAIR



On a sunny Friday morning, the Rotary Club of Road Town came together with a host of dedicated individuals and organizations to host a mini health fair at the Enis Adams Primary School. This event, held on November 3rd, 2023, aimed to educate and engage students on various aspects of health and wellness, promoting a healthier community. The students of Enis Adams Primary School were the focal point of the event, with engaging presentations on essential topics such as general hygiene practices, including the importance of proper handwashing

hygiene practices, including the importance of proper handwashing, oral hygiene, the significance of healthy eating, and the benefits of regular exercise. The event was not only informative but also interactive, allowing the students to actively participate and learn valuable lifeskills.

to everyone who contributed to the success of the health fair. Major Sponsor, Intertrust Group, played a significant role in making the event possible. Their generous support allowed for the planning and execution of a comprehensive program that left a lasting impact on the students.

Additionally, the Rotary Club extended its appreciation to the Enis Adams Primary School Principal and Staff for their cooperation and support in hosting the event. The dedication and commitment of the school's faculty played a pivotal role in ensuring the smooth running of the health fair. Several individuals and organizations also

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LadyburdTalks...

Dear Readers: One of the prime reasons behind people's constant discontent with life is not appreciating what you already possess.

There are millions of things to be thankful for, and you will find them once you dig a little deeper into your life.

Millions are still deprived of necessities for survival. These people have to fight a constant battle each day to meet both ends, and even then, they find deep things to be thankful for.

The sad fact is that even though people struggling daily are right in front of us, we become oblivious towards them. Why? Because somewhere deep down, we don't want to relate or compare to them. The truth is that such people help us identify some of the most unique things to be thankful for.

Being thankful for all those things that we don't have to fight for is extremely important so that you learn to treasure what you have. The path to happiness and wellbeing would only begin from gratitude.

(Continue next week)

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Ladyburd's Mail Box

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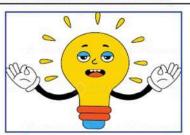
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Dear Ladyburd: My boyfriend told me that he is not in love with me anymore, yet he is coming to my apartment very often, I am not sure if it is because when he told me via text, that he was breaking up with me, I text him back and told him that was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

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

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



LIGHT BULB MOMENTS

"I'm thankful for every moment." —AI Green.

"Gratitude is the inward feeling of kindness received. Thankfulness is the natural impulse to express that feeling. Thanksgiving is the following of that impulse."

-Henry Van Dyke.

Poetry

Thanksgiving Day

We ought to make the

moments notes

Of happy, glad

Thanksgiving;

The hours and days a silent

phrase

Of music we are living.

And so the theme should

swell and grow

As weeks and months pass

o'er us,

And rise sublime at this

good time,

A grand Thanksgiving

chorus.

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Source: https://www. countryliving.com/life/ inspirational-stories/

Tickle My Funny Bones



Truth at the Sermon

It was that time

, during the Sunday morning service, for the children's sermon.

All the children were invited to come forward.

One little girl was wearing a particularly pretty dress and, as she sat down, the pastor leaned over and said,

"That is a very pretty dress. Is it your Easter Dress?"

The little girl replied, directly into the pastor's clip-on microphone,

Smooth Boys

A little girl asked her mother,

"Can I go outside and play with the boys?"

Her mother replied,

"No, you can't play with the boys, they're too rough."

The little girl thought about it for a few moments and asked, "If I can find a smooth one, can I play with him?"

Jonah and The Whale

A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales. The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was very small. The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed

by a whale.

Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible.

The little girl said,

"When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah"

The teacher asked,

"What if Jonah went to hell?"

The little girl replied,

"Then you ask him".

PUN INTENDED

"She had a photographic memory, but never developed it..."

Source: https://parade.com/1024249/marynliles/funny-puns/

ROTARY CLUB OF ROAD TOWN AND DEDICATED INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS HOST A MINI HEALTH FAIR





played part of the event: crucial the success Ms. Stacy Hodge World BVI. of Party Castro, supported by Ms. Valdreena Dr. Jovaun de Dental Smith. from **BVIHSA** Family BVI. Forbes of the BVI Diabetes Association. Mrs. Gabrielle Joseph, Nutrition Manager at BVIHSA. Ms. Marina Bedeau, PHN-EPI Manager at BVIHSA. Ms.Michelle Flynch, PHN and Nurse Manager at Road Town Clinic. Mrs. Rosa Ravariere, PHN and Infection Control Manager

at BVIHSA.Mrs. Leoniece Francis, RN, representing Community Health at BVIHSA. Rotarian Tashima Barzey, EMT at BVIHSA. In addition to these individuals, the Rotary Club acknowledged the invaluable contributions of its members, including Rotarians Dr. Glima Bodley, PP Janice Rymer, PP Lavina Liburd, PP Anthony Clarke, Sabinah Clement, Dir. Meckel Weste, Kedreana Parsons, Brendelee Wheatley, and Italia Penn. A special mention also went to PP Gretchen Hodge Penn of Rotary Club Sunrise of Road Town for her exceptional support.



The Magic of the Mash: Crafting the Perfect Mashed Potatoes

There's something undeniably comforting about a bowl of mashed potatoes. It's that warm, creamy, buttery, perfect-vehicle-for-gravy-on-Thanksgiving dish. But why reserve that pleasure for just once a year? Mashed potatoes are so affordable they can make any meal extraordinary. Here's the ultimate guide to creating the fluffiest, creamiest mashed potatoes you'll ever taste. Avoid These Common Mistakes

Choosing the wrong potato: For the fluffiest texture, opt for potatoes with thicker skins like russets. For the creamiest mashed potatoes, use Yukon Gold potatoes. My personal preference is to use some of each. Avoid using red-skinned potatoes, as their waxy texture easily becomes sticky when over-mashed.

Adding Potatoes to Boiling Water: Starting potatoes in boiling water leads to uneven cooking, as the outside of the potatoes will overcook before the inside gets tender. Begin with cold water, bring to a boil, then lower the heat to a simmer.

Forgetting to Salt the Water: Just like when cooking pasta, generously season the water to enhance flavor. If you forgot, season the drained potatoes generously.

Not Draining the Potatoes Enough: Remember to drain and dry the cooked potatoes thoroughly before mashing. Return the drained potatoes to the pot you cooked them in to let some steam escape. If not drained properly, they will absorb water rather than your flavorful butter and

Mashing in Cold Butter and Cream: Adding cold mix-ins lowers the dish's temperature and hinders absorption. Ensure the butter is at room temperature, or melted, and gently warm the milk or cream before adding to the potatoes.

Overworking the Potatoes: Too much mashing, especially with a food processor, blender or mixer, can release too much starch and make the potatoes gummy and gluey. Opt for an old-fashioned masher, ricer or food mill to avoid this pitfall. If it's too late, turn pasty potatoes into a delectable casserole with lots of melted butter, cheese and breadcrumbs.

That covers what not to do. Here's how to do it right.

THE ULTIMATE MASHED POTATOES

Yield: 8 servings Total Time: 40 minutes

pounds of russet potatoes

2 pounds Yukon Gold potatoes 2 teaspoons table salt 1 cup of whole milk or half-and-half 1/2 cup salted butter Salt and pepper to taste

Peel the russet and Yukon Gold potatoes and cut them into 1-inch chunks. Place the potato chunks in a large pot and cover them with cold water. Add 2 teaspoons table salt and bring to a boil over medium-high heat. As soon as they boil, reduce the heat and maintain a simmer for 10 to 15 minutes or until fork tender. This



ensures even cooking. While the potatoes are cooking, heat the milk and butter in the microwave or a small saucepan over low heat. You don't want it to boil, just warm it gently.

Once the potatoes are tender, drain them thoroughly in a colander. Return them to the same pot on the stovetop over very low heat to release some steam. Mash them using a potato masher or ricer. Make sure to do this while the potatoes are still hot to create a smoother texture.

Add the milk and butter mixture to the mashed potatoes. Gently stir until well incorporated. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Be sure to taste and adjust the seasonings as needed. Transfer the creamy mashed potatoes to a serving dish.

As we gather at the table for Thanksgiving, remember that the magic of perfect mashed potatoes isn't confined to holidays. Let these inexpensive, creamy, fluffy spuds elevate any meal, and savor the comfort they bring year-round. Happy Thanksgiving!

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Ministry Officials Review Project's Procedures And Policies



Officials in the Ministry of Communications and Works recently met to review the procedures and policies that are in place to ensure that the Government of the Virgin Islands gets value for money on all projects.

The officials discussed the inner workings of Government projects on the 'Government Business at its Best', Table Talk programme on Wednesday, 8 November.

Acting Permanent Secretary
Mrs. Elvia Smith-Maduro
said the Ministry collaborates
with departments and agencies
including the Public Works
Department, the Water and
Sewage Department, the
BVI Electricity Corporation,
and telecommunications
companies.

Mrs. Smith-Maduro said this done in the execution of projects such as infrastructure upgrades and rehabilitation works on primary and some secondary roads and the water and sewerage network in the Territory.

Chief of Infrastructural Planning, Research Development, Mr. Duane while outlining Fraites, project execution procedures, said the Ministry works with companies and contractors that are awarded contracts for the duration of projects to ensure that the deliverables agreed to in any given contract are realised.

Mr. Fraites also mentioned that in addition to collaborating with companies and contractors, the Ministry also does periodic site visits to ensure that projects are delivered on time and within budget.

Meanwhile, Acting Deputy Financial Secretary in the Ministry of Finance, Dr. Drexel Glasgow, said the Ministry of Finance does regular audits during the implementation of Government projects.

Dr. Glasgow explained the differences between major and

petty contracts, the financial interrogation that the Ministry of Finance conducts on any given contract, and the policies in place to encourage collaboration between companies, contractors and the Ministry involved on any Government project.

The full video of the Government Business at its Best Table Talk show can be viewed on the Government's Facebook page username @ BVIGovernment.

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



Caribbean Tourism Organisation Secretary General Officially Visits The VI

Secretary General of the Caribbean Tourism Organisation (CTO) Mrs. Dona Regis-Prosper paid a courtesy call to Acting Premier Honourable Kye Rymer while on an official visit to the Territory this week.

Honourable Kye Rymer welcomed Mrs. Regis-Prosper and emphasised the importance of collaboration between the Virgin Islands and the Caribbean Tourism Organisation.

Honourable Rymer highlighted the Virgin Islands' dedication to tourism and said that the Government is ensuring that it continues to enhance the destination's appeal. He expressed enthusiasm in working with the CTO in areas such as research, data collection, and marketing, to promote the beauty of the Virgin Islands.

Mrs. Regis-Prosper said it was wonderful to be back in the Virgin Islands which she considers home having lived in the Territory for four (4) years where she served within the cruise sector.

Mrs. Regis-Prosper said that it was wonderful to see the growth and the development in the Virgin Islands, particularly in airlift as this is significant as it relates to the development of any destination.

The Secretary General added that in her discussions with the Acting Premier, there were discussions on closer collaboration with the CTO in areas such as product development, training, and market intelligence so that informed decisions can be made.

Mrs. Regis-Prosper also mentioned that although the islands in the Caribbean are singular destinations, when they come together as a Caribbean region, there is a lot of strength in that collaboration.

The Caribbean Tourism Organisation (CTO), is the region's tourism development agency, with twenty-five (25) Dutch, English and French country members and a myriad of private sector allied members. The CTO's vision is to position the Caribbean as the most desirable, year-round, warm weather destination. Its purpose is leading sustainable tourism – 'One sea, One voice, One Caribbean.'

The Government of the Virgin Islands continues to serve as the focal point for coordinating cross-sectorial policies and programmes and promoting the sustainable development of the Virgin Islands to ensure a well-informed, prosperous, cohesive and stable society.



(Left to Right): Secretary General of the Caribbean Tourism Organisation (CTO)

Mrs. Dona Regis-Prosper and Acting Premier Honourable Kye Rymer



(Left to Right): Acting Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sustainable Development Mr. Joseph Smith-Abbott, Secretary General of the Caribbean Tourism Organisation (CTO) Mrs. Dona Regis-Prosper and Acting Premier Honourable Kye Rymer

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



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PART 6

THE STAMPS OF KING GEORGE VI

The short reign of King Edward VIII left no mark in the British Virgin Islands stamp album.



The Virgin Islands first saluted King George VI on 12 May 1937 with a set of three stamps (part of the second empire-wide omnibus series) celebrating His Majesty's Coronation. The set featured King George VI and Queen Elizabeth in their Coronation robes; St. Edward's Crown or Coronation Crown, above crossed sceptres straddling the orb. Bay-leaf ornaments filling the three remaining angles of the crossed sceptres; the sceptre with its head to the left is the Royal Sceptre with the cross, while the other is the Sceptre with the Dove, also known as the Rod of Equity. At the right of the design is the Sword of State and at the left is the Queen's Sceptre with the Cross. The Queen's portrait was adapted from a photograph taken by Park in 1931, by the addition of the Garter Sash. The design by Edmund DuLac was based on a photograph by Dorothy Wilding.

The specialist may wish to have the set perforated SPECIMEN but little else can be added to the album leaf. Nevertheless, for those who profess that the Virgin Islands offer only moderate scope for the specialist here comes a recent and most interesting discovery. Your attention is drawn to the left hand side of the design of the 1d. denomination in the set. Resting on single lines background is the sceptre. Three rings typify the central section of this regal item. The space between the three rings shows a solid line -- a feature in all the three denominations in the set. However, single out the 1d stamp and a closer look at the lower section of the sceptre between the second and third ring will, in most cases, reveal that the line is broken.

The first reaction would be that this is a variety. Philately, however, is full of surprises and judgement ought to be the same result of methodic observation and analysis. Luckily enough, this stamp is not a rare one and therefore relatively large quantities are to be found. After examining several hundred specimens we have found three copies showing a solid line between the second and third ring of the sceptre. We also encountered one used copy showing some degree of deterioration of the solid line, but all the other stamps invariably presented a broken line.

We have examined some multiples but did not have access to a full sheet. Our conclusion is that 1d stamps in the 1937 Coronation set presenting a solid line between the second and third ring of the sceptre are rare varieties while specimens presenting a broken line are common.

Although the research is not complete we are certainly confronted with a new variety and examination so sets in the same empire-wide omnibus series may give a clue to the exact nature of this peculiar variety. It certainly remains to be determined as to whether this is a positional variety or something else. It must be pointed out that the 1.1/2d and 2.1/2d denominations invariably display a solid line. It has been suggested that the SOLID LINE variety on the 1d stamp may have been caused by inking weakness, but the inking in both the variety and the regular stamp appears to be the same.

First day covers of the Coronation set present little interest since most of them are postmarked "Road Town - Tortola V.I.". Those with the "West End - Tortola" postmark, however are rare. Equally elusive is the Leeward Islands Coronation set first day cover with the Road Town postmark. Combination covers bearing Coronation stamps for the Virgin Islands and the Leeward Islands do exist.

SHADES OF WAR

The first full fledged stamp definitive of the new reign was issued on 1 August 1938. The set comprises ten stamps and was a blend of old and new. The design - inspired to the 1922 George V definitive, which combined the King's head medallion with the seal or badge device depicting St. Ursula - was innovative for its lack of ornamentations so typical of previous stamps. But the real novelty was the larger size which complimented the photogravure printing process and emphasized the high quality of the traditional colours adopted for the corresponding denominations. Of the thirty-eight colonies and territories producing new definitives portraying King George VI only the Virgin Islands and Seychelles used photogravure while Dominica and Granada resorted to the new process for their farthing denominations. It must be added that with the photogravure printing process the image can be reproduced sharp and clear with great depth of tone.

The printers of the new definitive were Harrison & Sons who used chalk surfaced paper with the well known Multiple Crown Script CA watermark. The perforation was 14 and sheets consisted of 120 stamps (8 x 15). Lack of access to pictorial material such as old prints and photos ought to have been the primary reason for the total absence of a more locally inspired design. In fact, other colonies, including the remote Falkland Islands, had already enjoyed the locally inspired pictorial elements added to their definitives which resulted in greater interest from collectors and ultimately larger sales of stamps.

The new definitive included the following denominations: 1/2d. green: 1d. Scarlet; 1.1/2d deep red-brown; 2d. Pale grey; 2.1/2d. Bright ultramarine; 3d. Orange; 6d. Deep mauve; 1s olive- brown; 2s. 6d. Sepia; and 5s. Lake (Stanley Gibbons catalogue 110/119).

THIS WEEK IN CORRUPTION DIRECTIVE DISCORD

BY TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL

IN THE BATTLE AGAINST CORRUPTION, WHISTLEBLOWERS ARE THE BEST LINE OF DEFENCE.

In the EU, the 2019 adoption of the Whistleblower Protection Directive was hailed as a significant step forward. It was put in place to guard whistleblowers from mistreatment, including retaliation and discrimination, and to empower people to report wrongdoing. Yet, as with most EU legislation, its impact hinges on the commitment of member states to adopt

it into their national laws - and right now, that's up for debate.

In fact, most member states did not meet the initial December 2021 deadline, and many only adopted laws in line with the directive this year. As of now, 25 out of 27 have done so.

However, our new report, which was released this week, shows that individual

countries still have some way to go before ensuring whistleblowers are fully protected. Nineteen out of 20 countries we examined have yet to comply with the EU requirements in at least one of four key areas: the right to report information directly to the authorities, access remedies and full compensation, obtain free advice, and establish penalties for those who breach whistleblower protections. What's more, none of the 20 member states included in the study chose to follow best practices when encouraged to do so.

We also found that several laws have limited scope. Only eight countries protect whistleblowers who report on a broad range of wrongdoings, leaving many whistleblowers from other member states - including those reporting corruption - without protection and guarantee that their reports will be examined.

Concerningly, our study shows that only eight countries retaliation. require both national authorities and organisations to accept and examine anonymous whistleblowers'

reports, while just seven member states provide legal or financial support for whistleblowers in legal proceedings.

Our latest report scrutinises the whistleblower protection laws adopted in 20 EU member states and urges them to revise their legislation in line with the EU directive, seize the opportunity to review laws that don't adhere to best practices and ensure that legislative reforms are prompt and transparent. Whistleblowers are integral in preventing environmental damage, illicit activity and even loss of lives. In order to comply with the directive and ensure whistleblowers are protected, Transparency International is calling on EU member

states to adjust their legislation to align with the minimum requirements. reviewing involves areas where laws do not conform with the EU directive and best practices, and ensuring that necessary legislative processes are prompt, transparent and extend protections to those who need them



the most.

It's our hope that countries across the EU will continue on the path to promote a culture of openness and integrity so people are empowered to report corruption and wrongdoing. And safeguarding whistleblowers from retaliation is a crucial step in that process. After all, whistleblower protections could be the difference between life and death - and that's something worth fighting for.

An increasing number of countries now acknowledge the important role of whistleblowers and have adopted laws to protect them, including requirements to develop internal whistleblowing systems. While an important step, adopting new legal obligations isn't enough - these laws must be implemented effectively and adequately to protect whistleblowers from retaliation.



COMMENTARY

YOUTH AND CAPITAL

By Dickson Igwe



Dickson Igwe
October 26, 2023

The story of capital and social inequality offers the assertion that in a world ruled by capital, it is imperative young Virgin Islanders and residents understand economics and finance.

Understanding capital offers insight into the why of social and wealth inequality, and further offers knowledge and advantage in how to build individual, corporate, and communal wealth, which drives Virgin Islands prosperity. Wealth and capital are synonyms. The quality of capital and its management decides standard of living and quality of life.

Furthermore, economics and financethe study of capital and economic growth- are the route to wealth, for the younger generation, in a world driven by capital, therefore enabling young people to build a prosperous future.

Ideas of mixed economy and socialism are useful as models of governance, in as much as both offer alternative routes wholesome society where government and community as opposed private individuals own capital on behalf of society. Pure capitalism remains the most ubiquitous and prevailing idea, notwithstanding.

OK. For youth to engage with society, understanding how capital and finance works is not optional. An understanding of business and capital will offer insight into the macro environment in which the financial services and tourism industry situates. That will further the vision into what will continue to grow Virgin Islands industry from which allyoung people will benefit.

A workforce – skilled and unskilled, educated and manual- that understands at the most elementary how the economy works at the macro level will better understand how financial services and tourism affect the Virgin Islands at the micro, when employed by these industries. The micro is the 'nitty gritty:' the microscopic, what happens when the rubber hits the road.

Developing financial and business literacy at an early age offers advantage for both individual and community. A business-oriented education simply means adding business learning to the wider subject field. Teaching the basics of economics, investment and financial management, is a great

start for all young people. It places their passions and learning into a business mold. Every skill and profession is a business.

The relationship with money decides standard of living and quality of life. In a society that depends on trade, financial services, and tourism for its economic existence, business learning should be in the DNA of all learning.

Saving and investing are disciplines that when adopted early make life navigable, in a world where capital rules. There is no escaping the reality that capital drives modern

society.

Therefore, knowledge of how capital works is imperative. Understanding how cash and debt are created; investing and saving; why debt is central to an economy; how debt drives banking and finance; debt capital as cash flow and driver of local business; bank capitalization; demand and supply; growth and recession; deficit and surplus and more; provides the country with a wellequipped, business savvy, and efficient workforce. That is only a good thing. Dickson Igwe

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Caribbean News / Regional News

CARICOM Statement on the Situation in Gaza

(CARICOM Secretariat, Turkeyen, Greater Georgetown, Guyana -Sunday 12 November 2023): The Caribbean Community (CARICOM), aware of the catastrophic humanitarian crisis in Gaza that continues to worsen,

Expresses horror and concern at the mounting death toll on the civilian population, including women and children, particularly in Gaza, but also in other areas of the Occupied Palestinian Territory,

Calls on all States to respect and ensure respect for international humanitarian law in all circumstances in accordance with Article 1 of the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949,

Condemns any disregard for international humanitarian law, human rights and the laws of war that have resulted in the widespread destruction of civilian infrastructure in Gaza and deprivation of access to basic necessities, including medical care for the people of Palestine,

Reaffirms its conviction that a lasting, two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict can be achieved only by peaceful means, based on the relevant United Nations Resolutions and in accordance with international law.

Further calls for:

- an immediate ceasefire in Gaza;
- the immediate release of all hostages and for their humane treatment at all times in compliance with international law;
- all parties to immediately and fully comply with their obligations under international law, including international humanitarian law and international human rights law; and
- the immediate, safe, unimpeded access for adequate, sustained humanitarian support throughout Gaza, including food, water, medicines, medical care, fuel and electricity.

JAMAICA'S WEBSITE BRINGS HOME THE GOLD

Jamaica Tourist Board Wins a Gold Davey Award for VisitJamaica.com KINGSTON, JAMAICA, November 13, 2023 – Demonstrating its prowess in the digital space for the travel industry, the Jamaica Tourist Board has earned a Gold Award in the General Tourism category of the 2023 Davey Awards for its website, VisitJamaica.com. This marks the second award the website has earned since its redesign debuted over the summer.

"VisitJamaica.com is the foundation of our digital marketing efforts, so we so we are extremely pleased to have it earn yet another international honor this year," said Donovan White, Director of Tourism, Jamaica Tourist Board. "Our website is often the first resource people go to when planning their trip to Jamaica, so it is essential that it engages visitors, provides the information they are seeking in a straightforward manner, and conveys the essence of the island."

The Jamaica Tourist Board's website redesign was handled by Simpleview and features new branding and imagery aligned with its new advertising campaign, "Come Back to the Vibe That Comes Alive in Jamaica." The campaign highlights the island as the ideal destination to help people rediscover their best selves with experiences that are romantic, adventurous, laid-back and more. The website also recently won a Platinum Award in the Travel category of the 2023 dotCOMM Awards.

The Davey Awards honor work from the best boutique creative agencies, inhouse brand teams, small production companies, and independent creators across Branded Content, Video, Design & Print, Advertising & Marketing, Mobile, Podcasts, Social, and Websites. The Davey Awards is sanctioned and judged by the Academy of Interactive and Visual Arts, an invitation-only body consisting of top-tier professionals from acclaimed brand and media, interactive, advertising, and marketing firms including Spotify, Majestyk, Big Spaceship, Nissan, Tinder, Conde Nast, Disney, Microsoft, GE Digital, JP Morgan, PGA Tour, Wired, and many others. Please visit www.daveyawards.com to view the full winners list.

For more information on Jamaica, please go to www.visitjamaica.com.

TOBAGO SECURES BRONZE AT PRESTIGIOUS WANDERLUST TRAVEL AWARDS

SCARBOROUGH, Tobago, Thursday, November 2023: The unspoilt Caribbean island of Tobago has once again claimed the spotlight on the global stage, emerging triumphant at the prestigious Wanderlust Readers Travel Awards during WTM London, the world's most influential travel trade event. The Tobago Tourism Agency Limited (TTAL) proudly accepted the Bronze (third place) award in the Most Desirable Island - Rest of World category, further solidifying Tobago's position as a premier Caribbean destination of global renown.

On Tuesday 7th November, The Honourable Farley Augustine, Chief Secretary of the Tobago House of Assembly, Councillor Tashia Burris, Secretary of Tourism, Culture, Antiquities and Transportation, along with TTAL marketing officials joined hundreds of the world's foremost travel leaders at the British Museum for the results ceremony of the 22nd Wanderlust Travel Awards. Wanderlust is the largest travel magazine by circulation in the UK and has been hosting the Wanderlust Reader Travel Awards for over two decades. The 22nd edition of the was a record breaker, with more than 91,000 votes received from across the globe.

Wanderlust's reader-voted awards were announced across 20 categories, celebrating the world's best regions, countries, and islands. In the highly coveted Most Desirable Island (World) category, Tobago distinguished itself by clinching the Bronze award,

surpassing last year's gold winner Palawan (4th place). This year's Gold award went to Cuba, while Taiwan secured the Silver.

Ms. Alicia Edwards, Chairman of TTAL, commented on this recent achievement, stating:

"This Wanderlust Readers Travel Award is a testament to Tobago's timeless allure and the tireless efforts of the team here at the Tobago Tourism Agency Limited. We are honoured to be recognized once more as one of the most desirable islands in the world, as this accolade not only elevates Tobago's profile within the publication's own esteemed travel trade community, but reinforces our island's appeal to discerning travellers worldwide."

In the wake of this achievement, TTAL looks



(Left to right) Sangita Makwana of AMG Ltd, Tobago's UK representatives, Councillor Tashia Burris, Lyn Hughes, Wanderlust founding editor, Chief Secretary Farley Augustine, and Jason Antoine, Director of Marketing and Communication at TTAL are pictured with Tobago's award at the results ceremony on November 7, 2023.

forward to leveraging this accolade to propel Tobago even further onto the world tourism

map, achieving unprecedented success in the pursuit of its strategic objectives.

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Biden, Xi to Hold Much Anticipated Talks Near San Francisco



Chinese President Xi Jinping arrives at San Francisco International airport to attend the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation leaders' week in San Francisco, California, on Nov. 14, 2023.

U.S. President Joe Biden and Chinese President Xi Jinping will hold talks Wednesday at a historic estate near San Francisco, California.

High on the agenda is restoring normal communication channels

between the militaries of the world's two largest economies. China severed those contacts in August 2022, when then-House Speaker Nancy Pelosi visited Taiwan, the self-ruled island Beijing considers part of the

mainland.

Relations between Beijing and Washington worsened in February after President Biden ordered a Chinese spy balloon that drifted over the United States to be shot Several high-ranking Biden administration officials, including Secretary of State Antony Blinken, Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen and Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo, have since visited Beijing in recent months to ease the tensions.

National Security Council spokesman John Kirby told VOA White House Bureau Chief Patsy Widakuswara Tuesday that Biden is looking forward to his meeting with Xi, which comes after "many, many ups and downs in our relationship."

"He believes that as two leaders running two countries, that literally the bilateral relationship is one of the most consequential in the world, that we've got to get it onto a more responsible footing than it is or has been to date," Kirby said.

Wednesday's discussion at the historic Filoli mansion, located about 40 kilometers south of San Francisco, is taking place on the sidelines of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation, or APEC, summit. It is the first between Biden and Xi since they met in Bali, Indonesia, last November,

Kirby said Biden is heading into

his meeting with Xi "from a strong position" with the U.S. economy at the strongest point now "than it's been in many, many decades."

The Biden-Xi summit comes just weeks before Taiwan's presidential election in January. Voter opinion polls show Vice President William Lai, the standard bearer of the ruling pro-independence Democratic Progressive Party, is leading Hou Yu-ih, the former mayor of New Taipei City and candidate of the Kuomintang Party, which favors closer ties with mainland China.

Kirby would not reveal any specifics of what Biden and Xi would be discussing in regard to China, but said, "It is not uncommon" for Chinese actors "to behave irresponsibly when it comes to election interference in the region and beyond."

"We believe that a real strength of democracy is free and fair elections that are unimpeded and uninterrupted and not impaired by foreign interference," he said.

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

US House Approves Plan to Avert Partial Government Shutdown



Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives Mike Johnson meets with reporters ahead of a crucial vote on a continuing resolution to keep the government funded at its current levels, at the Capitol in Washington on Nov. 14, 2023.

The U.S. House of Representatives voted 336-95 on Tuesday to approve a plan to avert a partial government shutdown on Saturday but at the same time push off contentious debates over spending priorities until early 2024.

Current funding for all government agencies expires at midnight on Friday, forcing Congress and the White House to reach a short-term deal to keep the government running.

The House approved a proposal by new Speaker Mike

Johnson, leader of the narrow Republican majority in the chamber, that extends funding for some government agencies through mid-January and others until early February.

By those two dates, Congress will have to debate and decide on spending levels throughout the government through next September, or again approve another short-term deal.

In passing his plan, Johnson received more votes from Democrats — 209 — than Republicans — 127. Opposing it were 93 Republicans and two Democrats.

The Senate is likely to also approve the proposal and send it to President Joe Biden for his signature.

Johnson has drawn the ire of a right-wing faction of his Republican colleagues because his budget plan does not include the spending cuts or policy changes they seek. Several of the archeonservatives made

clear they would vote against Johnson's plan, forcing him to look for opposition Democratic votes to assure its passage.

It was just such a scenario in late September when then-Speaker Kevin McCarthy angered the right-wing bloc by winning Democratic votes to push through the seven-week spending plan that expires Friday at midnight. Days after that political fight, eight right-wing Republicans joined the unanimous Democratic caucus in ousting McCarthy from his speakership, a first in U.S. history.

There is no sign that Johnson faces a similar fate, since he is a stalwart conservative himself, and his like-minded colleagues appear, for the moment, to be giving him leeway in reaching a deal to keep the government open.

Johnson said his "laddered" funding expiration dates in

early 2024 are intended to avoid a Washington tradition: passage of a massive spending measure just before the Christmas and New Year's holidays, appropriations bills that are so lengthy that few lawmakers have had time to read and digest them as Congress rushes to adjourn for its end-of-year recess.

In the latest dispute, the hard-right Republican faction in the House has demanded spending cuts that more moderate Republican lawmakers and the virtually unanimous caucus of House Democrats, along with the Democratic-controlled Senate and Biden, have rejected.

Instead, Johnson's plan would keep spending levels at the same level as in the fiscal year that ended September 30. Johnson also rejected attempts to include divisive cultural issues favored by some hardright conservatives but also did not include billions of dollars in new financial assistance Biden sought for Ukraine and Israel as they fight their respective wars against Russia and Hamas militants.

Congress is expected to consider more funding for Ukraine and Israel in separate legislation in the coming weeks.

Without broad new funding for government agencies by midnight Friday, governmental operations that are deemed nonessential would be halted, such as camping at national parks, advice to taxpayers and some scientific research.

In recent days, credit rating agencies have downgraded the government's credit rating because of the continuing budget uncertainty, a move that could lead to higher borrowing costs for the United States, where the national debt is now approaching \$34 trillion.

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Shorthanded Sugar Boys claw back to tie One Love, 5-5

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway



Despite a Collin Lavia's hat trick, visiting Virgin Gorda Sugar Boys, fielding a bare 11 and no subs, clawed their way back for a 5-5 tie against defending BVI Football Association league champions One Love, on second header late in stoppage time by Romaine Henry on Sunday night.

Lavia opened the scoring in the sixth, before the Sugar Boys' Andres Bailey made it 1-1 in the 29th. Henry scored on a header in the 45th, giving Sugar Boys a 2-1 half time edge.

Three minutes into the second half, Shayne Prince brought One Love even at 2-2. Lavia added a brace in the 67th and 78th to complete his hat trick, for a One Love 4-2 advantage. Then Bailey added his second goal on the night, as Sugar Boys cut the deficit to 4-3.

Young sub Latriel Williams scored his maiden goal placing the ball past the Sugar Boys' Goalkeeper for a 5-3 advantage.

But the Sugar Boys were not done. Captain Derol Redhead equalized off a set piece a minute into stoppage time, before Henry's second header in the 90+8 secured a draw, just before the final whistle.

"Sugar Boys are very good on the set plays and I think they played their set plays very well. We couldn't defend any of their set plays and that was our problem," One Love's Coach Lenroy "Left" Henry told Island Sun Sports. "As far as I'm concerned, in defense, we weren't playing tight enough. The middle wasn't playing tight enough. We allowed Sugar Boys to be too free in the middle of the pack and that is what caused all the problems."

Balls coming across the goal off corners he said gave his team lots of problems as well. Sugar Boys' Captain Redhead, he noted, is a good header. He said his team's duty was to shut him down.

"But nobody did that," Henry reflected. "Put bodies inside there

and we weren't doing that and it cost us. The plan was to play tight in the middle—make sure we win almost all the balls in the middle of the field—play it wide, the fellow runs across and hits the ball, that's all. It was so confusing for us because of a lack of training."

Sugar Boys' Romaine Henry said with 11 men, they knew that they could do it without subs and they bounced the ball and dominated the first half. "One Love came back at us, but with our fight and determination, we pulled through," he noted. "We told the guys on the field once you start passing the ball instead of playing the ball long like One Love, we'd definitely come back and that's what happened in the game."

Regarding his headers, Henry said that it was determination, especially his second one, as 11 men were defending for One Love. "I just got higher than them and put it inside," he said. "Not just with One Love but every team, they try to mark our Captain, Redhead and he always



Sugar Boys' Romaine Henry outjumps his One Love counterpart to score the first of his two headers, the last tied the game at 5-5

carries two players on him, so that gives us space and time to dominate inside and make use of those headers. It doesn't matter who we play. Whenever we get the ball from a corner or free kick, we're always the one winning it.

Redhead was pleased with his team's performance, despite losing energy late in the game and they were unable to sub and they appreciate getting the one point from the tie. "Getting a point in that game means a lot for us as it keeps us in the top four," he said. "We don't give up until the final whistle blows but we knew we had a chance once the ball got down inside."

In other games, Lion Heart beat Positive, 5-0, on goals from Alston Duncan (6); Bishop Richards (18) Savion Gillings, (21) Oliver Black, (36) and an own goal.

Lindon Peters scored in the 30th and 87th and Osworth Holder in the 13th as Islanders white washed Panthers, 3-0.

Lindsay eyeing record 5th successive Deloitte-Ogier Half Marathon title

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

HALF MARATHON

Much to her surprise, Katrina "Kat" Lindsay is on the verge of becoming the first woman to win five successive Deloitte-Ogier BVI Sunrise Half Marathon titles, which starts at the A. O. Shirley Ground at 6 a.m. on Saturday and finishes at Smugglers Cove. It wasn't something she was even conscious of.

"I hadn't even registered this as a record or something to go for," Lindsay told Island Sun Sports. "But knowing this is something to go for, it's actually quite exciting and will give me renewed motivation for Saturday. I'm excited."

When asked about pressure, she said that there's a little because one never knows who might show up at the starting line. She said there could be a fabulous runner showing up like Australia's Michael Aish, who was vacationing in 2010 and established the men's course record during the OECS Half Marathon.

"He ran this fabulous time and he was a professional runner, so basically, you never know will show up on the day but I'll just be ready to do my best, give it everything and enjoy it as well," Lindsay said. "It's a fabulous course finishing at Smugglers Cove, but it's a little tough going over the hill (around Steel Point) and you just have to dig in all the way."

She said her preparation for the race has been interrupted by travel but the training she has been doing has been going really, really well. She had to take a bit of time off three weeks ago since she wasn't feeling too well and said that was a shame. "I'm actually feeling pretty good so I'll give it my best shot,"

she said. "I won't be setting any records or becoming the fastest ever to run a Half Marathon, but if I could beat last year's time, that would be nice."

Asked about any particular strategy for the race, Lindsay said she missed some of the long runs which she uses to gauge her fitness and be able to hold the pace, but will try to get a steady pace going for the first 15Km. "Then I'll see what's left in the bank and if I can pick it up or hold on," she said. "I think it's just to get a steady pace, not to get too carried away at the start which can be easy to do because the first few kilometers feel easy, so that will be my goal I think."

Running downwind to West End, Lindsay said there's a couple twists and turns on the course where there's a headwind, but will use the breeze to help her as much as possible. "I hope the wind is blowing in the right direction," she said, noting that going to Steel Point leads to a tough finish.

"You come off the flat to West End and your legs are pretty tired and it's pretty steep when you hit going from road to trail, which is rocky underfoot, so you have to be careful, then you hit a steep part before leveling off, but the steep section is tough when your legs are already shot," she explained. "There's a steep, steep downhill on the other side so you have to watch yourself so you don't overshoot and slide down, so it's tough doing and probable makes a difference in your finishing time, even though you have a flat section with the wind behind you, that last section will add on a couple of minutes."

Race Director Kay Reddy said Lindsay will be going for her fifth crown; the men's race is wide open. Last year's winner Clif Struiken is coming off a Marathon personal best in Amsterdam and will not compete. "He's left the door open for someone to come along and take the trophy," she said. "There's



Katrina "Kat" Lindsay, taking a water break during last year's race

Julius Farley, JJ (Jermaine Ricketts) so we're looking to see who will be the fastest in the male race. Last year's race was won in about 1:27-1:28 so we're looking for that for the first finisher."

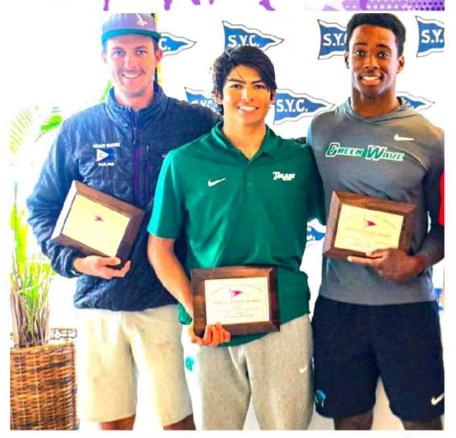
SPORTS



Reps from Positive, Rebels, VG United, Avengers and Wolues, drew for spots in the Women's 7-A-Side League that opens on Saturday



Sugar Boys' Romaine Henry, 3rd right, scored a header in the 45 vs One Love and had the 5-5 equalizer in the 90+8



Tulane's Thad Lettsome, 3rd right, finished 3rd in the Collegiate Laser Championships over the weekend



A Women's 7-A-Side League was launched on Saturday night



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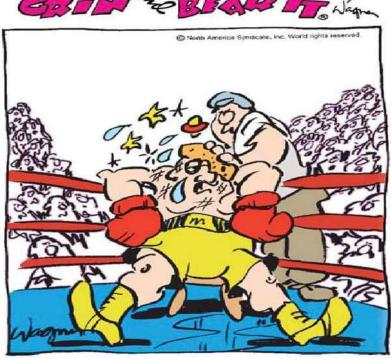
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"Did you get the license number?"





HOLLYWOOD

by Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD — Jada Pinkett Smith's revelation in her book "Worthy" that she and husband Will Smith have lived apart for seven years didn't endear her to readers, and her book is being considered a "flop." It's been outsold so far by Arnold Schwarzenegger's "Be Useful: Seven Tools for Life," Britney Spears' "The Woman in Me" and even John Stamos' memoir "If You Would Have Told Me."

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Not written in a book was Meryl Streep's admission that she and her sculptor husband of 45 years, Don Gummer, have been living apart for six years. (She's 74, and he's 76.) A representative on behalf of Streep admitted: "While they will always care for each other, they have chosen lives apart."

Their four children all became actors. Henry Wolfe Gummer, 43, is a singer-songwriter and actor ("The Good Shepherd"). Mamie Gummer, 40, acted in "The Good Wife" (2010-15); "The Good Fight" (2018); "Cake" (2014); and "Ricki and the Flash" (2015), along with her mother and Rick Springfield.

Grace Gummer, 37, is a Theatre World Award winner for the revival of "Arcadia" in 2011. She was also in "The Newsroom" and "American Horror Story: Freak Show," and had regular roles in "Extant" and "Mr. Robot." Louisa Jacobson (Gummer), 32, appeared in the HBO series "The Guilded Age." Not quite the Fonda family, but an up-and-coming showbizzy family no less.

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Tom Cruise's "Mission: Impossible — Dead Reckoning Part One" opened on July 12 and grossed only \$567.5 million against its \$291 million cost. Paramount hoped "Part Two," which was set to open in June 2024, would make a hefty profit, but their hopes were temporarily dashed when they were forced to move the opening to May 2025 due to the actor's strike.



Actress Jada Pinkett Smith ("The Matrix Resurrections")

Their silver lining is that after delaying "Top Gun: Maverick" from July 2019 to May 2022 due to the pandemic, they grossed well over \$1 billion. They've also pushed back "A Quiet Place: Day One" until June 2024, and Sony's "Paddington in Peru" has been moved to January 2025.

Director Matthew Vaughn gave us "X-Men: First Class" (2011) and the "Kingsman" trilogy, to name a few of his credits, but now he wants to remake the original "Star Wars," which starred Mark Hamill, Carrie Fisher and Harrison Ford back in 1977. Vaughn admitted, "Everyone is going to go bat**** crazy, but let's bring it on." He aloa advised Disney that "if you want a new generation, make the movie for them. The old generation, hopefully, you make it well enough that they enjoy it."

But for now, though, Lucasfilm is focused on expanding George Lucas' universe beyond the Skywalker saga and not planning to retell his story with new actors.

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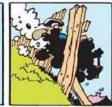








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- 3. MOVIES: What are Indiana Jones and his father searching for in "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade"?
- 4. TELEVISION: Which TV dramedy is set on Wisteria Lane?
- 5. LANGUAGE: What is a common Latin phrase meaning "something for something"?
- 6. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the fastest fish?
- 7. INVENTIONS: Where was the first compass invented?
- 8. SCIENCE: How long does it take for the sun's light to reach Earth?
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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps





- 1. Is the book of Ezekiel (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
- 2. A woman of this place is the only woman in the Bible (KJV) described as a wench. *En-rogel*, *Gilead*, *Damascus*, *Ziba*
- 3. Who met a man (or angel) and then wrestled him until the breaking of the day? *Solomon, Goliath, Aaron, Jacob*
- 4. What group of consecrated men did not cut their hair? Canaanites, Midianites, Nazarites, Hagarites
- 5. In Genesis 32, who/what was Mahanaim? Messenger, Mountain, Ford, Place
- 6. Who was the mother of Moses? Abigail, Jochebed, Elisheba, Athaliah

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) En-rogel, 3) Jacob, 4) Nazarites, 5) Place, 6) Jochebed

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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By Lucie Winborne

- That straight-line rise of bubbles in your holiday champagne glass is due to the soap-like compounds called surfactants that not only give the beverage its signature bubble chain, but also contribute to its unique flavor.
- If the human eye was a digital camera, it would have 576 megapixels.
- In 1994, a 75-pound bag of cocaine fell out of a plane and landed in the middle of a Florida crime watch meeting.
- Karl Josef Silberbauer, the SS officer who arrested Anne Frank and those in hiding with her during WWII, later bought a copy of Anne's published diary to see if he was mentioned in it.
- Alcohol kills one person every 10 seconds worldwide.
- Sand from the Sahara Desert, which contains phosphorus, is blown by the wind all the way to the Amazon rainforest, where it replaces the phosphorus annually washed away by rains and floods.
- While in prison in 1924, Adolf Hitler wrote to a Mercedes dealership in Munich to beg for a car loan for a limousine he admired, until his royalties for "Mein Kampf" came in.
- Chimpanzees can develop their own fashion trends.
- Christmas ham, originally a pagan tradition, was endorsed by the Catholic Church as a test of truthful conversion from Judaism.
- Actor Al Pacino was the first "face" on Facebook.
- Death penalty trials are 20 times more expensive than those seeking a sentence of life imprisonment without parole.
- Doritos originated from the leftover tortillas at Disneyland.
- English phrases such as "long time no see," "no go" and "no can do" come from literal translations of Chinese phrases.
- In Japanese mythology, Namazu is a giant catfish that causes earthquakes.

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Thought for the Day: "Every job is a self-portrait of the person who does it. Autograph your work with excellence."

— Ted Key

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You often let others complete projects that you've started, but you'd be wise to stick with this one if you hope to make that important professional impression.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) As you begin to shop for holiday presents, be sure to put yourself on your list for a well-earned special gift. (Perhaps that trip you've been putting off for so long?)

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It's decision-making time in the work-place. Use your communication talents to put your case for a promotion in the best light. In addition, a family member has news.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You continue to see progress in both your personal and professional aspects. But be careful not to allow holiday pressures to erupt and cause new problems.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You relish being surrounded by the bright lights of the holiday season, but be careful that they don't blind you from seeing the true motives behind a friend's recent behavior.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) "Flexibility" remains your watchword at this time. Expect more changes in your plans. But stay the course, and you'll soon enjoy smooth sailing.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Recent family problems have simmered down for the holidays, but they're still boiling beneath the surface. Expect new support in your search for a resolution.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Holiday plans could include long-delayed reunions with people you loved in the past and still keep close to your heart. Reach out to them.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Opposites attract in physics, but not necessarily between humans. Be wary of a relationship with which you don't feel comfortable.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) That business decision finally can be made now that you have the facts to back it up. You could also get a surprise offer to do some holiday traveling.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Your circle of friends widens as new people come into your life. An old friend urges you to reconsider travel plans that you once put aside.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You have a warm and generous nature, but be careful that it doesn't get out of control during these holiday times. Make careful decisions and stick to them.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a gift for seeing beyond the obvious. You also have a sense of curiosity that makes you want to discover hidden places.

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by Dana Jackson

Q. I thought Tom Brady was going to become a football commentator after he retired. Who is he working for now? — P.T.

A • The seven-time NFL-Superguarterback signed a huge deal with Fox before he retired earlier this year. However, he's not expected to take the mic away from current co-analyst Greg Olsen (with Kevin Burkhardt) until the 2024 NFL season begins. Brady has stated that "decompression is important," explaining that he wants to excel at commentating and avoid jumping into the role immediately.

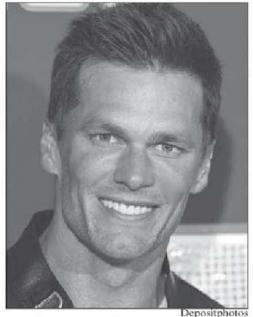
As for Olsen, his contract with Fox doesn't end until the 2026 season concludes, so where that will leave him once Brady joins the booth is still uncertain.

• I started watching cable TV again and wonder if I'll still be able to watch my favorite classic Christmas movies this season. Is "It's a Wonderful Life" on cable? What about other classics? — K.J.

A • With so much programming to choose from on network and cable TV as well as a plethora of streaming services, you could probably find holiday entertainment on your screen 24 hours a day. Fortunately, the old classics are still around.

"It's a Wonderful Life," which was first released in 1946 and stars James Stewart and Donna Reed, will air on NBC on Dec. 24 at 8 p.m. ET. Prime Video, Roku, FuboTV and DirecTV Stream will also carry the movie in December, if not sooner. Two versions of "A Christmas Carol" (1984 with George C. Scott and 1999 with Patrick Stewart) are also available. Scott's will air on TCM on Dec. 18, as well as on Starz, Tubi and Roku, while Stewart's will air on TNT on Dec. 14 and on DirecTV Stream.

TNT is also continuing its tradition of airing "A Christmas Story" marathon-style on Dec. 24 at 8 p.m. for 24 hours straight. It'll also be available on



Former NFL Quarterback Tom Brady

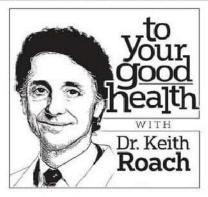
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• How is Marcia Cross doing since her cancer diagnosis a few years ago? I haven't seen her since "Desperate Housewives," so I hope she's doing well. — C.D.

A • Marcia Cross, who first made a name for herself in the 1990s as Dr. Kimberly Shaw on "Melrose Place," became even more of a household name as Bree Van De Kamp on another hit show, "Desperate Housewives." Unfortunately, five years after that show concluded, Cross faced a battle she didn't expect — a cancer diagnosis. During a routine exam, her doctor discovered an abnormality that, after further testing, was discovered to be anal cancer. Cross underwent chemotherapy and radiation, and has since been in remission.

She's also still acting, most recently in the Netflix series "You" and the Fox series "Monarch," the latter of which was unfortunately canceled. However, once the SAG-AFTRA actors' strike is



How to Distinguish Heart Disease Symptoms From Panic Attacks

DEAR DR. ROACH: How can you tell with at least a moderate degree of certainty that you might really have a heart or blood pressure problem, as opposed to just having an anxiety attack that is less serious?—D.S.

ANSWER: A panic attack is an abrupt change in mental state. They are usually unexpected, sometimes with or without identifiable triggers. Symptoms of a panic attack vary from person to person, but among the most common are feelings of heart palpitations; sweating; trembling or shaking; shortness of breath; chest pain or discomfort; dizziness; numbness or a "pins and needles" feeling; abdominal pain or nausea; feeling abnormally hot or cold; feeling detached from oneself or from reality; and a fear of dying, losing control or "going crazy."

Most of us have had some of these feelings from time to time, and some of these symptoms are identical to ones of heart disease, specifically of angina pectoris — the classic symptom of poor blood flow to the heart. There are many conditions, both medical and psychiatric, that can cause these symptoms as well, so acquiring a moderate degree of certainty isn't always easy.

A very careful history exam helps. With chest pain due to heart disease, for example, symptoms are commonly brought on by exertion; whereas with a panic disorder, there might not be a trigger, or it may be triggered by psychological stress. Some people have highly specific triggers, such as open spaces or needles. Some people can trigger a panic attack just by worrying that they are

going to have one.

The time course of the symptoms can be very helpful. With a panic attack, the attack starts, and chest discomfort (for example) will then occur. In people with heart disease, chest discomfort starts, and then people will get anxious.

I had a wise cardiology professor who told me to always consider heart disease even if a person's history is suggestive of a panic attack. I generally check their blood pressure and order an electrocardiogram, blood testing (including thyroid tests) and sometimes other tests when considering the diagnosis of a panic attack.

There is very effective treatment available for people with panic disorder (people with recurrent unexpected panic attacks that lead to avoidant behaviors), both through therapy and medication. But your question implies that being pretty sure of the diagnosis is wise before dismissing the possibility of cardiac disease or other medical diseases.

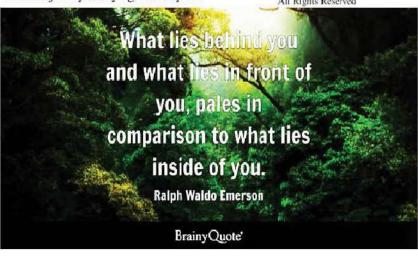
DEAR DR. ROACH: I'm sure you've answered this question before, but how important do you think the digital rectal exam is for a 70-year-old man with normal findings in his PSA tests? My previous doctor who retired would routinely do them during my annual physical, but my current doctor said it's my choice. So, I've opted not to have it done. Thoughts? — Anon.

ANSWER: The PSA test is much better at diagnosing than a finger is. There are cases where a clinician felt a tumor that would have been missed by the PSA test, so there is some small benefit to the digital rectal exam. But the benefit is quite modest.

There are men who have come to expect that part of the exam and feel unsatisfied without it, just as there are some men who absolutely refuse it. So, a wise clinician gives the patient the choice after explaining the small benefit and nonexistent risk.

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.comell.edu.

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FIGHTING THE PLAGUE REQUIRED THE DISINFECTION OF MAIL AND THE GREEN PASS

Guest Editorial By Giorgio Migliavacca

During the last months of 1347 the Black Plague reached the shores of the eastern Mediterranean where the population was horrendously decimated. During the next three years contagion spread throughout Europe with calamitous consequences. Plague was the principal public health concern of the governments of Europe for nearly 500 years and the motive for much of their quarantine and disinfection regulations; the battle was effectively won, (for reasons which are still not altogether clear).

In a world devastated by pestilence, disinfection of merchandise and mail, together with the quarantining of suspect ships and travellers became a link in that chain of sanitary precautions created by individual states, in the hope of protecting their populations. With hindsight, we know that, unlike quarantining, the disinfection of paper was totally ineffective against the spread of plague.

However, in our days of ebola and anthrax and our constant fear of pandemics, the idea of disinfecting mail sounds less bizarre now than it did at the beginning of the 1800s.

Since some of the terms used in this article may sound new to some readers it will be useful to explain the terminology. The term 'contumacia' used especially in the context of pestilence and pandemics is accurately described by the Treccani vocabulary as 'segregation' (also called quarantine) in which persons are held for a certain period, goods or objects coming from infected areas and therefore suspected of carrying the infection were to be held in the lazzaretto". In particular, 'the period of complete isolation to which vessels from places infected with contagious diseases were obliged to contumacy of rigour, when the vessel was to be placed in a sanitary station.'

Also according to Treccani the quarantine:

1 - '[originally, Venetian term for forty]. - is a period of forty days: also, fasting of forty days, done for penance. In figurative uses, to put, to keep in quarantine. a person or something, to keep him or her away from a possible activity or use for a certain period.

At the end of the fifteenth century Milan began to introduce the "health passports" called "fedi" or "bills of health" (forerunners of the modern Green Pass) issued by the health authorities to citizens or couriers who had to travel to a specific destination providing evidence that the individual was healthy and came from a "non-infected place".

On 17 July 1479, the Duke of Milan ordered to erect gallows at the gates of Pavia to terrorize anyone who dared to

contravene the measures taken to contain the plague that had arrived from Florence. Three centuries later Lodovico Antonio Muratori suggested to the authorities to adopt similar measures.

The State of Milan introduced precautions for postal communications in 1490, and it was Lodovico il Moro himself who prohibited sending "any ambassador or courier without a licence from the Health Office". The measures introduced by the Moor were certainly among the most ancient of a health measure concerning mail in times of pandemics. Between 1348 and the end of the sixteenth century Pavia was troubled by plague at least 17 times. Other sources have brought the total of pestilence occurrences to 24.

The damage inflicted on trade and the economy by such a "state of siege" was certainly well considered by the majority of decision makers of the civic administration of Pavia; it was therefore neither possible, nor imaginable, to plunge cities in total isolation as it would have caused similar sanctions by other communities'. The deployment of rastels and barriers, the closing of the gates and the guards were all in tune with the needed control of the movement of men and goods. A movement that was intimately linked to the very survival of the city; just think about the supply of food, a problem that plagued both the authorities and the citizens more than any other. All these considerations explain the adoption of "fedi" (or trustworthy health bills) which in our new bureaucratically tormented millennium we call "Green Pass" in the face of an inconsistent Rome government that wants the use of the Italian language "only".

We find evidence of the consistent use of the health bills at the end of the fifteenth century; they are invariably handwritten and therefore likely to be forged. The problem was nevertheless solved in great part by affixing a seal, sometimes dry seal, on a "waxed wafer". But even these precautions could be circumvented. Printed Health Bills forms with occasional security features were introduced.

According to Marc Kosciejew "The importance of health passes resides in their basic role of vetting and examination processes. Health boards were the issuers of these crucial documents. Anyone leaving the respective city-state had to obtain the health pass, not only to leave and travel abroad, but also to assure 'other states and sovereign rulers that the bearer was safe...[and that] he/she was free of the plague'. Individuals in possession of these documents could present them as evidence of their clear immunity status as well as an official guarantee substantiating their claims of good health. These health passes therefore served an evidentiary function of enabling authorities to assess individuals' health, not by examining

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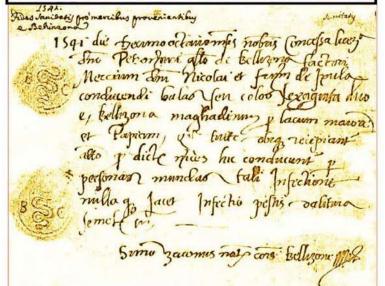
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18 November 1541, handwritten Bill of Health, issued by Bartolomeo da Castiglione (dry seal with initials and Visconti' emblem (a snake) Deputy Health Magistrate of Bellinzona (Canton Ticino, Switzerland). This Faith of He alth or Health Pass (a forerunner of the modern Green Pass) allowed a merchant to deliver his bales of goods from Bellinzona to Pavia on the predetermined route: Magadino and Lake Maggiore, then Ticino. The document certified that the person was not "infected by plague". The seals had been affixed to authenticate the document; later forms were printed and featured coats of arms and were validated by handstamps and signatures of Magistrates of Health'. [Civic Archives of Pavia]

their bodies, but instead by consulting their documents. Most importantly, health passes were not only issued to individuals

but also to groups of people."

Adriano Cattani has reminded us that "Every ship, person or goods, judged by the Health Magistrate not infected, because it had been disinfected or because it had passed the quarantine period, had "free practice", that is, could circulate freely, thanks to a certification called "Faith of health". This name derives from the fact that this certification usually began with the words "I have faith that ...". Every port, every border post, every city rigorously carried out these health checks, applying very strict penalties, which at times could cost lives. However, those who did not obtain the "free practice", had a "filthy practice" that precluded any transit, any possibility of continuing the journey. The "Faiths of health" that have come down to us make us understand how much public health was at the heart of the rulers, but at the same time they present themselves as interesting evidence of the integrated health system, connected to the activities merchant carried out throughout history."

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Sgd. Cassandra Glasgow-Penn

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Casa Maya Kaan Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company Number 2105214

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 14th day of November, 2023.

Dated this 14th day of November, 2023 Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson Voluntary Liquidator [26/9]

LONDOLOZI INVESTMENTS LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company Number 1049966

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 14th day of November, 2023.

Dated this 14th day of November, 2023 Sgd. Samuel Barnes-Barrington

Samuel Barnes-Barrington Voluntary Liquidator [26/10

INFOLOGIX (BVI) LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company Number 363435

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 14th day of November, 2023. The Liquidator is Brian Jackson of Mandar House 3rd Floor, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola British Virgin Islands.

Dated this 14th day of November, 2023 Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson Voluntary Liquidator [26/11]

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

ARLO MANAGEMENT S.A.

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION) Company No. 1752884

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 14th 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 14th day of November 2023

(Sgd) Myron Walwyn Voluntary Liquidator

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

LIMITED (IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)

Company No. 2105257 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 13th 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, VC1110

Dated 13th day of November 2023 (Sgd) Myron Walwyn

Voluntary Liquidator

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

LTD

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION) Company No. 2018728

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 13th November 2023. The Liquidator is Myron Walwyn of Travers Thorp Alberga, 2nd Floor Javla Place, P.O. Box 216, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands,

VG1110. Dated 13th day of November 2023 (Sgd) Myron Walwyn

Voluntary Liquidator [26/14]

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

DOLFER HOLDINGS

LTD.
(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION) Company No. 2075602

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 13th 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 13th day of November 2023 (Sgd) Myron Walwyn Voluntary Liquidator [26/15]

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

SERVICES LIMITED

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION) Company No. 1597842

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 13th 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 13th day of November 2023 (Sgd) Myron Walwyn

under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.

Serafyn International **Holding Ltd**

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1951445

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 14, 2023. The Liquidator is Nelcia St. Jean, with address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated: November 14, 2023. (Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean Voluntary Liquidator [26/17]

STRUCK OFF LUCKDALE LIMITED

("the Company") (In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1935703

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to section (208) (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 13th November 2023.

Dated 14th November 2023

Carmine Bailey Voluntary Liquidator [26/18]

> Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004 Sky City Technology Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 2022649

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 14th November 2023

Dated: 14 November 2023. (Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan Voluntary Liquidator

[26/19]

NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT **Glade Property Holdings**

> Ltd. ("the Company") (In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 15th 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:-Joan Johnson

Nerine Chambers P.O. Box 905 Quastisky Building, Road Town Tortola, VG 1110 British Virgin Islands

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THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE Virgin Islands

Probate No. BVIHPB2023/0241

In the Estate of CHIU, CHUNG LUN ALAN also known as CHIU CHUNG LUN, ALAN also known as CHIU CHUNG-LUN ALAN also known as CHIU CHUNG LUN ALAN late of Flat B, 16th Floor, Tower 5, One Silversea, No. 18 Hoi Fai Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong, deceased.

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by SEE, TING HING MARY also known as SEE TING-HING MARY also known as SEE TIN HING MARY of Flat B, 16th Floor, Tower 5, One Silversea, No. 18 Hoi Fai Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong, for a Grant of Probate of the will of the above named deceased who died on the 12th day of February 2023 wherein the applicants is the named sole executrix.

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

Dated this 14th day of November 2023.

Filed by Walkers Attorneys-at Law whose address for service is 171 Main Street Road Town, Tortola British Virgin Islands VG 1110

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

BVIHPB2023/0230

[27]

In the Estate of LENORE HILDEGARDE VARLACK-LIBURD late of Lambert Estate, Tortola, in the British Virgin Islands, deceased

> PUBLIC NOTICE [Rules 15]

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by AUBREY LLOYDSTON LIBURD, a retired police officer, of Lambert Estate, Tortola, in the British Virgin Islands, for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant, who is the husband and intended administrator of the estate of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 28th day of June 2022.

Any person having an objection to the grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant shall file an objection within fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of this Notice.

Dated this 10th day of November, 2023.

GRACE CHAMBERS Legal Practitioners for the Intended Administrator

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"NEW"

To: The Licensing Magistrate
And

The Officer in Charge of Police

FORM "A"

I, BETTETO FRETT dba MARGARITTAVILLE ITALIANO -now residing at WICKHAM'S CAY I, ROAD TOWN 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 CLUB Licence to sell intoxicating liquor at my premises situated at WICKHAM'S CAY I, TORTOLA, BVI, in the territory of the Virgin Islands and registered Parcel Number 90/1 of Block 2937B of the ROAD TOWN, Registration Section in the Land Registry of the Virgin Island

Dated this 9th day of November, 2023.

Signed Betteto Frett

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

L-Trio Ltd.

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION) Company Number 444635

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

Dated 15 November 2023

(Sgd) Rachael Pape For and on behalf ofAnton Goldstein and Rachael Pape

As Joint Liquidators Liquidator [26/21]



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

PROBATE NO....OF 2023

IN THE ESTATE OF CHEN YUAN CHU, LATE OF FLAT B, 20TH FLOOR, PICCADILLY MANSION, NO. 6 PO SHAN ROAD, HONG KONG, DECEASED

NOTICE is given that after the expiration of eight (8) days an application will be made to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the resealing of the grant of probate of CHEN YUAN CHU, late of Flat B, 20TH Floor, Piccadilly Mansion, No. 6 Po Shan Road, Hong Kong, Deceased, granted to CHEN CHENG JEN by the Deputy Registrar of the High Court of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region on the 13th day of March 2023 with Grant No. HCAG002500/2023.

Dated the 14th day of November 2023.

Harney Westwood & Riegels LP Legal Practitioners for the Applicant

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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 & Marienhoj, 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 Email: info@lawbvi.com

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

> (In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 2079948

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 16th November, 2023.

Dated: 16th day of November 2023 (Sgd.) Philippa V O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI

Business Company Act. WILFORD EQUITIES INC.

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1794640

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 15th, 2023. The Liquidator is Nelcia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated: November 16th, 2023 (Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean Voluntary Liquidator [26/23]

"NEW"

FORM "A"

To: The Licensing Magistrate
And

The Officer in Charge of Police I/We- VCV GROUP INC.residing- at FAT HOG'S BAY B.V.I. 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 AND RESTAURANT Licence to sell intoxicating liquor at my premises situated at FAT HOG'S BAY, BVI, in the territory of the Virgin Islands and registered Parcel Number 316 of Block 3438B of the LONG LOOK, Registration Section in the Land Registry of the Virgin

Dated this 2nd day of November, 2023.

Signed Verna Malone

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

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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

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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

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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 INSOL-VENCY 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

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

ULAIDEL LTD.

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION) Company No. 2075606

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 15th 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 15th day of November 2023 (Sgd) Myron Walwyn Voluntary Liquidator [26/24]

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

TONVILE OVERSEAS LTD. (IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)

VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION Company No. 1564379

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 15th 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 15th day of November 2023 (Sgd) Myron Walwyn Voluntary Liquidator [26/25]

"NEW

FORM "A"

To: The Licensing Magistrate
And

The Officer in Charge of Police I / W e - M I C H E L CONSEILLANT-dba TIDOUDOU residing- at MAIN STREET, ROAD TOWN, B.V.I. 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 SCATLIFFE ALLEY, BVI, in the territory of the Virgin Islands and registered Parcel Number 5 of Block 2837 of the ROAD TOWN, Registration Section in the Land Registry of the Virgin Island

Dated this 16TH day of November, 2023. Signed Michel Conseillant
[27] IN THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE (PROBATE DIVISION) BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

BVIHPB 2023/0239

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SUSAN PENN BAILEY, LATE OF VALLEY, VIRGIN GORDA, BRITISH VIRGIN IS-LANDS, DECEASED, TESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by SYMONNE ALEXANDRA PARILLON of Valley, Virgin Gorda, British Virgin Islands, for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above-named deceased who died on the 31st day of August 2023 without revoking a will bearing the date of the 30th of August 2023 wherein the applicant is named sole executor.

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

Dated this 10th day of November 2023.

Filed by Silk Legal (BVI), Attorneys-at-Law whose address for service is 30 DeCastro Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

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

In the Estate of JAMES GLENN MOHUNDRO also known as MOHUNDRO JAMES GLENN late of 222 Dezheng Middle Road, Chang'an Town, Dongguan City, Guangdong Province, the PRC, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by SYLVIA SUE MOHUNDRO, formerly known as SYLVIA SUE ESCARENO, SYLVIA SUE EAGAN and SYLVIA SUE DROST of 6435 Beachview Drive, Huntington Beach, CA 92648 for a Grant of Letters of Administration of the above named deceased who died intestate on the 14th day of August 2022.

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

Dated this 15th day of November 2023.

Filed by Walkers Attorneys-at Law whose address for service is 171 Main Street Road Town, Tortola British Virgin Islands

VG 1110

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BY EMAIL AND VIRGIN ISLANDS GAZETTE BVILR/PRE/11/2023

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION BY PRESCRIPTION SECTION 135 OF THE REGISTERED LAND ACT CAP 229 OF THE 1991 EDITION OF THE REVISED LAWS OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

REGISTRATION SECTION BLOCK PARCEL East Central 3139R 41 (Lot 1)

The Chief Registrar of Lands hereby gives NOTICE that CLYDE FAHIE, of Hope Estate, Tortola, Virgin Islands, has applied to be registered as the proprietor by Prescription for Lot 1 (measuring 0.13 acres) of Parcel 41, Block 3139B, East Central Registration Section as shown on the unapproved Survey Plan dated 18th October, 2023 produced by Indigo Innovations Inc. Affidavits were filed in support of the Application.

Parcel 41 is registered to:

Catherine Todman, Lower Hope, Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Anyone who has just cause to object to CLYDE FAHIE being registered as the proprietor for Lot 1 (measuring 0.13 acres) of Parcel 41, Block 3139B, East Central Registration Section as shown on the unapproved Survey Plan dated 18th October, 2023 produced by Indigo Innovations Inc, should file their objection in writing at the Lands Unit on or before Tuesday 19th December 2023.

The filed application may be inspected at the Lands Unit upon request. Copies will be provided by the Applicant to any objectors.

Dated this 13th day of November 2023

Natalie Stevens-George Administrative Officer (for) Chief Registrar of Lands

To: Clyde Fahie PO Box 185 Road Town, Tortola, VG1110 Virgin Islands Cysolutions2021@gmail.com Applicant

> **Catherine Todman** Lower Hope Tortola Virgin Islands Registered Proprietor of Parcel 41

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE VIRGIN ISLANDS PROBATE NO. OF 2023 IN THE ESTATE OF **ABHAYKUMAR** SAKERCHAND JHAVERI, LATE OF FLAT C, 9TH FLOOR, WAH FUNG BUILDING, 13-17 MINDEN AVENUE, TSIMSHATSUI,

KOWLOON, HONG KONG,

DECEASED

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

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

Dated this 16th day of November 2023.

Filed by Harney Westwood & Riegels LP, Legal Practitioners for the Applicant, whose address for service is Craigmuir Chambers, PO Box 71, Road Town,

Tortola, British Virgin Islands (Ref: 058851.0001/NJR)

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

BVIHPB2023/0244

In the estate of Galina Aleksandrovna Nenova, late of Rezniovite 16, Sofia 1616, Bulgaria, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that YANA ALEXANDROFF of 2 Park Square West, London, NW1 4LJ, United Kingdom, the sole beneficiary named in the Last Will and Testament of GALINA ALEKSANDROVNA NENOVA, deceased (the Deceased), who died on the 20th day of July, 2022 domiciled in Bulgaria, has applied to the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the Probate Division for a Grant of Letters of Administration with Will Annexed in the estate of the Deceased.

ANY PERSON having any objection to the grant of Letters of Administration with Will Annexed to the said YANA ALEXANDROFF, shall within fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of this Notice lodge with the Registry of the High Court in the Territory of the Virgin Islands a proper document setting out the said objections.



Solicitors for the Intended Administratrix

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

IN THE ESTATE OF TAN THIAM HOCK, DECEASED In the estate of TAN THIAM HOCK late of 17 Jalan Setiabakti 5, Bukit Damansara, 50490 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 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 the Deceased granted by the High Court of Malaya at Kuala Lumpur, on the 29th day of August 2023 to TAN JIANN MENG of B-19-1, Sunway Palazzio, Jalan Sri Hartamas 3, Kuala Lumpur 50480, Malaysia.

Dated the 16th day of November 2023

Filed by TAN JIANN MENG, Propounder whose address for service is c/o Harney Westwood & Riegels, Craigmuir Chambers, PO Box 71, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110, British Virgin Islands.

FORM "A" To: The Licensing Magistrate And

The Officer in Charge of Police /We-MOSKITO 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"

To: The Licensing Magistrate
And

The Officer in Charge of Police /We-MOSKITO 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

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

FORM "A" To: The Licensing Magistrate And

The Officer in Charge of Police I/We-MOSKITO 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]

"NEW"

FORM "A" To: The Licensing Magistrate And

The Officer in Charge of Police I/We-MOSKITO 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

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

FORM "A" To: The Licensing Magistrate And

The Officer in Charge of Police I/We-MOSKITO 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]

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FORM "A" To: The Licensing Magistrate
And

The Officer in Charge of Police I/We-MOSKITO 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

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

FORM "A"

To: The Licensing Magistrate And

The Officer in Charge of Police I/We-SCRUB-ISLAND DEVELOPMENT-GROUP LIMITED-residing-at MARINA CAY, B.V.I. 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, for RESTAURANT Licence to sell intoxicating liquor at my premises situated at MARINA CAY, BVI, in the territory of the Virgin Islands and registered Parcel Number 1 of Block 3840A of the BEEF ISLAND GROUP, Registration Section in the Land Registry of the Virgin Island

Dated this 13th day of November, 2023. Signed Joe C. Collier

[27]

FORM "A"

"NEW"

To: The Licensing Magistrate And

The Officer in Charge of Police I/We-MOSKITO 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"

To: The Licensing Magistrate And

The Officer in Charge of Police I/We-SCRUB-ISLAND DEVELOPMENT-GROUP LIMITED-residing-at MARINA CAY, B.V.I. 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 HOTEL Licence to sell intoxicating liquor at my premises situated at MARINA CAY, BVI, in the territory of the Virgin Islands and registered Parcel Number 1 of Block 3840A of the BEEF ISLAND GROUP, Registration Section in the Land Registry of the Virgin Island

Dated this 13th day of November, 2023.

Signed Joe C. Collier [27]

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FORM "A"

To: The Licensing Magistrate And

The Officer in Charge of Police I/We-MOSKITO 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

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

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FORM "A"

To: The Licensing Magistrate
And

The Officer in Charge of Police / We - MOSKITO 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]

"NEW"

FORM "A"

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

Dated this 4th day of November, 2023.

Signed Ernest Jacob

[26]

To: The Licensing Magistrate
And

FORM "A"

The Officer in Charge of Police I/We-MOSKITO 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]

"NEW"

FORM "A"
To: The Licensing Magistrate
And

The Officer in Charge of Police I/We-CARIBBEAN 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]

FORM "A"

To: The Licensing Magistrate
And

The Officer in Charge of Police I/We-CARIBBEAN 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]

"NEW"

FORM "A"

To: The Licensing Magistrate
And

The Officer in Charge of Police I, CLIVE GEORGE dba THE CURVE BAR & GRILL -now residing at MEYER'S ESTATE 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 MEYER'S ESTATE, TORTOLA, BVI, in the territory of the Virgin Islands and registered Parcel Number 69 of Block 2638B of the WEST CENTRAL, Registration Section in the Land Registry of the Virgin Island

Dated this 13th day of November, 2023. Signed Clive George

[27]

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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"NEW"

FORM "A"
To: The Licensing Magistrate

The Officer in Charge of Police We, ROBERT SWAIN JR AND ROBERT C. WINTER dba ON THE ROX -now residing at HORSE PATH & PALESTINA ESTATE 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 CYRIL B. ROMNEY, TORTOLA PIER PARK, TORTOLA, BVI, in the territory of the Virgin Islands and registered Parcel Number 120 of Block 2937B of the ROAD TOWN, Registration Section in the Land Registry of the Virgin

Dated this 14th day of November, 2023. Signed Robert C. Winter/
Robert Swain Jr.

[27]

FORM "A"

To: The Licensing Magistrate
And

The Officer in Charge of Police

"NEW"

I, BETTETO FRETT dba WEST GOT VIBES -now residing at WICKHAM'S CAY I, ROAD TOWN 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 CLUB Licence to sell intoxicating liquor at my premises situated at WEST END, TORTOLA, BVI, in the territory of the Virgin Islands and registered Parcel Number 17 of Block 2234B of the WEST END, Registration Section in the Land Registry of the Virgin Island

Dated this 9th day of November, 2023.

Signed Betteto Frett

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Island Roots Cafe is seeking the following positions:

Barista/cashier-full-and part time.

Must be customer service oriented and have a min. of 2 years experience as a barista or certified training course.

Willing to work weekends and public holidays.

Qualified technician - full time.-Must have min. 4 years experience in servicing air conditioning units & refrigeration, as well as knowledge of how to service coffee machines. Willing to work weekends and public holidays. Drivers licence required.

Please submit resume to: tinabvi@yahoo.com or call 494-8985.

[s27]

PEDRO WELLS WOOD WORK requires three full time JOINERS. Telephone 544-3139 [s27]

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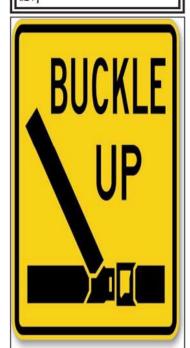
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to view [s26] Horizon Yacht Charters is seeking a full-time chef to provide high end catering services to our sailing and villa clientele. Applicant must hold City & Guilds Level 1, 2, & 3 qualifications, or equivalent, along with a minimum of 3 years experience in the culinary field. Interested applicants are asked to please submit resume and qualifications to apply@horizonyachtcharters.com.

[\$27]

Luxury Skin by Nicole is seeking a Massage Therapist to work full time at our salon located on Main Street, Tortola. Must have certification. Please call 284-442-0999 or 284-543-9651 for more information. [s27]

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



PUBLIC NOTICES

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

BVIHPB 2023/

In the Estate of Charles W Krallman, late of 4431 NE 24 Terrace, Lighthouse Point, Florida 33064, United States of America, deceased

Notice is given that after the expiration of 8 days an application will be made to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the resealing of the grant of letters of administration of CHARLES W KRALLMAN late of 4431 NE 24 Terrace, Lighthouse Point, Florida 33064, United States of America, granted by the Circuit County of the 17th Judicial Court in and for Broward County, Florida on the 9th day of February 2023.

Dated the 15th day of November , 2023.

GEORGE HENRY PARTNERS LP Legal Practitioners for the Applicant [26]

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

BVIHPB 2023/

IN THE ESTATE OF PAUL DAVID SUDOLSKI (also known as PAUL SUDOLSKI) late of Tradewinds, in the Parish of St. John's in the Island of Antigua, Antigua and Barbuda, deceased

ADVERTISEMENT (RESEALING)

Notice is given that after the expiration of 8 days application will be made to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the resealing of the probate of PAUL DAVID SUDOLSKI (also known as PAUL SUDOLSKI) late of Tradewinds, in the Parish of St. John's in the Island of Antigua, Antigua and Barbuda granted by the Registrar of the Probate Registry of the High Court of Justice of Antigua and Barbuda at High Street,

Parliament Drive, St. John's, Antigua, Antigua and Barbuda, on the 29th day of June, 2023.

Dated this 16th day of November, 2023.

Signed: VIGILATE LAW,

Legal Practitioners for the Executors, whose address for service is at C/o VIGILATE LAW,

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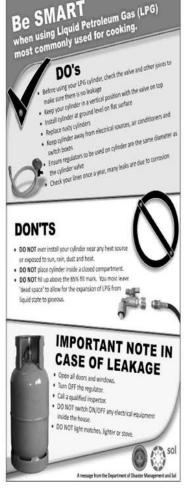
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Alphonso Fiberglass Limited for: a Fiberglass Technician who is able to fiberglass Boats and Vehicles, with no less than 5 years experience. Contact Mr. Martin "Tony" Alphonso at Alphonso Enterprise Ltd via telephone 284-394-8746/284-340-2443 and /or email alphonso_ent@email.com

Property Maintenance / Handyman:

A property maintenance / handyman is needed to perform general maintenance and repair work for a retail store in Virgin Gorda. Responsibilities to include - transporting and storing merchandise, as well as stocking shelves. Must be responsible with a pleasant demeanor and possess a valid driver's licence. Work period would be five days per week, 8 hours per day. Virgin Gorda residents preferred. For further information or application submission please contact us at : vijobz@outlook. com along with your resume. That's The Spirit! Limited Telephone: 541-1212

EMCS Caribbean is looking for Administrative/Accounts Assistant Interested applicants can submit their CV/Resume with cover letter to P O Box 386 Road Town, Tortola, BVI or call 284-494-1300 [s26]

CLEAN VIRGIN ISLAND needs 1 full time CLEANER. Telephone 547-4735 [s26]

Horizon Yacht Charters seeks an experienced ASA certified Sailing Instructor needed for a busy charter company in the British Virgin Islands. Must have ASA 201, 203, 204, 205, 206 and 214. Must have valid STCW95 and all other relevant sailing certifications. Applicant should be willing to work as a charter skipper as well as a sailing instructor. Please send resumes to apply@ horizonyachtcharters.com or call 284-494-8787 [\$26]

Positions Available at Maria's by the Sea. (full time) Please submit application at Maria's by the Sea or send email to: info@mariasbythesea.com.

- Dishwasher
- ☐ Server/ Waitress
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- ☐ Maintenance
- ☐ Receptionist
- □ Cook
- ☐ Chef

All applicants must be able to work flexible hours including weekends and holidays.

Telephone 494-2595 for more information [s26]

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]

REBORN-SALON located in Lower Estate needs one full time HAIRDRESSER and-one-full-time:NAIL-TECHNICIAN. Telephone: 343-4985 [\$26] WANTED:

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Police-or-Military Experience-A PLUS.

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Certificate/Diploma.
Applicants-must-be
physically fit-able to stand
for long-long periods and of
good character.

Interested persons please call 284-340-4002 or email: eliteccure2@gmail.com [s26]

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are looking for one person
holding:At least 5 years
experience-in-herbalmixing and-manufacturing
of-herbal-medicine.
Involving-capsule-making
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Please call 561-594-5278 [s26]

Karel's Artistry Salon in Virgin Gorda is in constant need of part-time and full-time Cosmetologist, Barbers, Nail Technicians, Hairdressers, Cosmetologist/Nail Technician.

Please call 441-3910 to apply. [\$26]

BOSSERVICES requires
1 full time OFFICE
ASSISTANT-to-join our
team. Please send your CV/
Resume to bosservices8@
gmail.com or telephone 4992702 for more information.
[s26]

ONE LOVE CULTURE GIFT SHOP needs two full time SALES CLERK. Telephone 341-6810. [\$26]

We are hiring full and part time team members at Myett's Restaurant, Hotel, & Gift Shop located in Cane Garden Bay. The following positions available for the upcoming season for immediate opening: Front of the House Manager, Servers & Bar Tenders,-Housekeeper, Bookkeeper, and Gift Shop Sales Associate. Applicants must professional experience, work well with others, be computer literate, be able to work in a fast-paced environment, be customer service oriented, have their own transportation, and be willing to work holidays and weekends. Interested and qualified persons may email a resume to guestservices@ myetts.com.

Belongers preferred.

[s26]

Sebastian-Transport Limited seeks the following employees in the capacity of Drivers, Dispatchers, Tour Guides, Office Clerks and a Mechanic. Must be honest and hardworking. Please call 496-6701 for more information. [s26]

Mar Javierto Photography Is looking for a Full-Time Marketing & Promotions Personnel.-Interested applicants can submit their CV/Resume with a cover letter at info@weddingsvirgingorda.com. BVI Islanders/Belongers preferred.

Telephone: 345-5568 [s26]

WILLY'S CLEANING SERVICES needs 1 full time/part time CLEANER. Telephone 341-5925 or 442-4110 [s26]

Karel's Artistry Beautiful Ink in Virgin Gorda is seeking a Tattoo Artist. Please call 441-3910 to apply.[s26]

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