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"IMPROVING WAGES IS A TOP PRIORITY" PREMIER WHEATLEY SAYS...

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\$382 MILLION: 2024 BUDGET REFLECTS BVI ECONOMY GROWTH

In what can be interpreted as a swipe at critics of the Government Premier Dr.

the Hon. Natalio Wheatley repeatedly sang the praises of the growth of the BVI's

economy in his presentation of the \$382.67 million, 2024 Budget.

Only a few weeks ago during his October press conference, the BVI leader was questioned about the state of the BVI's economy. During that media sit-down, the BVI Leader had to staunchly defend the financial health of the Territory's economy, dispelling worries of an impending downturn.

With this awareness of the public perception of the Territory's economy the Premier during Tuesday's (21 November) House of Assembly Budget address spoke fondly about the financial health of the BVI. Hon. Wheatley seemed to boast about the Territory's remarkable-economic achievements and its bright prospects when he pointed out that the projection is that the Virgin Islands economy will end 2023 with of 5.5% growth in nominal Gross Domestic Product (GDP). With what appeared to be unwavering confidence, Premier Wheatley stated:

"Madam Speaker, I am delighted to share with you the success story of the British Virgin Islands' economy!"

The Premier then emphasized the tangible evidence of a booming economy, stating, "The effects of this success can be seen in the revenues received by the Government, which are a clear reflection of the economic vibrancy coursing through our businesses and households."

One of the key mentions by Hon. Wheatley as a bright economic sign was the projection that overall revenues from regular Government services and taxes were set to skyrocket by \$5.65 million over 2023 revenues, reaching an impressive \$382.67 million in 2024.

As such the BVI Leader noted that a thriving economy translates into abundant job opportunities.

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Tradewind Aviation Makes Inaugural Commercial Flight To VI

(Left to right): Chairman of the Board of Directors of the BVIAA Mr. Theodore Burke, Minister for Health and Social Development Honourable Vincent Wheatley, Caribbean General Manager of Tradewind Aviation Mr. Jose "Tony" Vallecillo, Chairwoman of the BVI Tourist Board Mrs. Delma Maduro, Acting Premier Honourable Kye Rymer, Co-founder and Chief Executive Officer of Tradewind Aviation Mr. Eric Zipkin, Junior Minister for Culture and Tourism Honourable Luce Hodge-Smith, Managing Director of the BVI Tourist Board Mr. Clive McCoy

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He also revealed that revenue from work permits was expected to surge from \$9.37 million in 2023 to a triumphant \$9.51 million in 2024; and celebrated the robust growth in payroll tax. All of which, the Premier stated is a testament to employment activity, which he said was poised to rise by \$2.16 million in 2024. Such employment activities, he said are poised to reach an impressive \$59.83 million, compared to the previous year's \$57.67 million. The Premier's exuberance extended to the tourism sector, where he shared a

series of remarkable revenue projections. He noted that -- Hotel Accommodation Tax, Motor Vehicle Rental Tax, Liquor Licenses, and Cruising Permits, all closely tied to the tourism industry, were expected to soar by 1.02%, 12.41%, 43.59%, and 4.69% respectively.

Premier Wheatley attributed these stellar figures to the concerted efforts of the government and various agencies, including the BVI Airports Authority, The BVI Ports Authority, the BVI Tourist Board, the Cyril B. Romney Tortola Pier Park, the Virgin Islands

Shipping Registry, and overseas offices. He stated that their relentless work had not only enhanced the tourism experience but also improved transportation networks, enticing more visitors to the BVI. To add to the celebration, Tourist Arrival Levy was projected to register an impressive 10% increase, reaching a substantial \$2.46 million.

Premier Wheatley also took a moment to spotlight the entrepreneurial spirit flourishing within the community. "Revenue from trade licenses, a true reflection of our

entrepreneurial zeal, is set to surge from \$958,778 in 2023 to a confident \$980,282 in 2024, as visionary individuals identify burgeoning business opportunities within our thriving economy," he proudly stated.

In the financial services sector, Premier Wheatley eagerly shared revenue projections, forecasting an ascent in revenue from banks and fiduciaries from \$3.55 million to a commanding \$3.64 million in 2024. Furthermore, income from Money Transfer Fees was poised to increase by an

impressive 5.62%, vaulting from \$2.03 million to a robust \$2.15 million.

While acknowledging a slight dip in revenue from the Registry for Corporate Affairs, a component of the financial services sector, Premier Wheatley remained undaunted. He noted that this decrease, forecasted at 1.24% compared to 2023, from \$208.63 million to \$206.05 million, was overshadowed by the remarkable resilience of revenue from investment business, expected to demonstrate a 1.25% growth, reaching an admirable \$4.16 million in 2024.

“IMPROVING WAGES IS A TOP PRIORITY” PREMIER WHEATLEY SAYS

Premier Dr. the Hon. Natalio Wheatley has made it clear that improving wages is a top priority for his administration in the British Virgin Islands (BVI). During the 2024 Budget Address in the House of Assembly on 21 November, Premier Wheatley highlighted the urgent need to address the inadequacies of the current remuneration scheme, particularly for government employees struggling to meet their basic needs.

The Premier referred to the Price Waterhouse Coopers Compensation Review and Job Classification Report, which underscored the pressing issue. Quoting from the report, he stated: "Analysis of current salaries

to the living wage for a single person household also revealed that the median salary for grades 1 – 3 is currently below the living wage. This accounts for 17.3% of total employees in the GoVI. Additionally, grades 4 - 6 are between 2% and 20% higher than the living wage which leaves limited opportunities for upward social mobility, savings, settling debt, emergencies, investments etc. Approximately 42.6% of total GoVI employees are situated in these levels."

The report estimated that a minimum wage of \$23,719.80 per annum is needed for a single-person household to afford a basic but decent life in the BVI,

covering essential needs such as food, housing, education, healthcare, transportation, clothing, and unexpected expenses.

Premier Wheatley expressed his deep concern over the current situation, saying: "It is unacceptable for approximately 60% of our public officers to be working poor, with no hope of being able to meet their basic needs, their bills – or to save not just for a rainy day but to advance their social conditions. They must be released from this frustration and hopelessness."

The Premier acknowledged that the shortcomings in the compensation system had been highlighted in previous reviews, and he

pledged that the current Compensation Review and Job Classification exercise would not suffer the same fate. He announced that the government had allocated the necessary funds in the 2024 budget to implement the revised compensation and classification scheme.

"We have decided to move forward with the implementation because we know public officers should be paid what they deserve. We know that the cost of living is high, and many of the meagre salaries could not handle it." Premier Wheatley declared, revealing that nearly \$10 million had been allocated in the budget to ensure no public officer earns less than

the living wage.

The Premier also addressed the issue of outstanding arrears for increments and emphasized the government's commitment to meeting its obligations. He noted the importance of raising revenues to keep pace with these obligations. Moreover, Premier Wheatley highlighted the concern that even the current minimum wage of \$6 per hour falls short of providing a living wage for many workers in the private sector. He announced that Hon. Lorna Smith is facilitating a forum for all stakeholders, including private-sector employers, to engage in a national discussion to find solutions to this issue.

DEPUTY PREMIER HIGHLIGHTS THE FINANCIAL SERVICES SECTOR'S PIVOTAL IMPORTANCE

Deputy Premier and Minister for Financial Services, Hon. Lorna Smith, has pushed back against international institutions and countries that doubt the resilience of the British Virgin Islands' (BVI) financial services sector. Hon. Smith voiced her concerns during an episode of the 'Government in Motion' series, where she updated residents on the strides made in the financial services sector since she assumed office as the Minister responsible.

The Deputy Premier underscored the significance of the BVI's financial services sector, asserting: "We are the second-largest domicile for hedge funds globally and a

leading jurisdiction for the establishment of family, company, and individual trusts."

Despite these accomplishments, she noted that certain international entities remain skeptical about the BVI's capacity to manage such a sophisticated financial services hub. "Yet, some of the international institutions and countries that we deal with cannot fathom how a Territory like ours can operate such a sophisticated financial services center. They persistently anticipate our failure," the Minister of Financial Services pointed out.

In response to these



Hon. Lorna Smith

concerns, Hon. Smith emphasized the crucial role of the Ministry of Financial Services, Labour, and Trade in countering misconceptions. - She explained that the Ministry would serve as a vital counterweight to address the perceptions prevalent in

global media and among the institutions she referred to. The Minister highlighted the financial services sector's pivotal importance to the BVI's future growth and shared that her initial six months in office were primarily dedicated to laying a strong foundation for success. "We now have the government representation required for our interactions with numerous international and governmental institutions," she stated. "By integrating this critical sector under one umbrella with labor and trade, we can better coordinate policy development and implementation."

The Deputy Premier argued

that the creation of her Ministry, which focuses on one of the economy's key pillars, came at an opportune time. She pledged that it would facilitate attracting investment to enhance the Territory's infrastructure and cultivate a skilled workforce capable of meeting employers' needs. Hon. Smith also outlined her commitment to providing training and mentorship opportunities for young individuals entering the job market. These initiatives align with the ministry's broader objectives to fortify the financial services sector while nurturing the talent of tomorrow.

KADEEM MAYNARD GETS 57-MONTH PRISON SENTENCE

Kadeem S. Maynard, the son of former BVI Ports Authority Managing Director Oleanvine Pickering-Maynard, has been handed a 57-month prison sentence by a Miami court for his involvement in a cocaine trafficking conspiracy. The sentencing took place on Monday, 20 November, in connection with a scheme to transport cocaine from Colombia through the [British] Virgin Islands to the US mainland.

Maynard, aged 32, had previously pleaded guilty as part of a plea agreement

reached in June, alongside his mother, to the charge of conspiracy to import a controlled substance. The proffer agreements for both Maynards revealed that, along with former Premier Andrew Fahie, they were allegedly involved in a conspiracy with a confidential source working for the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). The plan allegedly entailed smuggling thousands of kilograms of cocaine through the waters near Tortola.

Upon completion of his prison term, Maynard will

face deportation from the United States.

As per a "minute entry" on the court docket issued on Monday evening, Maynard's sentence of 57 months will be followed by five years of supervised release. He is also required to pay a special assessment fee of \$100 and comply with all special conditions outlined in the presentence investigation report, the specifics of which remain undisclosed. Judge Kathleen Williams indicated that a written judgment in the criminal case would be provided

later.

Maynard's arrest took place in April 2022, alongside his mother and Mr. Fahie, following an extensive undercover operation conducted by DEA agents.

The trio faced allegations of conspiring with a confidential source they believed was associated with the Mexican Sinaloa

Cartel. Their alleged plan involved leveraging their government connections to facilitate the secure transportation of tens of thousands of kilograms of cocaine through Tortola to the United States, with the expectation of receiving millions of dollars in laundered funds, as outlined in court documents.

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FIRSTCARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL COMTRUST FOUNDATION PROVIDES US\$80,000 TO CCRIF SPC TO ENHANCE DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AMONG MEMBER GOVERNMENTS



L-R: CIBC FirstCaribbean's Debra King, Director, Corporate Communications and Mark St. Hill, Chief Executive Officer, along with CCRIF SPC's Desirée Cherebin, Vice-Chairperson of the CCRIF Board and Chairperson of CCRIF's Technical Assistance Committee; Isaac Anthony, Chief Executive Officer; and Leslie Gittens, Business Development Specialist at the ceremony commemorating the donation from FirstCaribbean International ComTrust Foundation to CCRIF

Bridgetown, Barbados, November 23, 2023. Yesterday, the FirstCaribbean International ComTrust Foundation and CCRIF SPC (formerly the Caribbean Catastrophe Risk Insurance Facility) met to celebrate the Foundation's donation of US\$75,000 to help enhance rainfall monitoring systems and disaster preparedness in the Caribbean and another US\$5,000 to print and disseminate additional copies of CCRIF's children's publication on "Hazards, Disasters and Climate Change", developed for children ages 8 to 12 years old.

The grant of US\$75,000 will be used to enable at least 4 Caribbean countries to improve their weather monitoring networks by adding automated weather systems and other equipment to their existing networks. These new automated weather systems (AWSs) will enhance these countries' early warning systems and their ability to better prepare for

hydro-meteorological events such as hurricanes and severe rainfall events throughout the year. These systems also can inform longer-term planning. AWSs can incorporate a range of sensors that can provide data to enable national meteorological services-undertake more detailed and reliable analysis of climate trends to inform national strategies on climate change and disaster risk management. The FirstCaribbean International-ComTrust Foundation is a registered charity which was established in 2003, to support CIBC FirstCaribbean's community relations programmes. The Bank makes contributions to causes within the Caribbean in the areas of Health & Wellness, the Community & the Environment, and Youth & Education. Since its inception in October of 2002, through the ComTrust Foundation, CIBC

FirstCaribbean has donated more than US\$30M to worthy

projects across the Caribbean.

This donation from the ComTrust Foundation will support an existing initiative currently being implemented by CCRIF that focuses on providing much needed assistance to its member governments to enhance their AWS networks. In 2020, CCRIF worked with the Caribbean Institute for Meteorology and Hydrology (CIMH) to undertake a situational analysis to determine if there were existing gaps in rainfall measuring networks of its member governments and the extent of these gaps.

According to Isaac Anthony, CCRIF's Chief Executive Officer, "The Situational Analysis, which assessed the rainfall measuring network of 19 of CCRIF member governments, indicated that only 5 Caribbean countries have over 70 per cent of the recommended level of AWS coverage. The minimum

coverage was 10 per cent of optimal coverage, the maximum was 90 per cent of optimal coverage, with an average of 40 per cent of optimal coverage across the countries". Having reviewed the report, the CCRIF Board took the decision to provide support under its Technical Assistance Programme to member countries in the region to strengthen their network of automated weather stations (AWSs). CCRIF also reached out to the

FirstCaribbean International ComTrust Foundation based on the goals of the Foundation to determine if this was an area that they would be willing to provide support for. The rest is history!

To date, CCRIF has assisted 4 countries (Belize, Antigua and Barbuda, Turks and Caicos Islands, and Cayman Islands), providing them with approximately US\$250,000 in support to improve and expand their rainfall data collection and measurement systems. These resources from the ComTrust Foundation will support an additional 4 countries to expand their rainfall monitoring networks. CCRIF will match these resources from ComTrust to support another 4 countries in the region. By the middle of 2024, 12 countries in the Caribbean would have additional AWSs and enhanced rainfall measuring networks, which will help governments to better prepare their populations in the face of the increasing frequency and intensity of hydro-meteorological hazards. CIBC

FirstCaribbean's CEO, Mark St. Hill, who also serves as the Chairman of the ComTrust Foundation, noted: "Our bank is committed to maintaining strong environmental standards and to conducting our activities in an environmentally and socially responsible manner that contributes to long-term value for our clients, employees, communities, and our shareholders.

Climate change has been engaging our region for some time, and our bank has established itself as a leading financial partner for stakeholders seeking to address the issue. We actively seek to support the Caribbean region's transition to a lowcarbon economy and advancing of

sustainability and climate resiliency initiatives in the territories in which we operate."

The "Hazards, Disasters and Climate Change" booklet allows children to learn about the different types of hazards that affect the Caribbean; actions to take before, during and after these natural hazard events; climate change; and how to take care of our natural environment. Since its first publication in 2021, CCRIF has distributed over 2,000 copies to schools, ministries of education, disaster preparedness and management agencies, public libraries, and civil society organizations

throughout the region. The booklet is also available in French and can also be accessed via the CCRIF

website at: <https://www.ccrif.org/publications/booklet/booklet-ccrif-spc-hazards-disasters-climatechange-primary-level-kids>.

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Jay Kendall Appointed Superintendent Of Prisons

Mr. Jay Kendall has been appointed Superintendent of Prisons, effective 30th October, 2023.

Mr. Kendall brings over seventeen (17) decorated years of experience in the

criminal justice system to this role. Most recently, he has served as the Superintendent of Prisons on Saint Helena Island where he designed and implemented the prison's five (5) year

development plan, as well as worked to progress the new prison build project on the island.

As the new Superintendent of Prisons, Mr. Kendall

will be responsible for the oversight of all prison operations, as well as the enforcement of applicable laws and policies at His Majesty's Prison in Balsum Ghut, Tortola.

Minister for Health and Social Development, Honourable Vincent O. Wheatley said he is elated to welcome Mr. Jay Kendall to the post of Superintendent of Prison for the Virgin Islands.

Honourable Wheatley said, "Mr. Kendall comes to the Territory with a wealth of knowledge and experience. I am confident he will bring this experience, which will help to support and propel the rehabilitation and security of the prison system of the Virgin Islands."

Acting Governor, Mr. David Archer Jr. said, "Mr. Kendall's appointment is a step forward as we continue to evolve this vital branch of the Public Service. We have a mandate to ensure that qualified and capable professionals are in place to provide impactful leadership, and I am confident in Mr. Kendall's ability to do so."

Throughout Mr. Kendall's professional life, he has served as the Operational Head of Function at the H.M Prison and Probation Service in the United Kingdom, as well as the OASys Operational Support Manager in the Ministry of Justice, among many other roles and functions in the criminal justice system.

Superintendent Kendall




Mr. Jay Kendall

expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to serve in this capacity and provided an outlook for his future in this role.

He said, "Any opportunity to serve the public is one that should not be taken lightly. I am delighted and humbled to serve and provide leadership as the Superintendent of Prisons. I have a strong commitment to the forward advancement of the criminal justice system, which will not waver in this role."

The Superintendent of Prisons is responsible for the provision of day-to-day leadership and guidance at His Majesty's Prison in Balsum Ghut, and serves as the Government's chief advisor on all matters pertaining to prison management and rehabilitation.

The Government of the Virgin Islands remains committed to the development and advancement of the Territory's criminal justice system.



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PROGRAM LISTINGS

MONDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

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

THURSDAYS

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

FRIDAYS

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

SATURDAYS

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

SUNDAYS

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

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Tradewind Aviation Makes Inaugural Commercial Flight To VI

Acting Premier Honourable Kye Rymer and Junior Minister for Culture and Tourism Honourable Luce Hodge-Smith and other officials welcomed the crew of Tradewind Aviation as they made their inaugural commercial flight to Virgin Gorda yesterday.

Honourable Rymer and Honourable Hodge-Smith welcomed the Co-founder and Chief Executive Officer Mr. Eric Zipkin and Caribbean General Manager Mr. Jose “Tony” Vallecillo at a ceremony attended by officials from the public and private sector.

Honourable Rymer in remarks spoke to the history and accomplishments of the airline that is based in Puerto Rico, and how they align with the values and product that Virgin Gorda has to offer.

The Acting Premier said, “Tradewind fits into Virgin Gorda, because Virgin Gorda is that VIP (Very Important Person) destination that we all talk about and it has the pristine beaches. Tradewind fits right into that, especially with the lounge that you have in San Juan and the class of plane that you have, and we welcome that.”

Honourable Rymer added, “Tradewind also has been ranked number three as the best airline in the USA for the past three years and that is something that you should

be proud about, and we are proud about that, knowing that you would bring that level of service to our beautiful Virgin Islands. We congratulate you for such an honour knowing that you are a small aircraft, you are a small company but you are ranked among the best with the service that you provide.”

Managing Director of the BVI Tourist Board Mr. Clive McCoy stated that the event signalled the continuation of a new era of connectivity and growth for Virgin Gorda.

“With the arrival of Tradewind Aviation, we are not only opening up the skies above us, but we are also opening up countless opportunities for tourism and cultural exchange,” Mr. McCoy said.

The Managing Director thanked the management of Tradewind Aviation for their unwavering commitment to providing exceptional service and for choosing Virgin Gorda as one of their destinations. “Their vision and dedication has made it possible for us to gather here today and embark on this exciting journey together,” he added.

Meanwhile, Co-founder and Chief Executive Officer of Tradewind Aviation Mr. Eric Zipkin said it was an honour to be a part of the momentous occasion for his company and the Territory.



Mr. Zipkin said, “The most valuable and the most important reward is the trust that you all have placed in us. The people of the BVI and many of the people here sought us out when it came time to reopen the airport. We as an organisation are truly honoured to have been one of the first calls

that came to come here, so I thank you for that trust and that welcome because ultimately it makes all of the difference.”

The full video of the Tradewind Aviation Ceremony can be viewed on the Government’s Facebook page at username @BVIgovernment.

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.



Tradewind aircraft as it was taxiing into the Taddy Bay International Airport (Photo credit: GIS/R. Frazer)

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CWC Technical Operations Announces 2023 Awards Recognizing Excellence in Customer Service and Culture



Employee of the Year: Congratulations! Nikolai Greenidge, IP and data technician from the St. Vincent and the Grenadines

Miami, FLORIDA (November 16th, 2023) -- C&W Communications is proud to announce the winners of the 2023 Technical Ops Awards, celebrating the excellence of our front-line employees in the realms of technical competence, customer service, and culture. This year's awards recognize 37 outstanding individuals from across the Caribbean, including an award presented to the Technical Operations, Employee of the Year.

In a field where excellence is the standard, the 37 award winners have

demonstrated exceptional dedication and proficiency within their respective functional categories. Their unwavering commitment to customer service and a deep-rooted alignment with our organizational culture have consistently driven our technical operations to new heights.

Among these winners is Nikolai Greenidge, a technician from St. Vincent and the Grenadines, who is the proud recipient of the 'Employee of the Year' award. Nikolai's achievement serves as a shining example of the

remarkable talent within the Caribbean. His contributions to the company have been nothing short of exceptional, showcasing not only technical proficiency but also innovation, teamwork, and an unwavering dedication to our values and culture.

Chuck Page, Vice President of Technical Operations spoke highly of Nikolai's achievement, saying, "Nikolai represents the pinnacle of excellence in our Technical Operations team. His unwavering dedication, remarkable technical prowess, and steadfast commitment to our values and culture make him an inspirational role model for all of us. His passion for delighting our customers and his relentless pursuit of innovative solutions have set a new standard for excellence within our organization. We are truly fortunate to have him as a part of our team."

C&W Communications remains committed to delivering outstanding service and nurturing a culture of excellence. We look forward to another year of innovation, dedication, and success as we continue to serve our customers across the Caribbean.

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#CollaborationForSuccess

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

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Phyllis Evans Appointed Registrar Of Interests



Ms. Phyllis Evans

Ms. Phyllis Evans has been appointed Registrar of Interests, effective November 1.

Ms. Evans brings to the post an extensive and accomplished history in the Public Service having served as the Clerk of the House of Assembly for over fourteen (14) years.

According to the Registrar of Interests Act, 2006, and the amendments of 2021, the Registrar is tasked with documenting the financial interests and liabilities of elected members of the House of Assembly, along

with serving as Clerk to the Standing Select Committee in the House of Assembly.

Acting Governor, Mr. David D. Archer Jr. said, "Ms. Evans is an experienced and trusted public officer who has dedicated her life to service. I am extremely confident that she will produce the same high level of results that she has done for countless years."

Speaking on her appointment, Ms. Evans said, "I am humbled and beyond grateful for the opportunity to continue my journey as a public officer, in this role. I have committed my life to service, so it is with an enormous sense of pride and excitement that I look forward to continuing the work of the people, in this capacity."

Ms. Evans holds an Associate of Arts from the H. Lavity Stoutt Community College, a Bachelor

of Science in Business Administration from the Missouri Southern State University, an Executive Diploma in Management from the Chartered Management Institute, and a Postgraduate Diploma in Business Management from

the Manchester Metropolitan University.

As Registrar, Ms. Evans will work to ensure the Register of Interests is accurate, accessible and continuously functioning as outlined by the Registrar of Interests Act, 2006, and the

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- **Detail-oriented and highly organized**
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Closure of Offices and Warehouses in Observance of The Commemoration of the 1949 Great March and the Restoration of the Legislative Council

23 November 2023—The British Virgin Islands Ports Authority (BVIPA) would like to inform the public that in observance of the Commemoration of the 1949 Great March and Restoration of the Legislative Council the offices and warehouses on Tortola and Virgin Gorda will be closed to the public on Monday, 27 November 2023. Our offices and warehouses will resume normal business hours on Tuesday, 28 November 2023.

Cargo vessels will continue to be facilitated during the holiday.

For more information, please contact 494-3435.

Emmanuel Phillips Takes Creative Control At 284 Excellence Film Screenings & Awards Event Phillips' film Three Little Wishes wins top prize

Tortola, British Virgin Islands, 21st November, 2023 – Emmanuel Phillips emerged as the overall winner of the British Virgin Islands Film Commission's 284 Excellence Film Competition, capturing the Rhodni A. Skelton Production award for Best Film, with the production titled, Three Little Wishes.

The following awards were also presented: Best Actor – Ashawn-Taedo Phillips (Three Little Wishes), Best Actress – Mayte'ah Phillips (Three Little Wishes), Best Editing – Crack of Dawn by Camroy Peters, Best Soundtrack Three Little Wishes by Emmanuel Phillips, Best Short Documentary – Crack of Dawn by Camroy Peters, Best Screenplay – Crack of Dawn by Camroy Peters, Best Directing – Three

Little Wishes by Emmanuel Phillips, The Neil Blyden Memorial Award for Cinematography – Surreal by Naudia Turnbull and the Debbie Wilmot Best Pick – Surreal by Naudia Turnbull.

Emmanuel Phillips (Three Little Wishes) captured the Fan Favourite title, while Camroy Peters was 1st runner-up with the short film titled, Crack of Dawn. Naudia Turnbull was the 2nd runner-up with the short film titled, Surreal.

Film Commissioner Natalie O. Hodge said, "We are grateful for the support shown to our local filmmakers by the BVI community, especially our sponsors. We are committed to providing support and other avenues for exposure for our local filmmakers to continue to develop and grow in the industry. We are



Finalists with Premier and Jr. Minister for Agriculture & Fisheries: Left to Right – Dean Greenaway, Mia Lennard, Hon. Dr. Karl Dawson (Jr. Min. for Agriculture & Fisheries), Emmanuel Phillips (Winner), Dr. Natalio Wheatley (Premier & Min. of Finance), Naudia Turnbull, Melany Payano, Camroy Peters and Dwayne Vanterpool.

passionate about making a difference in the film industry in the BVI."

Sixteen (16) Virgin Islands filmmakers expressed interest in the competition

with six finalists advancing to the film screenings which premiered at 284 Excellence Film Screening and Awards Ceremony on Sunday 19th, November 2023.

The six finalists included Emmanuel Phillips (Three Little Wishes), Mia Lennard and Dean Greenaway (A Slice of BVI Culture), Dwayne Vanterpool (Dove's Little Secret), Camroy Peters (Crack of Dawn), Naudia Turnbull (Surreal), and Melany Payano (Dear Home, I'll Miss You). Ms. Charis Hoyte was the host of the evening's event.

The scene at U.P.'s Cineplex saw attendees dressed in formal "red carpet

ready" dress for an evening of cinematic excellence. The setting saw entertainment by the Roses Flute Trio, engaging discussion with filmmakers, and a cocktail reception with specialty food and beverage stations.

The BVI Film Commission remains dedicated to promoting youth-focused initiatives under its education programme. The 284 Excellence Film Competition was sponsored by the National Bank of the Virgin Islands, Republic Bank, DLT Solutions, The Dressing Room BVI, Ayana's New Beginnings, Sisters Plan It, Caribbean Cellars, and YASH BVI.

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A Wild Ride for the 2023 Nanny Cay Round Tortola Race



The 2023 Nanny Cay Round Tortola Race took place on Saturday 18 November with plenty of south in the wind offering up a potential record breaking day. With seven boats expected it was shaping up to be a great day on the water.

The first away at 09:35 was the 40ft Beneteau Libertas skippered by Pat Nolan, the only boat in their fleet who made it to the start line. Sailing with just two crew, Libertas made great time completing the circumnavigation in 3 hours 47 minutes and 52 seconds.

Next away was Kelsall 47 trimaran Triple Jack skippered by Richard Wooldridge who were on a slightly different mission. Back in 2009 Triple Jack recorded a benchmark time, racing around Tortola, Scrub Island, Great Camanoe and Guana Island in 3 hours 33 minutes and 27 seconds and since then have knocked an hour of their own time. When entering the NCC, all boats must make a donation to a charity of their choice and the Triple Jack team selected the Humane Society of the BVI. At 10:26 they crossed the line.

Clocking speeds in the mid

to high teens, they were back in the channel and charging up to the finish line, with supporters ashore anxiously watching the time. Having completed just one tack and one gybe through the whole route they crossed the line with a time of 2 hours 40 minutes and 4 seconds, just 6 minutes and 37 seconds shy of their 2015 record.

The last fleet to start were the Corsair trimarans, The Flying Pig, Trike and Ting a Ling, who crossed the line at 10:35. As per the race instructions competitors can choose to take the same route as the Nanny Cay Challenge or take a shorter route inside Scrub, Great Camanoe and Guana. Sam Talbot's 31ft Trike was the first to make their choice and opted for outside route whilst the two 27's, Ting a Ling and The Flying Pig, came through the gap to leave Monkey Point on Guana Island to starboard.

The north shore offered up very challenge conditions with lighter winds but very strong gusts blasting off the hills and a big swell. The waters off Brewers Bay were the end of the day for Chris Haycraft's Ting a Ling as a broken rudder

forced them to retire from the race. The Flying Pig almost found themselves a casualty in the same area when a massive gust caused a near capsized and blew out their spinnaker but they were able to continue. First home was Trike with an elapsed time of 2 hours, 42 minutes and 36 seconds and then it was a waiting game for them as they watched for the The Flying Pig to finish. It was 1 minute and 45 seconds past the three hour mark when the bright pink bows of The Pig crossed the line. On corrected time, despite their north shore dramas, the win went to Gilbo Simpson and Tim Parson's The Flying Pig with crew members Nelson Ray-Boothe and Katherine Wilson.

Thank you to sponsors Nanny Cay, all the competitors and the race committee for a great day on the water.

Results - Trimaran
Pos. Boat name - Skipper - Corrected time

1. The Flying Pig - Gilbo Simpson - 2:48:29
2. Trike - Sam Talbot - 2:50:10
3. Ting a Ling - Chris Haycraft - RTD

Results - Monohull

1. Libertas - Pat Nolan
 2. WannaB - Alex England - DNC
 3. Paroma - Luis Balzac - DNC
- Nanny Cay Challenge
Triple Jack - Richard Wooldridge - Elapsed time 2:40:04
Nanny Cay Challenge

The Nanny Cay Challenge can be attempted any-time any-day but must start and finish off Nanny Cay, circumnavigate in an anti-clockwise direction and leave Beef Island, Scrub Island, Great Camanoe and Guana Island to port.

During the 2019 BVI Spring Regatta the monohull and multihull records were both smashed. Biker 53 Catamaran, Fujin posted an

elapsed time of 1:57:16 whilst E1 the Volvo 70 skippered by Rafal Sawicki set a new monohull record of 2:53:08

Find out more about the Nanny Cay Challenge at: <https://nannycay.com/nanny-cay-challenge/>

Current Records

Outright & Multihull: Fujin, Beiker 53, Greg Slyngstad – 27 March 2019 – 1 hours, 57 minutes & 16seconds.

Monohull: E1, Volvo70, Rafal Sawicki – 27 March 2019 – 2 hours, 53 minutes & 8 seconds.

Kiteboarding: Mike Hirst – 18 January 2019 - 2 hours, 14 minutes & 54 seconds





GLOBAL NEWS BRIEF

STORIES SELECTED BY GIORGIO MIGLIAVACCA

USA - Three judges in three states — Minnesota, Michigan and Colorado — have dashed the aspirations of those seeking to prevent Donald Trump from running for president next year based on his role in the January 6, 2021, assault on Capitol Hill and a provision in the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

The most recent case was in Colorado, where Judge Sarah Wallace on Friday evening refused to remove the former president's name from the Republican primary ballots in the state. The verdict comes just two months before the primaries will begin in Iowa.

The U.S. Constitution does not prohibit a person under investigation for a federal crime from being president; nor does it prohibit them from running for president, even if, as in Trump's case, they are facing 94 charges in four different cases: the former U.S. president will face trial for his alleged involvement in the attack on the Capitol, electoral subversion and his handling of classified

papers. The Constitution does not even include a caveat to prevent a person in jail from being president.

But the 14th Amendment does provide an exception in Section Three, known as the "disqualification clause," which says: "No person shall be [...] president [...] who, having previously taken an oath [...] to support the Constitution of the United States, shall have engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the same, or given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof." The amendment also states that Congress can lift the ban if it is supported by two-thirds of each House. [El Pais]

ISRAEL - Commerce has halted in Israel as hundreds of thousands have either been evacuated or called up as military reservists. The absence of tourism and young tech workers will likely make economic recovery more difficult.

Following evacuation from their homes on the border with the Gaza Strip, tens of thousands of Israelis are now staying in other parts of the country. Many

who live along the northern border with Lebanon have also moved to safety. The total number of Israelis who have evacuated is estimated between 200,000 and 250,000. Additionally around 360,000 reservists have also so far been called up to the military.

Businesses have shut down in the zones that locals have evacuated from. What's more, since the Hamas attack on October 7 that killed 1,200 Israelis and foreigners and sparked the current conflict, tourism has ceased, cutting off one of the country's main sources of income. Hardly any foreign airlines still fly to Israel, Dan Ben-David, a professor and the head of the Shores Institution for Socioeconomic Research based at Tel Aviv University, told DW. So far this rupture to economic life remains under control, he said. "But the impact depends on a whole range of variables. How long will the war last? Will Hezbollah intervene in the war? And if the war continues, how long will we need the reservists?"

If 360,000 people are in the army, then many spouses will have to forgo working in order to care for children, especially since many schools have been

closed, Ben-David added. [Deutsche Welle]

ITALY - Declining population levels had left the small towns of southern Italy struggling to survive. But by opening their doors to migration, they have breathed new life into their communities.

In Camini, I live in a culturally rich and respectful community, where we treat each other like family," says Zakaria Jlousi, a 26-year-old Syrian who has been calling the small hilltop town in Calabria home for the past two years. As a multicultural mediator, he helps migrants, asylum seekers and refugees understand and navigate diverse cultural landscapes.

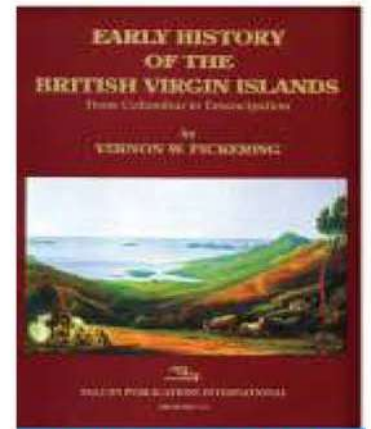
Situated on southern Italy's Ionian coast, Camini had been plagued by depopulation as many residents left for better opportunities in northern Italy or abroad over the past decades.

Between 1991 and 2011, Camini's population dropped by 27 per cent, from 630 to 458. The town had reached a dire state, lacking even a single open restaurant or post office, while its school was on the brink of closure. However, over the past 10 years, Camini has undergone a remarkable revival by welcoming and integrating a diverse range of cross-border migrants into its daily life, such as Jlousi. [The Parliament]

CLIMATE CRISIS - Environmentalists discussed the links between the climate crisis and oppressive systems, as well as human health, during a virtual conference yesterday.

Mikaela Loach, bestselling British author and activist, told students at this year's Youth Climate Summit that fighting and questioning White privilege is key to understanding climate justice.

She said: "We have to understand that there is a



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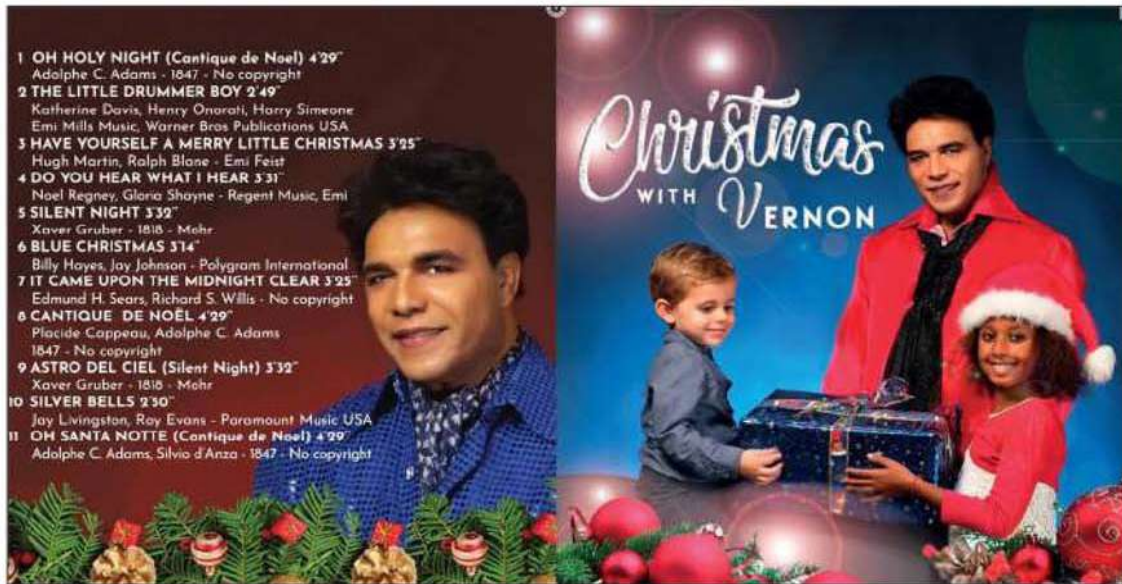
system globally that puts some people's lives as more important or valuable than others, so interrogating whiteness as a power system is so important for understanding this."

Ms Loach camped out in front of the British Parliament for two weeks, took the British Government to court and helped to deter Royal Dutch Shell from developing an oilfield in Britain — all in the name of climate justice.

She added: "We have to interrogate capitalism, colonialism and imperialism — these power structures that make it so that only a small amount of people are allowed power and safety at the top, whereas the majority are below.

"In order to tackle the climate crisis, we need to tackle these same systems; we get to transform the world around us and make a better one."

After Ms Loach's presentation, climate solutionist Bodhi Patel talked about eco-anxiety. [Royal Gazette]



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The Sunny Side Up



Through the Lens of The Sunny Side



British Virgin Islands Health Services Authority's (BVIHSA) Primary Healthcare Department celebrated Diabetes Awareness Month. (Jost Van Dyke Primary School and the East End Long Look) more on pages 14 and 16)



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Divas On A Dime

PROMOTING PREVENTIVE CARE



Promoting preventive care took center stage for the British Virgin Islands Health Services Authority's (BVIHSA) Primary Healthcare Department celebrated Diabetes Awareness Month. In a concerted effort to empower residents with the knowledge and tools necessary for making informed and healthier lifestyle choices, a series of engaging educational activities was thoughtfully organized. The primary objective of these initiatives was to raise

awareness about diabetes and inspire positive changes toward a healthier future for all. BVIHSA's commitment to community health was vividly demonstrated during their recent visits to Jost Van Dyke Primary School and the East End Long Look Community outreach initiative. At Jost Van Dyke Primary School, BVIHSA's healthcare providers engaged with students and staff in interactive

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Ladyburd Talks...

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 to dig a little deeper into your life.

Your Parents

People often complain about their parents, but they don't realize that fact at least they have them.

No family is perfect, and the effort that one makes to keep each other happy counts. If you cannot find it in your heart, be thankful that your parents gave you life.

Check out the lives of people living in poverty. They don't get proper rest during the weekdays since they have to work double shifts or overtime to feed their loved ones.

Having a Partner

If you have a partner, then you are lucky. You have somebody to share your life with, and it is one of the most beautiful things in the world. Having a partner is one of the vital things to be thankful for today.

Kindness of Strangers

Ever came across a helping hand in the hour of dire need?

If someone had it in their heart to help you out in a difficult time, you should be thankful.

Waking up Today

Nature has given you another day to enjoy this life.

It is reflected in the fact that you woke up today. It's a great thing to be grateful for

Your Mind

Your mind is the center point of your being.

The ability to think, act, and control the mind does every action. We should be thankful for all the actions performed by our unique minds./

<https://www.lifehack.org/articles/communication/60-things-thankful-for-life.html>



Ladyburd's Mail Box

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Dear Ladyburd: . My boyfriend of three years and I have a great relationship, or so I thought. During our vacation we spent a lot of time together, I was feeling so good that we had that quality time with each other, we had a lot of time to talk and discuss things, I was very surprised Ladyburd, when I asked my boyfriend, what he thinks about us getting married, he boldly told me that he has no intention of getting married right now, he is living his life and see where it leads him. I was really taken off guard, I did not expect that answer from him, and I felt so depressed ever since. Do you think I am over-reacting about what he says. **Bev**

Ladyburd: **Dear Bev:** Your boyfriend means every word he says, and if you do not want to live that life, you will have to speak with him about it, it seems as if he does not want to commit to you, It is just a pity that you did not express how you felt the minute he told you of his intentions. You will definitely have to discuss the matter with him more thoroughly, and you will know for sure what you need to do, but you cannot afford to get depressed over that situation. You never know maybe he is not the right one for you.



LIGHT BULB MOMENTS

"Thanksgiving Day is a good day to recommit our energies to giving thanks and just giving."

By Amy Grant

Poetry Corner

*Thankful For Many Things
I am thankful for my family,
My friends I feel the same.
Life is filled with many thanks,
Life is the perfect game.*

*Life is filled with treasures,
If you're a lucky one.
Be grateful and be humble,
And share them with someone.*

*But one thing we must remember,
We are not the one to thank.
There is a higher power here,
That we must give first rank.*

*I am thankful for my life,
And all that it holds.
I'm excited to see what's next for me,
Let's see how it unfolds.*

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

Tickle My Funny Bones



The Dead Mule

A preacher went to his church office on Monday morning and discovered a dead mule in the church yard.

He called the police. Since there did not appear to be any foul play,

the police referred the preacher to the health department.

They said since there was no health threat that he should call the sanitation department.

The sanitation manager said he could not pick up the mule without authorization from the district Representative.

Now the preacher knew the district Representative and was not too eager to call him. The Representative had a bad temper and was generally hard to deal with, but the preacher called him anyway.

The district Representative did not disappoint. He immediately began to rant and rave at the pastor and finally said, "**Why did you call me anyway? Isn't it your job to bury the dead?**"

The preacher paused for a brief prayer and asked the Lord to direct his response.

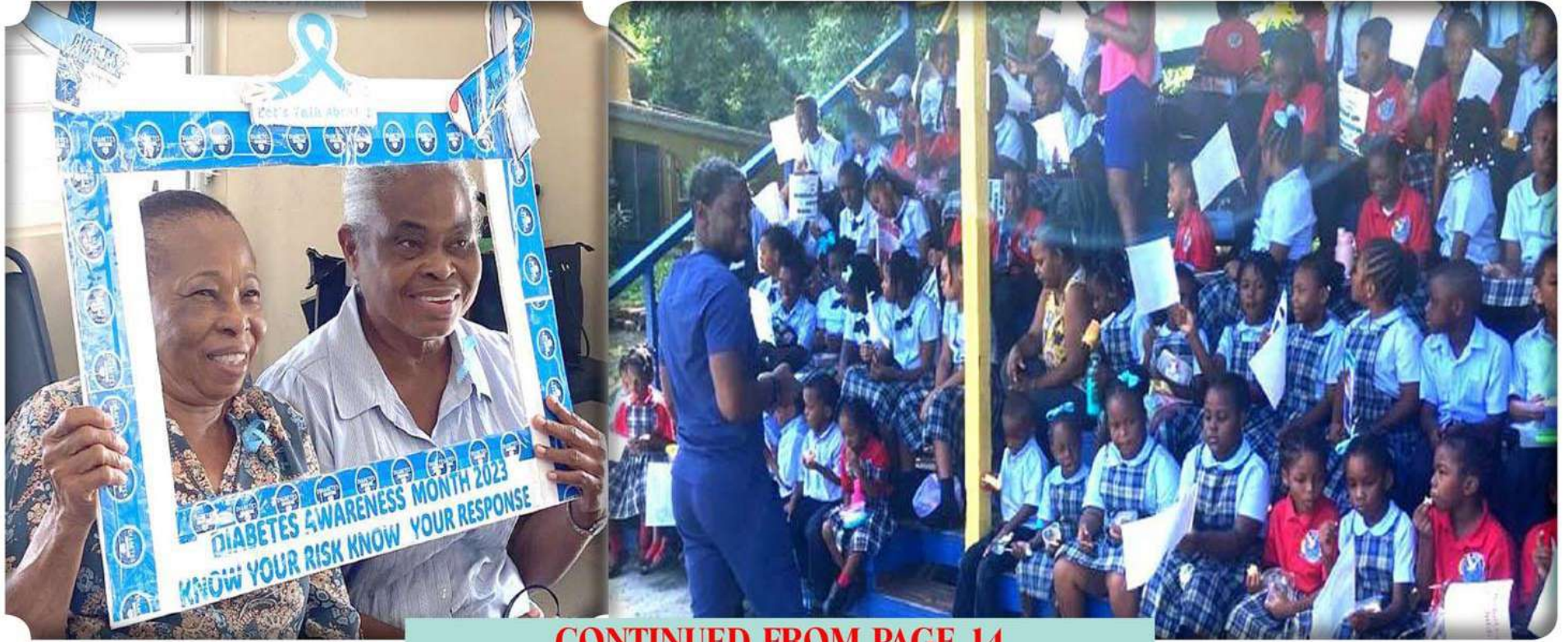
He was led to say,

"Yes, Sir, it is my job to bury the dead, but I always like to notify the next of kin first!"

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"Bakers work hard because they knead the dough..."

PROMOTING PREVENTIVE CARE



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sessions aimed at increasing diabetes awareness. The lively discussions and educational activities helped young minds grasp the importance of healthy living and the impact of lifestyle choices on their overall well-being.

The East End Long Look Community outreach initiative was another significant milestone in BVIHSA's commitment

to preventive care. Healthcare providers interacted with residents, offering valuable information and resources related to diabetes prevention and management. Free screenings and consultations were also provided, allowing community members to take proactive steps toward better health.

EASIEST CRANBERRY ORANGE SAUCE

 *The Sunny Side Up*

Yield: 2 cups
 Total Time: 15 minutes
 3/4 cup sugar
 3/4 cup water
 1 (12-ounce bag) fresh or frozen cranberries
 1 orange
 Pinch salt
 Put your water and sugar into a medium saucepot over medium-high heat and bring to a boil. Meanwhile, sort and rinse the cranberries, removing any that are discolored or mushy. When the water and sugar are boiling, add the cranberries. Reduce heat to medium, stirring occasionally. Continue to simmer until all the cranberries have popped and

brown sugar
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 1/2 cup butter, cut into small pieces
 2/3 cup chopped pecans
 Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 9-inch square baking pan, and/or line with parchment. In a saucepan on the stovetop or in a microwavable bowl, combine the cranberry sauce and sugar. Bring to a boil to dissolve sugar so the mixture is thick and spreadable.

broken down.

As the cranberries cook, zest the orange then slice it in half and squeeze the juice into a bowl, yielding approximately 1/3 cup of juice. When the cranberries are cooked, remove the pot from the heat and stir in the orange juice and zest. It'll thicken as it cools. Serve immediately or refrigerate for up to 10 days, or freeze for up to three months.

Since you're making this, you should double the recipe. Here's why.

Let's see where the cranberry can go, shall we? Some ideas: Step aside, turkey sandwich. The cran can dance with many partners. Peanut butter, almond butter or cream cheese accompanied by a smear of cranberry makes your morning toast grand. You can top French toast, pancakes or waffles with a blend of cranberry sauce and maple syrup. Blend some with yogurt or layer cranberry sauce with Greek yogurt and granola to make colorful parfaits.

Add cranberry to a grilled cheese sandwich made with sharp cheddar. Spoon some over baked brie cheese, top with nuts and serve with crackers. Warm it up and enjoy as a sauce over ice cream and cakes. Spoon it into muffin, cupcake or cake batter. Or bake these bars.

Cranberry Oatmeal Bars

Yield: 9 servings
 Total Time: 40 minutes
 1 cup leftover cranberry sauce, canned or homemade
 1/4 cup sugar
 1 cup flour
 1 cup old-fashioned rolled oats
 2/3 cup (packed) light

To make streusel: In a medium bowl, combine the flour, oats, brown sugar and salt. Using your fingertips, rub the butter into the dry ingredients until the mixture is crumbly. Add the pecans and combine.

Firmly press about half of the streusel into the baking pan. Spread the cranberry mixture over the top. Sprinkle with the remaining streusel. Bake until the top is lightly browned, about 30 minutes. Let cool completely before cutting into squares.

So, whether you're enjoying it with turkey or as a spread on your morning toast, remember, cranberry sauce adds a burst of flavor and color to your meals throughout the year. Cheers to making every day a cranberry day.

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Beyond Thanksgiving: Unleash the Versatility of Cranberry Sauce!

: Happy Thanksgiving week! Can we chat about cranberry sauce? This traditional Thanksgiving staple often finds itself relegated to the shadows, while its versatility and year-round potential are underappreciated by many. Think about it. This stuff is awesome! Cranberries are a fruity, sweet, tart, affordable superfood. Packed with vitamin C, fiber and disease-fighting antioxidants. Often the only jolt of color on an otherwise 50 shades of beige plate. We should be using this wonderful sauce all year long.

Diva Tip: After Thanksgiving cranberries go on sale -- cheap! They freeze beautifully, so stock up.

Here is a classic, easy, make-ahead recipe for cranberry sauce with orange.

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Leftover cranberry sauce makes delicious oat bar cookies

Hurry, Hurry Come For Curry, held at St. Williams Catholic Church Saturday 18 November, 2023 was a tremendous success....See Highlights below



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



By **Giorgio Migliavacca**

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PART 7

In Part 6 last week I spoke about an intriguing anomaly or variety in the three denominations of the Coronation set of 1937. The magnified stamps show clearly what happened to the solid vertical line on the sceptre between the two lower rings; initially one is tempted to say that the 1d stamp presents a variety because the solid line is broken; nevertheless you will not find a 1d with a solid unbroken line. It would seem that the anomaly was not noticed by the printers. On the 1½d brown and 2½d blue the solid line between the two lower rings is not broken; therefore a real and rare 1d variety should also have a solid line between the two lower rings

The first BVI George VI definitive series was issued on 1 August 1938; the larger size and the photogravure printing contributed to the success of these stamps which had a long life and underwent some adjustments and improvements. For economic reasons all the reprints during the war years were on thick smooth opaque paper, also known as substitute paper.

In October 1943 all the values from ½d to 5 shillings were reprinted; their colours show some moderate but noticeable nuances: the paper is slightly thicker, and the print is not as sharp as in the 1938 printing. Differences in colour are more easy to identify by comparing three specific areas: a) the shade around the face value; b) the coloured line below the tablet with the name of the colony; c) the nuances of the colour contrasting the monarch's crowned cameo; d) also the top corners (left and right) are very helpful in identifying a catalogue listed nuance.

The major colour variations occur on the following denominations: ½d dull green; 1d pale scarlet; 2 ½d pale bright ultramarine; 6d mauve; 1s. pale olive-brown; and 2s6d deep sepia. A final reprint was made of selected denominations in August 1945. In this case the only way to tell which reprint is 1943 or 1945 is by comparing colours: ½d deep green; 1d bright scarlet; 2½d deep blue; 1s olive brown. One author states that two other denominations were reprinted: 3d dull orange (August 1945) and 1½d red brown (May 1946).

These stamps were postally used in the islands and lasted until 1952; it will be noticed that the 1s. required four printings while the low denominations needed three printings.



from left: ½d chalk-surfaced 1938 - green; ½d ordinary paper 1943 - pale green (partly due to weak inking as visible from white dots which are photogravure hives left dry); ½d ordinary paper 1945 - intense green. To identify nuances and shades: examine the intensity of the color at the four corners, a corner at a time, the top left is the most decisive. Also observe the color the bottom of the oval cameo and the coat of arms of the colony. In general the colors have higher prices as many collectors and traders of the time ignored their availability and only in recent decades collectors have realized their scarcity

On 1 December 1947 the uniform design was utilized for two high values: 10s. and £1 black; both were printed on chalk-surfaced paper. While most denominations are rarer mint than used, the top values are scarcer in used condition, starting from the 5 shillings which was printed in a rather moderate quantity.

The chalk-surfaced paper can be identified by testing it on a margin or "tooth" with a silver needle which will leave a light grey line.



from left: 1d chalk-surfaced 1938 - scarlet, test tracks with silver pin or needle on top right between first and second perforations and third and fourth; 1d ordinary paper 1943 - pale scarlet; 1d ordinary paper 1945 - deep scarlet. To identify nuances and shades: examine the intensity the four corners, one corner at a time, the top left is the most decisive. Also observe the color of the background of the coat of arms of the colony.

For the ordinary paper, after having completed a set on chalk-surfaced paper, possibly with duplicates just put side by side one at a time value of alleged ordinary paper, first observing the part printed and then the gummed one always next to specimens on chalk paper. You will notice changes in color compared to the first print run on paper and such variations will identify with the colors cataloged as printed on ordinary paper: pale (1943) to decidedly deep, (1945). If you want to do the Saint Thomas test you can check the nine stamps with the silver pin.

TO BE CONTINUED

THIS WEEK IN CORRUPTION

SUNLIT SECRETS

BY TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL

This week, Cyprus once again takes centre stage in financial crime news.

New media investigations, dubbed Cyprus Confidential, show that professionals in the sun-soaked Mediterranean nation display an alarming eagerness to do business with suspicious individuals.

The revelations seem to have struck a nerve with Cypriot politicians, who are clearly worried about damage to the country's reputation.

Not so long ago, Cyprus came under the magnifying glass when Al Jazeera investigated the country's controversial golden passports scheme. They revealed that dozens of convicted criminals, fugitives and public officials suspected of corruption had bought Cypriot passports, gaining access to the entire EU. The reporting laid bare indefensible mistakes on the authorities' part and implicated high-level officials in corruption related to the scheme. The evidence was so damning, that the government had no choice but to terminate the programme.

Now, the president's administration was "on high alert" since last Friday when they reportedly became aware about the Cyprus Confidential investigations. Following the release of the stories, President Nikos Christodoulides has pledged to investigate "everything that has seen the light of day". Considering that enablers of financial crime are rarely held to account, this is welcome. But while effective sanctions are critical to disincentivising such intermediaries from facilitating corruption and money laundering, this alone is not enough.

That Cyprus is a magnet for dirty money is not a new concern. This week was also not the first time President Christodoulides has quickly reacted to bad press. Earlier this year, the government organised a press conference after CBS News' 60 Minutes programme ran a story about Russian oligarchs stashing their cash on the island. In the broadcast, Transparency International's Maira Martini explained that Cyprus had over time built a secretive financial system to attract foreign wealth.

Transparency International believes that what should follow next is a serious effort to fix the gaps in supervision - both at the national and EU levels - that give free rein to enablers abusing financial secrecy. Professionals operating in the non-financial sector are particularly poorly supervised. This is the case in Cyprus but also in

many places around the world, including in most advanced economies.

An ideal first step would be to zero in on law firms and professionals who create and administer companies and trusts on behalf of clients. Given the international corporate appeal of Cyprus, it faces a heightened risk of money laundering. Relying on self-regulation is clearly inadequate; government bodies should be rigorously monitoring the work of professional bodies carrying out supervision.

Information on companies' and trusts' beneficial owners - that is, who really owns and benefits from them - is another important piece of the puzzle. Investigative journalists identified at least 650 Cyprus-based companies and trusts owned by sanctioned Russians in the leak. Many of them were shell companies that exist only on paper.

It is worth remembering that last March, as Western countries were starting their search for sanctioned Russians' assets, Cyprus tried to delay the deadline for companies to submit information on their real owners. At that point, Cyprus was already more than four years late in transposing EU rules on beneficial ownership transparency. While this decision was reversed - quite possibly thanks to our letter which



outlined why that was unacceptable - transparency in who owns Cypriot companies was short-lived.

And then Cyprus was one of the first EU countries to stop providing access to information on companies' real owners after the EU's highest court controversially ruled that the public has no business in the fight against financial crime. And while the court recognised that this doesn't apply to civil society and media, Cyprus has nevertheless chosen to also suspend access to these stakeholders.

Incidentally, next week it will be one year since the disastrous court ruling. Stay tuned, as we are taking stock of developments over the last year and will soon reveal the current state of affairs.

The Cyprus Confidential revelations should certainly give a push to Cypriot authorities to rein in their offshore services industry. But these stories should also reverberate with governments around the world. After all, corporate secrecy and rogue enablers aren't problems exclusive to Cyprus; nor are Russian elites the only ones taking advantage. In the fight against cross-border corruption and money laundering, we cannot afford any weak links.



COMMENTARY

Capital has always ruled

By Dickson Igwe



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The hegemony of capital is nothing new. From the earliest days, in fact, the start of written history, the person who controlled land, tools for hunting, and implements for ploughing soil, and the most basic items for life- all forms of capital- ruled the tribe. Then, with the emergence of community from Stone Age cave dwelling, and hunting and gathering, to communal living, the village leader or chief controlled food and water distribution, and basic trading. This was essentially the start of trade by barter.

With the transformation of community into larger more complex society, the tools and implements created by man evolved to increase the quantity and quality of food, water, heating, clothing, and shelter. The rule of capital, even at its most primitive – the horse and cart-empowered landowners, who in turn paid a proportion in crops and livestock to kings and noblemen, for protection from hordes that dwelled outside the walls of the village and town, and sometimes within. That was the beginning of government, and the

establishment of law and order.

Medieval society – the Middle Ages- was socially and economically about the ownership of land and the peasant labor that inhabited and worked that land. Land, livestock, implements, and peasant labor was capital that generated wealth for the kings, lords, and noblemen of the time

The struggle between the haves and have not's became a feature of history as communities increased in size and new skills and markets developed. The slave and peasant as suffering underdog is part of the narrative of history. The underdog of ages past has evolved into the working classes in today's West, and the impoverished masses in Africa, Latin America, and parts of Asia.

The 'evils' of social inequality are age old. The tussle between capitalism and socialism – capital and social equality- has been an ongoing story, especially, from the start of the Industrial Revolution in the 1700s, through to the age of industrialization, and this new age of knowledge and information. However, capital in the 21st Century has won that war. Capitalism has prevailed over opposing ideologies and cultures. Capital rules. That is the cold reality.

Today, capital has been so successful that the fear of the capitalist is that the capital mix may no longer require the human element. Science and technology may replace that human element:

the debate on Artificial Intelligence embodies that fear.

The conflict between capital, and the drive for greater human equality by those on the outside of capital ownership, has driven modern history from the end of feudalism and absolute monarchy to the present day science and technology epoch, with its relatively complex forms of governance and human engagement. In fact, the Wars of the Twentieth Century including the Cold war have as underlying theme the power of capital to drive international hegemony and geopolitics.

Post the Industrial Revolution with the rise of the nation state and modern republics, the Bolshevik Revolution and communism, war and peace in the twentieth century, social capital, Liberal Economics, and now the rise of the Multinational Corporation, tech, to the rule of the billionaire, capitalism is triumphant.

Contemporary economics news has centered on the question of whether there is a fundamental flaw in capitalist society, owing to concerns about growing inequality. However, the inequality question has become mere rhetoric. History has been essentially the story of capital and its evolution in its various forms. Inequality and the struggle for greater equality by humanity is a feature of written history. History is nihilistic.

Capitalism has been

the great survivor of the ravages of history and of all the conflicting ideas and ideologies of the 19th and 20th Centuries. There has always been inequality and the ownership of capital is as old as written history. .

There is no escaping that today, we are all at the mercy of business, finance, and technology, all forms of capital. Capital drives government and the deficits that power governance. Global capital rules the space and marketplace in modern times, as the most basic forms of land ownership and organization ruled in centuries past. Capital is

borderless and moves at the speed of light in the 21st Century.

Today, wealthy countries dominate poor countries. Rich rule over poor. Science and technology drive war and peace. Above stands the Multinational Corporation and powerful investor with the world as their stage. Once upon a time Jack the Capitalist was a fixture of western society alone. Today the investor and capitalist rules in every country, east and west, north and south, and exists under every social and political system. The history of humankind may well end with capitalism.

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Caribbean News / Regional News

Caribbean Youth Summit aims to Secure Violence-Free Future

Friday, 17 November 2023 (CARICOM Secretariat, Turkeyen, Greater Georgetown): Caribbean youth will benefit from capacity building in methods to mitigate community violence, gender-based violence (GBV), sexual and reproductive health (SRH) and mental health challenges during the inaugural Caribbean Youth Summit (CYS), which will be held 22 – 25 November in Jamaica.

The Summit occurs during the “Year of Youth”, declared in early 2023 by the Commonwealth in recognition of the importance of youth. The Commonwealth initiative inspired the CYS 2023 theme, which seeks to place youth as the critical determinant of their destiny: “Securing Our Future: Youth Co-Creating a Peaceful and Sustainable Caribbean Community against GBV”.

The Summit will seek to provide a platform for youth

to brainstorm strategies to secure the involvement of other community youth leaders in promoting prevention of GBV; it will also seek to strengthen youth’s socio-emotional capacity to address challenges associated with violence, SRH and mental health. The CYS will provide a platform for young people to share their experiences, ideas, and best practices on peace, security, safety, and sustainable development in the Caribbean.

In addition, Youth will develop recommendations for strengthening policies and programmes to address GBV, safety and security and strategies for dealing with mental health challenges experienced by young women, men, and girls in the Region.

According to Ms Michele Small-Bartley, Deputy Programme Manager, Youth Development, CARICOM Secretariat, another key

objective of the Summit is to align the Region’s youth development efforts with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); she referred specifically to goal # 5: To achieve gender equality by ending all forms of discrimination, violence and any harmful practices against women and girls. She also highlighted that the initiative seeks to create synergy with the CARICOM Youth Development Goals, Caribbean Development Bank Youth Policy and Operational Strategy, and the UNFPA Youth Strategy, “My Body, My Life, My World!”

Small-Bartley underscored that the critical outcome of the Summit would be the design of an integrated Roadmap that identifies the strategies and actions to address regional and national issues associated with peace, security, and safety for

youth and generate positive social and gender norm changes to prevent violence.

Small-Bartley emphasised that the development of the Roadmap is based on the CARICOM Youth Development Action Plan (CYDAP), which aims to create a conducive environment for young people to build skills and resilience in the face of challenges related to gender-based violence, sexual and reproductive health, and mental health.

She highlighted that this is especially crucial because of the increased psychological and emotional health issues resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Small-Bartley also stressed the importance of preparing young people to thrive in a world that presents catastrophic challenges, where good decision-making, problem-solving, self-

regulatory, and management skills are essential.

She also cited a United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) study, which discovered that homicide was responsible for around 1 in 10 deaths among children and adolescents in the Region and is the leading cause of death among adolescents aged 10 to 19.

The study also indicated that the five countries with the highest homicide rates among children and adolescents worldwide are all located in Latin America and the Caribbean.

“The time to act is certainly NOW,” stated the Small-Bartley, “we hope that the Summit brings us one step closer to realising the Region’s vision of a secure, healthy and violence-free future for Caribbean youth”.

Embassy of Antigua and Barbuda

Statement by the President of the Permanent Council of the Organization of American States, Sir Ronald Sanders, Ambassador of Antigua and Barbuda, at the conclusion of a Special Meeting of the Permanent Council on Haiti on 17 November 2023

As we conclude today’s meeting, it is crucial that we reflect deeply on the continuing plight of the Haitian people.

Their suffering, tragically amplified by the dominance of armed gangs, is rooted in a history marred by oppression, exploitation, and a series of dictatorships.

The profound poverty and underdevelopment of Haiti are not just symptoms but also the root causes of the country’s enduring challenges. While re-establishing security is an imperative step towards restoring law and order, making the streets safer, and offering a semblance of normality, we must recognize that it is just the beginning.

The resolution of Haiti’s problems does not end with the disarmament of gangs; that is only a gateway to a much-needed, broader economic and social transformation. A vision for Haiti should extend far beyond recovering it from lawless gangs and declaring, “Mission accomplished”.

The Haitian people, who have endured so much suffering for so long, deserve a future that aligns with the basic tenets of a civilized and thriving society. They deserve the dignity of decent housing, the certainty of access to essential services like water and electricity - not as privileges, but as fundamental rights. They deserve opportunities for employment that offer both sustenance and a path to a dignified life.

Education, the bedrock of progress, must be accessible to all children in Haiti, providing them with the knowledge and

skills necessary to climb the ladder of success. Furthermore, it is our collective responsibility to ensure that the shadow of dictatorship and the blight of corruption are lifted from their lives.

The Haitian people deserve no less than the opportunity to thrive in their own country and in circumstances where their rights are protected, their voices are heard, and their dreams are attainable, and Haitian women deserve a life free of violence and rape.

Let us leave this meeting with an understanding that our work does not end here; but we must get the priorities right, spending our effort and other resources on an agenda that is helpful and meaningful.

We should all make a concerted effort to stand with the Haitian people to make Haiti the country they want for this generation; the next generation and the generations yet unborn.

CARIBBEAN AIRLINES’ CHAIRMAN EXPLORES STRATEGIC COLLABORATION WITH SAUDI’S AIR CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM

Port-of-Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, November 20, 2023. Caribbean Airlines Limited is pleased to announce that its Chairman, Mr. S. Ronnie Mohammed recently participated in the Prime Minister’s delegation to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. During this visit, Mr. Mohammed engaged in high-level discussions with Mr Rashed Alshammair- Vice President of Commercial from Saudi Arabia’s Air Connectivity Program (ACP) to explore areas of collaboration and cooperation between Caribbean Airlines and Saudi Arabia.

Established in 2021, the Saudi Air Connectivity Program aims to bolster tourism growth in Saudi Arabia by enhancing air connectivity and developing both existing and potential air routes. By working at the intersection of tourism and aviation, ACP plays a crucial role in realizing the National Tourism Strategy’s vision, positioning Saudi Arabia as a global leader in tourism air connectivity.

These strategic meetings align seamlessly with Caribbean Airlines’ ambitious 2023-2027 strategic plan, where network growth stands as one of the key pillars. Recognizing the importance of Saudi Arabia as a destination for the Muslim community in Trinidad and Tobago and the broader region, particularly for the Hajj and Umrah pilgrimages, Caribbean Airlines is eager to contribute to the facilitation of affordable and convenient travel.

During discussions, Mr. Mohammed in particular explored potential interline arrangements with Saudi Air and Riyadh Air, with the latter set to launch in 2024. This initiative forms a pivotal component of Caribbean Airlines’ growth strategy, emphasizing partnerships with airlines and stakeholders to extend its reach and enhance connectivity between Trinidad and Tobago, the Caribbean, and the global community.

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Hamas to Release Prisoners, Israel to Pause Fighting



Families and friends of about 240 hostages held by Hamas in Gaza call for Israeli to bring them home during a demonstration in Tel Aviv, Israel, Nov. 21, 2023.

GAZA/TEL AVIV, ISRAEL — Some hostages held by Hamas in the Gaza Strip following the militant group's attack last month on Israel could be released as early as Thursday, after an agreement announced by Qatar that includes Israeli forces pausing their attacks on Gaza for four days.

Qatar said Hamas would release 50 women and children, while Israel would also release "a number of Palestinian women

and children detained in Israeli prisons."

The agreement announced early Wednesday came after weeks of negotiations led by Qatar, the United States and Egypt, according to a senior U.S. administration official.

The U.S. official said the hostages released by Hamas were expected to include several Americans.

"I thank Sheikh Tamim bin

Hamad Al-Thani of Qatar and President Abdel-Fattah El-Sisi of Egypt for their critical leadership and partnership in reaching this deal," U.S. President Joe Biden said in a statement. "And I appreciate the commitment that Prime Minister Netanyahu and his government have made in supporting an extended pause to ensure this deal can be fully carried out and to ensure the provision of additional humanitarian assistance to alleviate the suffering of innocent Palestinian families in Gaza."

Israel began its military campaign to wipe out Hamas after Hamas fighters crossed into southern Israel on Oct. 7. Israel said 1,200 people were killed and some 240 captives taken in the terror attack. Gaza health officials say more than 12,000 Palestinians, including at least 5,000 children, have been confirmed killed in Israel's military offensive in the Gaza Strip.

The start of Israel's pause in fighting was due to be announced by early Thursday, and could be extended beyond the initial four-day period, Qatar said.

An Israeli government statement said an extra day would be added to the pause for every

additional 10 hostages Hamas releases.

The U.S. senior administration official said more than 50 women and children are among the hostages, and that ultimately the goal is to get all the hostages out of Gaza.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu vowed to bring back all of the hostages, while reiterating to Cabinet members that Israel's goal is to eliminate Hamas and ensure the militant group can no longer threaten Israel.

The Israeli pause in fighting will allow for more humanitarian convoys to bring aid into Gaza, including fuel for humanitarian efforts, Qatar said.

Levels of aid reaching Gaza have been severely limited compared to what was reaching the enclave before the conflict began.

The U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs said 79 trucks reached the Palestinian enclave on Tuesday, bringing the total during the past month to 1,399 truckloads of aid. The agency said an average of 10,000 truckloads of commercial and humanitarian commodities were reaching Gaza each month prior to the conflict.

The United Nations says more than 1.7 million people are displaced within Gaza, including 930,000 people staying at over-capacity U.N.-run shelters.

European Union foreign policy chief Josep Borrell welcomed the agreement and called for the release of all hostages held by Hamas.

"The humanitarian pause must be used to provide as much urgently needed aid as possible to the civilians enduring the devastating war in Gaza," Borrell said in a statement.

French Foreign Minister Catherine Colonna also welcomed the deal, telling France Inter radio that France hopes French nationals are among those released.

In Russia, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov called the deal the "first good news" in a long time regarding the conflict.

British Foreign Secretary David Cameron hailed the agreement as "a crucial step towards providing relief to the families of the hostages and addressing the humanitarian crisis in Gaza."

Some information for this report came from The Associated Press and Reuters.

Altman Back as OpenAI CEO Days After Being Fired

The ousted leader of ChatGPT-maker OpenAI is returning to the company that fired him late last week, culminating a days-long power struggle that shocked the tech industry and brought attention to the conflicts around how to safely build artificial intelligence.

San Francisco-based OpenAI said in a statement late Tuesday, "We have reached an agreement in principle for Sam Altman to return to OpenAI as CEO with a new initial board."

The board, which replaces the one that fired Altman on Friday, will be led by former Salesforce co-CEO Bret Taylor, who also chaired Twitter's board before its takeover by Elon Musk last year. The other members will be former U.S. Treasury Secretary Larry Summers and Quora CEO Adam D'Angelo.

OpenAI's previous board of directors, which included D'Angelo, had refused to give specific reasons for why it fired Altman, leading to a weekend of internal conflict at the company and growing outside pressure from the startup's investors.

The chaos also accentuated the differences between Altman — who's become the face of generative AI's rapid commercialization since ChatGPT's arrival a year ago — and members of the company's board who have expressed deep reservations about the safety risks posed by AI as it becomes more advanced.

Microsoft, which has invested billions of dollars in OpenAI and has rights to its current technology, quickly moved to hire Altman on Monday, as well as another co-founder and former president, Greg Brockman, who had quit in protest after Altman's removal.

That emboldened a threatened exodus of nearly all of the startup's 770 employees who signed a letter calling for the board's resignation and Altman's return.

One of the four board members who participated in Altman's ouster, OpenAI co-founder and chief scientist Ilya Sutskever, later expressed regret and joined the call for the board's resignation.

Microsoft in recent days had pledged

to welcome all employees who wanted to follow Altman and Brockman to a new AI research unit at the software giant. Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella also made clear in a series of interviews Monday that he was still open to the possibility of Altman returning to OpenAI, so long as the startup's governance problems are solved.

"We are encouraged by the changes to the OpenAI board," Nadella posted on X late Tuesday. "We believe this is a first essential step on a path to more stable, well-informed, and effective governance."

In his own post, Altman said that "with the new board and (with) Satya's support, I'm looking forward to returning to OpenAI, and building on our strong partnership with (Microsoft)."

Co-founded by Altman as a nonprofit with a mission to safely build so-called artificial general intelligence that outperforms humans and benefits humanity, OpenAI later became a for-profit business but one still run

by its nonprofit board of directors. It's not clear yet if the board's structure will change with its newly appointed members.

"We are collaborating to figure out the details," OpenAI posted on X. "Thank you so much for your patience through this."

Nadella said Brockman, who was OpenAI's board chairman until Altman's firing, will also have a key role to play in ensuring the group "continues to thrive and build on its mission."

Hours earlier, Brockman returned to social media as if it were business as usual, touting a feature called ChatGPT Voice that was rolling out to users.

"Give it a try — totally changes the ChatGPT experience," Brockman wrote, flagging a post from OpenAI's main X account that featured a demonstration of the technology and playfully winking at recent turmoil.

"It's been a long night for the team and we're hungry. How many 16-inch pizzas should I order for 778 people?" the person asks, using the number of people who

work at OpenAI. ChatGPT's synthetic voice responded by recommending around 195 pizzas, ensuring everyone gets three slices.

As for OpenAI's short-lived interim CEO Emmett Shear, the second interim CEO in the days since Altman's ouster, he posted on X that he was "deeply pleased by this result, after ~72 very intense hours of work."

"Coming into OpenAI, I wasn't sure what the right path would be," wrote Shear, the former head of Twitch. "This was the pathway that maximized safety alongside doing right by all stakeholders involved. I'm glad to have been a part of the solution."

SPORTS

Coach says BVI no longer 'whipping boys' after missing League B promotion

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

FOOTBALL

Dominica denied the BVI men's Football team its first promotion to the CONCACAF Nations League B division, after a 2-1 victory in a winner-takes-all encounter last Thursday at the A. O. Shirley Grounds.

The BVI—with a win and a loss—finished the league 1-2-1, gaining its first victory in regional competition in 19 years on Sept 9.

"We pushed them all the way, got back in the game at 1-1, tried to control the game a little bit more but we lost it," BVI coach Chris Kiwomya told Island Sun Sports. "We had five or six players missing who would have started the game and that was going to be a big ask, but the players on the pitch were excellent. They gave their all, everybody fought for the team."

Both teams played to a spirited

0-0, half with Dominica knocking on the door by getting five of its 10 corner kicks during three minutes of stoppage time with four of the kicks in succession. The BVI had only one corner in the game.

In the 52nd, forward Audel Lavelle got a pass off a corner and placed the ball to the right of BVI goalkeeper Daniel Gilford, for a 1-0 lead. Eight minutes later, BVI midfielder T'shame Gallimore scored off a Bill Green assist to knot the game at 1-1 in the 63rd. "I found myself high up on the pitch, that's why I made the run behind, then the ball came through to me and I knew once I got there, I could fake shot him, get inside and then open up my body and reverse it inside," he explained.

Dominica, who dominated the time of possession 56% to 44% and attempted 26 shots to the BVI's nine, got the winner in the 67th when defender Eustace Marshall scored from inside the 18 yard box.

"I don't think no words or statements can explain how I feel right now," first year Dominica head coach Ellington

Sabin who dropped on the ground after the final whistle said. "As you saw after the game, I was in tears—a very emotional moment for me—but I'm happy nonetheless. The game didn't go as planned like most things go, but we managed to pull out the victory and that's the most important part. We expected more goals."

Overall, Kiwomya said he couldn't ask anymore from the team. They didn't qualify to go up to Group B in this game, but should have beaten Dominica in their first encounter when they drew 1-1 and the same against the Turks and Caicos Islands in a 2-2 draw, with the opportunities that they had.

"It has been a brilliant run. When I came in two years ago, we hadn't won a competitive game. This year, we're on an unbeaten run, and the boys are showing progress," he noted. "But it's a lot of work to be done behind the scenes to help the team with the association in helping to prepare the team. The



BVI sub Levon Williams, left and Dominica's defender Jarvis Jumphreys, battle at the line as the referee looks at the play

association needs to help us a lot more in preparing for the game, because we played this game without preparing properly. I said to the boys, "I don't want anybody coming to the BVI now (thinking they're going to win) we're not the whipping boys no more—not with

me as manager."

He added: "You're gonna get a tough game. We're small islands, but we've got big hearts—that's what the players showed out there today. They're going to run every inch of the mile and on the pitch as well."

Lindsay wins 5th straight Half; Lim complete sweeps of longest races

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

HALF MARATHON

Katrina "Kat" Lindsay won her record 5th straight Deloitte-Ogier BVI Sunrise Half Marathon crown during Saturday's 18th edition, while David Lim became the first to sweep the BVI's longest races after winning the 33.4 miles Tortola Torture in April.

Lindsay had a time of 1 hr 39 minutes and 40 seconds in the race from the A. O. Shirley Grounds to Smugglers Cove, after eyeing 1:35. She told Island Sun sports that during a Friday night discussion with her sister, she discussed five things as her aim. These included winning a fifth straight race, finishing fourth overall and a 1:35 time.

"I started off really consistent and my pace was what I needed to be running and then in the middle, I was just kind of on my own," she noted. "There was headwind in some bits and I was struggling and I knew the 1:35 pace was gone. Coming towards

the West End Ferry Terminal, I was catching JJ (Jermaine Ricketts) and I was thinking, there's fourth place, so I'm happy."

While alone with no one around and falling off the 1:35 pace and she was struggling, suffering and it was tiring, she began talking to herself. She said that since she had a bit of a lead, she could slow down, but said no, as she was still trying to get the 1:35 and told herself to dig in, enjoy the scenery and you're feeling good.

"There were people driving by encouraging and that picks you up, so I kept going just to keep a pace," she said.

Winning five successive Half Marathons she said is maybe that's to say that she's been on the island long enough now to achieve this before anybody else has. "I enjoy the running and today wasn't quite the time I would have liked, but the course and the conditions, I think it was respectable," she told Island Sun Sports. "I've been working on a few different things with coach Willis (Todman) so thank you

to him as well, he's been helping me along the way and I feel strong because of that."

Lim said it was difficult but stayed steady from the start and was happy to cross the line first. "I went out, then Julius—he's a great, great runner—he caught me, he took it out and I just tried to stay steady and thought to myself, it's hot, it's humid, if I stay steady, there's a chance he'd come back to me and I'll pass him and that's how it played out, then just held on to the finish," Lim explained, noting around Steel Point was hard. "It crushed me. I think it crushes everyone. Just at the end of the race, you get this long hard climb and then steep descents. It was a matter of getting to the finish."

Farley, who ran 1:29.47, said it was a tough race and maybe he went out too fast and didn't pace the race the way he should have. "At the end of it, it was a good race and I must give it up to David. He ran a good race because I was leading for the first seven miles," Farley said. "He went



Caption: 5th successive title for Katrina "Kat" Lindsay, left; David Lim wins BVI's 2nd longest race

out the gate before me because I went to the bathroom and by time I returned, the race had already started, so for the first 500m he was ahead of me. Then I overtook him and carried on for the first seven miles. By then, I'd run out of a bit of gas, he overtook me and carried on for the rest of the race. He ran a good race."

Race Director Kay Reddy has run in all 18 Half Marathon and described

herself as 'the last man standing.' "For me, this year wasn't about the time," she said. "I didn't have enough training for that but it was to enjoy the course. We live in a beautiful country and it's a beautiful course. Just finishing on the beach, going straight into the sea and those waves giving a massage around your tight calves, you can't finish anywhere better in the world."

SPORTS



BVI fielded a different Starting XI vs Dominica than when they met in St. Lucia on Oct 12



Rebels (red) and Positive players in a 7-A-Side game on Saturday, in the return of Women's Football



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Source: www.eatingwell.com



top ten

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5. Guy Savoy, Paris, France	\$696
6. Restaurant De L'Hôtel De Ville, Crissier, Switzerland	\$458
7. Per Se, New York, U.S.	\$425
8. Kyoto Kitcho Arashiyama, Kyoto, Japan	\$373
9. Restaurant Le Meurice, Paris, France	\$315
10. Ithaa Undersea, Maldives	\$279

Source: GOBankingRates



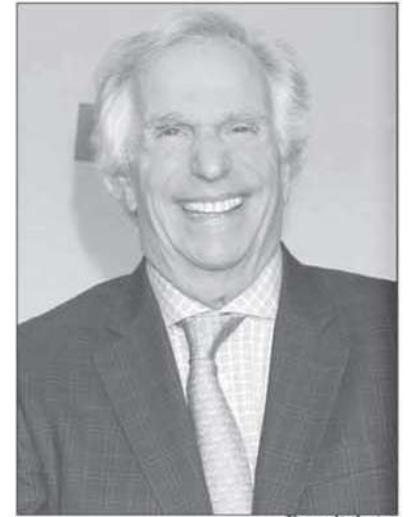


OCCUPYING THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING TODAY IS NOT THE SAME AS IT WAS IN THE '60s...



HOLLYWOOD

by Tony Rizzo



Actor Henry Winkler ("Happy Days")

seasons on CBS and one on NBC).

HOLLYWOOD — In his book "Being Henry: The Fonz ... and Beyond," Henry Winkler revealed, "Even in the midst of 'Happy Days,' at the height of my fame and success, I felt embarrassed, inadequate. ... At every reading, I would lose my place, or stumble. I would leave a word out, a line out. I was constantly failing to give the right cue line, which would then screw up the joke for the person doing the scene with me. Or I would be staring at a word, like 'invincible' and have no idea on earth how to pronounce it or even sound it out."

He continued, "Everybody in the cast was warm and supportive, but I constantly felt I was letting them down." It wasn't until Winkler was 31, years into his role in "Happy Days," that he was diagnosed with dyslexia. "All the misery I'd gone through had been for nothing," he explained. "All the yelling, all the humiliation, all the screaming arguments in my house as I was growing up — for nothing. ... It was genetic! ... and then I went from feeling this massive anger to fighting through it."

Winkler is not alone. Many well-known people like Steven Spielberg, Whoopi Goldberg, Jennifer Aniston, Richard Branson, Jay Leno, Danny Glover and Keira Knightley have dealt with dyslexia.

Michael Fishman, who portrayed D.J. Conner for 10 seasons of "Roseanne" and four seasons of "The Conners," was notified by showrunners that he wouldn't be returning for season five of "The Conners." He appeared in 36 episodes and directed five episodes as well. Fishman, 42, who is a father of two children, admitted, "I am excited for the opportunities coming in the next chapter of my career."

It's time to say goodbye to some longtime favorite shows: "The People's Court" (26 seasons); "Judge Mathis" (24 seasons); "Jay Leno's Garage" (seven seasons); "Yellowstone" (five seasons); "Barry" (four seasons); and "Magnum P.I." (four

The upcoming reboot of "Highlander" has been confirmed by Lionsgate. While "Highlander" has a huge fan base, it's a wonder that a reboot is happening. The 1986 film starred 28-year-old Christopher Lambert and Sean Connery, and it only grossed \$12.8 million with a \$19 million cost. "Highlander II: The Quickening" (1991) cost \$34 million and grossed \$15.6 million.

Adrian Paul also starred as Duncan MacLeod in a "Highlander" TV series from 1992-1998 and co-starred with Lambert in "Highlander: Endgame" (2000), which cost \$25 million and grossed \$15.8 million. In addition, Paul was in "Highlander: The Source" (2007), which cost \$13 million and only grossed \$213,205 worldwide.

Obviously, they made money from TV showings, but never as a big-screen attraction. Now the reboot with Henry Cavill is confirmed for next year. Cavill admitted that he wanted to make "Highlander" because he's been a fan since he was a "lad." Even though he's 38 (10 years older than Lambert was), he is Superman after all!

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Amber Waves

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TIGER

by BUD BLAKE



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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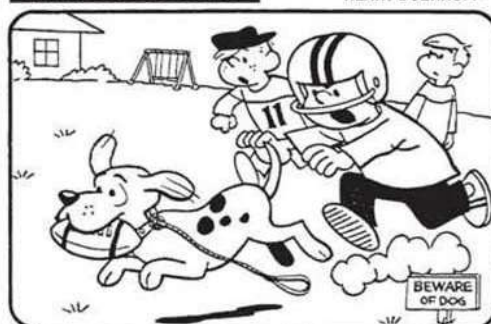
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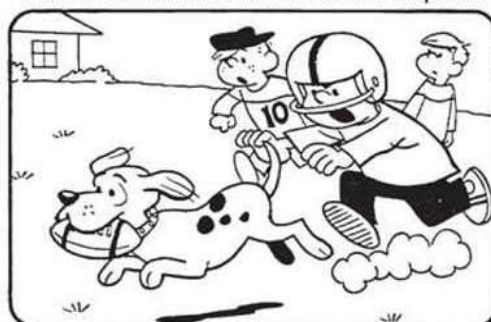
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Swing set is missing. 2. Dog's ear is different. 3. Number is different. 4. Leash is missing. 5. Helmet stripe is missing. 6. Sign is missing.

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Squid squirt
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- 14 Director Kazan
- 15 Get older
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- 20 Triage ctrs.
- 21 Calendar entry (Abbr.)
- 24 Smiles broadly
- 28 Flight costs
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- 33 Hosp. area
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- 25 Vicinity
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- 28 Staffer
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- 40 Owns
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- 47 Rubik's baffler
- 48 "Dream on!"
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- 50 Bonfire residue
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- 52 Bad hairpiece
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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: Who starred in the drama "Knight Rider"?
- U.S. STATES: What is the capital of Washington state?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: How long does the average housefly live?
- LITERATURE: Which mid-20th century novel about animals has the subtitle, "A Fairy Story"?
- SCIENCE: What is the softest mineral in the world?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which major river flows through London, England?
- MEDICAL: What is a common name for the condition veisalgia?
- MOVIES: In which movie did the actress Gal Gadot make her debut?
- HISTORY: Where was the first Disney park built?
- LANGUAGE: What is the British term for a flashlight?

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Solution time: 24 mins.

Answers

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TRIVIA TEST ANSWERS
1. David Hasselhoff; 2. Olympia; 3. 15-30 days; 4. "Animal Farm"; 5. Tale; 6. The River Thames; 7. Hangover; 8. "Fast & Furious" (2009); 9. Anaheim, California (1955); 10. Torch.

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



BIBLIE TRIVIA
by Wilson Casey

1. Who wrote in Ephesians 5:20, "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ"? *Matthew, Peter, Paul, Jude*

2. From Psalms 107:1 and 118:1, we should give thanks to the Lord, because He is ...? *Evermore, Good, Watching, Hopeful*

3. Which book of the Bible (KJV) mentions the word "thanksgiving" the most times at eight? *Genesis, Nehemiah, Psalms, Isaiah*

4. In 2 Timothy 3:1-2, what human qualities does Paul list as being signs of the last days? *Adulterers, Sun worshipers, Renegades, Unthankful people*

5. In Leviticus 22, a sacrifice of thanksgiving is most meaningful when it is ...? *Sincere, Often, At your own will, Extravagant*

6. Who were commanded in 1 Chronicles 16:4 to thank God? *Levites, Ammonites, Benjaminites, Danites*

ANSWERS: 1) Paul, 2) Good, 3) Psalms, 4) Unthankful people, 5) At your own will, 6) Levites

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

Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

• To visit every child in the world, Santa Claus would need to travel at 3,000 times the speed of sound. But who says he couldn't? Not us! He's Santa!

• If you were drafted during the American Civil War, you could legally pay someone \$300 (roughly equivalent to \$5,000 earned by an unskilled worker in 2018) to go in your place. The practice, known as commutation, was actually intended to raise money for the war effort.

• Need a morning pick-me-up? A cup of java is most effective if consumed between 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

• Six hundred Americans die each year from falling out of bed.

• A 99-year-old man divorced his 96-year-old wife after 77 years of wedlock when he discovered she'd had an affair in the 1940s.

• Elvis Presley failed a music class in high school.

• On average, people who complain live longer! Verbally releasing their grievances boosts their health by increasing their immunity. Of course, some of us may wish to keep that nugget of information to ourselves.

• Oxford University researchers discovered that people who opt for genetic research have a genetic predisposition to do so.

• George Washington stopped the Revolutionary War by ordering a ceasefire in order to return a lost terrier that belonged to British Gen. William Howe, via one of Washington's aides under a flag of truce, after having the dog fed, cleaned and brushed in Washington's own tent.

• Leo Fender, inventor of the Telecaster and Stratocaster guitars, could not actually play the instrument himself.

• Despite its nickname, Florida isn't the sunniest state. Arizona is.

Thought for the Day: "Success is peace of mind, which is a direct result of self-satisfaction in knowing you made the effort to become the best of which you are capable." — John Wooden

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers and sisters, to keep away from every believer who is idle and disruptive and does not live according to the teaching you received from us. 2 THESSALONIANS 3:6

Detail of "To the Front!" by Hu Yichuan (1932)

Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Restless Rams and Ewes might want to let others finish a current project so they can start something new. But if you do, you could risk losing out on a future opportunity.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The Bovine's creative forces start revving up as you plan for the upcoming holidays. Some practical aspects also emerge, especially where money is involved.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Moments of doubt disrupt your otherwise clear sense of purpose, but don't ignore them. They could be telling you not to rush into anything until you know more about it.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A planned trip might have to be delayed. Plan to use this new free time to update your skills and resume so that you'll be ready when a new job opportunity opens.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A flood of holiday party bids from business contacts allows you to mix work and pleasure. Your knowledge plus your Leonine charm win you a new slew of admirers.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) An unexpected act by a colleague complicates an agreement, causing delays in implementing it. Check out the motive for this move — it might not be what you suspect.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You might want to cut ties with an ingrate who seems to have forgotten your past generosity. But there might be a reason for this behavior that you should know about. Ask.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Be careful not to set things in stone. Much could happen during the next several days that will make you rethink some decisions and maybe change them.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your plans to help provide holiday cheer for the less fortunate inspire others to follow your generous example. Expect welcome news by week's end.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You're in your glory as you start planning for the holiday season ahead. But leave some time open to deal with a problem that needs a quick and fair resolution.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) The upcoming holiday season provides a perfect setting for strengthening relationships with kin and others. Meanwhile, a new contact has important information.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Instead of fretting over a cutting remark by a co-worker, chalk it up to an outburst of envy of your well-respected status, among both your colleagues and superiors.

BORN THIS WEEK: You instinctively know when to be serious and when to be humorous, which are attributes that everyone finds endearing.

celebrity extra

by Dana Jackson

Q. Someone told me that Brie Larson used to be a child actress. What was she in? — *L.J.*

A. Before she joined the Marvel Cinematic Universe, Brie Larson, at the age of 6, was the youngest student to ever attend the American Conservatory Theater in San Francisco. She went on to guest star on series like “Touched by an Angel” and “Popular” as well as movies like “13 Going on 30.” Her longest-running role as a child actress was as one of Bob Saget’s kids in the 2001 sitcom “Raising Dad.” Most notably, she won an Oscar for Best Actress for the 2015 film “Room.”

You can currently see Larson in “The Marvels,” out now in theaters, and also in the series “Lessons in Chemistry” on Apple TV+.

Q. What happened to Alex O’Loughlin? I loved him in “Hawaii Five-0,” but that’s been off the air for a couple of years now. I haven’t seen him in anything since. — *V.M.*

A. Alex O’Loughlin hasn’t acted in television since CBS’s “Hawaii Five-0” ended after 10 seasons in 2020. That’s quite a lengthy bout of continuous employment for an actor, so it’s possible O’Loughlin just wanted a break.

There’s also a chance that O’Loughlin, who is originally from Australia, could end up on the upcoming “NCIS: Sydney” series, which recently debuted on CBS. The cast for the first season has already been established, but in an interview with the new series’ creator, Morgan O’Neill, TVLine.com asked why O’Neill didn’t cast the seemingly available — and popular — O’Loughlin. “Look, we haven’t written off the possibility of him popping up,” replied O’Neill.

In “NCIS: Sydney,” the U.S. Agents team up with the Australian Federal Police in a “multinational task force to keep naval crimes in check in the most contested patch of ocean on the planet.” Despite being O’Loughlin-less, the cast looks stellar with Olivia Swann (“Legends of Tomorrow”) and Todd Lasance (“Spartacus: War of the Damned”) leading the pack.

“NCIS: Sydney” airs on Tuesdays at 8 p.m. ET on CBS.



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Actress Brie Larson (“Lessons in Chemistry”)

Q. I didn’t get a chance to see “Barbie” and “Oppenheimer” when those movies were out in theaters. When will they be released for streaming, and which services will stream them? — *E.E.*

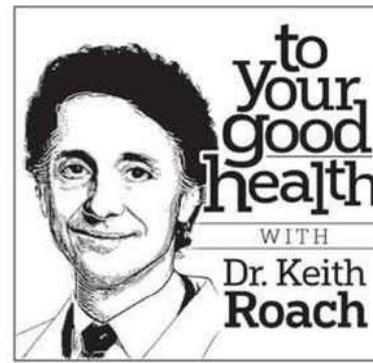
A. While “Barbie” generated more money at the box office than “Oppenheimer,” both were huge hits that gave a big boost to the suffering movie theater business after they lost so much money during the pandemic.

For those who missed either or both films this past summer, you won’t have to wait much longer before watching them at home. “Oppenheimer,” directed by Christopher Nolan and starring Cillian Murphy, will be released on DVD as well as digitally through Amazon Prime Video on Nov. 21.

“Barbie,” directed by Greta Gerwig and starring Margot Robbie, is already available to purchase and rent digitally through Prime Video, but at a hefty price. If you can wait a little longer, the movie will be available to stream on Max sometime this fall. (An official date hasn’t been announced yet.)

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

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Mail-Order Meds Lose Efficacy if They’re Not Stored Properly

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am concerned, and have been for some time, about whether my prescriptions that arrive by mail are compromised, since they sit in vehicles with the sun beating through the windows, heating them up.

Also, the plastic bottles in which the prescriptions are stored give off toxic emissions as they “broil” in the sun. The instructions that come with some of the meds warn about heat as well.

My pharmacist told me that heat does affect a medication’s effectiveness negatively. So, if this is true, millions of us are taking important medications that are basically not doing the job. After all, the meds that arrive at pharmacies come in hot vehicles, too. What’s your take? — *J.Z.*

ANSWER: All medicines should be stored in a cool, dark place, as direct sunlight and heat can damage their effectiveness. Studies have proven that medicines sent by mail order can indeed get out of their published temperature range. While this happens most often in mailboxes, I understand your point about medications “broiling” in hot temperatures during the shipment itself.

Liquid medicines, hormones and nitroglycerin are among the most sensitive. Medicines that need to be dosed exactly, such as transplant rejection medicines, biologicals, and seizure medicines, are also particularly likely to cause problems if they are damaged during shipping. Although some medicines are supposed to be shipped in packaging

Many states have requirements about customers using retail pharmacies. If that’s not the case for you, try to make sure that the medicine will be delivered when you are available to receive it.

If you have a temperature-sensitive medicine, such as the ones I mention above (you can ask your pharmacist about others), request that your mail-order pharmacy sends it in special packaging during warm weather. You might also consider having them shipped to a place where they will be put into a temperature-controlled environment right away.

DEAR DR. ROACH: Since I developed bronchiectasis, I have lost 15 pounds. I can’t seem to get an answer as to why this disease would result in weight loss. Can you shed any light on this? — *E.K.G.*

ANSWER: Bronchiectasis is a lung condition similar to chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). It develops after a lung infection occurs in a person who is at risk due to a number of possible underlying conditions.

Weight loss with chronic lung disease, like COPD and bronchiectasis, is common. There are many possible reasons. One is that breathing can be hard work! It takes extra energy (as much as 10 times more energy) to breathe with chronic lung disease. Some medications used for bronchiectasis promote weight loss, often through poor appetite. Bronchiectasis is an inflammatory condition, so this can also lead to appetite suppression.

Although many healthy people want to lose weight, losing weight with chronic lung disease is a bad sign and a reason to make some dietary changes. I’ve often advocated for nuts and nut butters; the healthy fat in them contains a lot of calories, and fat is easier on your lungs, since it makes less CO₂ than protein or carbohydrates. You also need to maintain muscle strength.

Finally, a new serious diagnosis always leads to a change in how we think of our bodies, so depression (which often exacerbates weight loss) is not uncommon. Your doctor or a mental health professional can help.

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



GUATEMALA: LESSONS IN THE FIGHT FOR DEMOCRATIC INTEGRITY

By Sir Ronald Sanders
(The writer is Antigua and Barbuda's Ambassador to the United States and the Organization of American States)

It was a prophesy foretold - the eruption of violence in the face of attempts to disqualify from office a President and his party who were elected by the overwhelming majority of the electorate in Guatemala.

In the early hours of Thursday, November 16 (Eastern Standard Time), clashes between demonstrators and police erupted in Guatemala City, the Capital of the Central American state of Guatemala, as stones were hurled at politicians leaving the National Congress.

The demonstrators, likely supporters of the Semilla Party of Bernardo Arévalo, who was elected as President of the country with over 61 per cent of the vote, were provoked by several actions by the Attorney General and the Public Ministry to overturn the popular will of the people, as expressed at the ballot box.

Space was created for controversial actions because there is a waiting period between the election of the President and his installation. Arévalo was elected in run-off elections on August 20, 2023, but cannot be installed until January 14, 2024.

The executive of the Guatemala government, including the sitting President, Alejandro Giammattei, claim that the Attorney General, María Consuelo Porras, and the Office of the Public Prosecutor, are "independent offices", free to act in their own judgement without interference. However, from the outset of Arévalo's election, the Public Ministry has taken several steps to disqualify Arévalo and the Semilla Party.

On 16 November, the Public Ministry announced that it will seek the withdrawal of immunity of Arévalo and his Vice President-elect, Karin Herrera. Both were subsequently named in an indictment for allegedly making social media posts that encouraged students to take over a public university more than a year ago.

The meeting of the National Congress on 15 November, consisting mostly of representatives of parties that failed to

be elected in the July 2023 elections, appeared to set up the mechanism for what could be a prejudiced court by packing the supreme court with their own nominees.

Additionally, the National Civil Police and the Public Ministry carried out a raid on 31 properties in Guatemala City and other departments in search of individuals for whom arrest warrants have been issued for various crimes, including sedition and terrorism. Many have already been taken into custody. University students and professors, as well as a young former Semilla party candidate for congress, Marcela Blanco, are among those that will be charged with sedition.

For over a year, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights has been drawing attention "to the actions of the Public Prosecutor's Office that jeopardize the constitutional order and the independence of the branches of government".

On October 4, 2023, in an unequivocal statement, the IACHR noted that there is "continual interference in the electoral process in the form of interpretations of regulations and practices that effectively prevented individuals and political parties from taking part in the elections". It also stated its concerns about the attempt to suspend the registration of the Semilla Party, as a legal entity, to prevent its members from being awarded public positions.

All these concerns have now come to pass, despite the best efforts of the member states of the Organization of American States (OAS) and its Secretary-General, Luis Almagro.

On September 1, 2023, the Permanent Council of the OAS adopted a resolution to support an orderly transition of power in Guatemala. Almagro and his team undertook several visits to Guatemala, engaging with all parties, to try to ensure a smooth transition. But while he pointed to the dedication of representatives of Giammattei and Arévalo to achieve the handover of office on January 14, 2024, he criticised several actions of the Public Ministry. These included: raids on the offices of the Supreme Electoral Tribunal at which ballot boxes were confiscated. He described these actions as "a serious violation and deviation



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from representative democracy and the electoral procedure", stating that "they have harmed the political will, the chain of custody, and the right that is protected in the Political Constitution of Guatemala".

The majority of member states of the OAS shared Almagro's anxieties over events in Guatemala. Many representatives felt that the Public Ministry had resorted to "lawfare". Lawfare is the use of legal systems and institutions to damage or delegitimize an opponent, or to deter an individual's usage of their legal rights. It can also be a tactic used by repressive regimes to label and discourage civil society or individuals from claiming their legal rights via national or international legal systems.

Altogether, the OAS Permanent Council met seven times to discuss the situation in Guatemala. On each occasion, the Council listened to the positions of the Guatemala delegation, and even agreed to defer consideration of a Resolution at Guatemala's request. However, the Council consistently expressed alarm at the actions by the Public Ministry which were seen as potentially undermining the rule of law in an effort to overturn the will of the electorate in Guatemala.

At a Council meeting on 15 November 2023, under my chairmanship, 20 countries voted in favour of a Resolution calling upon "all institutions of the State of Guatemala, including the executive, judicial and legislative branches, as well as the Public Prosecutor's Office [-] to stop or prevent, as appropriate, any act of intimidation of electoral officials, the Movimiento Semilla party, and those who have been elected". Only Guatemala voted against, 8 countries abstained, and 4 delegations were absent.

Regrettably, disregarding all the cautions of the IACHR and the OAS member states, and the efforts of the Secretary-General, the Public Ministry has continued its actions to manipulate the law for a political objective - to overturn the will of the electorate, and to stop the installation of Arévalo as President of Guatemala. However, if there is continued violation of the law, including arresting and disqualifying the elected President of Guatemala, the consequences could be grave indeed. Every support will be given to all the branches of the government in Guatemala to take the actions necessary for respecting and upholding the electoral result. They should move to do so swiftly in the interest of maintaining democracy, the rule of law and peaceful development.



PUBLIC NOTICES

**NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES
ACT**

**SOMA BAYVIEW
HOLDINGS INC.**
("the Company")

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 16th 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
[27/1]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

Fluxus Holding Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2100736

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from November 16, 2023.
Dated: November 17, 2023
(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean
Voluntary Liquidator
[27/2]

**NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
METROSCALE LIMITED**
("the Company")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 16th 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
[27/3]

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

Foresight Plus Corporation
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 16th day of November, 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register
The Liquidator is:-
Wayne S. Francis
of c/o Sertus Chambers,
P.O. Box 905, Quastisky Building,
Road Town,
Tortola VG 1110,
British Virgin Islands [27/4]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act. 2004
AIWOW Ltd.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2068809

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

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act. 2004
Agkura Technology Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2019165

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 20th November, 2023.
Dated: 20th day of November 2023
(Sgd.) Philippa V O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator
[27/6]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.
XEREX HOLDINGS LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on November 16th, 2023. The Joint Liquidators are **Michele Hibbert with address at Sea Cow's Bay, Tortola, British Virgin Islands and Saajid Jasat Bhana with address at Obarrio, Calle 59, Casa 5, Apartado 0816-04554 Ciudad de Panamá, República de Panamá.**
Dated: November 16, 2023.
(Sgd.) Michele Hibbert and Saajid Jasat Bhana
Joint Voluntary Liquidators
[27/7]

*(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1007254*
Cascade Global Investment Ltd.

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, Subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from the 17th day of November, 2023.
Dated this 20th day of November, 2023
Sgd. Brian Jackson
Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[27/8]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.
IMC Apex Holding Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2089361

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 17th November 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: 17th November 2023
(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator [27/9]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.
TAO HAO Investment Company Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2089354

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 17th November 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: 17th November 2023
(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator [27/10]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.
IBL Development Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2091269

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 17th November 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: 17th November 2023.
(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator [27/11]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.
ENKO INVESTMENT LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1417745

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 16th November 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: 16th November 2023.
(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator [27/12]

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

ABAKUS GLOBAL SERVICES LTD.

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company No. 648646
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 20th 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 20th day of November 2023
(Sgd) Myron Walwyn
Voluntary Liquidator [27/13]

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

Barker Group Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1514289

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 20th, 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands**
Dated: November 20th, 2023
(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean
Voluntary Liquidator [27/14]

**APPOINTMENT
MAX INSIGHT CAPITAL LIMITED**
("the Company")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2113912

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **Max Insight Capital Limited** is in voluntary liquidation. The date of commencement of liquidation is 15th November 2023. The liquidator is **Carmine Bailey of Kendall Corporate Services Limited, 87 Main Street, Waterfront Drive, P.O. Box 3169; PMB 425, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated 20th November 2023
Carmine Bailey
Voluntary Liquidator [27/15]

**APPOINTMENT
SANFONE CAPITAL LIMITED**
("the Company")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2112202

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **Sanfone Capital Limited** is in voluntary liquidation. The date of commencement of liquidation is 15th November 2023. The liquidator is **Carmine Bailey of Kendall Corporate Services Limited, 87 Main Street, Waterfront Drive, P.O. Box 3169; PMB 425, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated 20th November 2023
Carmine Bailey
[27/16]

**APPOINTMENT
SCANBYTE HOLDINGS LIMITED**
("the Company")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1678310

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **Scanbyte Holdings Limited** is in voluntary liquidation. The date of commencement of liquidation is 17th November 2023. The liquidator is **Carmine Bailey of Kendall Corporate Services Limited, 2nd Floor Abbott Building, 87 Main Street, Waterfront Drive, P.O. Box 3169; PMB425, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated 20th November 2023
Carmine Bailey
Voluntary Liquidator [27/17]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

Sciencetech Marine Technology Co., Ltd
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2034526

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from November 17, 2023.
Dated: November 20, 2023
(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean
Voluntary Liquidator [27/18]

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

Orbis Asset Management Corporation
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number: 1038196

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 8 November 2023. The Liquidator is **Rachael Pape of Conyers Dill & Pearman, Commerce House, Wickhams Cay 1, P.O. Box 3140, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: 9 November 2023
Rachael Pape
As Liquidator
[27/19]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.
Everest Investment No.8 Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2067268

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 20th November 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: 20th November 2023.
(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator [27/20]

PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004
AMINO GLOBAL LIMITED
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 424885
 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 20th November 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, Blackburne Highway (P.O. Box 116) Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
 Dated: 20th November 2023
(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [27/21]

STRUCK OFF DIRECTFIELD LTD.
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 515421
 NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection (1) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from the 20th day of November 2023.
 Dated 21st November 2023
Sgd. Nelcia St. Jean
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [27/22]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004
Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc.
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 1417826
 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 21st day of November, 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa V. O' Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
 Dated: 21st day of November 2023
(Sgd.) Philippa V O'Sullivan
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [27/23]

Westchester Investment Holdings Limited
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company Number 438613
 NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, Subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from the 20th day of November, 2023.
 Dated this 20th day of November, 2023
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [27/24]

FORM "A" "NEW"
 To: The Licensing Magistrate
 And
 The Officer in Charge of Police
I, MACGARVEY AND ARLENE-THOMPSON dba MAC'S RESTAURANT -now residing at **TRUNK BAY, 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 **RESTAURANT Licence** to sell intoxicating liquor at my premises situated at **BUILDING 16, TORTOLA PIER PARK, BVI, in the territory of the Virgin Islands** and registered **Parcel Number 120/1 of Block 2937B of the ROAD TOWN, Registration Section in the Land Registry of the Virgin Island**
 Dated-~~this~~-21st-day-of November, 2023.
Signed M. Thompson & A. Thompson
 [28]

ISUCCESS LIMITED
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company Number 371852
 NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, Subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from the 20th day of November, 2023.
 Dated this 21st day of November, 2023
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [27/25]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004
Sungent BioVenture II Limited
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 1992816
 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 20th November 2023.
 Dated: 20th November 2023
(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [27/26]

FORM "A" "NEW"
 To: The Licensing Magistrate
 And
 The Officer in Charge of Police
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
 [27]

FORM "A" "NEW"
 To: The Licensing Magistrate
 And
 The Officer in Charge of Police
I / W e - M I C H E L C O N S E I L L A N T - d b a TIDODOU 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]

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE VIRGIN ISLANDS PROBATE DIVISION
 BVIHPB No. 2023/0250
IN THE ESTATE OF ROQUELINA RAFAELA FRANCIS, ALSO KNOWN AS ROQUELINA FRANCIS, LATE OF PURCELL ESTATE, TORTOLA, BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS, DECEASED
 TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **NAOMI ELIZABETH JOAQUIN TORRES, of Purcell Estate, Tortola, Virgin Islands, NOEMI JOAQUIN TORRES, of Purcell Estate, Tortola, Virgin Islands, and NOAMI WELLS (nee JOAQUIN TORRES), of Pockwood Pond, Tortola, Virgin Islands** for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicants, who are the daughters of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 30th day of July, 2023 at Dr. D. Orlando Smith Hospital, Road Town, Tortola, Virgin Islands.
 Any person having an objection to the Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.
 Dated this 13th day of November, 2023.
 Filed by **N. R Samuel & Co, Solicitors for the Administrator** whose address for service is 3rd Floor, Chevelle Center, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.
 [28]

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
 [27]

PUBLIC NOTICES

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

CLAIM NO. BVIHPB2023/

IN THE ESTATE OF ANDREW ROBERT COPELAND LATE, OF FLAT 10, CLEARWATER HOUSE, BROCKWELL AVENUE, BECKENHAM, KENT, BR3 3GD, UNITED KINGDOM, 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 Grant of Letters of Administration of the Estate of Andrew Robert Copeland Late, of Flat 10, Clearwater House, Brockwell Avenue, Beckenham, Kent, BR3 3GD, United Kingdom granted by the High Court of Justice, Principal Registry of the Family Division, of the United Kingdom on the 21 day December 2021. Dated this 17 day of November 2023

Filed by: **Vistra Legal (BVI) Limited**
Legal Practitioners for the Applicant

[28]

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

BVIHPB2023/0230

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 [27]

FORM "A" "NEW"

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 Island**

Dated this 2nd day of November, 2023.

Signed Verna Malone

[27]

FORM "A" "NEW"

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 **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]

**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 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
[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 ISLANDS, 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.

[27]

PUBLIC NOTICES



Lands and Survey Department
70, Road Town
Tortola, Virgin Islands

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	3139B	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



[27]

FORM "A"

"NEW"

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]

FORM "A"

"NEW"

To: The Licensing Magistrate
And

The Officer in Charge of Police
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*

[27]

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 Setia-bakti 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.

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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

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number: 2067012
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204(1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 22 November 2023. The Joint Liquidators are **Anton Goldstein and Rachael Pape of Conyers Dill & Pearman, Commerce House, Wickhams Cay I, P.O. Box 3140, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: 22 November 2023
Rachael Pape
For and on behalf of Anton Goldstein and Rachael Pape
As Joint Liquidators
[27/27]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

DEARHAM INVESTMENTS CORP.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 264688
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from November 21, 2023.
Dated: November 23, 2023
(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean
Voluntary Liquidator
[27/28]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
Re-search Technology Group Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2107311
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from November 22, 2023.
Dated: November 23, 2023
(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean
Voluntary Liquidator
[27/29]

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

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company No. 1813140
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 22nd 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 22nd November 2023
(Sgd) Myron Walwyn
Voluntary Liquidator
[27/30]

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

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company No. 1774054
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 22nd 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 22nd November 2023
(Sgd) Myron Walwyn
Voluntary Liquidator [27/31]

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

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company No. 2073135
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 21st 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 21st day of November 2023
(Sgd) Myron Walwyn
Voluntary Liquidator [27/32]

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

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company No. 167007
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 22nd 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 22nd November 2023
(Sgd) Myron Walwyn
Voluntary Liquidator
[27/33]

FORM "A"

To: The Licensing Magistrate
And

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 Island**

Dated this 14th day of November, 2023.

Signed Robert C. Winter/ Robert Swain Jr.

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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

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

CLAIM NUMBER BVIHPB 2023/0243

**In the Estate of Soraya Amedee, late of the Valley,
Virgin Gorda, British Virgin Islands, deceased**

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **BERTHELINA AMEDEE HENRY** of The Valley, Virgin Gorda, British Virgin Islands for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicant who is the mother of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 18th July 2022.

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

Dated this 9th day of November, 2023.

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

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BVIPA Celebrates Explora 1's First Visit

22nd November 2023— On November 21, 2023, the British Virgin Islands Ports Authority (BVIPA), in collaboration with the British Virgin Islands Tourist Board (BVITB) and local ship agent Island Shipping Trading Co. Ltd., commemorated the inaugural arrival of the Explora 1 with a special plaque exchange ceremony. This noteworthy event took place while the ship was anchored near Spanish Town, Virgin Gorda, with Captain Diego Michelozzi. The ceremony not only symbolized the seamless integration of luxury and responsibility within the MSC Cruises group but also marked the introduction of Explora 1, a privately owned luxury travel brand operating under the name of MSC Explora Journeys, to the Territory.



*BVI Delegation and Captain Diego Michelozzi
(Photo Credits: BVIPA)*



*Explora 1 anchored in St. Thomas Bay, Virgin Gorda
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- Before using your LPG cylinder, check the valve and other joints to make sure there is no leakage
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- Install cylinder at ground level on flat surface
- Replace rusty cylinders
- Keep cylinder away from electrical sources, air conditioners and switch boxes
- Ensure regulators to be used on cylinder are the same diameter as the cylinder valve
- Check your lines once a year, many leaks are due to corrosion



DON'TS

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



IMPORTANT NOTE IN CASE OF LEAKAGE

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



A message from the Department of Disaster Management and Sol

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“Night Of Performance” Honours Ten Virgin Islands Heroes

Director of Culture, Dr. Katherine Smith has lauded the “Remember My Name” performing arts production that honoured ten Virgin Islands heroes as a major success.

Dr. Smith said the performance made an earnest call for Virgin Islanders to reflect on the significant contributions made by the ten recently designated heroes and their altruistic efforts towards advancing the socio-economic and political interests of the Territory.

Dr. Smith said, “One of the oldest and most enduring ways we can tell our Virgin Islands story is through performance. We must keep sharing our stories amongst each other, and to the world. The production of “Remember My Name” was a lovely mixture of theatre, poetry, dance and visual arts. Congratulations to our talented professionals in the area of the performing arts, who worked to produce this enjoyable evening.”

The ten distinguished Virgin Islanders who received this venerated honour are Mr. Shelly Martin; Ms. Perreen Georges; Mr. Augustus McCleverty; Mr. Obadiah Dawson; Mr. Henry Garnet; Mr. Theodolph Faulkner; Mr. Isaac Glanville Fonseca; Mr. Carlton de Castro; Mr. H. Lavity Stoutt; and Mr. Noel Lloyd. Each of the honourees’ heroic stories was depicted through monologues, choreographed dances, poetry and drama,

which focused on the prevailing social ills and historical contexts, and how each hero sought to overcome issues that negatively affected the Virgin Islands community.

The night of performance also emphasised how their distinguished service has laid the groundwork for a more prosperous, stable and cohesive contemporary Virgin Islands society.

The performers included Errol

Percival, the Junior Heritage Dancers whose performance was choreographed by Heather

Butcher, Rochelle Smith, Adagio Dancers who performed an item choreographed by Sasha Creque. Visual artist Via Donovan portrayed the 1853 Cattle Tax riot led by Shelly Martin with an action painting.

Artistic Director Ms. Janice George-Harris expressed that she was especially proud of the student performers, who celebrated the contributions of the Virgin Islands National Heroes.

Ms. George-Harris stated, “I am greatly humbled as the artistic director for the “Remember My Name” performance to be able to recount the deeds of the Virgin Islands heroes and historical events that have



helped to shape the Virgin Islands. I am especially proud of all of the students who participated in the production. May we all remember the names and deeds of our national heroes.”

The night of performance ended with the audience

being asked to join the performers in repeating the names of the Virgin Islands heroes to contemplate, reflect and honour those who were bestowed this designation.

This year’s Culture and Tourism Month, is being observed under the theme,

“Our Virgin Islands, Our Story: Tell Your Story”. The Government of the Virgin Islands’ vision is a Territory where residents feel a sense of belonging and pride, and actively participate in cultural activities that reflect their heritage and ultimately enrich their lives.

Community Urged To Prevent Antimicrobial Resistance

Chief of Drugs and Pharmaceutical Services, Mrs. Gracia Wheatley-Smith has called on residents to do their part to prevent antimicrobial resistance (AMR).

This call comes as the Territory observes World Antimicrobial Awareness Week, from November 24 to 30 under the theme, "Preventing Antimicrobial Resistance Together."

Mrs. Wheatley-Smith said if the community and the world do not play their part in reducing resistance to antimicrobials, operations such as open heart surgery, appendectomy or, cesarean sections, where surgical prophylaxis is required will no longer be possible.

Mrs. Smith said, "Infections such as pneumonia, tuberculosis, blood poisoning, sexually transmitted diseases, food borne diseases and many others will become harder to treat and therefore threaten person's health and wellbeing."

The Chief of Drugs cautioned that lives would be lost due to inability to treat mild infections or prevent infections from occurring such as in surgical procedures. She added that if the increasing rate of AMR if not reduced it will threatening our very existence.

Antimicrobial resistance or AMR happens when bacteria, parasites, fungi and viruses are no longer impacted by the medicines people take.

"When we do not use the right antibiotic or antiviral in the right way, for the right duration of time the bacteria, viruses, fungi and parasites adapt to the environment where the organism is not affected by the medicine," Mrs. Wheatley-Smith said. She added, "As a result, they no longer respond to medicines, making infections harder to treat and increasing the risk of disease spread, severe illness and death."

Persons can do their part to reduce AMR by avoiding infection, covering coughs and sneezes, washing hands frequently, cleaning and sanitising surfaces and cutting boards, and reducing the use of anti-bacteria products. Patients are also encouraged to visit their doctor should they have an infection so that it can be properly diagnosed and the right antimicrobial prescribed.

Persons are also advised to fill their prescriptions at a reputable pharmacy, avoid sharing medication, use prescription medications as prescribed for the duration of the prescription

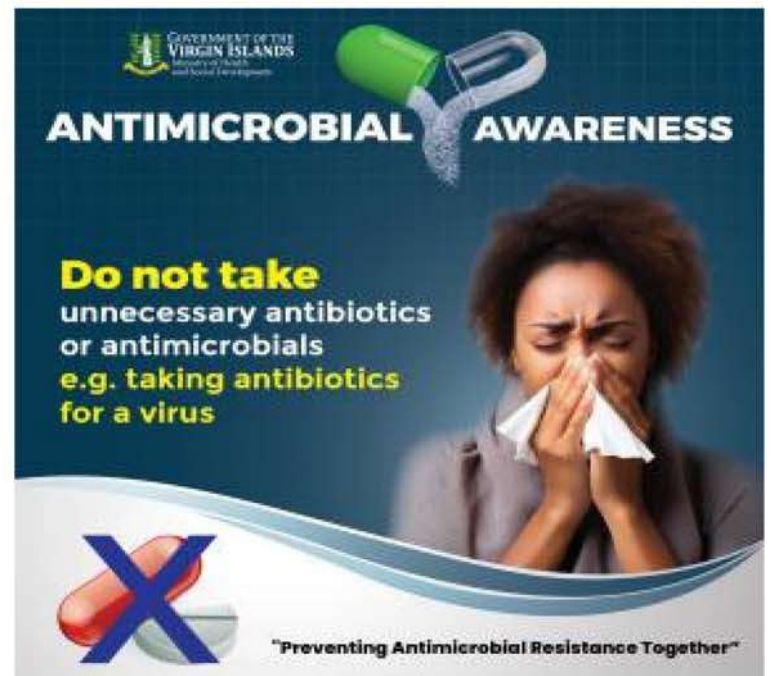
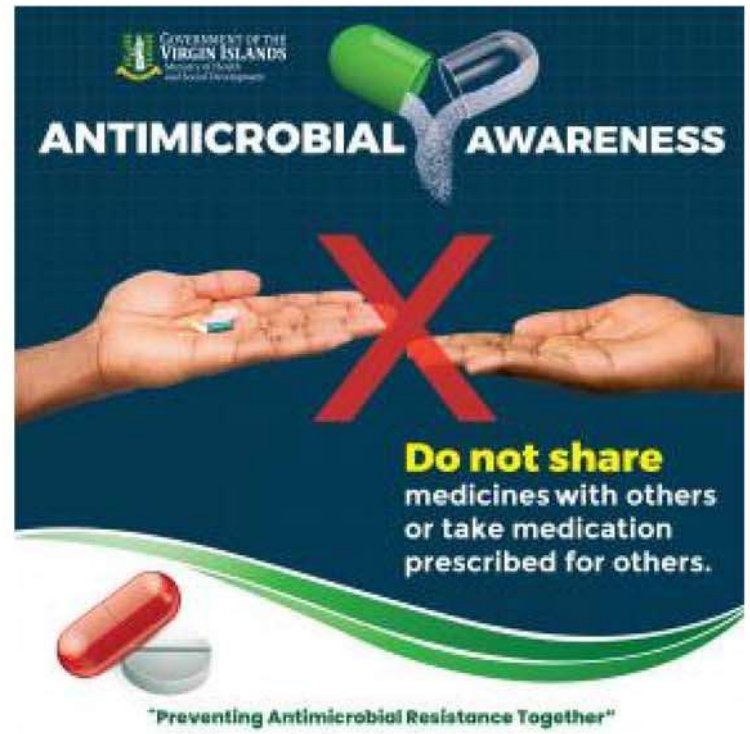
and by not taking medications that are not prescribed to them.

Mrs. Wheatley-Smith is cautioning pet owners about the use of antimicrobials as these animals can develop antimicrobial resistance and transfer this resistance to their owners. The Chief of Drugs is advising owners to use gloves when administering medications to their pets to prevent cross contamination. Pet owners are also to ensure that their medicines are prescribed by a veterinarian.

Antibiotics and antimicrobials are 'prescribed only medicines' and should not be dispensed without a prescription. Containing and reducing the rate of spread of AMR is everyone's business as an increase in its resistance will affect everyone including adult, children and pets.

Persons who are interested in learning more about antimicrobial resistance are invited to contact the Office of the Chief of Drugs at 468-9850.

The Ministry of Health and Social Development is committed to improving the health of the people of the Virgin Islands.



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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]

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. [s27]

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 [s27]

Century House Montessori School is seeking a full time Assistant Teacher to work with children aged 18 months to 12 years. The successful candidate would ideally possess a Montessori Early Childhood certification, First Aid Training and have experience working in the Montessori classroom. We are seeking a reliable, energetic person who has a passion for working with children and enjoys being part of a team. Please send resume/CV and two current references to office@montessoribvi.com or call 284 542 6731. BVI Islanders or Belongers preferred. [s28]

Quito's Ltd is seeking new staff for the following positions a Full Time with a minimum of 5 years' experience Restaurant Manager, Two Full Time servers, a Beach Attendant and full time Dishwasher, prior experience preferred. The applicant should have a positive attitude, excellent communication skills, must be mature & a team player. For consideration, please, submit resumes by email to: quitosltd@gmail.com. BVI Islander & Belongers preferred. [s28]

Kel's Sky lounge is seeking Cook, prep Cook, Bartender, Barmaid and waitress for full time Bar & Restaurant please contact me Ms. Kelly Edwards at 1-284-346-1662. Email: Kelskylounge@hotmail.com/glenroymaloney03@gmail.com [s28]

Job Posting - Junior Accountant
MWM Global Holdings Limited seeks Junior Accountant
Roles and Responsibilities
 Analyze balance sheets, manage general ledger accounts
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 Assist with various projects and other duties as assigned
Qualifications and Experience:
 Accounting Degree is mandatory
 Minimum 1 year Auditing and Accounting experience
 Can do approach and with the ability to multi-task
 Excellent communicator
 Organized and self-driven with an attention to detail
 Must have previous working knowledge of Microsoft Office Suite, QuickBooks or equivalent software
Please email resumé to lleung@mwmglobalhld.com. BVI Belongers Preferred [s28]

DIAMOND-BEAUTY SALON has a vacancy for one full time HAIR DRESSER Please-send-resume to line_ram@gmail.com. Salary-commensurate with qualifications and experience.-for-more information please call 346-7643 [s28]

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