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OPPOSITION LEADER SAYS CRIME ESCALATION IS LINKED TO WEAK ECONOMY: PREMIER DISAGREES

Premier Dr. the Hon. Natalio Wheatley has fired back at the Leader of the Opposition's assertion that the rise in crime escalation is linked to the economy not being as robust as it should be. In his rebuttal of the comment, the BVI Leader dismissed the Opposition's stance as self-serving and fraught with danger. Speaking on the matter during a recent interview on The Big Story on JTV on 30 October, Hon. Wheatley refuted the Opposition's accusations that the government bears some responsibility for the escalating the crime rate in the British Virgin Islands.

WHAT THE OPPOSITION SAID

While speaking at a press conference convened at the Office of the House

of Assembly Conference Room on 26 October, Leader of the Opposition Hon. Ronnie Skelton expressed his concerns about the rising levels of crime; and emphasized the Opposition's profound apprehension.

The Leader of the Opposition disclosed that the Opposition had engaged in discussions with Police Commissioner Mark Collins to address this matter and quoted statistics on murder rates and the recent surge in burglaries. Hon. Skelton then ventured into discussing the link between unemployment and crime.

Hon. Skelton said that some crime is linked to unemployment in the Territory. "Some of it, not all of it. It is important for us to start finding

ways when our economy is sluggish, the private sector is not moving, for the government... to get people back to work at [getting] the economy moving," the Leader of the Opposition said.

While further making his point Hon. Skelton highlighted the financial strain experienced by the masses. He acknowledged the high cost of living and the challenges faced by individuals in affording necessities such as food and housing.

PREMIER'S DISAGREEMENT

However, Premier Wheatley countered these assessments by expressing concern about what he described as the dangerous idea that crime was solely a consequence of economic hardship. To make this point Hon.



Hon. Ronnie Skelton

Wheatley highlighted hardworking members of the community who did not resort to criminal activities even in challenging economic circumstances.

Premier Wheatley further argued that crime ultimately boiled down to

personal choices, noting instances of employed individuals who still chose criminal paths in pursuit of quick and easy gains. He cited examples of individuals who had successfully rehabilitated themselves after serving

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successfully rehabilitated themselves after serving prison sentences, such as Mr. Ramon George, a talented musician who had become a productive member of society, working as a boat captain.

Addressing the broader

challenges faced by the community, Premier Wheatley acknowledged the compounding issues, including climate disasters, the aftermath of the pandemic, and the impact of the Commission of Inquiry (CoI). He assured the people

of the Virgin Islands that the government was diligently working to tackle these challenges and promised to unveil plans and initiatives in the upcoming Budget Speech to address these pressing concerns.”

OPPOSITION PRESENTS 120 QUESTIONS AND STAGE WALKOUT AFTER Q&A POSTPONEMENT

In a dramatic turn of events on 31 October, members of the Opposition staged a walkout from the House of Assembly. Their protest was triggered by the decision of Premier Natalio Wheatley’s government to postpone the scheduled question-and-answer segment during the sitting.

The questions and answer

segment is an anticipated information-sharing aspect of the House of Assembly sittings, during which the Opposition members pose questions to the government. While drawing attention to the Opposition’s dissatisfaction about the change in the Order Paper, Leader of the Opposition Hon. Ronnie Skelton

expressed his frustration, highlighting that the practice of delaying the questions has become all too common under the Wheatley administration.

The Opposition Leader minced no words, stating, “Obviously, the Premier and the government don’t have any respect for the Opposition because this

is the second or third time the only matter on the order paper is questions for the Opposition, and it’s being shoved to the end of the session. I think this is disrespectful, and it needs to stop today.”

Premier Wheatley responded swiftly, asserting that the delay in addressing questions was not indicative of a lack of respect. He reasoned that the sheer volume of questions from the opposition, approximately 120 in total, had placed an undue burden on public officers, forcing them to work overtime to gather the necessary information.

In a fiery sequel, Sixth District Representative Hon. Myron Walwyn raised an intriguing counterpoint. He suggested that it might be government legislators who were overwhelming public officers. Walwyn pointed out that the House had spent a significant portion of the morning listening to the Premier read eight statements, each lasting 15 minutes, along with statements from other

government members. He argued that these lengthy statements, drafted by the same civil servants tasked with answering opposition questions, could be better disseminated to the media outside of the House of Assembly.

Hon. Walwyn emphasized that the question-and-answer segment represented the sole opportunity for Opposition members to engage with the government and seek answers on behalf of their constituents.

The matter was put to a vote, resulting in a seven-to-six majority in favor of altering the order paper and pushing the questions to the end of the session. Following this decision, Opposition members left the House in protest, leaving behind some government members who were seen laughing at the spectacle.

The ongoing House session continued with only government legislators present, leaving many questions unanswered and tensions simmering.”

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DEPUTY PREMIER DEFENDS TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF TRADE COMMISSION ACT

During the House of Assembly sitting on 31 October, Deputy Premier and Minister for Financial Services, Labour, and Trade, Hon. Lorna Smith has defended the Government's decision to temporarily suspend the Virgin Islands Trade Commission Act; despite the expressed disagreement of members of the Opposition. While noting that the suspension decision has caused some concerns, Hon. Smith declared in the House of Assembly that the action was necessary in order to have thoughtful reform and revitalization in the trade sector that aligns with the Territory's needs and aspirations.

During the presentation of the Virgin Islands Trade Commission Act (Suspensory) Bill, 2023 Hon. Smith essentially addressed many of the concerns that have been

echoed by the public since it was announced that the Trade Commission was going to be suspended.

The Deputy Premier explained that the decision stemmed from the Government's apprehension about the viability and effectiveness of the Virgin Islands Trade Commission, a statutory body established through the Trade Commission Act, and came into effect on 21 November 2022.

While noting that the Commission was still in its early stages of development it was noted that there are some required enforcement matters that could cause issues. Hon. Smith said that one of the key issues was the timeline given to Trade Department employees.

Employees were granted six months to make this decision, and Minister Smith highlighted that this period coincided with

the Commission's inactivity.

The Minister noted that despite the Act being in place for nearly eight months, key operational elements, such as the establishment of the statutory board, had not been realized. She said that there were some concerning factors and also noted that could bring elevated costs to businesses: "The Ministry received an implementation plan and budget in July, significantly delayed from the Act's enactment, projecting costs of \$1.5 million in government expenditure and an additional \$960,000 from business licensing revenues."

To achieve financial independence, the Commission projected a staggering 154% increase in trade licensing fees in its second year, a prospect that raised concerns about increased costs for businesses," she noted.

In emphasizing another major issue of concern within the Act, the Minister of Trade pointed out that the Business Licensing Act, passed in 2022, imposed even higher annual licensing fees than the proposed trade licensing fees, potentially impacting businesses and consumers.

As she summed up the decision to suspend the Virgin Islands Trade Commission Act, Hon. Smith underscored the commitment to consumer protection. She affirmed that consumer protection measures would remain a priority during the suspension period, with efforts to enhance consumer education, provide avenues for redress, and ensure ethical business practices.

In addition to consumer protection, Hon. Smith acknowledged the importance of investment promotion in

driving economic growth and prosperity. To this end, the Virgin Islands Investment Act of 2021, although falling under the remit of the Government, was recognized as an opportunity to attract domestic and foreign investments. It was noted through this Act the Ministry would actively promote the jurisdiction as an attractive destination for investment during the suspension period.

The decision to suspend the Trade Commission was brought to the public's attention by member of the Trade Commission Board Bishop John Cline, and Opposition Member Hon Marlon Penn. Both expressed concern that the suspension of the Trade Commission means that trade licenses given out since the Trade Commission Board was set up might become illegal.

PREMIER GIVES UPDATE ON PROGRESS MADE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF COI RECOMMENDATIONS

Premier Dr. the Hon. Natalio Wheatley addressed the House of Assembly on 31 October to provide an update on the government's ongoing efforts to implement the recommendations of the Commission of Inquiry (COI), as outlined in the June 2022 Framework Agreement.

Since the inception of this initiative, Premier Wheatley has emphasized the government's unwavering commitment to implementing these reforms to enhance the transparency, effectiveness,

and accountability of the Virgin Islands' governance. He pointed out that as of the end of September 2023, significant progress has been made, with 24 out of the 50 COI recommendations completed outright, and 26 recommendations having some form of ongoing action.

The BVI Leader provided a breakdown of the progress noting that: 79 out of 131 actions, or 60 percent, have been completed; 17 actions, or 13 percent, are in progress and on track; 24 actions, or 18 percent, are in progress



Dr. the Hon. Natalio D. Wheatley

but experiencing challenges; and 11 scheduled actions, or 8 percent, have not yet begun. He clarified that the varying number of actions associated with each recommendation required a nuanced understanding of the progress achieved.

The Framework Agreement outlined 12 official reviews, with 10

already completed. The most recent review tabled on 31 October, focused on Recommendation 24 and assessed the governance, financial management, and human resource management of statutory boards. The review was conducted by Mrs. Antoinette Skelton, with assistance from Mr. Nelson Samuel for the portion concerning the BVI Social Security Board.

Premier-Wheatley emphasized that the information-and recommendations-from these reviews are under

consideration by the relevant ministries, with input from various government agencies, and action plans will be submitted to Cabinet for further steps.

Regarding the implementation-timeline, Premier-Wheatley acknowledged that some initial deadlines had proven to be overly ambitious. He disclosed that in September 2023, at the request of the Minister for Overseas Territories, the government had updated the deadlines based on the current status of the work.

Opening Statement by Hon. Lorna Smith, OBE, Minister for Financial Services, Labour and Trade on the Virgin Islands Trade Commission Act (Suspensory) Bill, 2023



Hon. Lorna Smith, OBE

Madam Speaker, with your permission I would like to present a bill seeking the suspension of the Virgin Islands Trade Commission Act, 2020. This Act, passed on 8 June 2020, aimed to establish the Virgin Islands Trade Commission, and vest it with critical responsibilities related to business, trade, investment, and consumer affairs within our jurisdiction. The Act came into effect on 21 November 2022, through Statutory Instrument S.I. 103 of 2022.

Upon assuming office as the Minister responsible for trade at the end of April 2023, it became evident that the Commission was still in its early stages of development, raising concerns about its viability and effectiveness. Given the circumstances, a careful evaluation of the Act's implementation became imperative.

One significant concern stemmed from the rapidly expiring timeline given to employees of the Trade Department to decide whether to transition to the Commission, which had yet to become fully operational. Employees were granted six months, from November 2022 to May 2023, to choose between remaining with the central government or transitioning to the statutory body, which was still inactive.

In fact, one of my initial official duties was to attend the orientation of the Board on May 15, nearly six months after the Act had become law. It was on that day that I began to question the wisdom of implementing the Virgin Islands Trade Commission under our current circumstances.

Madam Speaker, this six-month milestone is significant as it mirrors the timeframe given to Trade Department employees to decide their future, while the Commission remained inactive.

Shortly thereafter, I met with the Chairman and key officials to express my concerns and request a clear implementation plan and budget to guide the establishment of administrative arrangements for the Commission.

The period between the legislation's passage and the establishment of a statutory board is typically referred to as an 'incubation' or 'transition' period. During this time, the central government continues to oversee and fund the department's operations while providing technical support to the Board.

Madam Speaker, all of this occurred against the backdrop of discussions with numerous small and medium-sized businesses during my round-table meetings. Business owners highlighted foundational issues requiring immediate government attention to strengthen our business sector and the broader economy. Importantly, none of the hundreds of individuals we spoke to indicated the need for this statutory body as a solution to their challenges.

The Ministry eventually received an implementation plan in July, eight months after the legislation had been enacted, along with a budget that would cost the government \$1.5 million, in addition business licensing revenues of approximately \$960,000. This expenditure was primarily aimed at maintaining the status quo in terms of service delivery while funding core administrative costs such as HR Management, Financial Management, payroll systems, information technology, and legal services separately from central government. Achieving financial independence in the Commission's second year was projected to require a 154% increase in trade licensing fees.

Madam Speaker, while an increase in trade licensing fees is warranted, given that the current fees were set more than three decades ago, I was surprised to inherit a Business Licensing Act, passed in 2022, with even higher annual licensing fees - as much as \$1,000 for Belongers and \$15,000 for Non-Belongers engaged in certain business activities.

We all know that significant increases in the cost of doing business can lead to more business failures and higher prices for consumers. At a time when members of the House are calling

for financial subsidies to support local businesses, their support of this suspensory Bill would demonstrate their commitment to enhancing the business environment in the Territory.

The Business Licensing Act, 2022 is part of a suite of legislation intended to be administered by the Trade Commission, along with the Consumer Protection Act of 2020 and the Virgin Islands Investment Act of 2021. It is crucial to note that neither of these pieces of legislation has been put into effect.

Madam Speaker, I want to underscore that each of these pieces of legislation has merit and will not be abandoned. Appropriate amendments can be made that would allow the Ministry of Financial Services, Labour, and Trade to administer all trade-related legislation.

Madam Speaker, it is crucial to emphasise that as we navigate this period of suspension and reevaluation, the importance of consumer protection will remain at the forefront of our priorities. Our commitment to safeguarding the rights and interests of consumers will not waver. The Consumer Protection Act of 2020 holds great significance in ensuring fair and ethical business practices within our jurisdiction. During this transitional phase, we will work diligently to strengthen and enforce consumer protection measures through existing government channels. We believe that robust consumer protection is not only a fundamental right but also a cornerstone of a healthy and thriving economy. Therefore, our efforts will include enhancing consumer education, providing accessible avenues for redress, and ensuring that businesses adhere to ethical standards in their dealings with customers. In doing so, we aim to build trust between consumers and businesses, fostering a more resilient and prosperous future for the Virgin Islands.

Madam Speaker, in addition to our commitment to consumer protection, we also recognise the pivotal role that investment promotion plays in driving economic growth and prosperity. The Virgin Islands Investment Act of 2021 represents a significant opportunity to attract both domestic and foreign investments that can fuel job creation, infrastructure development, and innovation. Nevertheless, in all honesty, Madam Speaker, it is important

to acknowledge that many of the provisions within the Investment Act fall under matters of policy to be determined by the Government.

While we suspend the Virgin Islands Trade Commission Act, the Ministry can actively promote our jurisdiction as an attractive destination for investment. We will work to streamline investment procedures, create a conducive business environment, and engage in targeted marketing efforts to attract investors. By doing so, we aim to foster economic diversification, reduce unemployment, and stimulate sustainable development in the Virgin Islands. Our focus on investment promotion aligns with our broader vision of building a resilient and prosperous future for our Territory.

Madam Speaker, although the Virgin Islands Trade Commission Act of 2020 was enacted with noble intentions, its practical implementation has faced significant challenges and obstacles that warrant reconsideration of its timing. Implementing the Act in its current form faces multiple obstacles, including:

Increased operational costs during a period of budgetary constraints

Increased bureaucracy

Staffing limitations

Unresolved employment terms and conditions for transitioning staff; and Resolution of duplicatory functions and clarity of roles of the Commission and the Ministry.

Ignoring these issues would be a failure of our duty, and thus, I propose to suspend the commencement of the Act, rendering its provisions inactive.

In light of this decision, the Ministry of Financial Services, Labour and Trade will assume direct oversight of trade-related policies and operations. We will work diligently to secure the necessary resources to enhance the capabilities of the Department of Trade, Investment Promotion, and Consumer Affairs. Our aim is to streamline and automate business processes, support local entrepreneurs, and promote investment and fair trade practices.

The underlying policy is to strengthen and maintain trade-related public functions within the central government. The Trade Department should be well

resourced to carry out a clear mandate and be accountable to the Government and the public. Additionally, the period of suspension will offer an opportunity to assess the best administrative arrangements for governing trade-related policies and services in the future. This evaluation will inform my decision on whether to propose any alterations to the initial scope of operations envisaged for the Trade Commission.

Over the next 12 months, we intend to take the following actions to implement this policy:

Conduct a review of the department's current structure and operations.

Develop a strategic plan for the department with clear priorities for implementation.

Provide the department with the resources it needs to carry out its responsibilities, including technology, staffing, and training.

Develop and document operational policies and procedures to enhance transparency and ensure consistency in its business processes.

Establish clear accountability mechanisms, including setting performance targets for the department and reporting on its progress.

Strengthen the department's relationships with other government agencies and stakeholders to ensure it is well coordinated and aligned with the Government's priorities.

Madam Speaker, I wish to emphasise that the Virgin Islands Trade Commission Act, 2020 is not being repealed; rather, the bill presented today seeks to temporarily suspend its operations. This juncture also provides an opportunity to assess the best administrative arrangements for governing trade-related policies and services going forward.

In conclusion, I urge this honourable House to support the bill to suspend the Virgin Islands Trade Commission Act, 2020, so that we can embark on a path of thoughtful reform and revitalisation in our trade sector, one that better aligns with the needs and aspirations of the Virgin Islands and its people.

Thank you for your attention, and I yield the floor for further deliberation on this matter.



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CIBC FIRSTCARIBBEAN HAS ANNOUNCED THAT IT IS REBRANDING TO CIBC

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Bridgetown, Barbados 31st October 2023. As it enters a new financial year, FirstCaribbean International

Bank Limited has announced that the leading Caribbean bank is re-branding its business to adopt the name of its parent, CIBC. Chief Executive Officer of the bank, Mark St. Hill, made the announcement to his

staff this morning.

St. Hill noted that the adoption of the CIBC brand is a show of confidence of the bank's parent bank, and a sign of its commitment to the Caribbean region. He told

his team: "We've been on an awesome journey to transform our business over the past three years. We've achieved some remarkable things together. We created the type of omni-channel banking experience that allows our clients to bank with us using our award-winning digital services whenever they want to and come into the banking hall when they need to."

"Three years ago who would have thought that our clients would receive funds for loans in their accounts within five minutes; or would be able to deposit cash or a cheque at a remote ABM and have instant access to their cash; or would be able to open their accounts online; or receive a credit card from our branches the same day they applied; or could conduct their banking business almost entirely online from their phones, their laptops or even their watches, without ever setting foot in a branch! We've done that with the support of our employees and clients alike - together! And there's so much more to come!"

St. Hill noted that the regional bank has always had the distinct advantage of being a part of a widely respected and recognised global brand and added that now carrying the CIBC name will benefit CIBC FirstCaribbean even more, as the bank continues

down a path of growth in the Caribbean. He added: "We will have the strength of this global powerhouse behind us, while maintaining the Caribbean flavour and knowledge of the marketplace that we have become known for. So, we will honour the past - recognizing where we have come from - while looking excitedly to the future."

The CEO assured his employees that the speculation about the bank's future in the region will be put to bed with this show of commitment from the parent bank. The bank recently announced the last two of its divestments of its businesses in the region, with the application to the Central Bank of Curaçao and St. Maarten for the sales of its businesses there to Curaçao-based Orco Bank N.V.

St. Hill concluded: "We are pivoting towards growing our company. We've created a great company out of the legacy of the two that came before and we are moving forward, looking forward to a bright future for our company. Our bank is turning its full attention to growing our business, consolidating our position in our core markets, and optimizing our strategy of providing a second-to-none omni-channel banking service to our clients."



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)
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Statement by Premier Wheatley on RATED Programme

Madame Speaker, the Registration Apprenticeship Training Employment and Development (R.A.T.E.D.) Programme seeks to provide a pathway for persons who are unemployed or who are under-employed to obtain an opportunity through short-term employment, apprenticeship and/or training and development. The pathways are: (1) temporary employment for short periods providing services within Government Departments where there is a need for additional resources; (2) apprenticeship, on stipend, with public and private sector organisations that agree to partner with the Government in the programme; and (3) training, education and skills development through courses and programmes offered by the H. Lavity Stoutt Community College (HLSCC) and other training institutions.

Madame Speaker, at the end of 15th October 2023, a total of 721 applications were received representing various areas of interest. Persons who applied are contacted to ascertain their job readiness as it pertains to access to the necessary tools needed to perform the various tasks. Requests for Apprentices were processed using a completed temporary staff request form. This form allows the requesting Ministries/ Departments to indicate all the necessary details for engaging interested persons.

Madame Speaker, all persons engaged under the programme were issued an assignment letter prior to commencing. The assignment letter highlights the terms and other conditions of the assignment. Once an applicant has received an assignment

letter, that information is entered into an electronic engagement database, capturing all the appointment details and taking note of the completion date. This allows for easy information retrieval on engagements to date. At the end of the assignment, apprentices were issued an end of assignment letter and a Certificate of Completion for participating in the Apprenticeship Programme.

Madame Speaker, the short-term assignment allowed for the necessary exposure to employment opportunities with a number of ministries and departments in the Public Service. Interested persons were placed with the Premier's Office, Ministry of Health and Social Development, Virgin Islands Trade Commission, Department of Information and Public Relations, Civil Registry and Passport Office, Virgin Islands Shipping Registry, Immigration Department, the Department of Labour and Workforce Development, Department of Information Technology, Land and Survey Department, Records Management Centre, Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sustainable Development, Ministry of Communications and Works and the Magistrate's Court. To date there were a total of 53 apprentices in the areas of administration, customer service, data entry and sanitation.

Madame Speaker, engagement under the Programme is for a period not to exceed six months. Most engaging ministries/ departments utilised the maximum period to allow them the opportunity to meaningfully

execute the assigned tasks and to allow a proper timeframe for fairly assessing apprentices' performance. This assisted departments with day-to-day tasks as the departments were challenged, in some cases, by the lack of human resources.

Madame Speaker, the Programme has allowed numerous persons to be engaged, while gaining work experience and exposure to the work force. Each apprentice engaged had the opportunity to be engaged on a full time basis,

should there be the opportunity to do so within the Ministry/ Department; there were a total of six persons who were offered fulltime employment having gone through the R.A.T.E.D. programme. The total funds expended on the programme to date since inception \$1,430,753.61; this amount covers the period December 2022 to September 2023.

Madame Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to encourage interested persons to apply to the programme.

Yes, I recognise that this is not that fulltime employment that you are in search of, but this could be your opportunity to get your feet in the door, as it were, and prove yourself to that prospective employer. I am also encouraging the business community to partner with us on this very important initiative. Overseas recruitment is expensive, so join us as we build the capacity of the local labour pool.

Madame Speaker, I thank you.

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Akeem Pickering Appointed as the Managing Director of the BVI Ports Authority

Tortola, 31st October 2023 - The British Virgin Islands Ports Authority (BVIPA) would like to announce the appointment of Mr. Akeem Pickering as the new Managing Director, effective 1st November 2023.

Mr. Pickering's appointment was approved by the Cabinet of the Virgin Islands for an initial period of two years, in accordance with the recommendation by the BVI Ports Authority Board.

Mr. Akeem Pickering has a distinguished career in both the public and private sector with a proven history of strategic leadership and successful management. Having served as the Acting Deputy Managing Director at the BVIPA previously, he is well-equipped to steer the organisation towards new heights of excellence in the maritime industry.

"We are thrilled to welcome Mr. Akeem Pickering as the

new Managing Director of the BVI Ports Authority," stated Mrs. Roxane Ritter-Herbert, Chairperson of the BVIPA's Board of the Directors. "His exceptional leadership skills and unwavering commitment to the growth of the BVI's maritime sector make him the ideal candidate to lead the Authority into the future. We believe that under his guidance and direction, the BVIPA will thrive and make significant contributions to the development of the British Virgin Islands."

As the Managing Director, Mr. Pickering is tasked with the leadership and direction of the Authority's business operations. He is also entrusted with the responsible exercise of his powers, duties, and functions while also overseeing the Authority's workforce. Furthermore, he is responsible for driving strategic initiatives and collaborating closely with key stakeholders to bolster the Authority's critical role in the region's trade and travel landscape.

"In the maritime industry, success is the result of collective effort, not individual strength," said Mr. Pickering. "I have returned to the organisation with renewed dedication and focus, and my aim is to strengthen the BVIPA with this revitalised commitment. Together we

can build a more robust and interconnected BVIPA, one that efficiently manages operations while cultivating lasting relationships. Together, with our dedicated team, valued partners, and the trust of the public, we are charting a course towards a brighter future. It's crucial to acknowledge that we are not merely a port; we are an

organisation where every voice and idea plays a vital role in our achievements."

As the BVI Ports Authority enters this new chapter, the organisation remains committed to its mission of providing first-class port services while contributing to the economic prosperity of the British Virgin Islands.



Mr. Akeem Pickering the new Managing Director of the BVIPA with the Board of Directors and Management Team of the BVIPA

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Cabinet Approves 2024 Public Holidays

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

Monday, 1st January - New Year's Day

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

Friday, 29th March - Good Friday

Monday, 1st April - Easter Monday

Monday, 20th May - Whit Monday

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

Monday, 1st July - Virgin Islands Day

Monday, 5th August - Emancipation Monday

Tuesday, 6th August - Emancipation Tuesday

Wednesday, 7th August - Emancipation Wednesday

Monday, 21st October - Heroes and Foreparents Day

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

Wednesday, 25th December - Christmas Day

Thursday, 26th December - Boxing Day

A NEW FOOD & WINE FESTIVAL SET FOR THE BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS, APRIL 15TH TO 21ST, 2024

A Seven-day Festival Full of Eats, Drinks, Foodies and Connoisseurs

Tortola, BVI October 24th, 2024 - The 2024 events calendar in the BVI has just gotten more enticing. The new seven-day British Virgin Islands Food & Wine Festival (BVIFWF) will add another sumptuous touch to an already exciting line up of events taking place in the territory. This festival also aligns with the new approach to celebrating the annual BVI Food Fete.

The First Annual BVI Food & Wine Festival will take place April 15th to 21st, 2024. This new Festival promises to be more than an event for foodies but for those seeking rich gastronomic experiences in a fun destination. The festival which will highlight food, wine, whiskey, beer will include wine pairing dinners, Whiskey and Cigar Night, a Grand Tasting Village, Mixology Contest and culminate with an all-day Beach party at Ivan's on Jost Van Dyke.

"I am excited to launch the BVI Food & Wine Festival and to be working with the brilliant local and international chefs, connoisseurs, and Sommelier who will be the stars of the event," says Abigail O'Neal, Owner and Organizer of the Festival. "We have BVI's own Neil Cline, educator, restaurateur, and culinary consultant as Executive Chef of the festival; French Classic trained and Michelin Star Chef Francis Reynard; Josie Smith-Malave former Bravo Top Chef competitor; Michael Ferraro, VP of Food & Beverage at the Tavistock

Restaurant Portfolio; Muchamad Taufik aka Opick from Bali Indonesia and Head Chef at Prime Restaurant, and 26-year-old culinary prodigy hailing from Virgin Gorda Ariq Flax Clarke and more. So, patrons should book their tickets early."

The multi-island event will be hosted in several locations - Tortola, Jost Van Dyke, and Virgin Gorda giving visitors an experience like no other; the ease of island hopping which can only be enjoyed in the BVI.

The Schedule of Events:

Monday 15th April 2024

1:00pm - Wine Course Tasting Class by Proudly African at Club 1973

4:00pm - Happy Hours at Pussers with Rhys Jenkins

8:00pm - Chef Josie Smith-Malave Tasting Dinner with Proudly African at Prime Restaurant.

Tuesday 16th April 2024

1:00pm - Wine Course Tasting Class from Global Wine Advisors at Club 1973.

4:00pm - Happy Hour at Club 1973

8:00pm - Chef Opick Tasting Dinner at Prime Restaurant with Global Wine Advisors.

Wednesday 17th April 2024:

1:00pm - Wine Course Tasting Class hosted by TICO at Club 1973

4:00pm - Happy Hour at

Botella, CBR Tortola Pier Park

8:00pm - Chef Michael Ferrero Tasting Dinner and TICO at Prime Restaurant.

Thursday 18th April 2024:

1:00pm - Wine Course Tasting Class by The French Deli at Club 1973

4:00pm - Grand Tasting Village (GTV) at Nanny Cay.

Featuring local and international chefs providing insights on how they make their signature offerings, Mixology-Contest, Demonstrations, Tastings from Island Restaurants and Tastings from all Wine & Spirits Suppliers.

5:00pm - Whiskey Flight & Cigar Pairing, Presented by Aromas.

8:00pm - Chef Francis Reynard Tasting Dinner at Prime Restaurant with The French Deli.

Friday 19th April 2024

1:00pm - Cocktail Class at Club 1973 with Botella and Rhys Jenkins

4:00pm - Happy Hour at Club 1973

8:00pm - Collaborative Tasting Dinner with all Chefs and festival Sommelier at Prime Restaurant in partnership with all Wine & Spirits companies.

Saturday 20th April 2024

7:00pm - The Ralph T.

& Edris O'Neal Foundation Dinner at Rosewood Little Dix Bay Resort, Virgin Gorda, featuring a guest chef of international note and HLSCC culinary students. 50% of ticket sales from this dinner will be donated to the HLSCC to support their culinary program.

Sunday 21st April 2024

9:00am - All Day Beach Party at Ivan's on Jost Van Dyke

12:00pm - Pig Roast at Ivan's, Jost Van Dyke

2:00pm - Rum Tasting Class by Caribbean Cellars at Ivan's Jost Van Dyke

1:00pm - Rum Cocktails by Mixologist Rhys Jenkins

Special accommodations packages are available at the Nanny Cay Resort in

Tortola. Visit nannycay.com to book a BVIFF stay early. Booking code: BVIFWF24.

Early bird event tickets are available online only until November 30th. The promo code is Earlybird2024.

We would like to thank our partners for joining us to make this new British Virgin Islands Food & Wine Festival a success. Venue Partners: Prime Restaurant, Nanny Cay, Rosewood Little Dix Bay, Ivan's, Club 1973, Aromas, and Botella. Our Sponsors: One Mart Supermarket, Prime Restaurant, Caribbean Cellars, TICO, Botella Distributors, Global Wine Advisors and www.CaribbeanEvents.com

For more information about the festival and updates, visit bvifoodandwine.com

CIBC FIRSTCARIBBEAN TO SELL ITS BANKING ASSETS IN CURAÇAO AND ST. MAARTEN

Bank completes its programme of country divestitures with the two transactions

Bridgetown, Barbados 31st October 2023. FirstCaribbean International Bank Limited has announced that its wholly-owned subsidiary, FirstCaribbean International Bank (Cayman) Limited ("FCIB Cayman"), has agreed to sell its banking assets in Curaçao and St. Maarten to the Curaçao-based Orco Bank.

Orco Bank, established in 1986 in Curaçao, is dedicated to serving the communities of Curaçao, Bonaire, and Sint Maarten by providing a comprehensive range of personal and business banking solutions. Originally focused on offshore activities, bond trading, and investment banking, the bank has now broadened its scope to deliver banking products and services to individuals and businesses in the region.

The transactions are subject to regulatory approval, including from the Cayman Islands Monetary Agency, the Central Bank of Barbados, and

the Central Bank of Curaçao and Sint. Maarten, and are expected to be finalized in the coming months.

Orco Bank offers an extensive range of banking solutions designed to meet the unique needs of personal customers. These include a variety of account options such as current accounts and savings accounts, as well as credit and debit card choices. The bank also provides flexible financing options with mortgages, personal loans, and car loans, along with insurance brokerage services.

In announcing that Orco and CIBC FirstCaribbean had reached agreement on the terms of the transaction, CIBC FirstCaribbean's Chief Executive Officer, Mark St. Hill, noted that: "these transactions are the final ones in our programme of country divestitures that began in 2021 with the sale of our assets in Aruba and some of our OECS territories. This programme began as part of our strategy to enable CIBC FirstCaribbean to optimize and simplify its business, further enhance efficiency

and focus on core markets to accelerate growth. When these divestitures are completed, it will allow our bank to turn its full attention to growing our business, consolidating our position in our core markets and optimizing our strategy of providing a second-to-none omni-channel banking service to our clients."

St. Hill added: "A decision to leave a market is never an easy one but we are certain that we are leaving our clients with a competent team, led by Edward Pietersz and Desiree Alberto-Martina of Orco Bank, who will focus on delivering a personalized service and an enhanced customer experience to its customers, to ensure high compliance standards, and portfolio management, to conform with guidelines and regulations of the Central Bank of Curaçao and St. Maarten (CBCS)."

"Acquiring CIBC FirstCaribbean's banking assets presents an excellent opportunity for Orco Bank,"

states Edward Pietersz, Managing Director, and CEO of Orco Bank. "We are thrilled to welcome new customers and remain dedicated to delivering superior service to both our existing and new clientele. With an expanded reach, we are well-positioned to fulfil our mission of being the preferred partner, offering innovative, customer-driven solutions that enable financial

freedom in a responsible and sustainable manner while creating shared value for our communities. Both banks are working diligently to ensure a seamless transition for CIBC FirstCaribbean's customers."

These transactions are not expected to have a material impact on CIBC FirstCaribbean's Tier I and Total Capital ratios.



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STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS HONOURABLE SHARIE B. DE CASTRO AT THE FIFTH SITTING OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTH HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS ON THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF SECONDARY EDUCATION IN THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

TUESDAY 31ST OCTOBER, 2023



Hon. Sharie de Castro

Madam Speaker, this year we commemorate the 80th anniversary of secondary education in the Virgin Islands, a milestone that reflects the dedication and vision of stalwart educators and the unwavering commitment of our community. The history of secondary education in our territory is a testament to the enduring spirit of those who championed the cause of knowledge and opportunity.

Madam Speaker, eight decades ago, in 1938, Dr. Norwell Harrigan and Mr. Olva Flax laid the foundation for extending education beyond standard seven, advocating for the establishment of a secondary school that would provide higher education and training up to the standards of Junior Cambridge and Oxford School Leaving Certificates.

Their vision became a reality in 1943 when the Senior School was inaugurated, offering a curriculum that encompassed a wide range of subjects, including English, History, Geography, Geometry, Drawing, Home Economics, and Hygiene. I also take this opportunity to acknowledge Dr. Thomas Dixon Green's pivotal

role as the Supervisor of Education and Headmaster during this critical period.

Madam Speaker, the early years of secondary education in the Virgin Islands were fraught with challenges, and by 1947, the school's existence was under threat. It was the dedication of community activists that ensured its survival. The moment of stability arrived with the students' success at the Cambridge Examinations, prompting the renaming of the institution to the Virgin Islands Secondary School.

Madam Speaker, the impact of secondary education on the development of our territory has been profound. The fact that students from distant communities, were willing to walk the extra mile to access this education demonstrates that as a community, we have long recognized the value of a good education. Secondary education has not only expanded opportunities for our youth but has also significantly contributed to the overall progress and growth of the Virgin Islands.

As we mark this remarkable milestone, Madam Speaker, it is only fitting that we pay homage to the visionaries, educators, and activists who have played pivotal roles in shaping our educational landscape over the past eight decades. The legacy of secondary education in the Virgin Islands is one of resilience, determination, and the relentless pursuit of knowledge, and it continues to light the way for our future generations.

Thus, the Ministry of Education takes this opportunity to shine a light on the indelible mark left

by two stalwart educators in secondary education in the Virgin Islands who recently transitioned.

Madam Speaker, we salute the late Alfred Christopher, one of the first students of the Senior School in 1943, who went on to become a pupil teacher and a local department head during the school's growth in 1970. His instrumental role in extending secondary education to Anegada in the late seventies as an Education Officer is a testament to his dedication to education.

Madam Speaker, we also honour the legacy of the late Jennie N. Wheatley (MBE), a beacon of knowledge, a culture-bearer, and

a true Virgin Islands Patriot. Mrs. Wheatley devoted over twenty-five years of her life to secondary education in our territory and served as Assistant Principal for Academic Affairs at the British Virgin Islands High School. Her leadership in developing the school library and countless transformational initiatives has left an indelible mark on the institution and the entire territory.

Madam Speaker, today I pause to honour the contributions of all valiant secondary educators in our territory, whose dedication and sacrifices over the years collectively contributed to the

development of a great institution. Their impact on our education system and the future of the Virgin Islands is immeasurable.

In closing, Madam Speaker, let us celebrate this milestone with gratitude for those who have paved the way for our students' success and a brighter future for the Virgin Islands.

The journey of secondary education in our territory, spanning 80 years, is a testament of our collective spirit and unwavering commitment to the pursuit of knowledge and excellence as we commit to moving Virgin Islands Education: Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead. Thank you Madam Speaker!

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O - observe the needs of your child

P - proceed in a kind but firm manner

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GLOBAL NEWS BRIEF

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ISRAEL - Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has said fighting inside the Gaza Strip will be “long and difficult,” with Israeli ground forces now operating in the Palestinian territory for more than 24 hours.

“The war in the [Gaza] Strip will be long and difficult and we are prepared for it,” Netanyahu told a news conference after meeting families of hostages held in Gaza.

Netanyahu said the ground operation launched by Israeli troops in Gaza was the second stage in a war against the Islamist group Hamas, and defeating Hamas is an “existential test” for Israel. He also called on the civilian population of Gaza to move to safe areas.

According to the prime minister, contacts to secure the release of hostages are continuing even during the ground offensive, and every effort would be made to rescue the more than 200 hostages held by Hamas.

Netanyahu said the idea of a swap deal of hostages for

Palestinian prisoners had been discussed within the Israeli war cabinet. But he declined to elaborate, saying revealing any details would be counterproductive.

He also accused Hamas of using hospitals as command centers and said that “90%” of the Hamas military budget comes from Iran. [Deutsche Welle]

ISRAEL - Foreign Minister Eli Cohen has said Israel recalled its diplomatic envoys to Turkey because of “grave statements” made by Ankara. “Given the grave statements coming from Turkey, I have ordered the return of diplomatic representatives there in order to conduct a reevaluation of the relations between Israel and Turkey,” Cohen said in a post on the social media site X, previously known as Twitter. On Saturday, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan told a pro-Palestinian rally in Istanbul that Israel was committing “war crimes.” He called on Israel to emerge from what he described as its “state of insanity” and end military actions in Gaza.

Earlier, the Turkish leader had already called Hamas, which rules the Gaza Strip, “freedom fighters,” not terrorists. Ankara maintains contacts with Hamas and, according to its own statements, is trying to secure the release of the hostages from the Gaza Strip. The militant Islamist Hamas, which launched the October 7 attacks on Israel, has been classified as a terrorist organization by the European Union, Germany, the United States and many other countries. [Deutsche Welle]

ACAPULCO - Mexico’s death toll was raised to 39 on Saturday from Category 5 Hurricane Otis’ strike on the country’s southwestern coast earlier in the week.

Some victims have yet to be identified, according to Mexico Security Secretary Rosa Icela Rodríguez. Ten people are reported missing. The country’s defense secretary said an “air bridge” had been set up between Acapulco and Mexico City to bring supplies and medical staff in and take tourists out. More than 100 buses also will be used to evacuate people from the resort city, which sustained heavy damage from Otis.

The limited information,

photos and video coming from the city show severe damage to structures, including many of the hotels and high-rises in tourist areas, and flooding that inundated city streets. Windows were blown out, roofs ripped off and vehicles crushed. Some said no warning was provided about the Category 5 storm, and in some hotels, guests were not moved to safer shelter. “We laid down on the floor, and some between beds,” Jakob Sauczuk, who was staying with friends at a beachfront hotel, told the AP. “We prayed a lot.” [The Weather Channel]

US VIRGIN ISLANDS - In an announcement made on Friday, the government of the US Virgin Islands raised alarms regarding the safety of the tap water on the island of St. Croix.

Those on the island have been advised against consuming the tap water after the discovery of high levels of lead and copper.

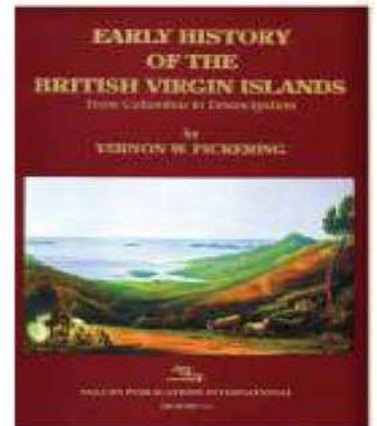
Reports are that a series of tests are underway to discern the source and magnitude of the contamination. Efforts are being consistently made by the US territory’s Water and Power Authority, which is actively engaged in flushing the water lines, aiming to mitigate the levels of toxins present. It is reported that the water was first tested in late September as part of a local and federal investigation into its brown and red color. [CNW]

TRINIDAD - The Professional Standards Bureau (PSB) in Trinidad and Tobago has brought charges against a total of 55 police officers since 2022.

Reports are that Commissioner of Police Erla Harewood-Christopher provided the information in a statement on Wednesday.

Her statement is in response to conversations in the public domain about corruption in the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service. (TTPS) According to Harewood-Christopher, out of 79 reported offences, 36 officers were implicated and charged in 2022.

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October 25 this year, 19 officers were charged, stemming from 51 offences. [CNW]

SANTO DOMINGO - Air Caraïbes returned to Santo Domingo, offering up to 6,000 weekly seats in 3 classes. The airline arrived at the International Airport of the Americas (AILA) with the A350-900 aircraft on its inaugural flight.

Operations will be carried out with stopovers in Port-Au-Prince (PAP), Haiti, and San Salvador (ZSA), Bahamas. All flights will be operated on Airbus A350-900 aircraft, with a capacity for 389 passengers. Gustavo A. de Hostos, legal representative and CEO of General Air Services, thanked the Dominican Government, the airline’s top executives, and the Aeropuertos Dominicanos Siglo XXI (Aerodom) team.

“I am grateful for the support offered personally by President Luis Abinader, Minister David Collado, Vice Minister Tammy Reynoso, the director of the promotion office in France, Mercedes Castillo and our ambassador in Paris H.E. Rosa Hernández de Grullón,” he reiterated. [Dominican Today]



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The Sunny Side Up



Through the Lens of The Sunny Side



Mr. Akeem Pickering (Center) the new Managing Director of the BVIPA with the Board of Directors and Management Team of the BVIPA
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(HLSCC) STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION INTRODUCES NEW EXECUTIVE MEMBERS



The H. Lavity Stoutt Community College (HLSCC) Student Government Association is thrilled to introduce its new executive members for the academic year 2023-2024. These dedicated individuals have taken on leadership roles to serve the student body and contribute to the vibrant campus community.

PRESIDENT: S'RIYAH MITCHAM

As the President of the HLSCC Student Government Association, S'Riyah Mitcham brings enthusiasm and a commitment to fostering a supportive and engaging college experience

for all students. Her leadership will guide the association in promoting student welfare and advocating for their needs.

ICE PRESIDENT: TANESHA WARNER

Tanesha Warner, the Vice President, joins the executive team with a passion for creating a sense of belonging and unity among students. Her role will involve working closely with the President to ensure that the student voice is heard and represented effectively.

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Ladyburd Talks...

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

CHOOSE A THEME

By that I mean the look for your festive decorations. If you're updating the style this year check out something bright and colourful like the Different Perspective theme that incorporates contemporary styling with more traditional colours.

PUT UP THE TREE

Spend a lovely afternoon decorating your tree, put on some Christmas music and enjoy.

For a change, try a Twig tree.

DECORATE WITHIN YOUR THEME

Add extra decorations, stars and accessories to the rest of the house, not forgetting the mantelpiece. Update your home with Christmas spirit, prepare for holiday parties and give your humble abode the festive treatment. It's the perfect excuse to invest in lots of new holiday touches, like pine cones, a Christmas wreath.

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



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

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



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"Every morning, you have two choices: continue to sleep with your dreams or wake up and chase them."
— Arnold Schwarzenegger

"Someday is not a day of the week."

Poetry Corner

Never Let Go of Hope

One day
you will see
that it all
has finally come
together.
What you have
always wished for
has finally come to be.
You will look back
and laugh at what has
passed
and you will ask
yourself,
"How did I get through
all of that?"
Just never let go of
hope.
Just never quit
dreaming.
And never let love die...

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Tickle My Funny Bones



Short Jokes

Why didn't the skeleton go to the party? He had no body to go with him.

What's the most famous creature in the ocean?
The starfish..

What do baby kangaroos wear when it's cold out?
Jumpsuits..

What did one hat say to the other? You stay here.
I'll go on ahead.

Why was the little strawberry crying? His mom was in a jam..

Read more at: <https://www.newsgram.com/funny-jokes>

Mind Your Own Business and Trouble

Mr. and Mrs. Brown had two sons. One was named Mind Your Own Business & the other was named Trouble. One day the two boys decided to play hide and seek. Trouble hid while Mind Your Own Business counted to one hundred. Mind Your Own Business began looking for his brother behind garbage cans and bushes. Then he started looking in and under cars until a police man approached him and asked, "What are you doing?" "Playing a game," the boy replied. "What is your name?" the officer questioned. "Mind Your Own Business." Furious the policeman inquired, "Are you looking for trouble?!" The boy replied, "Why, yes."

PUN INTENDED

"Hear about the new restaurant called Karma? There's no menu: You get what you deserve."

(HLSCC) STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION INTRODUCES NEW EXECUTIVE MEMBERS



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TREASURER: DOIAN KETTLE

Doian Kettle takes on the important role of Treasurer, responsible for managing the association's finances and ensuring that resources are allocated efficiently to support student initiatives and activities.

HLSCC PRESIDENT AND DEAN'S AWARD AT CONVOCATION 2023

In addition to the exciting news about the new executive members, HLSCC recently celebrated the outstanding achievements of its full and part-time students during the Convocation ceremony in 2023. At both the Paraquita Bay campus and Virgin Gorda Centre, students were recognized for their exceptional academic performance during the Spring 2023 semester.

PRESIDENT'S LIST:

This prestigious list includes students who achieved a remarkable GPA of 3.75 to 4.0. These individuals demonstrated exceptional dedication and commitment to their studies, earning them a place on the President's List.

Dean's List: Students who achieved a GPA between 3.40 and 3.74 were recognized on the Dean's List. This accomplishment highlights their academic excellence and diligence in their coursework.

These achievements reflect the dedication of HLSCC students to their education and the college's commitment to fostering a supportive and conducive learning environment.

The HLSCC community congratulates all the students who received these honors and looks forward to continued success and excellence in the future.



BIG BATCH BOLOGNESE SAUCE

Yield: 18-20 (1 cup) servings

Total Time: 4 hours

3 tablespoons olive oil

5 cups chopped onions

2 cups chopped carrots

1 1/2 cups chopped celery

3 tablespoons butter

6 cloves garlic, chopped

Salt and pepper to taste

5 pounds ground beef

2 tablespoons Italian seasoning

1 (15 ounce) can tomato paste

2 cups red or white wine (or beef broth)

2 (28 ounce) cans Italian-style diced

tomatoes

2 cups whole milk

3 bay leaves

1 cup grated Parmesan cheese

In a large Dutch oven or stock pot, over medium heat, saute onions, carrots and celery until they're softened and begin to caramelize. Then add the butter and garlic, and saute until fragrant. Lightly season with salt and pepper. We're adding Parmesan later, so go easy on the salt for now. Remove the veggies and keep them warm.

In the same pot, turn up the heat to medium-high. Brown the beef in three to four batches, breaking it into small pieces and seasoning lightly. After each batch, use a slotted spoon to remove the cooked beef, and drain as much fat as possible. You want the beef to brown and hopefully leave behind some browned bits in the pan.

After the last batch of beef, return the veggies and cooked beef to the pot. Add the Italian seasoning and tomato paste, stirring to coat every morsel with tomato goodness. Let it cook, stirring occasionally, for at least 5 minutes to caramelize the tomato paste. This step adds tremendous depth of flavor.

Now add the wine to deglaze the pot, scraping up all those lovely browned bits from the bottom. When most of the wine has evaporated, about 3 minutes, add the diced tomatoes, milk and bay leaves. Stir and bring

to a boil.

Then reduce the heat to a gentle simmer, cover and cook, stirring occasionally for at least 2 hours, but preferably 4 hours. The longer, the better.

To serve, remove the bay leaves and add the Parmesan cheese, stirring to combine. Meanwhile, cook your pasta according to the package directions. This sauce pairs wonderfully with a wide pasta like tagliatelle or pappardelle, but you can use whatever you have on hand. Don't forget to top it with more Parmesan. And if you have some of that wine left from the recipe, enjoy it with your meal.

Now let's talk about how to make the most of this sauce. To freeze it, the most crucial step is to cool it completely to refrigerator temperature before preparing it for freezing. Portion it into zip-top freezer bags. For the best flavor, use it within three months, but it's safe to eat for a year. Yes, making this recipe takes some time, but most of it is hands-off. Once it's done and waiting in your freezer, you can have a hearty, homemade dinner ready in the time it takes to boil pasta. Enjoy!

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DIVAS ON A DIME

By Patti Diamond

Big Batch Bolognese Sauce for Less-Stress Holidays

The whirlwind of the holiday season is fast approaching. Making delicious, homemade meals ahead and storing them in your freezer is an excellent way to relieve some holiday stress and limit unplanned drive-thru meals.

This week, I'm sharing my recipe for Big Batch Bolognese Sauce. It's a slow-cooked, rich, meaty and versatile sauce that's delicious. It's made with ground beef, veggies, tomatoes, wine and milk. Yes, milk. Milk gives Bolognese its distinctive creaminess.

Bolognese freezes beautifully and can be divided and used to make many different dishes. Bolognese goes in pasta, lasagna, deep dish pizzas, baked potatoes and my favorite -- served over spaghetti squash.

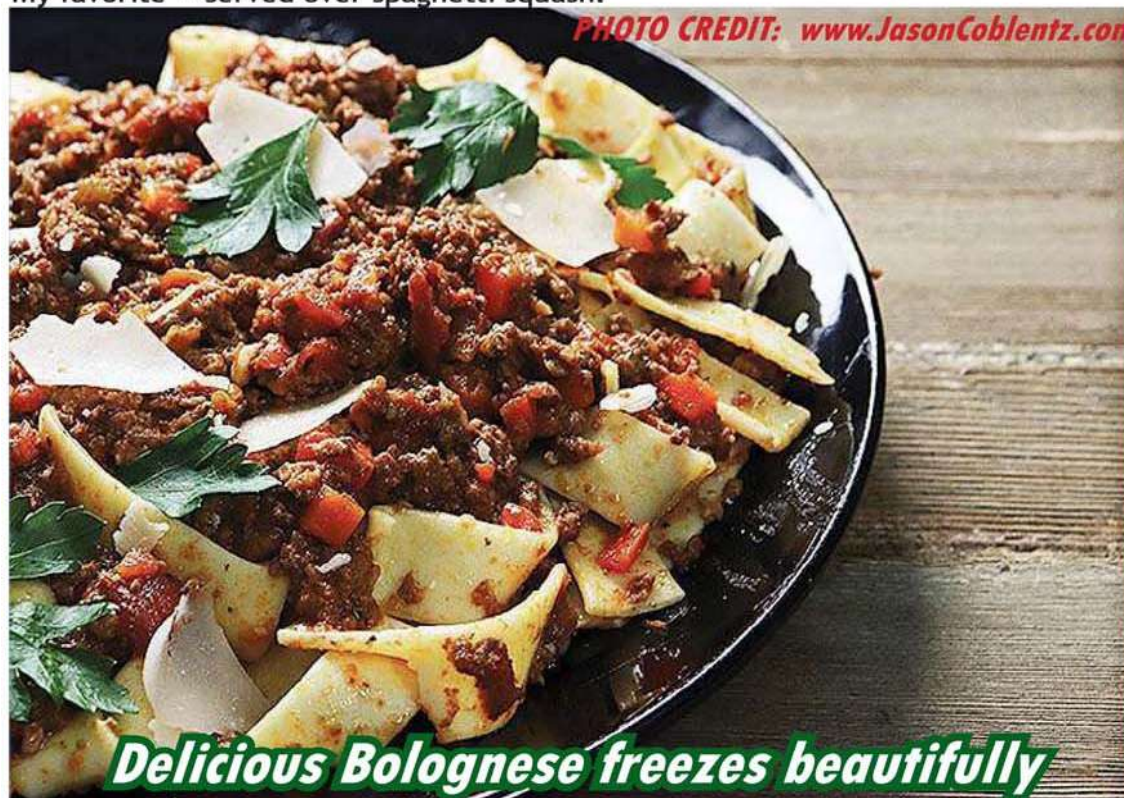


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Delicious Bolognese freezes beautifully

POLICE NEWS

ARREST BLOTTER

OCTOBER 8 - 29, 2023

BURGLARY

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

THEFT

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

POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED DRUG WITH INTENT TO SUPPLY

1. On 28-10-2023 at about 1048hrs, Police arrested and charged Jehkhalibbah Williams, 18 of Purcell Estate for Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Drug with Intent to Supply and Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Drug. He remains in custody.
2. On 29-10-2023 at about 1423hrs, Police arrested and charged Aleem Fahie, 28 of Brandywine Bay for Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Drug with Intent to Supply and Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Drug. He remains in custody.
3. On 29-10-2023 at about 2136hrs, Police arrested and charged Keanus Smart, 18 of Free Bottom for Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Drug with Intent to Supply, Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Drug, Keeping an Unlicensed Firearm and Unlawful Possession of Explosives. He remains in custody.
4. On 29-10-2023 at about 2136hrs, Police arrested and charged Khaleed Francis, 24 of Nottingham Estate for Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Drug with Intent to Supply, Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Drug, Keeping an Unlicensed Firearm and Unlawful Possession of Explosives. He remains in custody.

COMMON ASSAULT

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

DRIVING WITHOUT A DRIVER'S LICENSE

1. On 09-10-2023 at about 1805hrs, Police arrested and charged a 17-year-old male of Sea Cow's Bay for Driving Without a Driver's License. He was granted bail in the sum of \$5,000 to appear at the Magistrate's Court on 21-11-2023.
2. On 13-10-2023 at about 1535hrs, Police arrested and charged Ra-Shaun Penn, 19 of East End for Driving Without a Driver's License, Driving an Unlicensed Vehicle, Driving an Uninsured Vehicle, Driving Without a Front Identification Plate, Driving Without a Rear Identification Plate and Driving Without a Crash Helmet. He was granted bail in the sum of \$3,000 to appear at the Magistrate's Court on 23-11-2023.

ADDITIONAL CHARGE FOR MALES CHARGED WITH DRUGS

Update: Tuesday, October 31 - Keanus Smart, 18 of Free Bottom and Khaleed Francis, 24 of Nottingham Estate have both been charged with an additional offense: Unlawful Possession of Explosives. This charge is related to the discovery of ammunition during the initial vehicle interception. Previous Release: Tuesday, October 31 - Officers of the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force intercepted a suspicious vehicle after 11 pm on October 28, while on routine patrol in the Fat Hog's Bay area. The vehicle was stopped and searched, and a quantity of drugs were found. Two male occupants of the vehicle were subsequently arrested on suspicion of possession. The scene was revisited the following morning, and a firearm was found in nearby bushes. Keanus Smart, 18 of Free Bottom and Khaleed Francis, 24 of Nottingham Estate were both charged for the offenses of Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Drug with Intent to Supply, Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Drug, and Keeping an Unlicensed Firearm. They remain in custody until their appearance at the Magistrate's Court.

MISSING TEEN FOUND UNHARMED



Update: Tuesday, October 31 - Missing teen, Chloe Fontaine, has been found safe and is currently in the company of family members. The Royal Virgin Islands Police Force extends our heartfelt gratitude to the public for their unwavering support in such situations. Previous Release: Monday, October 30 - Police are asking for the public's assistance in locating 15-year-old Chloe Fontaine. Chloe was reported missing on October 28, 2023. She is described as light brown in complexion, 5'3, and was last seen wearing a short blue pant and an unknown color top. Her whereabouts are unknown, but she has been seen in the Joes Hill area on occasion. If she is seen or found or if you have any information regarding the whereabouts of Chloe Fontaine please contact the nearest police station, call 311 or the RVIPF Intelligence Unit on 368- 9339.

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

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PART 5

THE RICHES OF THE PRESIDENCY OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

In 1871 the Virgin Islands and five other Lesser Antilles presidencies formed the newly established Federal Crown Colony of the Leeward Islands, which began issuing its own stamps in October 1890. Leeward Islands stamps were meant to replace local issues but were, in fact, used concurrently with the Virgin Islands stamps.

The Road Town Post Office experienced a substantial loss in revenue



Sierra Leone, February 1895 photo of Edward John Cameron (1858-1947) Commissioner of the Virgin Islands and member of the Executive and legislative councils of the Leeward Islands from February 1887 to 1893, Commissioner of the Turks and Caicos Islands from 1893 to 1899. Administrator of Saint Vincent from May 1901 to March 1909. Acting Governor-in-Chief of the Windward Islands from June 1909 to October 1909. Commissioner of Saint Lucia from 11 March 1909 to 1914. Governor of The Gambia from 11 April 1914 until his retirement in July 1920

from stamp sales and recommended issuing its own stamps and this caused other presidencies to ask for a similar privilege.

In 1898, the actual post office receipts totalled over £35 and the islands revenue totalled £1,715; a year later with the re-introduction of local stamps the post office receipts amounted to £1,509, boosting the islands' total revenue to a grand total of £2,984.

In fact, in January 1899 the Road Town post office had begun to sell a new set of eight Virgin Islands stamps with a uniform design known as the *Virgin of the Lilies*. The new design was adopted to distinguish the new stamps from the ones previously issued.

The typographical errors (HALFPENNY and HALFPENNY) occurring on the 1/2d. denomination of this set are well known; they were promptly discovered by contemporary collectors, some of whom went to the trouble of sending them to the colony to obtain used

specimens. In this respect one may be tempted to label them as cancelled to order but this is hardly a blemish and should be overlooked. Of the 4d. 'FOUR PENCF' error, technically only 298 were printed, how many of them have survived is a different story. Half the specimens surfacing at auction have some gum or perforation problem and used copies are seldom seen.

From 1889 to 1 July 1956, when the Federal Colony of the Leeward Islands was dissolved, both BVI and Leeward Islands stamps were used in the territory with the former enjoying greater favour. Surviving commercial mail with Leeward Islands stamps used in the BVI is rather

small, nevertheless, according to reliable contemporary witnesses Leeward Islands stamps were regularly used by the local post office and its branches throughout the 1940s and early 1950s. The early Leeward Islands issues are particularly difficult to find with BVI postmarks and all subsequent issues, especially on cover, are quite desirable. In the words of R E R Dalwick, Leeward Islands stamps 'used in the Virgin Islands group should not be missed, they greatly increase the interest of the collection and fill up what would otherwise be a big gap in the postal history of the islands.



CROSSING THE ATLANTIC OCEAN TWICE:

1 - VIRGIN ISLANDS - LONDON, 2 - LONDON-HALIFAX-TURKS IS.
1898, 17 January

1 penny Postal Envelope of the Leeward Islands featuring postage insignia with embossed profile of Queen Victoria - to London (3 Feb.) to E.J. Cameron, supplemented by Leeward Islands definitive postage stamps 1/2d and 1d 1890 issue tied by TORTOLA C circle-date-stamp (cde) with "98" year added in handwriting since the year "plug" was missing from the postmark. This piece of postal stationery of the Leeward Islands was re-posted to Turks Islands (24 Feb.) transiting in Halifax (14 Feb.)

THE STAMPS OF KING EDWARD VII AND KING GEORGE V

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

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

TO BE CONTINUED

THIS WEEK IN CORRUPTION

GAS-PING FOR JUSTICE

BY TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL

Is all well that ends well? This case will make you think twice.

This week, the Nigerian government secured a major legal victory: a UK court overturned a prior award, according to which the Nigerian government was to make an estimated US\$11 billion payout to a shady offshore company involved in a failed gas deal.

The reversal is a massive relief to the government of Nigeria, who would have struggled to pay such a hefty sum, which currently equates to roughly 40 per cent of the country's 2023 annual budget. It also wraps up a decade-long saga involving corrupt Nigerian officials and truly bizarre legal misconduct.

The Nigerian government's initial deal with Process & Industrial Developments Limited (P&ID), struck back in 2010, raised red flags from the beginning. The small company was registered in the British Virgin Islands, a notorious hub for financial secrecy. It was run by two business partners, both from Ireland, who had no prior experience in the gas sector.

Even so, they won a contract to develop a processing plant that would turn "wet gas" supplied by Nigeria into more usable "lean gas". Interestingly, they already had a prior relationship with influential Nigerian billionaire and former defence minister General TY Danjuma, who would later be named in the Panama Papers.

The deal turned sour by 2012 when P&ID commenced an arbitration claim, an opaque form of dispute resolution between foreign investors and nation-states, over lost profits. They claimed Nigeria had failed to carry out their side of the deal, setting off years of legal proceedings in the UK. During the drawn-out arbitration process, Nigeria was represented by a legal counsel who, at one point, attempted to summon a witness who was deceased.

This part of the legal saga culminated in 2017, with a UK arbitration tribunal ruling that held Nigeria liable for US\$6.6 billion in damages, plus interest. After an appeal that lasted several years, the damages stood at an eye-watering US\$11 billion at the time of this week's ruling.

As the case was untangled over time, evidence of corruption at the heart of the ill-fated gas deal came to light.

In 2020, Nigeria submitted evidence to the UK courts revealing

that P&ID had bribed two government agency employees responsible for the gas contract. Even more shockingly, another employee of the agency recommended to the Attorney General that the state should settle with P&ID, citing a weak case. This same employee was found to have US\$100,000 in their bank account, deposited seven days later by the counsel representing Nigeria during the arbitration. This raised significant suspicions that the counsel - the one who also wanted to cross-examine a dead witness - was colluding with P&ID.

The disappointing legal drama doesn't end there. This week's ruling also slammed two English lawyers acting for P&ID for retaining legally privileged Nigerian documents and acting without legal integrity. Interestingly, one of the lawyers - a nephew of P&ID's co-founder - would have received US\$850 million if the case was successful, while another who represented P&ID during the arbitration would have received US\$3 billion.

Auwal Musa Rafsanjani, the executive director of the Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre, our chapter in Nigeria, noted to journalists the importance of this week's legal victory in avoiding a potential economic catastrophe. He urged for a thorough

investigation into the government entities involved in the P&ID gas deal.

While this week had a positive outcome for the Nigerian government, there's no denying that the Nigerian people have been let down by public officials who were not serving their best interests and by costly legal proceedings that left everyone involved worse off.

The UK court finally ruled in Nigeria's favour only once irrefutable evidence of corruption was brought to light. There were significant red flags that had surfaced earlier than this, yet they were not considered by the arbitration tribunal. This week's judgement acknowledged a fundamental power imbalance not only in the initial corrupt contract, but in the subsequent legal avenues available to both sides.

Unfortunately, the arbitration processes in cases like these largely take place behind closed doors, leaving no room for civil society advocates in Nigeria, or elsewhere, to investigate and raise red flags.

That is why more transparency in arbitration processes is key. Allowing these disputes to drag on without public scrutiny brings about the sort of risks we have seen in the lengthy P&ID saga. Promoting fairness and accountability would serve the broader interests of justice and the public.



POLICE NEWS #2

RVIPF REMAINS CONCERNED ABOUT BURGLARY SPIKE

Thursday, November 2 – The RVIPF would like to emphasize its ongoing concern regarding the increase in occurrences of both commercial and residential burglaries. In these burglary incidents, the perpetrators frequently make off with a range of electronic devices, including laptop computers, -mobile phones, and gaming consoles.

We urge the public to remain vigilant for individuals selling these items, especially if the prices are significantly lower than the market value. The RVIPF also urges individuals to promptly report any such incidents to the police if there is reason to believe that the items were stolen or acquired unlawfully.

Head of the Criminal Investigation Department, Detective Chief Inspector Kenrick Davis stated: “It is far better to prevent burglaries than to investigate them after they have occurred. A person’s home should be their safe space and once it is violated by trespassers, it is not the same place anymore”.

The RVIPF is conducting-focused patrols as a preventive measure while

investigations remain ongoing in reported burglary cases. As such, DCI Davis would like to reiterate the following self-help options to individuals, families and businesses:

1. Install CCTV cameras in and around your premises to monitor activities and deter potential burglars.

2. Utilize alarm systems and ensure that the exterior of your property is well-lit. Adequate lighting can act as a deterrent to would-be intruders. Motion lights are a good option.

3. Securely lock your doors and windows, especially when away from your premises. This basic measure can significantly reduce the risk of unauthorized entry.

4. Regularly inspect and maintain the locking mechanisms on all windows, ensuring that they are fully operational. Any faulty locks should be promptly repaired or replaced.

5. Do not leave a spare key outside. A large percentage of burglaries happen without forced entry.

6. Safeguard your valuable possessions by photographing them in their respective locations within your home. Create

a detailed inventory list for each item, and record serial numbers or specific identifying marks to make it easier to identify them in case of theft.


7. Establish a neighbourhood watch group which can be conveniently organised through a WhatsApp platform. In this setup,

residents within a specific neighbourhood can serve as vigilant observers, promptly reporting any suspicious incidents they come across to their fellow community members and the police. The RVIPF stands ready to provide advice and support to any community wishing to start these groups.

Persons who can assist police with information into any burglary can confidentially call the Crime Stoppers line 800-8477 (TIPS) or overseas call 1-284-800-8477 with the relevant information or contact the RVIPF Intelligence Unit at 368-9339.


Be SMART

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




DO'S

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




DON'TS

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



IMPORTANT NOTE IN CASE OF LEAKAGE

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



A message from the Department of Disaster Management and Sol

Caribbean News / Regional News

30 seconds of terror! Strong earthquake rocks most parishes across Jamaica

Source: <https://www.jamaicaobserver.com/news/30-seconds-of-terror/>

Jamaicans were left panicking on Monday as a 5.6 magnitude earthquake hit the island prompting people to flee buildings amid heavy shaking that knocked out power in some areas but appeared to cause no serious damage.

Most people reported

feeling the tremor for approximately 30 seconds.

The quake's epicentre was about four kilometres west-northwest of Hope Bay, Portland and occurred at a shallow depth of 10 kilometres.

Jamaica sits atop the Enriquillo-Plantain Garden

fault zone as do Haiti and the Dominican Republic and has been the scene of several earthquakes over many years.

Seismologists say that while small earthquakes are common in and around Jamaica — approximately 200 a year — strong ones are rare.

ANGUILLA TOURIST BOARD APPOINTS MS. KIMBERLY KING AS CHIEF MARKETING OFFICER

The Valley, Anguilla, October 26, 2023: The Anguilla Tourist Board (ATB) is pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Kimberly King to the position of Chief Marketing Officer, effective October 16, 2023.

"Ms. King is an accomplished tourism marketing professional with a strong record of achievement in both the public and private sectors," stated Mr. Kenroy Herbert, Chairman of the Anguilla Tourist Board. "She has an innate understanding of the challenges facing the Caribbean region, particularly for small destinations like Anguilla. She has successfully tackled these issues with innovative and creative strategies and programs, and we are confident that the expertise she brings to the Tourist Board will enhance our presence and advance our initiatives in all major source markets."

As Chief Marketing Officer, Ms. King will be responsible for the development, execution, and continuous review of all marketing programs of the Anguilla Tourist Board.

"I am delighted and honored to join the Anguilla Tourist Board, and I deeply appreciate the vote of confidence from the Board in offering me this wonderful opportunity," said Ms.



Ms. Kimberly King

King. "Anguilla is an amazing destination with tremendous potential and a unique story to tell. I look forward to working closely with the talented team at the ATB to elevate the Anguilla brand and position the island as the premier Caribbean destination for discerning leisure and business travelers."

Prior to joining the Anguilla Tourist Board Ms. King served as the Destination Marketing Manager for the Discover Dominica Authority, where she successfully developed and implemented the marketing strategy for the Dominica destination brand. Under her tenure overall brand awareness, destination arrivals, and occupancy levels increased significantly. She pioneered select digital marketing strategies which resulted in more dynamic content for event marketing, and introduced a pillar strategy, which, among other factors,

resulted in Dominica being named the #1 island in the Caribbean, Bermuda, and the Bahamas by Travel + Leisure's World's Best Awards in 2022.

Her private sector experience includes executive positions with leading hotel chains Blue Diamond Resorts, as Sales and Accounts Manager for the Eastern Caribbean, and Rex Resorts, as Regional Sales Manager. Ms. King began her tourism career at the Hyatt Regency Trinidad, where she served in a variety of capacities, rising to the position of Events Sales Manager.

Ms. King holds a Masters Degree in Marketing Management from the Arthur Lok Jack Graduate School of Business. She earned her undergraduate degree in Hospitality and Tourism Management from the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, where she was awarded Most Outstanding Tourism Student by the Ministry of Tourism.

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

CARICOM: Happy 42nd Independence Anniversary Antigua and Barbuda



(CARICOM Secretariat, Turkeyen, Greater Georgetown, Guyana - Wednesday, 1 November 2023) The Caribbean Community (CARICOM) has congratulated Antigua and Barbuda on its Forty-Second Anniversary of Independence which it celebrates on 1 November 2023.

Secretary-General Dr. Carla N. Barnett sent the following congratulatory message to the Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda, Hon. Gaston Browne:

"Honourable Prime Minister,

On behalf of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), I extend warm congratulations to the Government and People of Antigua and Barbuda as you celebrate your Forty-Second Anniversary of Independence.

The theme for this year's celebrations "Embracing the Legacy, Shaping the Future" reflects the commitment of Antigua and Barbuda to nation-building and to fashioning a prosperous future, following on its achievements since Independence.

Honourable Prime Minister, the Community continues to benefit from the valuable contributions made by the Government and People of Antigua and Barbuda to bolster the Regional Integration movement and promote sustainable development. In this regard, I commend the staunch leadership demonstrated during your recent tenure as Chair of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS).

Honourable Prime Minister, as the Government and People of Antigua and Barbuda celebrate this milestone occasion, I extend, on behalf of the Community, wishes for continued peace and prosperity."

VOA NEWS VOA NEWS VOA NEWS VOA NEWS VOA NEWS

Departures From Gaza Begin as Rafah Border Crossing Opens for First Time Since Start of Israel-Hamas War

Latest Developments:

Gaza-Egypt border opens to foreigners at Rafah for the first time Wednesday since the start of Israel - Hamas war.

Opening of Rafah crossing part of a deal between Israel, Hamas and Egypt brokered by Qatar

First group of foreign passport holders departed besieged Gaza Strip Wednesday

First group of injured Palestinians were also taken into Egypt for medical treatment under deal

Internet and phone networks are down across the Gaza Strip on Wednesday, the Palestinian telecommunications agency says

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken to return to region Friday

The first group of foreign nationals who have been trapped in Gaza since the start of the war between Israel and the Palestinian militant group Hamas began leaving the besieged enclave for Egypt Wednesday.

The reopening of the Rafah border crossing to allow foreign passport holders to leave was part of a deal between Israel, Egypt and Hamas that was brokered by Qatar. At least 400 foreign nationals will be allowed to cross into Egypt.

In addition to the foreign nationals, about 81 injured Palestinians were also taken by ambulance from Gaza to receive treatment in Egyptian hospitals. The patients are the first known Palestinians allowed out of Gaza since the start of the October 7 war.

The first departures of foreign nationals and

Palestinians comes as Gaza is once again experiencing a total communications blackout.

The enclave's telecommunications service provider Paltel (Palestine Telecommunication Company) issued a statement late Tuesday on X, the social media website formerly known as Twitter, informing residents of a complete outage of all telephone and Internet services. The company said the outage was "due to international routes that were previously reconnected being cut off again."

Gaza suffered a complete communications blackout for two days beginning last Friday, leaving the besieged territory's 2.3 million people cut off from the world and stalling delivery of critical international relief supplies.

The latest disruption of phone and Internet service occurred hours after an Israeli airstrike on a Palestinian refugee camp in the northern Gaza city of Jabaliya that left at least 50 people dead and 150 others wounded, according to Palestinian health authorities.

An Israeli army spokesman confirmed the airstrike to CNN, saying "a very senior Hamas commander" was in the area. A statement by the Israel Defense Forces later identified the man as Ibrahim Biari and said he was a ringleader of the "murderous terror attack" on October 7 by Hamas militants in southern Israel.

Jabaliya was home to the families of refugees from wars dating back to 1948, according to Reuters. A statement from Hamas said that no commanders were



Palestinians look for survivors under the rubble of destroyed buildings following Israeli airstrikes in Jabaliya refugee camp, northern Gaza Strip, Nov. 1, 2023.

at the camp and put the casualties at 400 dead or wounded. Agence France Presse said Wednesday that Hamas is claiming that seven hostages, including three foreign passport holders, were among those killed in the airstrike

Those claims have not been independently verified.

Israel accuses Hamas, designated a terrorist group by the U.S. and others, of using civilians as shields and having a sprawling network of tunnels underneath Gaza where it is believed to be stockpiling weapons, food and other supplies.

The airstrike on the Jabaliya refugee camp angered several of Israel's Arab neighbors. The United Arab Emirates's foreign ministry issued a statement saying the attack will lead to "irreparable ramifications in the region." The kingdom once again called for "an immediate ceasefire to prevent further loss of life."

Saudi Arabia condemned

the attack as "inhumane targeting by the Israeli occupation forces," while a spokesman for Iran's foreign ministry said the attack was yet another war crime committed by Israel in a post on the messaging site Telegram.

Tuesday's attack on Jabaliya was the latest in a series of ground and air strikes by Israel's military aimed at Hamas and its extensive tunnel network in Gaza. The IDF earlier Tuesday said an airstrike killed another Hamas commander, Nasim Abu Ajina, who orchestrated the October 7 terror attack that left 1,400 people dead. Israeli authorities say as many as 239 people were kidnapped during the raid

and are being held hostage.

Blinken to Return to Region Friday

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken will travel to Israel Friday for meetings with members of the Israel government, with plans to "make other stops in the region," according to a brief statement by spokesman Matthew Miller.

Miller said Blinken spoke by phone Tuesday with Israeli President Isaac Herzog. He said Blinken reaffirmed U.S. support for Israel's right to defend itself against terrorism "consistent with international humanitarian law and emphasized the need to take feasible precautions to minimize harm to civilians."



SPORTS



VG United snatches 2-1 victory over Wolues, in BVIFA play

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway



Visiting Virgin Gorda United withstood the Wolues assault, an 8-1 edge in corner kicks and a 0-1 first half deficit, then clawed back for a 2-1 victory, to remain unbeaten in the BVI Football Association's Men's League on Sunday in Greenland.

'Wolues' James Malley's strike in the 43rd minute put them ahead 1-0. After regrouping at the half time interval, Joel Mars had a goal in the 58th minute and then VG United nabbed all three points as Devante Samuels netted the winner in the 87th minute.

"We knew it would be a battle tonight. In the first half, they really controlled the game. They had eight corners to our one, but we defended our tails off and I give

kudos to my team," VG Manager Jermain Abrams told Island Sun Sports. "With that, I knew the mental part we won. They dominated the first half—we didn't have possession. We weren't in the game at all, period. To have come out one goal down in the first half, was a win mentally, so once the second half started, the game was over."

Abrams said the team has been together for a while, they have confidence and they aren't afraid of any other team.

"Even if somebody beats us, we're not afraid of anybody—I can't reiterate that. We beat ourselves," he said. "We have a team. We have the camaraderie to beat every team in this league and that's not spilling words. Watch it you'll see."

Meanwhile, playing at home, the Virgin Gorda Sugar Boys lost some ground against their cross-town rivals VG United, when they hosted Lion Heart in a thoroughly entertaining and open game that

ended in a 3-3 draw.

Lion Heart went ahead in just the 3rd minute when Bishon Richards scored. Sugar Boys Captain Derol Redhead made it 1-1 in the 10th minute, but goals from Cordel Dallaway in the 13th and Osaniss Bassaragh in the 33rd, meant that Lion Heart silenced the crowd going into a 3-1 halftime lead. However, Redhead, so often the savior for the Sugar Boys, pulled one back in the 36th minute to make it 3-2. Alejandro Sanchez penetrated the defence to score in the 73rd, for a 3-3 draw.

"The game was an eye opener for us. Lion Heart came with a high energy approach and exploited our defensive weaknesses early on," Redhead noted. "They always enjoy playing us and always want to beat us, however we gradually got back into the game and were able to dominate the second half. We could have had all three points, but possibly a draw

was fair given our first half performance. We have some things to work on at training and will definitely be doing that before our next game against Rebels."

The other game played at the weekend saw Panthers race into a 3-1 lead against an improved Positive squad, only to be pegged back by a resurgent opponent and then having to hold on to secure a 3-2 win.

Dylan Marvin Pierre put the Panthers ahead in the 11th minute, Lenroy Levon Dennis made it 2-0 in the 23rd and Reuben Stoby's strike in the 45th, gave them a 3-0 edge going into the break. However, Positive gave themselves a lifeline in added time at the end of the first half when Jean Wilhelm Judy scored from the penalty spot, to make it 3-1. In the 56th Ryan Blagrove made it 3-2 game, but Panthers were able to hold on to get the win.

"It was a good team performance from us to be honest," Panthers Coach Stany Francis said. "I am pleased with the win. Goals came from all departments, wing, midfield



Wolues' Tai Thomas outjumps Virgin Gorda United's Jason Abrams for the header during Sunday's 2-1 loss to the visitors

and defense. Leading 3-0 and ending with 3-2 was a bit of a scare towards the end but with great team spirit we managed to pull through. We will continue to train and raise fitness levels and continue growing together as a team."

Alexander, Seddon victorious in Mourant College Classic Series on Virgin Gorda

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

ROAD RACING

John Alexander ran 12 minutes and 57 seconds and Charli Seddon, 16:24, to win the opening race of the Mourant College Classic Series on Virgin Gorda on a new course on Saturday.

Alexander was followed by Roshad Boyce and veteran Curvin Andrews—who has been competing in the Virgin Gorda leg of the series since its inception in 1997—in 13:24 and 13:38 respectively. Andrew Yates was fourth in 13:42 as the only runners under 14 minutes.

Seddon was followed by Azariah George in 17:26 and Leah Wheeler, 17:40, Kim

Takeuchi was fourth in 18:06 and Saungie Luburd, fifth in 18:20.

"The race in Virgin Gorda was really good. I was excited to see that the weather held up so we could have had this race and we did wait it out which was a good plan," Race Director Stephanie Russ Penn told Island Sun Sports. "We saw 29 turning out for our inaugural run on our new route which takes you from the new College location which is at Village Rose, close to Bucks Supermarket. From there, the runners headed towards Top of the Baths, made their turn and came back and it worked out really, really well. The people who came out were really enthusiastic and looking forward to the next race."

She said there were no complaints about the course

and everyone seemed fine with it. "They weren't like oh my God, this is much harder," Russ Penn said. "It certainly has more inclines than the previous route, and on the way back it's much faster because it's a gradual decline, but persons were fine. I know they need a couple more races under their belt to get used to it and this season will only provide one more. But people seem to be receptive to the route. I think it's going to be a good fixture. We'll keep evaluating it but it worked out well."

The race, which attracted 15 males and 14 females, was one for breast cancer awareness and despite the weather, she said people still came out and supported including wearing pink. Russ Penn said that there were persons who had never



John Alexander and Charli Seddon receiving their awards from HLSCC's Debbie Hodge



done the course before and described it as a good mix and she's looking forward to that mixture when they return to Virgin Gorda for the Nov 11 finale. That race too she said will be a race for another cause, this time diabetes and persons are encouraged to wear blue.

The finale on Tortola will be on Saturday. Russ Penn said she's making a change to the race. Instead of ending with the Elite Relay Exchange, it will be an open race as in race one, as the second race was cancelled due to the weather associated with Tropical Storm Tammy.

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. Participants in the Mourant College Classic Series on Virgin Gorda after running on a new course



Virgin Gorda United's Jaden Abrams and Wolues' Marcus Robinson extend for a header



*. Laser Sailor competing in the Santiago 2023 Pan Am Games in Chile
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BVI and Dominica players greeting in St. Lucia. Both teams will meet at 3 p.m. at the A. O. Shirley Grounds on Nov 16



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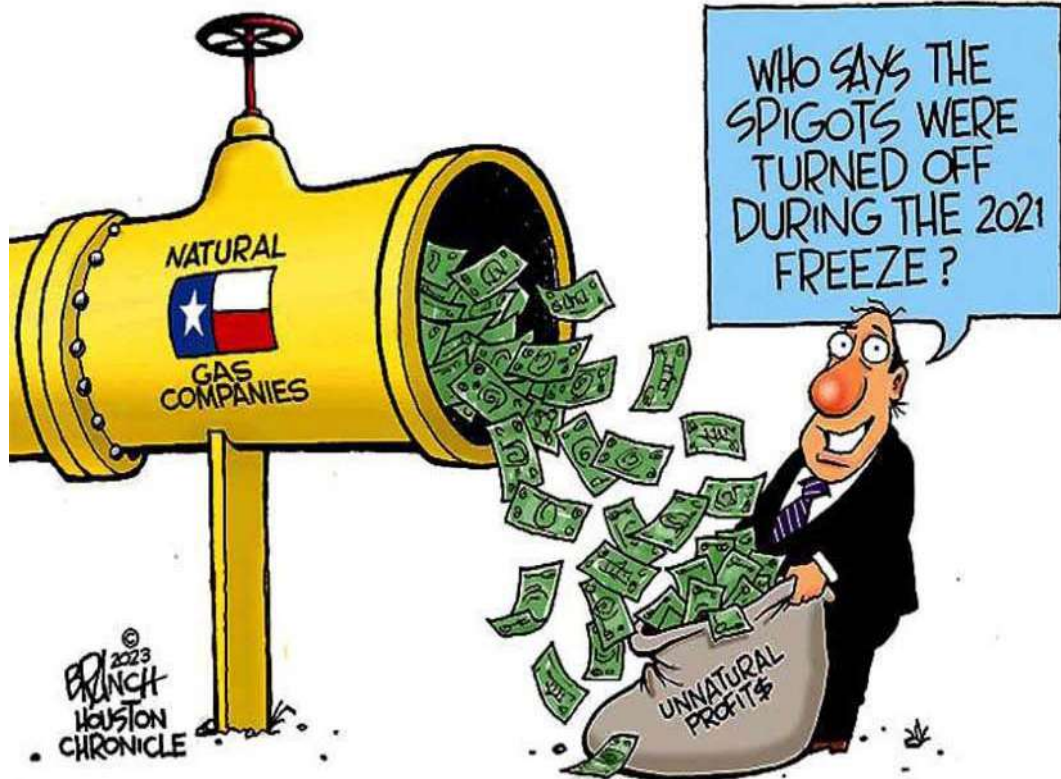
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Out on a Limb



celebrity extra

by Dana Jackson

Q. Which “Property Brothers” twin is Zoey Deschanel dating? How did they meet? Is the other brother married? — *P.I.*

A. Zoey Deschanel, best known for “New Girl,” and Jonathan Scott of the “Property Brothers” home renovation show on HGTV met while singing together on “Carpool Karaoke: The Series.” Jonathan and his twin brother, Drew, appeared with Zoey and her sister, Emily Deschanel (“Bones”). Apparently, Jonathan was so smitten and flirtatious with Zoey during filming that producers later told him they had to cut a bunch of the footage.

Their relationship lasted through the pandemic and their own home renovation project. Now, four years later, they are engaged to be married. Both have very busy careers. Zoey is acting in the Apple TV+ series “Physical,” and Jonathan is six seasons into the show “Celebrity IOU” with Drew on HGTV.

Both of the lovebirds also sing. Zoey is one half of the duo “She & Him” — him being M. Ward — and Jonathan has released several singles with his brother. He’s also opened for “She & Him” and has a side gig as a magician with a private group of illusionists.

As for Drew, he’s been happily married to Linda Phan since 2018. They met eight years earlier at a Toronto Fashion Week event. They have one son together, Parker, who will be 2 next May.

Q. I was watching the new season of “Bosch: Legacy.” At the beginning of an episode, there was a statement that said “In Loving Memory of ...” but I didn’t recognize the names. Who were they? — *K.J.*

A. “Bosch: Legacy” is a spin-off of the Amazon Prime Video series “Bosch,” which aired from 2014-2021. “Bosch: Legacy,” which airs on Amazon Freevee, had its second season premiere recently and paid tribute to actors Lance Reddick and Annie Wersching, who passed away this year from heart disease and cancer, respectively.

Both were recognizable character actors in Hollywood. Wersching played rookie police officer Julia Brasher on a recurring basis throughout the run of “Bosch,” and Reddick played police



Deposiphotos
Zoey Deschanel (“New Girl”) and Jonathan Scott (“Property Brothers”)

Chief Irvin Irving on all seven seasons. The first four episodes of season two of “Bosch: Legacy” are available to stream now. Subsequent episodes will premiere in pairs each Friday through Nov. 10.

Q. Have they found a new host of “The Daily Show” now that Trevor Noah left? Are they going to keep having guest hosts? — *J.K.*

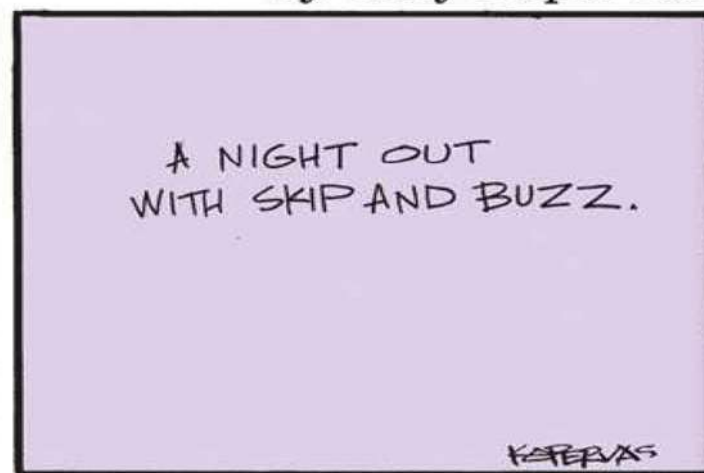
A. It’s been about two years since Trevor Noah exited Comedy Central’s “The Daily Show,” but a new permanent host has yet to be announced. Many thought Ray Wood Jr., who was a correspondent on the show for eight years, would be named. However, when it became apparent that he wasn’t the chosen one, Wood Jr. announced that he was leaving the show altogether.

More recently, it appeared that former correspondent Hasan Minhaj (2014-18) was the frontrunner, but his name was marked off the list after the New Yorker did an unflattering exposé on him. Comedy Central has issued a vague statement that a permanent replacement will be announced sometime in 2024.

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

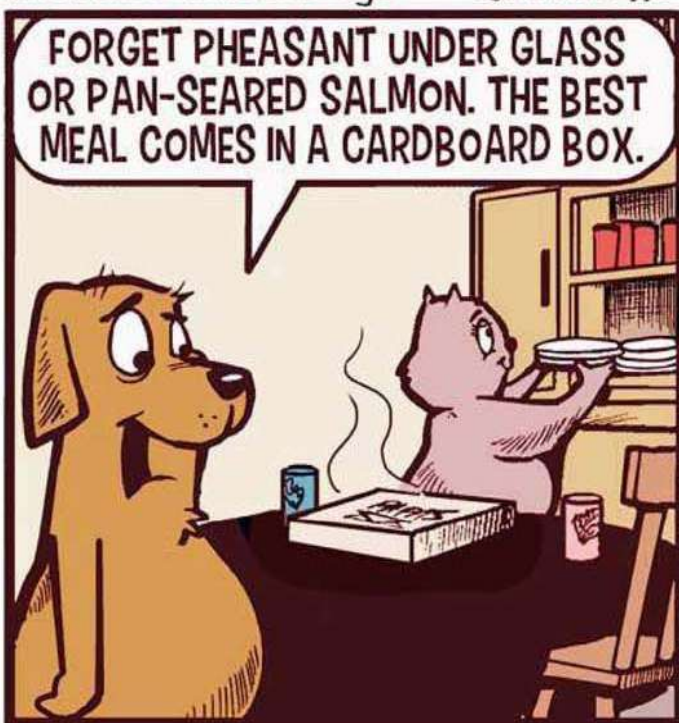
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BIBLIE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Abaddon (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Matthew 12, when an evil spirit returns to a person, how many companions does it bring? 2, 3, 7, 16
3. In which book's 22:18 does it state, "Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live"? Exodus, Numbers, Isaiah, Hebrews
4. The mark of the beast number (666) is found in which chapter of Revelation? 1, 7, 11, 13
5. From 1 Samuel 16, which king of Israel was tormented by an evil spirit? Solomon, David, Elah, Saul
6. Who called the city of Nineveh the mistress of witchcraft? Ahab, Nahum, Lucifer, Peter

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) 7, 3) Exodus, 4) 13:18, 5) Saul, 6) Nahum

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Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- Australia is the only continent without an active volcano.
- A world championship for throwing mobile phones has been held annually in Finland since 2010. Contestants are judged on their technique as well as the length of their throw.
- The Sky Beam that shoots out of Las Vegas's Luxor Hotel attracts so many insects that it's established a new ecosystem of moths, bats and owls.
- Sponges hold more cold water than hot.
- You've undoubtedly heard of wishing upon a star, but how about an eyelash? An old superstition held that if one lost an eyelash, they should place it on the back of their hand, then throw it over their shoulder while picturing their desire. Or they could place it on the tip of their nose, then blow it off. But if the lash got stuck, they were out of luck!
- The term "grumble" is used to refer to a group of pug dogs.
- According to Greek historian Herodotus, a solar eclipse ended a six-year war in 583 B.C. when the act of "day turning into night" resulted in a draw that led to a peace treaty.
- A statue of Nikola Tesla in Silicon Valley provides free Wi-Fi.
- Not that we expect them to attempt it anytime soon, but cows cannot descend stairs. First, they can't easily see the ground after their feet, but their knees and hips also make it difficult for them to move at a downward angle (like some humans!). Plus, their weight would leave them off-balance and at risk of toppling.

Thought for the Day: "Few people know how to take a walk. The qualifications are endurance, plain clothes, old shoes, an eye for nature, good humor, vast curiosity, good speech, good silence and nothing too much." — Ralph Waldo Emerson

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The Lord is their strength, and He is the saving refuge of His anointed. Save Your people, and bless Your inheritance; shepherd them also, and bear them up forever.

Psalm 28:8,9

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The pitter-patter of all those Sheep feet means that you're out and about, rushing to get more accomplished. That's fine, but slow down by the weekend so that you can heed some important advice.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're in charge of your own destiny these days, and no doubt, you'll have that Bull's-eye of yours right on target. But don't forget to make time for family events.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Be prepared for a power struggle that you wish you could avoid. Look to those helpful folks around you for advice on how to avoid it without losing the important gains you've made.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Congratulations! You're about to claim your hard-earned reward for your patience and persistence. Now, go out and enjoy some fun and games with friends and family!

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The Big Cat might find it difficult to shake off that listless feeling, but be patient. By the weekend, your spirits will perk up, and you'll be your perfectly purring self again.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A problem with a co-worker could prove to be a blessing in disguise when a superior steps in to investigate and discovers a situation that could prove helpful to you.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) This is a favorable time to move ahead with your plans. Some setbacks are expected, but they're only temporary. Pick up the pace again and stick with it.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your creativity is recognized and rewarded. So, go ahead and claim what you've earned. Meanwhile, that irksome mysterious situation will soon be resolved.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A new associate brings ideas that the wise Sagittarian quickly realizes will benefit them both. Meanwhile, someone from your workplace makes an emotional request.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) It might be a good idea to ease up on that hectic pace and spend more time studying the things you'll need to know when more opportunities come later in November.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A relatively quiet time is now giving way to a period of high activity. Face it with the anticipation that it will bring you some well-deserved boons and benefits.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Go with the flow or make waves? It's up to you. Either way, you'll get noticed. However, try to make up your own mind. Don't let anyone tell you what choices to make.

BORN THIS WEEK: You like to examine everything before you agree to accept what you're told. Your need for truth keeps everyone around you honest.

HOLLYWOOD

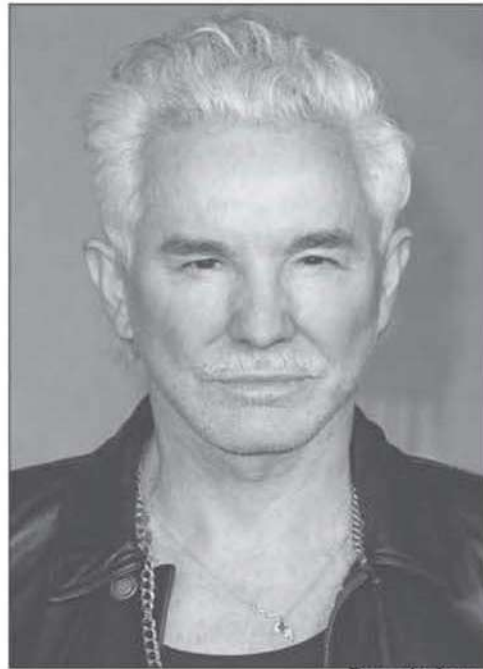
by Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD — “Australia” director **Baz Luhrmann**, who scored big with “Elvis” (\$85 million cost, \$288.7 million gross), must have been stuck on what to do next. Instead of moving forward, he went backward, reimagining his 2008 epic “Australia” (\$130 million cost, \$211.3 million gross) as a limited six-part series called “Faraway Downs.” Luhrmann must have planned back in 2008 to revisit “Australia,” having filmed three different endings at that time. It will once again feature **Nicole Kidman** and **Hugh Jackman** in their original roles and drops on Nov. 26 on Hulu.

The ever-busy Kidman has “Aquaman and the Lost Kingdom” coming up on Dec. 20; the Netflix rom-com “A Family Affair” with **Zac Efron** and **Kathy Bates**; and “Holland, Michigan,” with **Gael Garcia Bernal** and Emmy winner **Matthew Macfayden** (for “Criminal Justice” and “Succession”). Meanwhile, Jackman is once again playing “Wolverine” in “Deadpool 3,” due May 3.

Ellen Burstyn, Oscar winner for “Alice Doesn’t Live Here Anymore” (1974), turns 91 on Dec. 7, but admitted that she’s been busier than ever lately. When asked why the roles are piling up, she told the Hollywood Reporter: “Everybody else who could play those parts has already died.” Everyone also wondered why she chose to do “The Exorcist: Believer.” What made her override her previous stance to do it? It created quite a stir in Hollywood when she finally agreed to do this particular sequel of “The Exorcist.”

Burstyn admitted, “This time, they offered me a whole bunch of money, and I still said no. And then they surprised me, and they came back and said, ‘We doubled the offer.’ I said, ‘OK, let me think about this.’ ... The next thought that came to mind was, ‘I feel like the devil is asking my price.’ And the next thought that came to mind was, ‘My price is a scholarship program for talented students at our master’s degree program at Pace University. That’s my price.’ So I then went back and upped their up and ended up getting what I want.”



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Director Baz Luhrmann
 (“Australia” and “Elvis”)

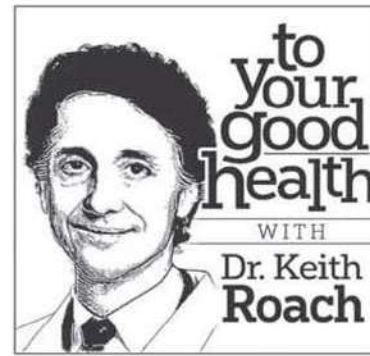
Her bargaining chip was that she’s “the only actress still standing who could play the great-grandmother!” So far, “The Exorcist: Believer” has grossed \$107.6 million with a \$30 million budget, but will she sign up for the two other sequels they’re planning?

Another recent film of Burstyn’s — “Mother, Couch,” with **Ewan McGregor**, **Lara Flynn Boyle** and **F. Murray Abraham** — premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival on Sept. 9.

Jessica Lange, who has two Oscars, five Golden Globes, three Emmys and one Tony, says she is considering retiring from acting because “creativity is secondary now to corporate profits” in filmmaking. But Lange is still set to star opposite **Ed Harris** in an upcoming film adaptation of **Eugene O’Neill’s** “Long Day’s Journey Into Night.”

It’s too bad that she’s letting corporate greed extinguish her talent. Who could forget her stunning performance in “Feud: Bette and Joan”? Her character, Joan Crawford, was never concerned with any of that and famously said, “I think the most important thing a woman can have — next to talent, of course — is her hairdresser!”

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Paget’s Disease Causes Arthritis, Pain, Deformities and More

DEAR DR. ROACH: My husband has been diagnosed with Paget’s disease. I would like to know more about it; this is the first time I have ever heard of it. I would like to know the treatments and how much damage affects the bones. He is 76, had prostate cancer and underwent radiation treatment. — C.W.

ANSWER: Paget’s disease of the bone is a common disease in people of European ancestry, with a lifetime prevalence of approximately 3%, although it remains undiagnosed in many. The cause of the disease appears to be a defect in bone reabsorption by the osteoclast, a specialized cell that normally helps maintain bone health. Paget’s disease is not a cancer. It is normally diagnosed over the age of 55.

Most cases of Paget’s disease are asymptomatic; however, without treatment, some people will develop arthritis, pain, deformities and fractures. The bone deformities may lead to nerve compression and, in the case of the tiny bones in the ear, hearing loss. X-rays and a high alkaline phosphatase (ALP) blood test are suggestive of the diagnosis. A bone scan is recommended to see the extent of damage from the disease.

Fortunately, highly effective treatments are available. Bisphosphonate drugs, the same drugs that are used to treat many people with osteoporosis, are very effective. A single treatment with zoledronic acid is effective at stopping (not reversing) the progression of the disease, and fewer than 20% of people will need a second dose. Diagnosing and treating early are ideal.

I don’t think his prostate cancer or radi-

ation treatment has anything to do with his diagnosis of Paget’s.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I’m a 76-year-old male who was recently diagnosed with transitional cell carcinoma of the ureter, but I don’t have a history of smoking or any occupational exposure to chemicals, plastics, rubber or dyes. My cancer was found through a CT scan with contrast dye after having asymptomatic hematuria. It’s isolated to the proximal ureter and a kidney. How rare is that?

I have to have the kidney and ureter removed. Can you talk about living with one kidney and the adjustments that I’ll have to make? — R.P.

ANSWER: Urothelial cancers (the new name for transitional cell cancers) come from the lining of the urinary tract and can be present in the kidneys, ureters (the tubes that carry urine from the kidneys to the bladder), bladder and urethra (the tube that carries urine outside of the body). They are not common, about one per 100,000 people per year.

About 17% of people with cancer in the ureter will also have cancer in the bladder at the same time, and almost half will develop cancer in the bladder later in life. Careful screening, such as a look inside the bladder every six months, is essential.

You are correct that smoking and certain industrial exposures are risk factors for developing these cancers, but so is the place of origin; cancer syndromes such as Lynch syndrome; other toxins such as the drug phenacetin; and traditional Chinese herbs containing aristolochic acid. For localized diseases, complete removal is the safest approach, since there may be multiple small areas affected by cancer.

Living with one kidney is not that different from living with two, as the other kidney somewhat compensates for the missing one. Some medications may need to have lower doses, but usually, this is not the case.

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

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VENEZUELA'S DANGEROUS REFERENDUM: THREATENING PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL LAW

By Sir Ronald Sanders

The writer is Antigua and Barbuda's Ambassador to the United States and the Organization of American States. He is also a Senior Fellow at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies at the University of London and Massey College in the University of Toronto. The views expressed are entirely his own.

For sixty years, from their entry into school, Venezuelans have been trained into believing that the Essequibo region of Guyana belongs to Venezuela. Consequently, regardless of the facts, this belief is ingrained in the Venezuelan psyche.

This is why, the only matter on which the contending political factions in Venezuela can agree is that Essequibo is Venezuelan.

It has long been a political tactic that, when there is domestic discord, a common enemy should be created, in an attempt to gain political support generally. Hence, the periodic but persistent proclamations from Venezuela, claiming Essequibo.

The latest attempt to validate the acquisition of the Essequibo region is evident in the questions posed to the Venezuelan electorate in a forthcoming referendum with a predetermined outcome.

The contrived referendum, prejudicially titled, "in defence of Guayana Esequiba", will be held on 3rd December 2023. Among its deliberately leading questions, designed to get a desired positive answer, is the following: "Do you agree with the creation of the Guayana Esequiba state and the development of an accelerated plan for the comprehensive care of the current and future population of that territory that includes, among others, the granting of citizenship and Venezuelan identity card in accordance with the Geneva Agreement and international law, consequently incorporating said state on the map of Venezuelan territory?"

Given that for over 60 years, successive governments of Venezuela have carried out a propaganda policy of brainwashing their people to adopt the claim that Essequibo belongs to Venezuela in

defiance of an 1899 International Arbitral Award, the question is framed to secure the electorate's support as validation of the annexation of Essequibo.

Significantly, the questions for the referendum ignore entirely that there is an existing arbitral award since 1899 that establishes the boundaries between Venezuela and Guyana. Similarly, the questions ignore the historical evidence that Venezuela proclaimed the arbitral award and ratified it in their congress.

The referendum also makes no mention of the fact that, since 2018, there is a case before the highest legal court in the world, the International Court of Justice (ICJ), to settle the validity of the 1899

award. The only reference to these proceedings is contained in question 3 of the referendum, which, prejudicially, poses the loaded question: "Do you agree with the historic position of Venezuela not to recognise the jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice to resolve the controversy over the territory of Guayana Essequiba?"

The Venezuelan authorities neglect to advise their electorate of Articles 92 and 93 of the Charter of the United Nations. Article 92 states, "The International Court of Justice shall be the principal judicial organ of the United Nations" and Article 93 declares, "All Members of the United Nations are ipso facto parties to the Statute of the International Court of Justice." Not to recognise the jurisdiction of the ICJ is tantamount to a repudiation of the UN Charter.

Moreover, the ICJ has already twice decided that it has jurisdiction to determine the validity of the 1899 award and the related land boundary between Venezuela and Guyana. The placing of the question in the referendum, in the manner in which it is framed, is a flagrant disregard for international law, the UN Charter and the ICJ.

It is clear that this contrived referendum is designed to lead the Venezuelan electorate into giving cover for the government decision to ignore the ICJ proceedings and, instead, to take unilateral action to "incorporate" Essequibo into "the territory of



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Venezuela".

The Caribbean Community (CARICOM) rightly responded to this situation by noting that "two of the questions approved to be posed in the Referendum, if answered in the affirmative, would authorise the government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to embark on the annexation of territory, which constitutes part of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, and to create a state within Venezuela known as Guyana Essequibo". Further, CARICOM reaffirmed that "international law strictly prohibits the government of one State from unilaterally seizing, annexing or incorporating the territory of another state. An affirmative vote as aforesaid opens the door to the possible violation of this fundamental tenet of international law."

Against this background, it seems that the Venezuelan government is convinced that its chances of a favourable decision from the ICJ of its claims are very slim. Therefore, it is moving to annexation, a blatant violation of the Charters of the UN and the Organization of American States.

Venezuela has reached this point after many efforts to scuttle the ICJ process, by asserting that the controversy with Guyana could be settled by dialogue and negotiation between the two states. In making this assertion, Venezuela ignores the 50 years of joint commissions, direct negotiations, and UN good offices mediation which all failed. It also ignores that the present ICJ process, which flowed directly from the 1966 Geneva Agreement in which both Venezuela and Guyana agreed, under Article IV (1), that the UN Secretary-General shall make the decision concerning "one of the means of settlement provided in Article 33 of the Charter of the United Nations". The Secretary-General decided on the ICJ.

And, Venezuela had every opportunity to participate actively in the proceedings even after it lost its legal arguments objecting to the Court's jurisdiction. Therefore, Venezuela's call for dialogue and negotiation is another gambit to avoid the judicial means of settlement.

International law and the ICJ process are the legitimate and peaceful pathways to a definitive settlement of the land boundary.

Any attempt to unilaterally incorporate Essequibo into Venezuela as is promoted by the planned referendum, or any subsequent military action in furtherance of such a contrived referendum, will rightly be met by international odium, condemnation and action.



PUBLIC NOTICES

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

Stereo IIG Growth Capital II Ltd

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2014749

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from October 26, 2023.

Dated: October 26, 2023

(Sgd.) *Nelcia St. Jean*

Voluntary Liquidator

[24/1]

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

Winchester Holdings Development Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1667507

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 26th day of October, 2023.

Dated: 26th day of October, 2023.

(Sgd.) *Philippa O'Sullivan*

Voluntary Liquidator

[24/2]

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

KERRY INTERNATIONAL TRADING LTD.

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company No. 1751409

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 26th October 2023. The Liquidator is **Myron Walwyn of Travers Thorp Alberga, 2nd Floor Jayla Place, P.O. Box 216, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110.**

Dated 26th October 2023

(Sgd) *Myron Walwyn*

Voluntary Liquidator

[24/3]

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

NIRCOME S.A.

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company No. 1999183

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 26th October 2023. The Liquidator is **Myron Walwyn of Travers Thorp Alberga, 2nd Floor Jayla Place, P.O. Box 216, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110.**

Dated 26th October 2023

(Sgd) *Myron Walwyn*

Voluntary Liquidator

[24/4]

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

SILER INTERNATIONAL LTD.

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company No. 1840555

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 26th October 2023. The Liquidator is **Myron Walwyn of Travers Thorp Alberga, 2nd Floor Jayla Place, P.O. Box 216, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110.**

Dated 26th October 2023

(Sgd) *Myron Walwyn*

Voluntary Liquidator

[24/5]

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

MUSDILE LIMITED

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company No. 1894855

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 23rd October 2023. The Liquidator is **Myron Walwyn of Travers Thorp Alberga, 2nd Floor Jayla Place, P.O. Box 216, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110.**

Dated 23rd October 2023

(Sgd) *Myron Walwyn*

Voluntary Liquidator

[24/6]

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

D3 Properties Inc.

(the "Company")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2008480

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on October 24, 2023. The Liquidator is **Meade Malone of Geneva Place, 2nd Floor#333 Waterfront Drive, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: October 27, 2023

Meade Malone

Liquidator

[24/7]

Keen Dart Full Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 2105213

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, Subsection (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 27th day of October, 2023. The Liquidator is **Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated this 27th day of October, 2023

Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson

Voluntary Liquidator

[24/8]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

NODRIAN LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2103324

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from October 27, 2023.

Dated: October 30, 2023

(Sgd.) *Nelcia St. Jean*

Voluntary Liquidator

[24/9]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

AL Services (PTC) Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2076215

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from October 27, 2023.

Dated: October 30, 2023

(Sgd.) *Nelcia St. Jean*

Voluntary Liquidator

[24/10]

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

Winco Capital Co., Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2028220

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 30th October, 2023.

Dated: 30th day of October 2023

(Sgd.) *Philippa V O'Sullivan*

Voluntary Liquidator

[24/11]

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

Smart Pet Co., Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2028221

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 30th October, 2023.

Dated: 30th day of October 2023

(Sgd.) *Philippa V O'Sullivan*

Voluntary Liquidator

[24/12]

NOTICE

BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT Hally Investments Limited

("the Company")

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 26th October, 2023; under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.

The Liquidator is:-

Wayne Francis

Nerine Chambers

P.O. Box 905

Quastisky Building,

Road Town

Tortola, VG110

British Virgin Islands

[24/13]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

HEFRA SETTLEMENT LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1756236

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from October 30th, 2023.

Dated: October 30th, 2023

(Sgd.) *Nelcia St. Jean*

Voluntary Liquidator

[24/14]

NOTICE

BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004) Free Art Images Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 26th day of October 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.

The Liquidator is:-

Wayne S. Francis

of c/o Sertus Chambers,

P.O. Box 905, Quastisky Building,

Road Town, Tortola VG 1110,

British Virgin Islands

[24/15]

NOTICE

BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004) BOE United Group Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 26th day of October 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.

The Liquidator is:-

Wayne S. Francis

of c/o Sertus Chambers, P.O. Box

905, Quastisky Building, Road

Town, Tortola VG 1110, British

Virgin Islands

[24/16]

NOTICE

BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004) EMPIRE WAY HOLDING LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 27th day of October 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.

The Liquidator is:-

Wayne S. Francis

of c/o Sertus Chambers,

P.O. Box 905, Quastisky Building,

Road Town, Tortola VG 1110,

British Virgin Islands

[24/17]

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

Linyong Holdings Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1989438

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 27th October 2023.

Dated: 27th October 2023.

(Sgd.) *Philippa O'Sullivan*

Voluntary Liquidator

[24/18]

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

SINSTEEL ASIA CO., LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1603553

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (a) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 26th October, 2023. The Liquidator is **Cassandra Glasgow-Penn of Chapel Hill, East End, Tortola, BVI VG1120.**

Dated this 27th October, 2023.

Sgd. Cassandra Glasgow-Penn

Liquidator

[24/19]

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

Hayden International Group Inc.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1569449

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (a) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 26th October, 2023. The Liquidator is **Cassandra Cylita Glasgow-Penn of Chapel Hill, East End, Tortola, BVI VG1120.**

Dated this 27th October, 2023.

Sgd. Cassandra Glasgow-Penn

Liquidator

[24/20]

PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004
IRVING HOLDINGS LIMITED
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 1650359
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (a) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 30th October, 2023. The Liquidator is **Cassandra Glasgow-Penn of Chapel Hill, East End, Tortola, BVI VG1120**. Dated this 30th October, 2023.
Sgd. Cassandra Glasgow-Penn
 Liquidator
 [24/21]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
ARNANVILLE LIMITED
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 1055354
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from October 30, 2023.
 Dated: October 30, 2023
(Sgd.) Nelia St. Jean
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [24/22]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.
Bastion Worldwide Limited
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 1999218
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 October 2023. The liquidator is **Jason Jagessar of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town Tortola, VG1110, British Virgin Island**. Dated: 17th October 2023.
(Sgd.) Jason Jagessar
 Liquidator
 [24/23]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004
HOME SOLUTIONS HOLDINGS LIMITED
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 1996454
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 17th October 2023. The liquidator is **Jason Jagessar of Sea Meadow House, Road Town VG1110, British Virgin Islands**. Dated: 17th October 2023.
(Sgd.) Jason Jagessar
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [24/24]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004
HOME SOLUTIONS TECHNOLOGY LIMITED
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 1998775
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 17th October 2023. The liquidator is **Jason Jagessar of Sea Meadow House, Road Town VG1110, British Virgin Islands**. Dated: 17th October 2023.
(Sgd.) Jason Jagessar
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [24/25]

Notice of Appointment of a Voluntary Liquidator under Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004.
SOMERBY INVESTMENT GROUP LTD
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 686666
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 30th day of October 2023. The Liquidator is **RAY GEORGE of Long Trench, Tortola, British Virgin Islands**. Dated this 30th day of October 2023

Ray George
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [24/26]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004
MARVEL PLEASURE LIMITED
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 1864242
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 30th October 2023. Dated: 30th October 2023.
(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [24/27]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004
GT Energy. Ltd
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 2068734
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 30th October 2023. Dated: 30th October 2023.
(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [24/28]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004
Excellence New Energy Corporation
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 2068739
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 30th October 2023. Dated: 30th October 2023.
(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [24/29]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004
QHSD Holdings Ltd.
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 2068532
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 30th October 2023. Dated: 30th October 2023.
(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [24/30]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004
MBXNY Holdings Ltd.
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 2068738
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 30th October 2023. Dated: 30th October 2023.
(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [24/31]

APPOINTMENT
AMBROSI INVESTMENTS LIMITED
 ("the Company")
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 1536568
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that: Ambrosi Investments Limited is in voluntary liquidation. The date of commencement of liquidation is 30th October 2023. The liquidator is **Carmine Bailey of Kendall Corporate Services Limited, 2nd Floor Abbott Building, 87 Main Street, Waterfront Drive, P.O. Box 3169; PMB425, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands**. Dated 30th October 2023
Carmine Bailey
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [24/32]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act
LARRIKIN INVESTMENTS LIMITED
 BC#526014
 (IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 20 October 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelia St Jean of 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands**. Dated 20 October 2023
Nelia St Jean
 (Liquidator)
 [24/33]

FORD VALLEY LTD.
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 340769
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204(1)-(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **FORD VALLEY LTD.** is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 25 October, 2023. The Liquidator is **Mr. Alfredo Caruci at address Flemming House, P.O. Box 662, Wickhams Cay, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110 British Virgin Islands**. Dated October 26, 2023
(Sgd.) Alfredo Caruci
 Voluntary Liquidator [24/34]

HHJL HOLDINGS LIMITED (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 1908876
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204(1)-(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **HHJL-HOLDINGS-LIMITED** is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 25 October, 2023. The Liquidator is **Alfredo Caruci Flemming House, P.O. Box 662, Wickhams Cay, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110 British Virgin Islands**. Dated October 26, 2023
Alfredo Caruci
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [24/35]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.
Anfri Ltd
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 2099702
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 27th day of October 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands**. Dated: 31st day of October, 2023.
(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan
 Voluntary Liquidator [24/36]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act, 2004
RUS ENERGY INVESTMENT GROUP LIMITED
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 1670576
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 31st October, 2023. Dated: 31st day of October 2023
(Sgd.) Philippa V O'Sullivan
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [24/37]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act
MAYOTTE PARTNERS S.A.
 (IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
 Company No. 1705195
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 30th October 2023. The Liquidator is **Myron Walwyn of Travers Thorp Alberga, 2nd Floor Jayla Place, P.O. Box 216, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110**. Dated 30th day of October 2023
(Sgd.) Myron Walwyn
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [24/38]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act
MIDLUNG COMPANY S.A.
 (IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
 Company No. 559336
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 30th October 2023. The Liquidator is **Myron Walwyn of Travers Thorp Alberga, 2nd Floor Jayla Place, P.O. Box 216, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110**. Dated 30th day of October 2023
(Sgd.) Myron Walwyn
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [24/39]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act
TREDEN INTERNATIONAL LTD
 (IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
 Company No. 1976628
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 30th October 2023. The Liquidator is **Myron Walwyn of Travers Thorp Alberga, 2nd Floor Jayla Place, P.O. Box 216, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110**. Dated 30th day of October 2023
(Sgd.) Myron Walwyn
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [24/40]

PUBLIC NOTICES

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act. COBELT RESOURCES LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1964308
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 30 October 2023.
Dated 31 October 2023
(Sgd.) Harry J. Thompson
Voluntary Liquidator(s)
[24/41]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act. COLINIM RESOURCES LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1964309
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 30 October 2023.
Dated 31 October 2023
(Sgd.) Harry J. Thompson
Voluntary Liquidator(s)
[24/42]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act. SONG INTERNATIONAL LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1928192
NOTICE 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 30 October 2023.
Dated 31 October 2023
(Sgd.) Harry J. Thompson
Voluntary Liquidator(s)
[24/43]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act. D & N ENTERPRISE CO., LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 363722
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 30 October 2023.
Dated 31 October 2023
(Sgd.) Harry J. Thompson
Voluntary Liquidator(s)
[24/44]

STRUCK OFF Liquidator's Final Notice DAKOVO HOLDINGS LIMITED

("the Company")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1430164
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to section (208) (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 30th October 2023.
Dated 31st October 2023
Carmine Bailey
Voluntary Liquidator [24/45]

FINAL NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION UNDER THE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT, 2004 GREAT TAYARAK LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 562993
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 26 October 2023.
Dated this 26 October 2023
Ray George
Voluntary Liquidator [24/46]

BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT, 2004 Section 208 (1) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004

HARRIER 2 INC.
- BVIBC NUMBER 2057165
(the "Company")
NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF LIQUIDATION
To: Registrar of Corporate Affairs
The undersigned, Ray A. George being the liquidator of Harrier 2 Inc., hereby informs you pursuant to Section 208 (1) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 (the "Act"), that the liquidation of the Company has been completed. I, therefore, request you to strike the Company off the Register and to issue a Certificate of Dissolution certifying that the Company has been dissolved.
Dated 31 October 2023
Signed by:
Ray A. George
Liquidator [24/47]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act. GOOD LUCK STUDIO LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2023612
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 2023/10/27. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: 2023/10/27
(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator
[24/48]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act. Sciencetech Marine Technology Co., Ltd

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2034526
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on October 31st, 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: November 1st, 2023
(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean
Voluntary Liquidator
[24/49]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act. Re-search Technology Group Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2107311
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 1st, 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: November 1st, 2023
(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean
Voluntary Liquidator
[24/50]

NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT ISABELLA INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS LTD.

("the Company")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 1st November, 2023; under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.
The Liquidator is:-
Wayne Francis
Nerine Chambers
P.O. Box 905
Quastisky Building, Road Town
Tortola, VG110
British Virgin Islands [24/51]

NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT ISABELLA INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS LTD.

("the Company")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 1st November, 2023; under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.
The Liquidator is:-
Wayne Francis
Nerine Chambers, P.O. Box 905
Quastisky Building, Road Town
Tortola, VG110
British Virgin Islands [24/52]

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

CLAIM NO. BVIHP 2023/ 0224

IN THE ESTATE OF ASHA CARMENA GORDON, DECEASED

ADVERTISEMENT

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

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

Dated this 19th October 2023

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

[24]

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

In the Estate of Tsai, Teng-Long

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

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

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

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

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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

VIRGIN ISLANDS

BVIHPB 2023/0229

In the Estate of NICOLAAS ADRIAAN HABIBE late of Bubali 71
Aruba, deceased

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by OMIRA URANIA HABIBE of Aruba, Noord, Tierra del Sol, Mesavista 35 for a Grant of Letters of Administration of the above-named deceased who died intestate on the 3rd day of January, 2016 in Aruba domiciled in Aruba, a single man without issue wherein the applicant is the aunt of the deceased and the person entitled in priority to share in his estate by virtue of any enactment..

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

Dated this 25th day of October, 2023.

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

[24]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The
BVI Business Companies Act, 2004
AIK INTERNATIONAL
LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1792294

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 2nd November, 2023.

Dated: 2nd day of November 2023
(Sgd.) Philippa V O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator
[24/55]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1524251

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 31st October 2023. The liquidator is Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated: 31st October 2023.
(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator
[24/56]

FORM "A" "NEW"

To: The Licensing Magistrate
And

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

Dated this 1st day of November, 2023.
Signed Karlene Thomas-Lucien [25]

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

VIRGIN ISLANDS

BVIHPB 2023/

In the Estate of FONG LAU YUK KUEN also known as YUK KUEN FONG late of A5, Repulse Bay Tower, 119A Repulse Bay Road, Hong Kong, deceased

ADVERTISEMENT (RESEALING)

Notice is given that after the expiration of 8 days application will be made to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the resealing of the Probate of the Estate of FONG LAU YUK KUEN also known as YUK KUEN FONG late of A5, Repulse Bay Tower, 119A Repulse Bay Road, Hong Kong, deceased was granted by The High Court of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, Court of First Instance on the 12th March, 2018.

Signed:

SAMUELS RICHARDSON & CO
Legal Practitioners for the Personal Representative

[24]

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

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

CLAIM NUMBER BVIHPB

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

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

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

Dated the 31st day of October, 2023

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

494 2366 whose address for service is the same.

[25]

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

Beyondcapital Investment
Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2013488

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 31st October 2023.

Dated: 31st October 2023.
(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator
[24/53]

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

MEDFORD COMMERCIAL
HOLDINGS LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. - 1648122

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 26th October, 2023. The liquidator is Philippa V. O'Sullivan, of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated: 1st day of November, 2023.
(Sgd.) Philippa V. O'Sullivan
Philippa V. O'Sullivan
Liquidator
[24/54]

PUBLIC NOTICES

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

BVIHPB 2023/0232

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

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

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

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

Dated this 30th day of October, 2023.

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

[25]

NOTICE INTENTION TO DEVELOP

I, LATOYA COTTON have applied to the Planning Authority for approval to construct Restaurant/Commercial/Restaurant/Bar/Lounge on land at Butu Mountain, East Central on Parcel # 209, Block # 3039B.

Copies of the plan are available for public inspection at the office of the Town & Country Planning Department, to whom any written comments should be sent. Comments should be received within two weeks after final publication of notice.

[23]

FORM "A"

"NEW"

To: The Licensing Magistrate
And

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

Dated this 27th day of September, 2023.

Signed Isaac Ragnauth
[25]

FORM "A"

"NEW"

To: The Licensing Magistrate
And

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

Dated this 23rd day of October, 2023.

Signed Annetta Penn
[25]

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

VIRGIN ISLANDS

BVIHPB 2023/0226

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

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

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

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

Dated this 25th day of October, 2023.

Filed by:

SAMUELS RICHARDSON & CO

Legal Practitioners
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[s25]

PUBLIC NOTICES

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

BVIHPB 2023/0228

In the Estate of ADRIAAN SATURNINO HABIBE late of Aruba, Oranjestad, Herman, Gorterstraat, deceased

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by OMIRA URANIA HABIBE of Aruba, Noord, Tierra del Sol, Mesavista 35, for a Grant of Letters of Administration with the Will Annexed of the above-named deceased who died on the 17th May, 2021 in Aruba domiciled in Aruba without revoking a will bearing the date of 5th day of June, 2013 wherein the applicant is the lawful sister of the deceased and the person entitled to share in the undisposed residuary estate of the deceased.

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

Dated this 25th day of October, 2023.

Filed by:

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Legal Practitioners
whose address for service is
Wattley Building, 2nd Floor
PO Box 3410
Road Town, Tortola
British Virgin Islands

[24]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 203 of the BVI Business Company Act.

Birdaggio Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1855503

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 203, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 1 November 2023. The Liquidator is Harry J. Thompson of Harbour House, P.O. Box 4428, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated 2 November 2023

(Sgd.) Harry J. Thompson
Voluntary Liquidator(s)

[24/57]

FORM "A" ^{"NEW"}
To: The Licensing Magistrate
And
The Officer in Charge of Police
I, KAI E. DECASTRO
dba MAIN STREET
RESTAURANT -now
residing at SEACOW'S BAY
TORTOLA in the Territory of
the Virgin Islands do hereby
give notice that it is my intention
to apply to the Licensing
Magistrate at the Special Sitting
of the Magistrate's Court to be
held at Road Town, Tortola, on
the 1st day of DECEMBER,
2023 for RESTAURANT/BAR
Licence to sell intoxicating
liquor at my premises situated
at ROAD TOWN, TORTOLA
TORTOLA, BVI, in the
territory of the Virgin Islands
and registered Parcel Number
9 of Block 2837F of the ROAD
TOWN, Registration Section in
the Land Registry of the Virgin
Island
Dated this 1st day of January, 2023.
Signed Kai E. DeCastro
[25]

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

CLAIM NO. BVIHPB2023/

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

ADVERTISEMENT

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

Filed by: *Vistra Legal (BVI) Limited*

Legal Practitioners for the Applicant

[25]

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

BVIHPB 2023/

In the Estate of HON CHUN YU ERIC late of Flat B, 19th Floor,
Block 2, Grand Garden, 61 South Bay Road, Repulse Bay, Hong
Kong, deceased

ADVERTISEMENT (RESEALING)

Notice is given that after the expiration of 8 days application will be made to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the resealing of the Probate of the Estate of HON CHUN YU ERIC late of Flat B, 19th Floor, Block 2, Grand Garden, 61 South Bay Road, Repulse Bay, Hong Kong, deceased granted by the High Court of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, Court of First Instance on 20th March, 2023.

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New West End Ferry Terminal To Improve Passenger Processing



Hon. Kye Rymer

Minister for Communications and Works Honourable Kye Rymer has stated that the completed new West End Ferry Terminal will be designed to process up to 200 passengers per hour, or 200,000 passengers per year.

In his statement at the Fifth Sitting of the First Session of the Fifth House of Assembly, Minister Rymer said the new terminal will more than double the size of the previous facility, and

Virgin Islands Recovery and Development Agency, (RDA) is ably managing its design and construction.

The Minister said that the work is being done in close partnership with key stakeholders including the BVI Ports Authority, the Immigration Department, the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force, His Majesty's Customs, the BVI Tourist Board, ferry operators and taxi drivers.

Honourable Rymer said that there are key milestones in the project thus far and that he is pleased with the local contractors who were successful in the pre-qualification procurement process.

He said, "I am particularly

pleased to highlight that three local firms (one standalone applicant and two firms within a joint-venture application) were successful in the second-round of the prequalification process."

Honourable Rymer added, "This underscores the ability of our local contractors to succeed in competitive bidding processes. The four successfully prequalified applicants will be invited to bid in the full tender process which will commence in the coming weeks, following approval of the full design set and compilation of required tender documentation."

The Minister said that there are remaining processes that must be completed before the construction phase can

begin, and that the expected completion date of the project is mid-2026.

Honourable Rymer said, "The West End Ferry Terminal will cater to private and charter yachts, private boats and water taxis as well as facilitating reliable access for ferry passengers from the neighbouring USVI and between Jost Van Dyke and Tortola."

He said while the airport and the Ferry Terminal cater to different markets and meet distinct needs, both aim at improving transportation and access to our islands, development of our tourism product, and our overall socioeconomic advancement."

Minister Rymer thanked

the RDA for its continued pursuit of excellence on this major project and for working with his Ministry to advance the works.

Honourable Rymer's full statement can be viewed on the Government of the Virgin Islands website at www.bvi.gov.vg.

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

Ministry Of Health Advises Public Of Counterfeit Ozempic® Counterfeit Pen



The Ministry of Health and Social Development is advising the public to be aware of counterfeit Ozempic®.

Chief of Drugs and Pharmaceutical Services, Mrs. Gracia Wheatley-Smith said that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and other regulatory bodies around the world have issued warnings about counterfeit/falsified Ozempic® after

cases of hospitalisation where patients reported seizure, hypoglycaemic shock and coma after use of the counterfeit product.

According to the Chief of Drugs the ingredient in the counterfeit pen is insulin and not the correct active pharmaceutical ingredient semaglutide.

Ozempic® is a prescription

only medicine used to treat inadequately controlled type 2 diabetes mellitus, however it is also prescribed for its off label use for weight loss. This high demand of Ozempic® from diabetics and for weight loss patients has made a market for the counterfeit manufacturers as demand is now surpassing the production capacity of the manufacturer of Ozempic®

"The counterfeiters are not using the correct active ingredient and this has resulted in hospitalisation of persons seeking to use the pen for their medical condition," the Chief of Drugs said.

The Ministry of Health is asking the individuals who have been prescribed this medicine and have not

purchased it locally to refrain from purchasing it over the internet as Ozempic® is a prescription only medicine and the true product will not be available for purchase on the internet.

Mrs. Wheatley-Smith reiterated that counterfeit or falsified medicines can be very hazardous to your health and life threatening due to the untested quality, potential contaminants and unknown active pharmaceutical ingredient. "Legal mail order pharmacies are only authorised to sell over-the-counter products and therefore will not sell the original Ozempic®", she explained.

The Chief of Drugs and Pharmaceutical Services is encouraging everyone to purchase their medications

from pharmacies and health facilities licenced by the Virgin Islands Government to conduct pharmaceutical service in the BVI. Persons are also advised not to take medicines that are not prescribed for them in order to minimise experiencing side effects or adverse reactions of the medicine.

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



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

VGMC Limited, Nail Bay, Virgin Gorda, has an open position and is seeking to employ a Head of Engineering & Maintenance. The candidate must have University degree, minimum of ten years' experience Construction- and - Maintenance managerial work with the European machinery and technology. Skilled in budget creating including capex and opex. Fluent in English, Czech language is of a big advantage. Applicant - must submit application to HRmanager@vgmc.vg [s25]

VGMC Limited, Nail Bay, Virgin Gorda, has an open position and is seeking to employ an Estate Manager. The candidate certified in hospitality management has to have minimum 10 years' experience in designing, working with the European architects, in maintenance of the buildings and technologies (such as AC and Chiller systems, AV technologies and appliances), skilled in insurance claims, filing legal documents, knowledge of QBs. Fluent in English, Czech language is of a big advantage. Applicants must submit application to HRmanager@vgmc.vg [s25]

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

WENEO PROPERTY CO. LTD in Virgin Gorda is seeking 1 Carpenter/Handyman and 1 Painter/Handyman. Please call 541-8135 for more information. [s25]

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

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

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

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Sweet & Savoury Ltd
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[s24]

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[s24]

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[s24]

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[s24]

FULL TIME/PART TIME OFFICE ASSISTANT needed at well-known Road Town business. Position requires young applicants well conversant with basic secretarial skills, including typing and computer skills. **KNOWLEDGE OF QUICK BOOKS IS A MUST, A TEAM PLAYER who RESPECTS TIME,** good telephone manners, good spoken and written English, and flexible hours are required.

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Warehouse/Inventory Coordinator

Island Services BVI is seeking an experienced warehouse / inventory manager with a minimum of 5 years experience in inventory control in a retail environment. Must have experience with computerized inventory systems.

The successful candidate will take full accountability for day-to-day operations of the warehouse, as well as receiving products into inventory and maintain accurate stock levels. The ideal candidate must be organized and have sound time management, good computer and customer service skills along with a college degree.

A valid drivers license and a keen eye for detail and safety a must.

Heavy lifting required. Please drop off resume to Pasea Store, call 494-2555 or email Personnel Director:

sales@islandservicesbvi.com

Belongers Preferred

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Installer/Handyman

Island Services BVI is seeking Furniture Installer/ Handyman to assist with off-loading containers, furniture installation, furniture repairs, lock repairs and the ability to finish special reconfiguration request. Must be able to use a power drill, portable jigsaw and other repair/installation tools.

The-successful-candidate must be hard working and capable of doing heavy lifting. Please drop off resume to Pasea Store, call 494-2555 or email Personnel Director:

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Belongers Preferred

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

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DAN'S - HIDE - OUT requires TWO FULL TIME BARTENDERS.

Telephone 443-8788

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B&F Medical Complex Ltd.
Full-time-Positions Available:

Doctors, Nurses, Eyecare, Dentistry, Lab Technicians, Pharmacists, Sonographers, Medical Assistants & Maintenance Personnel.

Contact:

B&F Medical Complex P.O Box 412 Road Town, Tortola VG1110

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or Telephone: 284-494-2196

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Network-Systems Technician for Systems Integration Company. Must have 2 years minimum experience installing and testing electrical/electronic systems. Must be proficient with Microsoft Word and Excel. Must be a team player. Belongers preferred. Send applications in PDF format via email to info@avlbi.com

AVL Ltd

Telephone: 284 494 2801

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HONEY & SPICE BAR AND-RESTAURANT needs one full time-CAKE DECORATOR with at least three years experience.

MUST BE ABLE TO BAKE AND ICING THE CAKES. Telephone 342-1677

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HAM'S CONSTRUCTION needs-full-time-ONE CARPENTER.. ONE FULL TIME PLUMBER

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