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# PUBLIC SERVICE PENSION COMMITMENT IS BALLOONING

The public pension dilemma - recently lamented by Opposition Leader Hon. Ronnie Skelton during the budget debate is about to become more dire based on information contained in the Standing

Finance Committee report distributed to the media last week. Over the years various calls have been made to find an alternative to the current pension expense that is borne by the public purse. In fact, the situation which has been lamented

in the House of Assembly for almost two decades has been referred to as an albatross around central government's neck. In the Standing Finance Committee report, which captured the deliberations for the 2024 budget

estimates it was revealed that the time is nearing for the format of the pension to be changed from non-contributory to contributory.

Such points were made by Sharleen Dabreo-Lettsome-Permanent Secretary, -Deputy Governor's-Office (PSDGO) during her appearance before the SFC. According to the report, Dabreo-Lettsome informed-legislators that in 2024 the pension disbursement-rose further. -She-stated, "Currently, the amount for pensions and gratuity is \$4.7 million of non-contributory-pension. There is a need for a contributory pension scheme. Over 100 officers are slated for retirement this year, which will add another \$1.8 million to the pension cost."

**OPPOSITION CONCERN**  
Opposition Leader Hon. Skelton cautioned the

Government about the current public service pension commitment which he noted is ballooning and becoming unsustainable.

While raising the matter during the budget debate Hon. Skelton told the House of Assembly that firm action is needed to remedy the situation. The Leader of the Opposition announced: "Madam Speaker the pension liability of the government needs attention."

While further lamenting the current situation Hon. Skelton said: "It cannot continue to the way it's going. We can't sustain it, and those of us who have gone before and benefited from it are at risk, because eventually...! Although the law says that pension has the first call on the Consolidated Fund - that doesn't mean that you

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**Virgin Voyages' Valiant Lady made its inaugural call at the Cruise Pier in Road Town on January 14, 2024.**  
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must be absent-minded and not do what needs to be done to correct that situation.”

### OLD OPTIONS ON THE TABLE

In 2022 it was announced that the Government is finally taking action to minimize the cost associated with the current full funded public pension. Ministry of Finance was said to be working on a Comprehensive Pension Plan to reform the pension system. In fact, it was stated that on 14 February, 2022 an initial meeting was held to discuss a way forward with this initiative.

At that time it was explained that the migrating to a contributory scheme was the preferred solution and would ease the current burden. The public was told that the goal was to make a contributory pension scheme, thereby removing the contingent liability from the Government and allowing for a system that would have greater flexibility for public officers on their retirement options.



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# CARVIN MALONE HAS PASSED AWAY

Former Minister for Health and Social Development and former President of the ruling Virgin Islands Party (VIP), Carvin Malone, has passed away at 64 years of age. Around 2:00 AM on 14 January, it was reported that Mr. Malone was found unresponsive and was immediately rushed to the Dr. D. Olando Smith Hospital where it is believed he suffered a brain aneurysm. Sadly, the former legislator succumbed while in the hospital's Intensive Care Unit. Mr. Malone held the position of Minister for Health and Social Development from 2019 to 2022, a challenging period during the global Covid-19 pandemic. He was not only a VIP member but also served as its long-standing President before entering elective office. Although he was defeated in the 2023 General Elections in his bid for a second term, Mr. Malone remained actively engaged in educating the public on various topical issues through his 'One Virgin Islands Agenda' platform.

Premier and Minister of Finance Dr. the Hon. Natalio Wheatley expressed his condolences to the former legislator's family, stating: "On behalf of the Government and people of the Virgin Islands, myself and family, I express my profound sadness on the passing of our dear and



*The Late Carvin Malone,*

beloved brother, Carvin Malone, who passed on Sunday morning, 14 January, and I extend condolences to his wife Pernis; his siblings, Jane, Meade, Guy, and Keith; his daughter, Kirsten, and his extended family.”

Hon. - Wheatley acknowledged that Mr. Malone's passing had left an indelible mark on the Virgin Islands. "Carvin Malone was a champion for the Virgin Islands, and his sudden passing was shocking and heart-wrenching. While we mourn his loss, we remember him for the sterling traits he possessed. Carvin Malone lived a life of dedicated service to his community. He was a proud and dedicated member of the Lion's Club of Tortola, having served as its President on several occasions. He was also a former president of the BVI Chamber of Commerce and Hotel Association and served as Vice President of the BVI Amateur Basketball Association. Wherever he had the opportunity to serve, he took it," noted the

Premier.

Speaker of The House Of Assembly, Hon. Corine George-Massicote, also offered her condolences to Mr. Malone's family, saying, "It is with profound sorrow and a heavy heart that I extend my deepest condolences, on behalf of Members and Staff of the House of Assembly, on the recent passing of Former Legislator Carvin Malone.”

Hon. George-Massicote emphasized that Mr. Malone's contributions to the Territory were immeasurable, leaving an indelible mark on both the legislative landscape and the hearts of those he served. "As the Minister for Health and Social Development, he demonstrated unwavering commitment, particularly during the height of the Covid-19 pandemic. His leadership and resilience in the face of this unprecedented crisis were instrumental in steering our community through challenging times," the Speaker said.

"In addition to his role as Minister, Mr. Malone served briefly in the opposition, showcasing his commitment to the democratic ideals that underpin our parliamentary system and our journey to self-determination. His willingness to bridge divides and work collaboratively for the greater good exemplified his statesmanship," she added.

# GOVERNOR RANKIN HAS NO DOUBLE STANDARDS: COP TO BE INVESTIGATED

"His Excellency Governor John Rankin is facing allegations of double standards in the wake of the announcement that Commissioner of the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force (RVIPF), Mark Collins, will not be placed on administrative leave. Amid growing public concern regarding this decision, Governor Rankin revealed that Kurt Walton, the Police Commissioner of the Royal Cayman Islands Police Service, has been appointed to investigate the numerous complaints against Commissioner Collins."

The Governor made this disclosure during a JTV interview on 16 January. While discussing Walton's appointment, he mentioned that the former Cayman Islands Chief of Police (COP) had been provided with Terms of Reference to investigate any aspect of the petition.

This petition, signed by approximately 30 RVIPF officers, demanded the removal of Commissioner Collins,

citing 55 damning allegations against him. In their 11-page petition addressed to the Governor, these officers not only called for his removal but also urged independent investigations into allegations of misconduct in Public Office and abuse of office.

Premier Hon. Natalio Wheatley publicly stated his belief that Commissioner Collins should be placed on administrative leave, similar to other public servants under investigation, without any special treatment.

Nevertheless, Commissioner Collins continues to hold his position and Governor Rankin sought to reassure the public that there is no double standard. During his JTV appearance, he stated: "When an allegation is made, you don't simply suspend a public officer based on an allegation. Instead, an investigation is conducted, and if the evidence supports the belief that a disciplinary offense may have occurred, necessitating a disciplinary investigation, the officer is

placed on administrative leave. Therefore, it differs from the situation with the Police Commissioner."

Regarding Walton's appointment, the Governor explained that the former Cayman Islands COP will 'examine the evidence as he deems appropriate, pursue the evidence as he sees fit, and then produce findings. If these findings suggest that an offense may have been committed or that disciplinary action may be necessary, the Governor will then decide whether to place the COP Collins on administrative leave. This is a fair approach, and I intend to treat the Police Commissioner just as I have treated other public officers.'

Governor Rankin also clarified that he has not set a timeframe for Mr. Walton to complete his review and has given him 'full autonomy' in the matter. He expressed his hope that the process would be efficient and swift, with a commitment to fairness for all parties involved."

## HON. DAME J. M. PEREIRA TO RETIRE FROM EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT

"Chief Justice Hon Dame Janice M. Pereira delivered her final address in her capacity as Chief Justice during a Special Sitting marking the commencement of the Law Year for the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court. This significant event, held under the theme 'Innovation & Justice Reform, looking to the future,' was broadcast live from the Radisson Grenada Beach Resort on 12 January.

With heartfelt words, she expressed: "It is with no less humility, pleasure, or honor than I had on each of those occasions that I address you now for the ceremonial opening of the Law Year 2024, my final address to you as your Chief Justice."

Born in the BVI, Hon Dame Janice M. Pereira, DBE, made history by becoming the first female Chief Justice of the Eastern Caribbean

Supreme Court on 24 October, 2012. Her journey within the Court began in 2003 as a High Court Judge, and in 2009, she ascended to the position of Justice of Appeal. In May 2013, she received the Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire from Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. She extended warm New Year wishes, stating: "I am heartened to have yet another opportunity to welcome each and every one of you to our customary special sitting and to wish you all a happy New Year filled with promise and hope that God will bestow His richest blessings, wisdom, and guidance upon us all, and upon all the Member States and territories." Chief Justice Pereira also acknowledged the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, which

necessitated previous virtual openings of the Law Year and the continued reliance on technology for broadcasting. She highlighted the Court's commitment to innovation, saying: "These innovative tools and platforms enable us to reach as many people as possible from various locations. Since its inception, the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court has remained on a steady path of improving its role in the administration of justice. Collectively, we have persevered through numerous challenges, adapting where necessary and reimagining where possible." She emphasized the Court's progress and achievements in its mission to facilitate access to an accountable and independent justice system, recognizing the

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evolving nature of this goal. Regarding the theme of the Law Year, she noted, "Innovation and reform serve as the mortar that connects and binds the building blocks of the justice system, whether it involves modernizing technological resources to address systemic impediments to the administration of justice." Her Ladyship also addressed the need to fix systemic deficiencies within the Court, highlighting the potential use of AI tools for transcript production. She explained: "In pursuit of our transformation, we will explore

innovations that leverage information and communication technologies to make more efficient use of resources, in line with our mission." She expressed deep gratitude to the ECSC, its partners, stakeholders, and agencies for their unwavering support over the years in fulfilling the Court's mission. Additionally, she thanked all those who attended the special opening ceremony, acknowledging the challenges and sacrifices faced during her tenure as Chief Justice at the ECSC.

## Message By The Honourable Vincent Wheatley On Cervical Cancer Awareness Month



Hon. Vincent Wheatley

### *A pleasant Happy New Year to all!*

I wish you a year filled with love, happiness, health and peace.

In my role as Minister for Health and Social Development, I am also the Chairman of the 36th OECS/PPS Policy Board Meeting and the 9th OECS Council of Ministers: Health and I want to take a pro-active approach to health issues.

In October, 2023, OECS Health Ministers, Permanent Secretaries, Chief Medical Officers, and our Regional Development Partners came together in the Virgin Islands and agreed on accelerated approaches for medical practitioners, mental health literacy for youth, and mobilising resources for the existing OECS Caribbean Association of Oncology and Hematology Screening Guidelines. We are strengthening the region together.

The highlight of the Opening Ceremony was a very moving feature address by Cancer Awareness Advocate, Dr. Arliene T. Penn, as she shared her

personal experience with Cervical Cancer and shared pointers to live healthier lifestyles, thus preventing and mitigating non-communicable diseases.

According to the Pan American Health Organisation, Cervical Cancer claims lives and is the leading cause of death in more than 35,000 women in the Americas.

The majority, 80 percent or 28,000, of these cases are in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Too many women are dying from what is preventable, and OECS leaders have agreed that we must do something now to eradicate cervical cancer across the region, for it is a problem.

Across the world, January is recognised as cervical cancer awareness month. During this month and year I will be partnering with Dr. Arliene T. Penn as a voice/ambassador to assist the OECS in executing its strategy to eradicate cervical cancer as a pandemic in the region.

Dr. Penn will be expected to travel throughout

the region to enlighten, encourage, inspire, and support females as we seek to lower and even eradicate cervical cancer in the region.

Educating males is also important to our regional strategy. We know that Dr. Penn is passionate about this subject, and we could not ask for a better ambassador. We thank her in advance for the work she will continue to do to bring awareness and support us in this process, as we will also support her.

The Acting Chief Medical Officer and the team at the Dr. D. Orlando Smith Hospital will do their part by making the vaccines that prevent the Human Papilloma Virus available for males and females.

Did you know that cervical cancer also affects men?

I strongly urge everyone to schedule an annual checkup, as early detection saves lives.

People of the Virgin

Islands, 2024 is a year of success, and I can feel it. We will all do our part to strengthen our Territory.

As we are not living in a perfect world, there will be challenges, and I encourage us to embrace those with a spirit of success, knowing that there is a calm after every storm.

*I wish everyone great success and a Happy, Healthy New Year*

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## Message From The Speaker Of The House Of Assembly On The Passing Of Carvin Malone

It is with profound sorrow and a heavy heart that I extend my deepest condolences, on behalf of Members and Staff of the House of Assembly, on the recent passing of Former Legislator Carvin Malone.

Mr. Malone's contributions to our Territory were immeasurable, leaving an indelible mark on both our legislative landscape and the hearts of those he served. As the Minister for Health and Social

Development, he demonstrated unwavering commitment, particularly during the height of the Covid-19 pandemic. His leadership and resilience in the face of this unprecedented crisis were instrumental in

steering our community through challenging times.

In addition to his role as Minister, Mr. Malone served briefly in the opposition, showcasing his commitment to the democratic ideals that underpin our parliamentary system and our journey to self-determination. His willingness to bridge divides and work collaboratively for the greater good exemplified his statesmanship.

To the family and friends of Mr. Carvin Malone, we offer our deepest condolences during this difficult time. May you find strength in the memories of his impactful service and the positive changes he brought to our community. The House of Assembly joins you in mourning, and our collective thoughts and prayers are with you.



Speaker: Corine George-Massicote

Mr. Carvin Malone's legacy as a devoted servant of the people will forever be etched in the history of our Territory. His dedication to public service was evident as he worked tirelessly to safeguard the health and well-being of our citizens.

With heartfelt sympathy,  
Corine George-Massicote  
Speaker of the House of Assembly of the Virgin Islands

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#### PROGRAM LISTINGS

##### MONDAYS

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

##### TUESDAYS

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

##### WEDNESDAYS

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

##### THURSDAYS

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

##### FRIDAYS

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

##### SATURDAYS

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

##### SUNDAYS

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

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**Dormant Accounts for FirstCaribbean International Bank (Cayman) Ltd., BVI Branch, Road Town, Tortola, previously known as Barclays Bank PLC as of 31 December 2023.**



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Road Town	215751449	Nancy Natalie Phillip	Great Mountain Tortola BVI	8.78

**CURRENT ACCOUNT - USD**

Branch Name	Account Number	Customer Name	Address	Current Balance
Road Town	2345152197	Malcolm Whetnall	Nanny Cay Resort Apt 23 PO Box 70, Road Town Tortola Virgin Islands, Brit	11.17

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Country	Issued Date	Currency	Cheque Number	Credit Amount	Payee
BVI	8-Jun-2017	USD	7240609	2	Elroy Turnbull
BVI	3-Aug-2017	USD	7241119	25	Accountant General
BVI	30-Aug-2017	USD	7241330	25	Accountant General
BVI	6-Jun-2017	USD	7240588	100	Dalan Vanterpool
BVI	8-Dec-2017	USD	7242324	0.01	Edna Smith
BVI	8-Dec-2017	USD	7242326	0.01	Elroy Davis
BVI	6-Jun-2017	USD	7240587	8.28	Fedex
BVI	8-Jun-2017	USD	7240610	41.88	Hugo Vanterpool
BVI	6-Jun-2017	USD	7240589	41.88	Hugo.F Vanterpool
BVI	14-Feb-2017	USD	7239442	81	Roger Mathavious

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Country	Issued Date	Currency	Amount	Payee	Cheque Number
BVI	8-May-2017	USD	100	Consulate General of	884538
BVI	14-Aug-2017	USD	35	Embassy of the Phili	883314
BVI	28-Jun-2017	USD	15	Embassy of the Repub	936096
BVI	7-Dec-2017	USD	15	Embassy of the Repub	936888
BVI	26-Apr-2017	USD	30	Embassy of the Repub	935912
BVI	26-Apr-2017	USD	75	Embassy of the Repub	935899
BVI	28-Jun-2017	USD	30.55	Federal Express	936100
BVI	19-Dec-2017	USD	65.5	Federal Express	936926
BVI	14-Aug-2017	USD	68.5	FedEx	883313
BVI	7-Apr-2017	USD	46	High Commissioner of	935704
BVI	19-Jun-2017	USD	36.97	Lee Ka Lam Joseph	936075
BVI	28-Jun-2017	USD	70	Midland National Lif	936098
BVI	24-Aug-2017	USD	33	University of the We	935451
BVI	28-Jun-2017	USD	100	Webteck Services Lim	936105

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## The Eslyn Henley Richiez Learning Centre has announced that its students, aged 16 years and older, are embarking on a Workforce Job Apprenticeship Programme.

Five students namely Rawlston Williams III, Jaquan Wintz, Kimani Smith, Mya Donavon and Shamario Patrick are enrolled in the apprentice programme this year and will be exposed to a wide range of career pathways, enabling them to make informed decisions about their future.

The students will work alongside professionals in their chosen fields, learning from their expertise and gaining valuable insights into the industry. The apprenticeship programme will not only enhance their technical skills but is expected to foster personal growth, independence, and a strong work ethic.

Minister for Education, Youth Affairs and Sports

Honourable Sharie de Castro stated, "Inclusive education is at the forefront of our commitment to diversity and equality, and this initiative aligns seamlessly with our vision for an education system that empowers every student. By championing apprenticeships for differently abled students, we are not only cultivating a more inclusive society but also recognising the unique talents and capabilities of every individual."

Acting Chief Education Officer, Mrs. Orlandette Crabbe said she is thrilled to see schools collaborating with the business community. Mrs. Crabbe said, "By forging strong partnerships, we will integrate real-life experiences into our

educational framework, providing invaluable opportunities for all students. This not only enhances the quality of education but also ensures that all students are well-prepared to transition seamlessly from school to the dynamic world of work."

Principal of the Eslyn Henley Richiez Learning Centre Ms. Magdalene Allister said the programme aims to provide students with valuable real-world experiences, equipping them with the necessary skills and knowledge to succeed in their future careers.

Ms. Magdalene Allister said, "The Eslyn Henley Richiez Learning Centre seeks to prepare its students for the challenges and opportunities that lie



Group photo of special education students at the Eslyn Henley Richiez Learning Centre (Left to Right) Principal of the Eslyn Henley Richiez Learning Centre Ms. Magdalene Allister, Mr. Rawlston Williams III, Mr. Jaquan Wintz, Mr. Kamani Smith, and Guidance Counsellor Ms. Tarriesha Dawson) (Photo credit: Provided)



ahead. By participating in the Workforce Job Apprenticeship Programme, students will develop a deeper understanding of the demands and expectations of the workforce, ensuring a smooth transition from education to employment." Meanwhile, Education Officer with responsibility for Special Education Mrs. - Afiya - Smith, emphasised the ministry's ongoing commitment to fostering inclusivity and providing opportunities for accessibility and equity for students with exceptionalities.

Mrs. Smith said, "The ministry continues to strive towards creating an inclusive environment for all students to thrive. The apprenticeship programme has also been extended to students with unique needs at our public secondary schools. We would like to thank those businesses that have partnered with us thus far and we invite others to join this initiative."

The Ministry of Education Youth Affairs and Sports remains committed to reimagining education and ensuring that all students are afforded opportunities to succeed.



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## DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS

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ALBERT PENN	SLANEY HILL ROAD TOWN	TORTOLA	BVI	\$15.34
ALLINGTON FRASER	LITTLE APPLE BAY	TORTOLA	BVI	\$8.19
ALPHA ROBINSON	ZION HILL	TORTOLA	BVI	\$46.91
ANGELITA LUIS	LONG BUSH	TORTOLA	BVI	\$3.98
ANNA MELISSA-CODNER	ROAD TOWN	TORTOLA	BVI	\$1,376.27
CARINA INDUSTRUS	CANE GARDEN BAY	TORTOLA	BVI	\$436.00
CARISSA BYRON	SEA COWS BAY	TORTOLA	BVI	\$6.06
CARL O DAWSON	148-66 ESTATE TUTU	ST THOMAS	VI	\$2.08
CECILYN E SAMPSON	WEST END	TORTOLA	BVI	\$93.38
CELESTE M MERRITT	PARAQUITA BAY	TORTOLA	BVI	\$217.38
CHRISTOPHER D CONWAY	NANNY CAY	TORTOLA	BVI	\$4,654.61
CLAUDIUS DUNCAN	PURCELL ESTATE	TORTOLA	BVI	\$273.77
CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF THE VIL	ROAD TOWN	TORTOLA	BVI	\$433.16
CYNTHIA THOMAS	SEA COWS BAY	TORTOLA	BVI	\$0.18
DELEATE CHRISTINA TODMAN-CREQUE	GEORGES NORTH SIDE	TORTOLA	BVI	\$483.22
DELORES CHRISTOPHER	MT HEALTHY ESTATE	TORTOLA	BVI	\$0.03
DORIS FRETT	VANTERPOOL ESTATE	TORTOLA	BVI	\$1.40
DWAINE RAWLINS	LOWER ESTATE	TORTOLA	BVI	\$790.63
ELVIN SMITH	BAUGHERS BAY	TORTOLA	BVI	\$171.74
ENROY SMITH	SEA COWS BAY ROAD TOWN	TORTOLA	BVI	\$0.94
ESTHER R HETHERINGTON	HOPE HILL	TORTOLA	BVI	\$131.00
ETHEL MADURO	GENE HILL	TORTOLA	BVI	\$0.55
EVELYN TURNBULL	MEYERS	TORTOLA	BVI	\$10.26
FRANKIE J FAHIE	EAST END	TORTOLA	BVI	\$367.65
FRANKLYN V PENN	ROAD TOWN	TORTOLA	BVI	\$2,403.97
GEORGE FORSTER	ROAD TOWN WATERFRONT APTS N 12	TORTOLA	BVI	\$178.36
GEORGE FORSTER	ROAD TOWN WATERFRONT APTS N 12	TORTOLA	BVI	\$132.04
GEORGINA GUTIERREZ-TAVERA	HAVERS	TORTOLA	BVI	\$80.90
GLENROY HENRY	GREENLAND	TORTOLA	BVI	\$3.29
GRACEANN M CREQUE	SLANEY	TORTOLA	BVI	\$184.75
HEIDI THEILE	1079 SOMERSET ST WEST	OTTAWA	CANADA	\$1.02
INA GORDON	SEA COWS BAY	TORTOLA	BVI	\$21.57
JACOB GEORGE	WEST END	TORTOLA	BVI	\$135.96
JUAN E GONZALEZ-MADRIGAL	MCMAMARA	TORTOLA	BVI	\$1.78
JULIA A PENN	WATERFRONT DR ROAD TOWN	TORTOLA	BVI	\$747.98
JULIAN DEJESUS	FREE BOTTOM	TORTOLA	BVI	\$71.76
JULIET MORGAN-PICKERING	RD TOWN	TORTOLA	BVI	\$4.02
KENDRIE I SERAPHIN	FREE BOTTOM	TORTOLA	BVI	\$0.04
KENSLEY R WHEATLEY	4351 PLAYER CIRCLE	ORLANDO	FL	\$28.84
LAILA STJERNDRUP	CSY DOCK RD TOWN	TORTOLA	BVI	\$736.94
LANSDELL POTTER	EAST END	TORTOLA	BVI	\$108.20
LAURENCINA HODGE	BELLE VUE	TORTOLA	BVI	\$0.29
LAVERNE M THOMAS	MEYERS ESTATE	TORTOLA	BVI	\$13.98
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## Premier of the Virgin Islands Hon. Natalio D. Wheatley 14 January 2024 Condolences on the passing of Carvin Malone

On behalf of the Government and people of the Virgin Islands, myself and family, I express my profound sadness on the passing of our dear and beloved brother, Carvin Malone, who passed on Sunday

morning, 14 January, 2024, and I extend condolences to his wife Pernis; his siblings, Jane, Meade, Guy, and Keith; his daughter, Kirsten, and his extended family. Carvin Malone was a champion

for the Virgin Islands, and his sudden passing was shocking and heart wrenching. While we mourn his loss, we remember him for the sterling traits he possessed. Carvin Malone lived a life of dedicated service

to his community. He was a proud and dedicated member of the Lion's Club of Tortola, having served as its President on a number of occasions. He was also a former president of the BVI Chamber of Commerce and Hotels Association. He also served as Vice President of the BVI Amateur Basketball Association. Wherever he had the opportunity to serve, he took it.

Hon Malone was also a political stalwart, serving as the President of the Virgin Islands Party for 17 years. He was elected and appointed as the Minister of Health and Social Development in 2019, leading the BVI through the COVID-19 Global Pandemic. Even after his time in elected office, he continued his political activity through his One Virgin Islands Agenda, a forum for public education and discussion on how the Territory could advance our development goals, including a strong focus on self-determination.

Carvin Malone was a family man, a successful businessman, and a good friend. Carvin and his wife and daughter had a very close bond with his siblings, their spouses, and their children. Carvin also had a very strong relationship



Dr. the Hon. Natalio D. Wheatley

with his extended family. I know of his relationship with the Malone clan, which was as close as anyone could be with their family. He owned and managed many successful businesses on behalf of himself and his family, including Island Block Corporation, Progressive Management, Admiralty Estate, R and R Malone Complex, and Caribbean Basin Enterprises. He was a trusted, loyal, and reliable friend, and he often could be found by "Toddy," by "Moose," and by "Cornel" bar among other places engaging in political dialogue or socializing.

Above all else, Carvin was a patriot with a big heart. He loved these Virgin Islands, and he loved Virgin Islands people, and he tried his best to brighten his corner, and to bloom where he was planted.

*To our Dear Brother Carvin, we will never forget you. Thank you for your service and Rest in Eternal Peace.*

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## Cabinet Approves 2024 Public Holidays

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

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

## Triple Jack To Compete In Caribbean 600 After Hurricane Irma Destruction



*Onboard-Triple-Jack*

Tortola, British Virgin Islands, January 17, 2023 - Triple Jack, the 44-year old Derek Kelsall designed one-off trimaran, will be making her ocean racing return in the Caribbean 600 on February 19 after a 39-year hiatus since the Ostar in 1984.

Triple Jack was a fixture on the Caribbean racing circuit

ever since she was sailed to the Caribbean by Richard Wooldridge and Steve Davis in 1997. However, since September 6, 2017, she has been undergoing a major rebuild and remodel after Hurricane Irma left her upside down on a bridge, rigging lost, coach roof crushed, hatches ripped off, and sponsons hanging on by

a thread.

“The aftermath of Hurricane Irma was not a pretty sight” said Richard. “Triple Jack’s ‘lucky break’ was to be somehow somersaulted out of the water and up on to a concrete bridge that connects Nanny Cay to the outer peninsula. Earlier her storm lines tore through her front beams allowing her to cartwheel across the new marina breaking the mast in four places as she went.”

In a five-year labour of love at Nanny Cay Marina, thousands of man-hours have been spent chopping, grinding, filling,

fibreglassing, epoxying, fairing, and painting.

The crew will be the first corinthian team from the Virgin Islands to enter this race in its 15-year history and they aim to make their mark. Triple Jack will also be competing in the Caribbean Multihull Challenge starting February 1.

Triple Jack reappeared at last year’s BVI Spring Regatta for her first shakedown event and the windy conditions proved the repairs are sound. The Caribbean 600 is a RORC race with World Sailing Category 2/3

requirements that include an engine, liferaft, AIS and a kitchen sink - all have been added to ensure Triple Jack’s compliance.

For Steve and Richard it is now payback time. No stone has been left unturned and the final touches are now being made to get her ready for ocean racing once more. “She was built for offshore racing and it’s time to get back out there,” Richard concluded.

**For more information, videos, and to follow Triple Jack’s endeavours visit [www.triplejackbvi.com](http://www.triplejackbvi.com)**



### St. George's Episcopal Schools



St. George's Episcopal Schools are searching for the following vacancies to be filled for the school year 2023-2024:

**General Classroom Teachers – Primary School**  
**Subject Teachers – Secondary School**

Candidates must possess teaching experience AND/OR requisite teaching certification AND/OR Bachelors Degree in the area for which the application is being submitted. Applicants must be members in good standing in a Christian denomination, and must espouse the Christian values of the Kingdom of God as proclaimed in the Gospel.

Consideration will also be given to the candidate who is energetic, a team player and who is willing to support the continuing development of the St. George's Episcopal Schools.

Applications must include a cover letter, complete academic records, including a transcript and copies of degrees, diplomas, and certificates, as well as two character references.

**All applications should be addressed to: Dr. Cheryl Anderson-Rogers, Executive Principal, St. George's Episcopal Schools and emailed to:**

[sgps@stgedotvi.org](mailto:sgps@stgedotvi.org) (for primary applications)

[sgss@stgedotvi.org](mailto:sgss@stgedotvi.org) (for secondary applications) no later than June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024.





# GLOBAL NEWS BRIEF

STORIES SELECTED BY GIORGIO MIGLIAVACCA

**USA** - The National Book Award-winning novel was born in a box full of books. Justin Torres, the author of *Blackouts*, was working at Modern Times, a defunct San Francisco bookstore, when he had to unpack a donation. "It seemed like they were the books of someone who had recently died. Almost all of them were novels, and then this random sexology book, this medical text that simply blew my mind," says Torres, who will read a fragment of his work this Thursday at a free event at the Hammer Museum in Los Angeles. That document was *Sex Variants*, a study published in 1941 in which researchers George Henry and Jan Gay published one of the first treatises on queer identity in the United States and several years before the famous reports by Alfred Kinsey saw the light of day.

The discovery made Torres, a 44-year-old queer writer born in New York, wonder about the mysterious reader, whose collection included this research done on 40 men and 40 women that began in 1935 and that must have been very sought after, as it was barely available even to members of the medical community. "It was fascinating to come across this and meet people who willingly exposed

everything about themselves, their sex lives, their bodies. Their desire was to change the narrative that existed around queerness, although some of them wanted to be cured," says Torres. *Sex Variants* was an empirical test of the clinical history and criminalization to which part of the LGBTQ+ community has been subjected.

This is how Juan, one of the characters in *Blackouts*, was born. He is an old man withering away inside a nursing home in an unnamed desert city. His life takes place between memories, which are brought to the present by an anonymous narrator who has shown up at the scene to try to question Juan about the two mysterious volumes that rest on an old radiator. They are two volumes of *Sex Variants* that have been censored with many parts blacked out, which gives the book one of the meanings of its title. Torres' prose is charged with erotic energy and permanent sexual tension. This is a stance on the peaceful times that exist, where sexual joy is a repressed pleasure. "I want to see more depictions of sex. And especially sex that isn't safe or sanctioned, or doesn't have that stamp of approval by the would be censors, whether they're coming from the right or the left. I hope the next generation

realizes how strange these times have been and brings back free love," the author, who is not afraid of controversy, says laughing.

The book won the 2023 National Book Award at a particularly conservative time in the United States. Although Torres has always moved through the liberal poles of the country, the American media is full of news about censorship of literary works and authorities trying to legislate the bodies of women and trans people. Torres received his award in a ceremony in which a great political moment took place. The winners read a joint message about the war between Israel and Hamas, which has left thousands of innocent victims inside the Gaza Strip. "I think it was very balanced. And if I had said something on my own, I think I would have focused much more on the disparity of violence. I would have focused much more on the long history of Israeli occupation. And I think I would have said something perhaps more controversial," he says. The National Book Award jury has highlighted the "aesthetic complexity, multiplicity, and beauty" of the images created by Torres. [El Pais]

**BARBADOS** - For the ninth straight year, Barbados again holds the title of the most powerful passport in the Caribbean region, according to a recent report. According to the 2024 Henley Passport Index ranking, released by London-

based global citizenship and residence advisory firm Henley & Partners, Barbados is number one in the Caribbean and is positioned globally at number 22 with visa-free access to 165 countries.

Rounding out the top 5 most powerful Caribbean passports are The Bahamas, St Kitts and Nevis/St Vincent and the Grenadines (tied at No. 3), Antigua and Barbuda, and Trinidad and Tobago. [CNW]

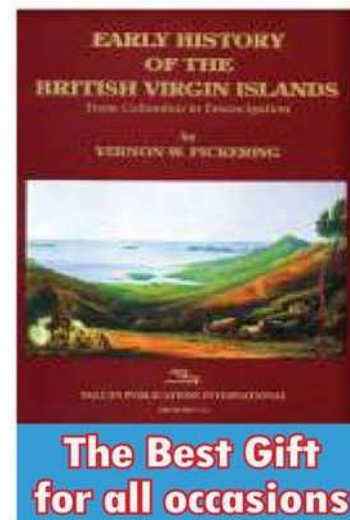
**EUROPE** - France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Spain, and Singapore have all secured the prestigious position of possessing the most powerful passport globally in 2024. These nations grant their passport holders visa-free access to an impressive 194 destinations.

On the flip side, Afghanistan holds the distinction of having the least powerful passport in the world. Ranked at number 104, it provides visa-free access to a modest 28 destinations. [CNW]

**LEPROSY** - Health officials in Barbados have reassured the public not to panic following the confirmation of a leprosy case on the island. Deputy Chief Medical Officer Dr. Arthur Phillips, in an update with Barbados Today, informed that the affected individual is currently undergoing treatment, with just a month or two left in their regimen. Dr. Phillips highlighted that this is an isolated case, and the situation is under control. [CNW]

**SANTO DOMINGO** - The Dominican Republic is the top tourist destination in the Caribbean, according to TripAdvisor's list of "Best of the Best 2024 in the Caribbean" winners. In the same order, the Dominican Republic is followed by Cuba, Aruba, Puerto Rico, Jamaica, St. Martin, Grand Cayman, Providenciales, St. Lucia, and Curacao. The publication points out that the Dominican Republic is located in the same waters that bathe Cuba and Puerto Rico, occupying the eastern two-thirds of the island it shares with Haiti.

It says that the country has a "lush interior mixed with caves, Victorian houses that look like chocolate and the tradition of pirates, in addition to 1440 kilometers of coastline on its insular end", where the cable car that climbs to the mountain



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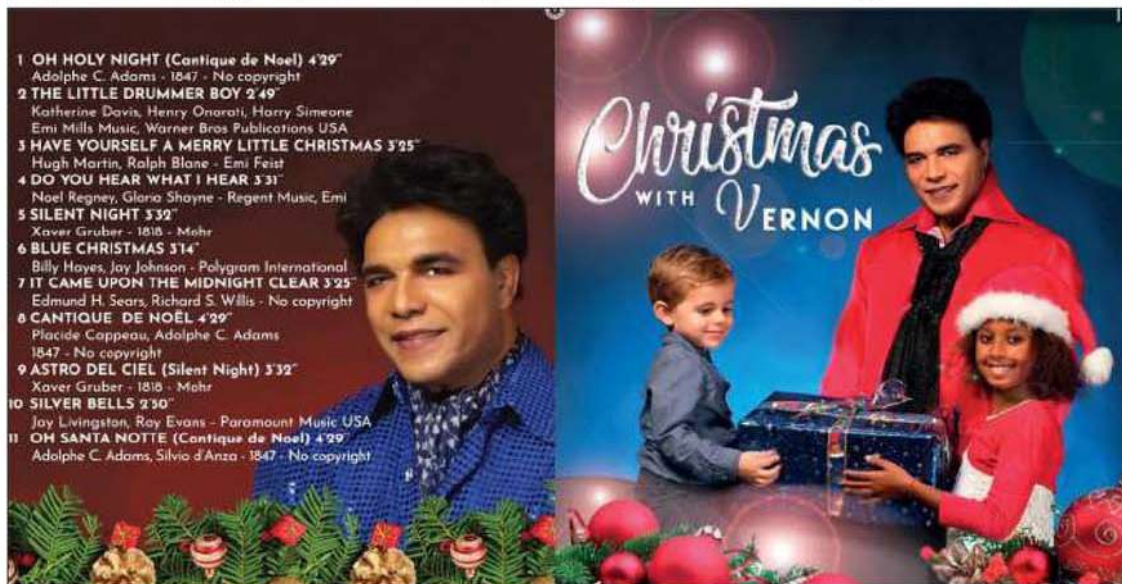
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Isabel de Torres (in Puerto Plata, north of the country), or the impressive Saona Island stands out. [Dominican Today]

**BERMUDA** - The population of Bermuda has dropped to a 20-year low, according to 2022 estimates. The decline in numbers has been attributed to another drop in the birthrate, which fell to a record low in 2022. According to the Department of Statistics, the population at the end of 2022 stood at 63,542, down by 106 from 2021. The population has now declined for five consecutive years and is at its lowest since 2003, when it stood at 63,525. The number of deaths has exceeded births for the fifth consecutive year. There were 479 births in 2022 — another record low — compared with 585 deaths. Birthrates have been in fairly constant decline in the past ten years, while the number of deaths has steadily increased each year. In 2013, there were 648 births against 471 deaths. Of the 479 births on the island in 2022, only seven were to mothers under the age of 20.

The vast majority — 412, or 86 per cent — were to mothers between the ages of 20 and 39, while a further 60 babies were born to mothers aged 40 or older. [Royal Gazette]



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# The Sunny Side Up



## Through the Lens of The Sunny Side



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Divas On A Dime

# Virgin Voyages' Valiant Lady made its inaugural call at the Cruise Pier in Road Town



*The BVI was filled with excitement and cheers as Virgin Voyages' Valiant Lady made its inaugural call at the Cruise Pier in Road Town on January 14, 2024. This historic event marked the first inaugural call of the year and Virgin Voyages' debut as the first new cruise line of 2024 in the beautiful Virgin Islands.*

*Passengers and locals alike gathered at the Cruise Pier to witness the arrival of Valiant Lady, the latest addition to*

*Virgin Voyages' fleet. The ship's arrival brought a sense of renewed optimism for the local tourism industry, which had faced its share of challenges in recent years.*

*Sir Richard Branson, the iconic founder of Virgin Group, added to the excitement by personally celebrating the occasion. From his private island, Necker Island, he orchestrated a spectacular fireworks display as Valiant Lady sailed off.*

*The momentous display of fireworks lit up the night sky, casting a brilliant glow over the sea and providing a breathtaking send-off for Valiant Lady. The cruise ship's departure from the Necker Island waters marked the culmination of its inaugural call, leaving passengers with unforgettable memories of their visit to the Virgin Islands.*

Photo Credit BVI Ports Authority

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## Ladyburd Talks...

Dear Readers: Most of us, if not all of us, have fallen into the habit of saying "New year, new me," every time a New Year rolls around. We tell ourselves we are going to completely change in this new year. We make plans and lists of resolutions. And yes, every once in awhile we may accomplish one of these goals, but most of the time our goals are unrealistic, which gives us the tendency to give up and say we will try again the following year. It's a vicious cycle I myself have also fallen into before. We look back on the old year, trying to recall all we accomplished. Some of us can list many accomplishments, most of us cannot. It is nice to reminisce on all that happened within the year, but what did we accomplish? We obviously must have had some goals at the beginning of the year but many of us can't recall them, or do, and just know they were never accomplished. **Make a list of realistic resolutions.** Hang this list up on your bathroom wall, your closet, in your planner, anywhere you know you will see it every day. The key to this sentence is the word "realistic." Make goals that challenge yourself, but are also possible. This way you are determined and it will feel even better once you accomplish it. **Stay motivated and humble.** Source: Clara Jane Linhoff-<https://www.theodysseyonline.com/new-year-bet>



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**Dear Ladyburd:** I am not in a good mood and I just wanted to run something by you. Ladyburd, I went to this event with this new guy that I met, whom I am really getting attached to and someone I believe, I could begin a relationship with. However, I am very frustrated. Imagine, Ladyburd, we just met and he is pushing me to be intimate with him. I am trying to tell him to slow down, it will happen when the time is right, but he is not having it and was very upset. I am not sure what to do, because I can see a future with him...Please help...Just feel like telling him to hit the road. What do you suggest I do.....Lisa

**Ladyburd:** Dear Lisa: Happy New Year to you. Lisa, I am going to suggest to you, not to sell yourself short, if you are not ready for intimacy with him, do not let him push you or talk you into it, it must be what you want to do, And not because he took you to an event, to have a good time, he thinks he is entitled to your body, you have not even decided definitively, whether you are going to officially start a relationship with him. Now is the time he should be courting you and catering to you and let things happen effortlessly, but he sounds desperate and thirsty with no patience.



## LIGHT BULB MOMENTS

"We must come to see that the end we seek is a society at peace with itself, a society that can live with its conscience."

"We must accept finite disappointment, -but never lose infinite hope."

*Martin Luther King Jr.  
Montgomery, Alabama,  
March 25, 1965.*

## Poetry Corner

*A man went forth with gifts.  
(Martin Luther King Jr.)*

*He was a prose poem.  
He was a tragic grace.  
He was a warm music.*

*He tried to heal the vivid volcanoes.  
His ashes are reading the world.*

*His Dream still wishes to anoint  
the barricades of faith  
and of control.*

*His word still burns the center of the sun  
above the thousands and the hundred thousands.*

*The word was Justice.  
It was spoken.*

*So it shall be spoken.  
So it shall be done.*

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## Tickle My Funny Bones



### PATIENT

A patient runs out of the operation room, screaming.

-A doctor stops him and asks: "Mr. Ainsley!

What on Earth is happening?!

Why are you running?!"

The patient breathes heavily:

"I was about to be operated on, doctor.

And then the nurse said:

'Come now, stop panicking.

You'll manage just fine!"

The doctor shrugs:

"Oh but that's nice, the Nurse being supportive and nice to you"

The patient gets angry:

**"She was talking to the surgeon!"**

### PAINTER

A businessman went into the office and found an inexperienced handyman painting the walls.

The handyman was wearing two heavy parkas on a hot summer day.

Thinking this was a little strange, the businessman asked the handyman why he was wearing the parkas on such a hot day.

The handyman showed him the instructions on the can of paint.

WHICH READ:

**"For best results, put on two coats."**

## PUN INTENDED

"What do you call someone wearing a belt with a watch attached to it?

**A waist of time."**

# Virgin Voyages' Valiant Lady made its inaugural call at the Cruise Pier in Road Town

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# DIVAS ON A DIME

By Patti Diamond

## Enjoying Holidays Leftovers Is Easy as Pie

What's the best thing about Christmas and New Year Holidays? I know we're supposed to say it's all the friends and loved ones gathered around the table groaning with traditional food and all the blessings and thankfulness. Yes, yadda, yadda, whatever. Just admit it: It's the leftovers.

It's knowing for the rest of the long weekend you can stand in front of your open fridge with nothing but a plate and a fork and come away with the makings of a gastronomic masterpiece.

So, what if we could buy an extra ingredient while doing our last-minute shopping that will transform these anticipated leftovers and make them even better? Something beyond

the usual soup and sandwich (no offense to any sandwiches or soups reading this). Something like pie dough or puff pastry.

You know that perfect Thanksgiving bite where you load up your fork with turkey, potatoes, stuffing and cranberry? Well, I think it's even better when it's wrapped in a buttery, flaky crust. See how I am?

### HOLIDAYS FAREWELL & HAND PIES

Yield: 12 mini-pies Time: 45 minutes

One package (two 9-inch) pie crust, or homemade equivalent

1/2 cup diced turkey

1/2 cup mashed potatoes

1/2 cup stuffing

1/4 cup sweet potatoes or carrots

1/4 cup cranberry sauce

1 egg

### Gravy for dipping

1. Preheat oven to 375 F. Cover a baking sheet with parchment paper.

2. Thinly roll out the pie dough and cut into desired size circles. (I used a 4-inch cookie cutter.)

3. Using a teaspoon measure, place a small amount of each ingredient on one half of the round, being sure to leave about 1/4 inch clear on the outer edges. Fold each dough circle over to cover the filling, pressing around the edges with your finger, letting out as much air as possible. Use the tines of a fork to seal the edges. Place on baking sheet.

4. Whisk the egg in a small bowl with a teaspoon of water and brush the tops of the pies with the egg wash.

5. Poke the tops with a fork to vent steam. Bake for 30 minutes or until crust is golden and irresistible. Serve with gravy for dipping.

\*optional, but why wouldn't you?

### NEW YEAR

### POT PIES

Yield: 6 pies Time: 50 minutes

1 tablespoon butter

1 medium onion, diced

1 teaspoon poultry seasoning

1/4 cup all-purpose flour

2 cups whole milk

2 cups cooked turkey, diced

3 cups assorted leftover Thanksgiving veggies

### The Sunny Side Up

1 sheet frozen puff pastry (from a 17.3-ounce package), thawed

1 egg

1. Preheat oven to 375 F. Grease six (12-ounce) ramekins or bowls, place on a rimmed baking sheet.

2. Heat butter in a large skillet over medium heat. Add onion and cook, stirring occasionally, until tender, 5 to 7 minutes. Add poultry seasoning and stir. Sprinkle flour over onion and cook, stirring, 1 minute. Slowly stir in milk.

3. Bring to a simmer; cook, stirring constantly, until thick and bubbly, 2 to 3 minutes. Stir in turkey and your choice of leftover veggies. Season with salt and pepper. Ladle into prepared ramekins, let cool.

4. Roll out thawed puff pastry on a floured surface to a 1/4-inch thickness. Cut out six circles, or squares, that are 1-inch larger than ramekins or bowls being used. Top each ramekin with puff pastry, crimping edges over sides to seal.

5. Beat the egg with a teaspoon of water or milk. Brush the pastry with egg. Bake until puffed and golden brown, 20 to 25 minutes.

So, to reprise, if you pick up a package of pie crusts or puff pastry, you can make perfectly portioned pot pies or palate-pleasing portable hand pies. Happy Holidays leftovers from Divas On a Dime!

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Charcuterie board featuring cheese ball pumpkin

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# POLICE NEWS

## SAFEGUARD CHILDREN FROM UNDERAGE DRINKING

Tuesday, January 16 – Child safeguarding is the action that is taken to promote the welfare of children and to protect them from deliberate or unintentional acts that lead to the risk of or actual harm.

The Family and Juvenile Unit of the Royal Virgin Island Police Force is urging the public, especially business owners of bars, restaurants, supermarkets, and hotel; and family members who might be organizers of events and within the household, to be mindful not to serve alcoholic beverages to underage children or to allow them access to places where alcohol is being served.

Unfortunately, 2023 ended

with several Juveniles partaking in underage drinking: some resulting in the need for medical attention. The Liquor Licence Ordinance Chapter 106, section 34 of the Virgin Islands prohibits businesses from selling alcoholic beverages to persons under the age of 16.

Likewise, section 204 (2) (c), Cruelty to Children, of the Criminal Code of the Laws of the Virgin Islands as amended in 2013 states " a person, having attained the age of 18 years, who gives, or causes to be given, or sells or causes to be sold to a child under the age of 16 years any intoxicating liquor, except upon the order of a duly

qualified medical practitioner, or in case of sickness, apprehended sickness, or other urgent cause, shall be deemed to have ill-treated that child in a manner likely to cause injury to the child's health."

As 2024 progresses, the Royal Virgin Island Police Force calls upon the community to actively engage in promoting a safe and secure environment for our children. Vigilance in enforcing age restrictions on the sale of alcoholic beverages is not just a legal requirement but a moral duty. By adhering to these regulations, we collectively contribute to the well-being of our youth and the overall safety of our community.

## Ministry Of Tourism Advancing Common Policy



Officials from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sustainable Development are engaging representatives from the OECS Commission in meetings aimed at advancing a Common Tourism Policy.

Team Leader and Tourism Technical Specialist Ms. Maria Fowell and supporting consultant and Tourism Policy and Development Advisor, Dr. T. Jennifer Edwards from the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States Commission (OECS) is meeting with local officials from January 15 and January 20 to discuss the policy which also includes opportunities in the Blue Economy.

Premier, Honourable Dr. Natalio Wheatley said the consultations are in alignment with his administration's commitment to advancing tourism as an economic development strategy.

Premier Wheatley said, "Tourism has proven resilient and has performed well with our overall visitor numbers being the second highest in our history, during the tourism season of 2023."

The Premier added the sector and its related industries also have the capacity and potential to expand and progress.

He added "To achieve even greater gains, we must execute a strategic analysis which will as the basis for revised plans that will contribute to the growth and development of our tourism product well into the future."

Premier Wheatley said the Government of the Virgin Islands is grateful for the technical support provided by the OECS and that it is another example of the benefits to be gained through its associate membership.

The bilateral discussions will be comprehensive and will include critical stakeholders including the BVI Tourist Board, Government ministries and departments, destination management companies and accommodation and rental companies.

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# Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



# R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



# The Spats

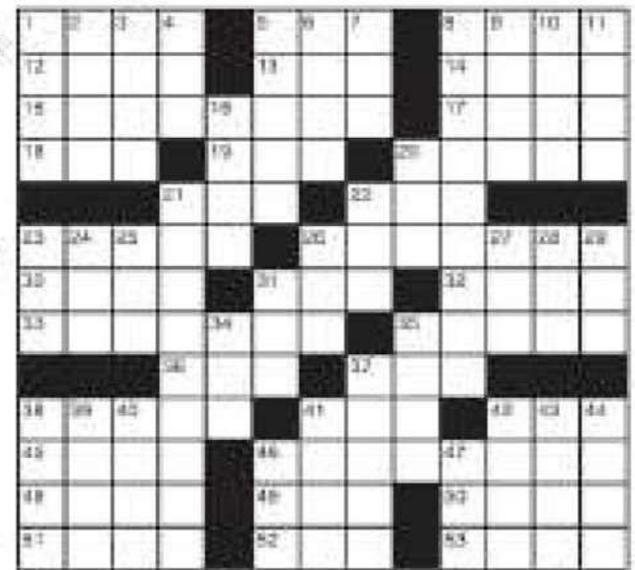
by Jeff Pickering



# King Crossword

## ACROSS

- 1 Tibetan monk
- 5 Triumphed
- 8 Used car sites
- 12 Trojan War hero
- 13 Lincoln nickname
- 14 Taj Mahal city
- 15 TV fare for a night owl
- 17 Gusto
- 18 Gallery display
- 19 "The Raven" writer
- 20 "No way!"
- 21 Sign before Virgo
- 22 "Now, where — ?"
- 23 Vivaldi's output
- 26 Reveal
- 30 Dating from
- 31 Embrace
- 32 Salty septet
- 33 "Citizen Kane" sled
- 35 Train tracks
- 36 Observe
- 37 "Ray Donovan" actor
- 38 Dish
- 41 Pirate's drink
- 42 Expert
- 45 San —, Italy
- 46 Single payments



- 48 Borodin's "Prince —"
- 49 "Lil'-luth"
- 50 Perched on
- 51 Like slashers films
- 52 Mag. staff
- 53 Shetland, for one
- 8 Revolving server
- 9 Curved molding
- 10 Serving aid
- 11 Auction
- 16 Detail, briefly
- 20 Dallas hoopster, briefly
- 21 Biography
- 22 Puke
- 23 Scratch
- 24 Mil. morale booster
- 25 "Mayday!"
- 26 Lemon
- 27 Wahine's gift
- 28 Guy's date
- 29 Curvy letter
- 31 Colonization
- 34 Spell-off
- 35 Cavort
- 37 Checker moves
- 38 Blue nose
- 39 Toy block name
- 40 Cupid's specialty
- 41 Regretted
- 42 Car
- 43 "Let's go!"
- 44 Glimpse
- 46 Caustic solution
- 47 Potential syrup

## DOWN

- 1 In — land
- 2 Slightly open
- 3 Damon of Hollywood
- 4 Chopper
- 5 "Yippeee!"
- 6 Bassoon's kin
- 7 Just out

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# Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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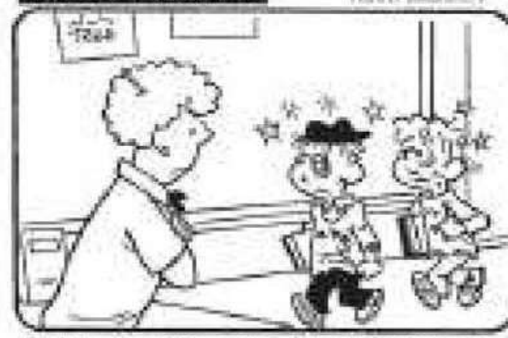
## DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:

- ◆ Moderate
- ◆◆ Challenging
- ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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# HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY HOLTHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Discover 1. One is missing; 2. Face is wrong; 3. Face is wrong; 4. Face is added; 5. Glasses are missing; 6. Hair is missing; 7. Hair is missing; 8. Hair is missing; 9. Hair is missing; 10. Hair is missing; 11. Hair is missing; 12. Hair is missing; 13. Hair is missing; 14. Hair is missing; 15. Hair is missing; 16. Hair is missing; 17. Hair is missing; 18. Hair is missing; 19. Hair is missing; 20. Hair is missing.

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## ANSWER

## King Crossword

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Solution time: 23 mins.

## ANSWER

## King Crossword

# Trivia test

by Bill Rodriguez

1. TELEVISION: What was the name of Jay's dog in "Modern Family"?
2. MEASUREMENTS: How many pecks are in a bushel?
3. GEOGRAPHY: Which continent has regions in all four hemispheres of Earth — north, south, east and west?
4. MUSIC: Which singer is known as the Queen of Disco?
5. U.S. STATES: Which state has the only royal palace in the United States?
6. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: How many federal holidays are recognized by the United States?
7. ASTRONOMY: How many moons does Mars have?
8. MOVIES: Which iconic movie has the tagline, "A man went looking for America, and he couldn't find it anywhere"?
9. FOOD & DRINK: Which minerals are found abundantly in dairy products?
10. COMICS: Which long-running comic strip developed from a weekly panel titled "Lil' Folks"?

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Trivia Test Answers:  
 1. Stella; 2. Fort; 3. Africa; 4. Donna Summer; 5. Hawaii, Iceland, Palau; 6. 11 annually, with June 18th as the most recent addition; and 12 every four years, with August 1st as the additional holiday in Washington, D.C.; only; 7. Two, Peaches and Cream; 8. "Easy Rider"; 9. Calcium, phosphorus and magnesium; 10. "Peanuts"

# Aloe Vera Plant is cultivated Worldwide including Caribbean

The Aloe vera plant is an African succulent that is popular in folk remedies. Today, you can find Aloe vera outside Africa since it is a popular garden plant, especially in dry areas where gardens must be created with the climate in mind. Aloe vera is also commercially cultivated all over the world to be used in folk medicines. Outside Africa, you will find the largest Aloe vera farms in the Mediterranean region, the United States, the Caribbean and Japan. An Aloe vera plant will also do well indoors, but keep in mind that it can grow very large and need re-potting.



Just like all the other succulent plants, the Aloe vera can store large amounts of water. This is an adaptation to a life in regions susceptible to droughts. Wild Aloe vera is commonly found in regions that experience large temperature differences between day and night. When the dew falls, the Aloe vera can absorb the moist and use it to survive. The Aloe vera will store water in its large fleshy leaves. Inside an Aloe vera leaf, you will find a clear jellylike liquid. This liquid forms the base of the Aloe vera juice that is so popular in folk medicine. If you grow your own Aloe vera plant, you can use the gel directly instead of converting it into Aloe vera juice. The gel is for instance used on minor injuries and burns since many people find it soothing and pain relieving. It also has antibacterial properties.

Aloe vera can also be used internally, but the scientific studies regarding its affects on the human body is still limited and internal Aloe vera treatments should therefore always be embarked on with caution. Discussing the treatment with a licenses medical professional is recommended. Internal Aloe vera treatment is popular

among patients suffering from heartburn, ulcers, diverticular disorders and other digestive problems. It is suspected that the antibacterial property of the Aloe vera is the cause of the relief reported by many patients.

In commercially available Aloe vera remedies, it is usually Aloe vera juice that forms the active ingredient. If you by low-quality Aloe vera remedies, they might not have been made from pure Aloe vera juice. If other parts of the plant enter the remedy, the treatment can act as a strong laxative. This effect is cause by the so called Aloe vera latex

that is located in special cells, the so called pericyclic tubules, which are found along the inner skin of the Aloe vera leaf. Proper processing methods are necessary to ensure that no latex enter the Aloe vera juice. If you experience unwanted laxative effects or cramps when using medications containing Aloe vera, you should refrain from using it and try to find a better manufacturer that can provide you with high-quality Aloe vera products. Never use Aloe vera internally if you are currently using oral corticosteroids, since Aloe vera will interact with this medication. Beclomethasone, Prednisone and Methylprednisolone are three common examples of oral corticosteroids.

The combination can cause potassium deficiency and poisoning. Psyllium will also be affected by the active compounds in Aloe vera, and combining the two remedies are therefore unadvisable. If you still choose to do so, you should make sure that you never ingest them simultaneously. Allow at least two hours to pass before you take the second drug.

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# Can USB Data Recovery Be Recovered?

When you store important information on a USB device, you take the chance of losing that information. Losing data on a USB can be kind of a mystery, but there are companies out there that can help you get that data back. These companies use engineering that can recover your lost data over ninety six percent of the time. These companies can even recover data that has been stored on a damaged USB device. So when you find yourself in a situation where you have lost valuable information you should not assume that this data can not be retrieved.

There are some companies that specialize in repairing damaged USB memory devices. In the process of retrieving your data, companies can also repair your device. Types of the problems they can repair broken solders, loose plugs, and broken internal connections. Some of the devices that they can fix are USB ports, USB sticks, USB drives, USB thumb drive, and Flash memory devices. These companies use a type of recovery called a jump drive recovery. They can recover any files from any type of USB drive or memory stick. Sometimes the chips inside the devices will be damaged, but don't fret; there are some companies that can fix that problem too.

So the conclusion on USB data recovery is that just because information seems to have disappeared, doesn't mean that it is lost forever. There are companies that can find and retrieve lost data on a damaged or removed USB device. In the process of finding data, the problems that caused the data to go missing in the first place will be fixed. This is helpful because it insures that it won't happen again. There are programs out there that can help you retrieve your data by yourself, but the problem might be bigger than you know, so you should always seek professional help. There could be problems inside your device that prevent your device from working properly.

## DEFINITION OF DATA RECOVERY

The salvaging of lost data or making available the previously damaged data stored on various damaged media such as hard disk drives, magnetic tapes, magnetic disks, zip disks, CD-Rom, flash cards and other storage media is known as Data recovery. For example the data of a file which has been deleted by some accident can be recovered again.

## DATA RECOVERY SERVICE PROVIDERS

There are various Data Recovery Service Providers who are working for 24/7 in order to provide their customers with the best available data recovery services. These service providers have highly trained staff and they are continuously improving the process technology and their quality systems. These providers allow their customers to recover every important piece of data from all the popular file systems in case of accidental file deletion, malfunctioning of software, formatted hard drives, damaged or deleted partitions and erased or corrupted by a virus.

These data recovery service providers offer a complete range of solutions for the restoration of lost data. The different softwares used by these providers are compatible for all the Microsoft Windows Editions, Apple Macintosh, Sun Solaris, AIX, Linux and Unix operating system. They also provide data recovery from different file systems such as FAT, NTFS, HFS, HFS+, NWFS, EXT2 and EXT3 file systems. They prevent the various important data of our computer by different data safety and data security softwares from unwanted accessing of data, corruption, modification or deletion by another user or from various harmful programs such as viruses, spy ware, Trojan horses, etc.

## SOME COMMON SOFTWARE USED IN DATA RECOVERY

There are different data safety and data recovery softwares for hard drive data recovery. Some common software used in Data recovery are mentioned below.

Data Recovery with Fire: The FIRE is a portable bootable

cdrom based software which can provide an immediate environment to perform data recovery which includes different forensic analysis, virus scanning, incident response and vulnerability assessment.

Data Recovery with LDE: The LDE or the Linux Disc Editor was originally made to recover the deleted files in Linux. The simple curses interface of the LDE resembles very much to the old version of Norton Disk Editor for DOS.

NT Data Recovery: The NT Data Recovery software provides read access to the NTFS drives in the MS DOS environment. The functionality of this software includes support for files with long names and as well as compressed and fragmented files. The NTFS Reader for DOS allows the files to copy them from NTFS to FAT volumes in network drives.

Data Recovery with PC Inspector: The PC Inspector File Recovery software is compatible for NTFS and FAT file systems. It has the capability to recover files with the original date and time stamp and can also restore them to the network drive. They can also recover many lost files even when the header entry is not available. The software can find partitions automatically on FAT systems even if the boot area/sector has been damaged or erased. The PC Inspector File Recovery software offers a user friendly interface that scans the hard drives and automatically recovers the files from the deleted folders.



## To the Family and Friends of Hon. Carvin Malone

The British Virgin Islands definitely will not be the same without the Honourable Carvin Malone . He was one of a kind. A kindhearted gentleman. May time help you heal and bring you peace. The loss of a loved one is never easy, but know we are with you through your grief.

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# Caribbean News / Regional News

## Commonwealth Secretary-General to attend Non-Aligned Movement Summit in Uganda

12 January 2024



**The Rt Hon Patricia Scotland KC**

The Commonwealth Secretary-General, the Rt Hon Patricia Scotland KC, will attend the Non-Aligned Movement Heads of State Summit from 19 to 20 January 2024 in Kampala, Uganda, as a Special Guest.

Established in 1961, the Non-Aligned Movement – which shares 44 of its 120 members with the Commonwealth – is a grouping of mostly developing countries working together to advance shared interests.

During her visit, the Secretary-General will consult with leaders from Commonwealth countries, seeking their perspectives on economic and environmental challenges and collaborating on strategies to deliver more tailored assistance.

She will also brief leaders on the preparations for the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting, scheduled for October this year in Samoa.

In a statement ahead of her

visit, Secretary-General Scotland thanked President Yoweri Museveni of Uganda for the invitation and commended his leadership as the Chair of the Non-Aligned Movement.

Reflecting on the summit's theme of 'deepening cooperation for shared global affluence', the Secretary-General said:

"Many developing countries have made considerable progress to improve the well-being of their people. But they are now bearing the brunt of a myriad of crises, with the lingering effects of COVID-19, soaring debt, inflation pressures and intensifying climate extremes and disasters.

"The absence of adequate international support forces them to commit more of their limited resources into protecting their people from these crises, which further compounds their

challenges, eroding hard-earned progress on poverty, inequality and development, and is pushing many countries to the edge."

She added: "To tackle these overlapping challenges, we need more cooperation and solidarity than ever before. The voice of the Non-Aligned Movement is essential, and the Commonwealth stands as a trusted partner in achieving our shared vision for a peaceful, just and sustainable future for all."

In her engagements, Secretary-General Patricia Scotland will draw attention to the urgent reform of the global financial system to meet the needs of developing countries.

She will share how the Commonwealth's Universal Vulnerability Index can help better target international finance, including overseas aid and debt relief, for countries in need of support.

The Secretary-General will also discuss the progress made at last year's United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP28) and the Commonwealth's targeted assistance to help member countries translate those commitments into action.

In particular, Secretary-General Scotland will inform leaders about the Commonwealth Climate Finance Access Hub, which has mobilised US \$322 million in climate finance for 17 vulnerable countries, with an additional US \$500 million in the pipeline.

She will also highlight the Commonwealth's coordinated response to ocean challenges through the Commonwealth Blue Charter, land degradation issues through the Commonwealth Living Lands Charter and a just energy transition through the Commonwealth Sustainable Energy Transition Agenda.

While in Kampala, the Secretary-General is expected to meet with government ministers, senior officials, and other public figures to discuss ways to deepen ongoing cooperation.

## BARBADOS AWARDED BEST TOURIST BOARD AT THE TRAVEL WEEKLY, GLOBE TRAVEL AWARDS 2024



(From left) British comedian Rob Beckett; General Manager of Travelzoo UK, James Clarke; Business Development Officer, BTMI UK, Ryan Toppin; Director, UK, BTMI, Cheryl Carter; Business Development Officer, BTMI UK, Gloria Carter; and Editor in Chief of Travel Weekly, Lucy Huxley as they celebrate Barbados' win.

London, 12th January 2024: Barbados Tourism Marketing Inc has been awarded the 'Best Tourist Board' at the Globe Travel Awards 2024 hosted by Travel Weekly.

The Globe Travel Awards, recognised as the Oscars of the travel industry, have given travel sellers the opportunity to recognise and reward their favoured suppliers for more than 45 years. The winners were voted for exclusively by thousands of travel agents nationally, which is further testimony to all that the BTMI do to support the UK travel trade industry.

Hon Ian Gooding-Edghill, Minister of Tourism Barbados, said: "Winning the Best Tourist Board Award is not just a recognition for Barbados but also of the hard work and dedication of the BTMI UK team. It is through their tireless dedication that Barbados continues to shine on the world stage. A huge part of this success also lies in the hands of our travel trade partners who continue to play such an important role in helping us to increase tourism in Barbados, and of course our tourism stakeholders and Barbadian citizens for so warmly welcoming visitors, a trait that resonates deeply with all who visit our Island."

The BTMI team joined other tourist boards and travel companies at the awards ceremony at the JW Marriott Grosvenor House in London on Thursday 11th January, and were delighted to walk away with the accolade in front of a sell-out audience of more than 1,200 guests.

Being the only country from the Caribbean and one of 10 shortlisted in the category, receiving the award is a momentous milestone for BTMI, reflecting the hard work, creativity and passion of the team. The other tourism boards shortlisted in the category were: Brand USA, Destination Canada, Greek National Tourist Office, Portuguese National Tourist Office, Spanish National Tourist Office, Tourism Australia, Visit Florida, Visit Malta and Visit Orlando.

UK director for BTMI, Cheryl Carter, said: "We are truly overwhelmed and honoured to be recognised as the Best Tourism Board by travel agents here in the UK. Winning this prestigious award at the Globe Travel Awards 2024 is testament to the dedication of our team and the incredible experiences that Barbados has to offer. We are committed to continuing our efforts to promote and showcase the beauty, culture and hospitality of our beautiful Island."

Carter continued: "A heartfelt thank you goes out to our invaluable travel trade partners. Their integral role in our success is immeasurable and we look forward to continuing our collaborative journey in creating memorable travel experiences."

The Island of Barbados is dedicated to providing the warmest welcome in the Caribbean and offering an unforgettable experience for its visitors. Barbados' stunning beaches, rich cultural heritage and warm hospitality are some of the unique aspects that make it the go-to destination in the Caribbean.

## CARICOM sends Condolence Message on the Passing of Justice Jacob Wit



**The Late Jacob Wit**

(CARICOM Secretariat, Georgetown, Guyana - Wednesday, 17 January 2024) - The Caribbean Community (CARICOM) has learnt, with deep sadness, of the passing of His Honour Justice Jacob Wit, esteemed Judge of the

Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ).

Justice Wit served the Community and the wider legal profession in our Region with distinction and passion for 18 years, before retiring from the CCJ in December 2023.

His breadth of knowledge

and experience in military, constitutional and international human rights law greatly enriched the administration of justice in the Region.

The Community recognises his invaluable legacy of promoting best practices in Caribbean

jurisprudence, particularly through his involvement with the CCJ Academy for Law.

CARICOM extends heartfelt condolences to his family, the legal fraternity and all who mourn his loss.

May his soul rest in peace.

# VOA NEWS VOA NEWS VOA NEWS VOA NEWS

## Medicine for Hostages, Palestinian Civilians Due to Reach Gaza After Agreement



Trucks carrying aid arrive, amid the ongoing conflict between Israel and the Palestinian Islamist group Hamas, in Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip Jan. 17, 2024.

Medicine for hostages held by Hamas militants in Gaza is to be delivered Wednesday under a deal brokered by France and Qatar.

France said the medication was destined for 45 hostages who have chronic illnesses, and that the delivery would be made with the help of the International Red Cross.

Qatar said the agreement also included medicine and other humanitarian aid for Palestinian civilians in the Gaza Strip.

Hamas militants abducted about 240 people during the Oct. 7 attack on Israel during which they also killed about 1,200 people, according to Israeli tallies. Israel began its military campaign to wipe out Hamas after that attack.

More than 100 hostages were released during a temporary truce in November, but about 130 are believed to still be held by Hamas in Gaza.

The United States said Tuesday it is hopeful that talks brokered through Qatar could lead to a new deal to release the hostages in exchange for a cease-fire in the fighting between Hamas and Israel.

"I don't want to say too much publicly here as we have these talks, but we're hopeful that it can bear fruit, and bear fruit soon," National Security Council spokesman John Kirby told reporters at a White House briefing.

The war continued Wednesday with Israel's military saying it killed six Palestinian fighters, including a Hamas officer it said was in charge of interrogating suspected spies in southern Gaza.

Gaza health authorities said that in the last day, Israeli forces had killed 163 people in the Palestinian enclave, raising their toll for the war to 24,448, a figure that

includes both Hamas fighters and civilians.

Since the war began in October, Israeli forces have also killed more than 350 Palestinians in the occupied West Bank, according to the Palestinian Health Ministry. The deaths have mostly come during protests and Israeli military raids.

The Israeli military said Wednesday it carried out an airstrike that killed a senior Palestinian militant in the West Bank city of Nablus. It accused Ahmed Abdullah Abu Shalal of being responsible for planning multiple attacks against Israelis in Jerusalem.

Four others were killed in the attack in the Balata refugee camp, the Israeli military said.

The Palestinian Red Crescent said Israeli forces prevented medical personnel from reaching the airstrike site to evacuate the wounded, including directing gunfire

at its teams.

The organization also said Israeli troops blocked ambulance teams from entering the Tulkarm refugee camp in the West Bank after Israeli shelling there injured multiple people.

There has been no comment from Israel on the Palestinian allegations.

Some information for this report was provided by The Associated Press, Agence France-Presse and Reuters.

### China Sees One of Worst Years of Growth Since 1990

China's economy last year grew at one of its slowest rates in more than three decades, official figures showed Wednesday, as it was battered by a crippling property crisis, sluggish consumption and global turmoil.

The figures were in line with expectations and even beat Beijing's target but will likely pile fresh pressure on officials to unveil more stimulus measures to kickstart business activity and get the country's army of consumers spending again.

China's National Bureau of Statistics revealed that gross domestic product expanded 5.2% to hit \$17.6 trillion last year. The reading is better than the 3% recorded in 2022, when strict zero-COVID curbs destroyed activity, but marks the weakest performance since 1990, excluding the pandemic years.

While 5.2% would be looked on enviously by other governments such as the United States and eurozone, which each expanded around 2% in 2022, it is well down from the levels around 6% or 7% constantly enjoyed in the 2010s.

After lifting its draconian COVID measures at the end of 2022, Beijing set itself a growth target of "around 5%" for last year.

The economy enjoyed an initial post-pandemic rebound but ran out of steam within months as a lack of confidence among households and businesses hit consumption.

The country's exports — historically a key growth driver — fell last year for the first time since 2016, according to figures published by the customs agency on Friday.

Geopolitical tensions with the United States and efforts by some Western nations to reduce dependence on China or diversify their supply chains have also hit growth.

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# SPORTS

## Adaejah Hodge makes opening statement to kick off '24 season

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

### TRACK & FIELD

Montverde Academy senior Adaejah Hodge, opened her 2024 season with the No 4 All Time U.S. Girls High School indoor 300m time, equalled her 60m and school record personal best, then capped her weekend by helping her team break the National Girls 4x4 Indoor Relay record.

Hodge ran 7.31 seconds in the 60m prelims on Friday night in the VA Showcase in Virginia, then followed up by running 36.97 seconds in the 300m, becoming the No 4 All Time U.S. High Schooler in the event, missing No 3 by .01.

On Saturday, Hodge ran 7.24 seconds in the 60m final to equal her personal best in finishing 2nd. She then capped her day by helping the Montverde Girls 4x4, which included St. Croix's Michelle Smith—her roommate and future Georgia teammate—break Long Beach Poly's 20-year old National

High School Girls record of 3:38.91 secs. Hodge led off the squad to 3:37.63, with a 54.10 split.

"I would say, this is one of the best season openings I've had in a long time," Hodge told Island Sun Sports. "We opened with a season's best, US No 1 and a national record, I can't complain."

Her 60m prelim was a benchmark to see where she was in her training she said, while noting she doesn't remember much of 300m race, but knew she felt good going in.

"I felt prepared with all the work I did over Christmas break and all the training I did in general," she said. "So I knew it was going to be fast, but seeing 36.97 put me in the history books as the fourth person to run 36 seconds, was like, wow, hard work really pays off. I've run 36s in practice and seeing that I can execute it on race day is always different and an eye opener for me."

Her personal best equalling 60m she said was another race she couldn't remember. She had been practicing starts and was super confident going into the race. "The last 10m was the most difficult part

because we hadn't been focusing on top end speed, so when I felt the competition, I started tightening up," she said. "And got second after that."

Her opening performance is a confidence boost for the season she said and since it's her senior year, she not pressing for anything except the Olympic Games and enjoying her final year as a highschooler. She said that she wants to leave a legacy at Montverde and show the underclassmen how to be fearless, work hard and execute the way coach wants them to do and also be proud of themselves no matter what.

"That's what we're trying to build at Montverde," she said.

#### Collegiate Roundup

South Florida's Jaleel Croal was 2nd in the Jimmy Carnes Invite 60m, in 6.69 secs, after running 6.82 to advance, while St. Thomas University's Khamauri Crabbe won the 400m in 49.43 and M'Khorri Crabbe, running unattached was 2nd in 50.09. Malik John, also unattached, was 8th in 50.98. Mekki George, another unattached, ran 7.33 in the 60m =31 in the field.

Also at the Jimmy Carnes Invite,



Adaejah Hodge opens season on a high note

Florida State's Keylaah Liburd won the 400m in 55.69 secs and anchored the FSU 4x4 to victory in a 3:37.19, facility record.

Competing in the LSU Purple Tiger Invite, North-western State's Diamante Gumbs opened his Weight Throw campaign with a 4th place and a mark of 18.47m (60'7½").

UTEP's Josh Hill was 6th in the Stan Scott Memorial 400m in 48.26 seconds, then helped the 4x4 to a 4th place finish in 3:12.87.

At the same meet, Barton CC's Wanyaé Bell, made his 200m debut with 21.62 secs the 8th best mark of the competition. New Mexico JC's Khybah Dawson ran 22.12 in his opener, the 16th mark in the field.

North Dakota State's A'Keela McMaster, ran 26.89 secs in her Bison Cup home meet 200m and was 6th, while Lindenwood's Abriel Magloire, ran her 55m in 7.54 secs in the Redwood Classic.

## Football season reopens with series of white washes

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

### FOOTBALL

Jaadon Quashie had a hat trick in leading VG United's rout of the visiting Panthers at their Virgin Gorda home on Sunday, in the resumption of BVI Football Association men's national league play, that saw all but one game not ending in a whitewash.

Quashie goals came in the 2nd, 45th and 84th minutes, while Deshawn Richardson also scored in the 71st minute as did Kijuan Nimblett in the 82nd.

"A great feel-good win after the Christmas break, despite all the celebrations over the festive season," VG United manager Jermain Abrams said of his team that returned to the

tops of the standings. "Overall, though, the guys were focused, and it was a good solid performance especially with keeping a clean sheet. The team worked hard from front to back to control the game and the youngsters definitely came to the fore. Jaadon Quashie scored a hat trick and kudos also goes to the coaches, Ritchie Morton, and Glen Bascombe, for putting together a game plan that worked so well. Our aim to start the second half strong couldn't have gone any better and we can now look forward to maintaining our position for the rest of the season."

The defeat leaves the Panthers on nine points and in mid-table, albeit with a game in hand over the nearest rivals, whilst VG United now have 16, one more than Wolues.

Islanders are third in the standings on 11 points after their 1-1 draw with Sugar Boys, who are in fourth with 10 points.

"Games against Islanders are always

nail biting as both sides are well known to each other," Sugar Boys Captain Derol Redhead who opened the scoring for his team in the 26th minute said. "The game was well balanced and despite going ahead we were unable to score the all-important second goal that would probably have secured all three points. However, a share of the points against another top team is not a bad thing and we will just look to see how we can improve for our next match."

Sheldon Harry Jr., equalized for Islanders in the 47th minute.

Rebels claimed all three points in the other game played over the weekend as they used a late Curtly Peters hattrick to blow open a tight 1-1 game and beat Positive 5-1. Peters scored in the 74th, 75th and 85th minutes, after Jamal Sergeant's 46th minute strike had been cancelled out by Positives' Jean Wilhem Jeudy in the 57th. Kelvin Glasgow was also on the scoresheet.



Positive's Ahkeem Codrington, right, tries to slow Rebels Captain, Phil DaSilva, during Sunday's game in Greenland

"We have to activate sooner, take every shot at goal, and release the ball a little sooner," Rebels Coach LaToya Sue said of her team that had many chances. "Don't hold on to the ball so much because it's only putting pressure on yourself, the defender, and your keeper."

In the lone Women's 9-A-Side game played, Ebony Fahie had a hattrick during a nine-minute span, to lead Avengers past Positive, 3-0. Fahie's goals came in the 20th, 22nd and 29th.

The Wolues Women forfeited to VG United.



# SPORTS



*Rebels Goalkeeper Pascal Parkins, goes for the ball after Positive's Ahkeem Codrington misses his shot on goal*



*Islanders' Troy Caesar fully extends for a header off a throw in against Sugar Boys*



*Sheldon Harry Sr. of Rebels, and his Positive opponent battling for ball control*



*Sugar Boys' Roshad Boyce, right, reacts after Islanders Shamar Lawden's kick*

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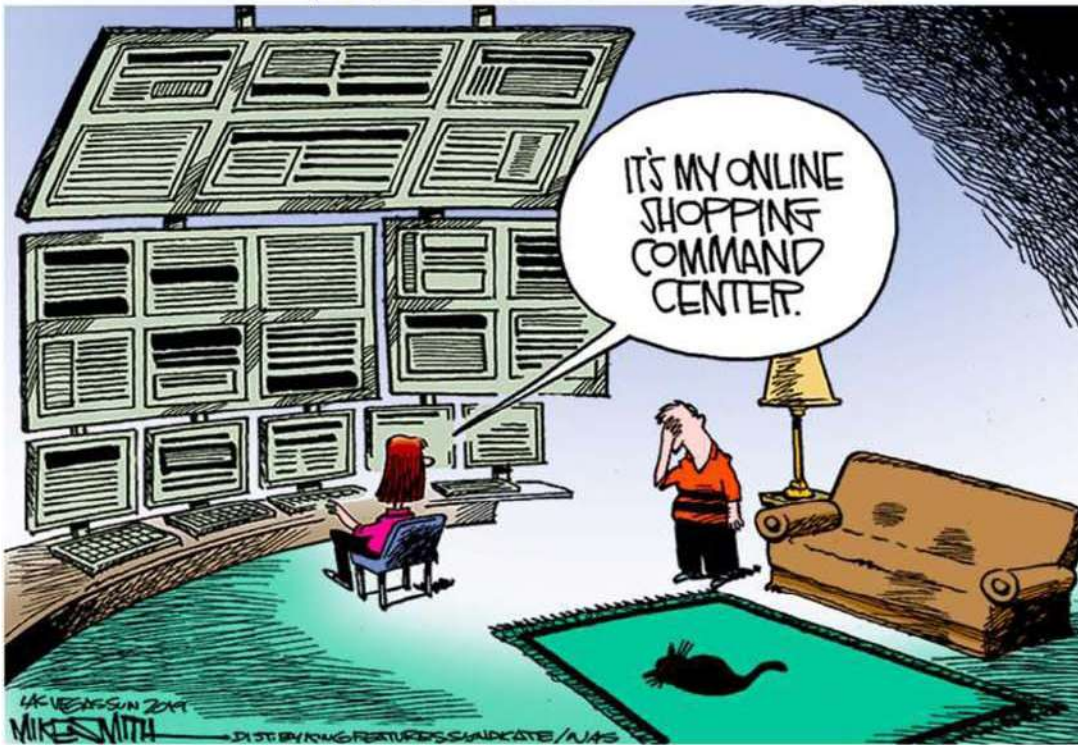
# THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

*You have set all the borders of the earth; You have made summer and winter.*

PSALM 74:17



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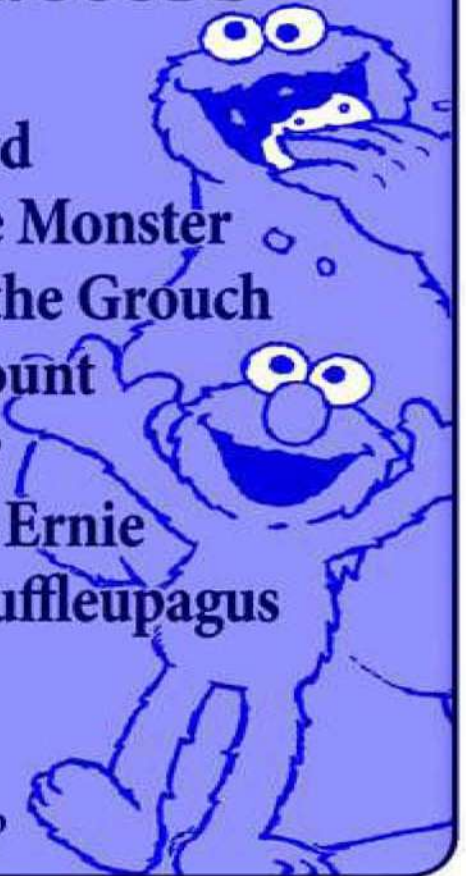
Maya Angelou

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# TOP Ten

## Sesame Street Characters

1. Elmo
2. Big Bird
3. Cookie Monster
4. Oscar the Grouch
5. The Count
6. Grover
7. Bert & Ernie
8. Mr. Snuffleupagus
9. Rosita
10. Zoe



Source: TheWrap

## GRIN and BEAR IT

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"I only threaten him with the silent treatment.  
... I don't follow through with it!"

Wit lies in recognizing the resemblance among things which differ and the difference between things which are alike.

Madame de Stael

EVERYDAYPOWER

# celebrity extra

by Dana Jackson

**Q.** What is the TV show from a few decades ago that had supernatural elements and was set in a small Southern town? It only lasted one season. I feel like it would do really well if it had come out today instead. — C.W.

**A.** My first guess would have been “Midnight, Texas,” but that premiered on NBC in 2017. It starred Francois Arnaud (“The Moodys”) and was based on a series of books by Charlaine Harris of “True Blood” fame. However, back in 1995, there was a show called “American Gothic” that better fits your timeline. It starred Gary Cole as a demonic sheriff of a small South Carolina town and Sarah Paulson as a ghost. Lucas Black played her younger brother.

The series was created by Shaun Cassidy (yes, that Shaun Cassidy of the “Hardy Boys”) and was a hit with critics, but it was canceled by NBC after just one season. Incidentally, Cassidy has gone on to be quite a successful producer, having consulted on the current hit medical drama “New Amsterdam” as well as the long-running police drama “Blue Bloods.”

“American Gothic” was Paulson’s first major television role, but she’s now known for being producer Ryan Murphy’s muse in his “American Horror Story” and “American Crime Story” franchises. Cole, who recently joined the cast of “NCIS,” taking over for the legendary Gibbs (Mark Harmon), told Entertainment Weekly magazine that Sheriff Buck is the role he’d most like to revisit.

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**Q.** When is “This Is Us” coming back with new episodes? I heard this will be its last season. Say it isn’t so! — R.B.

**A.** “This Is Us,” the show everyone loves to cry to, returns for its final episodes beginning Jan. 4. It gets a head start before the 2022 Winter Olympics airs on NBC in February. The last new episode of “This Is Us” was in May, where it jumped four years ahead with a shocking wedding.

Season six will consist of 18 episodes. According to the Hollywood Reporter, the show’s creator, Dan



Michael Yarish/CBS

Gary Cole on “NCIS”

Fogelman, has promised that there will be “no looming questions when we get through the end of next season. Everything will be resolved.”

Justin Hartley, who plays Kevin on “This Is Us,” has already landed a pilot for a new series, “The Never Game” on CBS. It’s still in development, but it’s based on the novel of the same name by Jeffrey Deaver, so it looks promising.

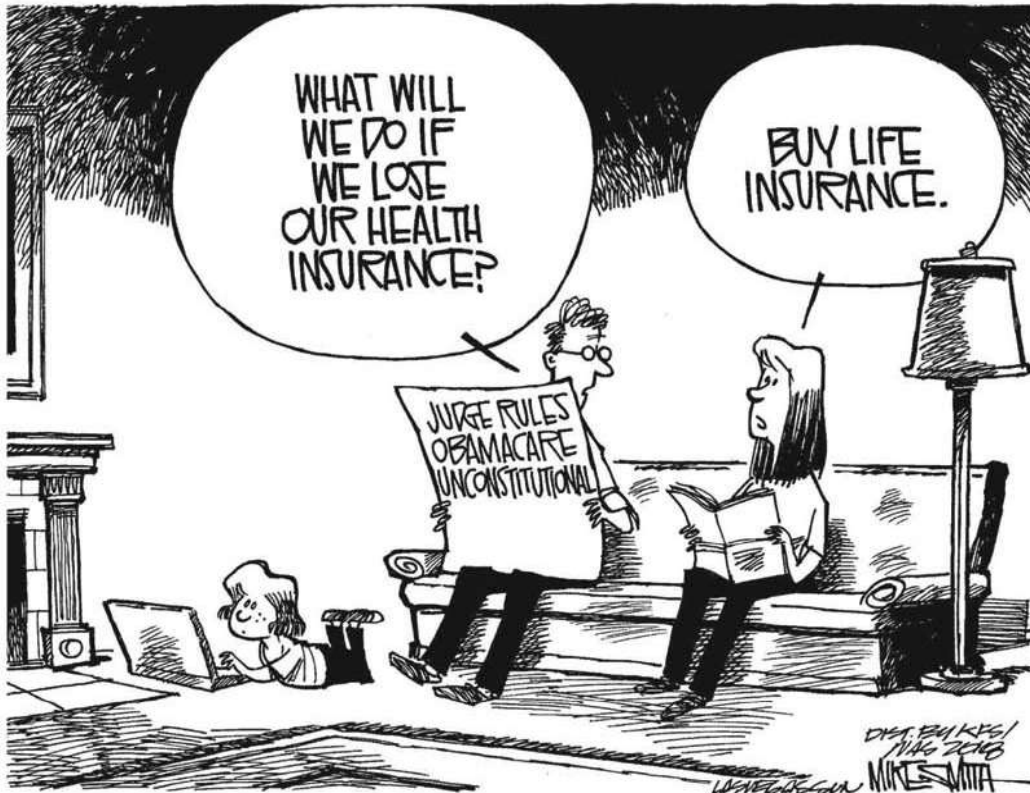
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**Q.** I was so sad to see the character of Dean written out of “Station 19” recently. Why would they get rid of him? — D.C.

**A.** According to Deadline, Okieriete “Oak” Onaodowan approached producers about leaving the show as Dean Miller at the end of season four, but the parting was amicable. He simply wants to stretch his wings after five years of playing a firefighter on the Seattle-based drama. Prior to “Station 19,” Onaodowan played the dual roles of James Madison and Hercules Mulligan in the Broadway hit “Hamilton.”

Send me your questions at [NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com](mailto:NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com), or write me at KFWS, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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by Mike Marland



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# THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME

BY AL SCADUTO

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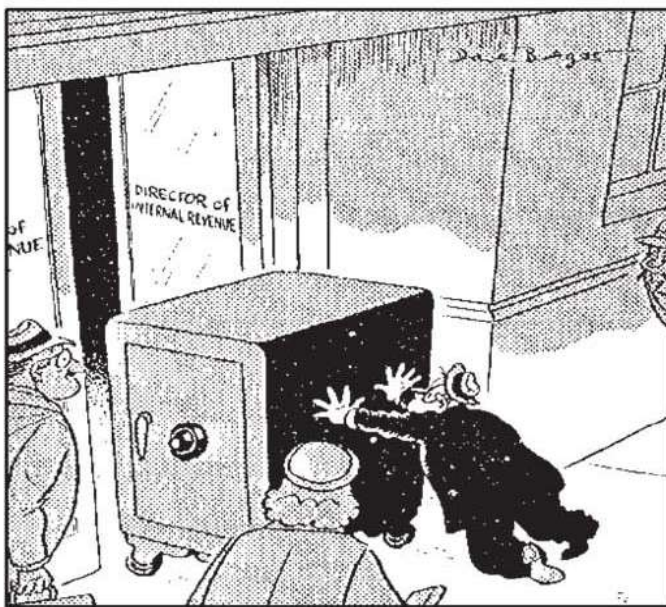


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**MISTER BREGER** By Dave Breger



"--Likes to dramatize his income tax payment ..."

**GRIN and BEAR IT** Wagner



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"Nothing says 'ugh' like flowers!"

**Strange BUT TRUE**

By Samantha Weaver

• It was noted 20th-century British dystopian author George Orwell who made the following sage observation: "The nationalist not only does not disapprove of atrocities committed by his own side, he has a remarkable capacity for not even hearing about them."

• If you're like the average 75-year-old American man, you've spent a total of 37.5 days in the act of shaving.

• According to the World Health Organization, the United States ranks 48th in the world in alcohol consumption per capita, with the average adult drinking the equivalent nearly 2.5 gallons of pure, undiluted alcohol per year. You might be surprised to learn that Russia didn't top the list; Moldova and Lithuania beat out the Russians, and Belarus scored the world's biggest drinkers, with the average adult consuming a whopping 4.6 gallons annually.

• Actors Kevin Spacey and Val Kilmer were classmates in high school.

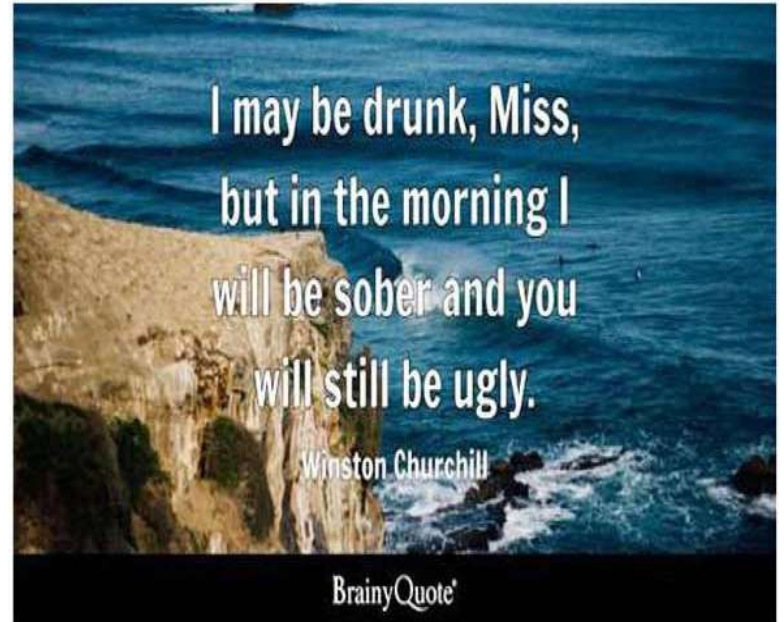
• In a 2014 survey conducted by Nutrisystem, 32 percent of respondents said that they hadn't worn a bathing suit in public in the past five years, 20 percent said it had been 10 or more years, and 5 percent said they had never worn a swimsuit in public.

• In ancient Egypt, there was a ban on the export of cats, which, by the law of supply and demand, increased the value of the pets in the rest of the known world. This situation was an irresistible invitation to smugglers, of course; once Phoenician sailors managed to surreptitiously bring some felines to buyers around the Mediterranean, breeders took over and ruined the business.

• The vast nation of Canada got its name from the Iroquois word "Kanata," which means "village."

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**Thought for the Day:** "A book must be an axe for the frozen sea inside of us." — Franz Kafka



**Salome's Stars**

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Disruptive family disputes need to be settled so that everyone can move on. Avoid assuming this burden alone, though. Ask for — no, demand — help with this problem.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Patience is called for as you await word on an important workplace situation. A personal circumstance, however, could benefit by your taking immediate action.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Don't lose confidence in yourself. Those doubters are likely to back off if you demand they show solid proof why they think your ideas won't work.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) A temporary setback might cause the usually sure-footed Goat some unsettling moments. But keep going. The path ahead gets easier as you move forward.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) There's welcome news from the workplace. There also could be good news involving a relationship that has long held a special meaning for you.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) You might still need to cut some lingering ties to a situation that no longer has the appeal it once held. In the meantime, you can start to explore other opportunities.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** Your sense of what's right can inspire others if you remember not to push too hard to make your case. Moderation works best for you.

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Impatience with those who don't keep up with you can cause resistance, which, in turn, can lead to more delays. Best to be helpful and supportive if you want results.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) A surprise announcement from a colleague could put you on the defensive. Gather your facts and respond. You'll soon find the situation shifting in your favor.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Time spent away from a project pays off with a new awareness of options you hadn't considered before. Weigh them carefully before deciding which to choose.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Consider confronting that personal conflict while there's still time to work things out. A delay can cause more problems. A longtime colleague might offer to mediate.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Some emerging matters could impede the Lion's progress in completing an important project. Best advice: Deal with them now, before they can create costly delays.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Your aspect continues to favor an expanding vista. This could be a good time to make a career move, and taking an out-of-town job could be a good way to do it.

# Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



# R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



# The Spats

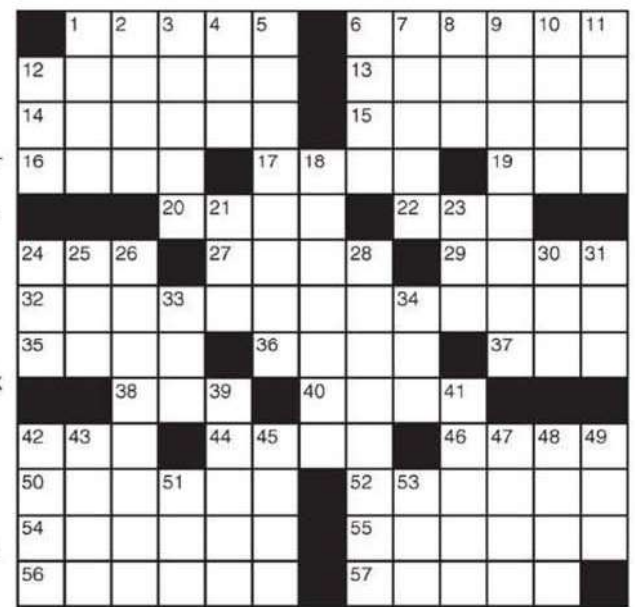
by Jeff Pickering



# King Crossword

## ACROSS

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- 6 Tennis star Graf
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- 16 Cruise stop
- 17 Farm unit
- 19 Garden of Food Network
- 20 Austen novel
- 22 Perched
- 24 Recede
- 27 Force
- 29 Pleasing
- 32 Symbolic first step toward getting hired
- 35 Cab
- 36 British noble
- 37 Egg quaff
- 38 Existed
- 40 Squabble
- 42 Past
- 44 Furnace fuel
- 46 Volcanic flow
- 50 Cheered (for)
- 52 Ogled
- 54 Topical anti-septic
- 55 Builds
- 56 Strong points
- 57 "Midnight Cowboy" role



## DOWN

- 1 Grieg's "— Death"
- 2 Actress Patricia
- 3 Private pupil
- 4 Sch. URL ender
- 5 "Feel-good" brain chemical
- 6 Incite
- 7 Jukebox picks
- 8 Hosp. areas
- 9 Fulfillment
- 10 Office plant
- 11 Notion
- 12 Greek consonant
- 18 Bach's "Coffee —"
- 21 1501, in Roman numerals
- 23 Moreover
- 24 Newt
- 25 Large snake garden trees
- 26 Ornamental
- 28 Best-selling Michael Jackson album
- 30 Bill's partner
- 31 Work unit
- 33 Spanish aunt
- 34 Sprite
- 39 Potpourri output
- 41 Swift
- 42 Met melody
- 43 Sticky substances
- 45 Praiseful pieces
- 47 Curved lines
- 48 Presidential power
- 49 TV spots
- 51 Dead heat
- 53 Epoch

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ♦♦

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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Bandanna is different. 2. Star on glove is missing. 3. Leaves are added. 4. Sleeve is shorter. 5. Sneakers are different. 6. Hedge is taller.

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## Weekly SUDOKU

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Answers  
King Crossword

# Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. LITERATURE: Which author coined the phrase "green-eyed monster"?
2. GEOGRAPHY: How many countries have nations within their borders?
3. ACRONYMS: What does RPM stand for?
4. PSYCHOLOGY: What is the fear represented in the condition called "nomophobia"?
5. TELEVISION: What is the address of the home on "The Munsters" (1964-66)?
6. MATH: How many combinations of U.S. coins would add up to \$1?
7. MUSIC: What was the woman's name in the Lynrd Skynyrd song "Gimme Three Steps"?
8. MEASUREMENTS: How many ounces are in 3/4 of a cup?
9. MOVIES: Which 1959 movie had the subtitle "A Tale of the Christ"?
10. AD SLOGANS: Which company had the advertising slogan, "Let's go places"?

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Trivia Test Answers  
1. William Shakespeare; 2. Two countries: The Vatican in Italy, San Marino also in Italy and Lesotho in South Africa; 3. Revolutions per minute; 4. A fear of being without your mobile phone; 5. 1313 Mockingbird Lane; 6. 293; 7. Linda Lu; 8. Six; 9. "Ben-Hur"; 10. Toyota

# ACTION ON CRIMINAL GANGS AND GUNS IS URGENT

By Sir Ronald Sanders

*The writer is Antigua and Barbuda's Ambassador to the United States and the Organization of American States. The views expressed are entirely his own.*

The Ecuador, once celebrated for its tranquillity, now finds itself at the epicentre of a distressing surge in gang violence, its streets marred by the ominous shadow of armed groups fuelled by the trafficking of illicit drugs.

On January 7, President Daniel Noboa deployed the nation's armed forces to clean up prisons from which gang leaders were directing their criminal activities. This desperate response came after days of unrest, during which two formidable gang leaders escaped from jail, prison guards were held hostage, and explosive devices wreaked havoc in cities across the country.

These events starkly illustrate a broader crisis, one that extends its menacing grip across Latin America and the Caribbean.

Ecuador, nestled between the world's two largest cocaine producers, Colombia and Peru, faces the dire consequences of its geographic vulnerability. The United Nations Global Report on Cocaine 2023 reveals a record surge in cocaine production, with Ecuador serving as a tragic victim of its easily accessible coastal routes.

However, Ecuador's plight is not a solitary narrative; it is a haunting prelude to a region-wide symphony of chaos.

The issue of gangs, guns, and violence cannot be confined within borders. Governments are now awakening to the problem, but it has already spiralled out of control in some nations, while others are teetering on the brink.

The Caribbean, in particular, stands as a sobering example, with four of the five most murderous countries and territories in the region in 2022 being the Turks and Caicos Islands, Jamaica, Venezuela, St. Lucia, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Disturbingly, there were no reliable figures for Haiti, leaving a void in understanding the full extent of the crisis which, in any event, is known to be completely unmanageable.

Statistics for the region reveal

a grim reality; eight out of ten countries with the highest homicide rates in the world are located in Latin America and the Caribbean. The average homicide rates, according to 2021 data, stood at 9.3 per 100,000 for South America, 16.9 per 100,000 for Central America, and 12.7 per 100,000 for the Caribbean.

The Caribbean also grapples with a dual challenge: an influx of illicit firearms, primarily sourced from the United States, and a decrease in funding for crucial security initiatives.

The United States, despite being a major source of the region's illicit firearm woes, paradoxically reduced its budget for the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative by 11.8% in fiscal year 2022. This initiative provides vital aid for border and port security, a lifeline desperately needed to combat the influx of weapons.

The alarming prevalence of American-made guns in the hands of Caribbean gangs has spurred heads of government to call for stronger U.S. efforts in curbing arms trafficking. In June 2023, Bahamas' Prime Minister, Philip Davis, emphasised to U.S. Vice-President Kamala Harris, the urgency of reducing the flow of illegal guns entering his nation from the United States. However, the U.S. account of the meeting made no mention of this serious concern, not because the Biden government is not troubled by gun crimes, but because it is a domestic political issue in the U.S. Hence, not enough is being done to stop the flow of illegal weapons into the Caribbean.

Even as these nations grapple with the inflow of illegal firearms, their capacity to intercept and prevent such activities remains a significant challenge. Ports of entry often lack the necessary interdiction capacity, and limited enforcement resources hinder their ability to curb the tide of arms. The traffickers exploit the short distances between Caribbean islands, utilizing go-fast boats and yachts to move weapons seamlessly across the extensive coastlines.

Efforts to control and combat this phenomenon have been ongoing since the late 1990s. Despite these efforts, gangs continue to proliferate, fuelled by drug traffickers who arm their criminal enterprises.



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Recognizing the urgency and gravity of the situation, during my term as President of the Organization of American States (OAS), I placed the topic of "Guns, gangs, and violence" on the agenda of the Permanent Council.

An expert panel, convened to address the growing crisis, proposed approaches to tackle the root causes and consequences of criminal gang violence, particularly gun-related violence. The resulting Resolution, adopted on December 12, emphasized the necessity for greater collaboration between governmental agencies. It acknowledged that no single state possesses the capacity to match the formidable resources available to organized criminals operating across borders.

The resolution underscored the links between transnational organized crime, criminal gangs, and the vital importance of a cross-border, collaborative approach.

We strongly proposed that the matter be addressed at the upcoming OAS general assembly in June, with the objective of establishing practical systems of collaboration between Latin American nations and Caribbean states. The criminals are organized; if governments and their law enforcement agencies fail to follow suit, the consequences will be more disastrous than they already are. But this alone, while a start, is not enough. Much more needs to be done. At the regional level, collaboration is paramount, as no single state can confront the vast resources of transnational organized crime independently.

At the national level, robust legislation, effective implementation machinery to punish drug traffickers, and prison reforms to prevent them from becoming recruitment centres are imperative. Equally important is raising awareness among communities about the dangers, consequences, and sanctions associated with membership in criminal gangs and the possession and illegal use of firearms.

As the Caribbean confronts this multifaceted crisis, the imperative is clear: collective, resolute action is not just an option but an absolute necessity. The path forward demands a commitment to national, regional and hemispheric action. Gangs, guns and lawlessness now threaten every person - the examples are too many to ignore.







# PUBLIC NOTICES

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

**IN THE ESTATE OF GOPAL NANJI PATEL,  
DECEASED**

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by JAYESH GOPAL PATEL of Street No.2, Villa No. 15, Mirador, Arabian Ranches, Dubai, United Arab Emirates, the intended Administrator of the Estate of the deceased who died intestate on the 5th day of April 2023, domiciled in United Arab Emirates, has applied to the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the Probate Division for a Grant of Letters of Administration in the Estate of the said GOPAL NANJI PATEL, deceased.

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

Dated the 11th day of January 2024

HARNEY WESTWOOD & RIEGELS LP  
Solicitors for the Intended Administrator  
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**THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT  
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS  
(PROBATE)**

CLAIM NO. BVIHPB2024/

**IN THE ESTATE OF YEUNG, CHUN HO, LATE, OF FLAT D, 3/F,  
138 TIN HAU TEMPLE ROAD, NORTH POINT, HONG KONG,  
DECEASED**

**ADVERTISEMENT**

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Yeung, Yin Chun of Flat A 26th Floor, Tower 1, Sky Horizon, 35 Cloud View Road, North Point, Hong Kong and Yeung, Yin Chi, Jennifer of Flat B 19th Floor, Ming Wai Gordon, 45 Repluse Bay Road, Hong Kong for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicants who are the daughters of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate at Hong Kong Sanitarium and Hospital in Hong Kong on 14 January 2016.

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 15th day of January 2024

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

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**Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.  
IN TOO DEEP LTD.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 15th January, 2024. The Liquidator is Mr. Meade Malone, with address at Geneva Place, 2nd Floor, #333 Waterfront Drive, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated: 15th January, 2024.  
(Sgd.) Meade Malone  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[34/21]

**NOTICE  
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT  
(NO. 16 OF 2004)  
WATERTOWN ASSETS  
GROUP INC.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 12th day of January, 2024, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register The Liquidator is:-

Joan Johnson  
of Nerine Chambers,  
P.O. Box 905,  
Quastisky Building,  
Road Town, Tortola VG 1110,  
British Virgin Islands  
[34/22]

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

**Blacksun Global Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 05th day of January 2024, 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  
[34/23]

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

**Truking kaiman Investment  
Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 04th day of January 2024, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.

The Liquidator is:-  
Joan Johnson  
of c/o Sertus Chambers,  
P.O. Box 905,  
Quastisky Building,  
Road Town, Tortola VG 1110,  
British Virgin Islands  
[34/24]

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

Probate No. BVIHPB2024/0008

**In the Estate of ANDREAS KELLER also known as KELLER,  
ANDREAS ALFONS late of 9402 Mörschwil, Huebstr. 36,  
Switzerland, deceased.**

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by WERNER RECHSTEINER of Unterer Graben 1, 9001 St. Gallen, Switzerland, for a Grant of Probate of the will of the above named deceased who died on the 9th day of January 2023 wherein the applicant is the named sole executor

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

Dated this 8th day of January 2024.

Filed by Walkers Attorneys-at Law whose address for service is

171 Main Street  
Road Town, Tortola  
British Virgin Islands, VG 1110  
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**IN THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT  
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
VIRGIN ISLANDS  
(PROBATE)**

BVIHPB2024/0003

**IN THE ESTATE OF LYDIA HODGE-PICKERING ALSO  
KNOWN AS LYDIA PICKERING, LATE OF FORT HILL,  
TORTOLA, BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS,  
DECEASED**

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Francois Felesque Smith of Tortola, British Virgin Islands and Atlanta, Georgia in the United States of America for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above named deceased who died on the 25th day of November 2023 without revoking a Will bearing the date of the 3rd day of April 2023 wherein the applicant is named as Executor.

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

Dated this 2nd day of January 2024.

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

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# PUBLIC NOTICES

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

In the Estate of **SIN KEUNG CHAN** (also known as **SIN KEUNG RICHARD CHAN**) late of Flat B, 42nd Floor, Goldwin Heights, No.2 Seymour Road, Mid-Levels, Hong Kong, deceased

FORM P16: 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 grant of letters of administration of Sin Keung Chan (also known as Sin Keung Richard Chan) late of Flat B, 42nd Floor, Goldwin Heights, No.2 Seymour Road, Mid-Levels, Hong Kong, deceased, granted by High Court of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, Court of First Instance on 1 February 2023.

Filed by: **Conyers Dill & Pearman**  
Attorneys-at-Law for the Administrators  
Whose address for service is: Commerce House,  
Wickhams Cay 1, PO Box 3140, Road Town, Tortola VG1110,  
British Virgin Islands

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

In The Estate of **LI WAH FAI** late of Flat C, 27/Floor, Block 1, Clovelly Court, No. 12 May Road, Hong Kong, deceased

Notice is given that after the expiration of 8 days application will be made to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the resealing of the grant of letters of administration of the estate of **LI WAH FAI** late of Flat C, 27/Floor, Block 1, Clovelly Court, No. 12 May Road, Hong Kong granted by the High Court of The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Court of First Instance on 25th day of July 2023.

Signed: **Walkers**  
Attorney-at-Law for Administrator  
171 Main Street  
Road Town, Tortola  
British Virgin Islands  
VG 1110

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

#### Speed Beta Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 11th day of January 2024, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register.

The Liquidator is:-  
**Wayne S. Francis**  
of c/o Sertus Chambers,  
P.O. Box 905,  
Quastisky Building,  
Road Town, Tortola VG 1110,  
British Virgin Islands  
[34/25]

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

#### Wuwei Group (BVI) Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 12th day of January 2024, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register.

The Liquidator is:-  
**Wayne S. Francis** of c/o Sertus  
Chambers, P.O. Box 905, Quastisky  
Building, Road Town, Tortola VG 1110,  
British Virgin Islands  
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### NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)

#### Chunming Holding Co., Ltd

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 12th day of January 2024, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register.

The Liquidator is:-  
**Wayne S. Francis**  
of c/o Sertus Chambers,  
P.O. Box 905,  
Quastisky Building, Road Town,  
Tortola VG 1110,  
British Virgin Islands  
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### NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)

#### Taixiang Hengrui Holding Co., Ltd

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 12th day of January 2024, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register.

The Liquidator is:-  
**Wayne S. Francis**  
of c/o Sertus Chambers,  
P.O. Box 905,  
Quastisky Building,  
Road Town, Tortola VG 1110,  
British Virgin Islands [34/28]

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

BVIHPB2024/0010

In the estate of **CARLOS MONTEALEGRE QUIRÓS** late of 5th Floor, Linda Vista Building, San Jose, Escazu, San Rafael, Costa Rica, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that **XIMENA MONTEALEGRE SOLER**, of 5th Floor, Linda Vista Building, San Jose, Escazu, San Rafael, Costa Rica, the substitute executrix named in the Last Will and Testament (the Will) of **CARLOS MONTEALEGRE QUIRÓS**, deceased who died on the 1st day of March, 2022, domiciled in Costa Rica (the Deceased), has applied to the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the Probate Division for Probate of the Will bearing the date 4 December 2012.

ANY PERSON having an objection to the Grant of Probate to the said **XIMENA MONTEALEGRE SOLER**, shall within fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of this Notice lodge with the Registry of the High Court in the Territory of the Virgin Islands a proper document setting out the said objections.



Filed by **O'Neal Webster**, Attorneys-at-Law for the Executrix, whose address for service is 2nd Floor Commerce House, 181 Main Street, P.O. Box 961, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands VG 1110. [34]

## THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE (PROBATE) VIRGIN ISLANDS PROBATE NO. BVIHPB2023/0283

IN THE ESTATE OF **JULIO HOTH Y ALATRISTE**, LATE OF CERRADA COLORINES 95, JARDINES DEL PEDREGAL, ALVARO, OBREGON, MEXICO CITY, MEXICO, DECEASED,

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF PROBATE

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **MARIO LAZCANO TORRES** of Calzada del hueso No 39, Colonia Ex Ejido Santa Ursula, Coapa 04650 Ciudad de México, Mexico, for a Grant of Probate of Will of the above-named deceased who died on the 29th day of December 2020 without revoking a will bearing the date of 18th December 2020, wherein the applicant is named as the executor.

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

Dated this 8th day of January 2024.

Filed by: **Sinclairs (BVI)**, 2nd Floor, Unit 20, Mill Mall, Road Town Tortola, British Virgin Islands  
Legal Practitioner for the Applicant for Grant of Probate

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# PUBLIC NOTICES

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

**IN THE ESTATE OF ARUP MUKHOPADHYAY ALSO  
KNOWN AS ARUP MUKHOPADHYAY BISWARUP  
MUKHOPADHYAY,, DECEASED**

In the estate of ARUP MUKHOPADHYAY ALSO KNOWN AS ARUP MUKHOPADHYAY BISWARUP MUKHOPADHYA, late of Villa 29, St 8 Meadows, PO Box 939550, Dubai, United Arab Emirates, deceased.

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Paramita Mukhopadhyay also known as Paramita Mukhopadhyay Jyotsnamy Deb of Villa 29, St 8 Meadows, PO Box 939550, Dubai, United Arab Emirates, for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above named deceased who died on the 20th day of May 2022 without revoking a Will bearing the date of the 8th day of May 2014 wherein the applicant is named executrix.

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

Dated the 11th day of January 2024

Filed by Paramita Mukhopadhyay also known as Paramita Mukhopadhyay Jyotsnamy Deb whose address for service is c/o Harney Westwood & Riegels LP, Craigmuir Chambers, PO Box 71, Road Town Tortola VG1110, British Virgin Islands

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

**IN THE ESTATE OF RÉGINE MONICA MONETTE  
VANDENHOECK HOWSON, DECEASED**

In the estate of RÉGINE MONICA MONETTE VANDENHOECK HOWSON, late of Rua Dr. João Moniz Nogueira, Lote B., 5º - A, União das freguesias de Lagos, Lagos, Portugal, 8600-616, deceased.

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Christopher Paul Howson of 824 Los Lovatos Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87501, United States of America (formerly of Hooper Road, Westport, CT, 06880, United States of America, for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above named deceased who died on the 2nd day of August 2020 without revoking a Will bearing the date of the 29th day of September 2014 wherein the applicant is named executor.

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

Dated the 11th day of January 2024

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

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**NOTICE  
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT  
(NO. 16 OF 2004)  
Dingsheng Runxin Holding  
Co., Ltd**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 12th day of January 2024, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register.

The Liquidator is:-  
**Wayne S. Francis**  
of c/o Sertus Chambers,  
P.O. Box 905,  
Quastisky Building,  
Road Town, Tortola VG 1110,  
British Virgin Islands  
[34/29]

**NOTICE  
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT  
(NO. 16 OF 2004)  
Yuanjuheng Holding Co.,  
Ltd**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 12th day of January 2024, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register.

The Liquidator is:-  
**Wayne S. Francis**  
of c/o Sertus Chambers,  
P.O. Box 905,  
Quastisky Building,  
Road Town, Tortola VG 1110,  
British Virgin Islands  
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**NOTICE  
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT  
(NO. 16 OF 2004)  
Wili Technologies Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 12th day of January 2024, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register.

The Liquidator is:-  
**Wayne S. Francis**  
of c/o Sertus Chambers,  
P.O. Box 905,  
Quastisky Building,  
Road Town, Tortola VG 1110,  
British Virgin Islands  
[34/31]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 12th day of January 2024, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register.

The Liquidator is:-  
**Wayne S. Francis**  
of c/o Sertus Chambers,  
P.O. Box 905,  
Quastisky Building,  
Road Town, Tortola VG 1110,  
British Virgin Islands  
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**THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT  
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS**

**IN THE ESTATE OF CARLOS ANDRE SPAGAT,  
DECEASED**

In the estate of CARLOS ANDRE SPAGAT, late of Rua Cinderela, 63, Apartamento 11, Jardim Europa, São Paulo - SP, Brazil l, deceased.

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by André Schivartche of Rua Hungria, No. 514 - Conj. 71, São Paulo, São Paulo - SP, 01455-010, Brazil, for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above named deceased who died on the 20th day of December 2021 without revoking a Will bearing the date of the 24th day of September 2013 wherein the applicant is named executor.

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

Dated the 11th day of January 2024

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

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

**IN THE ESTATE OF GITANA MARIA FIGUEIREDO  
LIRA, DECEASED**

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by RAIMUNDO LIRA of Shis QI 06, Conjunto 09, Casa 19/20, Lago Sul, Brasília 71620-095, Brazil, the intended Administrator of the Estate of the deceased who died intestate on the 22nd day of December 2020, domiciled in Brazil, has applied to the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the Probate Division for a Grant of Letters of Administration in the Estate of the said GITANA MARIA FIGUEIREDO LIRA, deceased.

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

Dated the 11th day of January 2024

HARNEY WESTWOOD & RIEGELS LP  
Solicitors for the Intended Administrator

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# PUBLIC NOTICES

**NOTICE**  
**BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT**  
**(NO. 16 OF 2004)**  
**Breton EV Holdings Limited**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 12th day of January 2024, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register.  
The Liquidator is:-  
**Wayne S. Francis**  
of c/o Sertus Chambers,  
P.O. Box 905,  
Quastisky Building,  
Road Town, Tortola VG 1110,  
British Virgin Islands [34/33]

**Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act**  
**REDRUM INTERNATIONAL LTD**  
(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)  
Company No. 2089683  
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 16th January 2024. 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 16th January 2024  
(Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**  
Voluntary Liquidator [34/37]

**MELVITA LIMITED**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company Number 1804581  
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 17th day of January, 2024. The Liquidator is **Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**  
Dated this 17th day of January, 2024  
**Sgd. Brian Jackson**  
  
**Brian Jackson**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[34/41]

**The Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court**  
**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE**  
**VIRGIN ISLANDS**  
  
**In The Estate of CHAN TAK SIN PHILIP also known as CHAN TAK SIN late of C1, 13th Floor, Greenville Gardens, Shiu Fai Terrace, Stubbs Road, Hong Kong, deceased**  
  
Notice is given that after the expiration of 8 days application will be made to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the resealing of the grant of letters of administration of the estate of CHAN TAK SIN PHILIP also known as CHAN TAK SIN late of C1, 13th Floor, Greenville Gardens, Shiu Fai Terrace, Stubbs Road, Hong Kong, granted by the High Court of The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Court of First Instance on 14th day of August 2023.  
  
Signed: **Walkers**  
**Attorney-at-Law for Administrator**  
**171 Main Street**  
**Road Town, Tortola**  
**British Virgin Islands**  
**VG 1110**  
  
[35]

**NOTICE**  
**BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT**  
**(NO. 16 OF 2004)**  
**AMH Lianyun Logistics Infrastructure Co., Ltd.**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 12th day of January 2024, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register.  
The Liquidator is:-  
**Wayne S. Francis**  
of c/o Sertus Chambers,  
P.O. Box 905, Quastisky Building,  
Road Town, Tortola VG 1110, British Virgin Islands [34/34]

**Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act**  
**RENU GROUP LTD.**  
(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)  
Company No. 1779988  
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 16th January 2024. 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 16th January 2024  
(Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**  
Voluntary Liquidator [34/38]

**Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act**  
**Stadford Development Limited**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1413207  
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 January 17th, 2024. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**  
Dated: January 17th, 2024  
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**  
Voluntary Liquidator [34/42]

**NOTICE**  
**BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT**  
**(NO. 16 OF 2004)**  
**RICH SUCCESS IMMIGRATION CONSULTANTS LIMITED**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 12th day of January 2024, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register.  
The Liquidator is:-  
**Wayne S. Francis** of c/o Sertus Chambers, P.O. Box 905, Quastisky Building, Road Town, Tortola VG 1110, British Virgin Islands [34/35]

**Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act**  
**REDRUM INTERNATIONAL LTD**  
(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)  
Company No. 2089683  
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 16th January 2024. 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 16th January 2024  
(Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**  
Voluntary Liquidator [34/39]

**Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004**  
**RIVEREA ENTERPRISES LIMITED**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1565280  
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 day of January, 2024. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**  
Dated: 17th day of January 2024  
(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[34/43]

**Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act**  
**TUNA LIMITED**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company Number: 1798874  
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204(1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 16 January 2024. The Joint Liquidators are **Anton Goldstein and Rachael Pape of Conyers Dill & Pearman, Commerce House, Wickhams Cay 1, P.O. Box 3140, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110, British Virgin Islands.**  
[34/36]

**Stag Property Holdings Limited**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company Number 677985  
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 17th day of January, 2024. The Liquidator is **Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**  
Dated this 17th day of January, 2024  
**Sgd. Brian Jackson**  
  
**Brian Jackson**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[34/40]

**Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act, 2004**  
**RMI Capital, Ltd.**  
In Voluntary Liquidation  
Company No. 1838893  
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 16th January, 2024.  
Dated: 16th January, 2024  
**Sgd. Philippa V. O'Sullivan**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[34/44]

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**T - take a few deep breaths**

**O - observe the needs of your child**

**P - proceed in a kind but firm manner**




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# Vi Government Launches Employment Registration Drive



The Government of the Virgin Islands has launched a Registration Drive to extend employment, training and education opportunities to unemployed persons in the Virgin Islands. The Government is conducting the drive through its Registration Apprenticeship Training Employment and Development

(RATED) Programme. The RATED programme provides temporary employment opportunities with a number of ministries and departments in the Public Service.

The initiative dubbed, "Coming to a District Near You," will be held from January 22 to January 31 in every electoral district and will extend employment, training and education opportunities to Virgin Islanders and Belongers between the ages of 18 to 70 who are not employed or are employed part-time.

Premier and Minister of Finance Honourable Dr. Natalio Wheatley says he is pleased about the new drive

launched under the RATED programme.

The Premier said, "I am pleased to see this new initiative, "Coming to a District near You". This is yet further proof that we are on our way to achieving our goals through the RATED programme which is to change lives, enhance skills and develop future entrepreneurs, one person at a time."

Premier Wheatley spoke about the future of the RATED programme and outlined plans to further develop the programme, thus extending more benefits for the people of the Virgin Islands.

Meanwhile, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change, Mr. Ronald Smith-Berkeley is inviting interested persons to make a special effort to attend and be registered, during the drive.

Mr. Smith-Berkeley said, "So far the RATED programme has made its mark in the lives of many Virgin Islanders and Belongers who have had an opportunity to participate in the programme and some of whom have been able to secure permanent employment." He added, "We have taken notice of the positive impact, and that is why we have launched "Coming to a District Near You", to ensure that everyone hears about RATED and those interested and eligible can sign up to be a part of this Programme".

Interested persons are asked to present documents including a BVI Passport or Belonger Card, National Health Insurance (NHI) Card, Social Security Card, Resumé (For persons interested in office employment)

The RATED Programme is promoting areas of interest including Landscaping/ Bush Cutting, Painting, Construction, Carpentry, Marine, Administration, Data Entry, Communications/ Public Relations, Agriculture/ Fisheries, Janitorial Services, Legal/Professional Services, Real Estate, and Hospitality.

# Health Ministry To Expand Cervical Cancer Advocacy To The Oecs



Minister for Health and Social Development Honourable Vincent O. Wheatley is expected to partner with local cancer advocate Dr. Arlene T. Penn to spread awareness on cervical cancer across the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) region.

In his message on Cervical Cancer Awareness Month, observed in January, Honourable Wheatley said he will partner with Dr. Penn as an ambassador to assist the OECS in executing its strategy to eradicate cervical cancer as a pandemic in the region.

The Health Minister who is also the Chairman of the 36th OECS/PPS Policy Board Meeting and the 9th OECS Council of Ministers: Health, said he is taking a proactive approach to health issues, hence Dr. Penn is expected to travel throughout the region to enlighten, encourage, inspire and support women as the OECS seeks to lower and eradicate cervical cancer in the region.

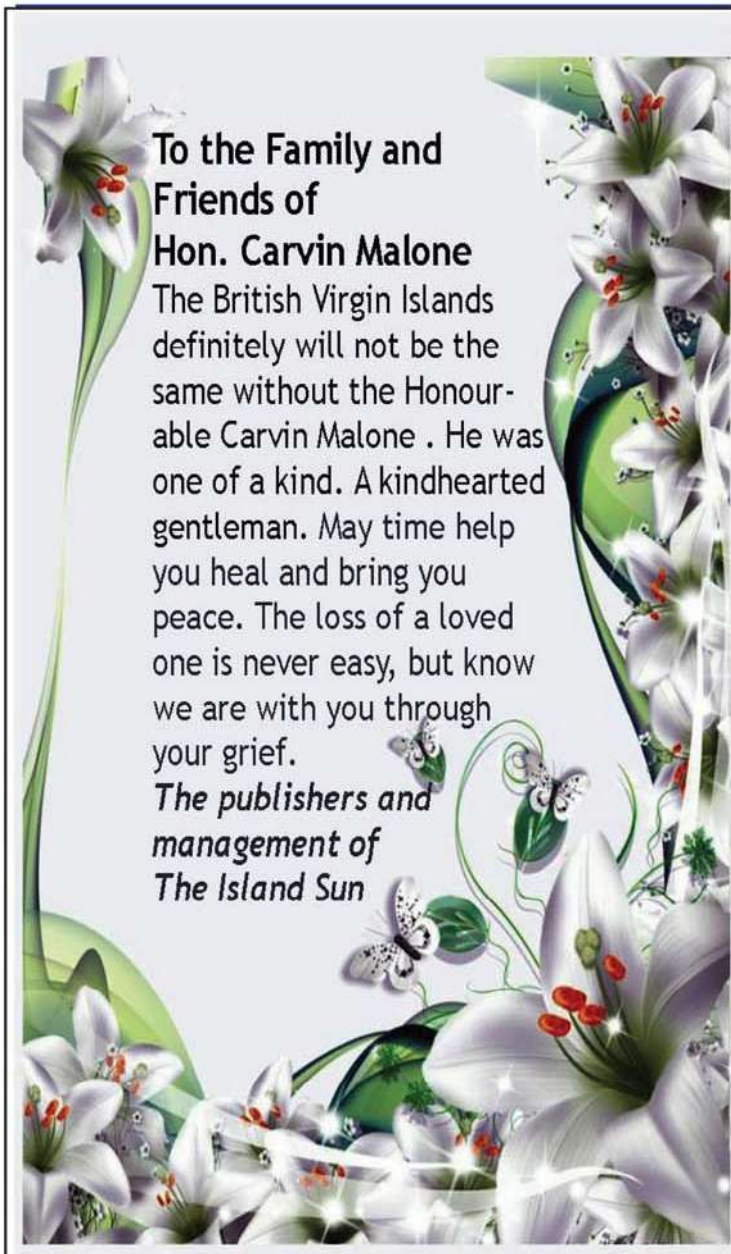
Honourable Wheatley said, "Educating males is also important to our regional strategy. We know that Dr. Penn is passionate about this subject, and we could not ask for a better ambassador. We thank her in advance for the work she will continue to do to bring awareness and support us in this process, as we will also support her."

The Health Minister added, "The Acting Chief Medical Officer and the team at the Dr. D. Orlando Smith Hospital will do their part by making the vaccines that prevent the Human Papilloma Virus available for males and females."

According to the Pan American Health Organisation, Cervical Cancer claims lives and is the leading cause of death in more than 35,000 women in the Americas. The majority, 80 per cent or 28,000, of these cases are in Latin America and the Caribbean.

As such, Honourable Wheatley is urging women to schedule annual checkups for cervical cancer as early detection can drastically reduce the number of deaths associated with the disease.

The Ministry of Health and Social Development remains committed to improving the health and well-being of the people of the Virgin Islands.



## To the Family and Friends of Hon. Carvin Malone

The British Virgin Islands definitely will not be the same without the Honourable Carvin Malone. He was one of a kind. A kindhearted gentleman. May time help you heal and bring you peace. The loss of a loved one is never easy, but know we are with you through your grief.

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## VI Seeks Future Collaborations With World Athletics



*President of World Athletics Lord Sebastian Coe as he gifted Minister for Education, Youth Affairs and Sports Honourable Sharie de Castro with a World Athletics Championships Historical Official Poster book. (Photo credit: F. Skerritt)*

Minister for Education, Youth Affairs and Sports Honourable Sharie de Castro has said that the Government of the Virgin looks forward to the continued partnership with the World Athletics organisation following a visit by its President Lord Sebastian Coe to the Territory.

Lord Coe paid a courtesy call last week and viewed first-hand the developments made at the A O Shirley Grounds following the flood and hurricanes of 2017. His organisation contributed to the rehabilitation of the grounds.

Honourable de Castro said, “I think Lord Coe’s presence is a signal to the Territory and by extension the world in terms of the capacity of our athletes and our federation. We look forward to seeing how we will go from strength to strength and the impact that this visit will make on our continued partnership.”

Athletes and coaches from across the Territory met with the President of the World Athletics organisation at the A.O Shirley Recreational

Grounds where he received a briefing by Honourable de Castro, and Presidents of the British Virgin Islands Athletic Association (BVIAA) Mr. Steve Augustine, and Mr. Ephraim Penn of the British Virgin Islands Olympic Committee (BVIOC) on the rehabilitation works on the grounds.

Mr. Steve Augustine said Lord Coe’s courtesy call was timely and that fruitful meetings were held. “We have had some productive meetings, we were fortunate enough to meet with the minister, positive things came from that meeting that we will be sharing as the weeks go along,” he said.

Mr. Ephraim Penn stated that Lord Coe’s courtesy call is a testament to VI achievements. He said the Olympic Committee has been playing a key role in working with all the Territory’s national federations, in particular track and field.

Mr. Penn added, “We are very pleased with the progress being made in

track and field under Steve’s leadership it has really made a positive change that we embrace. The significance of having Lord Coe here speaks volumes not just locally or regionally, but internationally.”

Meanwhile, Lord Sebastian Coe thanked the Territory for its hospitality and expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to visit the Virgin Islands. Following his meeting with the athletes and coaches, Lord Coe said he is often asked whether there is a secret ingredients to success. He said the answer is that there are certainly ingredients but there is no secret.

Lord Coe added, “Let me just place on record my eternal gratitude to the ingredients that I see standing before me. The fundamental is

simply having athletes that are focused, passionate, and have a lot of talent. I have witnessed that in heaps in the last few years particularly at CARIFTA and world championships. I have witnessed the quality

of your coaching and you do not get world class coaching without world class federations.”

Lord Coe also discussed potential collaboration with the Ministry of Education, Youth Affairs and Sports.



*(left to right): President of the BVIOC Mr. Ephraim Penn, President of the BVIAA, President of World Athletics Lord Sebastian Coe, Mr. Steve Augustine, Minister for Education, Youth Affairs and Sports Honourable Sharie de Castro (Photo credit: F. Skerritt)*



*Group photo of plans for the A.O Shirley Recreational Grounds being discussed (Photo credit: F. Skerritt)*

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