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FAHIE UNANIMOUSLY FOUND GUILTY: TWO JURORS REPORTEDLY CHANGED MINDS

The aftermath of the trial of Andrew A. Fahie, former Premier of the British Virgin Islands, has been marked by unexpected twists as two jurors reportedly changed their minds minutes after the guilty verdict was delivered. According to reports, they even reached out to presiding US District Judge Kathleen Williams, though she had already polled each of the 12 jurors on their unanimous verdicts and discharged them.

The Miami federal jury found Fahie guilty of conspiring to import cocaine into the United States and three related charges of money laundering and

racketeering on 8 February. - His sentencing is scheduled for 29 April.

However, on 12 February, the 'Miami Herald' revealed that the two jurors contacted the judge to express their differing views from the rest of the panelists and reversed their stance on the defendant's guilt. However, their change of heart came too late. Williams, - federal prosecutors, - and Fahie's defense attorneys now find themselves grappling with an unprecedented legal question: Can the judge reconvene the discharged jurors to reassess their trial verdicts?

The Miami Herald suggests - that historically, such an action would not be permissible - unless external pressure was exerted on the jurors or there was evidence of racial bias against Fahie, who is Black, neither of which appears to be the case.

Furthermore, there are strict constitutional restrictions on how much inquiry judges and attorneys can make into a jury's deliberations.

"EXTREMELY LIMITED AVENUES"
During an unusual post-verdict hearing on 12 February, Judge Williams acknowledged the unique scenario,



Andrew A. Fahie, former Premier

stating: "I have extremely-limited avenues to explore." Federal prosecutors argue that the judge must uphold the unanimous guilty verdicts unless a

mistake was made on the verdict form. Assistant U.S. Attorney Kevin Gerarde-emphasized that the discharge of the jurors nullified any

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disagreements among them once they were polled in court.

Fahie's defense lawyer, Theresa Van Vliet, urged the judge to poll the two jurors in question, if not all 12, acknowledging the unprecedented nature of the situation. She highlighted-Fahie's potential-severe sentencing consequences and emphasized the

importance of a fair assessment of the jurors' convictions.

Adding to the complexity, Van Vliet disclosed that one of the jurors had left a voice message on her law firm's phone, which neither she nor Fahie's second attorney, Joyce

Delgado, had listened to. Judge Williams proposed that both sides listen to the voice-mail recording privately and report

back to her. She ordered motions to be filed by Thursday addressing the legal dilemma and suggesting-potential solutions.

Ultimately, the judge could choose to uphold the verdicts or declare a mistrial, potentially leading to Fahie facing another trial with a different jury.

Meanwhile, in an official statement, Premier and

Minister for Finance, Dr. the Hon.Natalio Wheatley issued a statement on behalf of the Government acknowledging the verdict reached on 8 February in the case before the Miami Federal Court.

The statement affirmed that both the Government and the people of the Territory hold deep respect for the court's role in administering justice. It was noted that as a jurisdiction, the BVI

remains steadfast in its commitment to good governance and upholding the highest standards of integrity in public life.

"We are dedicated to the ongoing process of enhancing the relevant systems and institutions of government to safeguard the integrity of the Territory and maintain our international reputation,"-the statement stated.

RACETRACK LEASE: FORMER LEGISLATOR CALLS FOR DECISIVE ACTION

As horseracing, which is one of the most popular Territorial sporting events, continues in limbo after being halted by a land dispute, former Legislator Eileen Parsons has reiterated her call for decisive action, stressing the necessity of courageous leadership to resolve the impasse.

"I've been saying that if I were in power, I would have taken the damn land by eminent domain — get two appraisals for the land and pay the higher appraisal. If they don't want to take the money, put it in the bank. They'd be taking the money for the public good, it would have been settled," Parsons lamented.

Advocating for the government to assert eminent domain and acquire the venue forcefully, Parsons emphasized the urgency of bold decision-making.

The Former Legislator said during an interview on Tola Radio, "you need to have the courage — bad Andrew, good Andrew, he would have done settled this long time. It is a shame that Easter is coming up and there will be no race."

Expressing disappointment in the current Minister of Sports, Sharie de Castro, Parsons urged her to take a more proactive role in addressing the issue within her ministerial capacity.

"There's a Minister of Sports

whose grandfather was a big horse owner. That young lady is totally silent. I hope she's listening. Don't tell me she can't come out and say something, this is her subject," Parsons asserted.

Meanwhile, -former President of the BVI Horse Owners' Association, Violet "Letty"

Hodge, stressed the need for collective action from the community to pressure legislators into restoring horseracing.

"I don't know if there needs to be a march, demonstration or something to let those higher heads know that we mean business and we want this thing back," Hodge emphasized.

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LAWMAKERS INTERESTS TO GAIN TRANSPARENCY AFTER COI RECOMMENDATIONS ARE IMPLEMENTED

Amidst two years of staunch resistance, the Cabinet has finally relented to implement significant changes in transparency regarding the interests held by lawmakers and senior public officials, aligning with the Commission of Inquiry's (COI) recommendation to overhaul the Register of Interests Act.

The Register of Interests serves as a repository for the financial interests of legislators, providing a platform for them to publicly disclose any private interests

that may present conflicts with their public duties.

According to the COI findings, many lawmakers were egregiously late in declaring their interests, with some failing to do so altogether. Previous attempts to reform the legislation faced fierce opposition from lawmakers, resulting in the passage of a diluted and severely restrictive version of the COI's recommendations.

Moreover, the government missed the December deadline set by the COI for

implementing a framework that would extend the revised law to include senior public servants.

In a recent Cabinet decision, it was agreed that the Deputy Governor's Office would spearhead the amendments to the Register of Interests Act and relevant legislation. Among the proposed changes is the full accessibility of the Register of Interests for members of the House of Assembly to the public at no charge.

Furthermore, the amendments aim to broaden

the scope of interest declaration to encompass senior public officers, particularly those at the level of Heads of Departments, Deputy Secretaries, and officers in Grades 19 to 21. Given the past resistance, it is likely that the register for these officers will remain private, accessible only to the Governor and Deputy Governor.

Additionally, the proposed revisions advocate for granting the Registrar of Interests the authority to directly refer matters

concerning integrity to the Integrity Commission for advice.

Former Governor John Rankin, in his final quarterly review, reiterated his call for the government to take proactive measures in enacting good governance-legislation that has been pending for over two years. This most effective legislation includes a strengthened Integrity in Public Life Act, Whistleblower Act, and amended Register of Interests Act.

SOME PUBLIC SERVANTS MAY FACE DELAYS UP TO 5 YEARS BEFORE RECEIVING INCREMENTS

In a significant update on the status of salary increments for public servants, Premier Dr. Natalio Wheatley has offered clarification on why some may face an extended wait of up to four years before receiving their promised increments earned several years ago.

Initially, public servants were assured that all outstanding increments would be disbursed by the end of the second quarter of the preceding year. However, in a surprising turn of events revealed by Cabinet in December, it was disclosed that certain public servants might experience a delay of up to four additional years before receiving their increments.

As of 15 January, Dr. Wheatley reported that over 2,000 public officers

had already received their increments for the 2018 – 2019 work years, a figure encompassing both active and separated public officers. He commended the Department of Human Resources for their dedicated efforts in facilitating this process while simultaneously gearing up for the implementation of a new salary structure.

The Cabinet's decision stipulates that all outstanding increment arrears for the public service must be settled by 2027, contingent upon funding availability and unforeseen circumstances.

Explaining the rationale behind extending the timeline to 2027, the Premier clarified that this adjustment aims to distribute the outstanding amounts

across several budget years. However, he emphasized that this doesn't preclude the possibility of earlier payments.

Moreover, Dr. Wheatley disclosed that ongoing increment - salary adjustments from 2020 to 2022, originally slated for completion by December 2023, will now also incorporate the adjustment of a step for the 2023 incremental work year.

Addressing lawmakers, the Premier underscored the fluctuating total staff complement of the public service from 2018 to the present. He noted an increase from the initially reported 2,261 public officers to approximately 2,496 by the conclusion of 2023.

The Ministry of Health and Social Development will be hosting a virtual workshop to improve the prescription of medication for the elderly.

The "Safe Prescribing for the Elderly" workshop will be held on Thursday, February 29 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. via a virtual platform. The session is geared towards doctors, nurses, pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and caregivers who wish to empower themselves with lifesaving information and improve care for the elder population. Chief of Drugs and Pharmaceutical Services, Mrs. Gracia Wheatley-Smith said, "The elderly are diagnosed with maybe two or three chronic conditions that decreases the functionality of the organs which makes them more prone to experiencing side effects and adverse drug events."

Mrs. Wheatley-Smith explained that prescribing for the elderly takes into account the side effects of medications, adverse events, drug to drug interactions, drug-disease interactions and medications that should not be prescribed for certain conditions.

The Chief of Drugs further stated that the workshop, aims to improve physicians prescribing techniques for the elderly.

"We also want to empower pharmacists to flag prescriptions and dosing information that may adversely affect the elderly," Mrs. Wheatley-Smith said. She added, "We want caretakers to be able to spot red flags early and alert family members, who would then liaise with the doctor or pharmacist so appropriate actions can be taken. This is a part of efforts to improve the quality of care given to our elders."

The workshop will also feature the Beers criteria, which are five categories of potentially inappropriate medicines for persons over the age of 65. This include medications to avoid among persons with certain health conditions, medications that may cause drug to drug interactions, medications to avoid where the risk outweighs the benefit ratio, and medications to use at limited dosage or avoid due to effects on the kidney function.

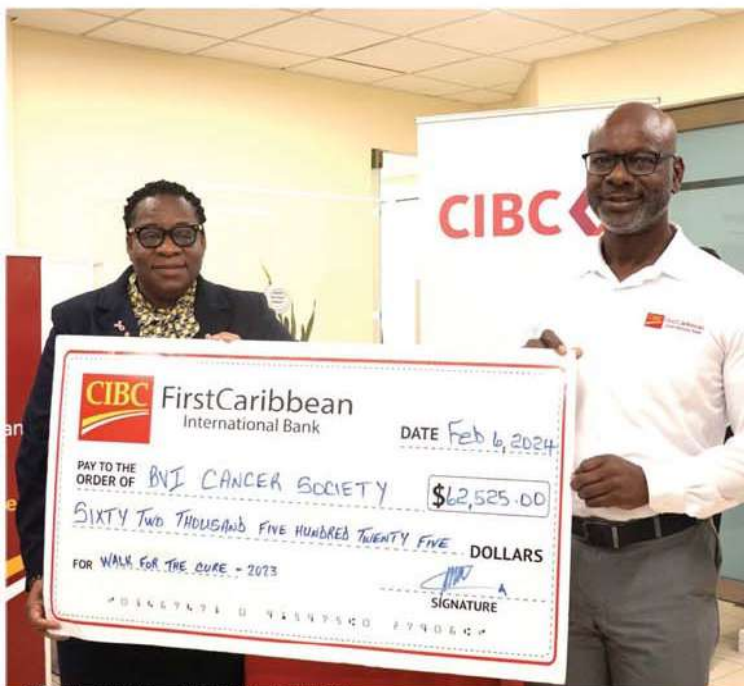
Participants will gain knowledge on pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamics changes in the elderly and the factors that influence doctors' prescriptions. A medicine utilisation review of a small random sample of prescriptions written for the elderly in the Virgin Islands will also be looked at among other objectives.

The workshop will be facilitated by Consultant and former Organization of Eastern Caribbean States, Pharmaceutical Procurement Service, OECS/PPS head, Mr. Francis Burnett. There is a \$10 registration fee and Continuing Education credits will be available upon completion.

Interested persons can register for the workshop by emailing grwheatley-smith@gov.vg or by telephone at 468-9850.

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

BVI CANCER SOCIETY RECEIVES ITS LARGEST SINGLE DONATION TO DATE FROM 2023 CIBC CARIBBEAN WALK FOR THE CURE



Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands February 9, 2024 – The BVI Cancer Society received its largest single donation to date on Tuesday, February 6 when CIBC Caribbean presented the charitable organization with a cheque for \$62,525. The funds were raised by the bank’s 2023 Walk for the Cure campaign to bring awareness of cancer and to

support BVICS’s work in the community.

“Globally and locally, 2023 was a tough financial year and this sum is a clear testimony of the community’s belief in the BVI Cancer Society’s invaluable work with the people who rely on the team for their support at every stage,” said Fabian Devonish, Walk Manager and Acting

Country Manager. “We are exceptionally proud of the progressive success of the Walk for the Cure – from the incremental funds raised each year to the enthusiastic response from the private sector in supporting such a worthy cause. We are truly grateful to the businesses that dug deep and joined us as sponsors to become the mainstay of the monies raised, and to the community members who participated in the various Walk for the Cure campaign events throughout the year.”

Accepting the donation from Mr. Devonish on behalf of the BVICS, Ms. Gloria Fahie, President of the organisation who expressed appreciation for the bank’s “unparalleled dedication and commitment” to help combat the prevalence of the disease in the BVI.

“Cancer is a battle that requires not only medical expertise but also financial donations, resources and support from our community,” said Ms Fahie. “The bank’s steadfast support has been instrumental in helping the cancer society in providing much needed services and assistance to those affected by cancer. Their contributions have truly made a significant impact on the work we do and their

continued partnership is critical.”

The funds generated from the campaign are used primarily to assist with the purchase and maintenance of equipment used in the diagnosis and treatment of cancer patients. They are also used to provide assistance, care and counselling to patients and their families as well as to raise awareness, and stress the importance of early detection, through education campaigns across the region.

Ms. Fahie went on to commend the bank and the supporters of the fund-raising initiative.

“The impact of the bank’s support goes beyond just financial assistance: it serves as an inspiring example of corporate responsibility and community engagement. It demonstrates that when organisations and individuals come together for a common cause, we can make a profound difference in the lives of those affected by cancer.”

According to a National Health Insurance report, there were an average of 41 new cases of cancer each year for the last 6 years with an average of 14 deaths per year. From 2016 – 2020, the NHI recorded 462 new cases with 74 cases recorded in

2022.

Sponsors for the 2023 Walk for the Cure include Tradewinds Cruise Club, Walkers, ATU General Trust (BVI) Ltd, Harneys, HikeBVI, Island Sun Newspaper, O’Neal Webster, BCQS, Captain Mulligan’s Ltd, Conyers, Ernst and Young, GoldLeaf Consulting Limited, Horizon Yacht Charters, Kendall Corporate Services Limited, Smiths Gore, Advocates BVI, Alphonso Warner Insurance Agency Ltd, Belmont BVI, Capriccio di Mare, Carey Olsen, Caribbean Insurance Ltd, CCT BVI, 284media, Coldwell Banker, Crowe (BVI) Ltd, Driftwood Spa, Hunte and Co, JOMA, Kenny Tees, Nagico, Premier Dental, TAG, Tradewinds Mexican Grill, Trellis Bay Market Bar & Grill.

The 2024 Walk for the Cure will launch its calendar of fund-raising and cancer awareness events with Paint for the Cure in June followed by the Hike for the Cure in July, Hunt for the Cure in September and the Walk for the Cure on October 5.

Entities interested in sponsoring the Walk for the Cure are encouraged to contact Fabian Devonish by email at fabian.devonish@cibcfib.com.

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Update on Implementation of COI Recommendations

Statement Premier of the Virgin Islands Hon. Natalio D. Wheatley
9 February, 2024 Press Conference

A pleasant good day to all the people of the Virgin Islands. The Government of the Virgin Islands has noted the verdict which was reached

today in the case before the Miami Federal Court involving former Premier, Andrew Fahie. The Government and people of the Virgin Islands respect

the role of the court in the administration of justice. As a jurisdiction, the Virgin Islands is committed to good governance and upholding the

highest standards of integrity in public life.

We will continue the ongoing process of strengthening the relevant systems and institutions of government to ensure that the integrity of the Territory is maintained and international reputation upheld.

We acknowledge the impact of the verdict on the family. Let us keep them in our prayers.

Today I will provide a further update on governance reform and my meetings earlier this week with UK Minister for the Overseas Territories, Honourable David Rutley MP. Those meetings, of course, took place on 4th and 5th February, 2024.

While on island, Minister Rutley also met with Cabinet and Junior Ministers, Members of the Opposition, Permanent Secretaries, and other officials.

These discussions were primarily about implementation of the remaining governance reforms.

In my specific meetings with Minister Rutley, we discussed each of these reforms in detail and my Administration's plans to implement them.

Minister Rutley gave very helpful input based on the UK experience with such exercises.

My colleagues and I reiterated our commitment to good governance and delivering all of the remaining governance reforms under the remit of the elected arm of government.

We also reiterated our desire for a modern partnership with the UK based on the new joint declaration that was agreed between the UK and the Overseas Territories Governments at the Joint Ministerial Council meeting just about three months ago.

I wish to again thank Minister Rutley for his visit and also Governor Pruce for the important role they played and with whom I will be working on governance reform matters.

As Premier of these Virgin Islands, I greatly appreciated the collaborative spirit in which our engagements took place.

In my statement on 6th February, 2024, I promised to provide some further details on what we have achieved in the reform programme and the work that lies ahead for us to

complete.

Let me say that we are still working with May 2024 as our substantive deadline for full implementation. We have to keep the pace up and do our best to meet as many targets as possible. If there are still any outstanding deliverables by then, these must be very few.

As I mentioned on prior occasions, the framework for-implementation included proposals that were not included in the COI recommendations but which the Government felt would be beneficial to the broader goals that we are trying to achieve and which would enhance the results to be achieved from the recommendations. The 50 recommendations and other initiatives have been broken down into 131 Actions. Some recommendations have more tasks than others. All Actions are not weighted equally, as some Actions require more work or are more complicated than others. This is a shared responsibility between the Elected Government, the Governor's Group, and the House of Assembly. I will focus mainly on the areas under the Elected Government and the House of Assembly.

Following the visit of Minister Rutley, there are seven Actions that we are able to close off either because they are covered in other deliverables within the Framework, or because they are not in the Framework, although in the latter case, these Actions will be completed. These include, for example, the Amendment to the Jury Act (Action B43.02) which is dependent on an amendment to the Constitution. Declarations of Interests for Members of the House of Assembly and the policy for HOA Members contracting with the Government (Actions B05.04 and B05.05) are covered by Recommendation B4 as well as the Constitutional Review. Action B26.01, legislative amendments based on the Statutory Board Policy, has been closed pending approval of B25.02, Policy and Action Plan, which is on the Amber priority list.

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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)

**Statement By
The Government
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Charges On
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Application forms can be collected from early childhood centres, the Ministry of Education, Youth Affairs and Sports on the second floor of the Creque's Building or downloaded from the Government of the Virgin Islands website www.bvi.gov.vg.



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HM Prison Receives Donation For Rehabilitation Efforts

His Majesty's Prison recently received chess supplies and other resources from UniteBVI Foundation to assist with its rehabilitation of inmates.

The donation is to coach inmates to play and engage in the game while the ultimate goal is to use chess as a tool to teach inmates a variety of skills while serving their

sentences including patience and perseverance.

Minister for Health and Social Development-Honourable Vincent O. Wheatley thanked



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UniteBVI and the Superintendent of Prison Mr. Jay Kendall and his rehabilitation staff for their efforts in inmates rehabilitation.

Honourable Wheatley said, "We cannot do it all our self so, I am thankful for strategic partners in making these things possible. We have a long way to go but this is a very important start in what we are trying to do. So, thank you to UniteBVI and everyone else for making as possible."

In addition to the chess pieces, other resources such as basketballs, footballs, art supplies, dominoes and puzzles were donated. UniteBVI has also engaged the BVI Chess Foundation who committed to assist with the training of prison inmates.

Superintendent of the Prison Mr. Jay Kendall also thanked the minister Honourable Mather and UniteBVI foundation for their continued efforts to enhance rehabilitation initiatives for prisoners housed at Balsam Ghut.

The Superintendent expressed, "This holds significant importance for everyone, particularly the inmates at HM Prison Balsam Ghut. We eagerly anticipate collaborating on additional initiatives to contribute to enhancing the safety of the BVI."

Meanwhile Honourable Mather noted that incarcerated people across the world, tend to be forgotten and rehabilitative efforts are not usually highlighted. In this regard, he expressed his gratitude to UniteBVI, Honourable Wheatley and the staff at the prison for developing a community partnership to ensure inmates and the efforts to rehabilitate them are not forgotten at the prison.

In addition, Kim Takeuchi, the Foundation Manager at UniteBVI said this partnership follows the foundation's mandate and mission to merge great ideas with the resources for a sustainable and positive benefit to the BVI.

"This is a great example of where collaboration came together to transform something bigger than just us. So, we are really excited to be working with the prison and the rehabilitation team and hopefully there's more to come," Miss Takeuchi said.

The Ministry of Health and Social Development through its subsidiary His Majesty's Prison remains committed to advancing the rehabilitation of prisoners in the Virgin Islands.



SOCIAL MEDIA STAR SLICK WHITELINE BRINGS COMEDIC RELIEF TO CHAPTA NYNE'S NEWEST MUSIC VIDEO, "GRANDMA SEH"

Chapta Nyne's Music Video for "Grandma Seh" Takes Audiences on a Cinematic Journey

February 6, 2024 —

Co-signed by artists such as Sizzla Kalonji, Iyara, and Bling Dawg, multi-talented Jamaican dancehall recording artist, and former graduate of Elmore Stout High School, formerly known as The British Virgin Islands High, Chapta Nyne, unveils a new music video for his latest single titled "Grandma Seh". The captivating visuals showcase a cinematic experience portraying a snippet of what people endure through their journey of success, and the changes of the people around you that comes along with it. Chapta Nyne has mesmerized fans and music enthusiasts alike with the release of the music video for "Grandma Seh". This visually stunning masterpiece is poised to elevate Chapta Nyne's artistic presence to new heights and captivate audiences with its unique blend of storytelling and cinematic excellence.

The music video, directed by innovative director Deus Beni, unfolds like a narrative film, seamlessly complementing the emotive essence of every lyric in "Grandma Seh" coming to life. From the arresting visuals to the comedic relief brought by Jamaican social media comedian Slick Whiteline

and The Whiteline Crew, every frame is meticulously crafted to enhance the overall impact of Chapta Nyne's musical vision, while providing authentic acting that leaves the viewer wanting more.

"Grandma Seh", having already resonated with fans, is now brought to life in the music video with breathtaking acting, innovative camera work, and a cast of actors that effectively convey the lyrics and the message. The collaboration between Chapta Nyne and Deus Beni results in a harmonious fusion of sound and visuals, creating an immersive experience that transcends the traditional boundaries of music videos.

The music video is out now on Chapta Nyne's youtube channel, Chapta Nyne Music, and new viewers can expect a viewing experience that goes beyond entertainment — it's a visual journey that deepens the connection to Chapta Nyne's artistry.

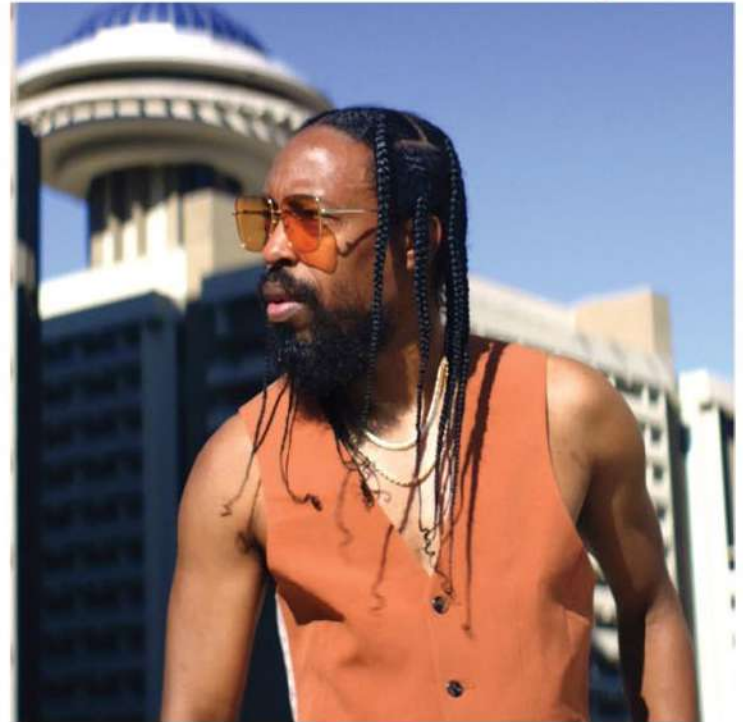
Watch it now at Chapta Nyne - Grandma Seh (Official Music Video)

Chapta Nyne invites the media, industry professionals, and fans to join in the celebration of this milestone. For press

inquiries, interviews, or additional information, please contact: Badartistentertainment@gmail.com, or @Badartistentertainment on instagram.

About Chapta Nyne:

Hailing from St. Thomas, Jamaica, home of dancehall artists such as Popcaan, Chronic Law, and Skillibeng, Chapta Nyne is a multi-talented recording artist and songwriter effectively compounding past, present, and future through his musical capabilities and style. Chapta Nyne is often commended on his distinctive gritty-tone and raspy voice, often said to be reminiscent of the likes of Terror Fabolous, yet still unique and refreshing. Chapta Nyne's musical journey began at a very young age. Growing up listening to diverse Jamaican and International music, he was inspired by many genres without partiality. Despite being a relatively fresh face to some in the industry, Chapta Nyne has had the opportunity of working with music pioneers Sly & Robbie, Firehouse Crew, and Mikey Bennet, as well as recording at the world renown Penthouse Studios in Kingston, Jamaica. Presently, Chapta Nyne has been



Chapta Nyne

working with Producer, Quantinum Records, who created the rhythm for his latest singles "Grandma Seh" and "Focus Like Telescope". His previous single, "Focus Like Telescope," quickly gained attention, and won multiple new artist radio competitions on many radio stations in both New York, Florida, and Gambia. The "Focus Like Telescope" music video, consisted of Jamaican social media star, and comedian, Trabass, bestowing humor, while also displaying the "hypocrite" mentality that people endure from those around them while they are going through hard-times, or working towards their purpose. Chapta Nyne is currently working on his debut EP,

and based on the release of his newest music video for "Grandma Seh", it is evident that Chapta Nyne is sure to be a big hit in dancehall music.

Connect With Chapta Nyne

Stay updated on Chapta Nyne's journey by following him on social media. Join the growing community of fans who are eagerly anticipating the next chapter in the musical odyssey of Chapta Nyne .

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Update on Implementation of COI Recommendations...from page 6

Before I go further, may I remind everyone that the Government, under our Business at its Best initiative, and in the interest of being transparent and keeping the public informed, recently launched a website where persons can track the progress of the implementation programme. The website is www.vicoiimplementation.vg, and there persons will find in-depth information on the status of the work on the 50 Recommendations and 131 Actions. I urge persons to visit the website regularly so that you can get first-hand information on the status of the very important matter of the reform implementation.

The majority of the remaining work is well on the way to a timely completion. For instance, in the Green line:

Recommendation B4 – Public Register of Interests; the legislation to extend the Register of Interests to a wider category of persons in public life is already with the House of Assembly, having undergone its First Reading. One of the Actions under this Recommendation is that of the establishment of the Integrity Commission. With the Integrity in Public Life Act having come into force on 7th February, 2024, the process of appointing the chairperson and members to establish the Integrity Commission will commence.

Recommendations B10 – Assistance Grants Policy and B11 – Educational Assistance Grants – Both Policies have been submitted for Cabinet's Agenda and will be addressed soon.

Recommendation B30 – Crown Land Disposal Policy – The Policy has been submitted for Cabinet's consideration and will be addressed soon.

Recommendation B33 – Belonger and Residency Process – The Draft Immigration Policy was presented to me and will be uploaded for Cabinet's consideration in the next few days. Once the policy is

finalised and approved, the process for translating it into legislation and having that legislation enacted into law will take place.

Recommendation B36 – Review of the Public Service Management Act – the Draft Bill is being reviewed by the Deputy Governor's Office and the Attorney General's Chambers. Once the Bill is finalised it will be taken to Cabinet for consideration and approval, and then to the House of Assembly for consideration and approval. Again, there is optimism that this can be completed in a fairly short time since a lot of work has already been covered.

Other Reforms 01 - The reforms to our elections process and legislation is another area where a significant amount of work has already been done and it is at the stage of finalizing the instructions for the relevant legislation to be drafted by the Attorney General's Chambers. The Supervisor of Elections report of the 2023 General Elections was recently tabled in the House of Assembly. The next step is for an informal meeting of the House of Assembly to review the recommendations and decide on which recommendations would be advanced and submitted for amendments to the Elections Act.

May I say that these seven Recommendations represent a significant portion of the Actions that have not yet been completed – many of which are underway. Completion of these Actions will take us into the region of at least 75 percent completion.

And again, I want to emphasise that the reforms are not a box-ticking exercise. The Government is serious in our commitment that the reforms must be done properly and

implemented properly so that they will be effective, and so that they will truly benefit the Virgin Islands people.

The Amber line represents Actions that are not overdue, but which require critical attention to ensure that they remain on track. On the Amber line, we have:

Recommendation B01 – Revision of the COI Act – The DGO is working on drafting instructions. Once this stage is finalised, instructions can be issued for the legislation to be drafted.

Recommendation B25 – Statutory Board Reform – The Statutory Board Policy and Action Plan have been drafted, so the Cabinet Paper is being prepared.

There are a few items that are on the Red line. Red does not mean that the items are necessarily past due or failed. But it is a flag to pay particular attention to those Actions so that they can be brought in within time. In terms of Recommendations and Actions that are on the Red line:

Recommendation A03 – HOA Discretionary Powers Policy – Two Actions have been completed and we are moving into the stage of getting the policy drafted. A drafter has to be appointed which will take place within the next few weeks.

Recommendation A04 – Audits and Investigations – Most of the audits and investigations are completed. The Action related to Financial Recovery is the only remaining Action. This Action is being led by the Governor and the Attorney General's Chambers. Cabinet has to be formally

informed of what measures have been put in place for financial recovery.

Recommendation B07 – Public Assistance Grants – This includes four policy documents, three of which have been completed. The Policy and Action Plan for the other is being finalised, following which instructions will have to be issued for the drafting of legislation and Regulations.

Recommendation B30 – Crown Land Disposal Policy – There are a couple of Actions that are critical to meeting the target of having the amended legislation in place.

Recommendation B42 – Reforms to the Criminal Procedure Rules – Drafting instructions have been issued and drafting complete. The revised draft is awaiting review by the Chief Justice/ECSS.

The Government, together with the Implementation Unit has updated our implementation strategy with the targeted completion date of May 2024. We are very confident that most, if not all the Actions, can be closed out on time.

Of course, again, I reiterate, this is not a box-checking exercise. We want the reforms to be done properly and for them to be effective.

One of the objectives of the reform programme, which was also one of the stated objectives of the COI, was good governance. Consistency and proper constitutional conduct requires that the principles of democracy and Good Governance must be followed in everything that we are doing in this reform exercise.

Hence, where it is

required that the citizenry is involved, for example through consultations, then we, as the Government, must ensure that consultations are held and that the consultative process is genuine. In developing legislation, we have to ensure that the legislative process is followed. We also have to respect the independence of the independent offices and bodies that are involved in some of the Action items. Most importantly, persons deserve to be given reasonable and ample space to do their work, so that we do not find ourselves down the road pointing fingers at persons if something was not done properly because someone was rushed. In this regard, the Government will continue to provide the resources and support so that persons can effectively perform.

I want to once again urge persons to regularly visit the website, www.vicoiimplementation.vg, and get first-hand, updated information on the status of the reform implementation.

My Government and I remain confident and optimistic that the outcomes from our meetings with Minister Rutley, and the updated project plan we have charted, will have a positive bearing on the Virgin Islands People achieving their national goals, among which is that of more robust Governance systems and enhanced transparency, accountability and value for money in the operations of Government – and to do this in the context of the COI recommendations within the timeframes we have set for ourselves.

I thank you.

New Committee Leads the 57th Virgin Gorda Easter Festival New Committee Working Closely with BVITB to Stage the 2024 Virgin Gorda Easter Festival



Virgin Gorda Easter Festival Committee Members (left to right): Shanique Creque, Sapphire Flax-Clarke, Mignon Williams, Jhanai Brown, Camille George, Reshawn Stevens, Stephanie Faulkner, Deiah Shepherd, Kiara Thomas, Corinne George, Dawn Flax

Valley, Virgin Gorda, British Virgin Islands, 13th February 2024 – The organisation of the 57th Virgin Gorda Easter Festival (VGEF) is being steered by a new committee. Carrying on the legacy of their legendary predecessors, the new committee is working closely with the British Virgin Islands Tourist Board & Film Commission to stage Easter festivities that showcase culture, entertainment

and pageantry at its best. The theme for this year's festival is "Endless years of awesomeness with New beginnings, Tradition, and culture must go on".

Meet the Committee

The members of the Board are Stephanie Faulkner (Chairperson), Camille George (Co-Chairperson), Mignon Williams (Treasurer), Cathy-Ann Bascombe (Secretary),

Reshawn Stevens (Public Relations Officer). Other Committee members are Dawn Flax (Pageants), Corinne George (Pageant Co-Chair), Shanique Creque (Food Fair), Deiah Shepherd (Fundraising), Steve George, Sapphire Flax-Clarke, Joel Levons, Kiara Thomas, Kavari Bailey, Jhanai Brown and Hakim Creque.

Incoming Committee Chairperson, Ms. Stephanie Faulkner said, "The Virgin Gorda Easter Festival is a staple for bringing people from all walks of life to the beautiful shores of Virgin Gorda for many years. As a community we decided that we will not allow our tradition to die, and we have amassed our team of community minded people to keep tradition alive by giving their time to planning and executing Easter Festival. We endeavor to provide the service that persons appreciate and entertainment that will keep them dancing, laughing and having fun. To this end, we are committed to keeping tradition alive."

Director of Tourism Clive McCoy commended the VGEF Committee on their hard work



Virgin Gorda Easter Festival Board (left to right): Reshawn Stevens (Public Relations Officer), Camille George (Co-Chairperson), Stephanie Faulkner (Chairperson), Mignon Williams (Treasurer)

and collaboration stating, "We are excited to work with this stellar group of young, community-minded persons, to stage what we think will be a memorable Virgin Gorda Easter Festival celebration."

The VGEF will be celebrated throughout March beginning with Miss Teen Virgin Gorda Easter Festival Pageant on Saturday, 2nd March 2024, continuing

with pageants, festival village entertainment, cultural food fair, hat parade, Easter Egg Hunt, and culminating with the Easter Monday Parade on 1st April, 2024.

For more information on the Virgin Gorda Easter Festival visit Facebook: [VirginIslandsFestival](https://www.facebook.com/VirginIslandsFestival) or [VirginGordaEasterFestival](https://www.facebook.com/VirginGordaEasterFestival) and for information on BVI events visit bvitourism.com/events.

Office Of Gender Affairs And HM Prison Discuss Gender-Focused Initiatives

The Office of Gender Affairs and His Majesty's Prison have held discussions on gender-related initiatives and training for staff and inmates at the institution.

Director of the Office of Gender Affairs Ms. Patricia Hackett said the discussions were fruitful and that she envisions a long-term partnership with His Majesty's Prison that can drive gender-related affairs in the carceral system.

"This meeting was a good and positive meeting. I can see a good partnership coming out of it with the prison service and the Office of Gender Affairs, Ministry of Health and Social Development. I think it's a

good idea for us to introduce the Partnership for Peace: A Violence Intervention Programme again in the prison," Ms. Hackett said.

The Gender Affairs Director added, "I think it is also a good idea for us to conduct sessions on gender awareness in the workplace to give people a perspective of the importance of gender-related issues and gender and development in the workplace. So, I can see this initiative going further."

Meanwhile, Superintendent of His Majesty's Prison Mr. Jay Kendall said this partnership is part of the prison's mandate to rehabilitate inmates and allow for functioning

members of society once released and also allows a smooth reintegration process.

Mr. Kendall said, "It was a very positive meeting in terms of planning staff training around gender awareness and hopefully to roll that out to some prisoners and a really good discussion around Partnership for Peace and hopefully we can launch that soon for both male and female prisoners."

The Superintendent added, "We look forward to building our rehabilitation programmes and combine what we do in terms of vocational skills and qualifications for prisoners but also expanding that into offending behaviour



and change modification programmes."

In addition, Gender Mainstream Lead in the Foreign Commonwealth Development Office Ms. Maria Stanley said the meeting was a great way to see stakeholders come together to look for ways to progress on all matters

relating to gender equality and equity.

The Ministry of Health and Social Development through its subsidiaries, the Office of Gender Affairs and His Majesty's Prison, remains committed to advancing gender equality and equity in the Virgin Islands.



GLOBAL NEWS BRIEF

STORIES SELECTED BY **GIORGIO MIGLIAVACCA**

WASHINGTON - The Diplomatic Room — a charming room on the ground floor of the White House, decorated in pastel tones — is typically used for the formal photographs that the president takes with his guests at Christmas parties and various other celebrations. Due to its smaller dimensions than the large rooms on the main floor, it was chosen on Thursday, February 8, for Joe Biden to appear before the press after the devastating report released by Special Counsel Robert Hur.

The document exonerated Biden of having appropriated classified material, but it questioned his memory and mental sharpness. The idea was that — in a more secluded setting, where the president usually performs better than in front of crowds — he would demonstrate excellent mental abilities in front of the cameras. The result was the opposite: the various gaffes he made during the session fueled the controversy over whether he's fit to run for a second term.

The White House and Democratic insiders have come out en masse to defend the president, who — during his heated interaction with the press — confused Egypt with Mexico and stopped short while describing the rosary of

his deceased son, Beau. “No one who works here [agrees with Hur’s report]. We all see a person who works very, very hard, who perfectly understands how Americans feel and how to respond to the issues that matter to them,” said Biden’s press secretary, Karine Jean-Pierre, at her daily press conference on Friday. [El Pais]

USA - Former US President Donald Trump said on Saturday that he would “encourage” Russia to attack members of NATO who had not met their financial obligations, in remarks that the White House rejected as “appalling and unhinged.” Speaking at a campaign rally in South Carolina Saturday, the Republican presidential nomination frontrunner appeared to recount a conversation with a fellow head of state at an unspecified NATO meeting. “One of the presidents of a big country stood up and said, ‘Well, sir, if we don’t pay, and we’re attacked by Russia, will you protect us?’ I said, ‘You didn’t pay, you’re delinquent?’”

“No, I would not protect you. In fact, I would encourage them to do whatever the hell they want. You got to pay. You got to pay your bills.” The NATO treaty contains a provision that assures mutual defense of member states if one is

attacked, but it also stipulates that members should spend 2% of their GDP on defense, a target that the majority of states regularly fail to meet.

Trump has long expressed skepticism about the 31-nation military alliance.

On being asked about Trump’s statement White House spokesperson Andrew Bates, said: “Encouraging invasions of our closest allies by murderous regimes is appalling and unhinged — and it endangers American national security, global stability and our economy at home.”

European Council President Charles Michel also denounced Trump’s comments as “reckless.” “The Transatlantic Alliance has underpinned the security and the prosperity of Americans, Canadians and Europeans for 75 years,” said Michel on X, formerly Twitter. “Reckless statements on #NATO’s security and Art 5 (Article 5) solidarity serve only Putin’s interest.” [Deutsche Welle]

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC - Washington, United States— During a speech on Capitol Hill, Washington, United States—the Dominican ambassador to the United States, Sonia Guzman, highlighted the Dominican community’s impact abroad on the Dominican Republic’s domestic economy.

Sonia Guzman said that according to Central Bank figures, in 2023, the country received US\$10,157.2 million

in remittances. Of this, some US\$8,532 million, 84% of the total received, came from the community established in the United States.

Guzman also highlighted that the United States continues to be the Dominican Republic’s leading trading partner, claiming that in 2023, bilateral trade between the Dominican Republic and the United States totaled US\$18,072 million, where we exported a total of US\$6,489 million in Dominican products and goods to the United States, representing 54.38% of the total exported by the country.

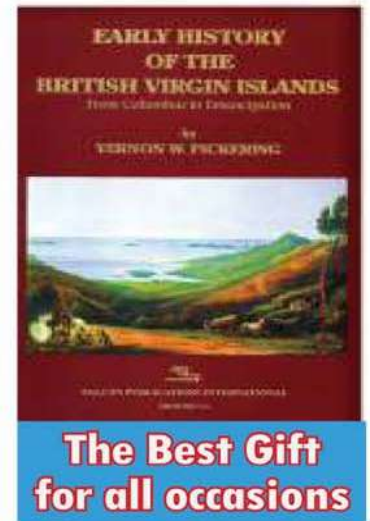
“Exports from the DR to the US has not been reduced; what decreased were mining exports due to a drop in their production and prices,” informed the diplomat.

She also noted that the United States is the number one country issuing non-resident foreign tourists to the Dominican Republic, representing 46.8% of the total number of tourists received.

During her speech at the Capitol, Sonia Guzman said, “The Dominican community in the United States is a moving force that continues to grow, not only in quantity, averaging about 2.3 million, but also in quality, as more and more Dominicans living in the United States have been educated and overcome, and currently occupy positions of relevance at the political, commercial, cultural, academic, economic, health and other levels, which fills us with pride.”

Guzman added, “Dominicans are the fourth largest Latino community in the US, after Mexicans, Salvadorans, and Cubans, and we know how they have been efficiently integrating into US society and have reached levels of employment and education like never before.” The Dominican ambassador to the US, Sonia Guzman, indicated that the Dominican Republic and the United States will celebrate 140 years of diplomatic relations established in 1884 next March.

She said that the relationship between the two countries continues to be one of friendship and close collaboration, as was highlighted during the visit of President Luis Abinader to the White House last November, where he held a successful bilateral meeting in the Oval



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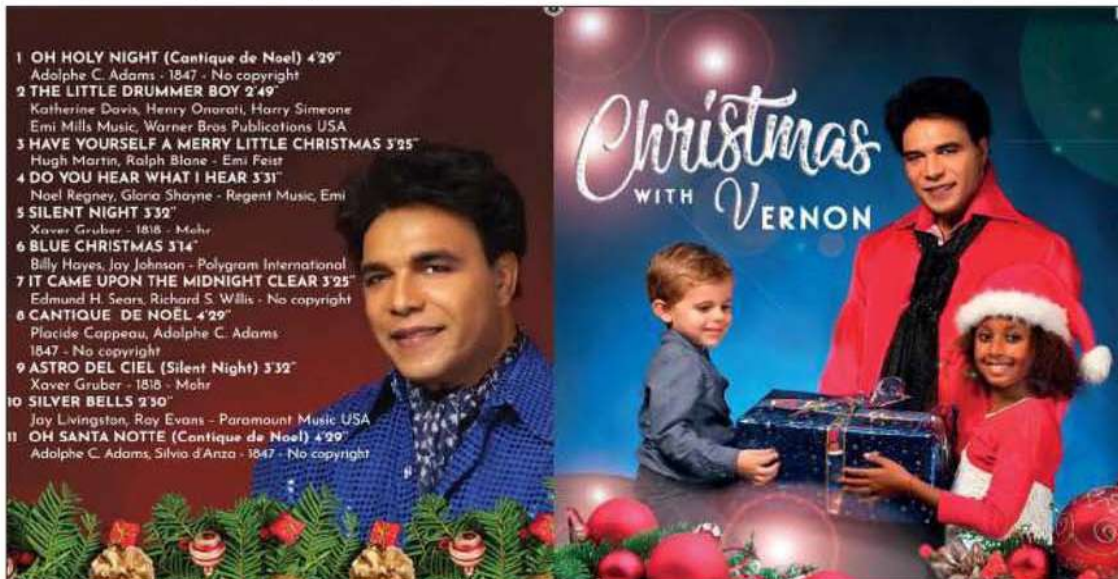
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Office of the White House with President Joe Biden, in the framework of the summit of heads of states of the Alliance for Economic Prosperity of the Americas (APEP). [Dominican Today]

DOMINICA - The Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) is urging persons to protect themselves against adverse health effects of a Saharan dust plume, which has covered many parts of the Caribbean. The Caribbean Institute for Meteorology and Hydrology (CIMH) in a Dust Bulletin dated February 9th, 2024 stated, “it is highly likely that particulate matter levels will be above the 24-hour outdoor air quality guidelines” as established by the World Health Organization (WHO).

Dr Joy St John, Executive Director, CARPHA, explained “Saharan dust worsens air quality and increases the levels of particulate matter in the air. This can be hazardous, especially to small children, older adults and people with underlying lung conditions and chronic cardiopulmonary diseases”. Dr St John added, “Saharan dust can also worsen the health symptoms of those who suffer from asthma, allergies and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)”. [Dominica News]



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BVI CANCER SOCIETY RECEIVES ITS LARGEST SINGLE DONATION TO DATE FROM 2023 CIBC CARIBBEAN WALK FOR THE CURE
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VI MOTORS HAS ANNOUNCED THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THEIR RECENT PPG TRAINING SESSION, SPEARHEADED BY THE ESTEEMED TERRITORY MANAGER, MR. HENRY BOSCH



The training session, which delved into cutting-edge products and technologies, placed a special emphasis on PPG's ENVIRO-BASE® High Performance, recognized globally as the leader in waterborne technology.

VI Motors extended a generous offer to all body shops within the BVI, and hosted the training complimentary. This initiative

garnered significant interest, with over 20 passionate bodymen and mechanics in attendance, all eager to enhance their skills and knowledge.

However, this is just the beginning for VI Motors. In a statement, they expressed their commitment to empowering the automotive industry in 2024. Plans are underway for a series of upcoming train-

ings, including NAPA Tool and Battery Training and Autel Tool Training.

For those ready to take their expertise to the next level, VI Motors urges not to miss out on these opportunities. They encourage individuals to stay tuned by following their social media pages and visiting their website at vimotors.com for more details and updates.



LadyburdTalks...

- **Dear Readers:**
- **February is Love Month. (3 of 3)**
- **Bottom line**
- The Love Month is a great time to celebrate love and friendships. not only on Valetine's Day.
- Take the opportunity to catch up with family and friends, relax, and do something that makes you happy.
- The month of February is a great time to reflect on your life and aim to better yourself.
- This can be done through self-care, investing in yourself, and strengthening your relationships with loved ones.
- Make sure you turn the love thermometer up in February for it to jumpstart your "LOVE" for the rest of the year.
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Ladyburd's Mail Box

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Dear Ladyburd: I am going through a bit of a struggle with my ex-boyfriend. You see Ladyburd, we have two children together and our children stay with me full time, however, they stay with him every weekend, and Ladyburd, this man would not come and pick up the children on time. It is always some reason why he was not able to pick them up and I am truly over this situation, That is why I wrote you for your advise in the matter...**Michelle**

Ladyburd: Dear **Michelle:**It is always difficult when children are into the middle of the cross fire. It is not fine for him not to honor his promises to you and the children. There need to be a discussion between you both to sort this out. If it is that something came up and he cannot pick the children up, he should communicate this to you in time, he can't just do not show up and expect that to be Ok, because on the one hand the children are going to be looking out for him and on the other hand you may have plans for when the children are with him. So he has to respect your time and act in a more cooperative way, so that everyone is happy. There is no need for quarrel and or fuss, this can be worked out amicably if you both have the children's mental health at heart.



LIGHT BULB MOMENTS

"God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy."

— Pope Francis

"Nothing great is ever achieved without much enduring."

-St. Catherine of

Poetry Corner

Lent

*IS this a fast, to keep
The larder lean?
And clean
From fat of veals and
sheep?*

*Is it to quit the dish
Of flesh, yet still
To fill
The platter high with fish?*

*Is it to fast an hour,
Or ragg'd to go,
Or show
A downcast look and sour?*

*No; 'tis a fast to dole
Thy sheaf of wheat,
And meat,
Unto the hungry soul.*

*It is to fast from strife,
From old debate
And hate;
To circumcise thy life.*

*To show a heart grief-rent;
To starve thy sin,
Not bin;
And that's to keep thy Lent.*

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Tickle My Funny Bones



In honor of Lent . . .

It was a young couple's wedding night and as the night wore on the bride grew more and more anxious to consummate their marriage.

Finally she said, "Um, honey? It's getting late and aren't we going to - Consummate our marriage?"

"I can't," said her husband, "it's Lent."

"It's lent?!" she exclaimed.

"That's ridiculous! To who and for how long?"

Late Lent/Easter Joke

Eino, a Finn from Cook County in northern Minnesota, was an older, single gentleman who was born and raised a Lutheran. Each Friday night after work, he would fire up his outdoor grill and cook a venison steak.

Now, all of Eino's neighbors were Catholic.....and since it was Lent, they were forbidden from eating meat on Fridays. The delicious aroma from the grilled venison steaks was causing such a problem for the Catholic faithful that they finally talked to their priest. The priest came to visit Eino, and suggested that Eino convert to Catholicism.

After several classes and much study, Eino attended Mass..... and as the priest sprinkled holy water over Eino, he said, "You were born a Lutheran and raised a Lutheran, but now you are Catholic."

Eino's neighbors were greatly relieved, until Friday night arrived, and the wonderful aroma of grilled venison filled the neighborhood.

The priest was called immediately by the neighbors and, as he rushed into Eino's yard, clutching a rosary and prepared to scold Eino, he stopped in amazement and watched.....

There stood Eino, clutching a small bottle of holy water which he carefully sprinkled over the grilling meat, and chanting: "You were born a deer, and raised a deer, but now you are a fish

PUN INTENDED

"The robber to the Priest.
"But Father, I gave up candy for Lent!"
and I'm giving up spreadsheets
for forty days.

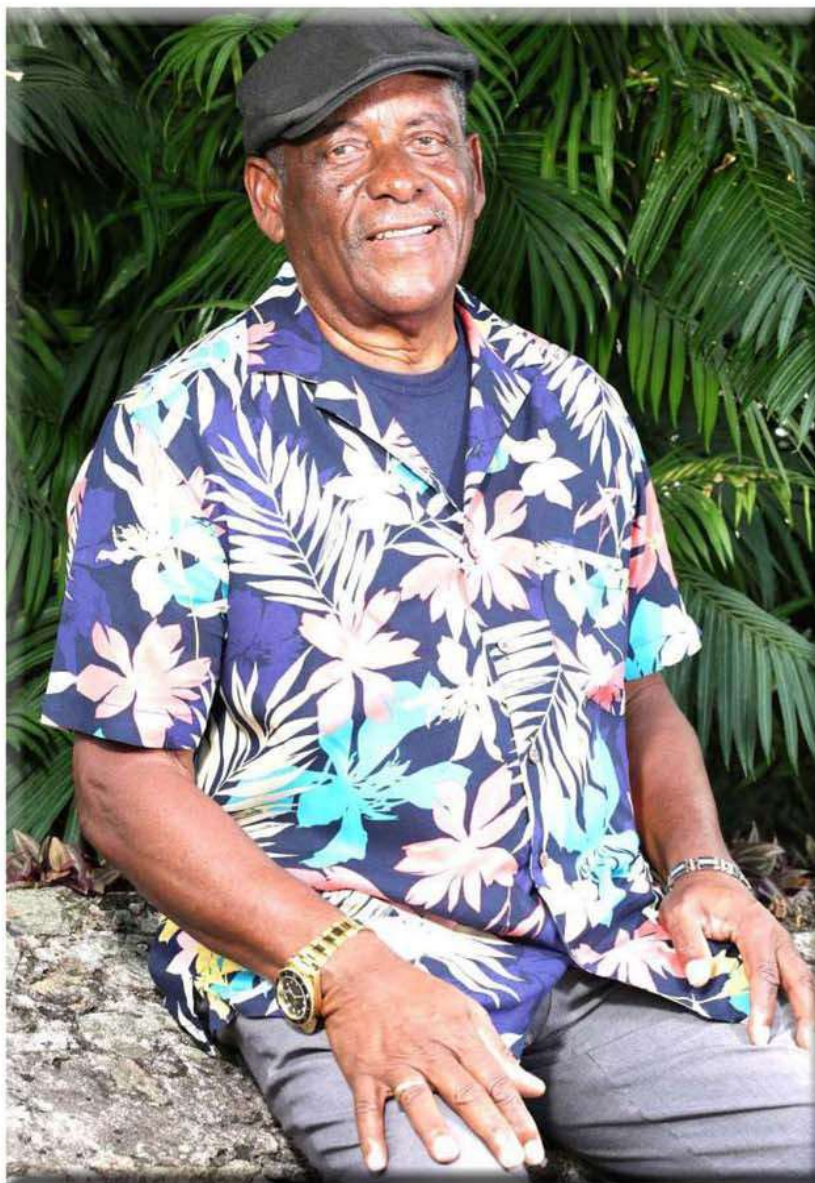
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RUPERT "BUCK" VANTERPOOL IS 2024 VIRGIN GORDA EASTER FESTIVAL HONOUREE

Prominent Virgin Gorda businessman Rupert Vanterpool for many years and respect and admire "Buck" Vanterpool has been named as the honouree of the 57th Virgin Gorda Easter Festival. Each year, the Virgin Gorda Easter Festival Committee names the festivities in honour of someone who has made significant contributions to the success of the festival over the years.

A statement from the Virgin Gorda Easter Festival Committee commended Mr. Vanterpool saying, "Rupert's commitment to community extends far beyond the aisles of his supermarket. He and his company [Buck's Food Market] have been steadfast supporters of the Virgin Gorda Easter Festival, generously sponsoring village events, pageants, and Festival Troupes, ensuring that this cherished tradition continues to flourish and enrich the lives of all who partake in its festivities." The statement also noted Mr. Vanterpool's progression from humble beginnings with a small superette at the Virgin Gorda Yacht Harbour, to further expansion at that venue, and lastly, the establishment of a supermarket on Tower Road in Valley, Virgin Gorda.

Director of Tourism Clive McCoy commended the Festival Committee on their continued hard work and collaboration and stated, "I have known Mr.



him not only as a businessman but as a community man, an individual who loves and supports his community with or without fanfare. It is quite fitting to bestow honour on such individuals when they can appreciate it and enjoy the celebration. I extend congratulations to Mr. Vanterpool on receiving this well-deserved honour."

In describing Mr. Vanterpool's endearing qualities the statement continued, "Beyond his entrepreneurial endeavors, Rupert Vanterpool is a beacon of warmth and hospitality, a man whose infectious smile and genuine warmth have endeared him to locals and visitors alike. He is not merely a purveyor of goods but a purveyor of goodwill, fostering lasting friendships and meaningful connections with all who cross his path."

Virgin Gorda Easter Festival will be celebrated throughout March beginning with Miss Teen Virgin Gorda Easter Festival Pageant on Saturday, 2nd March 2024, continuing with pageants, festival village entertainment, cultural food fair, hat parade, Easter Egg Hunt, and culminating with the Easter Monday Parade on 1st April, 2024.



Indulge in Decadence Without the Fuss: The Easiest Chocolate Fondue

Whether you're planning a romantic Valentine's Day dinner, date night, fun party or just craving a chocolaty escape from the ordinary, I've got the perfect treat for you. With this surprisingly easy chocolate fondue, the decadence is unbelievable and the effort is minimal. And here's the best part -- no fancy fondue pot required!

For the richest chocolate fondue, opt for the highest quality chocolate that you can comfortably afford. Choose a variety that you'd happily snack on. Chocolate chips offer a convenient choice, and I recommend semisweet or dark chocolate chips, or a mix of both, for an optimal flavor profile. Don't hesitate to use chopped chocolate bars if that's what's available. Many of them make scrumptious fondue; just give them a quick chop before melting.

When it comes to the velvety base, strike a balance by combining heavy cream and milk, ensuring a luscious fondue that maintains a rich chocolate essence without overwhelming heaviness.

No fondue pot? No worries! Whip up this perfect chocolate fondue in the microwave or a double boiler on the stovetop. This chocolate fondue stays smooth and dippable long enough that it doesn't need a fondue pot. Just using a warmed ceramic dish works great. Reheat in the microwave if needed. Bamboo skewers stand in nicely for fondue forks.

THE EASIEST CHOCOLATE FONDUE

Total Time: 15 minutes

Yield: 8 servings

10 ounces semisweet, dark or milk chocolate chips (about 1 3/4 cups) or a mixture

1/2 cup heavy cream

1/2 cup whole or 2% milk, plus more as needed

Pinch kosher salt

Place the chocolate chips, 1/2 cup of heavy cream and 1/2 cup milk into a microwave safe bowl, or in a double boiler over barely simmering water. Melt the chocolate, stirring often. Add additional milk if needed to thin chocolate to desired consistency. When chocolate is melted, smooth and glossy, pour into a serving bowl and serve with dippers.

With our velvety chocolate fondue prepared, let's choose dippers. Aim for diverse textures and flavors, organizing them into categories for a delightful variety.

Cookies and other sweets: rolled wafers, biscotti, meringues, sandwich cookies, shortbread, marshmallows, brownies, Rice Krispie Treats, pound cake, graham crackers, doughnut holes.

Fresh and dried fruit: strawberries, bananas, apples, pineapple, orange segments, apricots, citrus peel, banana chips, apple chips, figs.

Savory suggestions: thick-cut salted potato chips, pretzels, peanut-butter pretzels, buttery crackers, cooked thick-cut bacon.

Garnishes: flaky salt, shredded coconut, chopped toasted nuts, sprinkles, crushed freeze-dried fruit, Pop Rocks!

Here are some chocolate fondue variations that won't break the bank! Explore extracts like vanilla, orange or peppermint for a unique twist.

Elevate the experience by adding 1 to 2 tablespoons of liqueur -- choose chocolate, hazelnut, amaretto, orange or coffee liqueurs. Spice it up by adding ground cinnamon, a pinch of chili powder and a drop of almond extract for a nod to Mexican chocolate.

Embarking on your first fondue adventure? Here are some etiquette tips to guide your chocolate-covered journey. Encourage a no-double-dip policy to ensure everyone enjoys a clean and germ-free chocolate experience. Drop the dipped delight onto your plate and switch to a separate utensil for eating. Opt for practicality if there are more than four people at the table by setting up two platters of dippers on either side of the pot, ensuring easy access without the need for acrobatics. So, whether it's a romantic rendezvous or a solo indulgence, join me in chocolate fondue that's as easy as it is luxurious. Oh, and leftover fondue chocolate makes a fabulous hot chocolate base. Let the fondue festivities begin!

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Indulge in a pool of velvety chocolate, surrounded by an array of delightful dippers.



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Statement From The National Security Council

The National Security Council (NSC) met today to consider the implications of recent security incidents. The NSC expressed its thoughts for all those affected.

In discussion the NSC:

welcomed the increase in the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force by 30 police officers projected over the next three to four months.

also welcomed the introduction of daily foot patrols by police officers in the Road Town area.

noted the forthcoming training for police officers on ports security.

stressed the importance of cross-community and cross-government collaboration to address the underlying factors that lead to crime.

The NSC encouraged all communities throughout the Territory to support the police in the current investigations, including by calling Crime Stoppers and the confidential and untraceable hotline 800-8477[TIPS], 800-847-8477 and 368-9339.

The National Security Council considers matters relating to internal security and any significant security developments in the Territory, including the occurrence of significant criminal activity. The NSC comprises the Governor, as Chairman and members, including the Premier, the Minister for Communication and Works, the Attorney General (ex-officio) and the Commissioner of Police (ex-officio).

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

DO'S

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

DON'TS

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

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Optimism about the U.S. economy sends stocks to a new record

By David Gura

Stocks are on a record-setting run.

For the first time in history, the S&P 500, the broad-based U.S. index of the largest and best-known companies in the world, is above 5,000.

The S&P 500 opened over the milestone mark at the opening bell on Friday. This comes a day after it touched the level for a brief moment before settling lower.

“Investors are feeling optimistic that we have sidestepped a recession,” says Sam Stovall, the chief investment strategist at the financial research firm CFRA.

The latest economic data seem to indicate the Federal Reserve is getting close to executing a so-called “soft landing” for the U.S. economy. That’s despite widespread fears of a recession last year, when the Fed raised interest rates aggressively to fight high inflation.

The S&P 500 is up more than 5% so far this year, on the heels of a strong year when the index gained 24%.

Lower interest rates will juice the economy further

Even then, some professional investors downplay the significance of milestones.

“I think it’s a psychological threshold,” says Stovall, noting that Wall Street has a fondness for round numbers, and investors see these “millennial levels” as key milestones.

Investors believe policymakers are comfortable enough with the progress they’ve made and will soon start cutting interest rates.

That would juice the economy because it would make it less expensive for everyone – companies included – to borrow money, and investors would also feel more comfortable making riskier bets.

Beyond that, hundreds of companies have updated Wall Street in recent days on their financial performance, and many of them performed better in the final three months of 2023 than analysts expected.

According to Stephen Suttmeier, the chief equity technical strategist at Bank of America, the stock market rally has been strong, but narrow. The strength of a handful of companies have powered the major indices – the S&P 500 among them – higher.

The Magnificent Seven continue to outperform

Last year, a group of stocks nicknamed “The Magnificent Seven” accounted for most of the broader market’s gains, and most of those well-known companies – Alphabet, Amazon, Apple, Meta, Microsoft, Nvidia and Tesla – have continued to outperform.

Year to date, shares of Nvidia, which designs high-end microchips for most of the computers that power artificial intelligence, are up about 45%.

“It’s a couple growth sectors, and that’s it,” says Suttmeier. “What’s leading the market is still more growth-y, tech-y stocks.”

And if you dig deeper, most of these companies are in the communication services and information technology sectors, which are beating the broader market.

So, where does the market go from here? It took 34 months – or slightly less than three years – for the S&P 500 to go from 4,000 to 5,000.

“If you look at the history, my guess is we spend some time above 5,000, probably spend some time below 5,000,” Suttmeier says. “And I think we can actually move well beyond 5,000.”

But he’s of the belief, like many Wall strategists, that this rally needs to broaden to continue moving higher.



POLITICS\$: THE CORRUPTION CURVE

“Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely. Great men are almost always bad men.” (Lord Acton)

We all like to think of ourselves as kind, honest, and benevolent. In our hearts, we are convinced that should we ever attain personal power, whether through building our own business, rising to the corporate executive office, becoming extraordinarily influential in our area of expertise, or in winning public office, we will continue to be honest and ethical, incorruptible to the end.

The action of wielding power varies greatly with the individual involved and the extent of power obtained. We are all familiar with the petty tyrant at work who rules a tiny business empire with greed and self-indulgence, bullying underlings without any sense of fairness or mercy. We have seen the research scientists who have forged a reputation over a lifetime fall into disgrace through subverting results to support their theories and their sponsors.

As the extent of power increases, we see the Enron and Lincoln Savings brand of tableaux unfold. Not only does that same greed and self-indulgence hold sway, but the concept of being above the law arises and accountability and trust are jettisoned from the boardroom. The more esoteric the lifestyle becomes, the greater the disconnect between the powerful and the rest of the world. Those who lack power are to be cheated, manipulated, and drained of their possessions surely only just desserts for their failure to rise to the top.

In a world where hereditary monarchies are an anachronism, the most absolute power lies in the political sphere whether wielded by a military-backed dictator or by those who have been so repeatedly elected to office that they no longer see themselves as public representatives but as entitled oligarchs of a system they control.

The presumptuous ambition of one man, Julius Caesar, led to the destruction of a republic that had guided Rome to the heights of civilization. The empire he created held the seeds of its own destruction in its descent into the unrestrained autocracies of a string of less than illustrious rulers who wielded their absolute power with caprice and personal whim.

The framers of the Constitution had a vision of a government where no such unconstrained power could arise because of the checks and balances inherent in the system they devised. No one could be above the law because the rule of law was paramount. The advise and consent required from different branches of government ensured that a multitude of voices and philosophical ideas were involved in any major decision.

But those who drove the development of our constitutional

law were giants in their own right. Washington's refusal to accept the title of king, advocated by several of his supporters, signaled his rejection of too much power concentrated in one individual. His peers Jefferson, Adams, Franklin, Madison, and many more followed the same course: divide power to ensure that the needs of the many can be met through a myriad of representative voices.

Over the centuries, the checks and balances they built have kept the ship of state afloat. Occasionally listing to port or starboard, the sheer multiplicity of participants in the political process have been repetitively able to pull it back to an upright middle course. Certainly, there have been many dark periods of corruption and incompetence. We face such a darkness now: individuals in office for too long, with too much power within their grasping fingers; too many officials who have forgotten that they are public servants, developing a mindset of entitlement and the conviction that they know, better than anyone else, what is good for the public who, after all, elected them.

Only the rule of law, so carefully crafted more than 200 years ago, can keep them in check. The lawful prosecution of a congressman accepting millions of dollars in bribes, of a congressional leader who used election money as he saw fit rather than as the law required, and administration officials who destroyed a woman's career and jeopardized the lives of covert operatives all over the world, restores balance in a world rife with corruption, greed, and overweening pride.

Ongoing investigations into the honesty of leaders in evoking the need for military intervention and the rising voice of dissent against financial favors for the rich and powerful at the cost of cutting services to the powerless poor, offer a glimmer of hope that the corruption will be curbed and the hubris of our leaders punctured and exposed.

The embattled defendants cry foul, claiming that the only transgression is the political ambition of their critics. They have moved so far beyond the pale of the common citizen that their own corruption and misdeeds seem entirely ordinary and acceptable to them.

Happily, unlike the impotent rubber-stamp Roman senators, we can face our would-be Caesars without threat of bodily harm and we can cast them out of their cozy nest with the most powerful weapon ever devised: the **BALLOT BOX.**



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KPMG BVI Wins Bid For Proposed Airport Development Project

The Government of the Virgin Islands and the British Virgin Islands Airports Authority are monitoring progress on the long-awaited airport development and has awarded KPMG (BVI) Ltd the contract to undertake works on the project.

Following a rigorous tendering process with eight (8) reputable companies, KPMG (BVI) emerged as the preferred bidder and will commence development works, with a timeline of completing the business case within the next three (3) months. This crucial phase aligns with the UK's 5-case model, and will ensure a comprehensive and strategic approach to the airport development.

Minister of Communications and Works Honourable Kye Rymer, expressed his enthusiasm for the project reaching this pivotal stage. He also underscored the importance of adherence to the Government's Protocols for effective financial management throughout the process, and reinforced his commitment to transparency, accountability, and ensuring the best use of resources for the benefit of the British Virgin Islands.

Honourable Rymer

stated, "I am well pleased to know that we have persisted and have finally arrived at the stage where we can engage the services of a qualified contractor to chart the way forward with the airport development."

The minister emphasised the importance of upholding policy principles and stated he was pleased that the policy principles of the Government's Protocols for Effective Financial Management were upheld throughout the process. "This ensures that we are putting value for money considerations at the heart of the decision-making process and ensuring improved accountability in public sector operations," Honourable Rymer said.

Chairman of the Board, Mr. Theodore Burke, echoed the minister's sentiments and stated that the team is committed to a seamless and transparent process which aligns with the Government's financial management protocols.

Mr. Burke said, "We are dedicated to ensuring that every step taken in this project reflects our responsibility to the public we serve. The Board will continue to champion this project until it is brought to fruition."

Meanwhile, Managing Director Mr. Kurt Menal highlighted the wealth of information already available to facilitate the process. He said "Our team

at the Authority is armed with a wealth of information gleaned from various studies undertaken previously. This source of knowledge serves as a robust foundation for informed decision-making throughout the development process."

Mr. Menal added, "The availability of this information not only streamlines the current project but also positions us strategically for long-term success. It ensures that every step taken is rooted in a deep understanding of our unique challenges and opportunities."

The Managing Director also emphasised the competence of the Authority's team, stating, "Our skilled and talented team are not only passionate about aviation but are also deeply invested in the growth and prosperity of the British Virgin Islands and stands ready to support the Consultant on this project.

The upcoming days are expected to witness the formalisation of the partnership between the British Virgin Islands Airports Authority and KPMG (BVI) Ltd., with the signing of the contract. This marks a crucial milestone in the journey towards the realisation of a modernised and efficient airport facility within the Territory.

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February 9, 2024

Claudette T. McAnaney, formerly of Fahie Hill, Tortola, BVI, passed away peacefully, with family surrounding her, on January 24, 2024 at the age of 80.



The late Claudette T. McAnaney,

Claudette was born in Smithtown, New York, the only daughter of Angelo and Lena D'Alessandro. She was middle child of three, with an older brother, Ronald, who predeceased her, and a younger brother, Greg. She attended parochial schools on Long Island, New York where she developed life-long friendships. After high school, Claudette attended Mount Saint Vincent College in Halifax, Canada where she received her bachelors degree in 1965.

Claudette returned to Long Island, New York after college and began her career as a social worker. She worked for Suffolk County, focusing on family and adoption services.

Claudette married Ronald McAnaney in 1969 and moved to Sayville, New York, where her children were born. In 1973, Claudette set aside her career in social work to raise her two children, Justin and Vanessa. She was also a business partner for Ronald, serving as his secretary for a busy psychotherapy practice, as a rental agent for properties in the British Virgin Islands and collaborating with Ronald on other business ventures. Claudette was also devoted to her large extended family, helping to care for, and deeply involved in the lives of many relatives. Claudette and Ron traveled extensively in the Caribbean and purchased a vacation home on Slaney Hill, Tortola in 1975. The family enjoyed many trips to Tortola in the late 1970s and early 1980s. The family especially enjoyed being at Cane Garden Bay and Brewers Bay where their children spent many hours swimming and exploring. Later, they built a new home on Fahie Hill and continued to visit Tortola from New York until they moved to the territory permanently in 1999 when Ronald took a position with government. Claudette loved to stand on the back terrace of the house in the evenings and admire the twinkling lights of Road Town. She never tired of the view from her beloved home on Fahie Hill.

Claudette cherished the friendships she made on Tortola. She enjoyed lunches with her friends, and participating in events like concerts at the college. She also enjoyed sharing her beloved Tortola with many friends and family from abroad, and treated visitors to an in depth tour of the island showing off her favorite beaches, restaurants and historical sites.

Claudette gave back to her adopted home as an active volunteer at several organizations. She spent hours sorting through donations and organizing the shelves of the BVI Red Cross thrift shop. She was also a volunteer docent at the Old Government House Museum where she shared her knowledge of the island with visitors. She served as an office assistant for St. Williams Parish, supporting Father Peter and Father Nihal in serving the community. She also loved animals. She and Ronald adopted three dogs over the years and actively supported the BVI Humane Society.

After Hurricane Irma damaged their home on Fahie Hill, Claudette and Ron decided to move back to the United States, where they took up residence in Baltimore, Maryland but the British Virgin Islands were never far from Claudette's thoughts as she kept up by phone and email with friends in the territory and spent time organizing her photographs and scrapbooks of memories of her years there. Claudette will always be remembered as an energetic and caring person and will be sorely missed by those who knew her. Funeral services took place in Sayville, New York, at St. Lawrence the Martyr Church on February 3, 2024. In lieu of flowers or other remembrances, donations may be made in Claudette's name to the BVI Red Cross or St. Williams Parish.



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OUTSTANDING ANGUILLA RESORTS FEATURED ON 2024 FORBES TRAVEL GUIDE STAR AWARDS WINNERS LIST

The Valley, Anguilla, February 12, 2024: Five exceptional Anguilla resorts have earned a coveted spot on the prestigious list of Forbes Travel Guide Star Award Winners. The global authority on travel luxury, the Forbes Travel Guide was created in 1958 as the Mobile Travel Guide, where they developed the original Five-Star rating system for hospitality in the US. It is today the only independent, global rating system for luxury hotels, restaurants, spas and ocean cruises.

The Four Seasons Resort & Residences Anguilla and Cap Juluca, A Belmond Hotel, received top honors, a 5-Star Forbes Rating, signifying that they deliver an outstanding experience

and consistently offer a highly customized level of service.

The Aurora Anguilla Resort & Golf Club and the Quintessence Hotel both received the 4-Star Forbes Rating, a designation that they are exceptional properties, offering high levels of service and quality of facility to match. Zemi Beach House Anguilla was awarded a Recommended Forbes Rating, defining it as an excellent property with consistently good service and facilities.

“Anguilla’s excellent tourism product is reflected in these stellar ratings from the Forbes Travel Guide, one of the industry’s most trusted sources,” stated the Hon. Haydn Hughes,

Minister of Infrastructure, Communications, Housing, Utilities and Tourism for Anguilla. “Our incomparable resorts, improvements to the air and sea ports, expanded airlift, spectacular beaches and unique experiences attract ever-increasing numbers of visitors each year, who come to feast on our delectable cuisine and bask in our legendary hospitality.”

The Forbes Travel Guide conducts a rigorous independent inspection process by anonymous professional inspectors, who evaluate each property based on up to 900 exacting standards, with an emphasis on exceptional service,

authentic guest experiences, sustainability, and luxury. They visit nearly 2,000 hotels, restaurants and spas in more than 81 countries to determine and award the ratings.

“We congratulate the management and staff at each of these amazing properties and wish them continued success,” declared Mrs. Stacey Liburd, Anguilla’s Director of Tourism. “We appreciate the invaluable cooperation and support we receive from our private sector partners, and we look forward to working together to grow our arrivals and occupancy levels, and position Anguilla as the premier destination in the

Caribbean.”

For more information and links to the properties in Anguilla visit <https://www.forbestravelguide.com/award-winners> and click on “Country”. For general information on the Forbes Travel Guide, and an explanation of how its Star Ratings are compiled, visit [ForbesTravelGuide.com](https://www.forbestravelguide.com).

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

JEWEL OF THE SEAS CRUISE SHIP ARRIVES IN TRINIDAD FOR CARNIVAL TUESDAY



Port of Spain, Trinidad, February 13th, 2024 - Tourism Trinidad is happy to announce the arrival of the Jewel of the Seas Cruise Ship on Carnival Tuesday, February 13th, 2024. As one of the most exciting days in our cultural calendar,

Carnival Tuesday promises an unforgettable experience for passengers aboard and locals alike.

As we experience one of the biggest cruise seasons today, Tourism Trinidad is delighted to welcome passengers of the Jewel

of the Seas to experience the energy and heritage of Trinidad's Carnival. We continue to say There Is No Place Like Home as we celebrate arrivals and experiences for Carnival 2024.

To ensure passengers make the most of their visit, transportation will be provided for those interested in experiencing the atmosphere of the VisitTrinidad Socadrome at the Jean Pierre Complex. At the Socadrome, a Carnival village has been created, offering an experience

into Trinidad's Carnival traditions. Visitors can expect to witness the parade of the bands, showcasing our costumes, music and other spirited performances.

The ship will be arriving with approximately 2337 passengers aboard. In addition to the Socadrome festivities, passengers will have the opportunity to explore attractions Trinidad has to offer. From the Maracas Waterfall to the Caroni Bird Sanctuary, there are experiences to suit every preference.

The Jewel of the Seas

Cruise Ship will offer various excursions catering to different interests, ensuring that each passenger can tailor their experience to their preferences. A total of 14 maxi taxis will be facilitating transportation for the approximately 226 passengers who have decided to go exploring.

As the Jewel of the Seas Cruise Ship docks in Trinidad on Carnival Tuesday, the island eagerly awaits the arrival of its passengers, ready to immerse them in an unforgettable Carnival experience that will leave lasting memories.

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Austin to Lead Talks on Defense Support for Ukraine



FILE - Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin speaks at a Pentagon press briefing at the Pentagon, Feb. 1, 2024. Austin is hosting a virtual meeting with allies Wednesday to discuss support for Ukraine.

U.S. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin is hosting a virtual meeting with allies Wednesday to discuss support for Ukraine as the two-year anniversary of Russia's full-scale invasion nears. The Ukraine Defense

Contact Group brings together officials from more than 50 nations to coordinate their Ukraine efforts, but there is uncertainty about when the United States, the biggest provider of military aid to Ukraine, might resume its support.

"I think some of the messages that you'll hear is that the U.S. is going to stand with Ukraine for as long as it takes but we do need that congressional authority to continue to provide those packages," Pentagon deputy press secretary Sabrina Singh told reporters when asked about what message Austin would bring to the talks.

The United States has not sent any military aid to Ukraine since late December, when funding ran out.

The Senate late Monday passed a \$95 billion aid package that includes more than \$60 billion for Ukraine, but the legislation faces opposition in the Republican-led House of Representatives.

US Senate Approves Aid Package for Ukraine, Israel and Taiwan



Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, a Democrat from New York, signals success to reporters after the Senate passed a foreign aid package at the Capitol in Washington, Feb. 13, 2024.

U.S. President Joe Biden called on U.S. lawmakers Tuesday to swiftly pass a \$95 billion foreign aid package for Ukraine, Israel and Taiwan, despite opposition in the Republican-led House of Representatives. "I call on the speaker to let the full House speak its mind and

not allow a minority of most extreme voices in the house to block this bill even from being voted on," Biden told reporters. Earlier Tuesday, the U.S. Senate passed the aid package by a 70-29 vote, with more than a dozen Republicans joining the

majority Democrats in support. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy quickly expressed gratitude, saying U.S. aid "helps to save human lives from Russian terror."

"American assistance brings just peace in Ukraine closer and restores global stability, resulting in increased security and prosperity for all Americans and all the free world," Zelenskyy said on X.

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer said the measure is "one of the most historic and consequential bills passed [in] the Senate. A bill that so greatly impacts not just our national security, just the security of our allies, but also the security of democracy as we know it."

Black History Month Recognizes Achievements, Contributions of African Americans

Black History Month, which began Feb. 1, has been recognized in the United States for 48 years as a time when governments, organizations and individuals celebrate the struggles, achievements and central role of Black Americans in U.S. history.

How was Black History Month designated?

The month was officially recognized in 1976 by former President Gerald Ford, who said that the month was to "honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history."

Its origin stems from Negro History Week, a celebration created by Carter G. Woodson in 1926. Woodson was a historian, journalist and author who sought to expand the study and celebration of Black history in the U.S. The second week of February was chosen to align with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, according to the NAACP.

The establishment of celebrations across the nation led to calls to expand the week into a month, to which Ford later obliged.

What is the government's role in Black History Month?

Since the month was officially recognized, every U.S. president has issued a statement to honor it. Many municipalities and state governments also issue statements each Black History Month to commemorate the struggles and achievements of Black Americans.

New York City Mayor Eric Adams issued a statement Feb. 1, recognizing the month and highlighting the steps he says still need to be taken to achieve racial equity, particularly concerning health care disparities affecting women of color.

Other local leaders have organized events to commemorate the month, with Washington Mayor Muriel Bowser hosting her inaugural "Welcome Black" event at the beginning of the month, showcasing local Black artists and performers.

This year, President Joe Biden issued a proclamation highlighting the importance of the celebration and noting the actions his administration has taken to advance racial equity throughout the United States. Some examples include providing more than \$7 billion in funding for historically Black colleges and universities and implementing elements of the 2021 George Floyd Justice in Policing Act, aiming to mitigate police brutality.

However, according to a Pew Research poll in August 2023, 52% of adults say efforts to ensure equal rights for all people within the past 60 years haven't gone far enough. Additionally, about a third of Black Americans (32%) believe America hasn't made much or any progress on racial equality in the past 60 years.

How is the month celebrated today?

Civil rights organizations often take the lead in celebrations.

The NAACP, founded in 1909 to ensure equality for minorities and eliminate racial prejudice in the U.S., its website says, operates in seven regions through state conferences, local branches, youth councils and college branches.

Many of these branches and chapters organize Black History Month events throughout February.

For example, the Boulder County, Colorado, NAACP branch is organizing a Freedom Fund Celebration event on Feb. 18, where R&B artist Danielle Ponder will perform and author and activist Anthony Ray Hinton will be sharing his story and discussing criminal justice reform.

The Fairfax County, Virginia, NAACP branch is holding a speaker's event on Feb. 24, with guest speaker Marvin Powell discussing the theme of "Black Privilege."

Other organizations have chosen to rebrand the month to focus on Black history and emphasize the present and future.

Black Lives Matter has reframed the month to Black Futures Month, a "forward-looking initiative inspired by Black movement leaders," according to its website.

To celebrate the occasion, Black Lives Matter will be holding Music Mondays, Tech and Innovation Tuesdays, Wellness Wednesdays, Throwback Thursdays and Film Fridays. Each of these days will spotlight aspects of Black history and contemporary Black achievements for each theme.

Some information for this report came from The Associated Press.

SPORTS

BVI U20 Football team set for CONCACAF tournament in Nicaragua

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

FOOTBALL

A BVI U20 Men's squad departs the territory on Saturday to participate in the CONCACAF U20 tournament in Nicaragua, and will hold a pre competition camp before the tournament kicks off Feb 23-March 2. The BVI is in Group A with Cuba, Nicaragua, Belize and Anguilla.

Since two tune up games in St. Kitts-Nevis in December, Coach Clinton "Tinnie" Percival told Island Sun Sports that they have been trying to put the team together in different ways. He said players have been coming to the training sessions and doing what's being asked.

"Now, we're expecting them to go out and execute what they've been training to do. What we have, we're making use of it and I'm happy with what I've seen so far," he said after Tuesday's training. "We had five or six overseas players, but based on that game in St. Kitts, we've been building around that and trying to possess the ball a lot more and more importantly, when we don't have the ball, we have the players working hard to regain it.

To me, I've seen a lot of progress in that so I'm really looking forward to the players really going out there and doing their best."

Despite facing formidable and experienced opponents, Percival said he has asked his squad to play simple football, try to do the things they've been asked and try to remember, it's a field that has 11 vs 11.

"On the day, the team that's concentrating the most on the things they have been training to do, they'll most likely come out as the successful team, so I'm asking them to just do their best," he said. "I'm looking forward to good results. Whatever the results may be, I'm hoping that the players go out and do their best and for me their best is good enough so I'm asking them to do their best."

Percival said that in the group, Cuba, Nicaragua and Belize are higher ranked than the BVI, but have told his players while the rankings mean a lot, but at the end of the day, the teams that goes on the field and plays the best football on the day will most likely come out with the victory.

"It's a tough zone and I might be looking at it as the group of death," he said. "But it's better to be there because if we're at the bottom of the zone, it's only one way we can go is up, so I'm asking the payers

to just stay positive and give it their best shot and at the end of the day, whatever we do, I'm going to be happy with what we've done."

He said that even though they've been working hard, there's good camaraderie and they have been trying to build the team spirit, because that will be more important than anything else. He added that if they play as one unit, they'll be as strong as everyone else.

"The mood has been good. Some players are going to be disappointed that they didn't make the final squad, but at the end of the day, that is what we want," he said of the team that started with over 40 players on the roster but had no more than 28 turning out on any given day, but doesn't include overseas players. "I heard that in the past, we didn't have an opportunity to choose who we wanted to play, we just had to play with what we got. Now we have a lot of players to choose from, a lot of competitiveness within the training and that is what we want. It makes it really tough for me and all the other coaches to make a final squad, so that is the kind of headache I want—being able to choose between more than one player—and I think I'm having that problem, but it's a good problem."

Captain Jaden Abrams of VG United who at 16 played with the senior national team in last year's Nations League, told Island



The BVI U20 Men's team will compete in the CONCACAF Tournament in Nicaragua

Sun Sports that it's an honor to have been chosen to lead the squad. "Since I was young, I've been captaining the BVI national team every time we traveled, so it's an honor to represent," he said. "I'm expecting for us to go out and do our best, implement what the coaches are teaching us, do our best and enjoy it."

Abrams, who has seven other VG United teammates on the squad, said he's bringing the experiences from the senior team and he thinks the team is a talented team.

"I feel we can do something good," he said.

The U20 squad is comprised of:

Jaden Abrams, Captain, Adrian Padilla, Azani Calwood, Brandon Ridealgh, Samuel Gilford, Curtis Lane, Devon Letteen, Hary Foden, Jaadon Quashie, Sean Samuel, Oluwafikayomi Adeniji, Momchil Yordanov, Joel Mars, Latriel Williams, Mohamed Tarabay, Quil Billingsy, Jefferson Frank, Dylan Cline, Johari Lacey, T'Koy Morton and Jadon Abrams. Manager: Nigel Williams. Coaches: Clinton "Tinnie" Percival, Richie Morton, Morris Mark. Physio: Levy James. Equipment Manager: Jermaine Abrams. Tutor: Gloria Fahie.

Jaleel Croal runs 60 and 200m indoor personal bests

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

TRACK & FIELD

South Florida's Jaleel Croal—a 2019 Carifta Games U17 Boys 200m champion—dropped two personal bests over the weekend. After slicing .03 and running a 6.66 secs 60m personal best to win the Badger City Invite, he sliced his indoor 200m best from 21.45 seconds to 21.32 and finished 4th. His 60m best before was 6.69.

North-western State's Djim Gumbs was 4th in the Jarvis Scott Open Shot Put, after uncorking a

5th round season's best 18.48m (60'7¼"). Twin brother Diamante Gumbs was 8th with 16.37m (53'7½") & 9th in the 35 lbs Weight Throw, with a heave of 17.92, 58'9½")

At the same meet, UTEP's Josh Hill, ran a 400m season's best of 47.81 seconds & was 3rd in his heat with the 23rd best mark of the meet.

Meanwhile in the field at the same competition, New Mexico Jr. College's Khybah Dawson, after matching his season's best 7.47m (24'6¼") on his 2nd attempt, extended it to 7.71m (25'3½") on his 5th leap and finished 4th. His mark is tied for No 1 on the Jr. College's Indoor List

Barton CC's Wanyaé Belle, was 2nd in his 200m Heat at the Tyson

Invitational, with a personal best mark of 21.68 seconds, the 30th best mark of the meet. His mark is tied for No 37 on the Jr. College's Indoor List. The Freshman ran a 6.88 secs 60m personal best for 6th in his heat and was 29th overall.

At the Tiger Paw Invitational, Florida State freshman Kaelyaah Liburd, ran a 400m indoor personal best of 54.96 seconds, the 40th best mark of the meet.

Beyonce DeFreitas was timed in 23.55 seconds for fourth in the 200m and ran her 60m in 7.46 seconds.

Kenyatta Great of Indian Hills Community College, lowered her 200m indoor best to 24.66 seconds, while Cloud County's Andre Smikle, had a Shot Put heave of 14.13m (46'4¼").



South Florida's Jaleel Croal powers out the blocks

SPORTS



. Panthers Dylan Pierre, left, and Islanders' Vice Captain Zerron Samuel battles during Saturday's 2-2 draw



Leonora Delville Primary School Division Champions



. Panthers Dylan Pierre, left, and Islanders' Vice Captain Zerron Samuel battles during Saturday's 2-2 draw



Leonora Delville Primary School Victor and Victrix Ludorum, Zaccory Young and Elann Reid

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



TIGER

by BUD BLAKE



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Purse is different. 2. Arm is moved. 3. Label is higher. 4. Hair is different. 5. Saucer is missing. 6. Naming is different.

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 "Kapow!"
- 4 React in horror
- 8 Pitcher Nolan
- 12 Flamenco cheer
- 13 Genesis shepherd
- 14 Spanish greeting
- 15 Squealer
- 16 Drive- -- window
- 17 "-- the picture!"
- 18 2014 biopic about actress Kelly
- 21 Rowing tool
- 22 Expert
- 23 Japanese verse
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- 32 Basketball tactic
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- 7 Fruit-filled dessert
- 8 Horned beast
- 9 Meditative practice
- 10 Mr. Guinness
- 11 Post-WWII alliance
- 19 Pepsi rival
- 20 URL ending
- 23 Stable diet?
- 24 Small battery
- 25 Annoy
- 26 JFK Library architect
- 27 Convent resident
- 28 Tolkien creature
- 29 Approves
- 31 Math statement
- 32 Sub shop
- 34 "My word!"
- 35 Waist-cinching garment
- 36 Tea biscuit
- 37 Unfettered
- 38 Baby carriage
- 39 "Damn Yankees" role
- 40 Latin 101 word
- 41 Blaze
- 42 Periodontist's concern
- 43 Rapsallions
- 44 Kvetches

DOWN

- 1 McEnroe's rival
- 2 Winged
- 3 Transcending (Pref.)
- 4 Fancy cake
- 5 Loathe

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1. TELEVISION: Which popular Netflix series features groups of teens nicknamed "Kooks" and "Pogues"?
2. HISTORY: When did Facebook launch?
3. MUSIC: Which pop music singer had hits with songs like "Changes" and "Let's Dance"?
4. GEOGRAPHY: What country possesses the Isle of Wight?
5. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of peacocks called?
6. AD SLOGANS: Which company's advertising slogan is "the ultimate driving machine"?
7. LANGUAGE: What is the Latin phrase often shortened to "i.e."?
8. MYTHOLOGY: What is the name of the maze that confined the Minotaur?
9. MOVIES: Which movie has the tagline, "Mischief. Mayhem. Soap."?
10. LITERATURE: Shakespeare is believed to have written approximately how many plays?

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Weekly SUDOKU

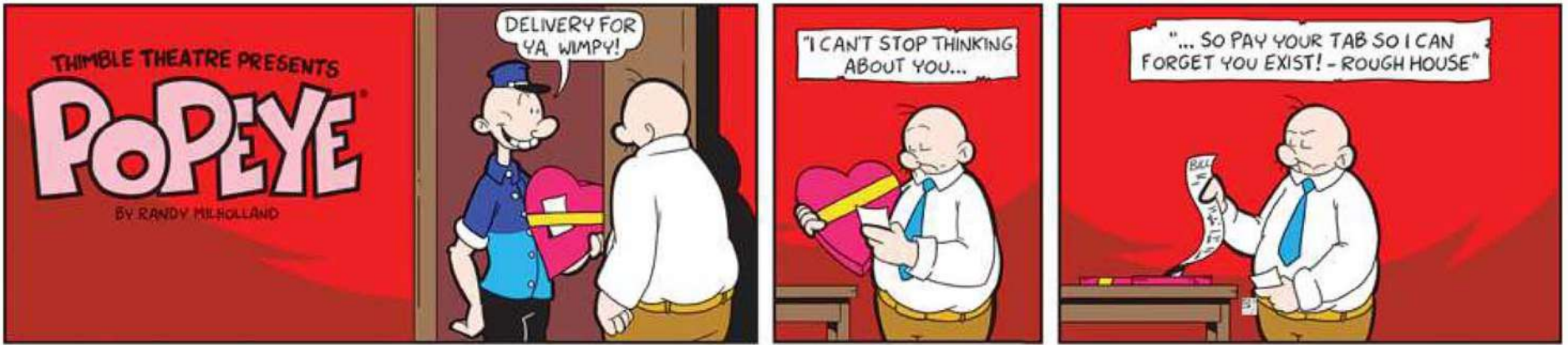
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Answers

King Crossword

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Trivia Test Answers: 1. "Outer Banks"; 2. 2004; 3. David Bowie; 4. England; 5. An ostentation or a pride; 6. BMW; 7. Id est (that is); 8. The Labyrinth; 9. "Fight Club"; 10. 37.



Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas




THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

For thus says the High and Lofty One
Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:
"I dwell in the high and holy place,
With him who has a contrite and humble spirit,
To revive the spirit of the humble,
And to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

ISAIAH 57:15-19

Detail of "Landscape with Sunset" by Herman van Swanevelt (1655)

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Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- Researchers have developed an algorithm that transforms complex data into musical sounds.
- In 2003, Marvel successfully argued in a U.S. court that mutants were "non-human creatures" and, therefore, toys, in order to save on taxes, since X-Men action figures were being imported as dolls but toys have a lower tariff.

- An ostrich can run faster than a horse.

- Seventy-five percent of Japanese homes boast a high-tech toilet, the latest models of which eliminate the need for toilet paper, keep you warm, check your blood pressure, play the sound of running water to, er, drown out your business, and automatically open and shut so you won't have to touch anything.

- Prior to the adoption of standard time zones in 1883, each city or town set its own local time based on the sun's position.

- Six years after Hall of Fame pitcher Gaylord Perry stated, "They'll put a man on the moon before I hit a home run," he struck the only one of his career just hours after Neil Armstrong stepped onto the lunar surface.

- Actor George Reeves, who played Superman in the 1950s, once had to deflect a young fan who wanted to test his "invulnerability" by bringing a pistol to a live appearance. Reeves convinced the boy to hand over his gun by warning him that a bystander might be hurt by bullets that bounced off his Superman suit.

- A 2018 study found that wearing a necktie can reduce the blood flow to your brain by up to 7.5%.

Thought for the Day: "Don't say you don't have enough time. You have exactly the same number of hours per day that were given to Helen Keller, Pasteur, Michelangelo, Mother Teresa, Leonardo da Vinci, Thomas Jefferson and Albert Einstein." — H. Jackson Brown Jr.

HOLLYWOOD

by Tony Rizzo

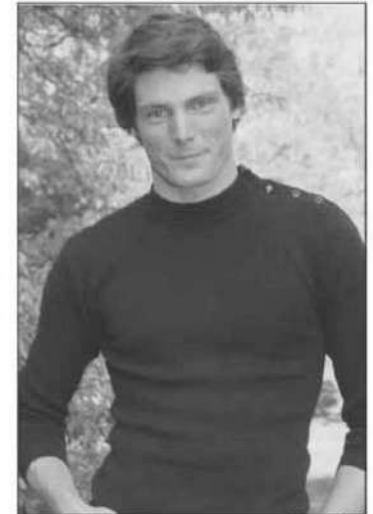
HOLLYWOOD — The children of four-time "Superman" **Christopher Reeve** bare their souls in a documentary commemorating the 20th anniversary of their father's passing at the age of 52. The documentary follows his rise to fame through 1995, when he was thrown from a horse, breaking two vertebrae in his neck and leaving him paralyzed from the shoulders down.

I met Christopher in 1976 when he played **Katharine Hepburn's** grandson on Broadway in "A Matter of Gravity." He also starred in the soap "Love of Life" and asked me to write a story on why he was leaving the soap. The photos and story ran in Soap Opera Digest, and I invited him to stay in my guest room in Hollywood if he ever needed to.

To my surprise, he called six months later after completing a role in "Gray Lady Down" with **Charlton Heston** and **Rosemary Forsyth**, and he became my house guest. I shot new photos of him, and two of them were sent to the producers of the upcoming "Superman" movie, who saw the jawline of the future "Man of Steel" in my photographs.

He was then flown to London for testing and serious bodybuilding to become "Superman" for four films from 1978-1987. In addition, he made other classic films such as "Somewhere in Time" (1980). In 2006, despite having partial paralysis and being in a wheel chair, he directed and executive produced the computer-animated sports comedy "Everyone's Hero," with the voices of **Rob Reiner**, **William H. Macy**, **Raven-Symone** and **Whoopi Goldberg**. Christopher truly was a super man!

Glen Powell has become the first breakout star of 2024. His rom-com "Anyone but You" passed the \$100 million mark, possibly saving the genre. In addition to his Netflix film "Hit Man" (due June 7) and the disaster film "Twisters" with **Daisy Edgar-Jones** and **Anthony Ramos** (due July 19), Powell is currently prepping for "Huntington," which was inspired by the 1949 British comedy "Kind Hearts



Christopher Reeve ("Superman")

and Coronets." It starred **Sir Alec Guinness** (Obi-Wan Kenobi from "Star Wars").

Both **Margot Robbie** and **Greta Gerwig** of "Barbie" were afforded a great deal of airtime about being snubbed for the Best Actress and Best Director categories at the Oscars. Most reports failed to mention that Gerwig was nominated for Best Adapted Screenplay — and Robbie as a producer of "Barbie."

In addition, Gerwig was nominated three times before for Best Director and Best Original Screenplay for "Lady Bird" (2017) as well as Best Adapted Screenplay for "Little Women" (2019). Robbie also received a Best Actress nomination for "I, Tonya" (2017) and a Supporting Actress nod for "Bombshell" (2019).

"Oscar" is not a person who snubs anyone! He's comprised of approximately 9,500 members in the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences who vote independently. They just thought it was harder to play Ken than it was to play Barbie!

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Make an "I'm Nuts About You" Snack Mix for Your Valentines

On Valentine's Day, surprise the sweethearts in your life with a tasty batch of seasoned nuts mixed with candied treats straight from your kitchen, then packaged in a reusable Mason-style jar. The recipe for this salty-and-sweet flavor combination with a hint of orange will win over hearts of all ages.

Just ask **Eloise Kelen** and her sister, **Tessie**. The energetic girls have been busily writing heart-shaped gift tags and mixing up batches of the delicious combo with their mom, **Tasya**, who started a line of popular spicy nut mixtures under her **Isadore Nut Co.** label (www.Isadore-NutCo.com).

Tasya is committed to feeding her family nutritious meals and making snacking good for you, too. Organic, nutrient-rich nuts that are seasoned, roasted and packaged in a commercial kitchen became the ideal product line to satisfy her goals for her family, as well as her entrepreneurial spirit.

"Mom's recipes are secret!" **Eloise** whispers to me as I nibble on **Cayenne Spice**, an irresistible spicy mixture of walnuts, cashews and pecans. But **Tasya** willingly shares another seasoned nut recipe that her family makes — one that combines well with dried cranberries and chocolate chips for a Valentine's Day snack mix that families can make and gift to others during this time of year.

ORANGE SPICED NUTS SNACK MIX

Makes 4 pint-sized jars

- 1/3 cup pure maple syrup
- 4 tablespoons orange zest from three navel oranges
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 7 cups unsalted pecans, almonds and cashews, split evenly
- Fleur de sel (French sea salt, optional)
- 1/2 cup chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup dried cranberries
- 4 clean pint-sized glass jars with lids, such as Mason jars

Heat oven to 325 F. Line two baking sheets with parchment paper.

In a large mixing bowl, combine maple syrup, orange zest and salt. Add nuts and toss until well-coated. Spread half of the nuts in a single layer on a baking sheet and bake for 8 minutes. Remove from oven and stir with a spatula. Return to oven and bake an additional 5-7 minutes, or until medium brown.



Place on wire rack to cool. Lightly sprinkle with fleur de sel, if you wish. Repeat with remaining nuts. When completely cool and dry, combine all nuts with chocolate chips and dried cranberries.

Fill four pint-sized jars. For a Valentine's Day gift, tie a heart-shaped gift tag around the lid with a special message like: "I'm Nuts About You!"

Use within one month.

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One good thing
about music, when
it hits you, you feel
no pain.

Bob Marley

BrainyQuote



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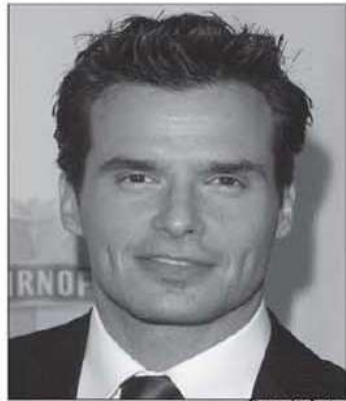
celebrity extra

by Dana Jackson

Q. Whatever happened to Antonio Sabato Jr.? I saw that his character is back on "General Hospital," but being played by a different actor. — *K.W.*

A. Antonio Sabato Jr. recently expressed his disappointment on social media about not being asked to return to the daytime soap "General Hospital" in the 30 years since he departed it. He theorizes that his conservative political views aren't in alignment with Hollywood's and that he's been blacklisted from the ABC soap.

For whatever undisclosed reason, the soap recently recast the role he originated — John "Jagger" Cates — with actor Adam J. Harrington.



Antonio Sabato Jr. ("General Hospital")

Q. How is Wendy Williams doing since her talk show was canceled? Is she in good health? — *K.J.*

A. Wendy Williams was fired from her own syndicated weekday talk show in 2022 and replaced with Sherri Shepherd. Executives reportedly made the decision after not hearing from Williams for months and having 16 different hosts on rotation to fill her chair before ultimately choosing Shepherd. Toward the end of Williams' very successful career, first in radio and then in television, she was reportedly battling addiction and entered rehab. She was also appointed a guardian by a judge.

Recently, Williams produced a two-part documentary about her recent struggles, which will premiere on Lifetime on Feb. 24. In a preview, she talks about her health issues, but a relative is also shown confronting her for possibly downing a bottle of vodka in one day.

There are also hints of other health issues besides alcohol abuse, such as a known thyroid disorder called Graves disease. One of her family members tells the camera that Williams is "losing [her] memory" and "anyone can look at her and tell this is not just alcohol; there's something more going on."

Since the film is produced by Williams and features those who love her, it's probably not the most objective documentary, but it will at least give fans a glimpse into her life and how she's been faring. She still has a huge fanbase who cares for her, but her future in show busi-

ness remains uncertain.

Q. Is Catherine O'Hara going to be in a new show or movie anytime soon? I loved her in "Schitt's Creek" and still watch the reruns. — *B.B.*

A. While Catherine O'Hara has been making audiences roar with laughter since her "Second City Television" sketch-comedy days almost 50 years ago, she reached the pinnacle of her fame playing Moira Rose in "Schitt's Creek." The Canadian comedy series gained a huge following when it arrived on Netflix, and now at the age of almost 70, O'Hara is busier than ever.

She's currently in the movie "Argyle," starring Henry Cavill and Bryce Dallas Howard, and you can still catch her in the Netflix film "Pain Hustlers" with Emily Blunt and Chris Evans. However, it's her upcoming role in the highly anticipated second season of HBO's "The Last of Us" that has people talking. No further details have been announced about her role. Production for the new season is set to begin this spring, but the series likely won't air on HBO and Max until 2025.

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

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top ten

Most Common Causes of HOUSE FIRES

1. Equipment and Appliances
2. Electrical Devices and Systems
3. Candles
4. Smoking
5. Chemicals and Gas
6. Holiday Decorations
7. Lightning
8. BBQ Grill
9. Children
10. Ordinary Fires That Go Wrong

Source: National Fire Protection Association

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Valentin (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From 1 John 3:18, "Let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in ...?"
3. In Proverbs 10:12, "Hatred stirreth up strifes, but love covereth all ...?"
4. Which Old Testament book reads like a love story? Ruth, Daniel, Habakkuk, Song of Solomon
5. Where does one find the phrase "God is love"?
6. From Hebrews 13:4, what is honorable in all? Love, Trust, Marriage, Worship

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Truth, 3) Sins, 4) Song of Solomon, 5) 1 John (4:8, 16), 6) Marriage

Comments? More Trivia? Gift ideas? Visit www.TriviaGuy.com.



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Put that restless Arian surge to good use this week by preparing your winter-weary home for spring. Also, be more flexible about accepting a workplace change.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your well-known ability to be patient is challenged as you wait for more news about a promising opportunity that could lead you down a new career path.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A setback in your travel plans could prove to be a blessing in disguise. Use this extra time to help close a growing gap between you and a family member.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Don't let a sudden sense of separation between you and your partner go unchallenged. It's important to make a strong effort to clear things up.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Use the information you recently received to make some long-deferred changes regarding a personal situation. Also, continue to exercise financial restraint.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) That new responsibility you're now considering could lead to many opportunities. But be sure you have all the facts before you agree to take it on.

LIBRA (September 23 to October

22) A friend might try to advise you against a potentially risky move. Ultimately, the decision is yours, but hear them out before you decide.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You might feel justified in demanding an apology, but it might be wiser to settle things so that today's adversary doesn't become tomorrow's enemy.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Good news: Expect a more positive aspect to dominate your personal and professional lives. In addition, someone close to you seeks your counsel.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A disappointment can turn into a learning experience. Now, at least, you know what not to do. Meanwhile, expect more options to open up.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) What goes around comes around as a friend from the past returns a favor. Don't be timid about accepting it with good grace. You deserve it.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your spiritual strength helps you deal with a family member's problem. Expect some difficulties, but stay with it until it's ultimately resolved.

BORN THIS WEEK: You can observe people and situations with absolute honesty. You'd be a fine social worker, psychoanalyst or member of the clergy.

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Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened.

Dr. Seuss

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A MAN DIED FROM ALASKAPOX LAST MONTH. HERE'S WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT THE VIRUS

By Joe Hernandez

Alaska health officials reported last week that a man died in January after contracting a virus known as Alaskapox.

The disease was first discovered in a person living near Fairbanks, Alaska, in 2015, and there have been several known infections since then.

But officials believe that last month's case is the first fatality from the newly discovered virus — as well as the first known case outside the state's interior — and authorities are now urging doctors across the state to be on the lookout for signs of the disease.

Still, authorities note that immunocompromised people may be at a higher risk for severe illness from the virus, and so far the only known cases of Alaskapox have been detected within the state.

WHAT IS ALASKAPOX?

Alaskapox is a type of orthopoxvirus that infects mammals, including humans, and causes skin lesions. Other orthopoxviruses include the now-eradicated smallpox virus as well as mpox, which was previously known as monkeypox and experienced an outbreak of thousands of cases worldwide in 2022.

“Orthopoxviruses are zoonotic viruses, meaning that they circulate primarily within animal populations with spill over into humans occasionally,” said Centers for Disease Control and Prevention epidemiologist Julia Rogers, as reported by Alaska Public Media.

Alaska's Division of Public Health says the virus has been found primarily in small animals in the Fairbanks area, such as shrews and red-backed voles.

Patients typically have one or more skin lesions and can also

develop swollen lymph nodes and joint or muscle pain.



WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT THE REPORTED ALASKAPOX CASES?

There have been seven known infections in Alaska since 2015, including last month's fatality. Six of the infections were detected in the Fairbanks area, while the man who died last month was from a forested area of the Kenai Peninsula.

The patient who was hospitalized and later died was an “elderly man” who lived alone and was immunocompromised from cancer treatment, which “likely contributed” to the severity of his illness, officials say.

The man also told health officials that he gardened in his backyard and took care of a stray cat, which hunted small animals nearby and would frequently scratch him. The cat tested negative for orthopoxvirus.

Officials believe there have been more cases of Alaskapox in humans that weren't caught.

Rogers, the epidemiologist, said she expects Alaskapox infections to remain rare.

Most patients who had documented cases of Alaskapox



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suffered mild illnesses that cleared up on their own after a few weeks.

**Can I get Alaskapox from another person?
It's unclear.**

To date, no human-to-human transmission has been documented, Alaska's Department of Health says.

It also notes that some orthopoxviruses can be passed on via contact with skin lesions.

Pet cats and dogs may also spread the virus.

“We are not sure exactly how the virus spreads from animals to people but contact with small mammals and potentially domestic pets who come into contact [with] small wild mammals could play a role,” the Division of Public Health says on its website.

Health officials encourage people with lesions potentially caused by Alaskapox to keep them covered with a bandage.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that people keep a safe distance from wildlife and wash their hands after being outside.

WHAT'S BEING DONE TO RESPOND TO THE ALASKAPOX CASES?

The first six cases of Alaskapox were discovered in the Fairbanks area, but the more recent case occurred in the Kenai Peninsula, indicating that the virus is more geographically widespread in the state than previously known.

The Alaska Section of Epidemiology, along with the CDC and the University of Alaska Museum, are working outside the state's interior region to test small mammals for the virus.

State health officials are also urging Alaska doctors to familiarize themselves with the symptoms of Alaskapox and report any suspected cases to the Section of Epidemiology.



PUBLIC NOTICES

TRAFALGAR EXECUTIVE LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 282344
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 8th day of February, 2024. The Liquidator is **Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated this 8th day of February, 2024
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[38/1]

KYLE CONSULTANTS LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 282023
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 8th day of February, 2024. The Liquidator is **Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated this 8th day of February, 2024
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[38/2]

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

GENUINE ASSETS INTERNATIONAL CORP
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1442108

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 February 9th, 2024. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: February 9th, 2024
(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean
Voluntary Liquidator
[38/3]

Umm Al Sheif Company Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1013228
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, Subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from the 9th day of February, 2024.
Dated this 9th day of February, 2024
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator [38/4]

Liberty Holdings Investment Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 464841
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, Subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from the 9th day of February, 2024.
Dated this 9th day of February, 2024
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[38/5]

Jumeira Company Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1013229
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, Subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from the 9th day of February, 2024.
Dated this 9th day of February, 2024
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[38/6]

Al Burj Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1013227
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, Subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from the 9th day of February, 2024.
Dated this 9th day of February, 2024
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[38/7]

Awir Company Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1013230
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, Subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from the 9th day of February, 2024.
Dated this 9th day of February, 2024
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[38/8]

NOTICE

BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT Shirin Group Inc.

("the Company")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 8th February, 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
Nerine Chambers
P.O. Box 905 Quastisky Building
Road Town, Tortola, VG 1110
British Virgin Islands [38/9]

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

Kawa Emerging Markets Offshore GP, Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number: 2088603
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204(1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The -voluntary-liquidation commenced on 8 February 2024. The Liquidator is **Rachael Pape of Conyers Dill & Pearman, Commerce House, Wickhams Cay 1, P.O. Box 3140, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: 8 February 2024
Rachael Pape
As Liquidator [38/10]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Regulation 13 of the Limited Partnership Regulations, 2018

Kawa Emerging Markets Offshore, LP

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
LP 2833
(the "Partnership")
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Regulation 13 of the Limited Partnership Regulations, 2018 that the Partnership is in voluntary liquidation. The -voluntary-liquidation commenced on 8 February 2024. The Liquidator is **Rachael Pape of Conyers Dill & Pearman, Commerce House, Wickhams Cay 1, P.O. Box 3140, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: 8 February 2024
Rachael Pape
As Liquidator [38/11]

NOTICE

BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT Hallington Properties Limited

("the Company")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 8th February, 2024; under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck from the Register.
The Liquidator is:-
Joan Johnson
Nerine Chambers
P.O. Box 905
Quastisky Building, Road Town
Tortola VG 1110, British Virgin Islands
[38/12]

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

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company No. 1685168
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 8th February 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 8th day of February 2024
(Sgd) Myron Walwyn
Voluntary Liquidator
[38/13]

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

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company No. 2077558
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 8th February 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 8th day of February 2024
(Sgd) Myron Walwyn
Voluntary Liquidator
[38/14]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1380690
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 February 12, 2024. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean, with address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: February 12, 2024.
(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean
Voluntary Liquidator
[38/15]

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

Highlands HFI, Corp.
In Voluntary Liquidation
Company No. 2066040
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 12 February, 2024.
Dated: 12 day of February, 2024
Sgd. Philippa V. O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator
[38/16]

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

Camden HFI, Corp.
In Voluntary Liquidation
Company No. 2066038
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 12 February, 2024.
Dated: 12 day of February, 2024
Sgd. Philippa V. O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator
[38/17]

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

Andrade I International Investments Ltd.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1886898
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 12th day of February 2024. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: 12th day of February 2024
(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator
[38/18]

Helcis Ltd

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1384257
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 12th day of February, 2024. The Liquidator is **Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated this 13th day of February, 2024
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[38/19]

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

Uniswan Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 6th day of February 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
[38/20]

PUBLIC NOTICES

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

PINASTER LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 6th day of February 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 [38/21]

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

Rossa Roccia Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 6th day of February 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 [38/22]

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

Speed Alpha Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 8th day of February 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 [38/23]

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

Bright New Vision Inc.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 8th day of February 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 [38/24]

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

AIMEI Tech Co., Ltd
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 9th day of February 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 [38/25]

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

ASIA ALLY HOLDINGS LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 6th day of February 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 c/o Sertus Chambers, P.O. Box 905, Quastisky Building, Road Town, Tortola VG 1110, British Virgin Islands [38/26]

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

Beautiful Angel Holdings Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 6th day of February 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 c/o Sertus Chambers, P.O. Box 905, Quastisky Building, Road Town, Tortola VG 1110, British Virgin Islands [38/27]

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

T Garden Holdings Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 6th day of February 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 c/o Sertus Chambers, P.O. Box 905, Quastisky Building, Road Town, Tortola VG 1110, British Virgin Islands [38/28]

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

Invech Holdings Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 6th day of February 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 c/o Sertus Chambers, P.O. Box 905, Quastisky Building, Road Town, Tortola VG 1110, British Virgin Islands [38/29]

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

Truikingaiman Investment Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 6th day of February 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 c/o Sertus Chambers, P.O. Box 905, Quastisky Building, Road Town, Tortola VG 1110, British Virgin Islands [38/30]

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

Blacksun Global Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 1st day of February 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 [38/31]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.
VALTRA HOLDING LTD.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1814950

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 February 14, 2024. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean**, with address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands. Dated: February 14, 2024. (Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean
Voluntary Liquidator [38/31]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.
ARBELL INTERNATIONAL LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2088598

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 February 14, 2024. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean**, with address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands. Dated: February 14, 2024. (Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean
Voluntary Liquidator [38/33]

APPOINTMENT
MARSA PROPERTY LIMITED
("the Company")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 202369

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that: **Marsa Property Limited** is in voluntary liquidation. The date of commencement of liquidation is 14th February 2024. The liquidator is **Carmine Bailey** of **Kendall Corporate Services Limited, 2nd Floor Abbott Building, 87 Main Street, Waterfront Drive, P.O. Box 3169; PMB425, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.** Dated 14th February 2024
Carmine Bailey
Voluntary Liquidator [38/34]

STRUCK OFF
Liquidator's Final Notice
SANFONE CAPITAL LIMITED
("the Company")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2112202

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to section (208) (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 5th February 2024. Dated 14th February 2024
Carmine Bailey
Voluntary Liquidator [38/35]

STRUCK OFF
Liquidator's Final Notice
MAX INSIGHT CAPITAL LIMITED
("the Company")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2113912

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to section (208) (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 5th February 2024. Dated 14th February 2024
Carmine Bailey
Voluntary Liquidator [38/36]

STRUCK OFF
Liquidator's Final Notice
ABBOTTSVALE LIMITED
("the Company")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 654747

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to section (208) (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 8th February 2024. Dated 14th February 2024
Carmine Bailey
Voluntary Liquidator [38/37]

STRUCK OFF
Liquidator's Final Notice
JANOIRE LIMITED
("the Company")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1536559

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to section (208) (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 8th February 2024. Dated 14th February 2024
Carmine Bailey
Voluntary Liquidator [38/38]

STRUCK OFF
Liquidator's Final Notice
BRICKEY INVESTMENTS CORP.
("the Company")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 32763

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to section (208) (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 8th February 2024. Dated 14th February 2024
Carmine Bailey
Voluntary Liquidator [38/39]

STRUCK OFF
Liquidator's Final Notice
TADDEO HOLDINGS LIMITED
("the Company")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1052239

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to section (208) (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 13th February 2024. Dated 14th February 2024
Carmine Bailey
Voluntary Liquidator [38/40]

PUBLIC NOTICES

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

PROBATE NO. OF 2024

**IN THE ESTATE OF CHEUNG WAI KEUNG, LATE OF
FLAT B2, 6TH FLOOR, BLOCK B, ELM TREE TOWERS,
10 CHUN FAI ROAD, TAI HANG, HONG KONG,
DECEASED**

Notice is given that after the expiration of eight (8) days an application will be made to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the resealing of the grant of probate of the estate of CHEUNG WAI KEUNG, late of Flat B2, 6th Floor, Block B, ELM Tree Towers, 10 Chun Fai Road, Tai Hang, Hong Kong, granted to WOO CHUN LI by the Deputy Registrar of the High Court of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region on the 23rd day of August 2023 with Grant No. HCAG011552/2023.

Dated the 12th day of February 2024.

**Harney Westwood & Riegels LP
Legal Practitioners of the Applicant
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**IN THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
VIRGIN ISLANDS
(PROBATE)**

BVIHPB2024/0024

**IN THE ESTATE OF JUNIOR WELLINGTON ROMNEY,
LATE OF WEST END, TORTOLA, BRITISH VIRGIN
ISLANDS, DECEASED**

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Magarita Penn of Belmont Park, West End, Tortola, British Virgin Islands for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above named deceased who died on the 15th day of January 2024 without revoking a Will bearing the date of the 12th day of January 2024 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 1st day of February 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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*Final Notice of Dissolution under the
BVI Business Company Act.*

Celeste Wealth Plan Ltd

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1682759

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 February 14th, 2024.

Dated: February 14th, 2024

(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean

Voluntary Liquidator

[38/41]

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

QC Investment Ltd

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1876235

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 203, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 13 February 2024. The Liquidator is **Harry J. Thompson of Harbour House, P.O. Box 4428, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated 15 February 2024

(Sgd.) Harry J. Thompson

Voluntary Liquidator

[38/42]

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

**CORPORATE WORLDWIDE
SERVICES LTD.**

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)

Company No. 4954146

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to section 204, subsection 1 (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in Voluntary Liquidation.-The-Voluntary Liquidation commenced on 15th November 2023. The Liquidator is **Myron Walwyn of Travers**

**Thorp Alberga, 2nd Floor
Jayla Place, P.O. Box 216,
Road Town, Tortola, British
Virgin Islands, VG1110.**

Dated 15th day of November 2023

(Sgd) Myron Walwyn

Voluntary Liquidator

[38/43]

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

PROBATE NO. 0033 OF 2024

**IN THE ESTATE OF LUIS FELIPPE INDIO DA
COSTA, LATE OF ESTRADA DA GAVEA, NO. 127,
GAVEA, RIO DE JANEIRO-RJ, BRAZIL, DECEASED**

**ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT
OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION**

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **LUIS OCTAVIO AZEREDO LOPES INDIO DA COSTA** of Estrada do Embú No. 1550, Cotia, São Paulo-SP, Brazil who is the son of **LUIS FELIPPE INDIO DA COSTA**, deceased who died intestate on the 27th day of March, 2023, for a Grant of Letters of Administration in the Estate of the said deceased.

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

DATED this 9th day of February, 2024

Filed by **HUNTE & CO. LAW CHAMBERS**, Attorneys-at Law whose address for service is 123 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

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**Creditor's Notice
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS
(PROBATE)**

IN THE ESTATE OF TSUI YIN HING DECEASED

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to section 28 of the Trustee Ordinance of the Laws of the Virgin Islands Revised Edition 1991 (Cap 303) that any person having a claim against or an interest in the estate of **TSUI YIN HING**, deceased, late of Unit 3, 2nd Floor, Block A, Belleve Garden, No. 53 Kung Lok Road, Kwun Tong, Kowloon, Hong Kong and who died on the 8th day of March 2021 in Hong Kong, is hereby required to send particulars in writing of his/her claim or interest to **Harney Westwood & Riegels (Attention Matthew Howson)** of **Craigmuir Chambers, PO Box 71, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands**, the Solicitors acting for **HOY SO YUET ALISON**, the administrator, whose address is Unit 3, 2nd Floor, Block A, Belleve Garden, No. 53 Kung Lok Road, Kwun Tong, Kowloon, Hong Kong and to send such particulars not later than 29th day of March 2024 after which date the said **HOY SO YUET ALISON** will distribute the estate among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interests of which she has had notice and will not, as respect to the property so distributed, be liable to any person of whose claim she shall not then have notice.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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

BVIHPB 2024/0032

**In the Estate of MARIA LUCIA ALALOU of Alameda Casa
Branca, 578, 13 Andar, Jardim Paulista, Sao Paulo,
Brazil, deceased**

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by FELIPE ALALOU of cidade de São Paulo, Alameda Franca, 579 apartamento 41, Brazil, GEORGE ALALOU of cidade de São Paulo, Rua Quatá, 746 apto 83 - Vila Olímpia, Brazil and JOSÉ EDUARDO ALALOU of cidade de São Paulo, Rua dos Limantos, Brazil for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicants who are the children of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 28th February, 2023 at Hospital Israelita Albert Einstein, Avenida Albert Einstein No 627, Neste Subdistrito, domiciled in Brazil, a widow.

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 8th day of February, 2024.
Filed by: SAMUELS RICHARDSON & CO
Legal Practitioners whose address for service is
Wattley Building, 2nd Floor
PO Box 3410
Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands
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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 FLÁVIO EDUARDO LOPES, LATE, OF RUA
CORONEL QUIRINO NO. 870, APTO. 161, CAMBUI, 13.025-001,
CAMPINAS-SP, BRAZIL, DECEASED**

ADVERTISEMENT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Flávia Da Costa Vicente Lopes of Rua Boaventura Do Amaral No. 1107, Apto. 81, 13.015-192 Campinas-SP, Brazil for a partial Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who is the daughter of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate at Hospital Vera Cruz -Casa de Saude, Campinas-SP, Brazil on 7 September 2021.

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 4th day of February 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
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*Notice of Appointment of a
Liquidator under Section 204 of
the BVI Business Company Act*
**MIDDLETON FINANCE
LTD.**
(IN VOLUNTARY
LIQUIDATION)
Company No. 1549388

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to section 204, subsection 1 (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in Voluntary Liquidation. The Voluntary Liquidation commenced on 13th February 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 13th February 2024 (Sgd) Myron Walwyn Voluntary Liquidator [38/44]

*Notice of Appointment of a
Liquidator under Section 204 of
the BVI Business Company Act*
**China InnoTech
Holdings Inc.**
(IN-VOLUNTARY
LIQUIDATION)
Company No. 1999698

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 5th February 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 5th February 2024 (Sgd) Myron Walwyn Voluntary Liquidator [38/45]

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CAMPINAS-SP, BRAZIL, DECEASED**

ADVERTISEMENT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Solange Da Costa Vicente Lopes of Rua Coronel Quirino No. 870, Apto. 161, Cambui, 13.025-001, Campinas-SP, Brazil for a Partial Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who is the widow of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate at Hospital Vera Cruz -Casa de Saude, Campinas-SP, Brazil on 7 September 2021.

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 5th day of February 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
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**The Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
(Probate)
Virgin Islands**

**In the estate of Sun Chan also known as Chan Sun, late
of 22 The Spur, Worongary, Queensland, Australia,
deceased**

Notice is given that after the expiration of 8 days, application will be made by MICHAEL KARL KLATT of Level 21 Riverside Centre, 123 Eagle Street, Brisbane in the State of Queensland, Australia to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the resealing of the Grant of Letters of Administration in the estate of SUN CHAN also known as CHAN SUN, late of 22 The Spur, Worongary, Queensland, Australia, deceased, granted to him by the Supreme Court of Queensland in Australia on the 16th day of June, 2020.



Solicitors for MICHAEL KARL KLATT, the Administrator
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PUBLIC NOTICES

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
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CORONEL QUIRINO NO. 870, APTO. 161, CAMBUI, 13.025-001,
CAMPINAS-SP, BRAZIL, DECEASED

ADVERTISEMENT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Guilherme Da Costa Vicente Lopes of Rua Coronel Quirino No. 870, Apto. 161, Cambui, 13.025-001, Campinas-SP, Brazil for a partial Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who is the son of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate at Hospital Vera Cruz -Casa de Saude, Campinas-SP, Brazil on 7 September 2021.

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 5th day of February 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
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THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
(PROBATE)

PROBATE NO. BVIHPB 0002 of 2024

IN THE ESTATE OF JANE ANN SYLVIA SCATLIFFE ALSO
KNOWN AS SYLVIA SCATLIFFE
Late of Long Bush, Tortola, Virgin Islands (UK), deceased

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Jeanette Scatliffe-Boynes of Upper Lower Estate, Jerome Scatliffe of Road Town, Collin Scatliffe of Hope Estate, all of Tortola, VG1110 in the Territory of the Virgin Islands, Michael Scatliffe of 334 Wintberg, St. Thomas, 00802 United States Virgin Islands, and Marsha Scatliffe-Valdivieso of 1 Fir Rd., Jersey City, New Jersey, 07035, United States of America, for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicants who are the children of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 2nd day of December, 2021.

ANY PERSON having an objection to the grant of Letters of Administration to the applicants shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice with the Registrar of the High Court in the Territory of The Virgin Islands.

Dated this 12th day of February 2024

Filed by Travers Thorp Alberga, whose address for service is 2nd Floor, Jayla Place, Road Town, Tortola, Virgin Islands (UK) VG1110.

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

**Thornway Holdings
Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 14th day of February 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 Nerine Chambers, P.O. Box 905, Quastisky Building, Road Town, Tortola VG 1110, British Virgin Islands
[38/46]



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

PROBATE NO. BVIHPB 0001 of 2024

IN THE ESTATE OF ARNANDO SCATLIFFE
Late of Long Bush, Tortola, Virgin Islands (UK), deceased

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Jeanette Scatliffe-Boynes of Upper Lower Estate, Jerome Scatliffe of Road Town, Collin Scatliffe of Hope Estate, all of Tortola, VG1110 in the Territory of the Virgin Islands, Michael Scatliffe of 334 Wintberg, St. Thomas, 00802 United States Virgin Islands, and Marsha Scatliffe-Valdivieso of 1 Fir Rd., Jersey City, New Jersey, 07035, United States of America, for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicants who are the children of the deceased, the deceased having died on the 2nd day of January, 1997.

ANY PERSON having an objection to the grant of Letters of Administration to the applicants shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice with the Registrar of the High Court in the Territory of The Virgin Islands.

Dated this 12th day of February 2024

Filed by Travers Thorp Alberga, whose address for service is 2nd Floor, Jayla Place, Road Town, Tortola, Virgin Islands (UK) VG1110.

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

PROBATE NO. OF 2024

IN THE ESTATE OF CHEUNG WAI KEUNG, LATE OF
FLAT B2, 6TH FLOOR, BLOCK B, ELM TREE TOWERS,
10 CHUN FAI ROAD, TAI HANG, HONG KONG,
DECEASED

Notice is given that after the expiration of eight (8) days an application will be made to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the resealing of the grant of probate of the estate of CHEUNG WAI KEUNG, late of Flat B2, 6th Floor, Block B, ELM Tree Towers, 10 Chun Fai Road, Tai Hang, Hong Kong, granted to WOO CHUN LI by the Deputy Registrar of the High Court of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region on the 23rd day of August 2023 with Grant No. HCAG011552/2023.

Dated the 12th day of February 2024.

Harney Westwood & Riegels LP
Legal Practitioners of the Applicant

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Seven Seas Grandeur's Inaugural Call to the British Virgin Islands



The British Virgin Islands Ports Authority (BVIPA) in collaboration with the Tortola Pier Park Ltd (TPPL), British Virgin Islands Tourist Board (BVITB) and local ship agent Island Shipping Trading Co. Ltd, commemorated the inaugural arrival of Regent Seven Seas Cruises, Grandeur with a plaque exchange ceremony. This event took place onboard the ship while it was berthed at the Cyril B. Romney Tortola Pier Park, Tortola with Captain Aristeidis Mertzanis and Minister of Communication and Works Honourable Kye Rymer.



Nyammin' launches the must-have BVI rum cake in collaboration with the Callwood Rum Distillery

The rum cake is made in the British Virgin Islands and celebrates BVI heritage and culture



The must-have Nyammin' BVI rum cake is made in collaboration with the Callwood Rum Distillery

ROAD TOWN, TORTOLA - Nyammin' has announced the launch of the must-have British Virgin Islands rum cake made in collaboration with the Callwood Rum Distillery. The rum cake is made in the British Virgin Islands (BVI), infused with Arundel Cane rum and rum-soaked fruit and boasts a traditional dark colour.

About Nyammin'

Nyammin' was founded in 2019 by three British Virgin Islanders, Chanelle and Alyssa Harrigan and Kevin Jones with an aim to enhance Caribbean awareness through cuisine and culture. Nyammin' originally started out in the UK hosting Caribbean supper club experiences across London but had to quickly pivot the business model when supper clubs were no longer permitted due to

the COVID-19 pandemic. During the lockdowns, the Nyammin' team developed and launched a rum cake in collaboration with Chairman's Reserve Rum of Saint Lucia. Sometimes the actual rum used in rum cakes is an afterthought, a secret or not considered however each rum has its own unique history so Nyammin' committed to always celebrate and highlight the rum used in their cakes.

Since launching in December 2020, the rum cakes have had success selling out at UK festivals and earned global recognition by winning a highly prized 2023 Great Taste award with the 2-star rating. Great Taste is the world's largest and most trusted food and drink accreditation scheme. Over 14k products from 109 different countries across the world were put through a rigorous blind judging process.

A 2-star rating means 'outstanding and above and beyond delicious'. Nyammin's Chairman Reserve rum cake was one of the 1,568 products that was awarded this prestigious rating.

BVI Rum Cake Launch

Following their UK success, Nyammin' wanted to launch a rum cake in their home country and given its rich BVI heritage, partnered with the Callwood Rum Distillery.

The Callwood Rum Distillery is the only operating rum distillery in the British Virgin Islands. Arundel Cane Rum is distilled and blended by the Callwood family for more than 200 years in one of the Caribbean's oldest continuously operating pot distilleries located in Cane Garden Bay, Tortola.

"We are so proud to be partnering with the Callwood Rum Distillery for the launch of our new BVI rum cake," says Chanelle Harrigan, Nyammin' co-founder. "We wanted to create a product that celebrates BVI heritage and culture and grew up learning about the history of the distillery so it's amazing that we're able to collaborate with them for our first product launched at home."

BVI Rum Cake Meleé

The Nyammin' BVI rum cake is locally made in the British Virgin Islands and uses Arundel's Original Dark rum which is aged for 4 years. Dried fruit is soaked in the rum for maximum flavour, a nod to the traditional method of making rum cakes in the BVI. The cake has a rich dark colour inspired by the rum cakes the Nyammin' co-founders would eat growing up which were always dark in appearance. The cake is 4-inches with a larger size available upon request.

Co-founder and head chef Kevin Jones dedicated countless hours developing and refining the recipe through 10 baking trials. "Every rum is different so I wanted to find the right amount of each ingredient to complement the delicious notes in Arundel's Original Dark rum," said Kevin Jones. "I'm very patriotic so being able to collaborate with the Callwood Rum Distillery which is also deep-rooted in BVI culture is a dream come true."

The packaging incorporates co-



Nyammin's newest rum cake is locally made in the British Virgin Islands

lours from the BVI flag and has a design dedicated to highlighting BVI beauty and aspects the Nyammin' co-founders love about their home country. It includes:

Hibiscus flower - found all over the islands and a popular earring design which was a childhood favourite for Chanelle and Alyssa

Monohull yacht - named "284" to represent the country's area code and being commonly referred to as the "sailing capital of the world"

Beach - represents the stunning white sand beaches across the BVI "From the rich dark colour of our cakes, to the rum-soaked fruit we wanted to stay true to the rum cakes we grew up with and loved," says Alyssa Harrigan, Nyammin' co-founder. "Every colour and symbol was meticulously chosen for our packaging to celebrate our BVI pride."

Availability

These must-have rum cakes are currently available at the Callwood Rum Distillery, Initial Artistry (BVI Apparel House) at the Terrance B. Lettsome Airport and Swirlzzz and KennyTees at the Cyril B. Romney Tortola Pier Park. Nyammin' aims to expand across the islands in 2024 and beyond.

The cakes are also available for wholesale and corporate orders. Not only are they tasty BVI souvenirs but also perfectly sized for gifting, hospitality and special events like destination weddings and parties.

For more information about the Nyammin' BVI rum cake, please visit www.nyammin.com/bvi-rum-cake or contact hello@nyammin.com.



Nyammin' co-founders Alyssa Harrigan, Kevin Jones and Chanelle Harrigan



Nyammin's award-winning UK rum cake is made with Chairman's Reserve rum of Saint Lucia



Smiths Gore (BVI) Limited is seeking a part time high-end Vacation Villa Manager with a minimum of five year's experience within the guest services industry, property management and project management disciplines. The applicant must have a meticulous eye for detail, be able to manage staff, suppliers and contractors, and work flexible hours including weekends and holidays. The role requires computer literacy, initiative and excellent communications skills with a hands-on approach. Social media skills and own transport are required for this position. Please submit your application in writing to : info@smithsgore.com
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Looking for Two Full-Time Caretakers
Applicants must be caring loving and have patience
Interested applicants please send Resume to ginger2017@protonmail.com
[s39]

Pinnacle Cleaning Services requires a full time Cleaning Supervisor-to-manage cleaning-services-and staff. Please email resume to: sunrise@surfbvi.com. or telephone : 340-4569, BVI Islanders/Belongers preferred. [s39]

KAD POOL SERVICES LIMITED requires a Full-Time - INVENTORY PURCHASING MANAGER with at least five years experience.
Please apply in writing to the Managing Director, P.O. Box 3169, PMB 196, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110, BVI, or call 284-541-8006.
[s39]

CP4 Entertainment Band is seeking to employ one Lead Guitarist and one Bass Guitarist to join its group of talented musicians. Must have at least 2 to 5 years of experience. Must be a team player. Please email: mfaslvi@gmail.com or call 284 499 1542.
[s39]

PETER ISLAND RESORT & SPA

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

Peter Island Resort seeking to fill the following vacancy: **Financial Controller**

Duties/Responsibilities

- Provide leadership, vision and direction to the Spa team to accomplish resort and department goals and cultivate a strong team atmosphere focused on guest and team member engagement and satisfaction. Lead with trust, respect and by example.
- Manage accounting and purchasing staff.
- Month-end accounting duties include closing the books and issuing financial statements in a timely manner.
- Work closely with operating departments to make sure guest billing is handled correctly.
- Review vendor and client contracts, as necessary.
- Maintain internal controls for cash handling, accounts payable and accounts receivable.
- Review and approve weekly vendor payments.
- Monthly G/L account reconciliations.
- Review A/R aging reports on a weekly basis. Discuss problems with General Manager and Sales managers.
- Review financial statements with hotel management and Amway Hotel Corporation.
- Coordinate the annual operating budget process. Present final budgets to Amway Hotel Corporation.
- Monitor annual capital spending to ensure budget limits are not exceeded.
- Financial analysis provided to operating managers as needed. Emphasis on problem solving and cost savings.
- Work closely with AHC accounting team and provide support as necessary.

Handle and manage confidential information.

Specific Technical/General:

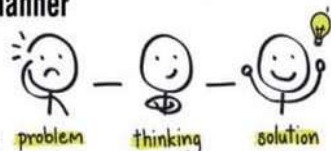
- Previous Caribbean/international experience helpful, but not mandatory.
- Strong 4-5-star Resort experience.
- Must possess exceptional, "full rounded" experience.
- Must be a self-starter, energetic, & motivated.
- Due to the small island environment, must be a team player who enjoys challenges and working with others.
- Must have at least 5- 8 years' experience in accounting, resort experience preferred.
- Candidates must have at least a bachelor's degree in accounting or finance required. MBA preferred.
- Must be creative; however willing to work with existing core resort philosophy and style.
- Should have a strong background in computers.

BVI Islanders or Belongers preferred. To apply, send application and resume to: Chad James, Director of Human Resources, P.O. Box 211, Road Town, Tortola, BVI or email: cjames@peterisland.net or call: 284-495-2000.

[s38]

Before you discipline a child

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[s38]

BERT'S AI CONSTRUCTION NOW SEEKING :Full time positions: THREE MASONS, THREE CARPENTERS AND THREE - MARINE CONSTRUCTION LABOURERS-FOR-ON GOING DOCK PROJECT.
CALL 284-543-9651 [s38]

Assistant Chef for a vegetarian-restaurant preparing vegetarian meals. If you are a team player and are interested and enjoy working with others, please email us at merlissaaaron@gmail.com
[s39]

VIRGIN ISLAND MOTORS LIMITED is looking for a CAR WASHER. MUST be flexible and willing to work on weekends and holidays. Can work with minimal supervision. A valid BVI Driver's License is required. BVI Islanders or Belongers preferred. Interested persons may drop off application at VI Motors office in Duff's Bottom.
[s38]

Emizia Vante Gift Shop located at Craft Alive is seeking one (1) full time Sales Person to assist with the sale of items, five to seven days each week. Please call 284-543-9651 for details. [s38]

Legal Secretary wanted for small firm . Email us at info@chaselawandco.com
[s39]

VIRGIN-GORDA SECURITY (VGS) is looking for Part-time and Full-time SECURITY OFFICERS. We are searching for individuals willing to perform various tasks in a Security environment. Previous experience in Security is a plus, however, it is an excellent opportunity to gain experience with on the job training. Please don't hesitate to contact us for further details by calling the following numbers (284) 499 0530, (248) 499 0520 or (284) 441-6001
[s38]

CLEAN-VIRGIN ISLANDS now seeks three (3) full time: professional Cleaners to assist with ongoing cleaning projects at several marinas. Call-284-547-4735-for information
[s38]

Looking for a CARETAKER willing to work full time holidays & weekends. Also has experience administering medication via PEG feed tube for elderly person.
Telephone 443-5028.
[s39]

Efficient Experts is seeking an Office Manager for a full time position to assist our customers from Monday until Saturday. Please call 284-543-9651. Must speak English.
[s39]

LOWER-ESTATE INTERIOR-SHOP needs one full time ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT.
Telephone 344-3820
[s38]

COCONUT LOUNGE is seeking to fill two (2) positions: KITCHEN HELPER and SERVER. To register your interest, please send resume to coconutloungevi@gmail.com. The - successful candidates - must be willing to work late evening shifts, especially on weekends. Requirements : Relevant qualifications with at least three (3) years of experience in-the-hospitality industry.-Applicants with BVI belonger status preferred.
[s38]

BK C-Store Fashion & Auto Stop : Hiring : Cashier/Store-Attendant FULL-TIME and PART-TIME.
Cleaner / Store Attendant - Formal inquiries only - Email: bkcstore@yahoo.com or WhatsApp: 284-442-1842.
Absolutely no Telephone nor Walk-in enquiries. Belongers Preferred.
[s41]

MERVIN'S-PLUMBING SERVICES needs two full time PLUMBERS with at least five years experience. Telephone 499-6731
[s39]

Full-time-LABOURER/HANDYMAN job opportunity in Anegada. Contact 496-0961 for information
[s38]

DOO Bespoke Furniture Marine and Land is seeking a full-time carpenter to construct custom furniture for both residential homes and boats. Candidates should possess a minimum of three years of relevant experience. For inquiries, please email your resume to dennisosipenkov@icloud.com or call 284-547-8100.
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DANIELLA'S-BEAUTY SALON-LONG-BUSH needs one full time NAIL TECHNICIAN. MUST have at least three to five years experience. Telephone 342-5999.[s39]

Bobbys Market Place is seeking workers with full time experience.
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Telephone: 494-2978
[s39]

ONE-FULL-TIME FARMER/HANDYMAN. needed. Telephone 496-7722
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KE VILLAS is seeking two part time and two full time COOKS, Telephone 542-2000
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