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“THE PUBLIC’S VOICE MATTERS IN SHAPING A BETTER MINIMUM WAGE,” SAYS DEPUTY PREMIER



Hon. Lorna Smith OBE

Deputy Premier and Minister for Financial Services, Labour, and Trade, Hon Lorna Smith, OBE, has reaffirmed the importance of a thorough and inclusive process in the ongoing review of the minimum wage in the British Virgin Islands. Responding to inquiries during a recent press conference, Hon Smith emphasized the need for

careful consideration before announcing any adjustments to the minimum wage.

"At the press conference, I stated that I didn't know and reiterated that the review is ongoing, which aligns with my commitment to a thorough and inclusive decision-making process," Hon Smith stated in a press release issued on April 5.

Highlighting the formation of the Minimum Wage Advisory Committee in November, Hon Smith underscored the committee's role in evaluating the current wage structure and soliciting input from stakeholders. She emphasized the significance of conducting a comprehensive analysis and seeking feedback from all relevant parties.

"While an increase is likely, at this stage of the review, prematurely announcing an increase could undermine stakeholder consultation, data integrity, and policy confidence," Hon Smith asserted.

Expressing empathy for those facing financial challenges, Hon Smith acknowledged the desire for a wage increase

among many individuals. However, she stressed the importance of basing decisions on evidence-based findings and broad participation.

"I am very much aware that many persons are struggling and are desirous of an increase in wages. I also believe in a process that is participative and supported by evidence-based findings in making decisions," she affirmed.

To facilitate public engagement, Hon Smith announced the availability of survey questionnaires on the government's website and encouraged stakeholders to participate in discussions at the Ministry's conference room over the next two weeks.

"We will also make time available at my ministry's

conference-room location to accommodate engagements on minimum wage discussion from 4 pm – 5 pm over the next two weeks (8 – 19 April)," she stated.

The Deputy Premier emphasized that the potential increase in the minimum wage would be contingent upon feedback from the public and the comprehensive analysis conducted by the advisory committee, led by a capable economist within the ministry.

"We have to get all of the information. We have to get everybody to respond to the survey, all persons. There is also a survey for employers, and based on that information, the economists, and the

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advisory committee will devise or put together the necessary data," she explained.

As anticipation mounts for the advisory committee's report, Hon Smith reiterated that the final decision would rest

with the Cabinet.

"Cabinet will make the decision," she affirmed.

Hon Smith concluded by urging active participation from all stakeholders in shaping a fair and

effective minimum wage policy for the British Virgin Islands.

"The public's voice matters in shaping a better minimum wage policy. I anticipate the report by the end of this month," she stated.

FORMER PREMIER SENTENCING RESCHEDULED

A request for a delay in the sentencing of former Premier Andrew Fahie, who was convicted on charges related to drug trafficking and racketeering, has been granted by a Miami court. The motion, submitted by Fahie's attorney, Theresa Van Vliet, cited conflicting commitments and the need for additional time to address potential objections to the pre-sentencing report.

Originally scheduled for 29 April, Fahie's sentencing has now been rescheduled for 25 June, following the approval of Van Vliet's motion by Judge Kathleen Williams. This decision allows Fahie's legal team the necessary time to adequately prepare for

the sentencing process and ensure a thorough review of relevant documentation.

Fahie's conviction stemmed from his involvement in a conspiracy to import cocaine through the British Virgin Islands (BVI) ports, alongside Oleanvine Maynard, the former Managing Director of the BVI Ports Authority, and Maynard's son, Kadeem Maynard. The trio's collaboration with an informant of the US Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) resulted in their apprehension and subsequent legal proceedings.

Despite Fahie's unanimous guilty verdict on 8 February, the aftermath

of the trial has been marked by unexpected developments. Recent revelations regarding jurors expressing second thoughts about their decision have raised questions about the integrity of the verdict and generated debates surrounding the sanctity of jury deliberations.

In contrast to Fahie's situation, Oleanvine's case has taken a different course. Maynard, who admitted guilt in connection to the conspiracy, entered into a plea agreement with prosecutors and agreed to testify against Fahie in exchange for potentially lenient sentencing terms. Consequently, Maynard's sentencing had been postponed for separate reasons.

Meanwhile, her son Kadeem, who pleaded guilty to a single count of conspiracy to import cocaine, received a 57-month prison sentence on 20 November, 2023, concluding his involvement in the illicit activities.

“Sharing A Fly Wing” To Be Launched On Saturday

Local author Mrs. Hildegard Flax-Shaw, will be launching her book titled, ‘Sharing a Fly Wing - A Memoir of Growing Up on Virgin Gorda, British Virgin Islands’ on Saturday April 13.

In this deeply personal account, Mrs. Flax-Shaw, reminisces on her childhood and teenaged experiences, while depicting traditional Virgin Islands culture and values.

She encourages readers to, “Come with me on a nostalgic journey to Virgin Gorda, the land of my birth...a different land...a different time...one without automobiles, electricity, and any form of [modern] technology.”

“Everyone lived in complete harmony with each other. Stroll with me through the moonlit nights of that place that once was so perfect, it could be remembered as our utopia. You will not want to miss this adventure,” Mrs. Flax-Shaw recounts.

According to the author, the text also pays tribute to her parents, teachers, ancestors, and culture bearers. Chapters include “Mother-isms”, “Declining Customs”, and “Protected Areas of Interest”, which portray and preserves a range of themes that embrace the traditional customs of Virgin Gorda, and by extension, the Virgin Islands to the benefit of future generations.

Meanwhile, Director of Culture, Dr. Katherine Smith said the value of this genre of writing is that readers are provided with a first-hand account of the author's experiences.

“This is often the rich socio-cultural description that is often missing from historical records,” she said.

Dr. Smith added, “Of course, the more we are able to hear from our Sister Islands, the more accurate and balanced our understanding of our history. Increasingly, a common traditional cultural experience is being unveiled across the Virgin Islands.”

Persons are encouraged to attend the launch on Saturday April 13, at the Flax Administration Building conference room in Virgin Gorda at 10:00 a.m.

The Department of Culture continues to promote the contributions of local authors, and the Virgin Islands' cultural heritage and traditions.

For more information about the Department of Culture's book launch programme, persons can contact the department at 468-4379.



EXPENDITURE FOR MUSIC FESTIVAL ENCOUNTERS NEW CRITICISM

More criticism has arisen over the government's decision to allocate \$670,000 to an upcoming music festival, with concerns voiced that the funding prioritizes frivolous activities over pressing needs, such as support for small businesses. Sixth District Representative Hon. Myron Walwyn expressed discontent during a recent sitting of the House of Assembly, arguing that the government's approach lacks practicality.

Since the announcement of the government-sponsored music festival, many in the community have expressed outrage at the notion that the

government was funding a music fest while a private entity was also advertising a similar event within weeks. While analysing the public view on the matter, Hon. Walwyn explained that he is not opposed to the concept of a music festival. However, he questioned the planning process and the viability of attracting attendees with such short notice. "How can you plan a music fest, advertise it, or announce it just a month and a half before it's scheduled?" he challenged. He further questioned the government's ability to ensure a substantial return on investment within such a brief timeframe.



Hon. Myron Walwyn

Some observers are asking whether the music festival is more suitable to the August BVI Festival.

"When people who are struggling to receive assistance from the government witness expenditures like this, it understandably frustrates them," the Sixth District Representative remarked,

emphasizing the disconnect between public needs and government priorities.

Hon. Walwyn warned of escalating discontent as the government prepares to finance another elaborate event during the 70th anniversary of the Emancipation Festival.

In defense of the government's expenditure, Premier Natalio Wheatley emphasized the economic benefits of funding such events, arguing that they provide opportunities for income generation and cultural exchange. Dr. Wheatley highlighted the participation of local

residents in regional music festivals, underscoring their significance in promoting cultural tourism and community engagement.

"We have successful music festivals in the region where our own people spend their money and participate," the Premier noted. "This demonstrates their recognition of the value and importance of these events and their willingness to support them."

While aspiring to elevate the British Virgin Islands' music festival to regional prominence, Hon. Wheatley acknowledged the need for significant efforts to achieve such an objective.

"IT'S UNFAIR TO SAY THAT WE NEGLECT THE TRADE DEPT": DEPUTY PREMIER SAYS

Deputy - Premier Hon. Lorna Smith has responded to criticisms regarding the perceived neglect of the Trade Department within her extensive portfolio, countering with evidence of a comprehensive leadership-strategy. Amidst-concerns that her focus on the financial services sector was overshadowing other areas, the Deputy Premier emphasized a holistic approach to governance.

Acknowledging public sentiments,

Hon. Smith defended her administration's commitment to trade development, stating: "It takes some time to get everything in place, but I don't think it's fair to say that we are ignoring Trade." She reiterated her dedication to fostering growth across all sectors under her purview. Those who know the Deputy Premier well know that she has always been vocal about greater support to Trade and Private Sector.

As the Minister for Financial Services,

Labour, and Trade, Hon. Smith also addressed concerns about the apparent disparity in attention given to different sectors. She emphasized recent advancements within the Trade Department, including imminent staff additions and upcoming initiatives.

Hon. Smith highlighted the - imminent recruitment of a Business Development Manager for the Trade-Department, underscoring-the government's efforts to enhance trade-

related services. She also referenced plans for a business expo and initiatives aimed at reviving the National Business Bureau as evidence of ongoing commitment to trade development.

Supporting-Smith's stance, Policy Analyst and Strategic Advisor at the Ministry, Lizette George, -concurred that criticisms were unfounded. -George detailed-internal restructuring efforts, including a recent staff audit to recruit

specialized personnel and streamline processes.

George-revealed ongoing recruitment efforts for a Deputy Director-position, emphasizing-the department's proactive approach to addressing emerging needs. She assured that recent improvements-had led to expedited trade licensing processes, demonstrating tangible progress in enhancing trade-related services.

Playground Facility Marks A Milestone In Community

Six months since its official handover, the Anegada Children's-Playground continues to benefit children of all ages on the island.

The completed playground is the combined power of a shared vision, and public-private partnerships, as funding was provided by Unite BVI and the Government of the Virgin Islands. Designed to promote physical activity and foster social interaction, the facility represents a hub for families and children to gather, play, and thrive.

Key features of the playground include the installation of artificial turf and playground equipment and the construction of a white picket fence, which provides a safe and inclusive space for children of diverse abilities to explore and enjoy.

The completion of the Anegada Children's Playground is one of four activities to rehabilitate

the Anegada Recreational Facility. Other completed activities are the Rubberised Resurfacing of the Basketball Court with demarcations, the Exterior Perimeter Fencing with a chain link fence and pedestrian gates, and the installation of Exterior Lighting.

The Recovery and Development Agency is now conducting a Value for Money (VfM) Assessment on the Recreational Facility to evaluate the economy, efficiency, effectiveness and equity of this project intervention. The RDA conducts VfM assessments for all completed projects towards continuous improvement in delivery of projects.

This is the third recreational facility that the RDA has rehabilitated.-Directly following the passage of Hurricanes Irma and Maria, the RDA partnered with the BVI Olympic Committee and the BVI



Athletics Association to install the rubberised track and thereafter, stands and bathroom facilities at the A. O. Shirley Recreational Ground and in May 2022, the RDA completed the rehabilitation of the Anthonie Jeffrey Caines Sports Arena in Virgin Gorda.

Director of Programme Strategy at the RDA, Kinisha Forbes said, "The successful completion of these projects underscores the RDA's dedication to community development, sustainability, and quality of

life enhancement".

Ms. Forbes added, "Through planning, design, and execution, we have transformed a vision into reality, leaving a lasting legacy for generations to come."

Ms. Forbes continued, "We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all partners, stakeholders, and volunteers who contributed to this endeavour. Together, we have created spaces which will serve our community for years to come."

The RDA is a statutory body dedicated to realising

the vision of the Recovery to Development Plan in support of infrastructure projects, fundraising and capacity building to the Government of the Virgin Islands.

With a commitment to accountability,-integrity, value for money and good governance, the RDA strives to Build BVI Stronger, Smarter, Greener and Better. Learn more about our initiatives at BVIREcovery.VG.

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Persons seeking to have students placed in the Virgin Islands public school system are reminded that the registration process for the 2024-2025 academic school year began on January 2 and ends April 30. Parents are encouraged to pay attention to the registration period and submit application forms on time for placement.

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 www.bvi.gov.vg.



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70 Slogans Submitted for 70th Virgin Islands

The excitement is building as the 70th Virgin Islands Festival approaches. BVI residents have enthusiastically participated by submitting 70 creative slogans to commemorate this landmark celebration. The festival,

organised by the British Virgin Islands Tourist Board and Film Commission (BVITBFC), invites the public to play an integral role in choosing the festival's slogan.

Director of Tourism Clive

McCoy expressed his delight at the overwhelming response from the community. He said, "The slogans submitted showcase the immense creativity and talent within the BVI. I believe it is an indication



of the public's enthusiasm for participating in this year's celebration."

A total of 70 slogans were submitted to the BVITBFC by the deadline of 15th March. Following this, a panel of team members from the BVI Tourist Board meticulously reviewed the entries and selected the eight finalists. On Monday, 8th April the top eight slogans will be revealed to the public via the Virgin Islands Festival and Fairs Facebook Page. From there, everyone will get a chance to vote for their top 3 slogan choices until Friday, 12th April. The top three picks will be announced on Monday, 15th April. Residents will then vote for their choice of the top slogan, with voting closing on Friday, 19th April. The winning slogan will be unveiled on Friday, 26th April.

The tradition of public competitions for selecting slogans and themes for the BVI Emancipation Festival started in the early 1980s as a means of engaging community-wide participation in this aspect of the festival. This year is not only the 70th BVI Emancipation Festival but also the 190th anniversary of the abolition of slavery in the British Virgin Islands, so a grand celebration is in store.

Visit www.facebook.com/VirginIslandsFestival for updates on the BVI Emancipation Festival.

About the

British Virgin Islands

Known as a treasured destination rich in undiscovered experiences, the British Virgin Islands (BVI) is an alluring archipelago comprising 60 islands and cays located in the northeastern region of the Caribbean Sea. With plentiful private villas and luxury boutique resorts, there is no shortage of accommodations from which to choose, whether for leisure or MICE (meetings, events, and incentives) travel. The BVI has long been hailed as the sailing capital of the world for its line-of-sight sailing, myriad boat charter options (bareboat, crewed, powered, traditional hoisted sail), and an array of experiences catering especially to yachties. The BVI is continually recognized with accolades including "Top Islands in the Caribbean, Bermuda and the Bahamas" in Travel + Leisure's World's Best Awards 2020, placing #2 on The New York Times' coveted "52 Places to Go in 2020" list and ranking "#1 Best Place to Visit in the Caribbean" by U.S. News & World Report in 2017, 2018 and 2019 and #2 for 2021-2022. For more information on how to experience BVILOVE, visit the British Virgin Islands Tourist Board & Film Commission website at www.bvitourism.com or contact 1-800-835-8530.



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)

23 Named Storms In Forecast For 2024 Hurricane Season

Forecasters at the Colorado State University Tropical Meteorology Project are warning that the region will likely see above average levels of storm activity during the 2024 Atlantic Hurricane Season, which begins June 1.

Senior Research Scientist Dr. Phil Klotzbach during a presentation at the Topical Weather Conference said that the Atlantic basin is forecast to see 23 named storms over the course of the season. Eleven hurricanes are expected to form, and of those, five are expected to develop into major hurricanes of Category 3 or stronger.

Dr. Klotzbach said higher than average sea temperatures will provide heat energy conducive to storm development, while a return to La Nina conditions later this year will mean very little vertical wind shear to disrupt the organisation and strengthening of storm systems.

Director of Disaster Management Jasen Penn said that while conditions and expectations can change as the season develops, this forecast should prompt residents to prepare early for the possibility of seasonal storms.

“The reality is that regardless of the forecast, it remains important for persons to take steps to prepare, because just one storm coming to our area can be devastating,” Mr. Penn said.

The director noted that forecasters predict a 66% probability of a major hurricane tracking through the Caribbean Sea, compared to 47% probability in an average year.

Mr. Penn said, “Probabilities are not certainties, but I would encourage all of us to

take all steps possible to be ready for seasonal storms. As we often say, it is better to prepare and prevent than to repair and repent.”

As the hurricane season approaches, residents are urged to monitor local

weather reports, which are shared daily via the DDM website and social media channels. Updates are more frequent when a system poses a potential threat.

Other steps that can help prepare before a storm

include:

Downloading the DDM App; Making or updating an emergency plan; Inspecting roofs, gutters, shutters and drainage paths;. Assembling essential supplies such as food, water, and medication

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Flow commences Phased Shutdown of 2G Mobile Network

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Acting Country Manager, Lyndon Hodge responding to this new development says: “The majority of our mobile customers have already upgraded to 3G and

4G compatible devices over the years, however the change may mean that customers need to verify that 3G or 4G access is enabled in their phone settings.

Some customers may even need to replace their phone because it is not compatible with 3G or 4G technologies. Understanding that customers will need some time to check settings and possibly change their device, Flow will implement a phased shutdown by April 8.” Beyond this date, mobile phones and other connected devices such as tracking devices, dongles, IoT’s that use ONLY 2G technology will no longer be able to connect to the Flow mobile network. Impacted customers who fail to take action will not be able to make and receive calls, text messages or utilize mobile data at that time.”

Flow urges customers to assess their device to enjoy uninterrupted access to their

services and stay connected. If travel is on the horizon, it is also recommended that your new device is VoLTE (Voice over LTE) capable. Most mobile roaming partners abroad have also phased out their 2G networks and require VoLTE for roaming connectivity while travelling abroad.

More information on this network enhancement is available online at Flow British Virgin Islands (discoverflow.co) Flow also invites customers to visit the page to check if their phone is 3G/4G capable and to learn how to change your settings. Further assistance for residential customers is also available at the Flow store, where the agents can also assist with the purchase of a new device, settings audit and LTE SIM upgrade. Business customers can contact their account manager for support.



At the Regatta Village :Capt Robin attersall (93) and his crew
(Photo: Astrid C Wenzke)

Before you discipline a child



S - stop! Calm yourself and your child
T - take a few deep breaths
O - observe the needs of your child
P - proceed in a kind but firm manner



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A message from the Department of Disaster Management and Sol

Waste Oil Facility In Sea Cow's Bay Now Open To The Public

The Department of Waste Management now has the ability to store used oil at a newly opened Waste Oil Facility in Sea Cow's Bay.

The facility became operational on Friday April 5 and can now store 20,000 gallons of used oil.

Deputy Director, Mr. Anslem Myers said that the department has retained the services of a company who will be responsible for managing the facility and collecting used oil from around the public garbage

bins throughout the Territory.

Residents are asked to place their used or waste oil around the public bins to be collected and transported to the facility. Persons can also take small quantities directly to the site Monday to Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. beginning Monday April 8.

Mr. Myers said, "We will be accepting small quantities of waste oil from households, small commercial businesses, hotels, restaurants and

government organisations."

He added that oil products in large quantities or from large commercial businesses such as charter or fuel companies is strictly prohibited.

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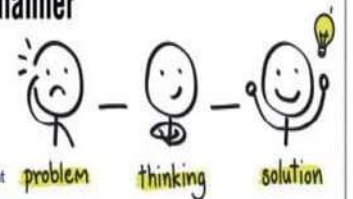
Minister for Communications and Works, Honourable Kye M. Rymer is featured at the first day of Seatrade Cruise Global 2024 event where he met with representatives from Disney and Carnival cruise lines.

Featured as part of his delegation are Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Communications and Works along with BVI Ports Authority Board members and official of the Cyril B. Romney Tortola Pier Park.



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- Good communication abilities (both writing and verbal)

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- Solid technical or programming background

Soft Skills:

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GLOBAL NEWS BRIEF

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GOLD - It may be premature to talk about gold fever, but it is striking that, during the opening minutes of the first session in the second trimester, its price by the ounce had nearly a 2% revaluation.

My prognosis for this year was for a dramatic revaluation of the gold ounce, which has already come to pass with this year's rise of nearly 10%. I think that at the height of 2024, that rise will hit 30%.

But even more striking is the fact that this rise in the price of the ounce of gold has been compatible with the appreciation of the dollar against the euro, which, since the beginning of 2022, has been 5%, meaning that those who had invested in gold at the time (and who had the euro as their financing currency) have accumulated a 28% revaluation of their investment, of which 23% corresponds to a rise in the price of gold and 5% to the appreciation of the dollar against the euro.

For the most part, it is normal for dollar and gold prices to move in opposite directions (i.e., when the price of gold rises, the price of the dollar falls), but there are always exceptional periods during which both appreciate or depreciate. And it seems that we are in one of those moments in which both

appreciate or, at least, the rise in the price of gold is much higher than the depreciation of the dollar. Such has been the case for the last month and a half. While the price of an ounce of gold has risen by 13%, the dollar has depreciated by only 0.6% [EI Pais]

FALSE OR TRUE? -Stock market high

Claim: "This is the Trump stock market because my polls against Biden are so good that investors are projecting that I will win, and that will drive the market up." Trump made this claim on his network Truth Social on January 29, 2024, in response to a US stock market high.

DWFACT CHECK: FALSE

In fact, over the past year, between April 2023 and April 2024, the S&P 500 stock index rose by 27 percent.

Along with the Dow Jones and Nasdaq, the S&P 500 is the third major US stock market indicator. It includes the 500 largest stock-exchange-listed companies in the United States.

The boom in the US stock market has less to do with Trump's poll ratings and more with the interest rate policy of the Federal Reserve (FED). The US stock market recovery began in late 2023, when the FED chairman, Jerome Powell, hinted that the

historic tightening of monetary policy was probably over, as inflation was falling faster than expected. On April 3, 2024, Powell stated that, given the good development of the US economy, and "if the economy evolves broadly as we expect," a rate cut could be forthcoming at some point this year.

According to analysts, other factors have also contributed to the stock market high, such as "optimism with regard to artificial intelligence." [Deutsche Welle]

HUNGARY - A contender to Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban brought tens of thousands of people onto the streets of downtown Budapest on Saturday.

Peter Magyar, who until recently had close links to the government, launched a political movement in February that seeks to dethrone the populist leader after 14 years in power.

Magyar, a lawyer who used to be married to Orban's former justice minister, recently alleged entrenched corruption and cronyism among Hungary's leaders.

Protesters marched to the parliament building, some of them shouting: "We are not scared" and "Orban resign!"

Many wore the red-white-green national colors or waved the Hungarian flag.

Magyar addressed the crowd, describing how his new political movement would bring together those frustrated by Orbán's rule

and the fragmented, ineffectual political opposition.

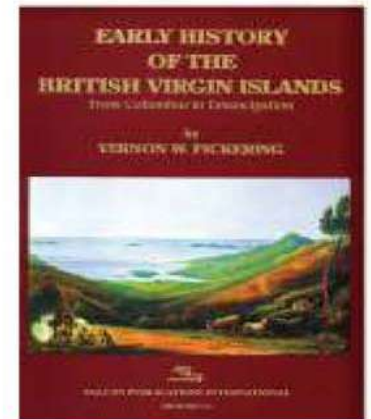
"Step by step, brick by brick, we are taking back our homeland and building a new country, a sovereign, modern, European Hungary," Magyar told supporters.

"Our elected leaders have incited the Hungarian people against each other for the past 20 years. Whether the fate of our country went well or we were close to bankruptcy, we were pitted against each other instead of allowing us to band together," Magyar added. "We will put an end to this now." [Deutsche Welle]

BERMUDA - Over the past few months, Jason Hayward has been in the news with respect to an amendment to the Employment Act 2000. When first announced, the Minister of Economy and Labour praised Bermuda Industrial Union executive Helena "Molly" Burgess for lobbying him to address the abuse identified. This amendment concerned the reported practice of unscrupulous employers in the hospitality sector retaining a percentage of gratuities intended for designated employees. In other words, some employers were found to be using their control of the gratuity system in a way that was not intended and denying employees their full share of the identified gratuities in question.

Think of the potential revenue losses that workers have endured during that period by Mr Hayward's inaction. So while he neglected unforgivably to address that issue for five years, he would facilitate the undermining of another key facet of the gratuities scheme. He accomplished this when — in conjunction with Cordell Riley, the chairman of the Wage Commission, and Chris Furbert, the president of the BIU — he allowed the industry to use gratuities in the calculation of basic pay, which employers in the global hospitality industry love for obvious reasons.

All this despite the caveat in the approved report. However, we now see even in the Cayman Islands, as was reported recently, that its "Minimum Wage Advisory Committee" has belatedly decided to a phase out a similarly inequitable scheme implemented there only a few years ago. That



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so-called "loophole" allowed Cayman's hospitality sector to use gratuities in calculating 25 per cent of the employees' wage in a similar way to ourselves. [Royal Gazette]

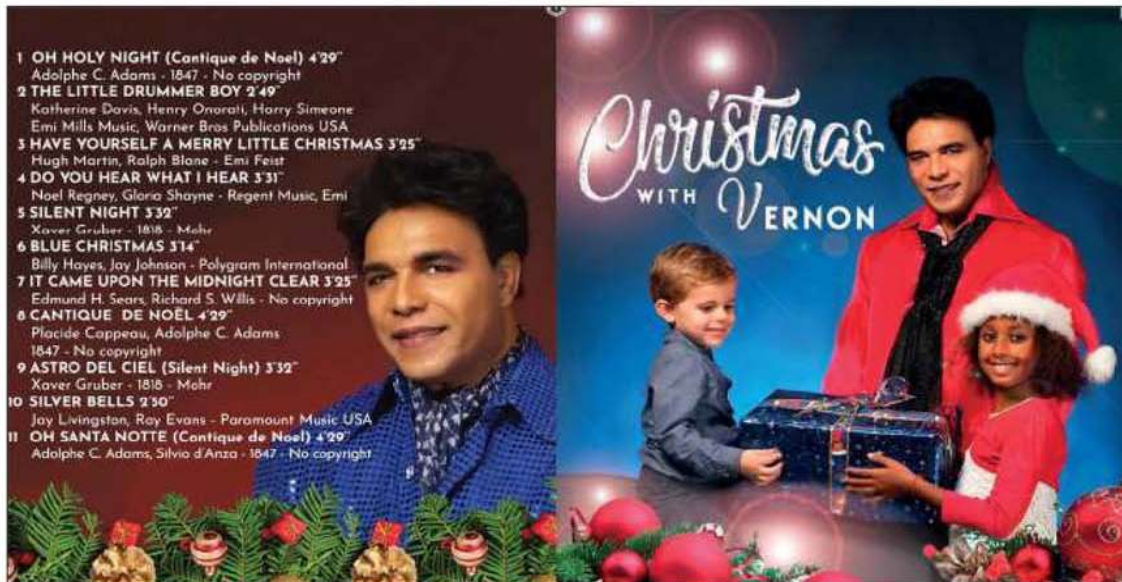
GUYANA - Guyana's President Dr. Irfaan Ali has clinched the title of Caribbean Global Leader for 2024, as announced by the Caribbean Global Awards.

The decision follows a surge in public engagement, with an impressive 609 valid votes cast in the People's Choice category.

The Caribbean Global Awards witnessed an unparalleled level of participation, reflecting the region's deep interest in recognizing outstanding leadership.

The turnout underscores the significance of acknowledging individuals who have made remarkable contributions to their nations and the broader Caribbean community. The unveiling of the top 10 Caribbean Global Leaders showcases a diverse lineup of influential personalities shaping the Caribbean's landscape.

President Ali's elevation to the pinnacle spot underscores his steadfast commitment and exceptional leadership in advancing Guyana's interests while fostering regional collaboration.. [CNW]



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The Sunny Side Up



Through the Lens of The Sunny Side



Six months since its official handover, the Anegada Children's-Playground continues to benefit children of all ages on the island (more on page 4)(GIS photo)

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Francis Lettsome Is Inter-Primary School Athletic Champions



The Inter-Primary Schools Track and Field Championships has ended with the Francis Lettsome Primary School being the best primary school in the Territory athletically.

The events commenced with an opening ceremony and parade of teams at the A.O. Shirley Recreation Grounds on April 3 to 5 followed by events ranging from three hundred meters races to four by one-hundred meter relays.

The sporting events culminated with the two hundred meter races to the Sprint Medley Relay Finals and announcement of the winning school.

Acting Director of Youth and Affairs and Sports Ms. Shaunice Leonard said the 2024 Inter-Primary School Athletics Championships was a success and showcased the exceptional athletic talent of students across the Territory.

Ms. Leonard said, "I am delighted with the outstanding performances that have taken place, highlighting the importance of promoting sports and healthy competition among the youth."

"The championship serves as a platform for our students to excel, instill teamwork, discipline, and sportsmanship. I look forward to the continued support from parents, teachers, coaches, officials and the community." Ms. Leonard said.

Division Champions for each age group as well as the Victor and Victrix Ludorum, for the boy and girl with the highest individual scores for the different divisions are as follows:

Kaera Creque from Robinson O'Neal Memorial Primary School and Maykasha Hypolyte from Ebenezer Thomas Primary school tied for Victrix Ludorum with thirty 30 individual points.

Ackeel Boreland from Ivan Dawson Primary school won Victor with 30 individual points.

Jonathon Gordon from Francis Lettsome Primary school scored the most points in the male under nine division with 20 points,

Cliffon Logan of Francis Lettsome Primary school scored the most points in the male under eleven division with 24 points.

D'Karai Prescott scored the most points in the male under thirteen division with 24 points.

Ackeel Boreland from Ivan Dawson Primary school scored the most points in the male thirteen plus division with 30 points.

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Ladyburd Talks...

Dear Readers: April is Child Abuse Awareness Month
Ten Ways to Help Prevent Child Abuse (1of 2)

1. Be a nurturing parent:

Children need to know that they are special, loved, and capable of following their dreams.

2. Help a friend, neighbor, or relative:

Being a parent isn't easy. Offer a helping hand take care of the children, so the parent(s) can rest or spend time together.

3. Help yourself:

When the big and little problems of your everyday life pile up to the point you feel overwhelmed and out of control—take time out. Don't take it out on your kid.

4. If your baby cries:

It can be frustrating to hear your baby cry. Learn what to do if your baby won't stop crying. Never shake a baby—shaking a child may result in severe injury or death.

5. Get involved:

Ask your community leaders, clergy, library, and schools to develop services to meet the needs of healthy children and families.

Source: <https://preventchildabuse.org/resources/ten-ways-to-help-prevent-child-abuse/>

Continue next week



LIGHT BULB MOMENTS

"Don't forget that the most effective form of child abuse is giving a child everything they want."

Randy Alcorn

"The true character of a society is revealed in how it treats its children."

Nelson Mandela

Poetry Corner

Little Things

Little drops of water,
 Little grains of sand,
 Make the mighty ocean
 And the pleasant land.

Thus the little minutes,
 Humble though they be,
 Make the mighty ages
 Of eternity.

So our little errors
 Lead the soul away
 From the path of virtue
 Far in sin to stray.

Little deeds of kindness,
 Little words of love,
 Help to make earth happy
 Like the heaven above.

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Tickle My Funny Bones



Gruesome Smell

"My wife loves cats. But she's got 40 of them and they cause a gruesome smell in our flat."

- "I guess you should air more often to battle that." -

"No can do, if we opened the windows, my 150 pigeons would fly away"

It's The Cat

Two gangsters are about to break out of prison. The first one jumps off a wall into a trash container.

The guard shouts, "Who's there?"

Gangster replies, "MEOOOOOOW!"

The guard is relieved, "Ah ok, just a cat."

Then the second gangster jumps.

The guard gets suspicious,

"Hello, anybody there?"

The second gangster yells,

"Nah, just the cat again!"

PUN INTENDED

"Ladies, if he can't appreciate your fruit jokes, you need to let that MAN GO."



Ladyburd's Mail Box

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Dear Ladyburd: I am a middle aged woman and not for the life of me I cannot find a good partner, whom I would like to enter into a relationship with. Ladyburd, these men that I am meeting are so pathetic, they do not have a clue how to be a supportive, loving and caring partner. I had an experience some time ago, and because of that I feel that I am going to give up on looking. What do you think:.... GG

Ladyburd: Dear GG: I would say to you, do not give up, but they say sometimes when you are not looking someone finds you. Maybe, you should go to the places where you can meet the type of people you would like to meet, like church, concerts, events, restaurant, the gym, the beach and supermarket. Just a few places that came to mind.

In the meantime, I believe you should invest in yourself. Don't sit pretty and wait for someone to come knocking.

Take care of you and spend some time working on you. Maybe when you are not looking you may find that Special person, it's never too late. Good luck to you!

Francis Lettsome Is Inter-Primary School Athletic Champions



Odia Lettsome from Willard Wheatley Primary school scored the most points in the female under nine division with 20 points.

Chrionda Pinnock from Joyce Samuel Primary school scored the most points in the female under eleven division with 26 points.

Kaeja Creque from Robinson O'Neal Memorial Primary school scored the most points in the female under thirteen division with 30 points.

Maykasha Hypolyte from Ebenezer Thomas Primary school scored the most points in the female thirteen plus division with 30 points.

The Ministry of Education, Youth Affairs and Sports continues to provide high-quality educational services, as well as facilitate access to and participation in sports and recreation, in order to enrich the lives of all residents of the Virgin Islands.





Savor the Sloppy Jane: A Healthier Twist on a Classic Comfort!

Have you met my friend, Sloppy Jane? You probably already know her cousin, Sloppy Joe. They may be similar, but here's how you can tell them apart. This Sloppy Jane recipe not only offers a healthier alternative to its cousin, the Sloppy Joe, but it also keeps your wallet happy by being cost-conscious while creating mouthwatering sandwiches that won't weigh you down.

What sets Sloppy Janes apart from their traditional counterpart is the focus on lean meats and fresh, wholesome ingredients -- all without breaking the bank. Unlike the canned sauce varieties loaded with additives and preservatives, our Sloppy Janes sauce prioritizes nutrition and affordability without compromising taste.

These Sloppy Janes are a breeze to whip up, making them perfect for busy weeknights. And the best part? They reheat like a dream, so leftovers are just as delightful the next day! I always make a double batch.

This recipe was crafted with ground turkey for a lighter profile without sacrificing an ounce of flavor. However, feel free to get creative with your protein choice. This recipe works well whether you use beef, pork or whatever ground meat is least expensive this week!

SLOPPY JANE

Yield: 4 servings

Total Time: 20 minutes

1 tablespoon olive oil

1 (12 or 16 ounce) bag frozen 3 pepper and onion blend, defrosted (or fresh equivalent)

1 pound 90% lean ground turkey

1 teaspoon kosher salt

1/2 teaspoon black pepper

2 teaspoons granulated garlic

1 (8 ounce) can tomato sauce

1 tablespoon yellow mustard

1 tablespoon brown sugar

1 tablespoon apple cider vinegar

1 teaspoon chili powder

Optional: 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper, or more to taste

For serving:

4 hamburger buns

1/2 cup shredded cheese

Optional: bread and butter pickles and/or pickled jalapeno slices

Add the olive oil to a skillet over medium-high heat. Add the onion and pepper blend. Cook for 5-7 minutes until they release most of their moisture and are cooked through. Push the peppers to the side and add the turkey. Cook for 5-7 minutes until browned and no longer pink. Add the salt, pepper and garlic, and stir it all together. Cook for 1 minute until fragrant.

Meanwhile, in a small bowl stir together the tomato sauce, mustard, brown sugar, vinegar, chili powder and cayenne, if using.

Add the sauce to the turkey mixture and simmer for 5 minutes or until Sloppy Joes are thickened to your liking, making sure to stir frequently. Adjust seasoning, if needed.

Serve hot on toasted buns. Top with shredded cheese and pickles.

Pair this with a crisp green salad or crunchy carrot and celery sticks for a well-rounded meal. Add some French fries or onion rings to really make the kiddies (and kids at heart) happy.

And for those who prefer a set-it-and-forget-it approach, this slow cooker method ensures tender, flavorful Sloppy Janes with minimal effort. Just brown the turkey, toss all the ingredients in your slow cooker, cook on high for 2-3 hours or on low for 6 hours and let the slow cooker work its magic.

If you'd like to stretch this recipe to add extra servings, there are several affordable options. First, you can double the veggies. Or you can just add more chopped onion. A nice, big, chopped sweet onion would be delicious. A can or two of beans would be a good addition, especially pork and beans or baked beans. Also, check your crisper drawer and add any peppers, tomatoes, celery or shredded carrot.

These sandwiches are sure to become a household favorite. So tuck in your napkin, because these are delightfully sloppy!

Lifestyle expert Patti Diamond is the penny-pinching, party-planning, recipe developer and content creator of the website Divas On A Dime -- Where Frugal, Meets Fabulous! Visit Patti at www.divasonadime.com and join the conversation on Facebook at [DivasOnADimeDotCom](https://www.facebook.com/DivasOnADimeDotCom). Email Patti at divapatti@divasonadime.com
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POLICE NEWS

WANTED MAN CAPTURED

Tuesday, April 9 - The Royal Virgin Islands Police Force has apprehended Jamal Freeman, who has been wanted since January 1, 2024. Freeman's capture follows his escape from custody while seeking medical assistance after being arrested for theft-related incidents.

However, persistent efforts by officers resulted in his apprehension and subsequent charges.

Jamal Freeman, 29, of Long Look, has been charged with two counts of Theft,

Resisting Arrest, Assault on Police, Escaping Lawful Custody, and Landing Without the Leave of an Immigration Officer. He appeared at the Magistrates Court and was remanded to His Majesty's Prison until his next court appearance. The Royal Virgin Islands Police Force remains committed to upholding law and order, ensuring the safety of our communities, and bringing offenders to justice.

POLICE IDENTIFY DECEASED MALE

Wednesday, April 10 – The male involved in the fatal incident in Paraquita Bay on April 2 has been identified as 59-year-old Courtney Parsons of New Bush.

Colleagues discovered Mr. Parsons inside the excavator he was operating after it fell into a hole on a plot of land in Paraquita Bay. Details regarding the accident remain unclear, and investigations into this matter are still ongoing.



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ARREST BLOTTER

BURGLARY

1. On 12-03-2024 at 1712 hrs., Police arrested and charged Deron Antoine, 30, of Ballast Bay, with four counts of Burglary.
2. On 24-03-2024 at 1120 hrs., Police arrested and charged Marvin Gumbs, 47, of no fixed place of abode with Theft.
3. On 25-03-2024 at 1844 hrs., Police arrested and charged Wendy Hendricks, 60, of Jost Van Dyke, with Theft. She was granted bail in the sum of \$5,000 to appear at Magistrate's Court on 01-05-2024.

On 27-03-2024 at 0928 hrs., Police arrested and charged Alex Moore, 29, of Johnson's Ghut, with Burglary, Handling Stolen Goods, and Giving False Information to the Police. He was granted bail in the sum of \$10,000 to appear at Magistrate's Court on 25-04-2024.

THEFT

On 21-03-2024 at 0925 hrs., Police arrested and charged Romaine Baird, 34, of Pasea Estate, with Theft, Obtaining Property by Deception, and Possession of Proceeds of Criminal Conduct. He was granted bail in the sum of \$40,000 to appear at the Magistrate's Court on 25-04-2024.

DRUNKENNESS WHEN IN CHARGE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE

On 06-03-2024 at 1712 hrs., Police arrested and charged Triston Creque, of Little Dix Hill, with Drunkenness When in Charge of a Motor Vehicle.

ASSAULT OCCASIONING ACTUAL BODILY HARM

1. On 01-03-2024 at 1040 hrs., Police arrested and charged Hannif Allen, 33, with Assault Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm and Inflicting Grievous Bodily Harm.
2. On 15-03-2024 at 0216 hrs., Police arrested and charged Nasyan Fredrick, 27, of Little Dix Hill, with Assault Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm. He was granted bail in the sum of \$5,000 to appear at the Magistrate's Court on 29-04-2024.
3. On 22-03-2024 at 1710 hrs., Police arrested and charged Kayaba George, 25, of The Valley, Virgin Gorda, with Assault Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm, Armed with an Offensive Weapon, Taking Conveyance without Authority.

CRIMINAL DAMAGE

1. On 05-03-2024 at 2125 hrs., Police arrested and charged Janelle Smith-Haywood, 43, of Windy Hill, Virgin Gorda, with three counts of Criminal Damage. She was granted bail in the sum of \$5,000 to appear at the Magistrate's Court on 16-04-2024.
2. On 26-03-2024 at 1508 hrs., Police arrested and charged a 14-year-old of Virgin Gorda with Criminal Damage. He was granted bail in the sum of \$5,000 to appear at the Magistrate's Court on 27-05-2024.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED DRUG

1. On 02-03-2024 at 1532 hrs., Police arrested and charged Quentin Noel, 19, of Purcell Estate, with Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Drug.
2. On 02-03-2024 at 1802 hrs., Police arrested and charged Seantroy Hanley, 36, of Fat Hog's Bay, with two counts of Keeping a Firearm without a License, two counts of Unlawful Possession of Explosives, two counts of Possession of a Controlled Drug and two counts of Possession of a Controlled Drug with intent to supply.
3. On 02-03-2024 at 1800 hrs., Police arrested and charged Jahkeema Charles, 32, of Fat Hog's Bay, with two counts of Keeping a Firearm without a License, two counts of Unlawful Possession of Explosives, two counts of Possession of a Controlled Drug and two counts of Possession of a Controlled Drug with intent to supply. She was granted bail in the sum of \$40,000 to appear at the Magistrate's Court on 18-04-2024.

ASSAULT ON POLICE

1. On 18-03-2024 at 1904hrs., Police arrested and charged David Todman, 42, of Fahie Hill, for Assault on Police, Indecent Language, Resisting Arrest, Disorderly Conduct in a Police Station, Driving an Uninsured Vehicle, Driving an Unlicensed Vehicle, and Keeping for us an Unlicensed Vehicle. He was granted bail in his own recognizance to appear at the Magistrate's Court on 02-05-2024.

THIS WEEK IN CORRUPTION

SCANDAL O'CLOCK

Tick-tock, the sound of a scandal known as Rolexgate, is echoing through Peru. President Dina Boluarte [pictured below] is at the centre of a corruption investigation. The reason? She's been spotted wearing luxury watches and jewellery.

The controversy ignited when the Peruvian news podcast, La Encerrona, delved into 10,000 images from the presidential Flickr account. They uncovered a trend: Boluarte has worn jewellery, including Rolex watches, since assuming the role of vice president in 2021, during the tenure of the incarcerated former president, Pedro Castillo. The estimated value of this jewellery collection is staggering, reaching up to USD\$500,000. This figure is striking compared to her monthly salary, which fluctuates between 30,000 to 16,000 soles (USD\$8,000 to \$4,300). The president didn't disclose these items in her asset declaration forms, raising eyebrows and prompting further scrutiny. Boluarte once vowed to fight corruption and stand up for the rural people. But the stark contrast between her salary and flashy accessories led to an investigation for breaking the country's unlawful enrichment and asset disclosure laws. In Peru, elected officials must report any assets to the government worth more than 10,300 soles (about USD\$2,774) and disclose any gifts from third parties.

In an unprecedented move, the police conducted a raid on Boluarte's residence in search of the watches. This was the first time in Peru's history that the police forcibly entered the home of a sitting president. The raid was prompted by Boluarte's failure to attend a scheduled hearing where she was expected to present the Rolex watches she had been seen wearing and explain how she obtained them. Despite inquiries, she didn't explain where the watches came from and refused to allow the police to execute a search warrant at her residence.

In a televised address, Boluarte denied she was "corrupt or a thief". However, the foggy details surrounding her luxurious

collection raise serious questions about the integrity and ethics of her exercise of power. This lack of clarity is once again undermining Peruvians' trust in their institutions and reinforcing the perception that power is being abused by the political class.

Peru's battle with corruption is long and winding, affecting all layers of governance and public life. The 2023 Corruption Perceptions Index paints a grim picture, showing Peru recorded its worst drop since 2012. This decline is linked to a series of moves by Congress, wherein piling up reforms creates setbacks in anti-corruption measures. This hinders effective collaboration and even shields ethically questionable congress members.

The scandal has substantial political ramifications. Six cabinet ministers resigned, and lawmakers petitioned the congress to remove her from office citing "permanent moral incapacity," a constitutional provision previously used to force the resignation and removal of three former presidents within the last six years. Peru's congress, however, reject the attempt to impeach her.

Peru finds itself trapped in an enduring political turmoil. The request was made by representatives from diverse political factions, including Peru Libre, a party Boluarte was once affiliated with.

Last week, Friday, the National Prosecutor's Office scheduled an interrogation of Boluarte. Amid the uncertainty, Rolexgate serves as an alarm bell.

It has put Boluarte's presidency under the microscope and raised questions about corruption and transparency in Peru's political landscape. While worrisome, the scandal can be a turning point and wake-up call for Peru to strengthen its protocols, align with international standards regarding the receipt of gifts and courtesies, and reinforce the integrity of its institutions.



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KOVELS ANTIQUES AND COLLECTING



*Although it was made in the 20th century, this wine rack brings Regency style into a modern setting.
[Photo: Kovels.com]*

By Terry and Kim Kovel

REGENCY STYLE

Q: I have an L.C. Smith typewriter, serial number is “1386874B.” Are old manual typewriters worth anything?

A: Lyman C. Smith and his brothers made guns before they made typewriters. They started making a few typewriters in their gun shop after 1884. In 1887, they sold the gun business and founded Smith Premier Typewriter Co. in Syracuse, New York. It became L.C. Smith & Bros. Typewriter Co. in 1903. The company merged with Corona Typewriter Co. in 1925 to become L.C. Smith & Corona Typewriter Co. Personal computers replaced typewriters in most homes, schools and offices

beginning in the 1980s. Smith-Corona no longer makes typewriters; it now makes thermal labels. The serial number on your typewriter indicates it was made in 1937. Some old typewriters are collectible and sell for a few hundred dollars. A few rare typewriters sell for more than \$1,000. Many common old typewriters sell for \$20 to \$50.

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TIP: To clean furniture, dip your dusting cloth in 1/2 cup of vinegar mixed with a teaspoon of olive oil.

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Pottery jar, San Ildefonso, black matte, carved designs with inset turquoise, rounded form, Juan Tafoya, 5 1/4 x 5 3/4 inches, \$115.

Quilt, pieced, nine-patch pattern, 16 squares, each with nine yellow diamond patches, blue and yellow sawtooth border, white ground, Pennsylvania, 1910, 72 x 72 inches, \$260.

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CIF GUYANA 2024 PROMISES MORE INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR GLOBAL INVESTORS AND REGIONAL BUSINESSES

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CARICOM Secretariat, Turkeyen, Greater Georgetown, Guyana - Friday, 5 April 2024: Less Talk. More Business - that’s what global investors, along with regional business leaders, and innovators can expect from the Caribbean Investment Forum (CIF) 2024 when it is held from July 10 - 12, 2024 in Georgetown, Guyana.

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When asked what makes the region a lucrative investment hub for global investors, Executive Director of Caribbean Export, Deodat Maharaj, explained, “People think of the Caribbean as being small, individual island states. Actually, together with the Dominican Republic, we have a market size of 30 million people, that’s one. Secondly, in the year 2019 before COVID, and we’re seeing the numbers return, we had over 32 million stay-over tourist arrivals - this is non-cruise ship visitors. So, when you look at our market size, you’re looking at a market of 60 million. We have free trade agreements with Canada, with the United States of America, with that lucrative half a billion market in Europe, with Colombia, with Costa Rica, with Cuba. Take the Caribbean as a beachhead to access these markets as well. People who are here in Guyana, and viewing us from overseas and thinking about coming to the Caribbean Investment Forum, think size, think

scale, think using the Caribbean as a beachhead to access fantastic new markets.”

Head of Cooperation of the European Union’s Delegation to Guyana, Suriname and Caribbean OCTs, Joan Nadal Sastre, said the EU fully supports the forum and its mission. He noted that the EU’s 2022 Global Gateway Strategy was helping to bridge the Caribbean’s investment gap by using EU public financing to “leverage private capital and investment for projects that deliver on key public policy objectives”.

He added, “One thing is clear - the European Union wants to do more business with the Caribbean. We want more EU companies to see the Caribbean as an investment opportunity. We want to be a key business partner for you and we have a lot to put on the table.”

Meanwhile, Guyana’s Minister of Tourism, Industry and Commerce, the Honourable Oneidge Walrond, who gave the feature address at the launch, told attendees and viewers that the region was seeking a particular kind of investor.

“We wish to attract the investor who’s committed to the sustainable development of the countries and communities within which he or she operates and from which they derive value. We seek those who will remain with us through thick and thin, and, as we experience those inevitable external shocks that are the reality of our Caribbean existence. In short, we wish to see patient investment which prioritises long-term returns that emanate from the sustainable, resilient economies that we hope to build, rather than cashing in on short-term windfalls. Our ideal investor has a long-term horizon for return on capital as opposed to the infamous quarterly earnings targets which are manifestly ill-matched to the realities of our economies and our existence,” she said.

CIF Guyana 2024 will feature a special app that will allow attendees to book B2B sessions

with investors and business leaders. Attendees will participate in plenary sessions, gain insight into thoroughly vetted, bankable projects, and learn more about regional products and services through an investment village and expo which will include booths from companies and start-ups from across Guyana and the wider Caribbean.

CIF is designed to unlock potential investment opportunities within the Caribbean across several sectors. Its objectives are to: Raise the visibility of the region as

an investment destination

Attract investment into the priority sectors identified with a focus on those needed to support the transition of the region to a greener and smarter economy

Assemble the international investment community so that agreements can be forged on key priorities that will fast-track the region’s transition

Work towards attaining the sustainable development goals focused on poverty, zero hunger, good health

and well-being, decent work and economic growth, life on land and partnerships.

The event is held in collaboration with respective country governments, the European Union, the CARICOM Secretariat, and the Caribbean Development Bank, with Republic Bank as a platinum sponsor.

Visit <https://caribbeaninvestmentforum.com> to learn more about CIF.

“OUR TOURISM STRATEGY MUST STRENGTHEN LINKAGES AND PREVENT LEAKAGES” – BARTLETT

Kingston, Jamaica; Friday, April 5, 2024: Minister of Tourism, Hon. Edmund Bartlett has expressed that, in developing Jamaica’s new Tourism Strategy and Action Plan (TSAP), greater focus will have to be placed on strengthening linkages with other sectors and preventing economic leakages. He was speaking yesterday at the Spanish Court Hotel as the Ministry of Tourism, in collaboration with the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), successfully concluded its islandwide series of tourism strategy consultation workshops, with the final session being held with stakeholders from the Kingston and St. Andrew destination area.

The tourism minister highlighted that the strategy must have an emphasis on reinforcing linkages between tourism and other productive sectors, such as agriculture and manufacturing, to prevent economic leakages, as the sector prepares to meet the sustained and increased demand of visitors over the

next few years. In this regard, Minister Bartlett noted: “Our strategy in tourism must drive the linkages in the various areas, to stop the leakages from other areas.”

The workshops, which have garnered valuable insights from several stakeholders across Jamaica’s seven destination areas, form a part of the Ministry’s thrust to develop a comprehensive new strategy and action plan for the country’s vital tourism industry.

“The whole idea of these strategy development workshops is to respond to innovation and the changing realities of one of the most dynamic industries on planet Earth. The discussion today is critical if we are going to be able to create the capacity to respond to the new architecture that tourism will demand,” the tourism minister added.

He continued: “Our strategies must also consider how we make tourism more inclusive and more of an enabler of economic growth and development across Jamaica.”

Recognising that human capital development remains

at the heart of the industry, Minister Bartlett stressed: “Our people are the wealth of this country. So, we must build the capacity of that wealth not to be dead capital but for that wealth to continue to grow exponentially.”

Importantly, Minister Bartlett also acknowledged the unique challenges and opportunities each destination area presents. Kingston, for instance, with its rich cultural heritage, he said is poised to become a key player in tourism diversification efforts.

“Today in Kingston, the vibrant hub of Caribbean culture, our focus is on enhancing Jamaica’s benefits from cultural tourism while also fostering its role as a key centre for business tourism growth,” explained Minister Bartlett. The consultation workshops, one held for each destination, provided a platform for investors, entrepreneurs, government officials, community members, and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) to collectively examine issues affecting Jamaica’s evolving tourism landscape.

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US pushes Hamas to agree with Israel on Gaza cease-fire terms

The United States pushed Hamas Tuesday to accept a cease-fire deal with Israel to halt fighting in Gaza for six weeks, while also releasing some of the 100 or so hostages held by the U.S.-designated terror group in exchange for Israel freeing hundreds of Palestinians it has jailed.

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken told reporters in Washington that it was a "very serious" proposal presented to Hamas in Cairo last weekend and "should be accepted."

"The ball is in Hamas's court," Blinken said. "The world is watching to see what it does."

He added that the fact that Hamas has not already agreed to the terms "says what it thinks of the people of Gaza, which is not much."

Israel declared war on Hamas after its shock October 7 terror attack on Israel that killed 1,200 people and led to the capture of about 250 hostages. Israel's subsequent

counter-offensive in Gaza has killed more than 33,000 people, about two-thirds of them women and children, according to Gaza health officials, while the Israeli military says several thousand Hamas fighters are among those killed.

As of mid-February, 112 hostages had been freed, most during a weeklong cease-fire in November, while 36 more are believed to have died or been killed in Gaza during the six months of fighting.

Blinken said the war could have ended months ago if Hamas "had put down its guns, stopped hiding behind civilians and surrendered."

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Monday an undisclosed date has been set for its military to invade Rafah on the Gaza-Egyptian border, a region where more than a million Palestinians are sheltering to try to remain safe.

People chase behind a convoy of

aid trucks driving into Gaza from Rafah crossing, Apr. 9, 2024.

The U.S. opposes the planned Rafah attack, with Blinken saying the Israelis have not shared any attack date with Washington. But he said U.S. officials plan to meet with Israeli officials again next week to share their thoughts and offer alternative plans for attacking the last remaining Hamas battalions in the region.

The top U.S. diplomat said President Joe Biden has "been very clear about our concerns, our deep concerns about Israel's ability to move civilians out of harm's way to care for them" in the event of an Israeli attack.

Blinken said he does not see anything imminent happening in Rafah and that he does not believe anything will occur before U.S. and Israeli officials meet.

Meanwhile, U.S. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin told a Senate hearing that a deadly mass famine in Gaza would likely



U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken, right, speaks during a joint press conference with visiting British Foreign Secretary David Cameron, at the State Department in Washington, April 9, 2024.

accelerate violence and ensure a long-term conflict. The U.S. has continually pressed Israel to allow more humanitarian aid into Gaza to feed famished Palestinians.

"If Israel wants to create lasting effects then it must address the humanitarian needs of the Palestinian people...And not in a marginal way," he told U.S. lawmakers Tuesday.

Biden hosts Kishida in official visit as US-Japan bolsters defense ties

From cherry trees to collective deterrence, the United States and Japan celebrate their decades-long alliance Wednesday as President Joe Biden hosts Prime Minister Kishida at the White House for an official visit and state dinner.

Eager to showcase the robustness of U.S.-Japan ties, the leaders will unveil new initiatives on technology and defense, including an upgrade of allied command-and-control arrangements of American and Japanese forces, civic space exploration to the moon, and research partnerships on AI, quantum, semiconductors, and clean energy.

The two leaders will highlight how Tokyo has ramped up defense spending and intensified joint military exercises with the U.S. and other regional allies, turning it into a key player in what the Biden administration calls its "lattice-like strategic architecture" to bolster deterrence against adversaries.

The leaders will take part in a trilateral summit on Thursday with President Ferdinand Marcos, Jr., of the Philippines, another key regional ally. The U.S.-Japan-Philippines trilateral meeting will focus on freedom of navigation in the South China Sea.

"The idea of switching to a multilateral lattice-like strategic architecture is then to flip the script and isolate China," a senior administration official said during a briefing

to reporters Tuesday.

"When you have, like we did this week, the United States, Japan, Australia, and the Philippines doing an exercise together, when you have the trilateral on Thursday, the country that's isolated is China, not the Philippines."

Last year, Biden hosted a similar trilateral meeting with Japan and South Korea to deal with the threat from North Korea.

Wednesday's meeting is the twelfth in-person engagement Biden has had with Kishida since taking office and a major milestone for the two countries, once bitter enemies during World War II. It marks a historical shift in defense ties from "alliance protection to alliance projection," the official said.

"When it's either the Quad or either one of the trilats, or whether it's a military exercise with the Philippines, the constant in all this by our side is Japan. That did not exist five years ago, 10 years ago, 15 years ago, 20 years ago," the official said. "This is the new norm."

However, Biden and Kishida must navigate a key irritant - Nippon's Steel plans to acquire Pittsburgh-based U.S. Steel. Biden has indicated his opposition to the deal, a thorny issue ahead of the U.S. presidential election in November. Officials said the issue is unlikely

to come up in discussions as the leaders are already clear on the other's position.

Deterrence against China

Biden and Kishida will also discuss Japan's potential involvement in AUKUS, a trilateral security partnership formed in 2021 among the U.S., Australia and the United Kingdom to strengthen deterrence against China.

"We're prepared to work with additional partners beyond the three of us, where they can bring capabilities," national security adviser Jake Sullivan said in response to VOA's question during a White House briefing Tuesday. "Japan is one of the countries that could very well bring capabilities to that, so we will explore a partnership with Japan under Pillar II of AUKUS as well as other partners."

"Pillar II" of AUKUS is focused on delivering advanced capabilities and sharing technologies across a range of areas including quantum computing, undersea, hypersonic, artificial intelligence and cyber technology. The step takes the group's effort to push back against China beyond its first pillar - delivery of nuclear-powered attack submarines to Australia.

Sullivan also confirmed an announcement later this week of trilateral joint naval patrols between



President Joe Biden and Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida walk along the colonnade of the White House after a State Arrival Ceremony, April 10, 2024, in Washington.

U.S., Japan and the Philippines in the South China sea, another move likely to trigger a strong reaction from Beijing.

China said it opposes "cobbling together exclusive groupings and stoking bloc confrontation in the region" and "escalating the arms race in the Asia-Pacific to the detriment of peace and stability in the region."

"Japan needs to earnestly draw lessons from history and stay prudent on military and security issues," Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Mao Ning said during her briefing Tuesday.

Kishida's visit caps state visits by

leaders of the "Quad," the quadrilateral strategic security dialogue between the United States and Australia, India and Japan, hosted by Biden since taking office. The only other state visit he has hosted was for President Emmanuel Macron of France - underscoring his focus on Indo-Pacific security partnerships.

Kishida will also participate in a cherry tree-planting ceremony at the Tidal Basin, where thousands of cherry trees gifted by the Japanese government in 1912 delight tourists with their blossoms each spring. Tokyo has offered to replace the hundreds of trees that had to be removed due to repairs.

SPORTS



51st BVI Spring Regatta ends with light wind conditions

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

SAILING

Winds or lack thereof which even cancelled Sunday's racing division events, was the talking point of the 51st BVI Spring Regatta and Sailing Festival.

"We started the week with 20 knots of wind and ended on four knots. Everyone performed and we had a great week of sailing," BVI Spring Regatta Chairman Chris Haycraft, who won Best BVI Boat on Ting A Ling II, winning the Sport Multihull with one second and four firsts. "Only a few classes got races today over on Norman Island and it changed a few places."

Except for a third placed finish in Saturday's final race, the BVI's Sam Talbot's Spike, a J111 dropped four picked fences to claim the CSA 3 with seven points. He said his boat likes light winds. "Boy, this one feels really good. We've been trying to win this class in this regatta for nine years now. And we've been following boats like El Ocaso, Liquid and fighting these guys—fierce competitors—and

finally, finally on the last regatta, we got the win," Talbot told Island Sun Sports. "Spike has been sold, unfortunately, so this is our last year racing on it. We're coming back to the Spring Regatta, don't worry, but on a different boat."

Talbot said he has a solid crew, and the conditions suited his boat. "Spike is good in light winds," he said. "We try to use the same guys every year. We mesh well, we have a good time on the boat and that's what makes it fast."

Steve - Denure / Terry McLaughlin's—McLaughlin a 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games silver medalist on a Sunsail 41 Sul Vento, put up four bullets to fend off 93-year old BVI 1984 Olympian Dr. Robin Tattersall, who had all second place finishes in Bareboat II. They won the division with four points and Dr. Tattersall has eight. "It's a miracle," Dr. Tattersall told Island Sun Sports of being able to participate in his 48th BVI Spring Regatta. "It's great. I have a great team. I just sail the boat so I know we can do well. I can't think about the tactics anymore, my mind won't let me, that's why I have other people doing it."

Jon Desmond on his Mills Final,

Final, navigated the race days with no less than two second place finishes to win the CSA 1 Division with seven points. The real battle however, was between England's Dr. Laura Schlessinger's Lombard 46 and the USA's Bruce Chafee R/P42, who entered Sunday's final day tied 12-12, but didn't get to race.

"I started sailing down here 20 years ago with my father on Affinity and did this event a bunch of times, so it's really special to come down with my kids 20 years later, do really well and have a win," Desmond said.

Dr. Schlessinger said Final Final and Rikki are fast boats. "We were surprised we were placed," she said. "We're grateful."

St. Croix's Peter Stanton's IC-24, Big Island, who had a 2-points edge over Jerome O'Neil's J39 Crystal in Performance Cruising B, turned it into a six points victory with five picket fences.

"My brother (Chris) and I have been coming to this regatta since we were 15 years old on Jersey Devil since 1999 when we won it, and we love coming to this regatta," he said. "We love sailing around and the hospitality and everything BVI



Boats flying their spinnaker on the downwind leg of the 51st BVI Spring Regatta

has. The conditions were a little light this year, but it was gorgeous seeing the BVI. We always want to come back to this regatta. It's the best in the Caribbean, I would say."

Walter Keenan's Beneteau Libertas won Jib and Main, with seven points while Chris Chart's First 44.7, Salica 1, edged St.

Croix's Fuzzy Stoddard's Bad Decisions, 14-15. Stoddard won the Guy Eldridge Memorial Award for Spirit and Enthusiasm. "Our boat has been historically known since 1980 as Annick II. I took it over a couple years ago and rebuilt it," Stoddard said. "Everyone has either raced on my boat or against my boat."

Softball League honors Raymond "Mahasa" Mercer, Kathleen Fahie

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

SOFTBALL

When Pitchers Raymond "Mahasa" Mercer and Kathleen Fahie got the call that they would be the 2024 Virgin Islands Baseball-Softball Association Fast Pitch League honorees, they had different reactions.

They were honored on Saturday at the E. Walwyn Brewley Softball Park, during the opening of the league.

"It was really exciting," Mercer told Island Sun Sports. "I said, at least the moment reached, and I said it's a long time I've been waiting because it looks like I would have had to be out of here before...so that was a home run."

Fahie expressed being

surprised when the call came. "I was in disbelief," she said. "I even asked Molly (Sharoma Penn-Maduro) a couple times if she was talking to the right person. But I'm pleased and honored to be chosen at this young age."

When asked what the feeling was like going through the opening ceremony, Mercer said he felt like he wanted to 'play again.' "But I had enough of it," he said. "I just like watching it. But there are things the guys must learn a little bit more—hitting, pitching, and practicing—that's the main part of it. The fielding, the defense is fine but that hitting and pitching it's needed."

Mercer said the Pirates' pitchers had asked him for assistance with pitching. "I came here a couple of times, but they never showed up," he reflected. "It discouraged me."

Fahie, a retired teacher, wove the team names into a poem to give her vision of what's expected to a thunderous applause, and said that she was nervous.

"I'm not good at being in front of a crowd of adults. I prefer to be in a crowd of children," she noted. "But I was excited. I didn't expect this at such a young age and getting your flowers while you're living was powerful."

Fahie, who pitched to her daughter and Mercer, threw out the traditional first pitches to start the league. "I wish I could have thrown to the other daughter too that was there, but it was great," she said. "My first pitch wasn't a strike, so I had to do it again."

Mercer said his pitch wasn't a strike, maybe he was trying to throw too hard. He said he'd like to see players having the love of the game, practicing more, and



VI Baseball Softball Association Pitchers Raymond "Mahasa" Mercer, left, and Kathleen Fahie, had the fast pitch league named in their honor

putting in the work. "They only want to come when they have to," he noted. "It's not going to work that way."

Fahie stated that she'd like to see players being more in tune with plays, thinking about what's happening, following the play, and knowing what to do

before the play occurs.

During his illustrious career, Mercer said he has never thrown a no-hitter or hit for the cycle. "In all the things I did, I've never done those two," he said. "I came as close as a one-hitter."

SPORTS



*Inter Primary Schools champions Francis Lettsome, celebrating a repeat victory.
PHOTO: Russell Jones*



Tola fell to defending champions St. Thomas, 88-67, in the Kings of the Court Caribbean Basketball Championships



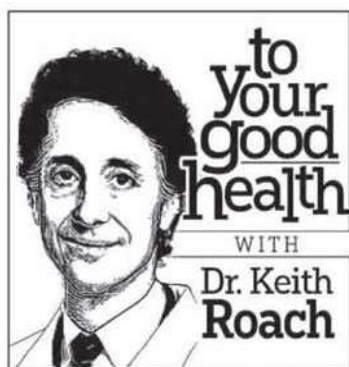
Dr. Robin Tattersall receives the 2nd place trophy from Gov. Daniel Pruce. He has competed in 48 of the 51 BVI Spring Regattas



Athletes competing in the 2024 Inter Primary Championships 150m on Friday



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Constant Aleve and Ibuprofen Consumption Can Cause Damage

DEAR DR. ROACH: My husband, age 70, had been diagnosed with osteoarthritis in his neck, for which he would take Aleve to relieve his discomfort when needed. Just before Christmas last year, his back began hurting so much that he went to his doctor, who said to get up and move more. (We have always exercised and remained active in life, but he did slow down due to his pain.)

My husband then added ibuprofen to the Aleve he was already using. His doctor said that the pain is due to osteoarthritis in his mid-back area. Apparently, there is nothing to do for it but take Extra Strength Tylenol at the recommended dose. Ibuprofen or Aleve isn't recommended because it causes liver and kidney damage. So, we bought Tylenol, and he used this medication instead of his usual. But his pain only got worse.

So, this morning, he switched back to Aleve and ibuprofen. It is what helped before and is helping again now. In addition, he is using a drug-free Aleve Direct Therapy pad that uses waveform technology. He also uses Icy Hot pain relief cream and a heating pad. These reduce his pain, but his back continues to hurt since before the holidays.

Our question is, should he use Aleve and ibuprofen instead of the Tylenol that doesn't seem to help? He has actually used Aleve for a very long time. He just had his blood tested, and the doctor said his liver

and kidneys are good. Is there anything more we can do to relieve his osteoarthritic pain? It is hard to see my husband in so much discomfort when he was previously a very active, pain-free man. — *S.F.A.*

ANSWER: Osteoarthritis in the neck is a common and painful condition, and there are not always good treatment options. In terms of medicine, anti-inflammatory medicines, like Aleve or ibuprofen (Advil and many other brands), can be very helpful for some people.

However, taking both doesn't improve pain relief. It does increase the risk of toxicity, so he should never take two anti-inflammatory medicines — choose just one. Tylenol helps some people, but in my experience, most people do better with anti-inflammatories instead of Tylenol. Tylenol does have a smaller risk of side effects.

In addition to liver and kidney problems, Aleve and similar medicines can cause stomach problems, ranging from mild upset to life-threatening ulcers; though, this is uncommon with over-the-counter doses. I often recommend a trial of Tylenol to see if it is as good as the anti-inflammatories. Since it's not for your husband, he should tell his doctor this, and it seems reasonable for him to go back to taking Aleve alone. However, I can't tell you to disregard his physician's advice. Some people benefit from Tylenol on top of Aleve.

Beyond pain medicines, the Aleve Direct Therapy pad uses electricity to relieve pain without medicine. It's fine to combine this therapy with medicines. Creams — whether they are anti-inflammatory, menthol and camphor, or topical anesthetics — provide some relief, but they tend to be better on the hands, wrists and knees than the neck. Though, they still may be worth trying in combination with medicines.

In more severe cases, injections can be used before considering surgery.

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

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Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- While death by guillotine might seem like an ancient ritual, the practice was still in use in France up until 1977 — when the original “Star Wars” was in theaters.

- Sleeping through summer is called estivation.

- The Museum of Bad Art in Somerville, Massachusetts, is pretty much exactly what it sounds like — a collection of really bad art! But then again, who's to judge?

- The American Psychiatric Association's DSM-5 handbook classifies caffeine withdrawal as a mental disorder.

- Humans invented booze before the wheel.

- When swallowed by toads, bombardier beetles project hot, noxious chemicals from their anuses, which sometimes forces the predators to puke the beetle back up.

- The town of Baarle straddles the Dutch-Belgian border. In some places, the official borderline cuts through houses and cafes.

- There are approximately 200 feral cats roaming the grounds of Disneyland, where they help control the park's rodent population. All of them are spayed or neutered, and park staff provide them with both extra food and medical care.

- The second-half kickoff in Super Bowl I had to be done twice, as NBC didn't cut back from a commercial break in time to catch the first one on camera.

- In Japan, instead of a “Man in the Moon,” people see a “Rabbit in the Moon.”

- The Mobile Phone Throwing World Championships are held in Finland. One winner said he prepared for the event by “mainly drinking.”

- Sometimes it snows on Mars, but the flakes are made out of carbon dioxide, not water.

- After the band OutKast sang “Shake it like a Polaroid picture,” Polaroid released a statement warning that “shaking or waving can actually damage the image.”

Thought for the Day: “The stupid neither forgive nor forget; the naive forgive and forget; the wise forgive but do not forget.” — *Thomas Szasz*

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Moments in time

- On April 22, 2000, 6-year-old Elián Gonzalez, who was the sole survivor of an abortive attempt by 13 other Cuban citizens to enter America as illegal immigrants, was taken by a S.W.A.T. team from his Miami relatives. Following a number of court battles, the child was returned to his father, Juan Miguel Gonzalez.

- On April 23, 1898, Spain declared war on the U.S. after rejecting its ultimatum to withdraw from Cuba. Following the declaration, the American Asiatic Squadron, under Commodore George Dewey, engaged the Spanish Pacific squadron under Admiral Patricio Montojo y Pasarón in the Philippines' Manila Bay, and decimated the Spanish squadron.

- On April 24, 1942, singer/actress/film producer Barbra Joan Streisand was born in Brooklyn, N.Y. Considered “the girl on the block with the good voice” in her youth, and determined to be a star, her breakthrough came with the lead role in the 1964 Broadway musical “Funny Girl.” In 1968, the movie version of the role earned her an Academy Award for Best Actress. To date, Streisand has sold more than 140 million albums and won 10 Grammys.

- On April 25, 2006, Iran's Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said that his country was happy to share its nuclear technology with other nations, during a meeting with the visiting Sudanese president. U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice condemned the comments, and Iran's top nuclear negotiator threatened to suspend its cooperation with the U.N.'s nuclear watchdog if the country was threatened with sanctions.

- On April 26, 1928, Filipino immigrant Pedro Flores opened the Yo-yo Manufacturing Company in Santa Barbara, CA. By November 1929, he was operating two additional factories in Los Angeles and Hollywood, which together produced 300,000 yo-yos daily.

- On April 27, 1971, eight members of the Welsh Language Society were accused of conspiring to damage, remove or destroy English-language road signs in Wales.

- On April 28, 1789, Fletcher Christian led a mutiny against William Bligh aboard the HMS Bounty and set him and 18 loyal crew members adrift in a 23-foot open boat, but the men survived a 47-day voyage to the Dutch East Indies and returned to England to report the mutiny. Christian and the rest of the crew eventually settled on Pitcairn Island and Tahiti.

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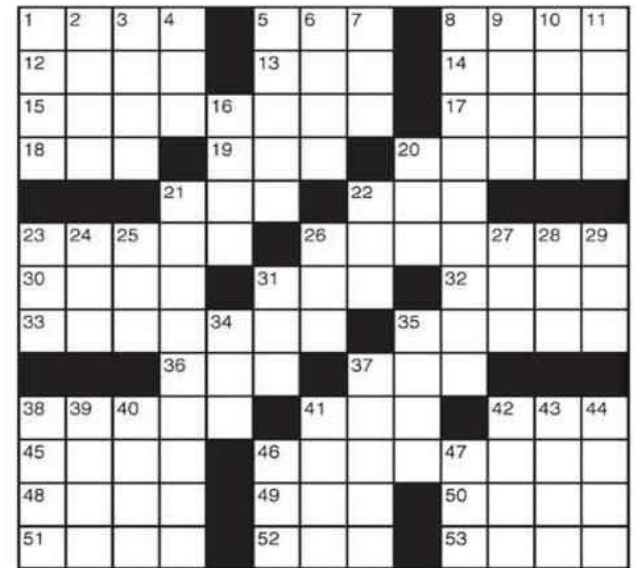
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- 12 Taunt
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- 14 Hockey legend Phil, to fans
- 15 Home of the Packers
- 17 Compared to
- 18 Congeal
- 19 Sturdy tree
- 20 Spassky's game
- 21 - -Manuel Miranda
- 22 Huge
- 23 Bottom
- 26 Fear-stricken
- 30 "E Pluribus -"



- 49 Mosquito barrier
- 50 Cupid's alias
- 51 Thames town
- 52 Multipurpose truck
- 53 Compass point
- Job" actor
- 9 Tennis champ
- Arthur
- 10 Transcript stats
- 11 Eternities
- 16 Dark film genre
- 20 Spy org.
- 21 Color named for a fruit
- 22 Journalist Nellie
- 23 Gist
- 24 Year in Spain
- 25 "Gee, ya think?"
- 26 Alias abbr.
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- 35 Challenge
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- 3 Help a crook
- 4 Born abroad? Russo
- 5 City-related
- 6 Drench
- 7 Sauce source
- 8 "The Italian

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦

- ♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Railing is different. 2. Handle is added to lunch box. 3. Sleeve is rolled up. 4. Leak is moved. 5. Pipe is thinner. 6. Bite is missing from sandwich.

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 23 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

Trivia test

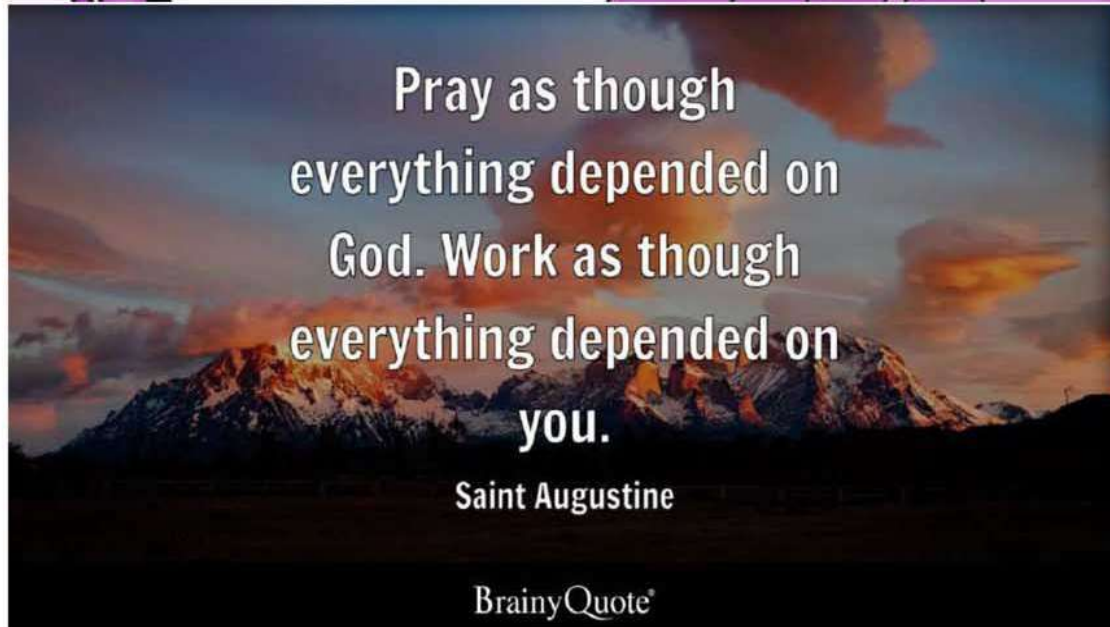
by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: The island of Ibiza belongs with which European country?
2. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of flamingos called?
3. MOVIES: What is the name of the island terrorized by a shark in "Jaws"?
4. U.S. STATES: Which state capital has the highest elevation in the United States?
5. ANATOMY: Where is the corpus collosum located?
6. LITERATURE: Who wrote the children's book "Where the Wild Things Are"?
7. TELEVISION: Which 1970s TV show had a spinoff hit with "Laverne & Shirley"?
8. MATH: How many sides does a dodecagon have?
9. ASTRONOMY: Which one of the planets in our solar system has the Great Red Spot?
10. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president ended the military draft?

MORE READERS:

THE ISLAND SUN

- TRIVIA TEST ANSWERS:
 1. Spain; 2. A Flamboyance; 3. Amity Island; 4. Santa Fe, New Mexico;
 5. In the brain. It connects the two hemispheres of the brain; 6. Maurice Sendak;
 7. "Happy Days"; 8. 12; 9. Jupiter; 10. Richard Nixon.



Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Rumors of a change in the workplace could make you a mite uneasy about going ahead with implementing your ideas. Best advice: Ignore the talk and proceed as planned.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Everyone has an opinion on how to handle a recent business suggestion. Thank them for their advice, then go ahead and follow your own fine instincts.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) While home is your main focus this week, new issues in the workplace need your attention as well. Take things step by step. Pressures will ease in time for weekend fun.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Be less rigid when handling a relationship problem. You might believe you're in the right, but try to open your mind up to the possibilities of facts that you're currently unaware of.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Leos and Leonas run at a hectic pace throughout much of the week. But by the 22nd, the Lions' dens become a "purrfect" place for you Fine Felines to relax in over the weekend.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Change is favored early in the week. This should make it easier for you to reassess your plans for handling a troubling professional relationship. Good luck!

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A suggestion from a colleague could give your professional project a long-needed boost. Meanwhile, someone close to you still needs your emotional support.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Before complying with a colleague's request, check to see that the action benefits all, not just one person's agenda. Continue firming up any travel plans.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your social life is on the upswing, and the only problem is deciding which invitations to accept. Enjoy yourself before settling down for some serious work next week.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) With your creative aspects on high, you might want to restart your work on a project that you put aside. Your efforts will bring a surge in your self-esteem.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) While you're generous with others, be sure that you're not overlooking your own needs. Take time to assess your situation and make adjustments where necessary.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Being applauded for your achievements is great, but watch out that you don't start acting like a star. It could lose you valuable support with your next project.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your strong belief in justice along with your leadership qualities help you protect the rights of others.

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The Garden Bug

Wild violets

If you choose to propagate wild violet plants, divide an established "clump" in spring or fall by gently separating the rooted stems from each other within the group, then replant them separately. Also, their seeds can be collected and sown in the fall, if you desire spring blooms. Other than watering following planting, and occasional watering throughout the growing season, wild violets require very little care. Their foliage is occasionally affected by spider mites in dry weather.

Brenda Weaver


Source: gardeningknowhow.com

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

So why do you worry about clothing?
Consider the lilies of the field,
how they grow: they neither toil
nor spin; and yet I say to you
that even Solomon in all his glory
was not arrayed like one of these.

MATTHEW 6:28,29

Detail of "Lily (yama yuri)"
by Shidei Kawasutaki (1953)



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Trump Bible ONLY \$60!

ACT NOW

And get such commandments as:

- II. Thou SHALL commit adultery with a porn star and pay hush money
- IV. Thou shall lie constantly and brazenly
- V. Thou shall not steal, but committing FRAUD is okay

...AND MORE!

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Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

MY NEMESIS MAY HAVE WON THIS TIME... BUT I SHALL EXACT MY REVENGE!

YOUR CALENDAR NEXT WEEK IS BOOKED SOLID. WOULD IT BE OKAY IF YOU JUST BALL PARKED YOUR REVENGE?

KOPERVAS



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Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

WOW, THIS PLACE IS REALLY FANCY. I WAS JUST ABLE TO GET OUR TAXES DONE IN THE MEN'S ROOM.



GRIN and BEAR IT by Warner

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"Look what I bought with what I found buried in the back yard!"



HUBERT - - By Dick Wingert

"Aw, be a sport. You know Mother doesn't get much fun out of life."



FLASH GORDON

THE KINGDOM OF FRIGIA!

THE LARGEST NATION ON THE PLANET MONGO, HER FROZEN SURFACE HIDING LAND RICH WITH EVERY MONGOTHIC ELEMENT--

--AND HOME TO A VIBRANT AND HARDY PEOPLE, AS INTEGRAL TO HER LANDSCAPE AS THE ICE ITSELF!

COME TO MAGNIFICENT DAY'S PEAK!

A MIRACLE OF GEOMORPHIC DESIGN, CAPITAL OF THE KINGDOM OF FRIGIA!

RELAX IN OUR WELLNESS POOLS!

HEATED BY THERMAL VEINS FROM THE VERY HEART OF MONGO!

MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND FRIENDLY* RIVALS IN OUR FAMED COMBAT CLUBS!

***CONTINGENT ON INTERPERSONAL CHEMISTRY, NOT GUARANTEED BY MANAGEMENT**

FIND ROMANCE NEW AND OLD UNDER THE CLEAREST SKIES ON MONGO!

IF YOU CAN'T MAKE IT WORK HERE, IT MIGHT NOT WORK ANYWHERE!

WHO KNOWS? YOU MIGHT EVEN MEET OUR QUEEN -- WISE, BEAUTIFUL FRIA!

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ADVENTURE AWAITS!

BOOK YOUR ROCKET TRAIN NOW!

NEXT: NO QUEENS IN THE WILD

THIMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS

POPEYE

BY RANDY MILKOLLAND

I KIN'T BELIEVES IT.

NO MORE FIGHTIN'. WHAT AM I SUPPOSED T'DO NOW? PUNCHIN' NUMBSKULLS IS ME ONLY TRUE HOBBY.

WHAT 'BOUT GAMBLIN' AND GRIFTIN'?

THAT'S MORE OF A CALLIN'.

THIMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS

ENOUFFS FISTICUFFS!

PART 4

PROF. KILPH MANAGED TO GET ALL THINGS FIGHTING BANNED IN SWEETHAVEN TO MAKE POPEYE MISERABLE. WHEN THAT DOESN'T WORK, KILPH DECIDES TO ENTRAP POPEYE.

YA WANT ME TO START A FIGHT WIT' POPEYE? BUT YA MADE FIGHTIN' ILLEGAL.

AND I CAN PARDON YOU.

I JUST NEED YOU TO GOAD HIM INTO TAKING A SWING AT YOU.

AND IF HE DON'T FIGHT BACK? THEN YOU BEAT HIM UP. WIN-WIN!

BUT FIGHTIN' IS EASIER AN' MORE FUN!

SWEE'PEA, YA GOTSK T'LEARN TO DE-ESKALAKE!

C'MERE, COWARD!

WATCH AN' LEARN!

poppeye.com

I GIT YER LOOKIN' FER A FIGHT, BUT THAT'S UNLAWFUL NOW, SO I KIN'T BEAT YA UP.

I'M AFRAID YER GONNA HAVE TO FIND A NEW WAY TO DEAL WITH YER OWN FEELIN'S OF INADEQUACY.

STOP USIN' BIG WORDS!

CRACK!

THAT'S HOW DE-ESCALATION WORKS?

HE DON'TSK WANNA FIGHT NO MORE, DOES HE?

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SOCIAL MEDIA: REWARDS, RISKS, AND UGLY ASPECTS

National Public Radio (NPR, stylized as npr) is an American non-profit media organization headquartered in Washington, D.C., with its NPR West headquarters in Culver City, California.

NPR journalists are active on social media and those rewards and risks aren't new or unfamiliar any more. In fact, one unpleasant aspect has become all too familiar: While NPR journalists generally enjoy their interactions with the public on social media, they have also been the targets of abuse on Twitter and other platforms. We've added new guidance on how to handle such situations.

But even as new social media tools and challenges pop up, and as old ones evolve, our core principles still drive the way we should conduct ourselves in the digital world.

That's why we continue to say:

“Conduct yourself online just as you would in any other public circumstances as an NPR journalist. Treat those you encounter online with fairness, honesty and respect, just as you would offline. Verify information before passing it along. Be honest about your intent when reporting. Avoid actions that might discredit your impartiality.”

Though the core principles haven't changed, we've gone through the entries about social media and updated them where we felt it was necessary.

SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS ARE GREAT TOOLS WHEN HANDLED CORRECTLY.

Social networking sites, such as Facebook, Twitter and Slack have become an integral part of everyday life for people around the world. As NPR grows to serve an audience that extends well beyond radio listeners, social media are an increasingly important way of connecting with our audiences. Properly used, social networking sites can be valuable parts of our newsgathering and

reporting kits because they can speed research and quickly extend a reporter's contacts. They are also useful transparency tools — allowing us to open up our reporting and editing processes when appropriate. We encourage our journalists to take advantage of them.

But reporting in social media spaces requires the same diligence we exercise when reporting in other environments. When NPR bloggers post about breaking news, they do not cite anonymous posts on social media sites — though they may use information they find there to guide their reporting. They carefully attribute the information they cite and are clear about what NPR has and has not been able to confirm.

When NPR correspondents go on the air they may mention discussions they've seen on social media sites as reflecting in part the tone or mood or general reaction to an event. But they realize that is not the same as a scientific survey of public opinion or a substitute for the kind of in-depth reporting that leads to a deep understanding of a subject.

WORDS MATTER. TRY TO STRIKE THE RIGHT TONE.

NPR has always tried to be engaging, entertaining and informative — while being civil. We've never shouted at our guests. We seek answers, not confrontations, when we conduct interviews. We are firm when we need to be, but never mean.

We take the same attitude to social media. We shouldn't SHOUT IN ALL CAPS when we're angry. We shouldn't take the bait from trolls and sink to their level. We don't use foul language. We pause to re-read our responses before hitting “reply.”

HOW WE TREAT EACH OTHER.

We sometimes want to write about NPR on social media. Sharing our colleagues' work is encouraged. Pointing to NPR's coverage of news events is of course perfectly fine. But



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when it comes to criticism of the work done by NPR's journalists, we treat our colleagues as we hope they would treat us. If we have something critical to say, we say it to their face — not on social media.

We also treat each other with respect when using social media platforms such as Slack to communicate internally. When in doubt, it's always wise to ask a few questions: Would I say that to this person's face? Would I say that in front of my co-workers? How would I feel if that was said — in public — to me?

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HOW WE DEAL WITH ABUSIVE BEHAVIOR BY OTHERS.

Journalists are just like those in other professions. We enjoy being praised when we do good work. But unlike those in occupations that aren't in the public eye, journalists have to accept that being criticized is part of the job. We know that the words we write and say, the photos and videos we post, the charts we produce and — yes — the things we say in social media may anger others. If we're willing to report facts that may cast public officials in an unfavorable light and are willing to dig into controversial topics, we have to be willing to put up with some pushback from the public.

We do not, however, have to put up with threatening or abusive communications from those who don't like our reporting. We do not have to put up being personally attacked because of our gender, race, religion or any other identifying factor.

The guiding principles when such abuse comes in are “don't feed the trolls” and “don't respond in kind.” This is a classic example of “easier said than done,” of course. We're human. We want to fire back.



PUBLIC NOTICES

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

FP INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1054773
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 5th April, 2024.
Dated: 5th day of April 2024
(Sgd.) *Philippa O'Sullivan*
Voluntary Liquidator
[46/1]

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

KOLLI GLOBAL CORP.

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company No. 1554810
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 27th March 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 27th March 2024
(Sgd) *Myron Walwyn*
Voluntary Liquidator
[46/3]

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

ELMHURST OVERSEAS LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 619232
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. Voluntary liquidation commenced on April 5th, 2024. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: April 5th, 2024
(Sgd.) *Nelcia St. Jean*
Voluntary Liquidator
[46/3]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

Lubat International Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1814929
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 April 5, 2024.
Dated: April 5, 2024
(Sgd.) *Nelcia St. Jean*
Voluntary Liquidator
[46/4]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

Emeri Group Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1693953
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 April 5th, 2024.
Dated: April 5th, 2024
(Sgd.) *Nelcia St. Jean*
Voluntary Liquidator
[46/5]

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

SCADOXUS LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 594603
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 5th day of April, 2024. The liquidator is **Philippa V. O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola VG1110, British Virgin Islands**
Dated: 8th day of April, 2024
Sgd. Philippa V. O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator
[46/6]

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

Success Bright Holdings Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 22nd day of March, 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 Francis of Nerine Chambers, P.O. Box 905, Quastisky Building, Road Town, Tortola VG 1110, British Virgin Islands
[46/7]

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

LANDSLIDE SERVICES INC.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 22nd day of March, 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 Francis of Nerine Chambers, P.O. Box 905, Quastisky Building, Road Town, Tortola VG 1110, British Virgin Islands
[46/8]

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

Great Lakes Property Inc.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 5th day of April, 2024, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register
The Liquidator is:-
Joan Johnson of Nerine Chambers, P.O. Box 905, Quastisky Building, Road Town, Tortola VG 1110, British Virgin Islands
[46/9]

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

Turing Machine Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 26th day of March 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
[46/10]

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

Activone Consultancy Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 26th day of March 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
[46/11]

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

Bytoo Consultancy Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 26th day of March 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
[46/12]

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

Canivor Consultancy Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 27th day of March 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
[46/13]

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

Decidion Consultancy Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 27th day of March 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
[46/14]

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

YINGXUAN Investment Holding Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 27th day of March 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
[46/15]

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

Hongtai LX Holding Ltd

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 5th day of April 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
[46/16]

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

BENDIGO INVEST & FINANCE INC.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on April 3rd, 2024. The Joint Liquidators are **Michele Hibbert with address at Sea Cow's Bay, Tortola, British Virgin Islands and Saajid Jasat Bhana with address at Obarrio, Calle 59, Casa 5, Apartado 0816-04554 Ciudad de Panamá, República de Panamá.**
Dated: April 3rd, 2024.
(Sgd.) *Michele Hibbert and Saajid Jasat Bhana*
Joint Voluntary Liquidators
[46/17]

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

BORONIA INVEST & FINANCE INC.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on April 3rd, 2024. The Joint Liquidators are **Michele Hibbert with address at Sea Cow's Bay, Tortola, British Virgin Islands and Saajid Jasat Bhana with address at Obarrio, Calle 59, Casa 5, Apartado 0816-04554 Ciudad de Panamá, República de Panamá.**
Dated: April 3rd, 2024.
(Sgd.) *Michele Hibbert and Saajid Jasat Bhana*
Joint Voluntary Liquidators
[46/18]

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

Craven Developments Ltd

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on March 28th, 2024. The Joint Liquidators are **Michele Hibbert with address at Sea Cow's Bay, Tortola, British Virgin Islands and Saajid Jasat Bhana with address at Obarrio, Calle 59, Casa 5, Apartado 0816-04554 Ciudad de Panamá, República de Panamá.**
Dated: March 28th, 2024.
(Sgd.) *Michele Hibbert and Saajid Jasat Bhana*
Joint Voluntary Liquidators
[46/19]

PUBLIC NOTICES

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

BVIHPB 2024/

**In the Estate of MELVA FELECIA MADURO-MILLS,
deceased of Jean Hill, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.
ADVERTISEMENT
OF
APPLICATION FOR A GRANT OF LETTERS OF
ADMINISTRATION**

TAKE NOTICE that an Application has been filed by EVERARD EVERETTE MILLS of Jean Hill, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, the widower of MELVA FELECIA MADURO-MILLS, deceased for a Grant of Letters of Administration, the deceased having died intestate on 9th day of November, 2022.

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

Dated this 2nd day of April, 2024.

Dancia Penn & Co.

Legal Practitioners for the Intended Administrator
Filed by Dancia Penn & Co. Attorneys-at-Law whose address for service is 49 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands. Telephone (284) 494 4197. Email: legalsupport@danciapenn.com
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**THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
(PROBATE)**

BVIHPB2024/

**In the Estate of DOUGLAS ALBATO PENN, deceased of East End,
Tortola, British Virgin Islands
ADVERTISEMENT
OF
APPLICATION FOR A GRANT OF LETTERS OF
ADMINISTRATION**

TAKE NOTICE that an Application has been filed by CYNTHIA ADINA PENN of East End, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, the lawful widow of the deceased and DOUGLAS ALBATO PENN JR. of East End, Tortola, British Virgin Islands and AKETHA MARISA PENN of East End, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, two of the four lawful children of DOUGLAS ALBATO PENN, deceased having died intestate on 7th March, 2023.

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.

Dated this 2nd day of April, 2024.

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on April 4th, 2024. The Joint Liquidators are Michele Hibbert with address at Sea Cow's Bay, Tortola, British Virgin Islands and Saajid Jasat Bhana with address at Obarrio, Calle 59, Casa 5, Apartado 0816-04554 Ciudad de Panamá, República de Panamá. Dated: April 4th, 2024.
(Sgd.) Michele Hibbert and Saajid Jasat Bhana
Joint Voluntary Liquidators
[46/20]

*Notice of Appointment of a
Liquidator under Section 204 of the
BVI Business Company Act.*
Telcot Services Ltd

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on March 28th, 2024. The Joint Liquidators are Michele Hibbert with address at Sea Cow's Bay, Tortola, British Virgin Islands and Saajid Jasat Bhana with address at Obarrio, Calle 59, Casa 5, Apartado 0816-04554 Ciudad de Panamá, República de Panamá. Dated: March 28th, 2024.
(Sgd.) Michele Hibbert and Saajid Jasat Bhana
Joint Voluntary Liquidators
[46/21]

SPEED UP OVERSEAS INC.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1896102

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 April, 2024. The Liquidator is Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands. Dated this 9th day of April, 2024
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[46/22]

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

BVIHPB 2024/

**In the Estate of EUNICIA DAWSON also known as UNICIA
DAWSON, deceased of East End, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

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OF

**APPLICATION FOR A GRANT OF LETTERS OF
ADMINISTRATION**

TAKE NOTICE that an Application has been filed by GLENDA DAWSON-RIDDICK of East End, Tortola, British Virgin Islands now residing at 1227 Rocky Branch Trail, Lawrenceville, Georgia, 30043, United States of America for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicant, the lawful daughter of EUNICIA DAWSON also known as UNICIA DAWSON, the deceased having died intestate on 3rd December, 2019.

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

of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 2nd day of April, 2024.

Filed by Dancia Penn & Co., Attorneys-at-Law whose address for service is 49 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands. Telephone (284) 494 4197. Email: legal.support@danciapenn.com

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

BVIHPB 2024/0074

**In the Estate of OTELIA RABSATT also known as OTHELIA
RABSATT, deceased 6531 Estate Nadir #10, St Thomas,
United States Virgin Islands.**

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

TAKE NOTICE that an Application has been filed by SHERRIL SHERLENE RABSATT of 1728 Weber Ave, Chesapeake, Virginia, United States of America and BERRIL ERLINE RABSATT-COX of 2205 Woodwind Dr., Orlando, Florida, United States of America two of the lawful children of the deceased OTELIA RABSATT also known as OTHELIA RABSATT for a Grant of Letters of Administration, the deceased having died intestate on 17th January, 2014.

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.

Dated this 2nd day of April, 2024

Dancia Penn & Co.

Legal Practitioners for the Administratrices
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PUBLIC NOTICES

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

BVIHPB 2024/0072

In the Estate of VASTHI AUGUSTA JENNINGS also known as VASTHI AUGUSTA STEVENS, deceased of Long Look, Tortola, The Virgin Islands.

**ADVERTISEMENT
OF APPLICATION FOR A GRANT**

TAKE NOTICE that an Application has been filed by FRANDI THOMAS of Long Look, Tortola, British Virgin Islands for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above-named deceased who died on 16th March, 2022 without revoking a Will dated 23rd November, 2007 and a Codicil thereto bearing the date 30th January, 2008, wherein the Applicant is named Sole Executor.

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

Dated this 2nd day of April, 2024.

Dancia Penn & Co.
Legal Practitioner for the Executor

Filed by Dancia Penn & Co., Attorneys-at-Law whose address for service is 49 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.
Telephone (284) 494 4197.

Email: paralegalsupport@danciapenn.com

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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 HUI CHUN LING ALSO KNOWN AS CHUN-LING, HUI ALSO KNOWN AS STANLEY C.L. HUI ALSO KNOWN AS HUI STANLEY ALSO KNOWN AS HUI CHUN LING ALSO KNOWN AS CHUN LING STANLEY HUI ALSO KNOWN AS HUI CHUN LING STANLEY, LATE OF FLAT 1, 1ST FLOOR, BLOCK A, NOS. 12-14, SHOUSON HILL ROAD WEST, 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 HUI CHUN LING also known as CHUN-LING, HUI also known as STANLEY C.L. HUI also known as HUI STANLEY also known as HUI CHUN LING also known as CHUN LING STANLEY HUI also known as HUI CHUN LING STANLEY, late of Flat 1, 1st Floor, Block A, Nos. 12-14, Shouson Hill Road West, Hong Kong, granted to CHEUNG LAI YIN and HUI CHUN PING by the Deputy Registrar of the High Court of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region on the 29th day of December 2022 with Grant No. HCAG005928/2022.

Harney Westwood & Riegels LP
Legal Practitioners for the Applicants

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WELLFIELD ASSETS LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1564644

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 April, 2024. The Liquidator is Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.
Dated this 9th day of April, 2024
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[46/23]

*Notice of Appointment of a
Voluntary Liquidator under Section
204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business
Companies Act, 2004.*

Skiron Holdings S.A.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1942809

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 27th day of March 2024. The Liquidator is Ray A. George of Long Trench, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.
Dated this 27th day of March, 2024

Ray A. George
Voluntary Liquidator
[46/24]

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

**FOREST FINANCE
MANAGEMENT LIMITED**

BC#570414

(IN VOLUNTARY
LIQUIDATION)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 5 April 2024. The Liquidator is Nelcia St Jean of 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated 5 April 2024

Nelcia St Jean

(Liquidator)

[46/25]

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

BVIHPB 2024/

In the Estate of CATHERINE ALMA FAHIE also known as ALMA CATHERINE FAHIE, deceased of Leonard's Estate, Tortola, Virgin Islands.

**ADVERTISEMENT
OF APPLICATION FOR A GRANT OF PROBATE**

TAKE NOTICE that an Application has been filed by JENIFER AVRIL TURNBULL of Leonard's Estate, Tortola, British Virgin Islands and 9412 SW20, Miramar, Florida, 33025, United States of America and EURMAN EDWIN FAHIE of Leonard's Estate, Tortola, British Virgin Islands and P.O. Box 2149, Kingshill, St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above named deceased who died on the 31st day of October, 2020 without revoking a Will bearing the date 21st May, 1998 wherein the Applicants are two of the three children named as Executors of the Will of CATHERINE ALMA FAHIE also known as ALMA CATHERINE FAHIE, deceased

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

Dated this 2nd day of April, 2024.

Filed by Dancia Penn & Co., Attorneys-at-Law whose address for service is 49 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands. Telephone (284) 494 4197. Email: paralegalsupport@danciapenn.com

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

BVIHPB 2024/0069

In the Estate of VERNON KENMORE DAWSON, deceased of East End, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

**ADVERTISEMENT
OF APPLICATION FOR A GRANT OF PROBATE**

TAKE NOTICE that an Application has been filed by GLENDA RIDDCK-DAWSON of East End, Tortola, British Virgin Islands now residing at 1227 Rocky Branch Trail, Lawrenceville, Georgia, 30043, United States of America for a Grant of Probate of the Will of VERNON KENMORE DAWSON, deceased who died on 12th December, 2013 without revoking his Last Will and Testament dated 29th November, 2013 wherein the Applicant is named as the alternate Executrix.

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

Dated this 2nd day of April, 2024

Dancia Penn & Co.
Legal Practitioners for the Executrix.

Filed by Dancia Penn & Co., Attorneys-at-Law whose address for service is 49 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands. Telephone (284) 494 4197. Email: paralegal support@danciapenn.com

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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

Kun Long Holding Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2014448

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 8th April 2024. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: 8th April 2024
(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator
[46/26]

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

PALMTREES WEALTH CORPORATION
(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company No. 2087977

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 April 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 April 2024
(Sgd.) **Myron Walwyn**
Voluntary Liquidator
[46/30]

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

AVISO TECHNOLOGY LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1463963

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 10th day of April, 2024. The liquidator is **Philippa O' Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: 10th day of April 2024
(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator
[46/34]

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

**IN THE ESTATE OF GHASSAN ABDULLAH A AL
NEMER, DECEASED**

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to section 28 of the Trustee Act 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 GHASSAN ABDULLAH AAL NEMER, otherwise GHASSAN ABDULLAH AL NEMER late of 15 Al-Ahil Street, Po Box 3056, Dammam, Saudi Arabia, who died on the 23rd day of February 2022 (the Deceased), is hereby required to send particulars in writing of his or her claim or interest to Harney Westwood & Riegels LP of Craigmuir Chambers, P. O. Box 71 Road Town, Tortola British Virgin Islands (Attention: Myles Chingara), the Solicitors acting for Satwinder Singh Sidhu the Executor, with Power reserved to another Executor, of the Deceased's estate, and to send such particulars not later than the 30th day of May 2024 after which date the said Executor will distribute the estate among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice and will not, in respect to the property so distributed, be liable to any person of whose claim they shall not then have notice.

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

Borchidtu CL Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2094237

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 3rd April 2024. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: 3rd April 2024
(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator
[46/27]

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

LH Sierra Ltd.
(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company No. 1937334

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 April 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 April 2024
(Sgd.) **Myron Walwyn**
Voluntary Liquidator [46/31]

BERKELEY ASSET HOLDING LTD

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1774102

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 10th day of April, 2024. The Liquidator is **Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated this 10th day of April, 2024
Sgd. **Brian Jackson**

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[46/35]

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

CLAIM NO. BVIHPB2024/

**IN THE ESTATE OF MURAT SANER, LATE, OF YENIKOY
MAHALLESI, KOYBASI CADDESI 99, SARIYER, ISTANBUL,
TURKEY, DECEASED**

ADVERTISEMENT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Elif Yakut of Kucukcamlica Sehit Ismail Moray Sokak 10 G/999 Ap. Uskudar, Istanbul, Turkey for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who is the daughter of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate in Istanbul Turkey on 14 August 2023.

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 April 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.

Borchidtu Pai Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2094121

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 3rd April 2024. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: 3rd April 2024
(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator
[46/28]

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

SIRIUS HOLDINGS MANAGEMENT LTD.
(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company No. 1898682

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 10th April 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 10th April 2024
(Sgd.) **Myron Walwyn**
Voluntary Liquidator [46/32]

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

MIRINA BUSINESS CORP.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1718788

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. Voluntary liquidation commenced on April 9th, 2024. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: April 10th, 2024
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator [46/36]

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

GOOSECREEK MANAGEMENT LTD.
(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company No. 1008831

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 April 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 April 2024
(Sgd.) **Myron Walwyn**
Voluntary Liquidator [46/29]

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

BLOOMINGSHIRE INVESTMENT LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 108970

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 10th day of April, 2024. The liquidator is **Philippa O' Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: 10th day of April 2024
(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator
[46/33]

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

LORRAINE REAL ESTATE INC.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1818144

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 9th April, 2024. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, Blackburne Highway (P.O. Box 116) Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: 10th March, 2024
(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator [46/37]

PUBLIC NOTICES

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

IN THE ESTATE OF CHARLES NJONJO, DECEASED

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to section 28 of the Trustee Act 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 CHARLES NJONJO, late of Shavania House, Naivasha Avenue, Muthaiga, Nairobi, Kenya, who died on the 2nd day of January 2022 (the Deceased), is hereby required to send particulars in writing of his or her claim or interest to Harney Westwood & Riegels LP of Craigmuir Chambers, P. O. Box 71 Road Town, Tortola British Virgin Islands (Attention: Matthew Howson), the Solicitors acting for Devvrat Periwal and Atiq Saifuddin Karimbhai Anjarwalla, the Executors of the Deceased's estate, and to send such particulars not later than the 30th day of May 2024 after which date the said Executors will distribute the estate among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice and will not, in respect to the property so distributed, be liable to any person of whose claim they shall not then have notice.

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

Claim No: BVIHPB 2024/

In the Estate of RAZANNA HODGE DECEASED

TAKE NOTICE: that Reginald Owen Hodge of West End, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, intends to apply to the Probate Division of the High Court of Justice in the Territory of the Virgin Islands for letters of Administration of the estate of RAZANNA HODGE, deceased, late of West End, Tortola, British Virgin Islands who died on the 25th day of June, 2023.

ANY PERSON: having any objections to the grant of representation to the Intended Applicant shall within fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of this notice, lodge with Registry of the High Court in the Territory of the Virgin Islands a proper document setting out the said objections.

DATED: this the 4th day of April, 2024.

The Applicant in Person
284 340 8979

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

**AVIGNON GLOBAL
INVESTMENTS INC.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1798315

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 10th April, 2024. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: 10th April, 2024
(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator
[46/38]

NOTICE

**BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
THORNWAY HOLDINGS
LIMITED**

("the Company")

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 13th March, 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
of c/o Nerine Chambers, P.O.
Box 905, Quastisky Building,
Road Town, Tortola VG 1110,
British Virgin Islands
[46/39]

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

**CAMBERN COMMERCIAL
INC.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 5th April, 2024. The Liquidator is **Mrs. Adenike Flax Nee Sicard, with address at 2nd Floor, O'Neal Marketing Associates Building, Wickham's Cay II, P.O. Box 4493, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: 5th April, 2024.
(Sgd.) **Adenike Flax Nee Sicard**
Voluntary Liquidator
[46/40]

**In the matter of the BVI Insolvency Act, 2003 (the "Act")
Pockej Limited- in Liquidation (the "Company")**

Company No. 1457568

**Notice of Appointment of Liquidators and Meeting
of Creditors**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 178(1) of the Act, that on 3 April 2024 John Nicholas Greenwood of BDO Limited, Sea Meadow House, Tobacco Wharf, PO Box 34, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110 was appointed as Liquidator of the Company by a qualifying resolution passed by the member of the Company, in accordance with Section 159(2) of the Act.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 179(1) of the Act, that the first meeting of the creditors of the Company will be held at 3rd floor Mandar House, Johnson's Ghut, Road Town, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands VG1110 on 30 April 2024 at 11.00 a.m. BVI time for the purposes provided for in Sections 179(3) and (4) of the Act. Arrangements can be made for creditors or their representatives to attend the meeting by telephone. Creditors should lodge particulars of their claims for voting purposes before the meeting. Claims may be lodged by e-mail at the address below. Secured creditors (unless they surrender their security) should also include a statement giving details of their security, the date(s) on which it was given and the estimated value at which it is assessed.

Any creditor entitled to attend the vote at the meeting is entitled to do so either in person or by proxy. Completed proxy forms must be lodged with the Liquidator at 3rd floor Mandar House, Johnson's Ghut, Road Town, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands VG1110 by no later than 12 noon BVI time on the business day before the meeting.

The resolutions to be tabled at the meeting may include a resolution to appoint a creditors' committee of the Company. The meeting attendees will also receive an explanation of the current circumstances of the Company, including the actions taken by the Liquidator since his appointment. The majority required to pass a resolution at the meeting is not less than 50% in value of the claims of those attending in person or by proxy.

Before the date of the meeting of creditors, any creditor may request a list of the Company's creditors and such other information concerning the affairs of the Company as is available and this may be requested from the contact below.

Dated 3 April 2024
John Nicholas Greenwood
Liquidator
[46]

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

LILAC INVEST LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1049797

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 10th day of April, 2024.

Dated: 10th day of April, 2024.
(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator
[46/41]

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

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(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 10th April, 2024. The Liquidator is **Mr. Meade Malone, with address at Geneva Place, 2nd Floor, #333 Waterfront Drive, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: 10th April, 2024.
(Sgd.) **Meade Malone**
Voluntary Liquidator
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PUBLIC NOTICES

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

CLAIM NO. BVIHPB2024/

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Notice is given that after the expiration of 8 days application will be made to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the resealing of the Probate of James David Hassan, late of 22 Arlington, Midtown, Queensway, Gibraltar granted by the Supreme Court of Gibraltar on the 10th day of October 2022.

Dated this 10th day of April 2024

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Legal Practitioners for the Executor

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CANTY BAY (GANNET) LIMITED (In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that the voluntary liquidation and dissolution of CANTY BAY (GANNET) LIMITED commenced on April 5, 2024 and that Christopher Simpson of 2nd Floor, Commerce House, 181 Main Street, P.O. Box 961, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands has been appointed voluntary liquidator of the Company.

Dated: April 5, 2024

Christopher Simpson
Liquidator

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Rebranding from Open to Global: Remaining Faithful to our Regional Countries, Towns, Villages and Hamlets

Office of the Pro Vice-Chancellor and Principal. Monday, April 8, 2024 — The UWI Open Campus as an Online Campus has been rebranded into The UWI Global Campus. "Strewn across the Region and dispersed globally to increase our impact, it was this agile Campus which demonstrated that learning could continue when other institutions and other organisations were shutting down. The Global Campus looks forward to fulfilling the vision of the Vice-Chancellor to be the major pillar in the Revenue Revolution phase of The UWI Triple A strategy through aggressive, entrepreneurial activities that take our excellent programme offerings online to wider regional and global markets," said Honourable Ambassador Dr June Soomer, Chair, The UWI Global Campus Council, in her opening remarks to the Global Campus Council Meeting on Friday, March 22, 2024.

She spoke about the rebranding process and asked for continued patience as the Campus navigates the changes. She further indicated that the Campus was grateful for the understanding and patience during these challenging times. "We are committed to ensuring that citizens in non-independent countries will know that we will help them to build capacity in special entrepreneurship and employability skills training programmes which target beneficiaries of social protection programmes, especially women. Our citizens in Belize who tackled mental health in the workplace will know that we want better working conditions. Our citizens in Saint Lucia and Dominica, who would be happy to include continuing and professional educational process, will know that we understand that the development of countries will depend on the type of education they receive. These are also our aspirations for students that we will attract globally. The UWI will consolidate its reputation for excellence. We will be at the heart of shaping global citizens. As we move into the last 25 years of the first century of The UWI, the Global Campus is well-placed to assist the University in achieving the goals of one graduate for each household so that we can spur the development of the generational wealth that has been in the Region. We look forward to sustained advancement," Ambassador Soomer stated.

Vice-Chancellor Sir Hilary

Beckles in his remarks stated, "The 75th year gave us a tremendous opportunity not only for reflection upon the achievements of our University but also an opportunity to make projections as we look toward the centenary 25 years from now. It has been a rich engagement and many lessons have been learnt, and we are now actively making preparation for the future. I can reliably state that after 75 years, the reputation of this University has never been greater. I can also state that the global visibility of our University has never been greater."

The Vice-Chancellor indicated that despite encountering internal challenges, the University's achievements have been commendable. "We are in a very good competitive position relating to the system of higher education. The 75th year has found us right where we wanted to be. Our goal has always been to rank among the top 5% of the best universities in the world, and from year to year we might also be in the top 1.5, or top 2 or 3, but that is where we will always be, that is our plan. This is where we are, the #1 University in the Caribbean in a field of over 150. The top 1% in Latin America and the Caribbean, among 2,000 universities, and in the world in a field of 32,000 universities, we are in the top 3%," explained Vice-Chancellor Beckles.

He indicated that this brings a tremendous sense of greater responsibility for the future and that it was imperative to begin charting a course towards the centenary of the University. He mentioned that in the past two years, there were significant challenges due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and that in some respects, the Pandemic posed an existential threat to the University. He stated that "Several institutions in our hemisphere and beyond found it necessary to close their doors. They could not see how they could deliver on their culture of teaching and learning and research within that context... We did not make those very adverse decisions. We decided to stay focused. We embraced our students and took them through this process. We did the best possible and we were commended for it. However, we could not have achieved that circumstance without the specific and focused mobilisation of the Global Campus."

He spoke about the International School for Development Justice (ISDJ) which will be located within the Global Campus and

indicated that it will be a business school focused on teaching and learning at the graduate level, specifically around the Sustainable Development Goals. He explained that this is a unique opportunity that will see the Global Campus in a very positive position in the years ahead. "As we prepare to become actively involved globally in the world of higher education, we must remind ourselves that it is a multi-billion dollar market and we at The UWI will be a part of it, securing our share of the revenue associated with the rapidly expanding global economic systems. We are now about to complete the rebranding exercise from Open to Global so that the concept of the Global Campus rolls off our lips in a way that the Open Campus did in past decades. This is what we are hoping for so that we can all embrace the concept and the vision. We are now in the business of revenue-generating in light of the financial and physical context of the Region and we will make progress," stated Sir Hilary.

Pro Vice-Chancellor and Principal, Dr Francis O Severin in presenting his Annual Report to the University Council for the 2022/2023 Academic Year, spoke of the new Global brand. "We are a hybrid and blended Campus since we are virtual with 42 physical site locations serving 17 English-speaking Caribbean countries and authentically a Pan-Caribbean Campus. We make a fundamental and unequivocal claim to this". He explained that the sub-theme for his presentation, which speaks to Remaining Faithful to our Regional Countries, Towns, Villages, and Hamlets is befitting of the Campus' commitment to community outreach.

"At the Global Campus, we believe in the power of education to transform lives and communities. As we embark on this exciting journey, it is important for us to remain devoted and committed to our Regional countries, towns, villages, and hamlets as we want our community outreach to remain robust, consistent, and strong. It is important for us to spread our wings globally, but we will not forsake or renege on our domestic Caribbean responsibilities and obligations," urged Dr Severin.

He further stated that during 2022/2023, the Campus has maintained a vibrant and robust community outreach to its local clientele while continuing to

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Caribbean News / Regional News

CARICOM, CAC sign Cooperation Agreement to Strengthen Agriculture, Regional Trade

"It marks a milestone in the relationship between CARICOM and the CAC and focuses on promoting programmes, projects, and mechanisms-that-drive agricultural-and-rural development in SICA and CARICOM.

The agreement covers key areas such as climate-adapted-sustainable agriculture, food security, agricultural-productivity, digitalisation in agriculture, and regional agricultural trade. It is expected that this agreement will also promote the reduction of tariffs, improve infrastructure and logistical capacities, foster public-private partnerships, strengthen sub-regional value chains, and enhance food security in both regions."

CARICOM-Secretariat, Georgetown, - Greater Georgetown, - Guyana - Monday, 8 April 2024: The Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and the Central American-Agricultural Council (CAC) have signed

a cooperation agreement to improve agricultural development and strengthen agriculture trade ties between CARICOM and the Central American Integration System (SICA).

Dr. Carla Barnett, CARICOM Secretary-General, and Lucrecia Rodríguez Peñalba, Executive Secretary of CAC, SICA's agricultural body, signed the agreement in March 2024 at the CARICOM Secretariat, Georgetown, Guyana. The accord, which entered into force immediately, stemmed from the CARICOM-SICA Plan of Action which Foreign Ministers of the two regions signed in Belize on 2 March 2022.

It marks a milestone in the relationship between CARICOM and the CAC and focuses on promoting programmes, projects, and mechanisms that drive agricultural and rural development in SICA and CARICOM.

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In her remarks, Dr. Carla Barnett

highlighted the potential of this partnership: "The signing of this agreement-demonstrates our shared commitment to working together to address the common challenges we face in the agricultural and trade sectors."

Lucrecia Rodríguez Peñalba emphasised the importance of the collaboration, noting, "This agreement represents a significant step towards

improving our food systems, adapting to climate change, and strengthening family farming in our regions."

The - Cooperation Agreement between the CAC and CARICOM reflects the commitment of both organisations to work together to achieve sustainable agricultural and rural development in Central America and the Caribbean.

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assess the unique needs and characteristics of each sub-region within the Caribbean community. "We appreciate and understand that education should be accessible to everyone regardless of their geographical location. Our goal has therefore been to sustain and bolster our ties with our Regional countries. We have done this while having as our focus the provision of quality education and support to all."

The Principal reported that the Reaccreditation Mid-cycle Review was held on

November 13 and 14, 2023. He noted that it was an opportunity for the Campus to reflect on its development and achievements since the granting of full accreditation for 7 years in 2019. "The process included looking at any matters identified in the reaccreditation report that required action and to look ahead at the development plan for the remainder of the accreditation period. It was also an opportunity for the Barbados Accreditation Council (BAC) to keep abreast of developments in the Campus and to check on continued compliance with the accreditation standards,"

explained Dr Severin.

Concerning the Rightsizing Human Resource Consultancy, Principal Severin explained that the process was launched on January 29, 2024, and is on track for completion on May 31, 2024. He paid tribute to the Caribbean Development Bank and thanked them for funding 83% of the cost of the Consultancy and indicated that 17% represents a contribution-in-kind from the Campus.

In closing his presentation, Dr Severin informed the meeting that the Campus has proposed a project titled Circular Community for Health, Wellness and Sports in Grenada.

"This is a fundamental Global Campus Revenue Revolution initiative that will benefit not only Grenada but the Eastern Caribbean as well. This project dovetails with our emphasis on sustainable development, justice, climate justice, and the circular economy," stated Dr Severin.

Principal Severin wrapped up the Annual Report by thanking our contributing and supporting governments, -the-Vice-Chancellor and the University's Executive-Management Committee, and all our stakeholders, friends and well-wishers. He expressed gratitude to the Campus Council Chair, Honourable Ambassador Dr

June Soomer for her continued support and keeping in very close touch with him and his team. He advocated that, as a resilient team and Campus, that "...we shall continue to renew our strength; we shall mount up with wings like eagles; we shall run and not be weary; we shall walk and not faint."

The meeting also received several departmental reports from members of the Global Campus Senior Management Team as well as the Audited Financial Statements, the Audit Committee Report, the Guild of Students Statement, and the Open Campus Alumni Report.

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Caribbean-Vacation Concierge Services needs the services of a Provisional Person, Cooks, Chefs and Sous Chef, Steward and Hostess. Please call 541-2023 for more information.
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Richards-Barbershop located in East End is now seeking to hire two (2) Barbers for full time work at our location. One (1) year experience required. Call 284-543-9651 for details.
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Charles Hodge Cleaning Services needs a Houseman/Driver and Housekeeper for a full time position. Please email your resume at chcleaningservice21@gmail.com or call 345-8383.
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Solid State Construction has a need for Carpenters, Masons.-Plumber, Electrician, Sheet Rock Person, Foreman and Labourers.
Please call 541-2023 for more information.
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Bless Hands Health Spa needs one full time :
Experienced - Massage Therapist with at least 5 years experience. Must be able to work unsupervised. BVI Islanders or Belongers preferred.-
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Method Property Management and Maintenance is seeking to hire a MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN. A minimum of 10 years experience in plumbing, masonry, electrical and carpentry work is required. Driver must possess a valid driver's license and reliable transportation. Please send resume via email to methodgroupbvi@gmail.com or mail to P.O. Box 3912, Sea Cows Bay, Tortola VG1110
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EMCs Caribbean Ltd. is seeking to fill the position of 2 full time Heavy Equipment Operators with at least 5 years of experience. Interested applicants can send their CV/Resume with a cover letter at P.O. Box 386 Road Town Tortola British Virgin Islands or call 284-494-1300.
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Inlove Bar and Restaurant is in need of full time Waitresses/Barmaids and Chef. Please email your resume at Johannyr603@gmail.com or call 345-8383
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FELIPE BAR & NIGHT CLUB Seacow's Bay needs three full time BARTENDERS three (3) full time WAITRESSES.-Telephone 440-1250 [s46]

Burgeon Services Inc. is seeking a skilled Project Liaison-to-facilitate seamless-communication between teams, clients,- and-stakeholders. Responsibilities-include-coordinating-project timelines,-managing-deliverables,- and-resolving-conflicts. Strong-interpersonal and-organizational skills required. Previous-experience-in project management or client relations preferred. Join our dynamic team - apply now with resume and cover letter to **solutions@burgeonbvi.com** [s46]

Clint's-Organic-Food Supply is in need of a Full Time Vendor . Applicants will be responsible to Lift Loads, Cut Coconuts, clearing of goods on the Port, and assist with loading and offloading the tables. Interested-applicants should call 342-6774 or 346-1111 to arrange an interview [s45]

Office Manager wanted to oversee daily operations and administrative tasks at Burgeon Services Inc. the ideal candidate will exhibit strong leadership skills, attention to detail, and proficiency in office software. Previous-administrative experience preferred. Apply with resume and cover letter to **solutions@burgeonbvi.com**. [s46]

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Burgeon Services Inc. is seeking a Financial Operations Analyst. As a Financial Operations Analyst, you'll utilize advanced analytical skills to drive strategic decision-making and operational efficiency. Responsibilities include financial modeling, data analysis, and process optimization. Qualifications in finance or related field required, with experience in financial analysis preferred. Apply with resume and cover letter to **solutions@burgeonbvi.com**. [s46]

C. George Heavy Equipment Rentals is seeking a maintenance person that is able to assist with the upkeep of the heavy equipment, buildings and work compound. Please email all resumes to **capricebvi@hotmail.com**. Telephone: 496-8413 [s46]

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REAL ESTATE

For sale: Land at Biras Creek, Virgin Gorda registered as **Parcel 24** Block 5545A Virgin Gorda East Registration Section, measuring approx. 0.499 of an acre. Land is subject to covenants and purchaser is required to enter into a construction-agreement with Biras Creek Resorts Ltd for development of a resort villa unit on the land as a condition of the purchase. Sale - price - is US\$1,000,000. Interested Belongers please contact **ghp@ghpbvi.com** for more information. [s46]

For sale: Land at Biras Creek, Virgin Gorda registered as **Parcel 25** Block 5545A Virgin Gorda East Registration Section, measuring approx. 0.499 of an acre. Land is subject to covenants and purchaser is required to enter into a construction-agreement with Biras Creek Resorts Ltd for development of a resort villa unit on the land as a condition of the purchase. Sale price is US\$1,050,000. Interested Belongers please contact **ghp@ghpbvi.com** for more information. [s46]

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