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THE CEO'S THOUGHTS

**"Your heart is the source of your experience,
make this month an exceptional one"**

- William Evans Halm (A.G.I.A)

GANG-HO

CEO'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

William
Evans Halm
PRINCIPAL ARCHITECT

Wishing you a very happy birthday to a wonderful boss, who treats me with love and respect in his company. May your heart know happiness today and on all.

Isaac Adomako

Happy birthday Sir.
May you live to have nice shiny grey hair in good health & wealth.
The Lord bless this new year & many more to come. Joy

Happy Birthday Mr. Halm!
With lots of love and admiration, I celebrate you on this day.
God Richly bless you!

21/7/22

BA-Stt!

UNDER YOUR GUIDANCE I HAVE ACHIEVED THE GREATEST LEARNING AND MILESTONES. YOU ARE AN EXPERT IN THE INDUSTRY AND I AM SO GRATEFUL TO LEARN FROM YOU.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BOSS.

JOSEPH.

I came to you to build my Architectural skills. Little did I know that I will meet someone who will sharpen different aspects of my life: Spiritual, Social, fatherly.
You are indeed a great leader.
Happy Birthday Sir. I'm really glad to learn under your feet

Happy Birthday Sir! Amen to all your secret prayers!!!

Happy Birthday Mr Halm! for all of your efforts, contributions, and sacrifices both apparent and unspoken. Not to mention your steadfast pursuit of excellence in all that we do and hope to accomplish. Saying thank you is insufficient. May you get the chance to sit back, relax, and enjoy the moment.

Kevin Wiredu.

Dear Sir, your dedication, determination, and vision inspire us to always give our best. We appreciate having someone wonderful like you at the helm of affairs. THANK YOU. And do have a happy Birthday Sir.
Thomas Horvot

Happy Birthday Sir, I wish you much success not only today but your entire life. Thank you for being such a great leader and a mentor.

Happy Birthday Mr. Halm!
I wish you God's grace and blessings in the years ahead.

To an amazing BOSS, and an incredible leader.

Cheers to a happy new year.

Happy Birthday William
From: Faith

Happy birthday Mr Halm what a great leader with die hard believe. We love you. Stay Long life and prosperity. Enjoy your day and stay bless! All shall pass? Moses



PROJECT OF THE MONTH

Modernist style 5 bedroom residence expressing creativity, light and breath-taking views



THE MASTER BUILDER SEGMENT

KEY POINTS TO NOTE WHEN BUILDING ALONG THE BEACH LINE

In this episode of the master builder series, we take you through when you want to build your house or develop any commercial property along the beach line. Having property along the beach is a beautiful thing. It connotes luxury, pleasure, relaxation.

There are still some key points you must take care of if you want to succeed with this coast line project.

FLOOD LINES:

One of the very first things you'll like to consider is your flood line. Before you conclude on purchasing the property, make sure you investigate the flood lines of the property. How high does the sea come when you have high tide? How low does it recede from your lot? When it rains, how close does it come? All these will help determine whether it's a good purchase a good investment or not.

CHOICE OF MATERIALS:

The sea is a very salty environment and so be careful the choice of your materials for your project. Consider materials that are anti corrosive like wood, if you have no choice, and you have to use metal, you have to give it a marine paint, you have to put anti-rust on it, but as much as possible use materials that are not affected by the corrosive nature of the sea. You can use Corian, plaster board, wood which does well with the weather. You can also go natural stone, granite, marble.

VIEWS:

Moreover, you obviously bought your property along the beach for a good reason. You cannot develop a beach property and have small windows; you actually have to have large expanse uninterrupted expanse of windows. And as much as possible, try and position your building to capture the best views of the sea or the environment in which you find yourself.

EROSION CONTROL:

Another thing to consider is erosion control. You may have checked your flood line and everything but sometimes you just have to make sure that, you are not caught unawares. By virtue of the fact that you are by the coast it means that the land naturally slopes towards the sea.

Therefore, when it rains, you are going to have surface round water. So, make sure that when it rains, you control the flow of ground water from your lot. You can use greenery or retaining walls, you can use different types of landscaping treatment to ensure that you control erosion on your property.



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A HERO'S: JOURNEY PIRATE SHIP HUNTER DISCOVERS TREASURE

When Barry Clifford dove off the coast of Madagascar, he hoped to find yet another pirate shipwreck. "All of a sudden, the ceiling caved in on me and I was hit with a really big object, it nearly knocked me out," he told the Washington Post. "As I felt the edge of it, I thought: 'This must be lead.'" Deep in the sea, the pirate-ship hunter found a silver ingot of more than 110 pounds. This was proof that he had found Captain Kidd's ship -- or so he thought. Yet months later, UNESCO put on the brakes ... denying this was proof of the famed ship.

Clifford is an icon, a modern-day Indiana Jones of the sea. The Cape Cod native's claim to fame -- discovering the 18th century wreck of Whydah Gally, pirate captain "Black Sam" Bellamy's ship in Wellfleet. The 28-gun vessel carried four and a half tons of stolen treasure, only to be destroyed by a nor'easter in 1717 and lost for centuries. When Clifford unearthed it in 1984, no one could deny it. The discovery is still the only authenticated pirate shipwreck in the U.S.

His team found more than 200,000 artifacts: piles of gold coins (pictured above), canons, handmade weapons, and a leg bone.

Yet for Clifford, it's not about the money. The ship-hunter can't help but feel the "adventure is always [in] the treasure" but he does not consider himself a treasure hunter.

"A treasure hunter sells treasure. All of the artifacts that we've excavated and conserved are meant for public display," he said. "I don't think you can do really good science when people are breathing down your neck." While Clifford respects Bob Ballard, who discovered the Titanic, he wonders if the ship's remains really teach any lessons.

The moral of Clifford's story: Leads don't always hit us in the head, but they exist even in the darkest of waters. Even when people doubted him ... he stuck to his guns. Such tales are reminders of the hero's journey. Heroes have potential.





ICONIC BUILDING OF THE MONTH

THE HOUSE OF THE INFINITE IN CÁDIZ, SPAIN

Architect Alberto Campo Baeza designed The House of the Infinite in Cádiz, Spain. Built in 2014, he describes the structure as “an infinite plane facing the infinite sea.” The Atlantic Ocean is a beloved bridge between “the new and the old continent,” fitting for this home that unites the past and present. The house rests at a symbolic location -- where Mediterranean ships continue to pass through to the Atlantic. Its roof jets out toward the water upon a 36-meter “large box & quot; of Roman travertine, which honors the area’s heritage. The project began as a piece of landscape architecture, and, as Baeza developed the concept, a true work of art emerged.

He credits Rembrandt’s “Christ Presented before the People” (1655) as another source of inspiration. Baeza’s roof design is reminiscent of Rembrandt’s straight horizontal line ... a podium to set the scene for a special place, with infinite possibilities.



INTERIOR DESIGN SEGMENT

Statement lighting

Lighting is fundamental to not only home design but wellbeing too. We all know how tired or even depressed being in a gloomy, poorly lit room can feel, or even worse - the discomfort of a garishly bright one. However, we rarely appreciate a perfectly lit ambience because it is just that, so unnoticeably perfect that we relax and enjoy whatever it is we intend to do in that space.

Equal parts functional and fashionable, statement lighting allows folks to spotlight their beautiful homes, while doubling as eye-catching artwork.

MURDER

The Criminal Offences Act, 1960, Act 29 provides in section 47 as follows:

'A person who intentionally causes the death of another person by unlawful harm commits murder...' Per the above provision of the law, the necessary elements of the offence are intention to kill which is the mens rea or the mental element and unlawful harm which is the actus reus or the physical element.

Therefore, for a person charged with murder to be successfully convicted of the offence, the prosecution must prove beyond reasonable doubt that the accused person formed the intention to kill the victim.

Secondly, that the accused person executed that intention to kill by committing unlawful harm against another person which caused his or her death. Where the prosecution fails to prove that there was an intention to kill beyond reasonable doubt, the case of the prosecution will fail.

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In this big ball of people, I'm just one grain of sand on this beach.
-Aurora



A man goes to the police station to report that his credit card had been stolen many months ago and that he was aware of it.

Police: Why didn't you report your stolen credit card earlier?

Man: The thief was spending less than my wife.

Police: So, why are you reporting it now?

Man: I think the thief's wife has started using it



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