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## GOVERNOR DEFENDS POLICE ACT, LEGISLATORS WANT CHANGES

Despite criticisms from both legislators and members of the public about some of the changes and additional powers being added to the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force via the controversial Police Act, His Excellency Governor John Rankin is adamant that the changes are necessary.

The Bill made its debut this month and was pulled after public outcries forced legislators to convene informally on 9 February to consider the situation. Even members of the House of Assembly publicly announced that some of the mentions in the Bill made them uncomfortable. As a result, it was announced that the debate of the Bill has been delayed until further notice.

During a press conference on 14 February His Excellency was questioned about his views on the criticism. The Governor, however, defended the Bill stating that it was a necessary tool in the quest for modern law enforcement. In response to a question from the media, the Governor rebutted claims that he was not sensitive to the human rights violation

concerns voiced by members of the community in relation to the Bill.

In response, the Governor said that he does not think that the Bill has human rights infringement issues, and noted that he would never encourage such. "I am fully committed to protecting the human rights of individuals throughout this Territory – the BVI is a Territory that benefits from the European Rights convention applied to it, and in my own background as a Human Rights lawyer I would wish to do nothing which is a contravention of international human rights standards."

As it relates to concerns that he was pushing legislators to pass the Bill before elections His Excellency said: "The Police Act and its updating has actually been in progress for many years and therefore it is not a rushed piece of legislation. What's also important is that while protecting human rights we also give the Police the modern techniques which are required to tackle modern crime."

Amidst the concerning clauses of the Bill is the noting that the Police



The opening of the Road Town Market Square (more on page 10) (GIS Photo)

will have the power to take DNA by force. The Bill defines the DNA that will be taken as the following, "Any lawfully taken sample of a person's DNA, intimate or non-intimate, recorded for the purposes of this Act and stored either physically or electronically on an approved database." The entire matter of the forcibly retrieving of DNA has not sat well with members of the public. However, the Governor explained

that this ability is internationally relied on investigation technique

His Excellency said he makes no apology about this ability, especially in certain investigations. "One of those techniques for example is taking DNA samples, and doing DNA printing. That is used to catch rapists. I make no apology for that."

Another matter of concern in the Police Act is the ability of the Police to act without warrant. The

Bill says, "A police officer may arrest without warrant any person who commits or attempts to commit an arrestable offense in his or her view or whom he or she reasonably suspects to have committed an arrestable offense." Some persons in the community believe that this can result in abuse of power by officers. However, the Governor said that it is a reasonable addition.

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“As it relates to going to a house without a warrant, sometimes in emergency situations that would self-evidently be required. If the police have reasons to believe that that a serious crime is going to be committed, if someone is going to be subject to a violent assault, or murder – then the police need to act to protect the individual,” His Excellency stated.

Most importantly the Governor - in his defense of the legislation - emphasized that the Territory needs to maintain a balance if it is going to have effective

policing. “We need a law that is effective for policing this Territory but also respects human rights, and I hope the House of Assembly will be able to pass such legislation,” he noted.

## LEGISLATORS SAY NO TO THE BILL

In a 10 February statement in the House of Assembly on the Police Bill 2023 Premier and Minister of Finance, Dr. the Hon. Natalio Wheatley explained that the Bill saw multiple introductions in the House of Assembly. According to the Premier, “It

was introduced a number of times, but not passed. It has been in the public sphere literally for years.”

Dr. Wheatley said that he has heard the complaints of the public relating to this Bill and noted that Members of the House of Assembly do not agree with passing the legislation as it currently is. The BVI Leader declared: “Madam Speaker, I want to make it clear that there is no intention by any member of the House of Assembly to pass this Bill in its current form. We recognize a number of areas that are clearly problematic.”

“Members of the House

of Assembly have engaged the Bar Association, individual lawyers, concerned citizens, and a number of others, and the concerns are consistent. We convened an informal meeting of the House, and we communicated with top officials of the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force and communicated that under no circumstances would this Bill be passed without amendments to the areas that have caused such grave concern to the Members of the House and the public at large,” the Premier added.

The Police Bill was scheduled to have its

debate in the House on 10 February, but given the concerns, the Premier said that he felt that more consideration was needed. “Madam Speaker, we must enact the changes necessary to equip the force to protect and serve, and in the committee stage, we must remove the areas that we all are gravely concerned about. We will not debate the Bill today. We will allow more time to consult, discuss, and prepare the necessary amendments to be considered by the public and members,” Hon. Wheatley state.

# EDUCATION MINISTER PAINTS DISMAL PICTURE

Minister of Education, Culture, Youth Affairs and Sports, Hon. Sharie de Castro has bemoaned what she described as a series of misconduct episodes in certain public schools. The Minister in a Statement to the House of Assembly on 10 February disclosed to the Members of the House of Assembly that some of the public school students are behaving deplorably on the school premises. The Minister stated, “Madam Speaker, in recent weeks there has been an upsurge of extreme misconduct at some of our secondary schools.”

Shockingly it was reported that the students are not only having altercations with each other but also attacking educators. Hon. De Castro said, “In fact, Madam Speaker, I can regrettably confirm that some of our students are threatening the lives of their peers, teachers, administrators, and security officers and are threatening to destroy school property.”

The matter was said to be a security issue not only because the students were attacking security officers and administrators, but

because they were taking weapons to school. The Minister said, “Brass knuckles with knives attached are being confiscated from students far too frequently. Schools have also reported a significant issue with students bringing oversized splot-ball or pellet guns and using them to shoot at others after school.”

Illicit substances were also some of the noted contrabands among students listed. In making this particular complaint Hon. de Castro said: “Our schools have found students

in possession of marijuana and marijuana products as well as e-cigarettes and alcohol.”

Hon. de Castro said that she has tried to intervene in the matter with students by having meetings with the parents and those reported as misbehaving students. Unfortunately, it was mentioned that some students did not change their bad behavior.

“Madam Speaker, in September of 2022, I, in my capacity as Minister of Education, met with about fifteen students and their

parents regarding their repeated misbehaviour during the last school year, and the school’s intervention plan and expectations were clearly outlined to all present. Madam Speaker, both students and parents were required to sign a behaviour contract that outlined the school’s Code of Conduct and Discipline Policy. While some of those students have earnestly tried to improve their behaviour, Madam Speaker, the same is not true for others,” the Minister of Education noted.



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# SHEREEN FLAX-CHARLES TO RUN AS AN INDEPENDENT

Following a week of speculations about whether she will be contesting the 2023 General Elections on the Virgin Islands Party (VIP) ticket At Large Representative, and Junior Minister of Trade, Economic Development, Agriculture and Fisheries, Hon. Shereen Flax-Charles issued a statement on 12 February announcing her resignation from the Party.

The speculations about whether Hon. Flax-Charles was still with the Party and came during the Virgin Islands Party Congress held on 5 February where it was announced that the At Large Representative had to leave early after an emergency and that the application she submitted did not meet the ratification requirements of the Party.

In the announcement

it was stated that all candidacy nominations have to be done in writing; and that Hon. Flax-Charles would have been provided with another opportunity to make her application at another VIP Convention to be held in the future.

However, this week Hon. Flax-Charles made it clear that she did not intend to be amongst the VIP candidates in the upcoming race. In her statement, the Junior Minister stated: "While I am grateful for both the triumphs and the obstacles which I encountered along the way, it is clear to me, that at this stage, I must part ways with the Virgin Islands Party. As of today, I have tendered my resignation."

While referencing the VIP Congress, the At Large Representative said: "I thank the congress and most

importantly my colleagues in the House of Assembly for my introduction to this trial by fire. As imperfect as the circumstances may have been, we worked together to see much done and this is my great pride! During this time, I have learned to be more patient, to be more vigilant, and above all the importance of remaining true to myself and my cause."

As it relates to her political future Hon. Flax-Charles declared that she is seeking re-election even if she has to run as an independent candidate: "I know that my work is not ended. There is so much more that needs to be done to maintain and secure these Virgin Islands; to ensure that our children see brighter days than we ever did. It is known, I never abandon the job. So, let the

question go answered. I am seeking re-election to continue the effort which has been entrusted to me. If it is the people's will, I will continue to be their voice and champion, even if I stand alone!"

The Representative said that she has had conversations about joining other political teams. However, she noted that she has informed those asking that she will be the people's voice and will not be silenced. "My path is still set forward and my thoughts remain always on the progress of the Territory. One question asked of me, and on which I have given much consideration is of joining a team. Know that in each conversation I have fielded, I have made two things clear: I am the people's voice. I will not be silenced."

"Wherever I cast my lot, understand that it is because all on board understand my role is a selfless one. I will continue to ring the bell and blow the whistle. I will continue to be your ear, your mouthpiece, and your crier on the wall. Loyalty to the people trumps loyalty to any gathering of colours or interests," she added.

Meanwhile, the Virgin Islands Party issued a statement in response to Hon. Flax-Charles' resignation announcement. The VIP alluded to the fact that the At Large Representative did not meet the ratification requirements of the Party. Nonetheless, the VIP expressed gratitude for the service demonstrated by Hon. Flax-Charles during her time in office; and said that it wishes her the best in her future endeavors.

# HON. CARVIN MALONE CHALLENGES RUMORS

Following the defeat by Premier Dr. the Hon. Natalio Wheatley in the Virgin Islands Party Congress there have been rumors that At Large Representative Hon. Carvin Malone is under active investigation by the United Kingdom Government and as such cannot hold major office.

Hon. Malone who previously served as the Minister of Health and Social Development recently rejoined the National Unity Government after making a switch to the Opposition in June last year. The Legislator who recently made a bid to

lead his Virgin Islands Party in the upcoming general elections was defeated in that feat significantly. In fact, that contest for the VIP head reignited the UK investigation rumors that started in May last year.

The rumors began after Hon. Malone made the decision to step down as Minister of Health to facilitate the merging of parties to form the Government of National Unity. At that time there was speculation that the decision to step down was influenced by UK wishes. While Hon. Malone was mum at that

time, the Representative has since decided that the rumor needed to be challenged.

In fact the At Large Representative took to social media this week to make it abundantly clear that he is not under investigation and that there is no ban on his ascension to office. Hon. Malone in an announcement he labeled, "FAKE NEWS ALERT," declared: "Hon. Carvin Malone has no knowledge of any active or pending investigations, as rumored. Hon. Carvin Malone has NOT been questioned or arrested at any time in the present or

in the past, as rumored. Hon. Carvin Malone is NOT or WILL NOT be restricted from being a member of Cabinet of the Virgin Islands by instructions of the Governor or by the United Kingdom, as rumored."

On Monday, the matter of whether Hon. Malone was under investigation by the UK was put to His Excellency Governor John Rankin during his press conference. In response, the Governor stated, "I am not going to go into details about any investigations, and I hope you can appreciate that it is very

important that I as Governor, I am seen not to take any position which might be perceived as partially leading up to the general elections."

"I am not going to go into the precise details of police investigations for reasons which I hope you'll understand, but in saying that, that should not be considered as implying any comment whatsoever in relation to those two members of the House of Assembly or any other member of the House of Assembly. I wouldn't wish anyone to draw any implication from my remarks in that respect," His Excellency added.

# VG CONTRACTORS RE-EXPOSED TO BIDDING PROCESS AT RDA'S PROCUREMENT WORKSHOP

Improving contractors and suppliers' capacity to effectively respond to bidding opportunities was the centre focus when the RDA held its first Procurement Workshop for 2023 on Virgin Gorda.

A clear illustration on the bidding process and the processes involved in bidding for contracts was outlined to the contractors and suppliers, as well a new topic; the Grievance Redress System was introduced.

The RDA's Director of Procurement Mr. John Primo led the one-day session on 8 February, 2023 at Village Café & Restaurant, Virgin Gorda which featured presentations on 'Compiling a Winning Tender', 'Tips for Bidding', 'Responding to the Evaluation Criteria' and 'Grounds for Automatic Disqualification'.

In welcoming attendees to the workshop Mr. Primo said, "I am pleased that you have invested your time to come here today to become familiar with the RDA's tendering procedures."

The Procurement Director added that this is the forum where contractors and their competitors find common ground to ask relevant questions, share their experiences, and receive real time feedback on any burning issues, procurement or construction related, that they may have.

Procurement Officer Nioka Anderson led the Common Errors in Tendering presentation which listed the grounds for disqualification and Community Liaison Officer April Glasgow introduced the RDA's Grievance Redress System.

During her presentation, Ms. Glasgow highlighted the GRS as a system that not only provides community members with formal procedures to lodge complaints, but also to protect contractors through a process that encourages transparency and accountability.

Workshop participants stated that the material was clearly presented, informative, and the concepts learned will help them better prepare for tenders and proved beneficial to their company.

One representative of a particular firm added, 'The Technical Evaluation Matrix is a great guide as I now understand what is expected from contractors.'

This is the fifth workshop to be held on Virgin Gorda from a total of 14 workshops conducted Territory-wide by the RDA.

The RDA Procurement Workshop is consistently supporting the Virgin Islands Recovery and Development Agency's overarching goal, to deliver on its mandate to execute recovery projects, build capacity and philanthropy.

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## GOVERNOR OF THE BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

### PRESS STATEMENT

Today I am pleased to share with you my second Quarterly Review of the implementation of the recommendations of the Commission of Inquiry (COI) Report. This is a key mechanism for monitoring progress. As of the end of December, fifteen of forty-eight recommendations had been completed. In January, we saw further progress, including the receipt of various reviews and

audits.

In my Review I have summarised some of the positive progress made over the last four months, including progress on procurement practices. I am encouraged by the positive trend towards open and transparent public procurement.

More work is however required. I am concerned that the overall pace of reform is

slower than expected and it is important that the public do not lose confidence. It is essential that together we step up our efforts to achieve these important and urgent reforms, committing resources accordingly. I believe these reforms will lead to a fairer society, whereby public funds are safeguarded and used more effectively to support public services such as education,

health and infrastructure.

In my report I also raise concerns that the implementation of reform has on occasion missed the essence of what we are all trying to achieve: open, transparent and accountable governance.

For example, whilst I assented to the Register of Interests Act in December, I remain concerned that barriers are in place which limit the ability of people to hold their leaders to account. I expect the House of Assembly to return to the issue this year.

It is also disappointing to see that very little progress has been made in the last few months in progressing and deciding applications for residency and belongingship. It is imperative that the BVI Government 2 prioritises resources to deliver on their commitments. I will continue to monitor this closely. I am pleased to report that five reviews and three audits have now been received by myself and the Premier: these include a review of the Commission of Inquiry Act, a review of Welfare benefits & grants, two reviews of Statutory Boards, and a review of Crown Land disposal. Audits have been completed in relation to Assistance Grants, government contracts for consultancy with Claude Skelton Cline and contracts with EZ Shipping for radar barges.

Over the next few weeks, the



*His Excellency John James Rankin CMG*

reviews and audits which have been received will be available to the public once they are tabled in Cabinet, and the House of Assembly as appropriate.

The numerous findings and recommendations within each of the reviews and audits must now be considered and implemented in a way which is timely and in the interests of the people of the BVI.

I continue to welcome the approach of the Premier and Cabinet and their express commitment to the reform process. As Governor, I remain committed to working in partnership with the BVI Government to ensure that these reforms are experienced positively and without delay by the people of the Virgin Islands in their everyday lives.

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

#### TUESDAYS

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

#### WEDNESDAYS

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

#### THURSDAYS

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

#### FRIDAYS

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

#### SATURDAYS

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

#### SUNDAYS

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

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<b>JANUARY</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>MARCH</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>APRIL</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>MAY</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>JUNE</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>JULY</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>AUGUST</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>OCTOBER</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>DECEMBER</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

**HOLIDAYS:**

- Monday, 2nd January: In Remembrance of Sunday, 1st January; New Year's Day
- Monday, 9th March: In Remembrance of Sunday, 7th March; The Anniversary of the Birth of Hamilton Lavety Stout
- Friday, 20th April: Good Friday
- Monday, 10th April: Easter Monday
- Monday, 20th May: Whit Monday
- Friday, 9th June: Sovereign's Birthday (to be confirmed)
- Monday, 2nd July: Virgin Islands Day
- Monday, 20th August: Emancipation Monday
- Tuesday, 21st August: Emancipation Tuesday
- Wednesday, 22nd August: Emancipation Wednesday
- Monday, 14th October: Heroes and Forefathers Day
- Monday, 20th November: The Commemoration of the Great March of 1949 and the Restoration of the Legislative Council
- Monday, 26th December: Christmas Day
- Tuesday, 27th December: Boxing Day

## Statement by the Honourable Melvin M. Turnbull Minister for Natural Resources and Labour

*Third Sitting of the Fifth Session of the Fourth House of Assembly*

10th February 2023

Meeting of the Parliamentary Observatory on Climate Change and Just Transition (OPCC)

I am happy this morning Madam Speaker to share the continued efforts of the Ministry of Natural

Resources and Labour, and to highlight the significance of our environment on everything that is important to us, including the weather, our fisheries, our coastlines, our beaches, our tourism product, our sailing

industry, our agriculture, our real estate, and if you really think about it, all that makes the British Virgin Islands what it is. Madam Speaker, the environment, though it may not be the first thought, is perhaps this territory's greatest and most prized

asset... but it is at risk, by the formidable force of global climate change.

Parliamentarians from Latin America and the Caribbean will come together virtually on Monday afternoon to begin consultation on joint legislative research and proposals for implementation across countries, that will benefit our environment and we hope reverse the trajectory of climate change. Madam Speaker, I am excited to attend and to also serve as a moderator for the discussions. This meeting comes off the heels of the United Nations Climate Change Conference of November 2022 in Sharm El-Sheik, Egypt, which I attended in representation of the BVI.

The Parliamentary Observatory on Climate Change and Just Transition (or OPCC, from its acronym in Spanish) is an initiative carried out jointly by parliamentary leaders from various countries in Latin America and the Caribbean and from other regions of the world. Its aim is to constitute a shared information tool on the state of environmental legislation and parliamentary treatment in the region and beyond.

The OPCC's first joint statement, which marked the start of the observatory, was signed at the 26th United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP 26) held in November 2021, by fifteen parliamentarians from twelve Latin America and Caribbean countries. The joint declaration was signed by the BVI, as well as legislators from Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Curaçao, Guatemala, Turks and Caicos Islands, Montserrat, Uruguay. During my attendance at the 2022 UN Climate Change Conference, member states again signed a follow-up declaration re-affirming our commitments. By signing, the OPCC members declare that we are committed to fighting against climate change, a challenge of a global nature which therefore requires the cooperation and coordination of the States and communities of the world.

Madam Speaker, I am compelled to iterate that Caribbean member states and all small island states of the world are Climate Change's most susceptible victims. Our carbon footprints may be the smallest, but we bear the brunt of tremendous environmental threats, due to a changing climate that is hotter and drier with more extreme weather events, rising seas and new diseases. We continue to see a decline in our ecosystem and its



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ability to rebound.

What makes partnerships like the OPCC crucial, is the pooling of resources. Larger countries with access to abundant human and technical resources have the luxury of managing climate change independently. We, however, have to be strategic about our investments and smart about our partnerships. Our aim at the Ministry of Natural Resources and Labour is to write legislation, policies and procedures that are backed by research of best practices across the world. Our aim is to be socially responsible and financially effective.

Madam Speaker, within the scope of the OPCC, 271 current environmental laws have been identified to date (423 if decrees are included) and 189 environmental bills under specific treatment in the last two years in nine countries (Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Turks and Caicos Islands and Uruguay).

In partnership with the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) of the United Nations, the OPCC is presently developing a data platform, which will present a new, transparent, and free form of visualizing the legislative activity of member countries, through indicators, interactive graphs, action panels and comparable data in dashboard format.

Monday's meeting will begin discussions about the observatory's first in-person summit, to be announced at a later date; access the OPCC's progress over the last six (6) months; and collect contributions from legislators regarding the proposed activities for 2023.

The Ministry of Natural Resources looks forward to our participation in these events that are to come and development of the OPCC's legislative joint platform, particularly as it relates to strengthening our ability to preserve these Beautiful Virgin Islands. I thank you Madam Speaker.



The Bitter End Yacht Club 2.0 has the following position available. Interested candidates must email resume to [nputman@beyc.com](mailto:nputman@beyc.com) or [kcharles@beyc.com](mailto:kcharles@beyc.com) or call 340-1052 or 346-9763 for appointment.

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#### Main Duties and Responsibilities:

- Actively promote watersports activities to guests in order to increase revenue.
- Responsible for opening and closing accounting books each day, ensuring proper management of cash register and POS system throughout the day.
- Ensure each guest fills out a waiver and understands the terms and conditions regarding use of rental equipment and/or participation in BEYC activities.
- Collect payments in the form of cash, or accepted credit and debit cards.
- Ensure the enjoyment and safety of the guest, including, but not limited to helping guests to get on and off the Watersports beach with their boats or windsurfers, offering advice, suggestions, or tips to guests about the boat they are taking out, helping the guests get the most out of the boats and activities at Watersports.

#### Prerequisites:

- The applicant should have a watersports background and should feel comfortable with the operation and handling of powerboats. Knowledge and familiarity with a wide range of boats and watercraft is an asset.
- The applicant should also possess basic accounting skills, and experience operating POS systems and cash registers.



## Statement By Premier And Minister Dr. Hon. Natalio D. Wheatley On Un Relationship



Dr. the Hon. Natalio D. Wheatley

Madam Speaker, I would like to update this Honourable House on relations between the Virgin Islands and United Nations (UN).

Madam Speaker, the relationship between the UN and Virgin Islands is stronger than ever. The UN is the Territory's main development partner as we pursue sustainable development in the hopes of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030.

The Virgin Islands relationship with the UN is a legal one. We are one of the Territories on the UN's list of Non-Self-Governing Territories, to whom the UN has legal obligations under the UN Charter and other UN conventions and resolutions. These obligations are in relation to supporting our development as a society and achieving a full measure of self-government in the process of decolonization. Importantly, every year, the UN General Assembly adopts a resolution during its session to reaffirm these legal obligations and other commitments.

Madam Speaker I am pleased to inform this Honourable House that the 77th UN General Assembly adopted its resolution on the Virgin Islands on 12th December 2022. The resolution, among other things, reflects the international community's views on the political turbulence we experienced last year and calls for continued assistance to the Territory from the UN system to support sustainable development and hurricane recovery.

In terms of the UN's follow-up on its commitments, I am very pleased that the UN development system and the Government of the Virgin Islands have agreed to extend the UN-VI Country Implementation Plan throughout 2023 with revised priorities. The Country Implementation Plan is the official agreement that guides the UN's cooperation with the Virgin Islands. The seven priorities agreed include:

Create a business environment and investment climate that is more conducive to the success of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises and to attracting private investment

Accelerate transition to a more diversified, tourism-led, investment driven, low carbon economy that supports inclusive and resilient economic growth

Increase the use of relevant data and information by government to help guide and inform the design and adoption of laws and policies aimed at eliminating discrimination, structural inequalities and ensuring the advancement of persons at risk of being left behind

Improve the ability of persons to equitably access and utilize universal, quality and shock-responsive, social protection, education, health and care services

Expand and strengthen the adaptive capacity of national institutions for inclusive, gender-responsive climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction

Strengthen national laws, policies, systems and institutions to improve governance, security and social cohesion

Incorporate sustainable development framework into national planning to drive implementation

Madam Speaker, it is also important to note that in recent years the Virgin Islands has benefited from the UN relationship, including participation in:

Engaging & Training Youth and Strengthening Integrated Social Protection Sector Delivery,"

through which UNICEF is assisting the BVI Government with a review of its social

assistance programmes and how they can be improved.

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### Assistant Compliance Officer ILS Fiduciary (BVI) Limited ("ILS BVI") ILS BVI is currently seeking an Assistant Compliance Officer

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- Assist with independent reviews ensuring that compliance issues/concerns within the organisation are being appropriately evaluated, investigated and resolved.
- Assist in identifying potential areas of compliance vulnerability and risk.
- Assist the CO/MLRO with developing/implementing corrective action plans for resolution of problematic issues.
- Assist with providing general guidance on how to avoid or deal with similar situations in the future.
- Assist in preparation of compliance reports on a regular basis.
- Assisting with ensuring proper reporting of violations or potential violations to duly authorised competent authorities as appropriate and/or required.
- Work with the CO/MLRO and others as appropriate to develop an effective compliance training program, including appropriate introductory training for new employees as well as on-going training for all employees;
- Assist the CO/MLRO in the coordination for internal audits and responding to requests from the regulator;
- Assist with overseeing the Licensee and staff compliance with internal policies, processes and procedures and regulatory issues;
- Respond to staff and management queries concerning compliance issues, including but not limited to client onboarding, due diligence process and suspicious activity reporting.
- Assist with conducting routine compliance testing and monitoring to ensure that management and staff are adhering to established procedures.
- Assist in the coordination of requests for AML documentation from natural and legal persons and ensuring that customer information and records are kept updated.
- Assist in the execution of periodic file reviews and updates in keeping with customer risk and monitoring the process to ensure that files are complete and kept updated to align with legislative requirements.
- Assist with maintaining registers (i) politically exposed persons; (ii) requests/queries from the FIA (iii) SARs filed with the FIA; (iv) compliance breaches (v) training; or other registers required to be maintained under the BVI laws.

#### Qualifications and Experience:

- Relevant qualifications which demonstrates an ability to fully understand the regulatory regime.
- 2 years of relevant experience gained from performing in an assistant compliance officer role.

#### The successful candidate:

- Must be highly organized and self-driven
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## Road Town Market Square Will Contribute To Economic Growth



*Dr. the Hon. Natalio D. Wheatley*

Premier and Minister of Finance Dr. the Honourable Natalio D. Wheatley has said that the opening of the Road Town Market Square will be instrumental for the Territory's economic growth and development.

Premier Wheatley remarked that entrepreneurship avenues, especially for the youth, have been generated through this project. Facilitating these opportunities is in keeping with the Government's legislative agenda to maximise the economic output of the Virgin Islands.

In addition, Premier Wheatley

stated the Virgin Islands' food security efforts will be improved through greater accessibility to locally provided goods and services in a regulated commercial space. This will ensure that the consumption and production of local food is promoted.

"I am quite pleased as the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries to see these entrepreneurs here being able to sell their produce," Premier Wheatley said.

Honourable Wheatley also stated that the newly remodeled Road Town Market Square has stimulated employment opportunities for present and future generations of entrepreneurs. Relatedly, he commented that the Government of the Virgin Islands will continue to make meaningful contributions towards safeguarding the public's social and economic wellbeing.

Premier Wheatley mentioned

that a wide cross-section of consumers, artisans, manufacturers, and producers will now benefit from a designated physical location. He stated that, "We are going to celebrate this, and we are going to move forward to other projects where we can advance the interests of the people of the Virgin Islands."

The Premier has previously mentioned that based on the current economic strategy that is being employed by the government, in addition to global economic indicators, the Virgin Islands economy is projected to experience 2.9% growth during 2023. The Road Town Market Square will contribute to enhancing the economic capabilities of the Territory to ensure that the economic growth target is achieved.

Dr. the Honourable Wheatley, who is also the Minister for Tourism, commented that the Market Square, which is a signature government project, will serve as a display of Virgin Islands talent and culture for visitors.

The Government of the Virgin Islands remains committed to providing entrepreneurship opportunities and facilitating economic innovation through investment and business development support.



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## STATEMENT FROM THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL ON THE TWO RECENT MURDERS IN THE TERRITORY

The National Security Council (NSC) met today for an emergency meeting at which the body condemned the two recent brazen murders in the Territory, and also discussed the current security situation. The Council was briefed by Deputy Commissioner of Police Jacqueline Vanterpool on the steps the police are taking to reassure the community, including increased patrolling.

As a further sign of its commitment, the Council approved the proposal to offer a reward of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) in obtaining information that will lead to the successful prosecution of offenders for each of these two most recent murders.

Council is encouraging the community to assist the Police by calling in with tips at Crime Stoppers and the confidential and untraceable hotline 800-8477[TIPS], 800-847-8477 and 368-9339. Council recognised that persons may have witnessed these brazen crimes, one of which was committed during daylight; therefore, any information that can be provided to the authorities may be helpful.

Council reassures the public that the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force is using every available tool to bring criminals to justice and to arrest the current trend of escalating crime, involving firearms.

The NSC reiterated its paramount concern for the safety and security for the people of the Virgin Islands and reaffirmed its commitment to a zero tolerance policy on crime.

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

## Next Chance For Food Handlers Training February 21

The Environmental Health Division will be hosting a virtual Food Handlers Training Course on Tuesday, February 21 at 5:00 p.m.

Food handlers interested in attending the virtual training are asked to register individually utilising their personal email before 12:00 noon on February 20 using the link below:

<https://bvigov.webex.com/webex/register/rc1a6df96bfdfe5c928da64bcfd465a2a>

For additional information, contact the Division at 468-5110.

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## **Statement By Premier...from page 9**

UN FUT-Tourism Programme: "Rethinking Tourism and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises," which has awarded several grants to local BVI businesses.

UN Covid-19 response for Barbados and Eastern Caribbean

UN Joint Programme: "Social Protection and employability promotion to mitigate the socio-economic impact of COVID-19," which provided a grant of \$362,000 to help fund the BVI Government's Income Support Programme for persons affected by Covid-19.

Technical assistance from the Economic Commission of Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) to develop a National Sustainable Development Plan

Madam Speaker, the Government also remains engaged with the UN within the framework of the UN's Multi-Country Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (MSDCF) 2022-2026. We are a member of the MSDCF Joint Steering Committee and recently made representation on interests at the inaugural meeting held last month that is coordinated by UN Resident Coordinator for Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean Mr. Didier Trebuq.

Madam Speaker, it is also important to note that we have relationships with several UN agencies including the Resident Coordinator's Office (RCO), UNDP, ECLAC, UN Women, World Food Programme, International Labour Organisation, UNICEF, UNESCO and PAHO. Each are doing work of some kind with our various Ministries and departments.

To coordinate our engagement with these UN agencies and the UN development system as a whole, particularly in the context of sustainable development, we have established the Sustainable Development National Coordinating Committee (SDGNCC), Chaired by the Permanent Secretary in the Premier's Office Mrs. Carolyn Stoutt-Igwe. We anticipate receiving more assistance from the UN in the future, particularly for the implementation of our National Sustainable Development Plan officially approved last week.

Notably Madam Speaker, last month I received the Resident Representative of the UNDP Barbados Office Ms. Limya Eltayeb with whom I had very good discussions about technical assistance regarding the economy and public sector during her visit to the Territory. UNDP has an office here on the ground headed by Ms. Patlian Johnson who serves as the National Coordinator. She is doing an excellent job and is in close contact with the Government on how UNDP can assist us. Already they are providing support with an e-government audit and helping small business adjust to the digital economy post-covid.

Finally, Madam Speaker, every year the UN holds important international meetings and conferences. Where valuable, the Government will attend and make representation, including the sessions of the Special Committee on Decolonization (C-24) and UN Fourth Committee (Special Political and Decolonization). We have attended these particular meetings every year for the past four years. My Special Envoy Mr. Benito Wheatley will keep me informed on any developments as the Government's Representative to the UN.

Madam Speaker, this Honourable House and the public can be assured we will remain engaged with the UN and periodically update this Honourable House on UN engagement.

*I thank you Madam Speaker.*



### **BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS PORTS AUTHORITY VACANCY NOTICE 1/2023 Deputy Financial Comptroller**

The British Virgin Islands Ports Authority seeks to employ an experienced, full-time Deputy Financial Comptroller. The Deputy Financial Comptroller directs the operations of all specialized units within the Finance Department. In addition to providing general accounting support to the Financial Comptroller, the Deputy Financial Comptroller directs the day-to-day management of all accounting systems, audits, revenue and expenses, and financial records.

**For the successful candidate, the role of Deputy Financial Comptroller of the Authority offers an opportunity to:**

- Manages the day-to-day operations of the Finance Department, which includes the supervision of the staff.
- Responsible for the maintenance of the the Authority's accounting systems, records of accounts, receivables, payables, revenues, and expenses.
- Drafts and prepares the Authority's annual statutory accounts and submission of those accounts for statutory audit.
- Ensures that annual Performance Evaluation for the staff of the Finance Department is completed and submitted to the Financial Comptroller within the required time frame.
- Maintains monthly General Ledger, including the preparation of monthly journal entries and an analysis of relevant General Ledger accounts to ensure normal zero balances.
- Review and analyze Financial Statements.
- Reviews and advises the Financial Comptroller on the daily cash management reports for operating accounts of the Authority.
- Assists with the preparation of accounting and management information for both internal management and external sources.
- Assists with the control of all expenditure that has been approved by the Authority to ensure that all expenditure is within the parameters of the approved budgets.
- Oversee the recruitment and development of employees within the department.
- Any other duties assigned by the Financial Comptroller or Managing Director.

#### **Qualifications:**

- B Sc. Management/Accounting or Level II ACCA
- Six (6) years' experiences in a senior accounting position

#### **Salary:**

Remuneration/ Benefits: Based on qualifications and experience.

**Closing Date: 28 February 2023.**

#### **APPLICATIONS:**

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# GLOBAL NEWS BRIEF

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**LONDON** - Whenever Andrew Bailey, the governor of the Bank of England, talks about the economy, he is forced to mention the toll taken by Brexit.

Business leaders, initially reluctant to criticise the Tory decision to quit the EU, have begun to find their voice. Most recently, leading City figure Guy Hands called Brexit a "complete disaster" and a "bunch of total lies" that has harmed large parts of the economy.

Maybe, given the mounting evidence, it is unsurprising that business leaders, ministers and the shadow Labour team are meeting in secret to discuss how they can turn the situation around.

On Friday, the government was hit by the latest blow. AstraZeneca, the pharmaceutical firm lauded for providing its Covid-19 vaccine at cost to the UK and developing-world countries, said it would make Ireland the location of a new factory once destined to nestle near its existing UK manufacturing centres in north-west England. Before Brexit, the UK's pharma industry benefited from £2bn of EU research funding. No longer. [The Guardian]

**DURBAN** - South African rap star AKA was shot dead outside a popular night spot in the coastal city of Durban on Friday.

The 35-year-old — whose real name is Kiernan Forbes — was walking with another man towards their car after visiting a restaurant on Friday night, when they were shot according to police.

"They were allegedly approached by two armed suspects who walked to them from across the street and shot the victims at close range," police said in a statement.

AKA's parents, Tony and Lynn Forbes, said in a statement posted on his Twitter account. "Our son was loved, and he gave love in return." [Deutsche Welle]

**TURKEY** - As rescuers still pulled a lucky few from the rubble six days after a pair of earthquakes devastated southeast Turkey and northern Syria, Turkish officials detained or issued arrest warrants for some 130 people allegedly involved in the construction of buildings that toppled down and crushed their occupants.

The death toll from Monday's quakes stood at 28,191 – with another 80,000-plus injured – as of Sunday morning and was certain to rise as bodies kept emerging.

As despair also bred rage at the agonizingly slow rescue efforts, the focus turned to who was to blame for not better preparing people in the earthquake-prone region that includes an area of Syria that was

already suffering from years of civil war.

Even though Turkey has, on paper, construction codes that meet current earthquake-engineering standards, they are too rarely enforced, explaining why thousands of buildings slumped onto their side or pancaked downward onto residents.

Turkish Vice President Fuat Oktay said late on Saturday that warrants have been issued for the detention of 131 people suspected to being responsible for collapsed buildings. Turkey's justice minister has vowed to punish anyone responsible, and prosecutors have begun gathering samples of buildings for evidence on materials used in constructions. The quakes were powerful, but victims, experts and people across Turkey are blaming bad construction for multiplying the devastation. [El Pais]

**MORE TROUBLES FOR TRUMP** - Lawyers for former president Donald Trump have in recent months voluntarily turned over to federal investigators additional papers marked as classified, as well as a laptop belonging to a Trump aide, a person familiar with the situation said Friday night.

The legal team also provided an empty folder with classified markings, according to the person, who spoke on condition of anonymity to The Associated Press to discuss an ongoing investigation. It was not immediately clear what material was supposed to have been in the folder.

A Justice Department special counsel has been investigating the retention by Trump of hundreds of documents marked as classified at his Florida estate, Mar-a-Lago. FBI agents who served a search warrant at the property in August recovered roughly 100 classified documents, including records classified at the top-secret level. A federal grand jury has been hearing evidence in the case for months. Prosecutors are investigating whether Trump willfully hoarded the material and whether he or anyone else sought to obstruct their probe, court filings show.

ABC News first reported the discovery of the additional documents. [El Pais]

**CARIBBEAN** - The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) has issued an alert, urging countries of the Americas, including the Caribbean, to update their response plans to prevent the re-establishment of endemic transmission of the measles virus.

This follows a reduction in childhood vaccination coverage, increasing the possibility for outbreaks of the disease.

"Vaccination and epidemiological surveillance of vaccine-preventable diseases are essential health services and should not be interrupted," the alert stated.

According to PAHO's Technical Advisory Group (TAG) on vaccines, the risk of outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases in the region is at its highest point in the last 30 years.

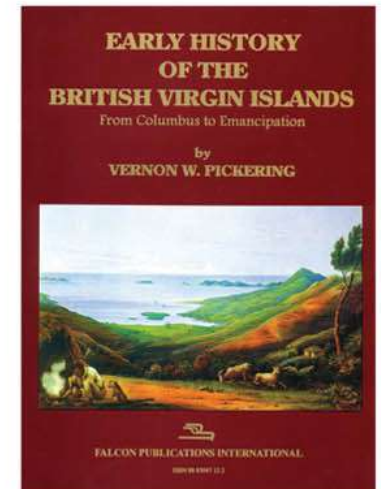
PAHO estimates that in 2021 more than 1.7 million children in 28 countries and territories of the Americas did not receive an initial dose of measles vaccine by their first birthday.

In 2021, PAHO said regional coverage for the first dose of measles, mumps and rubella vaccine (MMR) was 85 percent. [Caribbean News Weekly]

**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC** - The director of the National Office of Seismic Assessment and Vulnerability of Infrastructure and Buildings (Onesvie), Leonardo Reyes Madera, illustrated that in the Dominican Republic, there are 2 to 300 earthquakes every month, which he explained is usual and reasonable because it means that the Earth is breathing and accommodating.

"Without earthquakes there would be no life because the center of the Earth is incandescent: there are a series of currents that are generated in the core," he said.

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He invited us to imagine that the Earth is an orange and that it is deformed to the extent that it interacts with other stars, which generates fissures and, for these, they begin to breathe, giving as an example volcanoes.

"Seabed volcanoes; those on the surface... And that is the way to breathe the Earth," explained Reyes Madera during his participation in the program Reviews, hosted by journalists Rafael Núñez and Adelaida Martínez R., on Entelevisión, on Saturdays at 9:00 at night.

He went on to invite us to imagine that the crust of the Earth is that peel of the orange: an element that is pulled from one day to here and pushed there; it lives by turning and moving because it breaks into pieces, and that is what is known as tectonic plates.

"The tectonic plates are the zones of weakness, of rupture. The contact zones between one plate and another. And if we come to our country, we find that the island is mounted on the Caribbean plate, which in turn adjoins and collides with the North American plate." [Dominican Today]

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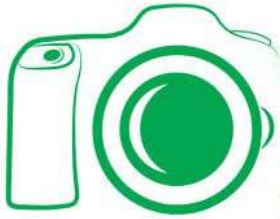
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*A cluster of the 16 colorful kiosks that make up the Road Town Market.  
All but five businesses have occupied the kiosks  
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*(Photo provided)*

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# SIP & PAINT

## BREAKFAST MORNING



Mrs. BVI Classique Roslyn Gilbert hosted her first edition of 'SIP & PAINT BREAKFAST MORNING' on Saturday 11th February; and the event was well-attended.

Some 30 children between the ages of 5yrs to 12yrs attended the painting event; which also featured

speeches from Mr. Kendell Bobb of the Royal Virgin Islands Police and Dr. Albert Thompkins. Both speakers discussed basic information related to Child Abuse with the gathering of young guests.

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## Ladyburd Talks

**Dear Readers: If you have high cholesterol, exercise may help you meet your cholesterol goals.**

You may be taking medication and making healthy changes to your diet. You may have given up smoking and even replaced your daily donut with a bowl of oatmeal. So why does everyone keep bugging you to exercise?

You may assume that it is because exercise promotes the loss of excess weight, which is not something you want to have when your cholesterol is high. This is true, but it is only part of the story. Even if you are already at a healthy weight, exercise should be a part of your plan for cholesterol management.

### Exercise and Cholesterol:

Regular physical activity, among its other benefits, has a number of positive effects on your cholesterol.

One major benefit is - exercise can drastically reduce your level of triglycerides, which is a form of fat that travels in your bloodstream. Just as exercise burns fat on your body, it burns up the fat in your veins as well; prolonged physical activity stimulates hormones, such as epinephrine, to begin breaking down triglycerides to fulfill energy demands. This is often the first and most extreme effect exercise can have on someone with a cholesterol problem.

Regular workouts can also boost the level of HDL, the "good cholesterol", in your blood. HDL is beneficial to the body because it is able to whisk cholesterol away from arterial walls and off to the liver, protecting against plaque buildup, a common cause of heart attack. For this reason, your HDL level is one cholesterol number that you actually want to increase. Higher levels of HDL also appear to go hand in hand with lower levels of triglycerides.

Finally, working out helps you shed any extra pounds. This can decrease your total cholesterol, including LDL (the "bad cholesterol"). LDL is the stuff that builds up on artery walls, which can lead to a heart attack or stroke.

But remember: Even if your exercise program never leads to weight loss, or even if you have no extra weight to lose in the first place, research shows that exercise can mean very good news at the next visit to your doctor.



Source: About.com



## Ladyburd's Mail Box

delseitalibur@gmail.com

**Dear Ladyburd:** I am so upset with my boyfriend. Every Valentine's Day, I normally is the one that takes the initiative and makes the plans for us and decide what we are going to do for Valentine's Day. Most of the time I do not even get a gift. This year I decided not to do or say anything and watch and wait to see if he was going to step up to the plate and plan something for us to celebrate that Special Day, but Ladyburd he did not do anything, he behaved as if it was another day. What would you have done, should I put up with this behaviour from someone I thought loves me...So upset....A.

**Ladyburd: Dear A :** I can understand why you are upset. However, in the past years when you are normally planning, did you ask for his input on what both of you would like to do for that Special Day? Or you just went ahead and do your own thing? My view is that the best way to do things like this is to discuss what you are going to do with each other and then go with the best idea. I would also find out from him why he did not acknowledge the Special Day.

In the future, whether you are in the same relationship or not treat yourself, even if your significant other does not see the need to show appreciation and love to you.

I would speak with him and ask him some pertinent questions and make my decisions as to whether or not I want to continue in this relationship.



## Light Bulb Moments

*"Do not wait to strike till the iron is hot, but make it hot by striking."*

—William Butler Yeats

*"Don't Stop when you're tired, Stop when you're done"*

*"Doubt kills more dreams than failures ever will"*

<https://kiiky.com/45-powerful-motivational-quotes>

## Poetry Corner

### St©art Where You Stand

*S©art where you stand and never mind the past,*

*The past won't help you in beginning new,*

*If you have left it all behind at last*

*Why, that's enough, you're done with it, you're through;*

*This is another chapter in the book,*

*This is another race that you have planned,*

*Don't give the vanished days a backward look,*

*Start where you stand.*

*The world won't care about your old defeats*

*If you can start anew and win success;*

*The future is your time, and time is fleet*

*And there is much of work and strain and stress;*

*Forget the buried woes and dead despairs,*

*Here is a brand-new trial right at hand,*

*The future is for him who does and dares,*

*Start where you stand.*

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## Tickle My Funny Bones

By Delseita



## Never Drink After an Accident

*A Rabbi and a Priest get into a car accident and it's a bad one. Both cars are totally demolished, but, amazingly, neither of the clerics is hurt.*

*After they crawl out of their cars, the rabbi sees the priest's collar and says, "So you're a priest. I'm a rabbi. Just look at our cars. There's nothing left, but we are unhurt. This must be a sign from God. God must have meant that we should meet and be friends and live together in peace the rest of our days."*

*The Priest replies, "I agree with you completely.*

*This must be a sign from God!"*

*The Rabbi continues, "And look at this. Here's another miracle. My car is completely demolished but this bottle of Morgen David wine didn't break. Surely God wants us to drink this wine and celebrate our good fortune."*

*Then he hands the bottle to the priest.*

*The priest agrees, takes a few big swigs, and hands the bottle back to the rabbi.*

*The rabbi takes the bottle, immediately puts the cap on, and hands it back to the priest.*

*The Priest asks, "Aren't you having any?"*

*The Rabbi replies, "No...I think I'll wait for the police."*

**Source:** <http://www.jokes4us.com/religiousjokes/carcrashmiraclejoke.html>

## PUN INTENDED

**"There was a kid napping at school yesterday. Don't worry, though - he woke up!"**

# SIP & PAINT

## BREAKFAST MORNING



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In response to the event's success, Mrs BVI Classique said that her young guests

are eager for another event. "They are asking for the next date," she said.





## This Big Easy Classic Couldn't Be Easier

It's no surprise that red beans and rice is one of the dishes most strongly associated with the enchanting city of New Orleans, also called "The Big Easy." It's delicious, nutritious, easy to prepare and happily inexpensive.

While New Orleans is known for its tantalizing cuisine, it's also known for Mardi Gras, a celebration of food, music and pleasure. This year Mardi Gras falls on Feb. 21, and this traditional NOLA dish is a perfect way to celebrate.

Red beans and rice are customarily made on Mondays in the South. The time-honored recipe uses the leftover ham bone from Sunday's dinner simmered all day with beans and served over rice. So, turns out we're cooking like it's Monday while celebrating Fat Tuesday. But I digress. Let's cook food!

To make this shortcut recipe weeknight easy, we're using canned beans. You could certainly use dried beans prepared according to package directions.

The beans used in this recipe are small red beans. If you can't find them, substitute red kidney beans. Traditionally, this recipe calls for andouille (an-DOO-ee) sausage, which has a nice spicy kick. If you can't find andouille or prefer a milder sausage, substitute kielbasa or other smoked sausage.



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Celebrate Mardi Gras with red beans and rice

## BIG EASY RED BEANS AND RICE

**Yield: 4 to 6 servings**

**Total Time: 90 minutes**

- 1 tablespoon olive or vegetable oil
- 1 link (13.5 ounce) smoked sausage, andouille or kielbasa, cut into 1/4-inch slices
- 1 large onion (1 1/2 cups), chopped
- 2 ribs celery (1 cup), chopped
- 1 green bell pepper (about 1 cup), chopped
- 2-3 cloves garlic, minced
- 3 cups chicken broth
- 1 tablespoon Creole seasoning
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 2 bay leaves
- 2 (15.5 ounce) cans red beans, drained and rinsed
- 6 cups cooked rice

In a large skillet, heat the oil over medium-high heat. Saute the smoked sausage to render all that flavorful fat. Remove the sausage and set aside. In the same skillet, saute the onion, celery, green bell pepper and garlic until tender. Add the chicken broth, seasoning, thyme, pepper and bay leaves. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat to a bare simmer. Add beans and return sausage, then simmer for at least 45 minutes; but the longer it cooks, the better it gets! Doesn't the house smell delicious? This is how you want the house to smell when you invite company over for dinner. Stir it occasionally and add water, if needed. Taste and adjust seasoning, adding salt if desired. Serve the beans with the rice and Dixieland jazz music.

Since rice is such an important element of this dish, go to the extra effort of making really flavorful rice.

## IRRESISTIBLE RICE

**Yield: 6 cups**

**Total Time: 30 minutes**

- 4 cups of chicken broth or bouillon
- 2 cups long grain white or basmati rice
- 1 tablespoon of butter

Bring broth to a boil then add rice and butter. If you used low sodium broth, add 1/2 teaspoon salt. Reduce heat and simmer, covered, for 20 minutes. Remove from heat and let stand for 10 minutes for perfect rice every time.

Save money by making your own creole seasoning with this recipe.

## CREOLE SEASONING

**Yield: 1/3 cup**

**Total Time: 5 minutes**

- 1 tablespoon paprika
- 1 tablespoon kosher salt
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- 1/2 tablespoon black pepper
- 1/2 tablespoon onion powder
- 1/2 tablespoon dried oregano
- 1/2 tablespoon dried thyme
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper, or to taste

Blend all ingredients. Use within two months.

I'll close with the words that New Orleans native, trumpeter and vocalist Louis Armstrong used to sign his letters: "Red Beans & Ricely Yours."

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# POLICE NEWS

## MAJOR INCIDENT TEAM CHARGE ONE IN WEEKEND MURDER

Tuesday, February 13 – Officers of the Major Incident Team charged one man in the fatal wounding of male pronounced dead early Sunday morning.

Hasani Frett, 37, of Greenland was charged for murder, inflicting grievous bodily harm and possession of a firearm with intent to endanger life.

The deceased who is still to be identified along with a female received gunshot wounds at separate locations early Sunday morning. The female is being treated for a wound to the leg at the Dr. D. Orlando Smith Hospital. Detectives are asking persons who may know the identity of the male victim to come forward.

Sunday morning's shooting death follows less than a week after the murder of Yan Edwards, 42 of Long Look who was pronounced dead at the scene of an establishment in Parham Town, East End. No one else was injured in this incident.

For the past week, officers have been making their rounds and conducting stop searches throughout the East End and Road Town Districts in light of the reports of gunfire and the recent murders. Close to 30 persons were searched and quantities of both marijuana and cocaine were recovered.

Persons were reported for several traffic violations. The RVIPF is seeking any information that could help with identifying the assailant or assailants in any of the recent murders. Persons can contact Crimestoppers tipline number anonymously at 800-8477 or +1 284 800-8477. Alternatively, persons can contact 368-9345

## MAN CHARGED FOR CAUSING DEATH BY CARELESS DRIVING

Tuesday, February 13 – Officers of the Road Policing Unit charged Ulric Pilgrim, 72, of Carrot Bay for the offence of causing death by careless driving in the accident last year March that claimed the life of Belmont Estate resident Henrique David Dos Santos.

The deceased, a native of South Africa, was on a scooter headed toward Road Town when he collided with a vehicle entering the highway from Havers.

Pilgrim was granted bail in the sum of \$25,000 with one surety for his appearance at Magistrate's Court on 23 March 2023.

## ARREST BLOTTER

JANUARY 22 TO FEBRUARY 4, 2022

### ROBBERY

1. On 31-01-2023 at 1520hrs, Police arrested and charged Jordon Jackson, 23, of Purcell Estate for Robbery. He is to appear before Magistrate's Court.
2. On 31-01-20223 at 1555hrs, Police arrested and charged Royanson Arrington, 31 of Purcell Estate for Robbery. He is to appear before Magistrate's Court.

### UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED DRUG

On 01-02-2023 at 1020hrs, Police arrested and charged Kenron Rollinson Fergus, 28, of No Fixed Place of Abode for Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Drug and Possession of a Controlled Drug with Intent to Supply.

### INDECENT ASSAULT

On 01-02-2023 at 1402hrs, Police arrested and charged a 53-year-old male of Sea Cows Bay on two counts of Indecent Assault and one count of Cruelty to Child. He is to appear before Magistrate's Court.

### HUMAN TRAFFICKING

On 03-02-2023 at 2353hrs, Police arrested and charged Genette Colastin, 38, of Pockwood Pond for Human Trafficking. He is to appear before Magistrate's Court.

### RESISTING ARREST

On the 24-01-2023 about 0935hrs, Police arrested and charged Kadeem Callwood, 20, of Cane Garden Bay for Common Assault, Resisting Arrest, Assault on a Police Officer and Escape Lawful Custody. He was granted bail to appear before Magistrate's Court on 24-03-2023.

### ILLEGAL ENTRY

On 25/01/2023 at 1210hrs, Police arrested and charged Luis Armando Freites, staying at the Castle Maria Hotel, for Illegal Entry. He appeared before Magistrate's Court where he plead guilty, was fined \$5,000 and subsequently handed over to the Immigration Department for department.

### ASSAULT CAUSING ACTUAL BODILY HARM

On 27-01-2023 at 0923hrs, Police arrested and charged Theron Harry, 27, of Carrot Bay for Threatening Language and Assault Causing Actual Body Harm. He was granted bail in the sum of \$10,000 to appear before Magistrate's Court on 16-03-2023.

## Employment Programme Applications Closing Soon

The public is notified that the closing date for receiving applications for the Registration Apprenticeship, Training, Employment and Development (RATED) programme is Friday, February, 17. After this date, applications will no longer be accepted.

The programme has been functioning since December 2022, to provide opportunities for unemployed and underemployed persons to obtain temporary employment.

For further information, please contact the Premier's Office at 284-468-2152.



**DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE PRESENTS**

### LOVE OUR BVI CULTURE!

*Poetry & Photo Competitions*

How much do you love our BVI culture?  
Show us by writing a poem or taking a picture!

The Department of Culture is challenging the community to creatively express their love and appreciation for BVI culture through the artistic expression of both poetry and photography.

**Guidelines:**  
The expression of 'BVI Cultural Love' must be the focal point of the subject matter.  
Poetry word count ten (10) lines minimum.  
Please visit The Department of Culture's Facebook page for rules and guidelines of the Photography Competition.

**Categories of Eligibility:**  
Children 13-17  
Adults 18 and Up  
Open to all residents of the Territory.

**Deadline:**  
Entries must be emailed by 11:59 PM on 24 February 2023.  
[viculture@gov.vg](mailto:viculture@gov.vg)

Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each category.  
Only one entry per person per category allowed.  
Prizes will be distributed to winners on 28 February at the office of The Department of Culture between the hours of 10am - 4pm.

For additional information contact The Department of Culture: (284) 468-4374.

show your Love!  
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# ANTI CORRUPTION IN JEOPARDY

By Transparency International

It's very early in the year, but we're already seeing governments consider steps to limit civic space and chip away at the core functions of a healthy society.

In Venezuela, a country that scores a paltry 14 out of 100 on the CPI (Corruption Perceptions Index) released last week, policymakers are reviewing measures to further restrict already extremely limited civic space in the country. After passing it on the first reading in late January, the National Assembly is now likely to approve a law that could have a devastating impact on the country's tightly controlled civic space.

The full text hasn't been shared publicly, but unofficial accounts claim the proposed law could put a stranglehold on organisations that collaborate and share information with international bodies or produce information about human rights violations. The purposely vague language of the bill would likely allow significant discretion when putting the law into practice, potentially making room for the permanent surveillance of civil society organisations and setting them up for severe penalties. Worst-case scenario could mean the dissolution of such organisations outright.

The country has been plagued with corruption issues and human rights violations for several years, and removing civil society as a watchdog will likely only exacerbate the ongoing humanitarian crisis. Our chapter and other civil society organisations are urging the government to reconsider, and the United Nations and other international actors have expressed their concern.

In another example of a government toying with the idea of removing key safeguards, the newly elected government of Fiji in its 100 day plan announced plans to phase out the Fiji Independent Commission against Corruption (FICAC).

FICAC is in place to investigate and prosecute public sector corruption, as well as encourage the public to report suspected corrupt activity. Yet it is being reported that the new government considers FICAC redundant and plans to relegate anti-corruption efforts to the police and other law enforcement agencies who reactively investigate and prosecute. Without an independent and central coordinating body to assess corruption's root causes and try to implement policies to stop it before it happens, this strategy would only accomplish part of what's needed.

The people of Fiji voted for change in December and elected a new government and prime minister, ending the 16-year rule of previous coup leader Prime Minister Frank Bainimarama. Positively, the new government's 100-day plan, which it has already started to fulfil, also includes commitments to repeal laws and decrees which undermine human rights, media freedom, and freedom of association. But, as one of the few countries in the region with a national anti-corruption agency, FICAC's elimination would be a serious step backward for the new administration.

Let's hope that the Fijian government reconsiders its views on FICAC - so Fiji can retain its leadership in the Pacific and the fight against corruption continues.

For the fourth consecutive year, the Americas scores an average of 43 out of 100 in the Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI). A lack of bold, decisive action to fight corruption and strengthen public institutions is fuelling organised criminal activities, undermining democracy and human rights. and threatening the achievement of the Sustainable

Development Goals (SDGs). This is, in turn, sparking violence, environmental damage and migration across the hemisphere.

Since 2016, 27 out of 32 countries have stagnant corruption levels. Leading the regional rankings are Uruguay and Canada, each with a score of 74, followed by the United States with 69. In Venezuela (14), Haiti (17) and Nicaragua (19), the countries with the lowest scores, it is difficult to draw a line between public institutions and criminal activities.

In the Caribbean, the Dominican Republic (32) has gained four points in the CPI in the last two years by strengthening the independence of its justice and oversight bodies, enhancing transparency in public procurement, and enacting an asset forfeiture law - a key legal instrument to combat corruption and organised crime. However, the slow pace of the judicial processes has hampered progress with convictions for corruption. There is concern in Dominican society that the courts are not living up to the strong national demand to advance in the fight against corruption and crime.

Guyana (40) has significantly risen in the CPI over the last 12 years, however recently the country has stagnated. The oil-rich nation must still place stronger emphasis on building a well-functioning democratic system and implement greater levels of transparency and oversight, especially in the extractive industry. Corruption in this sector implies the loss of billions of dollars, which could be used to improve public services and development in one of the poorest countries in the hemisphere.. Corruption in this sector implies the loss of billions of dollars, which could be used to improve public services and development in one of the poorest countries in the hemisphere.

In the Caribbean, drug cartels have taken advantage of weaknesses in law enforcement institutions, high levels of corruption and unguarded coastlines. According to Transparency International's Global Corruption Barometer for 2019, 50 per cent of people consider the police corrupt in Jamaica (44), while in Trinidad and Tobago (42) that figure soars to 61 per cent. In Jamaica, while there is lack of trust in the national police, there is an opportunity to build it, as 62 per cent of Jamaicans are willing to work with police on community projects.

Governments in the Americas should strengthen their institutions to ensure the necessary checks and balances to fight corruption effectively. Governments should also guarantee adequate conditions for civil society, activists and different communities to participate in public life and demand accountability without fear of retaliation. Only by promoting integrity and transparency in criminal justice institutions is it possible to protect those who denounce corruption and end the impunity for corruption, abuses and crimes. Given that corruption networks are becoming more sophisticated, it is necessary to make better use of technology during investigations, enhance collaboration between prosecutors from the region, and implement more comprehensive measures to stop the flows of dirty money from corruption and organised crime.

The challenges are immense, but with a joint effort by different sectors, the construction of consensus and more participation, the Americas has the opportunity to overcome them and build more democratic and inclusive societies with greater levels of integrity in public life.



Venezuelans protest against Nicolas Maduro's government for repression and civil rights violations. Photo: Edglores Marys/Shutterstock

# celebrity extra

by Dana Jackson

**Q.** I saw that Natasha Lyonne has a new show on Peacock. Does this mean "Russian Doll" has been canceled? — *Y.B.*

**A.** With so many networks and streaming platforms available now, actors aren't limited to just one show anymore. Look at Adam Scott, for example. He had major roles on three shows in the past year ("Severance," "Loot" and the upcoming third season of "Party Down").

Lyonne has been just as busy since she had a career resurgence playing an inmate on Netflix's "Orange Is the New Black." She followed that up with the Emmy-nominated "Russian Doll," and while a third season is still in limbo, Lyonne has gone on to film another series, "Poker Face." Hopefully she can juggle both shows if Netflix comes calling again.

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**Q.** My 90-year-old mother's favorite drama is "Chicago Med." She especially loves the handsome actor who plays Dr. Marcel. Can you tell us what else he's been in? — *A.K.*

**A.** Dominic Rains plays Dr. Crockett Marcel on the hit series "Chicago Med," which airs on NBC on Wednesday nights at 8 p.m. ET. (It's part of what's billed as the One Chicago lineup, followed by "Chicago Fire" at 9 p.m. and "Chicago P.D." at 10 p.m.) He joined the ensemble cast as the trauma surgeon in its fifth season.

Rains, 40, was born in Tehran, Iran, but grew up in a Dallas suburb called The Colony. His first role on camera was in the TV movie "Saving Jessica Lynch." He went on to play Dr. Leo Julian on the daytime soap "General Hospital" as well as its spin-off "General Hospital: Night Shift." He's had a slew of primetime guest-star appearances on shows like "NCIS" and "24" before landing a recurring role as a character named Kasius on "Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D."

Rains was born Amin Nazemzadeh, but didn't change his name until he got the role on "GH." His brother, Ethan, got him into acting in the first place, and the two both had roles on the short-lived Heather Locklear series "LAX."



Peacock  
Natasha Lyonne as Charlie Cale in the series "Poker Face"

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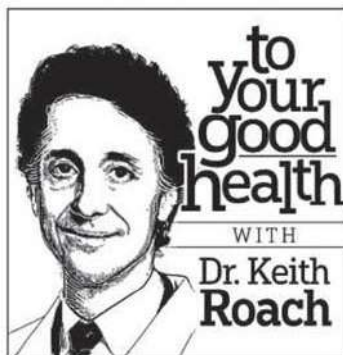
**Q.** What happened to "Yellowstone"? I keep waiting for more new episodes, but the last one was in early January. Is it done for the season? — *M.M.*

**A.** According to "TV Guide," "Yellowstone" decided to split season five into two parts, with the remaining six episodes to come. Viewers have been on the edge of their seats during the first half, as a "civil war has broken out among the Duttons, with Jamie (Wes Bentley) and Beth (Kelly Reilly) at each other's throats." Kevin Costner's character, John Dutton, is also at risk of being impeached as governor.

"Yellowstone" originally began as a summer series on the Paramount Network, and the latter half of season five will air sometime during the summer of 2023. No official air date has been announced yet, however. Joining the cast this past season is actress Dawn Olivieri, who played Claire Dutton in the "Yellowstone" prequel series "1883." Her new character, Sarah Atwood, is a complete 180 from Claire. Look for her to continue to stir things up in Montana.

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

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## Statins Do Not Increase Risk of Death by Suicide in Men Over 60

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** I have read that there is a correlation between the use of statins and suicide in men over 60, especially if they have suffered from chronic depression. Can you tell me if this has been studied more? — *K.M.*

**ANSWER:** This concern has been studied extensively.

An older class of cholesterol medication, the fibrates, was associated with a small increased risk of suicide and violent deaths, in several large studies. However, a very large study published in 2020 showed no increase in risk of death by suicide among those taking statin drugs. In fact, that study, as well as several others, have shown a decrease in depression risk among statin users. Statins have even been found to be (modestly) effective in treatment of drug-resistant depression.

Men over 60 are certainly at a higher risk from death by suicide, but statin drugs do not appear to increase that risk. Anyone with thoughts of hurting themselves should seek care from their doctor, a mental health professional, or the suicide and crisis lifeline at 988 in the U.S. and 833-456-4566 in most Canadian provinces.

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**DEAR DR. ROACH:** I am 74. I have always been described as small-boned. I am on a statin, but otherwise, I'm healthy. I was recently diagnosed with osteopenia. I do not eat dairy, but I do take vitamin D. I am vegetarian and eat lots of tofu. I am very concerned about taking any additional medicines. Suggestions, please? — *F.M.D.*

**ANSWER:** Osteopenia, or low bone

density, is analogous to borderline diabetes or elevated blood pressure. It's not a disease in itself, but it puts you in a range between the healthiest condition and one that can put you at risk. In the case of osteopenia, you are at a higher risk for developing osteoporosis, which, in turn, puts you at a high risk for a fracture, especially one of the spine or the hip. We do not normally treat low bone density with medicine. Lifestyle interventions to help slow loss of bone density include not only the calcium and vitamin D you are taking, but I especially recommend exercise. Weight-bearing, muscle-strengthening and posture exercises are proven to help. Smokers should quit.

You should have gotten a T-score on your report, which compares your bone density for a given bone to a healthy young adult. The worse the T-score, the closer you are to osteoporosis, which is a T score below -2.5. Depending on how close you are to osteoporosis, the sooner your bone density test should be repeated. People with osteoporosis should be considered for medication. I understand your concern about taking more medicine than you need, but you really don't want a hip fracture to occur.

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**DR. ROACH WRITES:** In a recent column on glaucoma, I described it as a disease of the retina. Several eye physicians wrote to clarify that it is actually a disease of the optic nerve. Eye professionals look in the back of the eye at the optic nerve for "cupping," which is an increase in the size of the optic cup related to the loss of nerve cells in the retina. But the site of the damage is in the optic nerve, where there is a difference between the eye pressure and blood pressure, either from high pressure inside the eye or from very low blood pressure. Many people with glaucoma who have normal pressures inside the eye have low blood pressure. Reducing pressure inside the eye remains the preferred treatment. I appreciate the clarifications, especially from Dr. Peter Libre at Columbia University.

*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](mailto:ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu).*

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# Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

• Nintendo was founded in 1889 as a playing card company.

• Garbage collectors in Turkey have filled their own library entirely from books thrown away by residents. Originally destined for landfills, around 6,000 tomes are now safely housed on shelves, waiting to be reread — or discovered — by the public.

• Gray cats are frequently the result of a diluted black fur gene.

• The World's Largest Collection of the World's Smallest Versions of the World's Largest Things is a museum in Lucas, Kansas, created by Erika Nelson. It consists of miniatures created from photos of the world's largest objects.

• On May 9, 1945, reports that Nazi Germany had surrendered to the USSR triggered a 22-hour celebration that caused the country to temporarily run out of vodka!

• An Arizona man didn't realize he was a big winner at a Las Vegas slot machine because its lights and buzzers never went on. Fortunately, an investigation by the Nevada Gaming Control Board resulted in a happy ending and the bestowal of the gentleman's \$230,000.

• Not only can you be right-handed or left-handed, you can be right or left eared and eyed.

• "Tartle" is a Scottish word referring to the feeling of hesitation or panic you experience when unable to recall another person's name.

• Though heavy metal music originated in the U.S. and the U.K., Finland has the most metal bands per capita, with Sweden and Norway tying for second place and Iceland coming in third.

• There's a name for three consecutive strikes in bowling: a turkey or sizzling turkey. Any additional strike after that is called a bagger.

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**Thought for the Day:** "Management is about persuading people to do things they do not want to do, while leadership is about inspiring people to do things they never thought they could." — *Steve Jobs*

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# COMMENTARY

## VOTE, BUT WATCH AT THE PAPER TRAIL!

By Dickson Igwe



*Dickson Igwe*

*February 7, 2023*

Post the 2023 elections, intelligent voters understand that the next British Virgin Islands government must completely adopt the Commission of Inquiry's Recommendations. That will mean working in partnership with the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office and The Governor. Any Virgin Islands Government that decides to govern at odds with the preceding reality will sail into stormy waters. The vessel will eventually sink. This Observer believes voters and residents understand that reality, implicitly.

Then, any constitutional change or critical matter of governance that involves self-determination and such must have the widest buy in from the public to be effective and sustainable. There is no point pursuing these matters without the public fully engaged, and that means both the voting and non-voting public.

Residents who do not vote pay taxes and contribute equally to the sustainability and survivability of these Virgin Islands. Understand that reality and you open the lid to a jar of wisdom many fail to possess

OK. Getting your vote right is not rocket science. Decide what you want for yourself and your family and then vote. That

politics is a contract between voter and politician is putting matters into the most basic terms.

Politics is about power. Ideally, politics is a relationship based on whom to trust with power. I vote for you in return for what you will deliver for me and mine using the power conferred by my vote. The voter decides on who to vote for to deliver the goods, through the power granted post an election.

Observation will reveal that trust in today's political world is as far from the shore as east is from west, especially in the game of thrones called power. Trust and honesty in politics, however remote, are essential if voters are to get it right.

**Why?** Because all parties and politicians enter the ring of power with baggage- a paper trail. This is the very human side of politics. Politicians are human beings much like their voters. Candidates carry baggage about based upon their own needs, life experiences, and dreams. In that, the politician is no different from the voter. This baggage is who they really are.

Consequently, voters must look at that baggage clearly and without prejudice to decide who is the most trustworthy character to deliver for them. Look at the baggage, and that is likely to reveal a lot more about what the voter will get, than the fine speeches and campaign jig. Most politicians leave a proverbial paper trail to read and assess by the voter.

Ultimately, politics is about who will deliver the social and economic resources – the goodies- to the widest number of residents of a country. Politics should be bottom up and not top down. Social Democrats assert that

Trickle Down is poor politics. The reason is that history reveals that when politics is top down society becomes unequal and elitist. Resources move to the 1% and away from the masses who are most in need. That is one reason for all the social turmoil in the western world these 2100s. Politics has delivered tremendous dividends, for the 1%. It is no different in the Virgin Islands. However, strong economies and societies are bottom up. Elitism is never a good thing for good governance. Today the UK is the most unequal society in Europe. The preceding is the

result of war and revolution on the European continent. Britain evolved without too much turmoil from the time of the Roman Empire. Europe on the other hand saw volatility, war and revolution among ruler and ruled. The other reason is a culture of privilege inherited from yore when the landed gentry ruled with the Kings and Queens.

Wise politics is the politics of the grass roots: it is bottom up. Politics is who will deliver the physical and social infrastructure at street level- the proverbial bread and butter, namely schools, hospitals,

roads, water, food, shelter, sanitation, power, safety, security.

Making a life choice is ultimately, why we amble over to the voting booth on Election Day. That choice is a crucial one, but not a difficult one. Look at the demographic of leaders and their personal baggage: the paper trail. Look at their vision. **Are they the type of politician who will deliver at this time? That is for the voter to decide. So, vote wisely.**

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## WOMEN AND MEN INVITED TO CONVO IN THE TROPIX-February 18.

Uterine fibroids, gynecological cancer, uterine prolapse, abnormal bleeding, endometriosis, endometrial-hyperplasia, adenomyosis, and severe pelvic inflammatory disease. These are just a few reasons women must make the tough decision to have a hysterectomy.

Women and men are invited to come out on 18 February and to have a CONVO IN THE TROPIX titled LET'S TALK HYSTERECTOMY. This is an initiative of Mrs. Globe British Virgin Islands 2022 Dr. Arlene T. Penn, spokeswoman for the WINBVI (Women in Need) organisation.

The conversation takes place from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Mooring Conference Room. Tickets are \$40.00, and funds raised go towards helping women in need throughout the community.

Ever since she shared her testimony, her Know. Fix. Live. WIN platform and experience with cervical cancer, both women and men have been calling and asking questions about hysterectomies—the effects of women losing their

wombs.

According to Dr. Penn, "There was a time when I was ashamed of talking about reproductive health because of society's perspective and stigma around the conversation. But, you know what? We must start talking more and stop being afraid of realities that are affecting many lives. Gone are those days! When we have experiences that can help others, we must share them."

She added that too many people are unnecessarily suffering in silence because we focus too much on the negative things that others may say. It's time for us to have the conversation and I am having it because there are women who need to be reminded that having a hysterectomy is not the end of the world. They can enjoy an abundant life as long as they understand that despite imperfections, they lack nothing.

You do not have to be a person with a hysterectomy, you just need to be interested in learning more about reproductive health, and we will do so in one location.

The speakers for the evening and topics are:

**Topic: So you have to do a hysterectomy....say what?**  
**Speaker: Physician and OB GYN Dr. Kedrick Pickering**

**Topic: Valuing Self Despite A Hysterectomy**  
**Speaker: Nurse Prophetess Dorylin Edwards**

**Topic: So, you've done a hysterectomy...what are you doing?**

**Speaker 1: Registered Dietitian/ Nutritionist (RD/N) Mrs. Phillipa Barry**  
**Speaker 2: Retired Educator and Naturalist Mrs. Valencia Brathwaite**

**Topic: So, you are living with the realities of a hysterectomy; how are you celebrating life?**  
**Speakers: William W. Penn and Dr. Arlene T. Penn**

**There will be light refreshments and music. The dress code is dressy casual, no slippers or jeans.**

**Do continue to support and follow Mrs. Globe BVI 2022 on the road to Mrs. Globe 2023 from June 20 to 25 in California.**



## Caribbean News / Regional News

# A SPRING BREAK GETAWAY THE GRENADIAN WAY: SPECIAL SPRING SEASON OFFERS INVITE TRAVELERS TO EXPLORE THE UNSPOILED LANDSCAPE OF GRENADA

St. George's, Grenada – February 8, 2023 – Spring break is right around the corner, and what better way to celebrate than planning your dream getaway vacation to the unspoiled tri-island state of Grenada. According to the latest data from Expedia experts, without the COVID-19 testing requirements of Spring Break 2022, March and April demand for international destinations is up double-digits compared to last year. This year, Grenada invites travelers to escape large spring break crowds and kick back and relax for an ultimate spring getaway.

Known as the Spice Isle of the Caribbean, travelers are welcome to explore the destination's 75 miles of coastline, 40 white sand beaches, 15 breathtaking waterfalls and a charming selection of luxury boutique hotels and villas. Grenada is also the world's first culinary capital and offers a wide variety of world class cuisine infused with locally grown spices.

Connectivity to the destination is now easier than ever. For United States travelers, JetBlue offers daily nonstop service from New York and American Airlines offers a daily nonstop flight from Miami, along with a seasonal weekly connecting flight from Charlotte on Saturdays. From Canada, Air Canada has two direct flights into the destination on Sundays and Thursdays, and Sunwing offers a flight on Sundays. Travelers flying into Grenada during the spring season can look forward to experiencing major events including Grenada vs US Football Match (March 24), Grenada Chocolate Festival (May 16-21), and Grenada Dive and Conservation Festival (May 29 – June 5), to name a few. For a full list of calendar events happening on island



this year, visit Pure Grenada events page.

Below is a roundup of the hotels offering spring packages for travelers:

Mount Hartman Bay Estate Private Resort is an all-inclusive, 5-star luxury resort set on a private peninsula, offering fully staffed accommodation for groups between 8 and 50 people. The luxurious resort hosts a team of award-winning chefs, butlers, 3 private swimming pools (including a 95-foot pool with a swim up bar), private beaches, a hot tub and cool spa, and a 185-foot private dock and watersports center. This spring, Mount Hartman is hosting a Stay Longer package that includes a 7-night stay for the price of 5 nights. Bookings are valid from March 5 – June 30.

Nestled in Grenada's south coast is the family-owned and operated True Blue Bay Boutique Resort. This award-winning eco-friendly resort is giving 20% off when booking directly on their website. The 70-room resort boasts a mix of amenities such as

four pools, playgrounds for the kids, complimentary water sports including hobie-cat and paddle boarding, free beach transfers and more. The resort also offers specially curated True Blue Experiences such as the Grenada Cooking-Culture Experience, the Grenadian Rum Shop Experience, the Grenadian Chocolate Experience and more. Bookings are available until March 31, 2023, for travel dates between April 15 – July 31.

Spice Island Beach Resort, an AAA Five Diamond Award recipient, known as a titan of Caribbean hospitality, is offering a 2023 Easter Package this spring season. Spice Island's suites are private luxury havens designed with stylish furnishings, refined color palettes, private plunge pools and open-air garden terraces. This Easter package includes 14% off rates for all room accommodation as well as a free all-inclusive package for up to two children ages 5-11. This offer is contingent on a minimum stay of 7-nights. Bookings and travel dates are

valid from now until April 30.

Calabash Luxury Boutique Hotel, an award-winning, Relais & Châteaux luxury boutique hotel, delivers unparalleled guest experiences and luxurious accommodations. This upcoming season, Calabash is offering a Spring (March-April) package that includes a complimentary suite upgrade and \$250 resort credit with a minimum booking of a 4-night stay. Revel in relaxation as you explore this tranquil Caribbean paradise, indulge yourself in delectable, culinary delights and escape on the sweetest of island adventures.

Little Palace Bed and Breakfast, located close to Grand Anse Beach, is outfitted with all the necessary amenities to make this your home away from home. This season, Little Palace BnB is offering a special Group Package for a 7-night stay starting at \$1,986 per person. The package includes complimentary airport transfers, breakfast every morning, 4 sightseeing tours, 4 dinners and even a visit to the island of Carriacou. Receive \$150 off when booking between now and April 15.

Hideaway Waterfront Apartments, a hidden gem on the northern end of Grand Anse Beach, is offering a Spring Break Package which includes 15% off 2-bedroom waterfront apartments. The property offers stunning panoramic views of the Caribbean Sea for a relaxing holiday, as well as a central location to explore the island to the fullest. Enjoy your own private beach access when booking now until March 15. Valid travel dates are March 25 – June 10.

**For more information about Grenada and the experiences it offers, visit <https://www.puregrenada.com/>.**

# VOA NEWS VOA NEWS VOA NEWS VOA NEWS

## Caribbean leaders are gathering in the Bahamas for a three-day meeting that will include discussion on the situation in Haiti.

The talks bring together heads of government from the CARICOM bloc, a 15-member group home to about 16 million people, according to its website.

Members include Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Montserrat, Saint Lucia, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago.

Bahamian Prime Minister Philip Davis noted what he called "the challenges we have in Haiti," as he spoke to reporters ahead of the meeting.

Haiti has experienced a period of instability following

the 2021 assassination of President Jovenel Moïse, with a rise in violence and the influence of armed gangs.

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is participating in the meetings, with Davis saying Trudeau is looking to see what his government can do to try to help the situation in Haiti.

Davis said whatever the solution, it must be a Haiti-led solution and that the rest of CARICOM is working to help facilitate that outcome.

"What we seek to have done is to stabilize the country sufficiently enough to allow for a free and fair election, and the path and journey to that is where the challenge falls," Davis said.

The Bahamian prime minister said other agenda items include COVID-19, emerging health issues, climate change, food security and energy security. He told reporters there is an opportunity for regional leaders "to unite for the benefit of the entire Caribbean."

CARICOM Secretary-General Carla Barnett told reporters that combatting climate change means getting the countries of the world who emit the most greenhouse gases to "take charge and do what's right."

"Those who are causing the impact are not bearing the burden of dealing with that," Barnett said. "We are the smallest emitters. We don't



FILE - Armed Haitian National Police officers escort the convoy of the three officers killed by armed gangs after the funeral ceremony at the National Police Academy, in Port-au-Prince, Haiti Jan. 31, 2023.

Haiti on Agenda as CARICOM Leaders Meet

cause the problem; we just bear the burden."

Some information for this report came from The Associated Press and Reuters.

## Scottish Leader Nicola Sturgeon to Resign after 8 Years

LONDON — Scottish First Minister Nicola Sturgeon on Wednesday announced her intention to resign, saying that part of serving in politics is knowing when it is time to make way for someone else.

Speaking at a news conference at her official residence in Edinburgh, Bute House, Sturgeon said she wrestled with the decision, but that the pressure of the job was relentless and that she is a human being as well as a politician.

Sturgeon, who has led the country's devolved government and the Scottish National Party for eight years, has faced months of

controversy over a law that makes it simpler for people to change their gender on official documents, the BBC reported Wednesday.

The decision caught political observers by surprise, despite the ongoing controversy over the gender recognition measure. She had vowed to take the British government to court over its decision to block the law and argued that the Conservative U.K. government was making a "profound mistake" by vetoing the Gender Recognition Reform Bill.

Hailed as a landmark by transgender rights activists, the bill would allow people

age 16 or older in Scotland to change the gender designation on their identity documents by self-declaration, removing the need for a medical diagnosis of gender dysphoria.

The legislation sets Scotland apart from the rest of the United Kingdom, where a medical diagnosis is needed before individuals can transition for legal purposes.

But the measure was only one controversy in a career where Sturgeon has been noted for rarely putting a foot wrong.

She had been lauded for her response, for example, to the COVID-19 pandemic, where she won praise for her sober,



Nicola Sturgeon speaks during a press conference at Bute House in Edinburgh, Feb. 15 2023.

straight-talking abilities.

That catapulted the idea of Scottish independence from the United Kingdom — the long-held dream of Sturgeon's nationalist government — back up the political agenda.

Scotland is part of the U.K. but, like Wales and Northern Ireland, has its own semi-autonomous government with broad powers over areas including health care.

# SPORTS



## FOOTBALL

### Rebirth of Women's Football begins with festival on Virgin Gorda

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

A Women's Football Festival kicked off at the Valley Recreation Grounds in Virgin Gorda on Saturday and attracted 35 participants, colorfully attired in pink tops and black pants. A second festival will be held on Tortola on January 25.

"Today was really great, I really loved it," said Ciel Fox of Ciboney Center of Excellence. "I really liked how the coaches helped us."

Co-coordinator Gloria George-Fahie said despite a hiccup at the start, she's glad of the way the day turned out. "It was well attended," she noted. "The BVI Health Services, they showed up and the girls learned a lot about blood typing, their pressure and it was a really great day."

George-Fahie said the numbers could have been more, but several girls from Virgin Gorda went to Road Town for a jumps and throws camp with their respective schools.

"It was also good to see the support of the coaches from Tortola," she said. "We'll have more folks over in Tortola (on Feb 25) but this is just the beginning. You can't begin with a bang."

Zambia Demming who attends Bregado Flax Educational Secondary School and participants in the girls Saturday morning academy on Tortola, said it was good to see an event catering only to girls.

"I liked everything about it," she said. "It went well and it will help more people to join the program. I'll tell my friends that they need to be a part of this."

The event offered Mia Lennard a dual role—first as a photographer then as a player. "It was awesome," said Lennard, who played football in high school. "I just wanted to learn more about the sport and meet other people interested in sports."

She said that it was interesting capturing images of the event when she wasn't playing. "It was cool doing both sides today," she said.

Following the event, Coach Cassandra "Coach Cass" Gregg, gathered everyone in a circle for a departing prayer as she usually does during the Saturday morning academies at the football field in Greenland.

"We're targeting 100 girls by the end of December and today on Virgin Gorda, we had 35," she told everyone. "We've doubled the amount now. Last month, we had 22, this month we're up to 48—that's for the Saturday morning program only not including all of you here—we're hoping that we're going to climb the ladder next month. We should be up to 75, then the next month we should target the hundred and keep going. That's what we're looking for. It was very nice to have all of you here today."

Registration is in progress for the Tortola



Coach Cassandra "Coach Cass" Gregg, demonstrating what she's looking for as she tries to kick the ball towards a target in the Women's Football Festival

leg of the festival on February 25. Registration of girls in all ages can be done via the BVI Football Association office or email [info@bvifootball.com](mailto:info@bvifootball.com). Further information can be obtained by calling 284.340.3545.

## CRICKET

### Royal Knights whip VI Combined Renegades for 177 runs victory

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

With an eye on challenging Cavaliers for the BVI Cricket Association Twenty 20 league title, former champs Royal Knights opened their campaign with a 177 run victory over VI Combined Renegades on Sunday in Greenland.

Captain and Man of the Match Joemel Lefleur had an unbeaten 77 not out with nine fours and five sixes and got a supporting 66 not out from Kazim Haywood, in leading six batsmen in double figures as they posted 279-for-4 in their 20 overs. Keon DeJesus contributed another 56 and newcomer Amari Hinds, 24.

VI Combined Renegades Elvette Dore bagged 3-for-43.

The short handed VI Combined Renegades were bowled out for 102-for-6 in 13 overs, with a 49 run second wicket partnership between Alvin Africa and Dennis Tyson with 39 their bright spot.

Royal Knights pace bowler Royston Duggin's 3 for 25 and Reno Mittenholzer's 3 for 43, did the damage as VI Combined Renegades only fielded eight players.

"It wasn't a tough opposition today but we still came and played hard cricket and the batters gave us the runs," Lefleur noted. "Our

opening bowlers didn't give us a start but we came back and delivered. As the tournament goes forward, we're working hard on playing good cricket, training as a team as always and looking for the title this year."

Royal Knights have added Amari Hinds and Wicketkeeper Richard Francis to their lineup and Lefleur said they think that they have the team to challenge Cavaliers for the title.

"Cavaliers has been a good team for the past years, they train together and they have a balanced team," he noted. "(But) I think that this team is the team to beat the Cavaliers this year. We have our three big bats that scored runs today, DeJesus, who has been scoring runs for the past tournament, there's myself getting back in shape and we have new comer Kazim Haywood, who came and made a good statement for the team. I think that's the balance right there."

VI Combined Renegades Captain Marvin Robinson, said his team fell short after Royal Knights put up a big score and they knew that they had a challenge on their hands. He said that they came into the game shorthanded, because some of their key players who live on

the sister islands of St. Thomas and St. Croix were unable to make it for the match.

"We know what they can bring to the crease once they're there and we missed those guys today. However, we started today with eight players fielding first and we knew we had some work to do in the outfield," Robinson said. "The guys happened to put on 279, giving us 280 to chase. We knew it was a tall order. We went out after losing our opening batsman relatively early. In the first four overs we were on 50 something runs and I thought we would have been able to put up a fight. However, we fell short of the 280 which was the target, but, that's basically how cricket is, it can go either way."

Robinson said while he has been named captain among changes made within the team and he can put his best foot forward, it's a work in progress and his team has some work to do. "Some of the guys have to work on Sundays, some have to travel from Virgin Gorda and St. Thomas, it makes it a little difficult for us to come out and execute as a team," Robinson stated.

#### Vikings flog Police

Middle order batsman Jamal Mickle had



Royal Knights have bolstered their roster in an attempt to wrestle the BVI Cricket Association title from Cavaliers

no support for his 43 from his top and lower order batsmen, as Police collapsed under the weight of the Royal Knights bowling, anchored by Deko Khemraj 5-for-24, during a 10 wickets loss in the first match. Police were bowled out for 128 as eight batsmen combined for a paltry 22 runs. Jason Bob-Semple's 19 and Kerry Christmas' 18, were the only other batsmen reaching double figures before they were removed by Khemraj.

Royal Knight's opening pair of Rahkumar Seepersaud with 63 not out and Anil Mohabir's 43, brought them home with 130 for the 10 runs victory.



# SPORTS



Participants in the Women's Football Festival on Virgin Gorda. The Tortola leg of the festival is scheduled for 9-3 p.m. on Feb 25



Winners of different skills during the Women's Football Festival, celebrating their awards



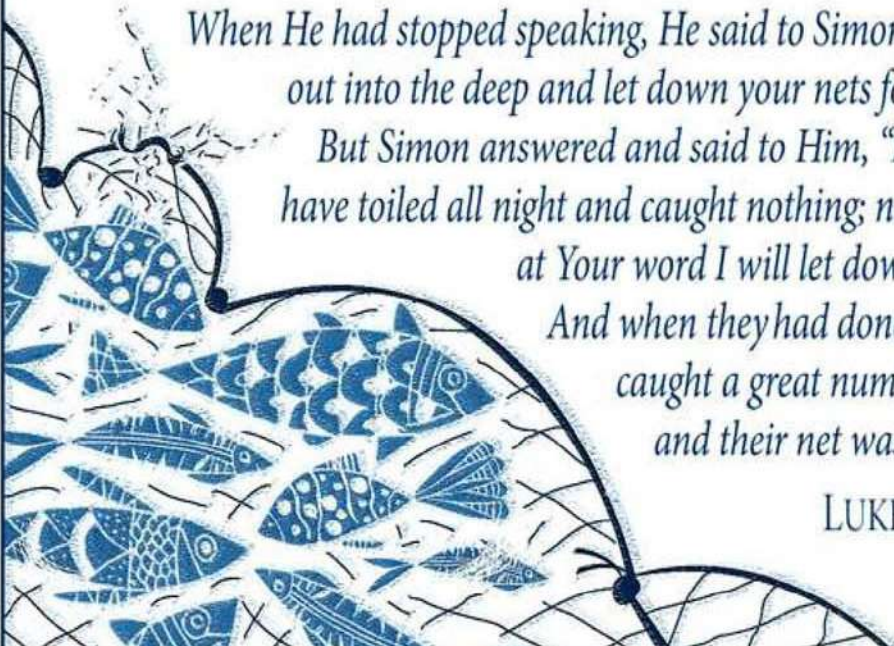
Positive's goalie Lennox Phillips, makes a late dive for a ball in the goal against the Panthers



Royal Knights Wicketkeeper Richard Francis, prepares to field a ball off the bat of a VI Renegades batsman



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## THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

*When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch."  
But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net."  
And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking.*

LUKE 5:4-6 *IL*

### Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps




I GET WHY YOU FRAMED THIS FAMILY PHOTO. IT HAS EVERYONE SMILING...EXCEPT FOR YOUR MOTHER. OF COURSE IT WAS OUR WEDDING.

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WAL FOOTER'S BY GIANNI AND SCHULTZ

## Prince Valiant

**Our story:** THE SORCERER OOM FOOYAT COMES TO CAMELOT WITH AN UNUSUAL PROBLEM: I FOUND A FORMULA FOR BRINGING LIFE TO INANIMATE MATTER. YOU SEE, A MAN IN MY PROFESSION NEEDS A TIRELESS ASSISTANT...



I WORKED THAT SPELL MANY TIMES - AND MET NOTHING BUT FAILURE, THEN, ONE NIGHT CAME A MOST UNEARTHLY STORM, AN ERRANT BOLT OF LIGHTNING, AND - SUCCESS! I HAD CREATED A GOLEM!



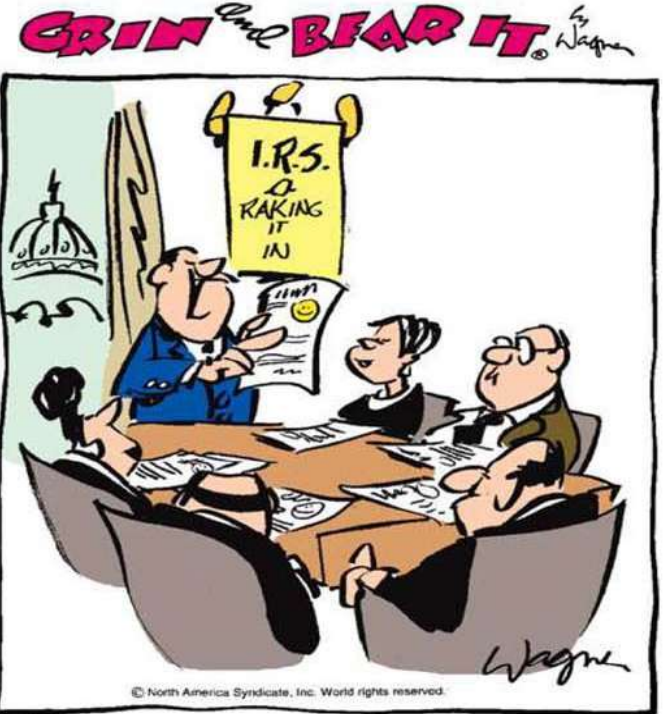
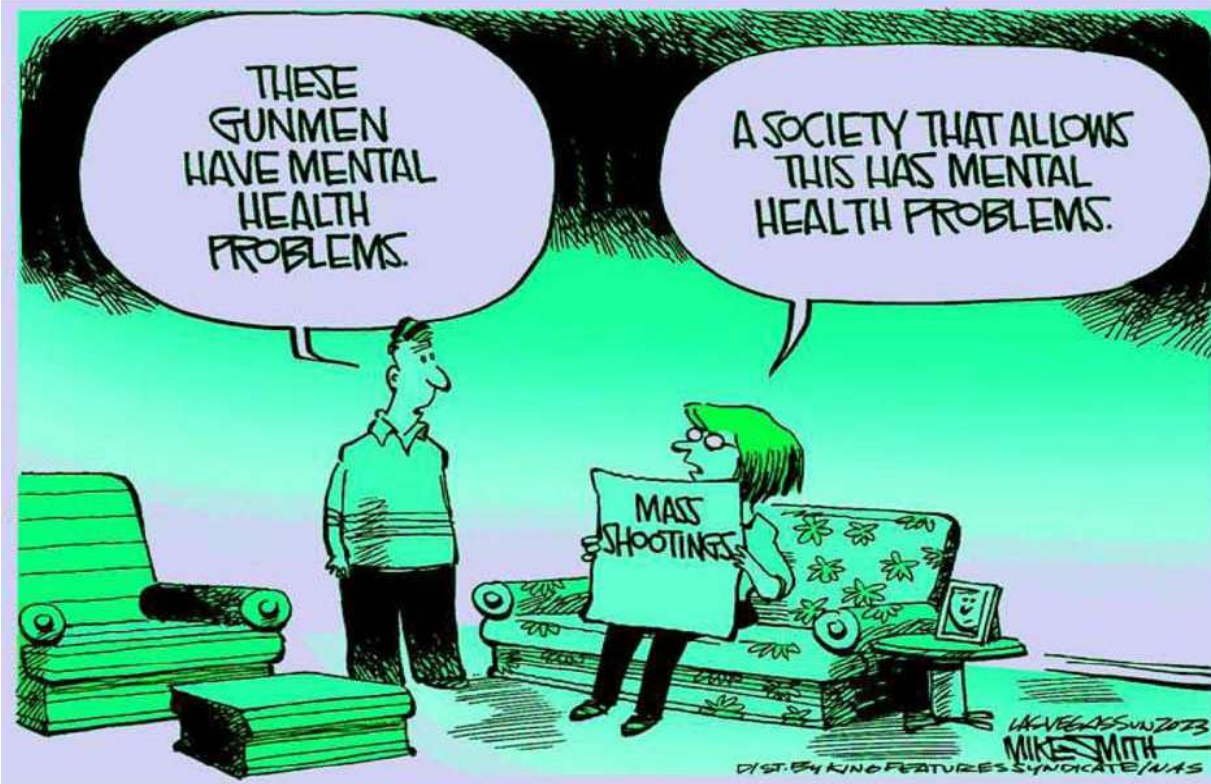
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**NEXT: Growing problem**





## Salome's Stars

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) The changes you've waited to see in your work situation might not be happening quite as quickly as you hoped. Although the pace is slow, it's ongoing. Expect to hear news soon.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) You should be feeling very proud of the fine effort you've made to get that important project done. Now take some time out to celebrate with family and friends. You've earned it.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) You're close to reaching your objectives. That's the good news. But be careful: Your aspects show lots of potential distractions looming. Stay focused and keep your eyes fixed on your goals.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Be careful not to let that suspicious Cancerian mind create a problem where none exists. What you might believe is an act of betrayal could be nothing more than a misunderstanding.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Your Lion's heart overflows with self-confidence. All you need to do is tap into it, and you'll be able to handle any change that must be made regarding that recent surprise development.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) The need to watch what you say becomes increasingly crucial this week. Be as temperate as you can with your comments and avoid arguments for the sake of controversy.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) A longtime family problem presents new demands. But this time, you won't have to go it alone: Someone else is asking to help share your responsibilities. Let it happen.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) A period of feeling vulnerable is about to give way to a stronger, more-self-confident aspect. Use this new strength to reaffirm promises you've made to others and yourself.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) A creative dilemma stalls your progress. Instead of letting it raise your ire, use the time to re-examine your aims and perhaps come up with a new target.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Your nimble will might find a way for you to work out those newly emerged problems plaguing your new project. Stay with it. The results will be well worth your efforts.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) You might feel overwhelmed with having to decide which new opportunity you should follow. Best advice: Check them all out and see which offers what you really want.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Continue to tread water before you even consider plunging into something that never seemed quite right. Some facts will emerge soon that can help you make a decision.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You are a natural-born peacemaker. You value truth and have little patience with those who lie to you for their own purposes.

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## Wishing Well®

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*"I'm selfish, impatient and a little insecure. I make mistakes, I am out of control and at times hard to handle. But if you can't handle me at my worst, then you sure as hell don't deserve me at my best."*

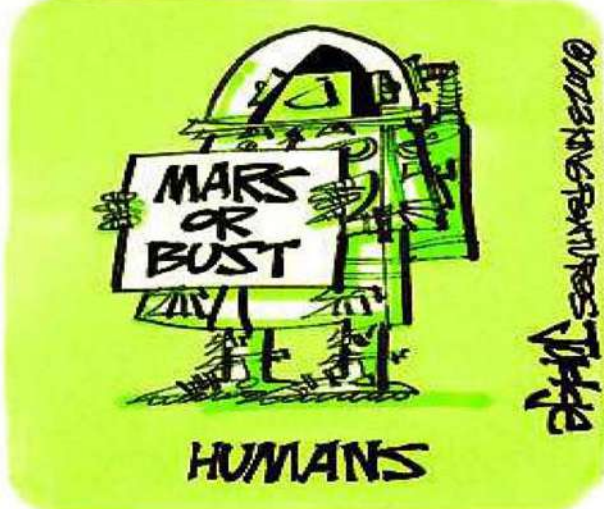
**Marilyn Monroe**

**POPEYE**

**BY RANDY MILHOLLAND**



A FEW OF THE SPECIES THAT NEED TO BE RELOCATED TO SURVIVE CLIMATE CHANGE...



# The Garden Bug

**Our national flower**



In 1985, the United States Senate passed a resolution asking the president to declare the rose as the national floral emblem. On Nov. 20, 1986 President Ronald Reagan signed a proclamation certifying the rose as the U.S. national flower in a ceremony at the White House Rose Garden. - Brenda Weaver

Source: [nationalrosegarden.com](http://nationalrosegarden.com)

## Wishing Well®

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# top ten

## Most Energy-Expensive States\*

1. Wyoming (\$738)
2. Alaska (\$625)
3. North Dakota (\$611)
4. Connecticut (\$611)
5. Massachusetts (\$577)
6. Oklahoma (\$576)
7. Vermont (\$571)
8. New Hampshire (\$550)
9. Indiana (\$550)
10. West Virginia (\$537)

\*Average monthly energy bill

Source: WalletHub




### Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



### TIGER

by BUD BLAKE



### The Spats

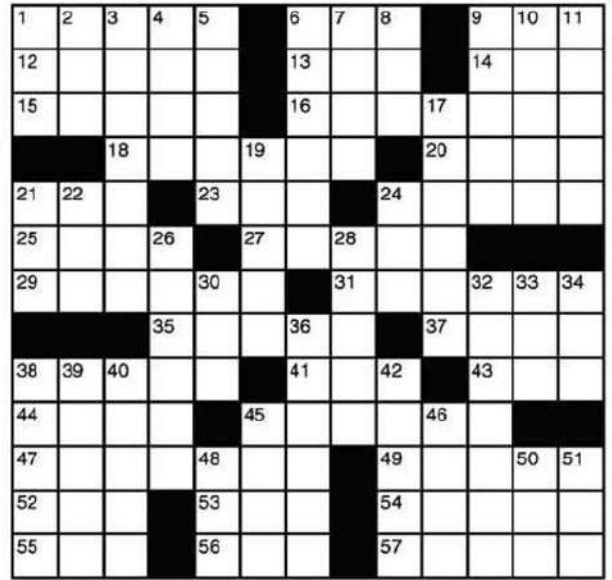
by Jeff Pickering



## King Crossword

#### ACROSS

- 1 Sailing vessel
- 6 Clear the deck?
- 9 Kitten's cry
- 12 A Marx brother
- 13 Low digit
- 14 "Xanadu" band
- 15 Baby hooter
- 16 Florida city
- 18 Handsome guy
- 20 Convent dwellers
- 21 Brooch
- 23 Tool set
- 24 March honoree, for short
- 25 Fed. food inspector



- 27 Grinding tooth
- 29 "At once!"
- 31 Attention-getting call
- 35 Senior member
- 37 Lingerie fabric
- 38 Houston player
- 41 Sports drink suffix
- 43 TV spots
- 44 Foolproof
- 45 Go places
- 47 Florida city
- 49 Revise
- 52 Tokyo, once
- 53 "Humbug!"
- 54 Keaton of "Annie Hall"
- 55 Lair
- 56 Bikini top
- 57 Old anesthetic
- 7 Burden
- 8 Zing
- 9 Convened
- 10 Justice Kagan
- 11 In the — way (very much)
- 17 Preambles
- 19 Spock portrayer
- 21 Young seal
- 22 Leb. neighbor
- 24 — Paulo
- 26 President
- 5 "The Chosen" author Chaim
- 28 Carter of "Wonder Woman"
- 30 Overly
- 32 Florida city
- 33 Vintage
- 34 Approves
- 36 Sultry singer Kitt
- 38 Queried
- 39 Soft leather
- 40 Check the fit of
- 42 Dodge
- 45 Russian ruler
- 46 Send forth
- 48 Flow out
- 50 Away from SSW
- 51 Aachen article

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### Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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#### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
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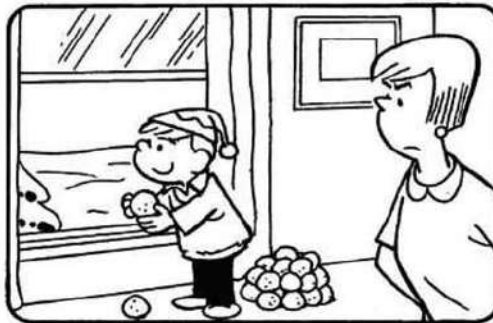
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### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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Differences: 1. Snow fort is missing; 2. Sign is missing; 3. Cap differs; 4. Snowball stack is smaller; 5. Picture is missing; 6. Pendant is missing.

- 1. Long Branch Saloon; 2. 12; 3. Halifax; 4. Seven, including the original movie and six sequels; 5. The name became popular in the 1800s, likely from the poem "The Hoosier's Nest"; 6. 96%; 7. Montgomery Ward; 8. Little armored one; 9. Samuel Langhorne Clemens; 10. OI Blue Eyes.

Trivia Test Answers

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Answer

#### Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 26 mins.

#### King Crossword

Answers

## Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: What was the name of the saloon in the 1960s series "Gunsmoke"?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: To date, how many people have walked on the moon?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of the Canadian province Nova Scotia?
- MOVIES: How many "Police Academy" movies have been produced?
- U.S. STATES: Why is Indiana known as "The Hoosier State"?
- FOOD & DRINK: What percentage of a cucumber is water?
- HISTORY: Which company published its first mail-order catalog in 1872?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What does the armadillo's name mean in English?
- LITERATURE: What is author Mark Twain's real name?
- CELEBRITIES: What is one of singer/actor Frank Sinatra's famous nicknames, based on a physical attribute?

**MORE READERS: THE ISLAND SUN**

# HAITI AT THE TIPPING POINT OF BECOMING FULLY HOSTAGE TO CRIMINALS

By Sir Ronald Sanders

(The writer is Antigua and Barbuda's Ambassador to the United States of America and the Organization of American States. He is also a Senior Fellow at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies, University of London and Massey College in the University of Toronto)



“Haiti continues to occupy the concerns of nations around the world, especially its closest neighbouring states.

Those in charge of the Haitian Government have called for “effective support” from international partners “in the form of the immediate deployment of a specialized armed force of sufficient strength to stop, throughout the country, the humanitarian crisis that has been caused by, among other things, the breakdown in security resulting from the criminal actions of armed gangs and their sponsors”.

But others in the Haitian community insist that the Haitian authorities share the blame for the country's rapid deterioration. They are not convinced that, even if it were possible, an intervening military force is the answer to Haiti's deep seated and long-lasting woes.

Everyone is united in the view that more than 200 gangs now effectively control 60 per cent of the Capital, Port-au-Prince and about 80 per cent of the entire country, and that action is required to end their reign of terror. However, how to end the rule of the gangs remains an issue within Haiti and among its very large diaspora community. Some favour armed intervention by external forces but without any clear definition of the terms under which this would be accomplished. Others resist the notion of any intervention by external forces.

Among the latter is The National Human Rights Defence (RNDDH) group, which states that the “request for military intervention was produced by the de facto government (of Prime Minister, Ariel Henry) without any form of legitimacy (and) with its own objectives which seem to be to keep the PHTK (Henry's political party) in power until the completion of the elections which they will organize with, in addition, the ability to manipulate the biometric data of citizens, that is, the

electoral data”.

Prime Minister Henry has managed to garner support for a “National Consensus for an inclusive transition and transparent election”. On December 21, Henry's government and some representatives of the private sector, other political

parties and civil society organizations signed a document, committing to this transition. But participation was not fully inclusionary and key stakeholders were either omitted or omitted themselves. Therefore, while Haiti's international partners acknowledge the benefit of the commitment and the formation of a High Council for the Transition (HCT), they are concerned that the body is not inclusionary enough to represent a national consensus. Further, the past record in Haiti of abandoning agreed positions, resulting in even wider discord, does not encourage confidence that a limited HCT will survive or that its decisions will be respected.

In a letter to the President of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) on October 8, 2022, the UN Secretary-General, António Guterres, recognizing that the 5 permanent members would not agree to UN military intervention in Haiti, proposed two approaches. First, “A group of Member States, acting bilaterally at the invitation of the Government of Haiti, could establish a special force to support the Haitian National Police in tackling gangs, including through joint strike, isolation and containment operations across the country”; and second, “The Security Council could welcome such a special force, the viability of which would be strengthened by the existence of broad political and social support for its deployment and a meaningful agreement between the Government and the opposition on a political way forward for Haiti”.

Neither of these proposals were pursued. No country, including the U.S. is anxious to commit forces to Haiti, outside of an agreed multi-national expedition. Further, there is still not in Haiti the kind of “broad political and social support” for the deployment of an external force. And despite the accord of December 21, 2022, and the creation of a limited HTC, there is,



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as yet, no “meaningful agreement between the government and the opposition on a political way forward”.

This situation in Haiti is made even more complex by the overarching power of the criminal gangs. One academic, César Niño, an associate professor and researcher at Universidad de la Salle in Colombia, writes that “the criminal gangs managed to make alliances with the police and security, thus enabling kidnapping, human trafficking, the flow of weapons, and other crimes while minimizing the consequences”. The Haitian Human Rights Group (RNDDH) goes even further, pointing to “ongoing and repeated connections between state authorities and armed gangs”.

Added to this are the following undisputed facts. The country has no legislature and no body overseeing the government; the Supreme Court is dysfunctional (its members must be approved by the parliament which does not exist) and it has lost a third of its members.

Amid all this, the people of the country are suffering. Research shows that five million people currently experience food insecurity across the country; reported kidnappings soared to more than 1,200 last year, more than double the number in 2021, according to the U.N.; and there were 2,200 homicides in 2022, a dramatic increase over 2021.

The issue that confronts the international community in its desire to be helpful to Haiti is both the lack of meaningful, inclusionary dialogue and a genuine national consensus on the way forward within Haiti, as well as no clear terms under which external forces would be invited into Haiti and by whom; how would such a force be organized and financed; under whose authority would it function and with what mandate and immunity.

In the meantime, it should be acknowledged that the U.S. and Canada are deploying logistical assistance to the Haitian National Police. In the circumstances, it is better than doing nothing.

However, no one should lose sight of the fact that, apart from dictatorships in Haiti, two countries bear the greatest responsibility for that country's condition – France and the U.S. Outside of an agreed multinational military intervention, they should use their considerable influence within Haiti to encourage national consensus on their path forward, including how to deal with the criminal power of the gangs.

# PUBLIC NOTICES

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

**TRISTAR ADVISORY LIMITED**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1923487

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 10 day of November 2022. The Liquidator is **Ray A. George, of Long Trench, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.** Dated this 9th day of February 2023

**Ray A. George**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[88/1]

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

**Dark Horse Holdco Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 2020132

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 9 February 2023.

Dated: 9 February 2023.  
(Sgd.) **Yanqing ZHANG**  
Liquidator  
[88/2]

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

**Linzi Jun Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 2064958

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 9 February 2023.

Dated: 9 February 2023.  
(Sgd.) **Lintao HAN**  
Liquidator  
[88/3]

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

**Nebula N Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 2069165

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 9 February 2023.

Dated: 9 February 2023.  
(Sgd.) **Lintao HAN**  
Liquidator  
[88/4]

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

**Smart demorgen family Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 2034241

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 9 February 2023.

Dated: 9 February 2023.  
(Sgd.) **Yanqing ZHANG**  
Liquidator  
[88/5]

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

**Promising demorgen family Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 2033766

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 9 February 2023.

Dated: 9 February 2023.  
(Sgd.) **Yanqing ZHANG**  
Liquidator  
[88/6]

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

**MAIYATIAN INTERNAL CO., LTD**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 2057838

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 9 February 2023.

Dated: 9 February 2023.  
(Sgd.) **Sufang FU**  
Liquidator  
[88/7]

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

**Andesite investment LTD**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 2034798

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 9 February 2023.

Dated: 9 February 2023.  
(Sgd.) **Yanqing ZHANG**  
Liquidator  
[88/8]

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

**Hexie Chunqiu Investment Co. Ltd**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 2034768

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 9 February 2023.

Dated: 9 February 2023.  
(Sgd.) **Yanqing ZHANG**  
Liquidator  
[88/9]

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

**JIAJIE HOME LIMITED**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 2028093

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 9 February 2023.

Dated: 9 February 2023.  
(Sgd.) **Yanqing ZHANG**  
Liquidator  
[88/10]

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

**JIAHUA HOME LIMITED**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 2028370

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 9 February 2023.

Dated: 9 February 2023.  
(Sgd.) **Yanqing ZHANG**  
Liquidator  
[88/11]

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

**United Guo Family Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 2033803

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 9 February 2023.

Dated: 9 February 2023.  
(Sgd.) **Yanqing ZHANG**  
Liquidator  
[88/12]

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

**Vigorous Hou Family Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 2034279

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 9 February 2023.

Dated: 9 February 2023.  
(Sgd.) **Yanqing ZHANG**  
Liquidator  
[88/13]

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

**ACTON INTERNATIONAL GROUP LTD.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
(BC No. 168481)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204(1), subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on February 8, 2023. The Liquidator is **Audrey Robertson of Commerce House, Wickhams Cay I, P.O. Box 3140, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: February 8, 2023  
**Audrey Robertson**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[88/14]

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

**LUNG CHENG ENTERPRISE CO., LTD.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 10th day of February 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.

The Liquidator is:-  
**Wayne S. Francis**  
of c/o Nerine Chambers,  
3rd Floor, Quastisky Building,  
P.O. Box 905,  
Road Town, Tortola,  
British Virgin Islands  
[88/15]

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

**Red Dots Capital Co., Ltd.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 9th day of February, 2023, 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:-  
**YU Guanlan**  
of 3/F. of the Complex Building,  
Longfu First Village,  
Dezheng Road,  
Longgang District,  
Shenzhen City,  
Guangdong Province,  
China.  
[88/16]

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

**WEN.W Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 9th day of February, 2023, 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:-  
**WU Xiaojing**  
of No. 56, Building 16,  
Lingbei New Village,  
Daguan District,  
Anqing City,  
Anhui Province,  
China.  
[88/17]

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

**SHA.O.S Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 9th day of February, 2023, 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:-  
**GAO Xiaoxi**  
of 308, Unit 4,  
Building 25, Guangdiansuo,  
Jiulonghu Village,  
Xihanggang,  
Shuangliu County,  
Sichuan Province,  
China  
[88/18]

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

**Deep Freezing Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 9th day of February, 2023, 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:-  
**CHEN Huan**  
of No. 010, Building 4,  
Yard 20,  
Hanghai East Road,  
Guancheng Huizu District,  
Zhengzhou City,  
Henan Province,  
China.  
[88/19]

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

**Ocean Vitality Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 9th day of February, 2023, 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:-  
**CHEN Huan**  
of No. 010, Building 4,  
Yard 20, Hanghai East Road,  
Guancheng Huizu District,  
Zhengzhou City,  
He'nan Province,  
China.  
[88/20]



# PUBLIC NOTICES

**NOTICE**  
**BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT**  
**(NO. 16 OF 2004)**  
**Warm Sunflower Limited**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
**NOTICE** is hereby given that on the 9th day of February, 2023, 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:-  
**SUN Liang**  
of No. 1301, Unit 4,  
Building 7, Yard A6,  
Gaobeidian North Road,  
Chaoyang District,  
Beijing,  
China.  
[88/21]

**NOTICE**  
**BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT**  
**(NO. 16 OF 2004)**  
**Delicious Lemon Tea Limited**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
**NOTICE** is hereby given that on the 9th day of February, 2023, 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:-  
**SUN Liang**  
of No. 1301, Unit 4,  
Building 7, Yard A6,  
Gaobeidian North Road,  
Chaoyang District,  
Beijing,  
China.  
[88/22]

**NOTICE**  
**BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT**  
**(NO. 16 OF 2004)**  
**Sky Alpha Holding Limited**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
**NOTICE** is hereby given that on the 9th day of February, 2023, 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:-  
**Ying ZHOU**  
of No. 15 Xueyuan Road,  
Chinese Service Center  
for Scholarly Exchange,  
Ministry of Education,  
Haidian District,  
Beijing,  
China.  
[88/23]

**NOTICE**  
**BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT**  
**(NO. 16 OF 2004)**  
**SYSHI Holdings Ltd.**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
**NOTICE** is hereby given that on the 9th day of February, 2023, 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:-  
**ZHAO Sibo**  
of No. 46 Toufa Hutong,  
Xicheng District, Beijing,  
China.  
[88/24]

**WSR Company Limited**  
(the "Company")  
Company No. 2020717  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
**NOTICE** is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that WSR Company Limited has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 6th February 2023.  
Dated this 13th day of February, 2023.  
**Sgd. Dujdao Limarayachon**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[88/25]

**All Can Do Corp**  
(the "Company")  
Company No. 2026621  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
**NOTICE** is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that All Can Do Corp has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 6th February 2023.  
Dated this 13th day of February, 2023.  
**Sgd. Dujdao Limarayachon**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[88/26]

**CHART Company Limited**  
(the "Company")  
Company No. 2027231  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
**NOTICE** is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that CHART Company Limited has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 6th February 2023.  
Dated this 13th day of February, 2023.  
**Sgd. Dujdao Limarayachon**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[88/27]

**TIMAS2019 Co., Ltd**  
(the "Company")  
Company No. 2028013  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
**NOTICE** is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that TIMAS2019 Co., Ltd. has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 6th February 2023.  
Dated this 13th day of February, 2023.  
**Sgd. Dujdao Limarayachon**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[88/28]

**Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.**  
**PERRYVALE ENTERPRISES ASSETS CORP.**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1546110  
**NOTICE** is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on February 13, 2023. The Joint Liquidators are **Nelcia St. Jean, with address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands and Diederick Petrus Naude, with address at Appelblaar 69, IFAFI, Hartbeesport, 0216, South Africa (the "Joint Liquidators")**.  
Dated: February 13, 2023.  
**(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean and Diederick Petrus Naude**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[88/29]

**Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.**  
**SERVILLE ENTERPRISES LIMITED**  
Company No. 1625311  
**NOTICE** is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from February 10, 2023.  
Dated: February 13, 2023  
**(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[88/30]

**Notice of Appointment of a Voluntary Liquidator under Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004**  
**WHITE MOUNTAIN CAPITAL INVESTMENT LTD.**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1484338  
**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 2nd day of December 2022. The Liquidator is **Jose Pablo Bernal Vial, of Las Fresas 4652, Vitacura, Santiago - Chile**.  
**(Sgd.) Jose Pablo Bernal Vial**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[88/31]

**Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act**  
**IZARRA LIMITED**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1603283  
**NOTICE** is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on February 14th, 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands**.  
Dated: February 14th, 2023  
**(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[88/32]

**Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.**  
**Santredo Ltd.**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1607973  
**NOTICE** is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on February 14th, 2023. The Joint Liquidators are **Nelcia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands and Nadia Mariska Nezar with an address at 6 Anaboom Crescent, Melodie, Hartbeesport 0216, South Africa**.  
Dated: January 14th, 2023  
**(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean (Sgd.) Nadia Mariska Nezar**  
Voluntary Liquidators  
[88/33]

**Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004**  
**Duan's Family Limited**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 2033800  
**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 9 February 2023.  
Dated: 9 February 2023.  
**(Sgd.) Yanqing ZHANG**  
Liquidator  
[88/34]

**Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004**  
**Wenjie's future plans Family Limited**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 2034254  
**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 9 February 2023.  
Dated: 9 February 2023.  
**(Sgd.) Yanqing ZHANG**  
Liquidator  
[88/35]

**Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004**  
**Intelligent Family Limited**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 2033762  
**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 9 February 2023.  
Dated: 9 February 2023.  
**(Sgd.) Yanqing ZHANG**  
Liquidator  
[88/36]

**Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004**  
**Rarlon Fang Family Limited**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 2035418  
**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 9 February 2023.  
Dated: 9 February 2023.  
**(Sgd.) Yanqing ZHANG**  
Liquidator  
[88/37]

**Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004**  
**Sattva jyotismati Family Limited**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 2033810  
**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 9 February 2023.  
Dated: 9 February 2023.  
**(Sgd.) Yanqing ZHANG**  
Liquidator  
[88/38]

**Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004**  
**Sraddha Virga Home Limited**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 2034249  
**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 9 February 2023.  
Dated: 9 February 2023.  
**(Sgd.) Yanqing ZHANG**  
Liquidator  
[88/39]

**AR (Aurum Resources) Holdings Limited**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company Number 1667125  
**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 13th day of February, 2023.  
Dated this 14th day of February, 2023  
**Sgd. John Greenwood**  
**John Greenwood**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[88/40]

# PUBLIC NOTICES

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

In the Estate of **BRENDA NERITA BELL** of **BAUGHER'S BAY, TORTOLA, BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS**, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **PHILISHA KIMBERLY MILLS** of Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant, who is the daughter of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 26th day of November, 2022 in Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

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 13th day of February, 2023.

Filed by PST Law, the Attorneys-at -Law of Tortola, British Virgin Islands for the Applicant whose address for service is [rrawlins@pstlawbvi.com](mailto:rrawlins@pstlawbvi.com)

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THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT  
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
VIRGIN ISLANDS  
PROBATE DIVISION  
BVIHPB No. 0025 of 2023

IN THE ESTATE OF **JANETE ELISA STEINBERG**, LATE OF RIO DE JANEIRO, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF BRASIL, DECEASED

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Elizabeth de Azevedo Garcia Pugliese and Eduardo de Azevedo Garcia of Largos Dos Leores, Humaita, Rio de Janeiro, Federal Republic of Brasil for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicants who are the lawful children of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 3rd day of May, 2017.

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 18th day of February, 2023

Filed by: Nelson Samuel  
NR Samuel & Co  
Legal Practitioner for the Applicants  
The Applicants' address for services is:  
NR Samuel & Co  
3rd Flr, Chevelle Center  
Road Town, Tortola, BVI  
Legal Practitioner for the Applicants

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**GOOD HUNTER LIMITED**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company Number 2015473

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 13th day of February, 2023. Dated this 14th day of February, 2023

*Sgd. Brian Jackson*

*Brian*

*Jackson*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[88/41]

**CTG Evergreen Investment D Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company Number 1940872

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 13th day of February, 2023. Dated this 14th day of February, 2023

*Sgd. Brian Jackson*

*Brian Jackson*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[88/42]

**LT GROWTH INVESTMENT XIV LIMITED**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company Number 1638916

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 13th day of February, 2023. Dated this 14th day of February, 2023

*Sgd. Brian Jackson*

*Brian Jackson*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[88/43]

**LT GROWTH INVESTMENT VIII LIMITED**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company Number 1602324

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 13th day of February, 2023. Dated this 14th day of February, 2023

*Sgd. Brian Jackson*

*Brian Jackson*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[88/44]

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

IN THE ESTATE OF **HELENA BAPTISTA DA SILVA BRITTON**, DECEASED

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **ANTONIO CARLOS DA ROCHA CONCEIÇÃO** of Rua José Maria Lisboa 1.096, apto 1, Jardim Paulista, CEP: 014223-0002, São Paulo - SP, Brazil, the intended Administrator of the Estate of the deceased who died intestate on the 7th day of June 2022, domiciled in Brazil, has applied to the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the Probate Division for a Grant of Letters of Administration in the Estate of the said **HELENA BAPTISTA DA SILVA BRITTON**, deceased.

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

Dated the 14th day of February, 2023

**HARNEY WESTWOOD & RIEGELS LP**  
Solicitors for the Intended Administrator

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

BVIHPB2023/0021

In the Estate of **Mikhail Iurevich Abramov**, late of 16/18, building 1, Bolshaya Sukharevskaya Square, Moscow, apartment 37, Russia, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that **GALINA MIKHAILOVNA ABRAMOVA** and **SVETLANA LVOVNA ABRAMOVA**, both of 16/18, building 1, Bolshaya Sukharevskaya Square, Moscow, apartment 37, Russia, the lawful mother and widow, respectively of **MIKHAIL IUREVICH ABRAMOV**, deceased who died on the 20th day of August, 2019 domiciled in Russia (the Deceased) and **NATALIYA MIKHAILOVNA VOLKOVA** of 1, Malaya Sukharevskaya Square, Moscow, apartment 184, Russia, the lawful mother and representative by law of two of the beneficiaries (minors) of Deceased's estate, have applied to the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the Probate Division for a Grant of Letters of Administration with Will Annexed in the estate of the Deceased.

ANY PERSON having any objection to the grant of Letters of Administration with Will Annexed to the said **GALINA MIKHAILOVNA ABRAMOVA**, **SVETLANA LVOVNA ABRAMOVA** and **NATALIYA MIKHAILOVNA VOLKOVA**, shall within fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of this Notice lodge with the Registry of the High Court in the Territory of the Virgin Islands a proper document setting out the said objections.



Solicitors for the Intended Administratrices

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**[islandsunnewsp@gmail.com](mailto:islandsunnewsp@gmail.com)**

# PUBLIC NOTICES

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

In the Estate of LEUNG TZE PAN late of Flat E, 8th Floor, Block 6, Woodland Crest, 33 Tin Ping Road, Sheung Shui, New Territories, Hong Kong, Deceased

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by LEUNG TO WAN of Flat H, 2nd Floor, Block 11, Grand Del Sol, 100 Fung Cheung Road, Yuen Long, New Territories, Hong Kong and LIANG MINYUAN of Flat E, 8th Floor, Block 6, Woodland Crest, 33 Tin Ping Road, Sheung Shui, New Territories, Hong Kong, for a Grant of Probate of the will of the above named deceased who died on the 2nd day of October 2019 wherein the applicants are the named executrices

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

Dated this 14th day of February 2023.

Filed by Walkers Attorneys-at Law whose address for service is  
171 Main Street  
Road Town, Tortola  
British Virgin Islands  
VG 1110

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

In the Estate of EVA MEYER DE LANDAU late of Rua Maranhao, 531, Apt. 131, Higienopolis, Sao Paulo, Brazil, deceased

## ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by ALTA REBECA LANDAU HOLZMANN of 10370 SW 72nd Avenue, Miami, FL 33156, United States of America for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who is the daughter and sole heir of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on 4 October 2021.

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

Dated: 7 February 2023

Filed by Conyers Dill and Pearman,  
Legal Practitioners for the Applicant,  
whose address for service is Commerce House,  
Wickhams Cay 1, P.O. Box 3140, Road Town,  
Tortola, British Virgin Islands VG1110.  
Tel: 1 (284) 852 1000 Fax: 1 (284) 1001  
Email: Robert.Lindley@conyers.com

[89]

CTG Evergreen Investment  
A Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company Number 1940869  
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 13th day of February, 2023.  
Dated this 14th day of February, 2023  
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[88/45]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1621793  
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on February 15, 2023. The Liquidator is Nelcia St. Jean, with address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated: February 15, 2023.  
(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[88/46]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator  
under Section 204 of the  
BVI Business Companies Act  
ASI II Co-Investment Vehicle  
I Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company Number: 1868898  
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204(1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 14 February 2023. The Joint Liquidators are Anton Goldstein and Rachael Pape of Conyers Dill & Pearman, Commerce House, Wickhams Cay 1, P.O. Box 3140, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110, British Virgin Islands.  
Dated: 14 February 2023  
Rachael Pape  
For and on behalf of Anton Goldstein and Rachael Pape  
As Joint Liquidators [88/47]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator  
under Section 204 of the  
BVI Business Company Act.  
Golden Compass 88  
Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1712847  
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on February 15, 2023. The Liquidator is Nelcia St. Jean, with address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.  
Dated: February 16, 2023.  
(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean  
Voluntary Liquidator [88/48]

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

In The Estate of TEO WOON TIONG also known as CHANG YUN CHUNG late of 40 Nassim Hill, Nassim Mansion #04-40, Singapore 258474, deceased

Notice is given that after the expiration of 8 days application will be made to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the resealing of the grant of probate of the estate of TEO WOON TIONG also known as CHANG YUN CHUNG late of 40 Nassim Hill, Nassim Mansion #04-40, Singapore 258474, granted by the Family Justice Courts of the Republic of Singapore on 22nd February 2021.

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

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

BVIHPB 2022/0290

In the Estate of MAURICIO ABRAHAM ABADY late of Gaitoweg 20 Willemstad Curacao, deceased

## ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by BELA ABADY of Gaitoweg 20, Willemstad, Curacao for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above named deceased who died on 7th July, 2021 in Curacao, domiciled in Curacao without revoking a will bearing the date of the 17th September, 2018 wherein the applicant is named the executrix/sole heiress.

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

Dated this 17th day of January, 2023.

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

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# PUBLIC NOTICES

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT  
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
VIRGIN ISLANDS  
COMMERCIAL DIVISION  
CLAIM NO: BVIHC (COM) 2023/0009  
IN THE MATTER OF FORTUNE INSIGHT LIMITED  
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT, 2003  
BETWEEN:-

ADAMAS HERACLES MULTI STRATEGY FUND  
Applicant

AND

FORTUNE INSIGHT LIMITED  
Respondent

## NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that an originating application seeking an order for the appointment of Aaron Gardner of FTI Consulting (BVI) Limited of Sea Meadow House, Tobacco Wharf, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands as liquidator of Fortune Insight Limited whose registered office is located at Corporate Registrations Limited, Sea Meadow House, Blackburne Highway, PO Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands was presented to the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court, High Court of Justice, Commercial Division on 26 January 2023 by Adamas Heracles Multi Strategy Fund (the "Applicant") whose address for service is at Walkers, 171 Main Street, PO Box 92, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands. The application will be heard on Monday 13 March 2023 at 10am or so soon thereafter as Counsel may be heard at the High Court of Justice, Commercial Division, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Any person intending to appear on the hearing of the application (whether to support or oppose it) must give notice of intention to do so to the Applicant or its legal practitioners in accordance with Rule 162 of the Insolvency Rules, 2005 by 4.00 p.m. (BVI time) on the business day before the date fixed for the hearing of the application. A copy of the application will be furnished by the undersigned to any director, member or creditor requiring the same on payment of the prescribed fee.

Dated this 18th day of February 2023

WALKERS

Legal practitioners for the Applicant  
PO Box 92, 171 Main Street  
Road Town, Tortola  
British Virgin Islands, VG 1110  
Tel: 284 494 2204  
Fax: 284 494 5535

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

Advance Scientific &  
Chemical Co., Ltd

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 13th day of February 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.

The Liquidator is:-

Wayne S. Francis

of c/o Sertus Chambers,

P.O. Box 905,

Quastisky Building,

Road Town, Tortola VG 1110,

British Virgin Islands

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

Queenie Choice Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 14th day of February 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.

The Liquidator is:-

Wayne S. Francis

of c/o Sertus Chambers,

P.O. Box 905,

Quastisky Building,

Road Town,

Tortola VG 1110,

British Virgin Islands

[88/52]

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

Auscorp Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 14th day of February 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.

The Liquidator is:-

Wayne S. Francis

of c/o Nerine Trust Company (BVI)

Limited,

Nerine Chambers,

Road Town,

Tortola,

British Virgin Islands

[88/53]

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

DIGITAL DERIVATIVES  
LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 2032437

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 16th February, 2023. Dated: 16th day of February, 2023

(Sgd.) Yao, Xiaoyun

Voluntary Liquidator

[88/50]

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

IN THE ESTATE OF RAGAI ZARIF FAKHRY, DECEASED

TAKE NOTICE that Antoine Ragai Zarif Fakhry of Building no 45, Street 6, Maadi, Cairo, Egypt, the child and intended Administrator of the Estate of the Deceased who died on the 10th day of June 2021 in Cairo Egypt, has applied to the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the Probate Division for a Grant of Letters of Administration in the estate of the said Ragai Zarif Fakhry, deceased.

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

Dated the 10 day of February, 2023

Harney Westwood & Riegels LP  
Solicitors for the Administrator

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

BVIHPB2023/0020

In the Estate of Menachem Ehud Raphael, late of Tsdef Yam 6 app. 9 Arsuf, Israel, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that ANAT RAPHAEL of Tsdef Yam 6 app. 9 Arsuf, Israel, the lawful widow of MENACHEM EHUD RAPHAEL, deceased who died on the 23rd day of December, 2020 domiciled in Israel (the Deceased) and the natural person entrusted with the management of the Deceased's estate under the terms of their (the Deceased and the said applicant Anat Raphael) Mutual Will made and dated the 8th day of December, 2020, has applied to the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the Probate Division for a Grant of Letters of Administration with Will Annexed in the estate of the Deceased.

ANY PERSON having any objection to the grant of Letters of Administration with Will Annexed to the said ANAT RAPHAEL, shall within fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of this Notice lodge with the Registry of the High Court in the Territory of the Virgin Islands a proper document setting out the said objections.

O'Neal  
Webster

Solicitors for the Intended Administratrix

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NOTICE  
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT  
BELL SANDRINGHAM  
LIMITED

("the Company")

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 15th February, 2023; under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.

The Liquidator is:-

Wayne Francis

Nerine Chambers

P.O. Box 905

Quastisky Building

Road Town, Tortola

VG1110

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# PUBLIC NOTICES

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

VIRGIN ISLANDS  
BVIHPB 2023/0032

In the Estate of NELSON ZEN FILHO late of Rua Gilberto Comandolli, 45 Flat 600, Sao Luiz, Brusque-SC, Brazil, deceased

ADVERTISEMENT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by MARIA DO CARMO TOMAZONI ZEN of Rua Gilberto Comandolli, 45 Flat 600, Sao Luiz, Brusque-SC, Brazil for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who is the surviving spouse of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 1st day of August, 2018.

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 14th day of February 2023

FILED by KENDALL Law, Attorneys at law for the Administrator whose address for service is c/o KENDALL Law 2nd Floor Abbott Building, Waterfront Drive, Road Town Virgin Islands VG 1110

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

VIRGIN ISLANDS  
BVIHPB 2023/0031

In the Estate of APRIGIO TAVARES JUNIOR late of Rua Tomaz Gonzaga, numero 300, apartamento 1.901-Bairro Lourdes – Cidade de Belo Horizonte – Estado Minas Gerais – Brazil, deceased

ADVERTISEMENT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Luciene Ribeiro Tavares of Rua Ouro Preto, 1523, Apto 1302, Bairro Santo Agostinho, Cidade de Belo Horizonte, Estado Minas Gerais, Brazil for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who is a surviving daughter of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 6th day of March, 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 14th day of February 2023

FILED by KENDALL Law, Attorneys at law for the Administrators whose address for service is c/o KENDALL Law 2nd Floor Abbott Building, Waterfront Drive, Road Town Virgin Islands VG 1110

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WOODWARD OVERSEAS LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company Number 479362

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 16th day of February, 2023.

Dated this 16th day of February, 2023

*Sgd. Brian Jackson*

*Brian Jackson*

Voluntary Liquidator  
[88/54]

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

**Greg Holdings Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 2009467

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 10th day of February, 2023.

Dated: 10th day of February, 2023

*(Sgd.) XIAO Yousong*

Voluntary Liquidator  
[88/55]

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

**Wiki Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1850132

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 15th day of February, 2023.

Dated: 15th day of February, 2023

*(Sgd.) Yang Ye*

Voluntary Liquidator  
[88/56]

NOTICE

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

**CLASSY GEAR LIMITED**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 19th day of December 2022, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.

The Liquidator is:-

*Wayne S. Francis*  
of c/o Nerine Trust Company (BVI) Limited,  
Nerine Chambers,  
Road Town,  
Tortola,  
British Virgin Islands  
[88/57]

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT  
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

VIRGIN ISLANDS  
(PROBATE)

PROBATE NO. OF 2023

IN THE ESTATE OF JESTINA NIBBS, LATE OF CHARLOTTE AMALIE, ST. THOMAS, UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS, DECEASED

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF ADMINISTRATOR

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by ANTONIO NIBBS ENRIQUE of St. Thomas, United States, Virgin Islands for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who is son/issue of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 1st day of September, 1995.

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 day of February, 2023.

Filed by THORNTON SMITH, legal practitioners for the Applicants, whose address for service is: Capitol Chambers, Parson's Estate, Sea Cow's Bay, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, Applicants.

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IN THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT  
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

VIRGIN ISLANDS  
PROBATE NO. OF 2023

IN THE ESTATE OF CHAN YAU HING ROBIN,  
LATE OF 8 SHING WO CRESCENT, HAPPY VALLEY, HONG KONG, DECEASED

NOTICE is given that after the expiration of 8 days application will be made to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the resealing of the probate of CHAN YAU HING ROBIN alias ROBIN YAU-HING CHAN alias RABIN SOPHONPANICH alias CHAN ROBIN YAU HING alias CHAN YAU HING alias CHAN ROBIN Y H alias CHAN Y H ROBIN, late of 8 Shing Wo Crescent, Happy Valley, Hong Kong, Deceased, granted to TAN STEPHEN alias STEPHEN TAN and CHAN BERNARD CHARNWUT alias BERNARD CHARNWUT CHAN alias BERNARD CHI SZE CHAN alias CHARNWUT SOPHONPANICH by the Deputy Registrar of the High Court of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region with Grant No. HCAG011660/2022 on the 29th day of September 2022.

Harney Westwood & Riegels LP

Legal Practitioners for the Applicants

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## VI Government Sets Standards In Vending

Premier and Minister of Finance Dr. the Honourable Natalio Wheatley has said that the remodeled Road Town Market Square signals the regulation of vending in the Territory.

Premier Wheatley, while addressing the official opening of the Road Town Market Square on February 13, said greater market regulation will enhance the protection of the vendors' rights within a legal framework, as well as clearly outline their obligations.

The Premier added that vendors who will be operating in the Market Square will undergo assessment to ensure that the required criteria have been met. This, he said, will improve quality of commercialisation in the Territory through increasing producers' participation in the market.

Meanwhile, Junior Minister for Trade and Economic Development Honourable Shereen Flax-Charles stated that the Virgin Islands should continuously strive towards achieving a golden standard by empowering farmers and

fishermen.

Honourable Flax-Charles in remarks at the official opening of the market square mentioned that historically, the economic structure of the Virgin Islands was contingent on the fishing and agriculture industries.

The Junior Minister stated that the Government of the Virgin Islands has not only facilitated a physical space that is conducive to the secure trade of goods, but in addition, branding, marketing, and recordkeeping practices will be fostered through capacity development initiatives.

These initiatives, she noted, will aid the reduction of costs associated with harvesting and production, to ensure the affordability of goods and market competitiveness.

"Due to these regulation measures, the interests of both consumers and producers will be protected which in alignment with the Government's objectives to promote productivity," the Junior Minister said.

Honourable Flax-Charles also said that it is critical that the Virgin Islands maintains

its reputation in the global economy as a diverse market that operates with distinction.

"This is a space for which we have set high standards. We expect the vendors, and those who are stationary, and those sister islands residents who utilise the walk-in option, to match the caliber and intention of this space," she further stated.

The opening of the Road Town Market Square also had other speakers including Deputy Premier and Minister for Communications and Works Honourable Kye Rymer, Representative for the Fourth District Honourable Mark Vanterpool, City Manager Mrs. Janis Brathwaite-Edwards and Deputy Governor Mr. David Archer Jr. Other senior public officials were also present along with members of the community.

The Department of Trade and Consumer Affairs continues to function as an interface between the business community and the Government, focusing on specific sector needs and areas for industry development and economic growth.

## BVI Ports Authority Holds Leadership Retreat and Planning Day

10 February 2023 – The British Virgin Islands Ports Authority (BVI PA) Management Team participated in a Leadership Retreat and Planning Day on Friday, 3rd February 2023 at Wyndham Lambert Beach Resort. The theme of the retreat was "Rebuilding and Restoring a Port for the Future".

Blending wellness, leadership and teamwork featured heavily during the planning day. Various exercises and activities helped to emphasize the need for those qualities in achieving future port goals.

The guest speaker at the retreat and planning day was the Executive Director of the Virgin Islands Port Authority, Mr. Carlton Dowe. His presentation highlighted the importance of improving relationships with

management, team members, and the board. He also provided the management team with tips on how to appreciate and utilize diversity across all levels of the organization. Cultivating relationships with interest groups and stakeholders was discussed as well during his presentation. Finally, he stressed the importance of understanding the role of a port authority as not being a solitary entity but being part of a larger interconnected network with other regional ports.

Mrs. Shondrea Turnbull led a presentation on the necessity of mental wellness for successful leadership and incorporated activities that reinforced the need for the blending of the two in accomplishing tasks and building a stronger Authority

The retreat provided an opportunity for open discussion on strategic issues concerning the Port's three main business anchors of Cargo, Cruise and Ferry. Looking at competitive aspects of the organization and creating opportunities for growth.

Mr. Dean Fahie, the Operations Director currently in charge of Port Operations said, "it was an opportunity to step out of the day-to-day routine to discuss needed adjustments to our plan and other pivotal company issues"

The management team emerged from the retreat and planning day with a renewed focus and plan of action to accomplish the strategical, tactical, and operational tasks required to revitalize

## 'Love Our BVI Culture' Poetry And Photo Competition Launched

The Department of Culture is hosting a "Love Our BVI Culture" Poetry and Photo Competition in celebration of February as the month of Love.

Deputy Director Ms. Anne Lennard said the department is excited to roll out its first competition which will provide an opportunity to creatively challenge the minds of the Territory's people in expressing their poetic and photography skills while fostering a sense of love and appreciation for its culture.

"We hope that the entries from members of the public will showcase not only their creativity but also their love for our Territory. We encourage every eligible person to participate in this event," Ms. Lennard said.

The poetry word count is ten (10) lines minimum. The rules and guidelines for the photography portion of the contest can be accessed on the Department of Culture's Facebook page, Virgin Islands Department of Culture.

Residents are invited to submit poems or pictures to the competition which is open to all residents in children and adult categories. The age groups are 13 to 17, and 18 and older.

Prizes will be awarded to First, Second and Third place winners in each category. Only one entry per person per category is allowed. Prizes will be distributed to winners on February 28 at the office of The Department of Culture between the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Prizes for winners in each section of the children's category are: First place \$100.00, Second place \$75.00 and Third place \$50.00. Prizes for winners in each section of the adult's category are: First place \$200.00, Second place \$150.00 and Third place \$75.00. Additional prizes are sponsored by BVI Tourist Board.

For additional information on the "Love Our BVI Culture" Poetry and Photo Competition, contact the department at (284) 468-4374.

The Department of Culture remains committed to developing and preserving Virgin Islands culture to generate nation building efforts and social cohesion.



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EMCS Caribbean is looking for an Accounts/Payroll Clerk  
Interested applicants can submit their CV/Resume with cover letter to P O Box 386 Road Town, Tortola, BVI or call 284-494-1300 [s89]

Alphonso Gas Station- 2 Gas station Cashier/Pump Attendant. Must be able to pack and clean shelves and keep environment clean.  
Interested candidates must email all documents to [alphonso\\_ent@email.com](mailto:alphonso_ent@email.com) and or contact Mr. Alphonso at 284-394-8746. [s89]

GENESIS SALES OF HOME ACCESSORIES requires Full/Part Time Bilingual Sales Associate, to work in Sales & Purchasing of special products for the Home. Person must be able to travel to Dominican Republic, and have at least 5 years experience in similar field. Please call 342-0995 for more details.[s89]

THE VAULT BAR AND RESTAURANT is in need of a full time Cook. Please email your resume at [vaultbvi@gmail.com](mailto:vaultbvi@gmail.com) or call 345-8383. [s89]

Northam Construction Ltd. seeks workers in the capacity of Steelmen, Skilled Labourers, Masons and Carpenters for up coming projects. Please call 441-7806 for more information.[s89]

Samuel Enterprise is requesting, an experience Fisherman and boat Mechanic. Requirements are must be able to stay on the boat for 2-3 weeks.  
You can contact us at 284-541-5530 and 343-4537 [89]

MARTIN VARIETY STORE needs 1 full Time Maintenance Man. must have knowledge of Electrical and Plumbing. Please telephone 545-5702. [s89]

THE WORLD OF SPICES is looking for full time Sales Person to work from 6:00am to 5:00pm, from Monday to Saturday. Person must be friendly and pleasant. Please call 343-9663. [s89]

DARIO JERK CENTRE requires 3 full time COOKS, 4 full time KITCHEN HELPERS and 1 full time DISHWASHER. Telephone-543-1691 [s89]

MANGAL'S GROUNDS & MAINTENANCE SERVICES needs 3 Landscape. Must be able to handle all Landscaping tools, valid driver's license also willing to work weekends and holidays. Must have own transportation. Please telephone 443-2507. [s89]

GENESIS DRESSMAKING requires the services of a full Time Dressmaker, must be Bilingual (Spanish & English) with experience in different Dressmaking Styles. Please call 342-0995 for further details. [s89]

BENIN UPHOLSTERY requires the services of a full time Upholster, must be Bilingual (Spanish & English) with experience in Marine Upholstery and have at least 5 years of experience. Please call 342-0995.[s89]

RAMBO AUTO REPAIRS has vacancy for Full Time Persons: 1 Painter, 2 Body Repairs Men and 1 Mechanic. Modern electronic experience will be appreciated. Please telephone 284-436-7254/443-5950. [s89]

Handyman-Employment Vacancy-required Experienced in- Plumbing, -Electrical, Carpentry, Masonry 25+ years old; manual transmission driver's license. Submit resume to: P. O. Box 4372, Road Town, Tortola VG1110 [s89]

## PUBLIC NOTICES

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT  
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
(PROBATE)  
VIRGIN ISLANDS  
PROBATE NO. BVIHPB2023/0019

IN THE ESTATE OF ALPHONSE COELHO BLANC,  
LATE OF RUA LEOPOLDO DE BULHÕES, 98 – CENTRO,  
CITY OF PETRÓPOLIS, STATE OF RIO DE JANEIRO,  
FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL, DECEASED,

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF LETTERS  
OF ADMINISTRATIO

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by EDUARDO RODRIGUES BLANC of Estrada BR 040, Km 66, Setor 3, Lote 14, Araras, City of Petrópolis, State of Rio de Janeiro, Federative Republic of Brazil, for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who is the son and administrator of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 24th day of October 2017 in the Federative Republic of Brazil.

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 16th day of February 2023.

Filed by: Sinclairs (BVI), 2nd Floor, Unit 20, Mill Mall, Road Town Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Legal Practitioner for the Applicant for Grant of Letters of Administration

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THE VIRGIN ISLANDS  
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
(PROBATE)

BVIHPB2022/0313

In the Estate of JUNITO ANTONIO TURNBULL late of 62 Hill Rise, Luton, Bedfordshire, England, in the United Kingdom, deceased

PUBLIC NOTICE  
[Rules 15]

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by ROSLYN ALICIA EDWARDS, of 62 Hill Rise, Luton, Bedfordshire, England, in the United Kingdom, for a Grant of Probate to the applicant, who is the stepdaughter and intended executrix of the Last Will and Testament of the deceased, the deceased having died testate on the 4th day of February 2022.

Any person having an objection to the grant of Probate to the applicant shall file an objection within fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of this Notice.

Dated this 10th day of February, 2023.

GRACE CHAMBERS  
Legal Practitioners for the Intended Executrix

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### STATEMENT BY THE BVI CHRISTIAN COUNCIL

We are saddened to learn that, yet another young man has succumbed to an untimely death due to gun violence. We offer up our prayers to God for the family and friends of the victim. The BVI Christian Council once again wishes to state that we vehemently oppose all forms of criminal activity and violence. As a Christian community let us continue to pray that the perpetrator(s) of this horrific act will come to the saving knowledge of God and repent and ask for forgiveness.

We pray for everyone who is involved in crime of one form or another. We pray that by God's grace everyone will work together to restore peace, calm and tranquility in these Islands.

We hold the Government of the Virgin Islands in our prayers and pray for wisdom in dealing with the fight against crime. We continue to pray for families, who are still struggling with the loss of loved ones and for the perpetrators of crime, so that they will be brought to justice and come to know our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



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**STAFF WANTED**

Winnie's Steakhouse, Valley, Virgin Gorda is accepting applications for Chefs, Line Cooks, Host/Hostess, Bartenders, Servers, Kitchen Assistants, Sous Chef and Sommelier with at least 5 years experience - If you share our love of good food, great service and memorable experiences, please get in touch with us. Send your resume to [winniessteakhousevi@gmail.com](mailto:winniessteakhousevi@gmail.com) [s88]

Transcaribbean Intl. Inc Is seeking a Personal Assistant to the Managing Director Applicant must have more than 7 years in the Accounting field and hard working, honest and work with less supervision. Proficient in Qbooks, MS Word,excel and can process payroll. Please submit resumes to HR Penn Building, Macnamara, Road Town, Tortola BVI or telephone: 284 494 1300 [s88]

C & P Beauty Room is seeking to fill the position of a Hairdresser with at least 3 years of experience in the beauty industry. Persons interested must contact 284-547-2659 . Cv/Resume is a must. [s88]

BK C-Store Fashion & Auto Stop hiring Cashier / Store Attendant, FULL-TIME or PART-TIME. Complex Inventory and Computer Systems are essential to Store Operations and Applicants MUST understand importance of mixing BRAIN (follow system requirements and Management Instructions) with BRAWN (not lazy), and must be able to work in Store and Storeroom conditions. Formal inquiries only - Email: [bkestore@yahoo.com](mailto:bkestore@yahoo.com) or WhatsApp: 284-442-1842. Absolutely no Telephone nor Walk-in enquiries. Belongers Preferred." [s88]

EMC's Caribbean Ltd. is seeking to fill the position of a Housekeeper with at least 5 years of experience in the hospitality industry. Interested applicants can submit their CV/Resume with cover letter at P.O. Box 386, Road Town, Tortola or call 284-494-1300. [s88]

1 Full-Time Kitchen Helper is needed at OV'S Nite Spot Valley, Virgin Gorda Interested persons should apply in person Or call 284-544-0133 [s88]

M and M Construction is seeking the following persons for employment

M a s o n - F u l l - T i m e : Requirements: Maintaining tools and work spaces, cutting, shaping and dressing materials. Reading and following technical drawings. Mixing cement and mortar. Restoring old and worn masonry. Applicant must have 5yrs experience.

A/C Technician Full-Time: Requirements: Person will have to evaluate, diagnose , conduct servicing and repairs for Air Condition and Refrigerator. Must be able to maintain proper records.

Applicant must have over 7yrs experience and must have proof of educational background in the field.

Interested person, please send resumes to [craverlin7@gmail.com](mailto:craverlin7@gmail.com) [s88]

Apply in person at Bobby's Market Place, Road Town Tortola - 284-494-2189

- 1 STOCKERS
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- 4 . M A I N T E N A N C E PERSONNEL
- 5. CASHIERS
- 6. COOKS
- 7. SERVERS
- 8. SUPERVISORS [s88]

HIHO APPAREL RETAILER seeks a Part Time Sales Associate employee to work on weekends and holidays. This job includes to work on Sunday's. Competitive pay and annual bonus. Store opens at 8:00am, good customer service skills and computer literacy are required. BVIslander or Belonger preferred. For further information please contact our office at 494-0337 or [info@go-hiho.com](mailto:info@go-hiho.com) [s88]

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

Positions to fill:  
 (1) Carpenter/Mason  
 (2) Caretaker for disabled senior citizen  
 Applicants will require a resume, two years experience, police record from country of birth/residence and a proven track record.  
 Please make enquiries at NGP Electrics 284 440 3931 [s88]

CBB Enterprises Ltd. would like to employ a Carpenter, Mason and Handyman for the company. Please call 442-0881 for more information. [s88]

Omar's Fusion has a need for workers in the capacity of Chefs, Cooks, Line Cooks, Waitresses, Bartenders Dishwashers and a Handyman. Please call 346-7771 for more information. [s88]

Onyx is seeking a Heavy Equipment Operator, Engineer, Mechanic and an Operator. Please call 542-1577 or [lindell.defreitas@gmail.com](mailto:lindell.defreitas@gmail.com) for more information. [s88]

M A N A G E R - O F - C P 4 ENTERTAINMENT-BAND ALNANDO FAHIE is seeking the following Musicians, Keyboardist, Bass Guitarist, Lead Guitarist, Drummer, female and male Vocalist. All musicians must be able to play all genres of music. For more information please contact Mr. Fahie at 499-1542 [s88]

Phoenix-Construction Company Ltd, Valley, Virgin Gorda--requires 1 full time Electrician. BVIslanders or Belongers preferred Call: 541 0494 or 541 0496 [s88]

BAMBOUSHAY LOUNGE BAR AND RESTAURANT is seeking a full time Oriental Chef. Please call 494-7752/499-2862. [s88]

NGP Electrics is seeking to fill the position of a full time Carpenter/Mason and Caretaker for a disabled senior citizen. Applicants will required a resume, two years experience, police record from country of birth/residence and a proven track record. Please make enquiries at NGP Electrics or call 284-440-3931. [s88]

C&P Beauty Room is seeking to fill the position of a Hairdresser with at least 3 years of experience in the beauty industry. Persons interested must contact 284-547-2659. CV/Resume is a must. [s88]

Island Department Store is currently seeking to hire one (1) full-time General Store Worker. Locals / Belongers preferred - Please call: 1-284-494-3677. [s88]

Little Denmark required a 1 full time Maintenance Man. Please call 346-0062 for further details. [s88]

FUN IN THE SUN WHOLESALE required 1 full time Cashier. Please telephone 284-499-2405 for further information. [s88]

Tash-Navi Beauty is seeking to fill the position of a full time Hairdresser with at least 3 years experience in the beauty industry. Persons interested must contact 284-344-1893. Resume and CV is required [s89]

HAIR CARE SALON needs one (1) full time Hairdresser. Please call 499-2923 for further details. [s88]

A Full Time Domestic Worker is needed at Mahde Said residence. Please call 542-5232 for further details. [s88]

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