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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY DISCUSSES SKELTON-CLINE CONSULTANCY CONTRACTS

It was an evening of reckoning for the members of the Cabinet of the Andrew Fahie Virgin Islands Party (VIP) administration as the Auditor General's report on Claude Skelton-Cline contracts was laid on the Table of the House of Assembly. The debate in the House of Assembly on 21 February saw Premier Dr. the Hon. Natalio Wheatley, who was the Deputy Premier in the Fahie-led government blasting Claude Skelton-Cline who previously served as that Administration's consultant. Unfortunately, the Premier's attempt to step away from the matter was unsuccessful as the current Minister of Health and Former Leader of the Opposition Hon. Marlon Penn announced that the should be laid at the feet of the former Cabinet which included the current Premier.

When the report was made public on Tuesday members of

the public openly expressed their disgust at the findings that Skelton-Cline was paid \$16,000 per month to carry out projects that had no clear deliverables. Further that Skelton-Cline did not deliver or complete any of the projects which saw various contract renewals and the complete payment of some total \$365,000 to the consultant.

While the matter sent tongues wagging throughout the community, legislators sat in the House of Assembly. During the sitting Premier Wheatley called for the report to be debated, and in his presentation of the document he announced that the contracts were a mistake.

While declaring that it was an error on his part Hon. Wheatley said: "Certainly, I have to say that these contracts that we speak about, these contracts for Claude Skelton-Cline

did come to Cabinet, and I did support them. I am here to say to you Madame Speaker that I believe that my support for these contracts was a mistake, and I believe that the former Premier made a mistake in engaging Claude Skelton-Cline with these contracts. It is okay to acknowledge a mistake. There is nothing wrong with acknowledging a mistake."

The Premier while doubling down on his apology said that he expects that persons will use the admission of a mistake against him: "Some persons will say oh you have acknowledged a mistake. There you go, you have admitted how horrible you are. We all make mistakes sometimes, but it takes a man or in some cases a woman to be able to admit when you have made a mistake. No doubt about it this series of contracts was a mistake."

The Leader of Government Business also sought to



Fire Response Training Held At His Majesty's Prison (more on page 4)

distance his Party from the Skelton-Cline contract saga by declaring: "In this audit, it is pretty straightforward. We have Mr. Claude Skelton-Cline who received I believe a total of three contracts, he was paid exorbitantly for those contracts and his contribution to the success of the initiatives that he was tasked to complete was marginal at best. Let's just speak about the fact that

Mr. Claude Cline has been associated with political parties including the Virgin Islands Party; of which I am the Chairman. I don't think he supports Virgin Islands Party anymore, which has been his pattern if I might say that. He has been jumping left, jumping right."

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HON. PENN LAYS BLAME ON PREMIER AND CURRENT VIP MEMBERS

In a stinging debate contribution Hon. Penn took swipes at the Premier and his attempts to distance himself from the contract issue. The former Leader of the Opposition said that the entire VIP Cabinet was complicit in the matter, and he recalled how in the very House of Assembly he raised alarm about the contracts and even sought to get information for the public but none was provided.

Hon. Penn said: "Madame Speaker it was about a very simple principle if you are

going to expend \$365,000 of taxpayers' money to deliver on particular items we need to get and ensure that we have value for the money that is being expended. I remember at one point the attacks against me were so vehement."

"When I was asking those questions as Leader of the Opposition I didn't hear anyone get up and say how unjust they were, we should have done this differently, we should have done that differently. We cannot just whitewash these under the table... We also have to atone and account for our actions as well Madame Speaker," Hon. Penn stated.

In heaping further fire on the Premier and other members of the VIP Cabinet Hon. Penn blasted: "We all cannot act like Naaman take seven dips in the ocean and come up clean, like we have no responsibility to play in this process... We cannot abscond ourselves from our role in this process and act as if we weren't there when this happened... The members here are part of the Cabinet and part of the team that approved these contracts. Then want to throw Claude Skelton-Cline under the bus and then run him over back and forth... He didn't just get here \$365,000 later with nothing to show

for it ... The Cabinet went silent, no one spoke out."

In taking another jab at the Premier who debated before him Hon. Penn said: "Madame Speaker I listened earlier, and we cannot whitewash these things as if they appeared out of thin air. The Report is very clear. This was approved by Cabinet... all three contracts were approved by Cabinet with no clear deliverables... If you are going to engage a consultant it has to be performance-based. You cannot have an open-ended consultancy without a performance measure, and then you expend \$365,000 of taxpayers hard earned money in a time when you are going through

significant social challenges within the population... Do you know what \$365,000 could have done to help alleviate some of those challenges?"

"We have a report before us where more than 90 percent of the things in this report are neither delivered or not achieved, or not accomplished Madame Speaker. The former Cabinet has to take responsibility for this; not whitewash it and shove it under the rug, because Mr. Skelton-Cline did not just come off the street and attained these contracts, as the report clearly states they were approved by Cabinet. The directions were given by the Cabinet," Hon. Penn added.

HEALTH MINISTER TALKS ABOUT "LIVABLE WAGE"

Not a minimum wage, a livable wage - Minister of Health and Social Development Hon. Marlon Penn announced in response to complaints that the price of goods and services are escalating while household incomes struggle to keep up.

Hon. Penn who was a guest on the Umoja Show on 13 February the Minister stated that he believes that instead of a revised minimum wage which some are calling for, there should be consideration for a livable wage.

The Minister explained, "It's not a discussion that I have had with this Unity Government but I think it is a discussion that we need

to have going forward. We need to look at a living wage. One of the things that we have discussed with this new transformation of the grant programme at Social Development is - what is a living wage in the BVI?"

Hon. Penn explained that this recommended livable wage would not only apply to persons who are employed; but persons who are currently in situations where they require public assistance. The Minister explained that even the monetary assistance that the government provides to persons will have to reflect the livable wage.

"Right now we are offering persons some assistance, but

it's based on some thinking ten-plus years ago. Someone decided okay we'll just give something a month. This is what we are giving for rent, this is what we are giving for so, but we haven't really looked at what it costs to live in the BVI," the Minister noted.

"For instance, you may have someone who is making \$24,000 a year - say \$2000 a month you would say this should be all right, this should be okay; they should be able to survive. But in the BVI rent is \$1200 a month, if they have kids they have to pay for daycare, they have to pay for food; so you're looking at a situation where persons might seem to be gainfully employed but

they fall under the category of working poor. Those persons will still need to get some type of support, some type of assistance if they're going to live a decent life in the country," Hon. Penn pointed out.

The Minister of Health however noted that it was not just a matter of implementing such a wage, but rather ensuring that the BVI's economy can sustain the rise. He said that these are the type of considerations that the Government envisaged that the Trade Commission was going to address.

While making this point, Hon. Penn said: "This is a whole economic issue that we are speaking about as

well. One of the areas that we looked at was to put an engine that will help drive economic development, economic regulations, economic administration."

He further explained that the Trade Commission the supporting new Trade Licensing Act and Proposed Consumer Protection are part of the mechanisms that are being put in place.

The Minister with responsibility for Social Development said that this suite of legislation is expected to propel the BVI economy and make the lives of the people better.

AUDITOR GENERAL BLAMES GOVERNMENT FOR TASKING SKELTON-CLINE WITH CONSULTANCY

In the bombshell report by the Auditor General Sonia Webster on the Claude Skelton-Cline contracts it was announced that in an effort to continue being paid the consultant submitted reports to the Government with information that he copied wholesale from independent individuals and projects; as well as falsely claiming to have meetings with persons when he did not.

The 23 pages long report was laid on the table of the House of Assembly recently and subjected to debate on 21 February. Even before the report made light on the Skelton-Cline contracts it was expected that the findings were going to be shocking based on information that was revealed by the Opposition at the start of the VIP administration, and later the Commission of Inquiry hearings.

During both publicized outcries there were mentions

in various sections that they were false and that some work was done. Unfortunately, this mystery was solved by the report which outlined a list of valuable projects that are of Territorial importance that were placed as part of Skelton-Cline's contractual responsibility. However, the Auditor General stated that almost all of the projects were incomplete and never delivered despite payment being made to the consultant.

In her conclusion, Webster stated: "The records do not show any demonstrated effort by the Consultant to actually satisfy the deliverables stipulated in the contracts. The audit confirmation exercises performed indicate that much of the work reported or claimed by the Consultant Skelton-Cline was undertaken by persons and programmes independent of the consultancy. In a number of cases, his association with the

programmes was either fleeting or non-existent. The information in the Consultant's periodic reports was largely duplicated without demonstrating any advancement or effort to achieve progress. As a result, very little was gained from this arrangement and the Government failed to receive value for money on these contracts."

She further added that: "After a period of two and a half years, none of the initiatives stipulated in the three contracts have been delivered. Similarly, none of the ad-hoc "non-contractual" assignments have been realized. This is with the exception of the COVID-19-related initiatives that were self-determining. Substantial reports and information were received only where the Consultant was assigned as a part of a committee or working group. These documents were usually prepared by other

members of those bodies as was the case with the supporting documents for the Seafarers programme and the report issued by the Economic Advisory Council."

The tasks assigned to Skelton-Cline were of serious importance to the Territory and included matters such as economic diversification, climate change, youth empowerment, unemployment, and Prospect Reef development. Unfortunately, these projects suffered, and the Auditor General blamed the Government for tasking Skelton-Cline with such important subjects.

She said, "The failure of the Premier's Office to adhere to the procurement regulations for competitive submissions resulted in substantial costs incurred on this (and other similar no bid consultancy contracts). It also created a disservice to other citizens

who might be more properly qualified and more able to deliver the specific initiatives contained in the contracts. The Government would have been better served by establishing different thinktanks or other mechanisms to address the areas identified under the three contracts. This would have availed the process to expert input and presented actionable results."

Further the Auditor General said that the time has come for such consultant hires to stop, "The practice of using public funds to engage consultants with misleading or unrealistic contractual objectives should cease. If a genuine need exists, the service should be advertised and candidates properly vetted and engaged on qualifications, experience and ability to deliver. Permanent Secretaries or the engaging agency should ensure that remuneration is commensurate rather than extortionate."

BVI & JVD PAY LAST RESPECTS TO SEDDY CALLWOOD

Restaurant Philisianno Callwood also known as Seddy or Zeddy was held on 18 February. Seddy - the son of the famous Philisianno "Foxy" Callwood - was in his own right a renowned public figure on the island of Jost Van Dyke.

Seddy was born on 2 February 1963 and departed this life on 20 January, 2023. He was born on the island of St. John USVI to Lestelle Callwood and Philisianno Ohanio "Foxy" Callwood.

Seddy resided on the island of Jost Van Dyke, however, at the tender age of 6 he relocated to the island of St. Thomas to reside with his paternal grandmother, the late Romalia Callwood. He attended the Lockhart Elementary School and then the Wayne Aspinall Jr.

High School. As a teenager, he was relocated back to Jost Van Dyke when his grandmother moved back there.

As a youth, he remained with his grandmother and his grandfather, the late Christian Callwood, where he would travel to the hills early in the morning to assist his grandfather with rounding his cattle. Over the years, Seddy worked on his grandfather's farm and became very skilled at cultivation and land management, which proved fruitful in producing crops. He also worked with his dad Foxy for several years bartending before venturing off.

He tried his hand at marriage at a young age, and from the union Lorraine and Jacob were born. His two other children

Lilliana and Isaac would follow some years later in another relationship. Seddy later met Laura and after a few years of friendship, he decided to take another shot at marriage.

For some time Seddy lived between the islands of St. John and St. Thomas working as a landscaper in hope of one day becoming an entrepreneur. He also lived on the mainland and dabbled in the restaurant industry for the little while he was there.

Seddy was blessed, when his maternal grandmother the late Olivia Callwood provided the land to create what is now known as the "One Love Bar & Restaurant". He did backbreaking work to construct his landmark on White Bay Beach where many

tourists would come to partake in the beverages or delight in the delicacies from the kitchen.

His fame came from his ability to mesmerize the people who visited his establishment. Many visited his business to have an encounter with the self-thought magician who was famous for his card tricks and who left everyone in a state of disbelief from his famous "spit knot" trick.

When Seddy was not in his bar he was making fish pots or out pulling his pots for the catch of the day. He was known for his generosity and would share the fish and lobster he caught with families on Jost Van Dyke.

Seddy's death is recorded as a shocking and sad



Philisianno Seddy Callwood

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occurrence and the publishers, management and staff of The Island Sun newspaper express sympathies and condolences to the family and friends of the late Philisianno Callwood.

FIRE RESPONSE TRAINING HELD AT HIS MAJESTY'S PRISON

His Majesty's Prison hosted a training session for emergency first responders to develop a plan of action for dealing with fires on the prison grounds.

The training session, held on Tuesday, February 21, was presided over by Deputy Superintendent Joe Wilcox. The session featured a representative from the Virgin Islands Fire and Rescue Service, the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force, the Emergency Medical Service, the Department of Disaster Management and His Majesty's Prison.

Deputy Superintendent John Wilcox said the first responders decided to come together to formulate a plan to best tackle an incident that may require emergency services on the prison grounds. He noted that during emergencies, the safety and security of the staff and prisoners along with protecting the prison's infrastructure are of paramount importance; hence developing a plan of action is desperately needed.

The plan of action, according to Mr. Wilcox, is to provide guidance to allow the safe and secure operations at the prison in the event of a fire or any other large scale disaster. The plan focuses on strategies to reduce damage to infrastructure while fulfilling the prison's role in keeping in custody people committed by the courts while minimising possible injuries or loss of life to staff and inmate.

Mr. Wilcox said, "We need to understand what the fire brigade needs from the prison to ensure they feel safe in cases of emergency. We also need to know what the medical staff wants because we understand that not everybody feels safe rushing into the prisons. That is what this training is about; how to deal with major incidents that could potentially lead to mass casualty."

During the session, the first responders looked at security challenges that might arise from any major disasters during and after contact is made with prisoners. They also focused on risk assessment

strategies that can guide how to proceed in unique situations.

The Deputy Superintendent said he hopes that within two months, a simulation drill can be held at the prison in Balsam Ghut so first responders, prison staff and prisoners can get a full understanding of the response process.

Mr. Wilcox added, "From this, it is good to work together with everybody. We can understand the needs of each department and system and work together as a team to bring any incident under control. We also can understand each other's challenges and what we need and ensure we provide the safety and security to those emergency personnel coming in to help."

The Ministry of Health and Social Development remains committed to providing the resources to ensure the safety and security of all staff and occupancy at His Majesty's Prison.



OIL SPILL RESPONDERS UPGRADE THEIR SKILLS

Thirty-five persons have received training from Ambipar Response in best practices for managing oil spill events.

The sessions were held on February 8 to 10 and February 13 to 16 and covered essentials of managing oil spill response including contingency planning, responder safety, spilled oil behaviour, oil containment and removal, and shoreline management.

Director of Disaster Management Jasen Penn said that a sound knowledge of these essentials help the Virgin Islands meet its obligations under the International Maritime Organisation's International Convention on Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Co-operation (OPRC).

"In keeping with the Territorial Oil Spill Response Plan, participants

included representatives of all the agencies that may need to respond to an oil spill," Mr. Penn said. This includes the Ministry of Natural Resources and Labour, BVI Fire & Rescue Service, Department of Disaster Management, BVI Ports Authority, Royal Virgin Islands Police, and Virgin Islands Shipping Registry, as well as staff from the major fuel providers such as Sol.

Harrison Jolly, Senior Response Consultant and Trainer with Ambipar Response, congratulated participants on their successful completion of the operational and tactical sessions.

"It was clear to our trainers during the preparation for and delivery of the courses that BVI is demonstrating a commitment to enhancing their understanding of marine oil spill response, developing

new skills and ensuring resilience amongst key stakeholders and agencies at all levels," Mr. Jolly said.

Participants included Virgin Islands public officers plus officers from Anguilla, Cayman Islands, Montserrat, and Turks and Caicos, as well as partners from the private sector.

The February sessions followed Level 3 oil spill response training for executive officers in January. The series was organised by the Department of Disaster Management (DDM) as part of its annual training programme with financial support from United Kingdom Maritime and Coastguard Agency through the Conflict, Stability and Security Fund.

Residents who suspect an oil spill has occurred or is occurring should report it to the Virgin Islands Fire and Rescue Service by calling 911 or 999.





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Financial Services Industry Celebrated With Awards Cocktail Reception

The Financial Services Industry professionals turned out in scores to celebrate their colleagues for the Financial Services Awards 2022 during a Cocktail Reception that took place on February 15, 2023 at the newly opened LvL3 Rooftop Prime Restaurant in Road Town, Tortola.

Acting Premier Honourable Kye Rymer congratulated the financial services industry for their continued hard work and efforts that keep the industry and the BVI's economy thriving. Certainly, the highlight of the evening's celebration was the announcement of the winners for the Financial

Services Awards.

The 2022 big winners were Harneys, who received three awards; Tech Savvy Firm of the Year; Law Firm of the Year; and Corporate Services Provider of the Year.

Other winners include National Bank of the Virgin Islands for Best Corporate Social Responsibility and

Bank of the Year; KPMG for Auditor of the Year and Accounting Firm of the Year; BVI Financial Services Commission for Regulator of the Year; Caribbean Insurers for Insurance Agency of the Year; and Deloitte for Insolvency Practice of the Year.

Compliance Officer of the Year is Roschelle Smith of CIBC First Caribbean International Bank; Lawyer of the Year is Jenelle Archer

of O'Neal Webster; and the Future Leaders Award is Chantee Mathavious of National Bank of the Virgin Islands. Mrs. Angelle Cameron of VISTRA was the event's host.

The awardees were nominated and voted winners by their peers through an online voting platform. The 1,915 votes submitted in the 13 categories yielded the results.



PROGRAM LISTINGS

MONDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

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

THURSDAYS

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

FRIDAYS

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

SATURDAYS

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

SUNDAYS

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



Public Officers To Provide Feedback On Compensation Review

The Government of the Virgin Islands is continuing its Public Service Compensation Review and is inviting Public Officers to submit feedback through a survey.

A survey link has been emailed to public officers directly, and should take individuals no more than 10 to 15 minutes to complete. The deadline for completion of the survey is Tuesday, February 28.

The consultancy firm PricewaterhouseCoopers Advisory Services Limited (PwC) is conducting the nine-month long review which aims to support modernising employment terms and conditions to enhance performance across the Public Service.

The project is currently in the current state assessment phase and focus group discussions are ongoing with officers throughout the Public Service. In order to get a greater holistic view of the issues at hand, a survey was developed to allow every individual public officer the opportunity to express their opinions anonymously.

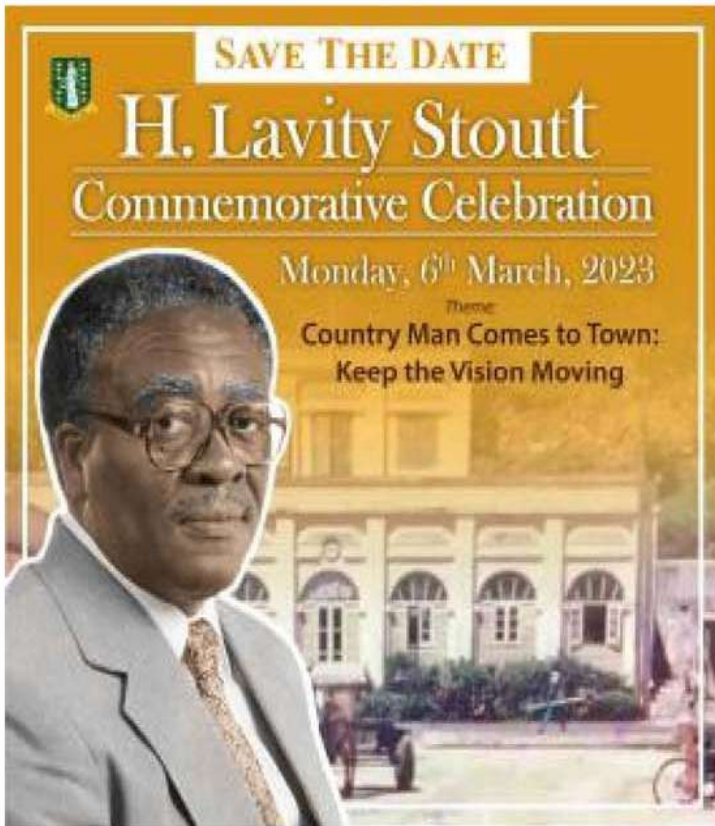
The contract for the Compensation Review was signed with PwC in October of 2022 and is valued at Three Hundred and Two Thousand, One Hundred and Three Dollars (\$302,103.00). The project is scheduled to conclude in August.

For more information on the Public Service Compensation Review, individuals can contact the Office of the Deputy Governor at 468-2195 or dgo@gov.vg.

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H. Lavity Stoutt 23rd Commemorative Celebration March 5



The Government of the Virgin Islands continues to celebrate the life of the late Honourable H. Lavity Stoutt and will be observing the 23rd anniversary of this commemorative occasion on March 5.

Mr. Stoutt considered as one of the Territory's greatest visionary leaders will be remembered this year under the theme, "Country Man Comes to Town: Keep the Vision Moving".

Activities will include a Church Service at the Zion Hill Methodist Church on Sunday, March 5 at 9:30 a.m. followed by the Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Cappsos Bay Cemetery. The activities will continue on Monday, March 6 at the Eileene L. Parsons Auditorium at 10:00 a.m.

Assistant Secretary in the Premier's Office and Chairperson for the Planning Committee, Dr. Lavon Chalwell-Brewley is encouraging persons to attend this year's events as the committee seeks to take a further look into the life of the late Chief Minister which will be depicted through drama. The production will also showcase local talent through poetry, song, music and dance.

The late H. Lavity Stoutt was born on March 7, 1929. He served as an elected representative consecutively from 1957 to 1995 and was the Territory's first Chief Minister. He is credited with establishing the cruise ship pier, overseeing the construction of the Central Administration Complex and spearheading the development of the local community college, which is named in his honour.

The Government of the Virgin Islands celebrates the life of the late Honourable H. Lavity Stoutt as a person of historic significance to the Territory every year on the first Monday in March. The day is declared a public holiday in celebration of the anniversary of the birthday of the Territory's first Chief Minister. H. Lavity Stoutt died on May 14, 1995.

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- I have read and understand this job description.

Print Employee Name:

Employee Signature:

Date:.....

Cabinet Decides Increments Are To Be Paid To Public Officers

On Wednesday, February 15, Cabinet made the decision to begin issuing outstanding increments to public officers.

Cabinet has decided to pay eligible public officers performance year increments, with arrears, for 2018 and 2019 to commence immediately and be substantially completed by end of the Second Quarter of 2023.

Additionally, the decision was made to pay eligible officers performance year increments for 2020, 2021 and 2022, without arrears initially, to be substantially completed by the end of the Third Quarter of 2023. In cases where officers are on the top of their scales, they will be paid a one-off payment the equivalent of the incremental value.

Therefore, eligible public officers at the end of the entire processing period, will receive the payment of two (2) full increments (2018 & 2019) and see a change in their salary levels by five (5) incremental steps.

The Office of the Deputy Governor in partnership with the Ministry of Finance and the Department of Human Resources, made presentations to Cabinet earlier this week regarding the payment of outstanding increments to public officers.

The presentation to Cabinet highlighted the impact of the delayed increment payments on the Public Service, and the effect on the engagement and morale of public officers. Prior to 2013, the payment of performance increments was in accordance with General Orders, and perfectly

married to the Performance Management Programme. Due to the fluctuating fiscal challenges since 2012, which were further compounded by the disasters of 2017 and the COVID-19 pandemic, the payment of increments was subsequently delayed.

Acting Premier Honourable Kye M. Rymer said that he is pleased with the outcome of this Cabinet decision.

“On behalf of the Premier, Dr. the Honourable Natalio D. Wheatley, I would like to underscore that this decision is of monumental importance, and I am pleased to see it is being prioritised for the sake of so many hard working public officers who are owed these increments. This is a symbol of the Government’s commitment to driving public service excellence,” the Acting

Premier said.

Similarly, Deputy Governor Mr. David Archer, Jr. also expressed his excitement.

“So many public officers will benefit from these long overdue payments of increments. These payments are an acknowledgement of their individual work and continued commitment to the Public Service. I am proud to have been able to be a part of this process and remain dedicated to ensuring that every officer is both recognised and valued for their work.”

The decision to commence the payment of increments comes as the Office of the Deputy Governor wraps up several Compensation Review stakeholder meetings. These focus-group sessions have taken place with various stakeholder groups within and external to the Public Service and is led by consultancy firm PricewaterhouseCoopers Advisory Services Limited (PwC).

The Compensation Review and Job Classification Project, which is an initiative under the Public Service Transformation plan, seeks to address remuneration disparity; further support the retention, engagement and motivation of skilled and competent officers



*Deputy Governor
Mr. David Archer Jr.*

to effectively deliver public services, and move toward a ‘Total Rewards’ Scheme that promotes high performance. The Compensation Review is slated to be completed by August 2023

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Hon. Kye Rymer

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Issuance Of Belongers Cards Resumes

The public is notified that the Civil Registry & Passport Office has resumed issuing Belongers Cards for persons deemed to belong to the Virgin Islands.

The Civil Registry and Passport Office extends sincere apologies for the disruption in issuing the cards which was a result of the passing of the late Registrar General, who was the authorised signatory. The system has been successfully reconfigured and persons may contact the department to secure an appointment to renew or apply for their new Belongers Card at 468-3035 or infocris@gov.vg.

Concept & Detailed Designs To Be Finalized For New West End Ferry Terminal

Climate response and energy savings measures in a functional layout were on the agenda during stakeholder discussions on the new West End Ferry Terminal (WEFT) held on February 15 and 16.

The meetings were held to finalise the new terminal's conceptual designs, facilitated by RDA Contract Supervisor and Project Manager Sergio Dantas and Community Liaison Officer April Glasgow, who were joined by the WEFT design consultants, Project Lead Dr. Karsten Galipp and Principal Architect Torsten Illgen of Inros Lackner S.E.

The two-day stakeholder sessions were attended by the Acting Premier and Minister for Communications a

Works Honourable Kye Rymer, with representatives from the Ministry of Communications and Works, the BVI Authority, H. M. Customs and Immigration Departments, the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force, the B.V.I. Tourist Board, the Town and Country Planning Department, Virgin Islands Ferry and Rescues Service,

Ferry Operators and the West End Taxi Association among others.

The two-storey ferry terminal features measures to promote efficient flow and processing of passengers for both domestic and international travels.

In sharing expectations for the visit, Dr. Galipp said, "is important that we receive feedback on the design from the stakeholders. We have listened to their concerns, some of which we can integrate to bring relief."

Dr. Galipp shared that following the consultations, they are a step closer and are

headed in the right direction. Principal Architect Mr. Illgen said, "We hope that the direction of climate response will have a positive impact," adding, "Regarding the functional layout, we are on the right track."

Following an analysis and integration of the stakeholder consultations, public consultations will be scheduled.

The design team will now incorporate the end user feedback and finalize the conceptual designs and proceed with the detailed final designs and tender documents.

The ferry terminal at West End was the busiest seaport in the Virgin Islands prior to the 2017 hurricanes with 40% of all arrivals into the Territory cleared in through West End.

Under the direction of the Ministry of Communications and Works, the RDA will manage the design and construction of a new, expanded terminal, in partnership with key stakeholders. The proposed 12,000 square foot facility will double the size of the previous facility, and have the capacity to process more passengers, provide berthing for multiple ferries and private yachts, and parking for vehicles.

The facility will be built from sustainable materials and will incorporate technologies to offer greater efficiency for businesses and passengers.

In July 2022, the Virgin Islands community was engaged in a poll on the design for the new West End Ferry Terminal which focused on the aesthetics of the building. Taking into consideration the efficacy

of the three designs, the resiliency of the building and the availability of materials, the Classic Modern design emerged the winner following a tie

with the Organic, Futuristic design.

This round of stakeholder consultations on the West End Ferry Terminal consistently supports the

Virgin Islands Recovery and Development Agency's overarching goal, to deliver on its mandate to execute recovery projects, build capacity and philanthropy.



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

Watersports Attendant

Position Objective:

- The position of Watersports Attendant is one of the more demanding jobs on the Watersports Team. The person holding the job must be skilled at a variety of things, as well as be flexible and adaptable to the changing daily demands. A person holding the title of Watersports Attendant must have excellent people skills, as he/she will be in contact with many guests on a day-to-day basis. This position oversees the daily operations of the watersports hut/beach and works to provide exceptional customer service and attention both on the beach and on water. While this candidate operates primarily out of the watersports hut, a good candidate must also be ready and able to rig and unrig all the boats within the Bitter End fleet, provide minor instruction and tips to guests (sailing, windsurfing, and winging), carry out boat maintenance and repair work, crew on daytrips, perform on water rescues for guests needing assistance, as well as all other duties which his/her manager may call upon to perform.

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.

Delegation Attends Agriculture And Food Fair In USVI



Government officials from the Premier's Office and the Department of Agriculture attended the 51st Annual Agricultural and Food Fair of the US Virgin Islands in St Croix last weekend.

Permanent Secretary in the Premier's Office Mrs. Carolyn Stoutt Igwe whose portfolio includes agriculture, stated that partnerships with regional and international partners, enhancing data collection processes, making data-driven investments, and implementing structured farm programmes will aid in improving the agriculture sector in the Virgin Islands.

"Participating in this Food Fair is in direct alignment with the Government's legislative agenda to promote the consumption and production of local foods," Mrs. Stoutt Igwe said.

The Permanent Secretary added that the Government of the Virgin Islands' attendance at this event was indicative of the strong ongoing partnership between the VI and the USVI, reflective of the shared bond, history and culture of Virgin Islanders from both territories. Mrs. Stoutt Igwe also stated that the Department of Agriculture's mandate involves advancing the interests of local farmers that can be facilitated through collaborative efforts. She added that the support and solidarity between the two territories will foster greater collaboration in the interest of promoting agriculture.

"The three-day cultural exchange served as a capacity

building opportunity for the Government of the Virgin Islands in the area of food security, networking in the agricultural sector, capitalising on natural resources, and overall agricultural development. It will also be useful in the planning of the upcoming BVI Fishers and Farmers Week," the PS said.

Meanwhile, Director of Agriculture and Fisheries, Mr. Theodore James, described the USVI's Agrifest 2023 as inspirational, particularly ahead of the Territory's Farmers and Fishers Week 2023 to be held March 17 to 23 on each of the four main islands.

Mr. James said, "The USVI Agrifest 2023 was a spectacular display of agriculture, food and culture. I congratulate our neighbours, family and friends in the USVI for organising such a successful event. As we revive and rebrand our celebration of food and culture through Farmers' and Fishers' Week in the Virgin Islands, USVI Agrifest was truly inspirational."

Head of the Government of the Virgin Islands' delegation, Dr. Lavon Chalwell-Brewley, who is the desk officer for agriculture expressed her gratitude to Deputy Commissioner for the Department of Agriculture USVI Mrs. Riise Richards for extending an invitation to the Territory to attend the event, which is traditionally attended by the Virgin Islands.

In addition to the food and agricultural fair component, cultural demonstrations and exhibits were provided by

local dance groups, artists, and bands. There was an opportunity for entrepreneurs to showcase locally created art and jewelry.

The delegation included Dr. Lavon Chalwell-Brewley, Director of the Department of Fisheries and Agriculture Mr. Theodore E. James, Agriculture Officer Mr. Orville Clarke and Assistant Secretary in the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, Ms. Tessa Smith.

The Agrifest event is the largest "country fair" in the Caribbean

and featured farmers, a variety of vendors' booths, displays of local cuisine and condiments like jam and jellies made from local fruits; spices, livestock, and plants. The event took place at the Rudolph Shulterbrandt Agricultural Complex in Estate Lower Love between February 18 and February 20.

The Department of Agriculture and Fisheries continues to strive towards responsible management of resources to maintain a conducive environment in which the fishing and agriculture sectors can thrive.



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COI IMPLEMENTATION UNIT REPORTS ON PROGRESS FOR JANUARY 2023

The Commission of Inquiry Implementation Unit is advising the public that it has reported to the Governor and Premier on the status of work completed up to the end of January 2023.

Based on the timelines agreed in the Framework for Implementation of the Recommendations of the Commission of Inquiry Report and Other Reforms, the Director of the Unit Ms. Hadassah Ward has advised that work on 49 of the 50 Framework recommendations has begun.

Ms. Ward said, "19 of the Recommendations have been completed and 30 Recommendations are in progress. The Recommendations are currently split into 132 Actions. Of these, 65 (49%) are completed, 24 (18%) are in progress and on track, 22 (17%) are in progress but experiencing challenges and 19 (14%) have not been started as yet."

She noted that during the month of January:

The completion of actions under Recommendations B02 and B03 which covered making the Registration of Interests for the House of Assembly public.

The completion of B35 which brought the revised Public Service Transformation Programme completely on stream.

B37 was also completed which streamlined Public Service Training and resulted with an agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands and HLSCC to prepare a Memorandum of Understanding to support the implementation of the Public Service Learning Institute. She said that the Dashboard gives a pictorial summary of the status of the fulfilment of the COI recommendations as agreed in the Framework. The Key shares each of the 50 Framework Recommendations, now being worked on as the main focus of Government of the Virgin Islands to raise our standards of governance in our beautiful Territory, so you can track the status of work on each recommendation.

If you have any specific questions on the implementation of any of the COI Framework Recommendations, please email the COI Implementation Unit directly at implementationunit@gov.vg.

The COI Implementation Unit assists in coordinating the overall delivery of the COI Recommendations, which includes providing support to ministries in developing work plans for the delivery of recommendations, assist in drafting policy directions, and the development of new programmes and systems. The unit is also responsible for preparing monthly progress reports, reports on specific work programmes, and reports to identify key issues associated with implementation and suggest remedies. The unit reports directly to the Permanent Secretary Mrs. Carolyn Stoutt Igwe in the Premier's Office, who chairs the COI Implementation Steering Committee. The Governor and Premier receive the monthly report on the 15th of each month.

BVI's ASIA STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMME:

Taipei Medical University Masters Degree Scholarships now available to Virgin Islanders

Taipei Medical University, Taiwan's leading medical university is providing Scholarships to eligible Virgin Islanders to pursue Masters Degrees in Public Health, Nursing, and other Medical Professions for the 2023-24

academic year. The deadline for submitting applications is Tuesday 14 March, 2023. The scholarships are provided to increase BVI's medical & public health capacity and personnel. Interested persons can begin

the application process by emailing the BVI Hong Kong Office (studyinasia@bvihongkongoffice.com.hk) and completing the online admissions application (www.oge.tmu.edu.tw/admission/apply/).

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GLOBAL NEWS BRIEF

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LONDON — Boris Johnson is “being Boris,” a senior U.K. Cabinet minister quipped, after the ex-prime minister waded into the Tory debate over the contentious Northern Ireland protocol ahead of a crucial few days for his successor Rishi Sunak.

Sunak heads into the week hoping he can keep Conservative Eurosceptics and Northern Ireland’s unionist politicians onside as the U.K. nears an agreement on the post-Brexit trading set-up after months of talks between London and Brussels.

Following a meeting with European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen on Saturday, Downing Street said “very good progress” was being made, but insisted “intensive work” is still needed “in the coming days.”

Other politicians were less diplomatic. Labour peer Peter Mandelson told the same show: “There’s nothing that Boris is doing now, or indeed throughout our recent history with the European Union, that could possibly be described as helpful.” And he suggested Johnson was trying to “wreck” Sunak’s attempts at a deal as part of the ongoing “fratricidal war” in the Conservative Party. [Politico]

ROME - European People’s Party (EPP) President Manfred Weber said Friday that the centre-right group

has cancelled an event scheduled to take place in Naples this year in protest at comments by ex-premier and Forza Italia (FI) leader Silvio Berlusconi criticizing Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky.

The decision sparked an angry reaction from FI. “Following the remarks by Silvio Berlusconi on Ukraine we decided to cancel our study days in Naples,” Weber said via Twitter. “Support for Ukraine is not optional.”

Speaking Sunday, Berlusconi said he would “never” have met with Zelensky as Italian Premier Giorgia Meloni did on the sidelines of an EU summit in Brussels last week, adding that he had a “very, very negative” view of Zelensky’s conduct and suggesting Moscow had been provoked into invading its neighbour. [ANSA]

USA - The 39th president, who at 98 is the longest-lived American leader, has entered home hospice care “to spend his remaining time with his family”

Former president Jimmy Carter, who at 98 years old is the longest-lived American president, has entered home hospice care in Plains, Georgia, a statement from The Carter Center confirmed Saturday. After a series of short hospital stays, the statement said, Carter “decided to spend his remaining time at

home with his family and receive hospice care instead of additional medical intervention.”

The statement said the 39th president has the full support of his medical team and family, which “asks for privacy at this time and is grateful for the concern shown by his many admirers.”

Carter was a little-known Georgia governor when he began his bid for the presidency ahead of the 1976 election. He went on to defeat then-President Gerald R. Ford, capitalizing as a Washington outsider in the wake of the Vietnam War and the Watergate scandal that drove Richard Nixon from office in 1974. [El Pais]

USA - US Secretary of State Antony Blinken has warned that any attempt by China to supply Russia with “lethal support” for use in Ukraine would have serious implications.

In an interview with US network CBS News, Blinken said that, to date, Chinese companies had been providing non-lethal support to Russia.

Blinken pointed out that Washington had been watching developments between China and Russia very closely.

“Just weeks before the aggression, you will remember that President Xi and President Putin had a meeting in which they talked about a partnership with no limits, and we were concerned that among the lack of limits would be Chinese support for Russia in the war,” Blinken said.

“The concern that we have now is, based on information we have, that

they’re considering providing lethal support,” Blinken told CBS news anchor Margaret Brennan. “We’ve made it very clear to them that would cause a very serious problem for us and in our relationship.”

The top US diplomat said, “There’s a whole gambit of things that fit in that category, everything from ammunition to the weapons themselves.” [Deutsche Welle]

SAN FRANCISCO - (AFP) – Facebook and Instagram owner Meta will launch a paid subscription service starting at \$11.99 a month allowing users to verify their accounts, CEO Mark Zuckerberg announced Sunday, following a similar move by Elon Musk at Twitter.

Meta Verified, which will roll out first in Australia and New Zealand this week, will let users verify an “account with a government ID, get a blue badge, get extra impersonation protection against accounts claiming to be you, and get direct access to customer support,” Zuckerberg said.

“This new feature is about increasing authenticity and security across our services,” he wrote in a statement posted to his Facebook account.

There would be no changes to accounts on Facebook and Instagram that are already verified, the company said, adding that only users who are over the age of 18 will be allowed to subscribe. The service is not yet available to businesses.

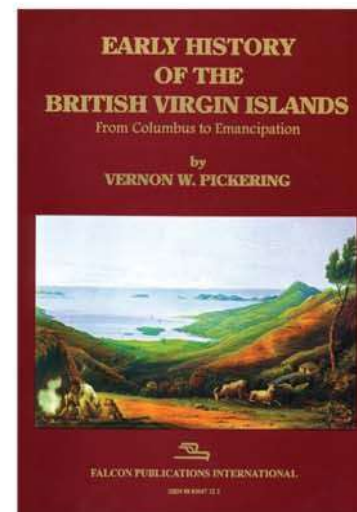
It was not immediately clear how Zuckerberg planned to price Meta Verified in countries where users cannot afford to pay \$12 a month, or in cash-based economies where they may have fewer ways to get the money to Meta. [Radio France Intl]

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC - The Dominican College of Economists (Codeco) says it is unable to support any more illegal Haitian immigrants as the government is unable to give them more jobs when there are already one million living in the country. According to Codeco, although trade with Haiti has continued its dynamism, the economy of the Dominican Republic cannot support increased immigration due to the high cost.

In a press release, Codeco indicated, that the crisis experienced by the Haitian population exceeds the capacities of the country. [CMC]

BERMUDA - Bermuda’s tourism industry continued a gradual recovery in 2022, but visitor arrivals were still well below pre-pandemic levels with the island playing host

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The Bermuda Tourism Authority (BTA) report said the majority of visitors – 402,657 or 73 percent – arrived by cruise ship, with 145,865 visitors travelling by air. A further 4,595 visitors called arrived in Bermuda by yacht. But air arrivals pumped far more money into the economy, spending US\$270 million during the year. Cruise ship passengers spent US\$102 million. In 2019, visitors spent a total of US\$520 million. The figures also showed the United States remained Bermuda’s key market, with 73 percent of air visitors flying in from America. Visitors flying out of the United Kingdom made up a further 11 percent of air arrivals while Canada accounted for another nine percent of visitors.

“While there is more work to do to reach our pre-pandemic visitation levels, the data show strong forward momentum,” said BTA’s chief operations officer, Erin Smith.

Smith noted that declining hotel capacity and air capacity were “limiting factors” that were impacting arrival numbers – airlines provided 256,000 seats to Bermuda

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The National Bank of the Virgin Islands (NBVI) won “Best Corporate Social Responsibility” and “Bank of the Year” Awards

The National Bank of the Virgin Islands (NBVI) won “Best Corporate Social Responsibility” and “Bank of the Year” at the BVI Financial Services Awards for 2022, which was recently held.

In addition to the two wins, NBVI’s Human Resources Officer II Chantee

Mathavious won the “Future Leaders Award,” while the Bank’s Chief Compliance and Risk Officer, Mrs. Annette Braithwaite was nominated in the “Compliance Officer” of the year category.

Following its wins the team at NBVI express thanks to the BVI Community.

“A big thank you, Virgin Islands; you are at the heart of what we do...Thank you Virgin Islands! We are elated to have won the awards for “Best Corporate Social Responsibility” and “Bank of the Year” at the BVI Financial Services Awards for 2022!”





Ladyburd Talks

Dear Readers: Why Do We Give Up Things for Lent?

Lent is based on the time Jesus went into the desert and fasted for 40 days. However, others believe it is based on the biblical significance of the number 40 — specifically, the 40 years the Israelites wandered in the desert and the 40 days of Jesus being in the wilderness.

It's a time of inner reflection, self-sacrifice, denial, and repentance. If something has a grip on you, more than likely, it's become unhealthy. It may or may not be an idol. Lent season is an opportunity to grow closer to God, to remember Jesus' life and death, and to focus more on him and less on ourselves and our busy schedules.

What to Give Up for Lent? Try these Great Ideas

1. Meat. You can be a vegetarian for 40 days, or give up meat on Fridays, or give up red meat. Whatever it is, make it meaningful to you.
2. Soda. It's not good for you anyway.
3. Pizza. You may be one of the millions obsessed with it, give it up.
4. Clutter. If it doesn't bring you joy... If it prevents you from being organized...
5. Sugar. Did you know a teaspoon of sugar has the ability to lower your immune system for three to four hours? Enough said.
6. Dining out. All forms of fast food and restaurants.
7. Online shopping. If those Amazon memes hit home, you know it may be a good time to try this.
8. Netflix, Hulu. All forms of watching tv, movies or any of your shows.
9. Dairy. This means cheese, lasagna, milk, you name it. Alcohol. Yes, friends, wine is included in this category. And Beer, Bourbon, Whiskey, Cocktails, Martinis. ALL FORMS OF ALCOHOL.



<https://www.christianity.com/wiki/holidays/50-things-to-give-up-for-lent.html>



Ladyburd's Mail Box delseitaliburd@msn.com

Dear Ladyburd: I am writing to you for your advice on a matter at hand, my two daughters that are living with me have decided to go and lived on their own, do you think that it's a good idea...**Concerned Mom**

Ladyburd: **Dear Concerned Mom:** Thank you for your letter with regards to you daughters, its is normal that any mother would be concerned, however, If your daughters are of age, responsible, focused, level-headed and are ambitious, go ahead and give them their wings and allow them to soar. I would also have a pep talk with them before they go, and let them know that they are always welcome home and that you are always willing to give a listening ear,

if needed. Do not let them leave on a sour note. Give them your Blessings. and acknowledge that it would have happened at some point..

Remember what the Poet Kahlil Gibran says

"Your children are not your children.

They are the sons and daughters of Life's longing for itself.

They come through you but not from you,

And though they are with you yet they belong not to you."

That right there is Food for thought.

So I would suggest: Pray for them that God will guide them and protect them; and hope for the Best. Do not let your heart be troubled about it.



Light Bulb Moments

"Why fit in when you're born to stand out".

"Be a student as long as you still have something to learn, and this will mean all your life."

—Henry L. Doherty

"You don't grow when things are easy, We grow when we face Challenges".

Poetry Corner

Spring

*There is no time like Spring,
When life's alive in everything,
Before new nestlings sing,
Before cleft swallows speed
their journey back
Along the trackless track –
God guides their wing,
He spreads their table that
hey nothing lack, –
Before the daisy grows a
common flower
Before the sun has power
To scorch the world up in his
noontide hour...*

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Tickle My Funny Bones

By Delseita



Anniversary

A couple is celebrating their 30 years anniversary of marriage.

The husband asks his wife:

We have grown 12 kids.

But Johnny is different from the rest. Please, tell me honestly,

I will forgive you,

but I wanna know – maybe you have cheated on me?

The wife replies:

Yes, I have. Johnny is your real son...

Yawning

During a lesson little Johnny yawns extremely wide. The Teacher tries to make a joke:

Johnny, don't swallow me.

He replies: Don't worry, teacher, I don't eat pork.

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***"Did you hear of the story about the tornado?
There is a twist at the end!"***

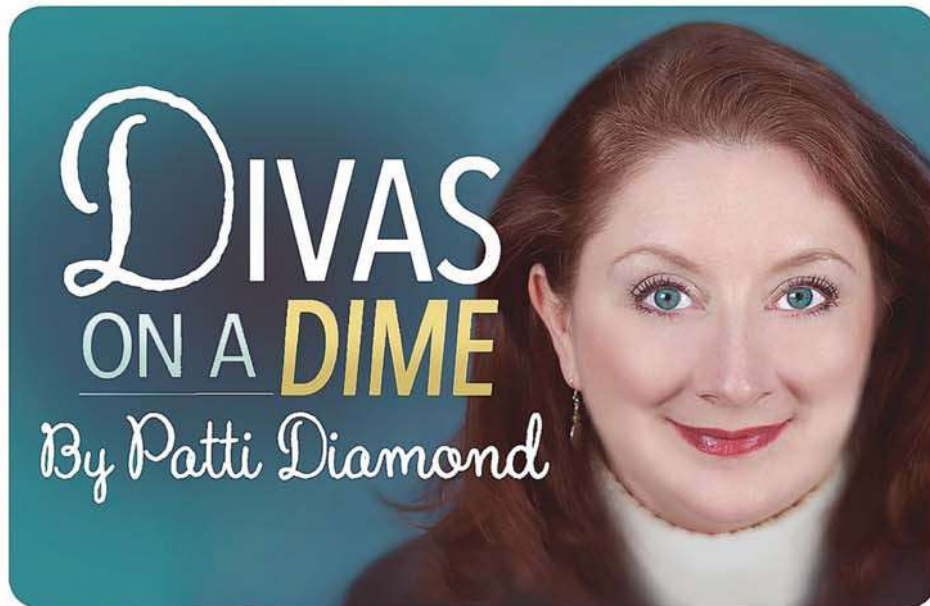
Celebrating Life series “Convo in the Tropix: Lets Talk Hysterectomy”

Mrs. BVI, Dr. Arlene Penn as part of her Celebrating Life series hosted “Convo in the Tropix: Let's Talk Hysterectomy” which was an educational session aimed at sharing information on the process and experience of women who have had hysterectomies as a result of cervical cancer.

The event was held on 18 February at the Moorings Conference room.



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Healthy Little Muffins Pack Big Nutrition

Are you familiar with Aussie Bites? I first learned about them at Costco, where a sample made me a fan in one bite. These delectable little mini muffins pack big nutrition in a small package.

The main ingredient is whole grain rolled oats, and they're filled with superfoods like chia seeds, flaxseed, dried fruits, sunflower seeds, coconut, quinoa, honey and more. These nutritious bites are a great source of plant-based protein, fiber, healthy fatty acids and minerals. They contain omega-3 fatty acids, which boost the immune system and help improve brain function. Pretty cool, right?

It's not often you find a snack that's both delicious and nutritious. There's only one thing I don't like about them, and that's the price. Depending on where you buy them, these tiny treats can be up to a dollar each. Yikes!

So, I decided to make them myself, and so can you. Making them yourself not only saves money, but it also means having complete control of the ingredients you choose to put in them. This copycat recipe of Costco Aussie Bites is gluten-free, and free of eggs and peanuts, which are common allergens. They can easily be made vegan and/or dairy-free.



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Try this take on Anzac Biscuits

For maximum savings, I recommend utilizing the bulk foods section of your grocery store to purchase small amounts of some more expensive ingredients. This is where I buy ground flaxseed, chia seeds, dried fruits, quinoa and honey. Also, this is a very forgiving recipe for using substitutions. No quinoa? No problem. Swap in what you have like nuts, more dried fruit, even add an egg if you like.

But first! Why are these called Aussie Bites? They're not even from Australia! They're made in California. Turns out they're an Americanization of the Anzac Biscuit recipe. This cookie was popular in World War I care packages that wives and mothers sent to soldiers of the Australia and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC), since they could be made without eggs, and they kept well on the long overseas voyage to Europe. Now you know.

HOMEMADE AUSSIE BITES

Yield: 24 pieces

Total Time: 22 minutes

- 1 3/4 cups rolled oats, divided
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup dried apricots, roughly chopped
- 1/4 cup raisins
- 1/4 cup ground flaxseed
- 1/4 cup sunflower seeds
- 1/4 cup unsweetened shredded coconut
- 1/4 cup quinoa, cooked or uncooked
- 2 tablespoons chia seeds
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 cup honey or pure maple syrup
- 1/4 cup butter or coconut oil, melted
- 1/4 cup canola oil or other vegetable oil
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt, optional

Preheat the oven to 350 F. Lightly grease a 24-count mini muffin pan.

Place 1 cup of the rolled oats in a food processor and process for about 1 minute, until the oats are ground into oat flour. Add the remaining 3/4 cup rolled oats, sugar, apricots, raisins, flaxseed, sunflower seeds, coconut, quinoa, chia seeds and baking soda to the food processor. Pulse until the apricots and raisins are in small pieces.

Add the honey, melted butter, canola oil and vanilla extract. Pulse until just combined. The batter will be like a stiff oatmeal cookie batter.

Using rounded tablespoons, divide the batter among the prepared muffin cups. Bake in the preheated oven for 10-12 minutes, until golden brown. Cool in the pan on a wire cooling rack. When completely cooled, remove the muffins from the pan and store in an airtight container for four to five days or freeze for up to six months.

You'll love having Aussie Bites as a quick breakfast or snack any time of the day.

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

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POLICE NEWS

COP: HELP US TO RESTORE CALM AND SAFETY

Tuesday, February 21 – Commissioner of Police Mark Collins is asking for the public’s help in ending the rise in violence marked by recent spate of firearm incidents around the Territory.

The Commissioner noted the need for wise counsel from those with family members and friends who are either aware of or participating with individuals discharging firearms and inflicting harm.

“In less than a month, we have seen two murders and Saturday night’s near fatality along with a number of other firearm-related incidents. The risk of injury or death to innocent bystanders is very high. Our community deserves to feel and be safe. We need all who are either party to these actions or participating themselves to refrain from any more bloodshed. Please consider the consequences of decisions made in the heat of the moment. Help us to restore calm,” he said.

He noted that his officers are committed to identifying offenders, but they cannot do so alone. “I urge anyone who has any information on Saturday night’s shooting or other recent incidents to come forward,” he said.

Persons can confidentially call the CrimeStoppers line 800-8477 (TIPS) or overseas, call 1-284-800-8477 with information about any of the recent shootings or illegal firearms in the Territory.

ONE CHARGED IN RELATION TO MURDER/ONE FOR FIREARMS

Wednesday, February 22 – Officers of the Major Incident Team today charged one male in relation to last December’s murder of Kadeem Jimenez and charged another for firearm, ammunition, and drug offences.

Nyall George, 26, of Old Plantation was charged with conspiracy to murder Jimenez while both George and John Burgos, 24, of St. Croix, USVI were charged with unlawful possession of firearms, unlawful possession of ammunition and unlawful possession of a controlled drug.

A search warrant conducted

on George’s Hodges Creek residence uncovered three illegal handguns, a large quantity of ammunition and a quantity of illegal drugs. Both men were arrested at Hodges Creek.

The two men will appear in Magistrate’s Court at the next available sitting.

Kadeem Jimenez was fatally wounded in the early afternoon of December 12 after shots were fired in Major Bay, East End. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

With the escalation in gun violence on the island of Tortola, Commissioner Mark Collins reiterated his

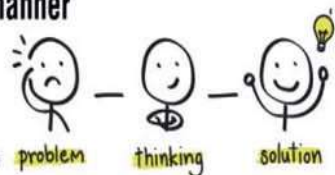
commitment and that of the RVIPF in identifying offenders. He noted, however, that officers cannot do so alone.

“We need to present a united front against those who want to put us and our loved ones in danger and in fear. I urge anyone who has any information into the recent murders and the attempted murder on Saturday to come forward,” he said.

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Before you discipline a child

- S** - stop! Calm yourself and your child
- T** - take a few deep breaths
- O** - observe the needs of your child
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CPI SHOWS THAT MOST COUNTRIES ARE FAILING TO STOP CORRUPTION

By Transparency International

THE 2022 CORRUPTION PERCEPTIONS INDEX (CPI) SHOWS THAT MOST COUNTRIES ARE FAILING TO STOP CORRUPTION.

The CPI ranks 180 countries and territories around the world by their perceived levels of public sector corruption, scoring on a scale of 0 (highly corrupt) to 100 (very clean).

The global average remains unchanged for over a decade at just 43 out of 100. More than two-thirds of countries score below 50, while 26 countries have fallen to their lowest scores yet. Despite concerted efforts and hard-won gains by some, 155 countries have made no significant progress against corruption or have declined since 2012.

Global peace has been deteriorating for 15 years. Corruption has been both a key cause and result of this.

Corruption undermines governments' ability to protect people and erodes public trust, provoking more and harder to control security threats. On the other hand, conflict creates opportunities for corruption and subverts governments' efforts to stop it.

Even countries with high CPI scores play a role in the threats that corruption poses to global security. For decades, they have welcomed dirty money from abroad, allowing kleptocrats to increase their wealth, power and destructive geopolitical ambitions.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE WORLD?

While every country faces different corruption challenges, this year's index reveals ongoing stagnation around the world.

Countries in the top-scoring region, Western Europe and the European Union, have been at a standstill for over a decade or have declined over the past five years. Undue influence over decision-making, poor enforcement of integrity safeguards and threats to the rule of law continue to undermine governments' effectiveness.

On the other end of the index, countries with low scores are also unable to make significant progress. In many parts of the Americas, Eastern Europe and Central Asia, and Sub-Saharan Africa, restrictions and attacks on civic space and basic freedoms continue as multiple crises threaten security and stability, democracy and human rights. Similarly, in various Asia Pacific countries, rising authoritarianism dilutes civil society's function as a watchdog, while many leaders are prioritising economic recovery over anti-corruption efforts. In the Middle East and North Africa, where unequal political and economic power is deeply intertwined with conflict, corruption is undermining democratic processes, causing pervasive civil unrest and fuelling violence.

Check out the latest corruption wins, scandals and predictions for each region of the world.

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.

Weak and unaccountable public institutions in Latin America have created fertile ground for organised criminal networks to flourish,

fuelling violence and insecurity. These are among the main concerns for Latin Americans, along with corruption and the economy. In many countries, law enforcement and corrupt officials collaborate with criminal gangs or accept bribes in exchange for turning a blind eye to their illicit activities. In Honduras (23), Guatemala (24) and Peru (36), evidence suggests that organised criminals wield a strong influence over candidates and politicians, financing electoral campaigns or even running for public office themselves.

The impacts of these intertwined criminal and political interests are felt particularly by the most marginalised groups in society, and witnessed in the destruction of natural resources. Across the region, women, girls and migrants are victims of human trafficking and sextortion, which usually involves public officials demanding sexual acts in exchange for services like awarding passports or granting passage through border controls.

Corrupt networks also fuel wildlife trafficking, illegal logging, illicit gold mining, and slash-and-burn land clearance.

In the Amazon, the drug trade has brought violence to the ancestral territories of indigenous and Afro-descendent peoples, which coincide with critical areas of high biodiversity. Moreover, in 2021, Latin American countries recorded the highest number of killings of human rights defenders. Colombia (39) had the highest numbers of killings of human rights defenders with 138, followed by 42 in Mexico (31) and 27 in Brazil (38). Too often, murders of environmental and anti-corruption defenders go unpunished due to corrupt and criminal networks' infiltration of local governments and the justice system.

Meanwhile, to tackle organised crime and gang violence some governments have taken extreme measures that concentrate power in the executive branch, reducing transparency and accountability, and posing serious threats to human rights and basic freedoms. For instance, the declaration of states of exception during 2022 in countries like El Salvador (33), Ecuador (36) and Honduras (23) - whilst constitutional and officially temporary - granted

extraordinary powers to the executive branch to suspend constitutional guarantees. They impacted people's rights to assembly, access to information, transit and basic procedures during an arrest. In the name of security, these governments closed down civic space, shrinking its oversight capabilities and considerably increasing democratic backsliding and risks of corruption.

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.



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celebrity extra

by Dana Jackson

Q. Is Tina Fey working on any new shows? Did the one about the mayor get canceled? I really loved "30 Rock," and I'm hoping she'll do a reboot of it someday. — S.L.

A. It was recently announced that Fey and her former "Saturday Night Live" Weekend Update co-anchor, Amy Poehler, will be going on a comedy tour together. Since they are very busy women, they only have time for four cities, at least for now. According to Deadline.com, they'll kick it off with their first performance on April 29 in Washington, D.C., then on to the improv capital of the world, Chicago, on May 29. From there, Fey and Poehler will appear at Boston's MGM Music Hall at Fenway on June 9 and will cap off their tour in Atlantic City's Hard Rock Live at Etes Arena on June 10.

The Tina Fey & Amy Poehler: Restless Leg Tour is calling itself a celebration of "thirty years of friendship with an evening of jokes, iconic stories and conversational entertainment." Another pair of comedy legends, Steve Martin and Martin Short (who star in Hulu's "Only Murders in the Building"), did a similar stage tour last year. Incidentally, Fey had a recurring role on their series as well.

There aren't any plans for a "30 Rock" reunion, which would prove especially difficult given star Alec Baldwin's recent legal troubles. Her most recent creation, "Mr. Mayor," starring Ted Danson, was canceled after two seasons. Despite recently striking out, I'm sure it won't be long before Fey hits another creative home run.

Q. When does the new season of "The Masked Singer" begin? I usually catch it midway through, and I want to watch it from the beginning this time. — L.A.

A. Season nine of the hit singing competition show began on Feb. 15 at 8 p.m. ET/PT on Fox. Hopefully, you caught the commercials during the Super Bowl and don't miss any episodes, but if you do, you can catch encore episodes via OnDemand, FOX NOW, Hulu and Tubi.



Tina Fey

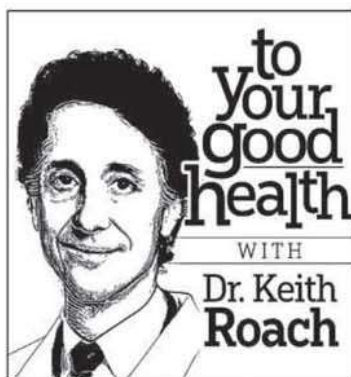
According to "Entertainment Weekly," this season's theme nights include Abba Night, DC Superhero Night and '80s Night. Returning panelists include Ken Jeong, Nicole Scherzinger, Jenny McCarthy-Wahlberg and Robin Thicke. Also, expect some star cameos.

Q. I read a rumor that Sheryl Lee Ralph didn't really sing at the Super Bowl — that she lip-synced instead. Doesn't she have a fantastic voice? — U.J.

A. Yes, long before she won an Emmy for her comedy chops in the sitcom "Abbott Elementary," Sheryl Lee Ralph was nominated for a Tony Award for her powerful vocals in Broadway's "Dreamgirls." After she wowed ticketholders at the Super Bowl with her rendition of "Lift Every Voice and Sing," viewers at home wondered if she lip-synced the lyrics instead of singing live. The following day, Ralph neither confirmed nor denied, telling "The Hollywood Reporter," "Does it matter? ... No. Thank you."

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

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High Doses of Vitamins Lead to Vitamin Toxicity

DEAR DR. ROACH: I have been diagnosed with vitamin D toxicity, according to the blood work from a month ago — my result was 122 ng/mL. I was taking high doses of vitamin D3 in pill form (15,000 IU a day for three years) bought from a drugstore. I have stopped taking it, but I need to know how long it will take to have a normal amount in my body. (Weeks, months?) Can you shed any light on this question? I would like to take it again when my level comes down, but in a lower amount. Also, by any chance, would the high amount of D3 in my system have any correlation to a diagnosis of stenosis of the aortic valve? — C.I.

ANSWER: Vitamin D toxicity is not common. I have seen one case in my career requiring hospitalization, due to a very high elevation of the blood calcium level. Vitamin D increases absorption of calcium from food through the intestines.

In addition, calcium can come out of bones in people with very high levels of vitamin D. With high vitamin D levels, calcium levels can also become dangerously high. Common symptoms of very high calcium levels include constipation, nausea and vomiting, muscle weakness, kidney stones, and neurological symptoms, including poor concentration and fatigue. These symptoms tend to happen at levels higher than yours, above 150 ng/mL. Years of high calcium levels can absolutely cause existing heart valve disease to worsen quickly.

In cases of acute intoxication from vitamin D, available treatments include steroids and pamidronate (an

injectable medicine similar to alendronate and other drugs used to treat osteoporosis), which can quickly bring the calcium levels back down to normal.

Without this kind of intervention, a vitamin D level will still come down on its own, only more gradually. Vitamin D3 is removed slowly from the body, because it can go into fat tissue. It takes about two months for half the excess to be removed from the body, but because the active forms are removed more quickly, toxicity from excess vitamin D3 usually only lasts for weeks, not months. Still, you are likely not to need any vitamin D for many months, and if you do take it again, do not exceed the safe dose of 5,000 IU a day. I recommend you also get your blood levels tested. Recent studies have questioned the benefit of supplemental vitamin D for most people, although some people, such as those with osteoporosis and low vitamin D levels, probably still benefit.

I'm very glad you wrote. Many people still don't know that excess of some vitamins can occasionally be dangerous. Vitamin A is the other vitamin where high levels can be very dangerous.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am a 67-year-old female who has been unable to tolerate both liquid and pill forms of colonoscopy preparations. Therefore, my gastroenterologist has been unable to complete a colonoscopy on me. What are my other options? — F.K.

ANSWER: I would consider an alternate form of colon cancer screening. Home stool tests look for blood and DNA for colon cancer, or both. The data on Cologuard (a commonly available brand) show that it isn't quite as good as a colonoscopy, but much better than not receiving a screening. However, if the result is positive, you will certainly need additional testing, which calls for preparation, possibly requiring you to get the preparation done under supervision.

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

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Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- In 2015, a study found that having more than 10 trees on their block made folks feel as healthy as if they were seven years younger or made an additional \$10,000 a year.

- The medical term for ice cream headache is sphenopalatine ganglioneuralgia. Now you know why we call it an ice cream headache or brain freeze.

- In the NHL, if both the goalie and backup goalie are unable to play, the team can substitute any available goalie who isn't bound by a professional contract with another team. To date, such replacements have included an accountant, a facilities manager and an equipment manager.

- A course called The Science of Batman was offered at the University of Victoria in Canada in 2016, with the design of examining "how the human body can be adapted and improved based on the metaphor of the caped crusader himself."

- While still a teenager, Dasia Taylor used beet juice to develop surgical sutures that change color to indicate an infection.

- The ant-eating assassin bug piles its victims onto its body to scare predators.

- In 1829, some Victorians were gripped with pteridomania, or "fern fever," and began eagerly collecting the plants after botanist George Loddiges spread the (quite unsubstantiated) claim that they could not only improve mood, but increase both intelligence and virility.

- Asia is bigger in surface area than the moon.

- Ever heard that old claim that watching scary movies will help you burn calories because they get your heart racing? Sorry, but the "study" that produced this finding was meant more for publicity than to be taken seriously. You're more likely to burn the same amount just by lounging on your sofa ... and watching something like, say, "Bambi."

Thought for the Day: "Action speaks louder than words but not nearly as often." — Mark Twain

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COMMENTARY

Victimization is bad politics

By Dickson Igwe



Dickson Igwe

February 14, 2023

Politicians who enter the arena of power with a vendetta may last a long time, but seldom end up well. These people are a key source of poor governance, and drive corruption and iniquity with their disruptive style of leadership.

Julius Caesar is wise to quit the politics of revenge.

One of the drawbacks of the game of power is how easily the politician can make enemies. A politician ignores his or her enemies at their peril. Ultimately, the enemies both inside and outside the camp are the nemesis of the politician's dreams of power.

The First Chief Minister of the Virgin Islands, Honorable Hamilton Lavitty Stoutt stated once upon a time that "one enemy is one too many." He was correct.

The politician who has an agenda of "getting back" at specific folk for this or that reason follows a singular path. He or she is a micro-manager. That means their policy management is poor. A reluctance to delegate

power is a "give away" pointing to trouble down the road.

The vengeful politician is not a diplomat. Diplomacy is crucial in a modern democracy, however. Compromise is part of the power matrix. Diplomacy and compromise are siblings.

The politician seeking revenge loves the politics of exclusion. Divide and Rule is the game plan. This type of politician loves the clique. He or she enjoys playing one person against another or one section of the community against the other. Ultimately, that alienates one person, group, or the other, and that becomes another source of opposition to Julius Caesar.

The politics of marginalization is another device used by the vendetta-seeking politician. In a system where it is difficult to sack the object of the politician's dislike or hatred, the next best option is to marginalize the victim. This is a waste of taxpayer cash, and the marginalized frequently outlasts the politician in office, in any event.

The vindictive politician is the classic "Jekyll and Hyde." He or she possesses two faces and is adept at presenting a pleasant face to friend, and an ugly face to foe. It is easy to read these people. Eventually that ugly

side over-rides the friendlier side, and his enemies become as cantankerous as the bad acting politician is.

Victimization is bad politics. In a small community especially. Word gets around. In four to five years, the politician needs to return to Jack and Jill Voter if he or

she wants to return to office. An angry Jack or Jill will view the polling booth as the place of "payback." Angry Jack is also the source of discontent that mushrooms into a mob against Julius Caesar at an election.

A pool of enemies makes that proposition of return after an

election for the politician harder, much harder. The maxim is wholly appropriate for Julius Caesar if he is wise: "keep your friends close, but your enemies closer."

Connect with Dickson Igwe on Facebook and Twitter.

Chad C George - 1st District Candidate

No stranger to the First District, and known for his passion for standing up and fighting for what he believes in, Chad C George has taken up the mantle and has decided to contest this year's upcoming General Election as an Independent Candidate in the First District.

Raised in Carrot Bay by his mother and grand parents, Chad knows the meaning of family and togetherness, and with that strength and unity he will achieve all that is needed to propel the district forward.

Chad attended the Isabella Morris Primary School, then the BVI High School, where he was Head Boy in his senior year. He later went on to attend HLSCC and transferred to Norfolk State University where he attained a Bachelors Degree in Business with a



Chad C. George
Independent Candidate - 1st District

concentration in Finance (Cumme Laude). Upon his return to the BVI from college, he worked in the Private Sector, holding various positions within the Financial Services Industry, including his current position as an Approved Compliance Officer / Money Laundering Reporting Officer.

Being a man of the people for the people, Chad has assisted and

helped various individuals in the District wherever he could, no matter their age. He has now decided to make this a full time commitment and dedicate himself to public service, to further develop the First District. He knows that it will not be easy, but together the First District can and will be the what we all know it can be - "Great".

With a mindset of we are only as strong as our weakest link, every village and person in the first district will be attended to equally to ensure the strength of the entire District.

This is our District and Our Future, so come Election Day 2023, Vote Chad C George - a man of the District who is committed to our community for a better Virgin Islands, Vote Chad C George "The Man You Know".



Caribbean News / Regional News

Strong CARICOM-Canada solidarity on Haiti



(CARICOM Secretariat, Turkeyen, Greater Georgetown, Guyana - Friday, 17 February 2023): Solidarity is strong between Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and Canada to help foster solutions to the crisis in Haiti.

Addressing the 44th CARICOM Summit as a special guest on Thursday 16 February in Nassau, The Bahamas, Prime Minister of Canada, Rt. Hon. Justin Trudeau, announced that Canada plans to deploy Royal Canadian Navy vessels to conduct surveillance, gather intelligence and maintain a maritime presence off the Haitian coast, in the coming weeks.

This assistance comes as "Canada continues to reinforce the capacities of the Haitian police to overpower armed gangs and hold those who support them accountable," Prime Minister Trudeau said.

"The toll of human suffering in Haiti weighs heavily on me," he told the Conference adding that the situation in Haiti hits not only in the Region but also in Canada where there is a large Haitian diaspora.

Chairman of CARICOM, the Hon. Philip Davis, Prime Minister of The Bahamas, told the opening ceremony of the Conference on 15 February that the Community "is in vigorous agreement" that the crisis in Haiti requires urgent attention.

"We will all benefit if Haiti is again a fully-functioning state," the Chairman said. He urged his colleagues to "learn from the failures of past efforts to help, rather than use those disappointments as an excuse for inaction."

Prime Minister Davis expressed optimism about an agreement on "a series of concrete steps to help move towards a solution for the Haitian people, and the Region as a whole."

These sentiments were echoed by outgoing Chairman of CARICOM, His Excellency Chandrikapersad Santokhi, President of Suriname, as well as the Secretary-General of CARICOM, Dr. Carla Barnett.

"Our sister nation, Haiti, is in need of our concrete, and feasible assistance. We must support the Haitian people,"

President Santokhi stated in his address to the Conference.

He said that democracy, free and fair elections, rule of law and the protection of fundamental human rights are core values in the Region, and these must be fostered and protected in Haiti.

"We will have to show the resilience and fortitude of the Haitian people as we strive to overcome challenges and advance the initiatives to improve the lives of all citizens of our Caribbean Community," the Secretary-General stated in her remarks at the opening.

Prime Minister Trudeau told CARICOM Heads that Canada's "fundamental objective" in supporting Haiti was to ease the suffering and empower the people to chart their own future.

"Now is the moment to come together to confront the severity of this situation," he said urging solutions that would restore order and security, allow essential aid to flow to those in urgent need of it, and create the conditions for free and fair elections.

The Canadian Prime Minister informed that he had a "constructive conversation" with interim Prime Minister of Haiti, Hon. Ariel Henry, as Canada continued to support Haiti to address the political, security and humanitarian crises.

In that vein, he said Canada has deployed a surveillance aircraft, and vital strategic security equipment and vehicles to assist the Haitian National Police with tools and support to solve the security situation.

Over the coming days, it will also deliver Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicles, Prime Minister Trudeau informed.

He also announced a sixth round of autonomous sanctions against two more individuals, in addition to 15 others Canada sanctioned for using their "influence and resources to support criminal gangs and fuel instability in Haiti."

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Biden, Stoltenberg Meet Bucharest Nine Leaders in Warsaw

WARSAW, POLAND — U.S. President Joe Biden and NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg are in Warsaw Wednesday, to attend the summit of the Bucharest Nine, countries on NATO's easternmost flank; Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Latvia, Poland, Romania, and Slovakia.

This little-known grouping is an initiative launched in 2015 by Romanian President Klaus Iohannis and Polish President Andrzej Duda. It is aimed at enhancing cooperation among NATO's newest members to support the alliance's objectives of improving security and stability between the Baltic and Black Seas.

Biden is set to reaffirm U.S. commitment for B-9 security, whose members joined the military alliance after being under Russia's sphere of influence during the Cold War and are now looking at Moscow's expansionist ambitions with concern.

"The president looks forward to talking about NATO's shared commitment to

freedom and democracy, which Ukraine is fighting to defend, and the critical leadership many of our allies on the eastern flank have provided as together we have strengthened NATO to meet any threat we may face," a National Security Council spokesperson told VOA.

Except for Bulgaria and Hungary, B-9 members are now among the strongest supporters of military aid to Ukraine and pushing back against Russia.

Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban, who has vowed to maintain relations with Moscow, is not attending the meeting, sending President Katalin Novák in his place. Meanwhile, caretaker Bulgarian President Rumen Radev has been hardening his government's anti-war position, opposing the West's efforts to fortify Ukraine with weapons.

Despite some divergence on Ukraine, B-9 leaders are expected to pave the way for hashing out a common stance for a NATO summit in Vilnius, Lithuania July 11 and 12.



U.S. President Joe Biden is welcomed by Polish President Andrzej Duda at the Presidential Palace in Warsaw, Poland, Feb. 21, 2023.

Biden Tuesday used a speech in Poland's capital, Warsaw, to defend NATO's year-long effort to help Ukraine fend off Russia's invasion and vowed it would not stop.

"One year ago, the world was bracing for the fall of Kyiv," Biden told the over ten thousand Poles gathered outdoors at Poland's Royal Castle complex. "Well, I've

just come from a visit to Kyiv, and I can report Kyiv stands strong. It stands tall. And most important, it stands free."

Fresh off his dramatic visit to the Ukrainian capital, Kyiv, on Monday, Biden assailed Russian President Vladimir Putin for the invasion he launched a year ago this Friday and said the Russian leader could just as easily end the warfare.

Pope Francis Highlights 'Sad Anniversary' of Russia's Ukraine Invasion

Pope Francis Wednesday noted what he called the "sad anniversary" of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine.

Speaking during his weekly general audience, the pope called the conflict an "absurd and cruel war."

"Let us remain close to the martyred Ukrainian people and ask ourselves: has everything possible been done to stop the war?" the pope said. "I appeal to those in authority over nations to make concrete efforts to end the conflict, to reach a cease-fire and to start peace negotiations."

Pope Francis has repeatedly called for peace since Russia sent its troops into Ukraine on February 24 last year. The day before the invasion, he urged all parties to avoid any actions that would cause people more suffering and said the threat of war

had brought "great pain in my heart."

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy Tuesday accused Russia of "mercilessly killing" civilians in the southern city of Kherson following a missile strike that left five people dead and 16 others injured.

"A vehicle park, residential areas, a high-rise building, and a public transport stop were hit," Zelenskyy said on the Telegram social messaging app. "The Russian army is heavily shelling Kherson. Again, mercilessly killing the civilian population."

"The world has no right to forget for a single moment that Russian cruelty and aggression know no bounds," the Ukrainian leader said. He posted photographs online showing corpses lying in the street.

Russia has denied targeting civilians.



Pope Francis greets children holding up a Ukrainian flag during the weekly general audience at the Vatican, Feb. 22, 2023.

SPORTS



FOOTBALL

Ricketts lead 60 in Trident Trust 5K Series opener

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

Jermaine "JJ" Ricketts took control early, enroute to leading 60 participants and won the Trident Trust 5K Series City Circuit race, the first leg of five tour stops around Tortola on Saturday. Ricketts had a winning time of 18 minutes 15.28 seconds, in the 3.1 miles race from the A. O. Shirley Ground, down to the Hospital, up Main Street, through Lower Estate and return.

He was followed by Julius Farley in 18:43.63 and Joash Victor in 19:36.70.

"I thank everyone for coming out and supporting. It's good to see good people all the time," Ricketts said. "It was very cool throughout until the last 10 seconds of the race, it got so hot. I kept a good pace going. I started at the front and finished in front. I wasn't fully prepared, but said I'll do my best and it was awesome."

Farley who's preparing for the April 15 Tortola Torture, said 5Ks are his race. "I'm getting older man, and I have to give it up to the young guys. I must commend the young guy that finished third (Joash Victor) he ran well for the first time," Farley noted. "My pace doesn't change that much. I just come out and do my thing. I

don't differentiate my pace between long and short races."

Returning from sickness, Victor said the race was a challenge. "I'm trying to get back there and hopefully, the next one will be much better," he said. "Going up through Lower Estate (incline) was pretty challenging, but, as I said, next time will be better. No excuses. We'll be back."

James Ramprashad, a BVI Football Association referee, placed fourth and told Island Sun Sports that it was 'pretty amazing' as he's currently recovering from an injury. "I didn't have a time in mind," he said. "I got some advice from Kat (Katrina Lindsay) a few weeks ago, so I stayed with her, she pulled me along the entire race," he noted. "Compared to last year, I improved by more than three minutes, so it's a good feeling today."

Defending champ Lindsay, sixth overall in 19:49.39, was the only woman under 20 minutes. She was followed by Vicki Francis in 25:29.62 and Vanessa Wescott in 26:09.34.

"It was a good race today. I feel like I need to get some more speed in my legs," she said.

"It wasn't the fastest race I've done, but I had a really nice finish. James kept me going for most of the run and pulled me along and we finished really strong, so I'm really happy with the time."

Lindsay said her aim was to get under 20 minutes and that she was going to be a bit slower until the last kilo. "We had such a good kick that brought the time down, so I'm really happy."

Road Racing Director Kay Reddy, said that it was a 'great start' to the Trident Trust 5K Series. "It was fast at the front with the guys at the front taking down their times from last year—18:15 was the winning time for JJ, with Julius and Joash hot on his heels," she said of the men's division. "Katrina also took her time down and in the middle, there were a lot of people trying to get a personal best, kicking off the series with a good time. Lots of walkers—a really good series, a really good start to the series."

Reddy said that races are held every three weeks and the next tour stop in the series is in Carrot Bay on March 11. The race will start at the Festival Grounds. "That's a great race. It's one of



60 runners and walkers kicked off the Trident Trust 5K Series with the City Circuit race in Road Town

my favorites," Reddy told Island Sun Sports. "It's all the way along the north shore, an absolutely beautiful race in the morning. Come and run it. Come and do a personal best or just come and enjoy the beautiful British Virgin Islands. It's a beautiful race. Sign up on webscorer.com/tridenttrust5kseries.

The Carrot Bay race will be followed by races on Beef Island, April 1, Paraquita Bay on April 22 and the series finale on Dual Carriageway on May 13.

RACING

Wolues snap One Love's eight game streak with 2-1 win

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

Marcus Robinson scored in the 69th minute to break a 1-1 tie and the Wolues held on for a 2-1 victory over One Love to end their eight game winning streak in BVI Football Association Men's League play in Greenland on Saturday.

Wolues had taken a 1-0 lead into the half, after Geltin Jones scored off a set piece in the 33rd minute. One Love equalized on the other side of the break when their scoring leader Collin Lavia found the mesh.

"I can't explain. We started short, we had a dead 11, we didn't have much changes because we have some injuries in the team," One Love's Coach Mark Savage told Island Sun Sports. "But we played well. We had our chances and didn't capitalize on it, so hence, we ended up coming from behind and losing. We came back fine, tied the game, had chances to go ahead and we still finished our chances that we got, so the better team won tonight I would say."

Wolues's Phil Nelson said it was 'tough battle.' "It always is with One Love, always close games," he noted. "But we were determined to win after losing quite heavily last week (4-0 to

Rebels). I think they were missing one or two players which helped us but so were we. It's important we bounced back from last week. It was a close game and we just edged it."

Last week's loss was the only one for the season Nelson noted but added, "the problem is drawing too many games. We hope to get some wins so we can move up the table."

Despite ending their eight game streak, Savage said his team played well even with injuries. "But Wolues wanted it and they took it," he said. "I have to fix the injuries, see if I can get the guys out to training, go back to the drawing board and come at it hard again."

After sprinting the BVI Athletics Association's Dag Samuels Development Series meet number four, Johari Lacey scored a quartet of goals and became the current Golden Boot leader, scoring his fifteenth goal of the season, in leading the Rebels to a 10-0 romp against Positive. He scored in the 10th, 21st, 56th and 60th.

Ervince Lockhart added a double in the 11th and 45+3, as did Kelvin Glasgow in the 69th and 72nd. Curtly Peters, (76) and Sheldon

Harry (79) and also found the back of the net.

On Sunday, Islanders handed Panthers a 5-1 defeat and possibly saved their season from being their worst on record, as Martino Rossier scored twice. Further goals came from Shemar Lawden, Enrico Bowens and Antonio Rodney. Jhon Samuel scored the consolation for Panthers.

Lion Heart then held the Virgin Gorda Sugar Boys to a 1-1 tie, as Lennox Reid scored deep into added time at the end of the first half to cancel out Derol Redhead's opener for the Sugar Boys.

VG United rounded out the weekend in front of their home fans on the Virgin Gorda Recreation Grounds, with an easy 8-0 victory over Old Madrid.

"It was a game we had intended to try and score heavily in," VG Coach Jermain Abrams said. "We need to get on a streak to stay in touch at the top and our strategy worked. No disrespect to our opponents who definitely came to play, but we cooled their heat and it was good to see the scoring spread around. Congratulations to



One Love and Wolues players entangle as they battle for ball control

Joel Mars on his first senior hat-trick. We will aim to keep the momentum going for the rest of the season. The result will boost our confidence and anything can happen in the race for the championship."

SPORTS



Vikings Mikhail Mohamed's bat goes flying after hitting the ball



U17 Boys driving out the blocks during the Dag Samuels Development Series



Runners at the start of the Trident Trust 5K Series



A Women's Football Festival will be held in Greenland on Saturday, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

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THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

How blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in His ways. When you shall eat of the fruit of your hands, you will be happy and it will be well with you. Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house, your children like olive plants around your table.

PSALM 128:1-3

"Mother & Child Study" by Pablo Picasso (1904)



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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Hal Foster's **Prince Valiant**
BY GIANNI AND SCHULTZ

OOM FOOYAT CONTINUES HIS TALE: "MY GOLEM SERVED ME WELL - FOR A TIME. BUT HOW COULD I FORESEE SUCH RAPID GROWTH? I COULD NO LONGER REACH THE MAGIC LETTERS ON ITS BROW! I LOST CONTROL - IT RAN AMUCK!"



"IT CONTINUED TO GROW, AND NOW TERRORIZES ALL ILLWYNDE! I HAVE CREATED THE VERY CREATURE OF FABLE WE USE TO FRIGHTEN CHILDREN - A GIANT!"

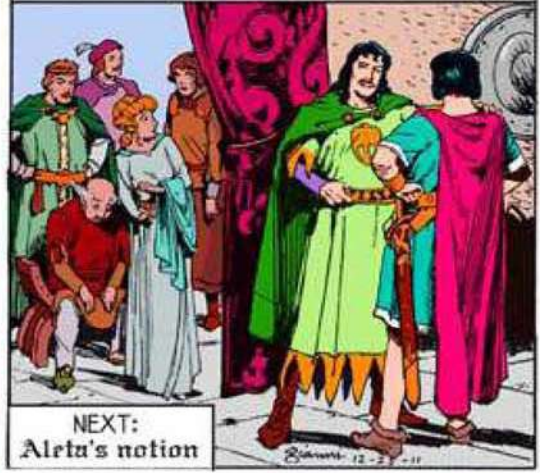
"AT LAST MY DEAR WIFE - YOU REMEMBER LOVELY WINNIE? - CONVINCED ME THAT MY NEXT COURSE OF ACTION WAS TO APPEAL TO CAMELOT'S BRAVE KNIGHTS FOR ASSISTANCE IN RIGHTING THIS WRONG."



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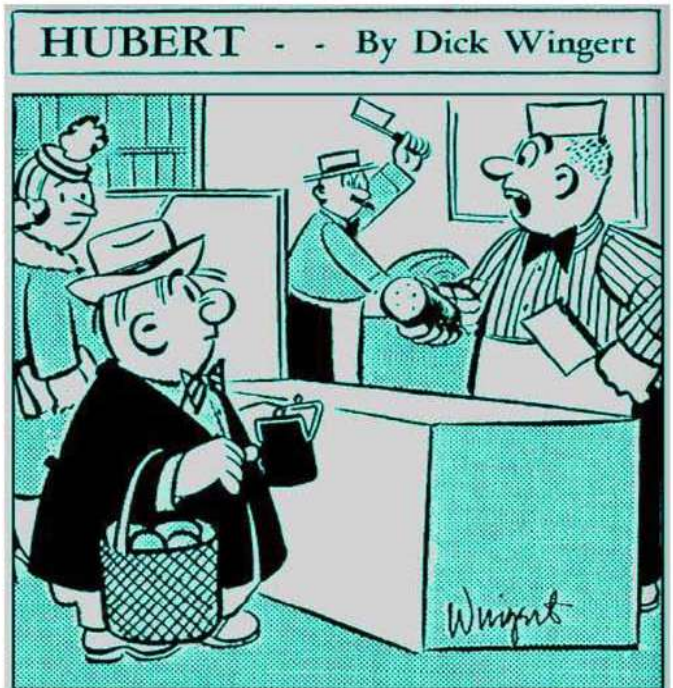
...BEFORE GLANCING SLYLY AT EACH OTHER, IT WILL BE GOOD TO GET AWAY FROM CAMELOT AND GO ADVENTURING.



NEXT: **Alta's notion**



"AND YET THEY SAY AMERICA NO LONGER PRODUCES ANYTHING."



"Is it possible to slice ten cents' worth of baloney, Ed?"

Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Sometimes a setback gives you a chance to get a sharper perspective on the situation at hand. Your cheerful nature will help you override this temporary disappointment. What you learn from this pays off soon.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Be careful not to charge into something you don't fully understand. Being asked to act on trust might be all right, as long as you can trust the one who asks.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A chance for romance beckons from someone you thought was far out of reach. But Cupid can always come up with a shortcut. How you respond to the situation determines how the relationship develops.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A career move seems more likely now than when you first considered it. Some of your plans will need readjusting as new facts emerge. Be careful that you don't allow jealousy to create an unnecessary obstacle.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your love for beautiful things is part of what makes you the fine feline you are. But a little caution is advisable for a while. Resist the urge to splurge until your money signs look a little better.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A co-worker could be trying to undermine you. Resist the temptation to retaliate. Instead, keep careful records of what you do so that you'll be ready to present a strong position when the time comes.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Family problems have been sim-

mering for a while and could soon boil over. Avoid taking sides. There are many facts you don't know yet. Meanwhile, a business decision proves to be more complicated than you expected.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Cupid's arrow can pierce hearts, but it can't open tight lips. Only you can do that. That special someone you've been silently pining for all this time would love to hear you express those feelings.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Well-meaning friends might try to persuade you to give up on that project that seems to have hit a dead end. Someone will take notice, and your persistence will pay off.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) It's one thing to make a difficult decision, but you also have to stick with it, despite any pressures to get you to change your mind. You need to reassure someone you care for that you can keep your commitments.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) This is a good time for you to remember to be good to yourself. A trip to a place that was once very special in your life reawakens many precious memories, and soon leads to making new ones.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) An old health problem flares up and needs attention. Also, a chilly reaction from a once-warm friend needs to be confronted. Set the record straight before it's too late to save the friendship.

BORN THIS WEEK: You enjoy helping others. You have a taste for life's luxuries and will take risks to get what you want. In matters of amour, you love deeply, and you expect your amorous intensity to be returned in kind.

GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

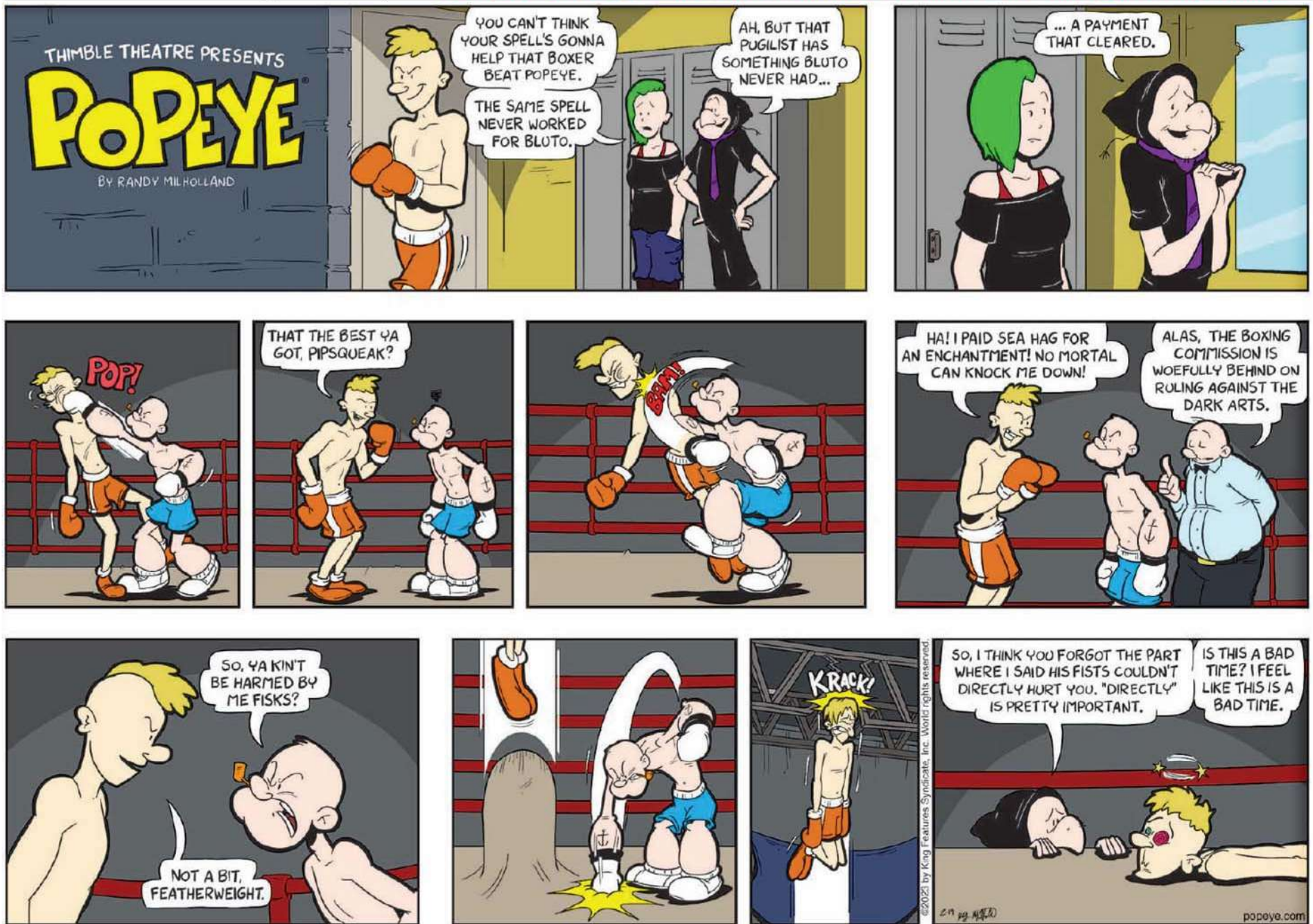
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DIFFICULTY: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult

★★★ GO FIGURE!

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Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



The Garden Bug

Growing catnip

Set out catnip seedlings in a sunny, well-drained spot after the last frost of spring, spacing them 18"-24" apart (some can grow to 5 feet tall). Water regularly, and pinch back any spindly growth to get fuller, more robust foliage. Outdoor cats can be rough on these plants, as they like to roll and lay on them; try placing bamboo stakes every few inches to prevent their destroying them. For "indoor" kitties, pick off a sprig and bring it inside for your cat to enjoy on the floor or in its favorite bedding. - Brenda Weaver

Source: bonnieplants.com

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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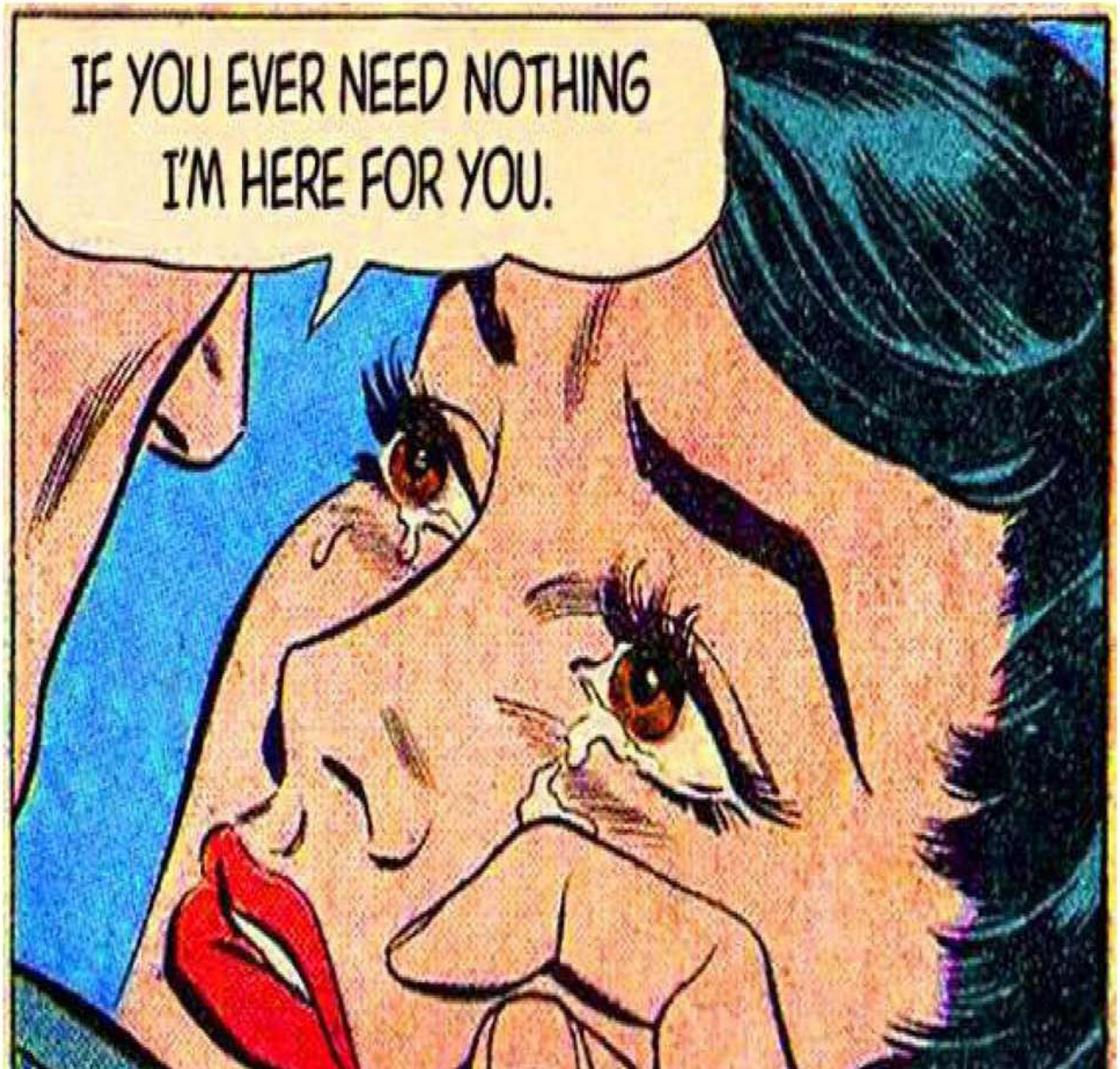
Least Energy-Expensive States*

1. District of Columbia (\$277)
2. New Mexico (\$377)
3. Nebraska (\$390)
4. Kansas (\$396)
5. Arizona (\$403)
6. Texas (\$416)
7. Louisiana (\$419)
8. California (\$430)
9. Arkansas (\$430)
10. Oregon (\$431)



Source: WalletHub

* Average monthly energy bill



Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



TIGER

by BUD BLAKE



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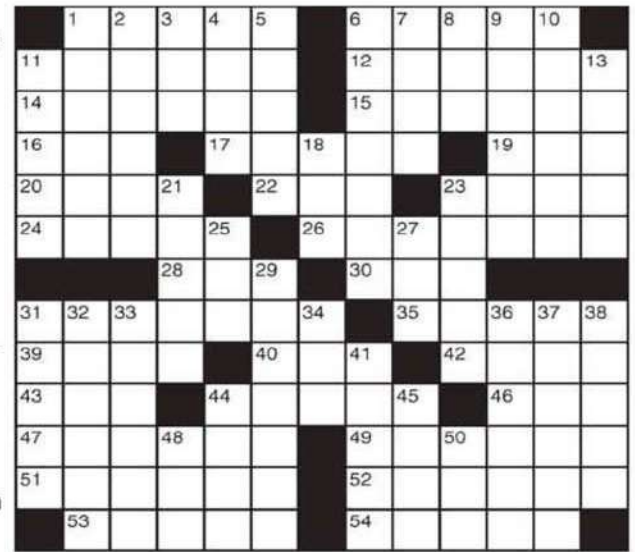
by Jeff Pickering



King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Shade of blue
- 6 Wanderer
- 11 Physician, slangily
- 12 Lessened
- 14 Veep before Biden
- 15 — del Fuego
- 16 Some fridges
- 17 Egypt's Anwar
- 19 Have a bug
- 20 Sunrise direction
- 22 — Alamos
- 23 Faction
- 24 Cybercommerce
- 26 Pungent relish
- 28 Scratch
- 30 Pub pint
- 31 Passageway for Santa
- 35 "Three Sisters" sister
- 39 — Godiva
- 40 Dict. info
- 42 "Star Trek II" villain
- 43 "Hail, Caesar!"
- 44 Carvey and Delany
- 46 "— had it!"
- 47 Winter, for one
- 49 Lon of horror films
- 51 Inventor's insurance



- 9 Subway line in an Ellington song
- 10 Mock
- 11 "Me and Bobby —"
- 13 Longtime Chicago mayor
- 18 Elmer, to Bugs
- 21 "Lassie" lad
- 23 Porterhouse, e.g.
- 25 PC linking system
- 27 Einstein's birthplace
- 29 Stinging insects
- 31 Purse fastener
- 32 Attack
- 33 Think up
- 34 Hankering
- 36 Polished
- 37 Sanctuaries
- 38 In the blink of —
- 41 Confronted
- 44 Word of warning
- 45 Actress Elisabeth
- 48 Gender
- 50 Bio stat

DOWN

- 1 Prepare left-overs
- 2 Black Sea port
- 3 Feminine principle
- 4 High cards
- 5 Faithful
- 6 Boris' cartoon partner
- 7 Final notice
- 8 West of Hollywood

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

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

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Backpack is missing. 2. Bush is smaller. 3. Scarf is shorter. 4. Strap is moved. 5. Earflap is smaller. 6. Zipper is missing.

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 21 mins.

Answers

King Crossword



1. TELEVISION: Which cable TV series features a character named Don Draper?
2. MOVIES: What subject does Professor Minerva McGonagall teach at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry?
3. HISTORY: Where was civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. assassinated?
4. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president had a sign on his desk that read, "The Buck Stops Here"?
5. GEOGRAPHY: Where is the world's largest desert?
6. LITERATURE: What is the real name of the author Lemony Snicket?
7. FOOD & DRINK: What is the fruit that gives the liqueur creme de cassis its flavor?
8. MUSIC: What inspired the Beatles' song "Blackbird"?
9. CELEBRITIES: What is singer/actress Judy Garland's birth name?
10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What are squirrels' nests called?

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1. "Mad Men"; 2. Transfiguration; 3. Memphis, Tennessee; 4. Harry Truman; 5. Antarctica; 6. Daniel Handler; 7. Black currants; 8. Civil rights unrest in Little Rock, Arkansas, according to Paul McCartney; 9. Frances Ethel Gumm; 10. Dreys

Trivia Test Answers

END SEXUAL VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN THE INTEREST OF MANKIND

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)



1977 protocol. However, this prohibition is not a deterrent, since the governments, that send their soldiers into war, have not made rape, committed during conflicts, a criminal offence. Indeed, as has happened in the war against Ukraine, Russia has described reports of rape as lies.

Rape, and other forms of sexual violence against women in war and conflict, represent one of the great silences and suppressed issues in modern-day history.

Yet, women remain the greatest victims of war and other forms of conflict in many parts of the world. Recently, in Haiti, rape has become a weapon for members of the 200 gangs which now control 60 per cent of the Capital, Port-au-Prince. Women and girls are deliberately targeted for rapes, torture, kidnappings and killings. Tragic stories have emerged of schoolgirls being captured, gang raped and becoming pregnant; their lives stripped of dignity or choice.

In the war in Ukraine, rape is also used as a deliberate weapon of terror, or by soldiers taking advantage of their position to rape women in the absence of any deterrent. U.N. findings suggest that the incidents of rape are underreported in Ukraine. Similarly, the number of rapes, reported in Haiti, are far less than accounts given by victims, who either have no means of making an official report or are too frightened to do so.

Women have been a target of war wherever it has occurred. U.N. statistics show that, in Rwanda, up to 500,000 women were raped during the 1994 genocide, in acts known as 'genocidal rape'; in Sierra Leone 60,000 women were raped during the civil war (1991-2002); in Liberia, 40,000 women were raped and mutilated (1989-2003); in Bosnia in Europe, 60,000 women were raped (1992-1995); in Democratic Republic of the Congo, more than 200,000 women were raped in a decade of conflict. None of this takes account of rapes that certainly occurred during conflicts in Central and South America.

Rape is prohibited, under the Rules of War, particularly the "Geneva Convention Relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War (1949)", and its

Wars and conflicts create refugees who are forced into camps with little protection from predators – in some cases, officials who manage the camps. In such vulnerable situations, women again become victims.

Unacceptable and wrongful as is rape of women in wars and their aftermath, it is in daily life that violence against women, including rape, is most despicable and inexcusable. The situation cries out for action to end it. U.N. figures paint a grim picture.

Globally, an estimated 736 million women—almost one in three—have been subjected to physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence, or both at least once in their life. More than 640 million women aged 15 and older have been subjected to intimate partner violence. During the COVID-19 pandemic, violence against women increased dramatically.

It is significant that, globally, violence against women disproportionately affects low- and lower-middle-income countries and regions. Thirty-seven per cent of women aged 15 to 49, living in "least developed" countries, have been subject to physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence in their lives. Globally 81,000 women and girls were killed in 2020, around 47,000 of them (58 per cent) died at the hands of an intimate partner or a family member. This latter figure equates to a woman or girl being killed every 11 minutes in their home. In 58 per cent of all killings, perpetrated by intimate partners or other family members, the victim was a woman or girl.

While these figures are deeply disturbing, the silent acceptance of the situation is worse, condemning all societies in which such tolerance prevails.

Against this background, an international coalition of 2,100 women's rights advocates in 128 nations called "Every Woman", is proposing the adoption of a global treaty to


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eradicate violence against women and girls. It is a treaty whose creation and adoption should be fully supported.

The treaty will not cause violence against women to end overnight, but it will be a potent international instrument that would bind governments to take the necessary legislative, preventative and protective measures to save millions of women from the killings and violence that now exist. The urgency for a global treaty is driven by the fact that, although several conventions have been adopted globally, and legal frameworks have been established nationally, violence against women has persisted. The existing frameworks have failed to deliver the strong measures that are clearly required.

In truth, many of the existing Conventions have serious gaps that have allowed governments to sidestep their responsibilities. And, even where Conventions have not been strong, some governments have not agreed to them. The global treaty seeks to remedy the obvious weaknesses and gaps in existing Conventions.

The government of Costa Rica, which has an outstanding record in advocating for human rights, has already endorsed the concept of a Global Treaty, recognizing that much more has to be done to protect women from violence. Caribbean governments and civil society should not hesitate to join in the treaty's promotion.

Even with the best will in the world, a global treaty cannot be negotiated, agreed and ratified with the swiftness it deserves. It could take years, by which time many more millions of women – mothers, daughters, sisters – will die or be seriously injured as victim of violence.

As the advocates of the treaty argue, "It's time to come together to outpace the violence with a concrete, clear and actionable solution. Women and girls are waiting. They are asking that we do better".

Women are restricted to contributing only 37 percent of global production even though they are 50 per cent of the world's population. Yet, a McKinsey Global Institute report finds that, by advancing women's equality, US\$12 trillion could be added to global output by 2025. The global circulation of that money would make a huge difference to the economic wellbeing of all countries.

Ending violence against women is in the interest of all mankind.

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(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1691581
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 7th day of December 2022. The Liquidator is **Ray A. George, of Long Trench, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Ray A. George
Voluntary Liquidator [89/1]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004
Shimmering Horizon L.P.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1653
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 15th day of February, 2023. The liquidator is **CHEN Yanxia of No. 184, Guo Dong, Huangling Community Neighborhood Committee, Huangling Town, Linquan County, Anhui Province, China.**

Dated: 17th day of February 2023
(Sgd.) **CHEN Yanxia**
Voluntary Liquidator [89/2]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1448589
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 28th day of December 2022. The Liquidator is **Marcelo Lopes Ribeiro, of Alameda DA COMPAIXAO, 21 LOT.21, QD.02 C.R. PRIMOR DAS TORRES CUIABA - MT CEP:78000-000, Brazil.**

Marcelo Lopes Ribeiro
Voluntary Liquidator [89/3]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1952072
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 15th day of December 2022. The Liquidator is **Marcelo Idel Vasserman, of AV Higienopolis 00794 Apt 32, Santa Cecilia, Sao Paulo - SP, Brazil.**

Marcelo Idel Vasserman
Voluntary Liquidator [89/4]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number: 1944344
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204(1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 16 February 2023. The Joint Liquidators are **Anton Goldstein and Rachael Pape of Conyers Dill & Pearman, Commerce House, Wickhams Cay I, P.O. Box 3140, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: 16 February 2023

Rachael Pape
For and on behalf of
Anton Goldstein and Rachael Pape
As Joint Liquidators
[89/5]

THE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT, 2004

ROSENFELD ENTERPRISES CORP.
("the Company")
Company No. 1636882
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **ROSENFELD ENTERPRISES CORP.** is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 20th day of December, 2022 and **Querube Castillo de Nuñez of Paseo del Mar and Pacific Avenues, Costa del Este, MMG Tower, 23rd Floor, Panama City, Republic of Panama** been appointed as the Sole Liquidator. Dated this 17th day of February, 2023
Sgd. Querube Castillo de Nuñez
Voluntary Liquidator [89/6]

NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
(NO. 16 OF 2004)
Promise Beauty Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 17th 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 [89/7]

NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
(NO. 16 OF 2004)
HFB Bioscience Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 17th 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 Sertus Chambers, Quastisky Building, Road Town, Tortola VG 1110, British Virgin Islands [89/8]

FRASIN RESOURCES LTD.

(the "Company")
Company No. 1025059
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **FRASIN RESOURCES LTD.** has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 16th January, 2023.

Dated this 17th day of February, 2023.

Sgd. Mr. Kevin Brown
Voluntary Liquidator [89/9]

MERSON TRADER LTD.

(the "Company")
Company No. 1665351
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **MERSON TRADER LTD.** has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 16th January, 2023.

Dated this 17th day of February, 2023.

Sgd. MRS. LINETH PONCE
Voluntary Liquidator [89/10]

YALAHA ENTERPRISES LTD.

(the "Company")
Company No. 1025076
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **YALAHA ENTERPRISES LTD.** has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 16th January, 2023.

Dated this 17th day of February, 2023.

Sgd. Mr. Kevin Brown
Voluntary Liquidator [89/11]

Lake Shore Strategies Ltd.

(the "Company")
Company No. 1500656
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **Lake Shore Strategies Ltd.** has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 29th December, 2022.

Dated this 17th day of February, 2023.

Sgd. JULIO ISMAEL PINERO FERRO
Voluntary Liquidator [89/12]

NOTICE

BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
(NO. 16 OF 2004)
Cadence Glory 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 Liquidators is: -

Wayne Francis
Of Nerine Chambers,
Road Town, Tortola,
British Virgin Islands
[89/13]

NOTICE

BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
(NO. 16 OF 2004)
HJR Holdings Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 17th 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 Liquidators is: -

Wayne Francis
Of Nerine Chambers,
Road Town, Tortola,
British Virgin Islands
[89/14]

NOTICE

BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
(NO. 16 OF 2004)
Spring Worldwide Holdings Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 17th 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 Liquidators is: -

Wayne Francis
Of Nerine Chambers,
Road Town, Tortola,
British Virgin Islands
[89/15]

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

Samone International Corp.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1507587
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 20th day of February 2023.

Dated: 20th day of February 2023
(Sgd.) **Andreas Aristeidou**
Voluntary Liquidator [89/17]

Soba Software Company Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1431863
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 20th day of February, 2023. Dated this 21st day of February, 2023

Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator [89/18]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 203 of the BVI Business Company Act.
SHYA HSIN INTERNATIONAL CO., LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 524073
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 203, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 16 February 2023. The Liquidator is **Harry J. Thompson of Harbour House, P.O. Box 4428, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated 21 February 2023
(Sgd.) **Harry J. Thompson**
Voluntary Liquidator(s) [89/19]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
Silver Ten Inc.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2065221
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 13 February 2023. Dated 21 February 2023

(Sgd.) **TING, Yi-Ping**
Voluntary Liquidator(s) [89/20]

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Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

Simim Globe Co. Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2083939
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 13 February 2023.
Dated 21 February 2023
(Sgd.) **LIU Xinyi**
Voluntary Liquidator(s)
[89/21]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

VALOROSO INTERNATIONAL LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2088623
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 13 February 2023.
Dated 21 February 2023
(Sgd.) **CUI JINGWEI**
Voluntary Liquidator(s)
[89/22]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

Zheyuan International Group Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2087007
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 13 February 2023.
Dated 21 February 2023
(Sgd.) **YAN Hengbin**
Voluntary Liquidator(s)
[89/23]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

Oriental Thoughts Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1596178
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 13 February 2023.
Dated 21 February 2023
(Sgd.) **Kuan LI**
Voluntary Liquidator(s)
[89/24]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

Selead Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2097536
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 13 February 2023.
Dated 21 February 2023
(Sgd.) **ZHAO, JINGYA**
Voluntary Liquidator(s)
[89/25]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

Red-Tech Holdings Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2035567
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 15 February 2023.
Dated 21 February 2023
(Sgd.) **Harry J. Thompson**
Voluntary Liquidator(s)
[89/26]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

Red-Tech Global Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2035566
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 15 February 2023.
Dated 21 February 2023
(Sgd.) **Harry J. Thompson**
Voluntary Liquidator(s)
[89/27]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

JIN PEAK GROUP LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1615608
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 15 February 2023.
Dated 21 February 2023
(Sgd.) **Harry J. Thompson**
Voluntary Liquidator(s)
[89/28]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

Claesson AB Inc.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1486624
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 15 February 2023.
Dated 21 February 2023
(Sgd.) **Hsien, Chiu-Chun**
Voluntary Liquidator(s)
[89/29]

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

PARTENZA INC.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1706277
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 21st day of December 2022. The Liquidator is **Bernarda Natalia Leal Valenzuela, of Pasaje Las Sauces, Parcela 5, lote 4, Pirque - Chile.**

(Sgd.) **Bernarda Natalia Leal Valenzuela**

Voluntary Liquidator
[89/30]

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

DUXBURY GLOBAL LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2057337
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 21st, 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: February 21st, 2023

(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**

Voluntary Liquidator
[89/31]

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

CLASSY GEAR LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 20th 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
[89/32]

NEW SELECT BUSINESS LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 2066790

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 21st day of February, 2023.
Dated this 21st day of February, 2023
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson

Voluntary Liquidator
[89/33]

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

(PROBATE)

CLAIM NO. BVIHP2023/

IN THE ESTATE OF CHEN, HSIANG-CHI DECEASED

PROBATE NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **Lin, Chin-Chuan** of No. 24, Alley 8, Lane 44, Sec.1, Shin Ren Rd., Neighborhood 27, Taiping Village, Taiping District, Taichung City, Taiwan, for a Grant of Letters of Administration, who is the widower of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 18th day of October, 2020 at Taichung Tze Chi Hospital, No. 66, 88, Sec. 1, Fengxing Rd., Tanzi Dist., Taichung City, Taiwan domiciled in Taiwan.

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 21st day of February 2023

FILED BY **Travers Thorp Alberga, Attorneys-at Law** for the Administrator whose address for service is:

2nd Floor Jayla Place, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands;
email: mpeters@tta.lawyer
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THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

(PROBATE)

CLAIM NO. BVIHP2023/

IN THE ESTATE OF MARIA CHENG LANG CHU,

DECEASED

PROBATE NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **BING YAN WONG** of Rua Jornalista Henrique Cordeiro 102 B1 2 Apt 2101, Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brasil, 22631-906 for a Grant of Letters of Administration, who is the widower of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 2 March 2021 at Hospital Barra D'or, Ave Ayrton Senna 3079, Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brasil, 22775-002.

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 21st day of February 2023

FILED BY **Travers Thorp Alberga, Attorneys-at Law** for the Administrator whose address for service is:

2nd Floor Jayla Place, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands; email: mpeters@tta.lawyer

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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

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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 25th day of February, 2023

Filed by: **Nelson Samuel**
NR Samuel & Co
Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicants
Whose address for services is:
NR Samuel & Co
3rd Floor, Chevelle Centre
P.O. Box 341
Road Town, Tortola
British Virgin Islands
Phone: 1-284-494-2418
email: nelson.samuel@nrsamuel.com

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

DIVERSE FINANCE & INVESTMENTS LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1754906

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 22nd, 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean** with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated: February 23rd, 2023
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator
[89/34]

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

CROSTONE LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1941933

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 22nd, 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean** with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated: February 23rd, 2023
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator
[89/35]

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

BVIHPB2023/00

IN THE ESTATE OF **JULIAN NISSIM ELIAS** late of **LONDON, ENGLAND** deceased

ADVERTISEMENT (RESEALING)

Notice is given that after the expiration of 8 days application will be made to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the resealing of the probate of **JULIAN NISSIM ELIAS** of London England granted by the Royal Court of Jersey at Royal Square, Hill St, St. Helier Jersey on the 6 February 2017.

Dated this 25 day of February 2023

Filed by: **Harbour Chambers BVI**
12 Chalwell Street Road Town
Tortola Virgin Islands
Legal Practitioners for the Executor

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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

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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 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
Comandoli, 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 Comandoli,
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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CTO ANNOUNCES RETURN OF LANDMARK EVENTS IN 2023



Chairman of the Caribbean Tourism Organization (CTO) Kenneth Bryan (left) is pictured with Curacao's Minister of Economic Development Ruisandro Cijntje at the opening reception, ahead of the start of CTO business meetings in Curaçao last week.

“Caribbean Week in New York” in June, the State of the Industry Conference (SOTIC) in the Turks & Caicos Islands in the fall, and a conference focused on sustainable tourism development.

Bryan, who is also the Minister of Tourism and Transport for the Cayman Islands, said that the CTO will have a delegation in attendance at this week's Global Tourism Resilience Conference in Jamaica, and will celebrate Jamaica Minister of Tourism Edmund Bartlett's achievements in encouraging the United Nations to recognize February 17 as Global Tourism Resilience Day.

Minister Bryan also reported that CTO's marketing committee will meet in the weeks ahead to finalize details for the upcoming calendar of events.

He disclosed that the newly invigorated CTO is focused on increasing the number of member countries and territories. “We just recently welcomed the U.S. Virgin Islands back on board, and my goal is to get more and more members since we are stronger together as a team,” he said, explaining that demonstrating to the entire region the benefits of CTO membership is paramount.

Minister Bryan and his team have been focusing their time and energies to help reshape the CTO and ensure that members get value for money. “We have some ambitious goals for the CTO over the next two years and I am confident that with a united effort we can strengthen the bread-and-butter tourism industry and improve the quality of life for our residents in this wonderful part of the world we call home,” he remarked, while showering praise on Curaçao's tourism and economic development leaders for hosting an exceptionally productive meeting of the regional body.

CURACAO (February 14, 2023) – As the tourism sector across the Caribbean registers strong post-pandemic results, the 25-member Caribbean Tourism Organization (CTO) is resuming several hallmark activities and events this year to help strengthen the region's position as the world's leading warm-weather

destination.

Following business meetings in Curaçao last week, where ministers, commissioners and directors of tourism and their representatives met together as well as with tourism industry stakeholders, CTO chairman Kenneth Bryan announced that 2023 will see the return of



OFFICIAL HOLIDAY CALENDAR OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

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(in lieu of Sunday, 1st January)
New Year's Day

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Easter Monday

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Sovereign's Birthday
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Emancipation Wednesday

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Heroes and Foreparents Day

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Monday, 27th November
The Commemoration of the Great March of 1949 and the Restoration of the Legislative Council

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Monday, 25th December
Christmas Day
Tuesday, 26th December
Boxing Day

Before you discipline a child

S - stop! Calm yourself and your child

T - take a few deep breaths

O - observe the needs of your child

P - proceed in a kind but firm manner

problem
thinking
solution

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REGIONAL CONNECTIVITY TO ST. KITTS BECOMES EASIER WITH NEWLY LAUNCHED INTERCARIBBEAN AIRWAYS SERVICE

InterCaribbean Airways (ICA) commences same-day, nonstop service between St. Kitts and Barbados

(UPDATED) Basseterre, St. Kitts (23 February 2023) – The St. Kitts Tourism Authority today announced the initiation of direct flights to and from Barbados with interCaribbean Airways (ICA) service. This partnership is a strategic step towards making regional travel more accessible to the island thus further connecting St. Kitts to the wider Caribbean.

"Prior to the pandemic, the Caribbean was the second-largest source market of tourism for St. Kitts," said Honourable Marsha T. Henderson, Minister of Tourism, International Transport, Civil Aviation, Urban Development, Employment, and Labour. "Since 2020, restrictions and lack of airlift across the Caribbean have severely impacted arrival numbers. The initiation of service with ICA will re-open St. Kitts to quick, reliable, and accessible travel across the islands and further support tourism expansion for the destination."

Service to Barbados commences on Sunday 12th March 2023. The SKB to Barbados (BGI) flight will fly three times

a week, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, with capacity for 30 travellers. Additionally, the BGI service offers one stop connecting flights to Grenada, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, St. Lucia, Dominica, and Georgetown, Guyana.

"We are thrilled to initiate service with ICA this spring, as the service will allow travellers to move smoothly across islands," said Ellison "Tommy" Thompson, CEO of the St. Kitts Tourism Authority. "These direct flight options with ICA allow St. Kitts to be more accessible to regional travellers, while opening the doors to our many wonderful tourism offerings, exciting "Summer of Fun" events, and one-of-a-kind experiences."

"Over the last 31 years, interCaribbean Airways has made great strides towards our goal of becoming a truly complete, Pan-Caribbean airline," said Lyndon Gardiner, Chairman, interCaribbean Airways. "The addition of service between St. Kitts and Barbados allows us to connect regions like never before. We are excited to continue expanding access to intra Caribbean travel

and doing our part to drive further tourism recovery across the region."

About St. Kitts

St. Kitts is the larger of two islands that make up the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis. Eighteen miles of green mountain ranges stretch from Mount Liamuiga in the north to the southern peninsula—each end, an entirely different and equally fulfilling experience. The island's serendipitous location

between the Atlantic Ocean and the Caribbean Sea gives its coast distinctively varied hues. Our beaches range from golden tones to salt-and-pepper and alluring black volcanic sand. Venture Deeper into the magic of St. Kitts and discover what the destination holds while simultaneously venturing introspectively into a journey of self-discovery. Peel back the many layers of our beautiful island to discover the culture,

history, adventure, and culinary delights around every corner.

**If you are travelling to St. Kitts, it is required that you complete the online Immigration and Customs ED Form before arrival. Upon completion, you will receive a receipt with a QR code that you must present upon arrival in St. Kitts. Your QR code can be printed out or scanned directly from your phone. For more information about St. Kitts, visit www.visitst Kitts.com.*

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Be SMART

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



DO'S

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

DON'TS

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



IMPORTANT NOTE IN CASE OF LEAKAGE

- Open all doors and windows.
- Turn OFF the regulator.
- Call a qualified inspector.
- **DO NOT** switch ON/OFF any electrical equipment inside the house.
- **DO NOT** light matches, lighter or stove.



A message from the Department of Disaster Management and Sol

Airbnb awards US\$250,000 sustainability grant to UWI-hosted Global Tourism Resilience Centre

The UWI Regional Headquarters, Jamaica, W.I. Thursday, February 16, 2023—The Global Tourism Resilience and Crisis Management Centre (GTRCMC), hosted by The University of the West Indies (The UWI) was recently announced as a recipient of a sustainability grant from Airbnb, the online marketplace for short-term homestays and experiences.

The Centre was awarded US\$250,000 as part of Airbnb's Community Fund to support sustainability and conservation programs. Launched in 2020, the Fund aims to distribute US\$100 million through 2030 to help strengthen communities around the world.

The US\$250,000 grant will be used to support the Building Climate Knowledge, Attitudes and Awareness across the Caribbean (Project: C-KAP) led by the Centre, to help raise awareness among Caribbean Micro, Small and Medium Sized Tourism Entrepreneurs (MSMEs) about the importance of climate-responsible practices in their operations, as well as encourage them to take urgent action to combat climate change.

Project C-KAP's overall goal is to assess research/monitor, plan for, forecast, mitigate, and manage risks related to tourism resilience and crisis management. This will be achieved through four objectives which include research and development; policy advocacy and communication management; programme/project design and management as well as training and capacity building.

A statement on behalf of the Centre's Board of Governors noted, "We are excited to partner with Airbnb whose climate action corporate sustainability framework (which is committed to making Airbnb a Net Zero company by 2030), is in sync with one of the GTRCMC's mandates; that is, building tourism resilience capacities for climate action and for global sustainability."

Professor Sir Hilary Beckles, Vice-Chancellor of The UWI is among the Centre's Board of Governors, together with Professor Lloyd Waller from The UWI who also serves as Executive Director and the Honourable Edmund Bartlett, Jamaica's Minister of Tourism.

Within the Centre's workplan is the hosting its inaugural conference, the Global Tourism Resilience Conference—from February 15 to 17, 2023 at The UWI's Regional Headquarters in Mona, Jamaica. The conference is a first of its kind, a three-day event, designed to bring the global tourism community together to discuss investment opportunities, discuss and debate solutions to today's most pressing challenges, and increase cooperation for greater global resilience across the industry.

On the opening day of the conference, the Centre officially launched Global Tourism Resilience Day, which was initiated by Professor Lloyd Waller and designated by The United Nations General Assembly as an annual observance on February 17.

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Virgin Dynamics are looking for a part-time technical officer to assist with overseeing technical configurations and network infrastructure design implementation. The role is responsible for proofreading all network configuration files while providing hands-on assistance where required. Must be able to work weekends, public holidays and unsociable hours.

We are looking for someone with a proven track record (minimum 5 years) in the same or similar field.

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Knowledge of the following would be desirable.

Mobile phone networks

VHF Radio and PTT Solutions

Audio System design and implantation.

TV Streaming Services

Fiber infrastructure design

Please send resume to manager@virgindynamics.com

BVI Belongers and residents preferred, or

telephone 540 8014

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Virgin Dynamics are looking for a part-time senior technical officer/Consultant to consult and advise Virgin Dynamics and its various clients in the BVI.

The role is responsible to lead and manage a small team of junior to mid-level IT subject matter expert's different functions and processes; in ensuring that our client technology services are designed, planned, implemented, and improved in line with current and future needs.

We are looking for someone with a proven track record (minimum 5 years) of liaising with clients in senior management and executive level while still maintaining good technical and hands-on and troubleshooting skills. Must be able to work weekends, public holidays and unsociable hours.

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Cisco Networking infrastructure.

Checkpoint Firewalls and Cisco ISR.

Security System including CCTV, Door Access Control and Honeywell fire safety systems.

Enterprise grade Wi-Fi for managed networks.

Microsoft Server 2019 or above, including Hyper-V, Active Directory On-Prem and Azure ADDS.

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EMCS Caribbean is looking for a Procurement/Logistics Personnel

Interested applicants can submit their CV/Resume with cover letter to P O Box 386 Road Town, Tortola, BVI or call 284-494-1300

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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 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.

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Application deadline is 15 March 2023.

For more information see: www.greenvi.org and/or ring 346-4040. [s90]

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 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]

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

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

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 and or contact Mr. Alphonso at 284-394-8746. [s89]

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]

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]

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]

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]

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

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Transcaribbean Ltd. is seeking to fill the position of a Shop Clerk with at least 5 years of experience . Interested applicants can submit their CV/Resume with cover letter at P.O. Box 386, Road Town, Tortola or call 284-494-1300. [s90]

F & S TRENDY CLOTHING STORE is seeking a STORE ASSISTANT full time. Telephone 343-0093 [s90]

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VEN'S KITCHEN located in Gun Creek, North Sound Virgin Gorda, BVI.

WE'RE-HIRING! full time: GENERAL ASSISTANTS. Requirements: - At Least 2 year's Chef experience - Must be able to start work promptly at 5:00am - Fast Learner - Must be Innovative. **F O R - S E R I O U S INQUIRIES,** Please call 543-1955/ 345-8128 or Email: lydahg17@gmail.com [s90]

The Anegada Reef Hotel has the following vacancies: Gift Shop Attendant Receptionist Office Assistants Waitresses Bartenders Cooks Grill Chefs General Assistants Restaurant Supervisor Office Manager Housekeepers Dishwasher Mechanic (full time) Must have at least 2 year's experience. Please forward resumes to info@anegadareef.com. Telephone: 284 495 8002 [s90]

An Auto Electrician Technician- Must Have no less than 6 years experience and a Secretary with no less than 6 years experience

Contact Mr. Martin "Tony" Alphonso at Alphonso Enterprise Ltd via telephone 284-394-8746/284-340-2443 and /or email alphonso_ent@gmail.com [s90]

Ace Construction Limited is looking for an experience person to fill the position of an office Administrator. Please call Carl at 541-1018 for further details. [s90]

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