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AUDITOR GENERAL REPORTS PROPOSAL COSTING TAXPAYERS OVER \$2MILLIONS

In what can be described as quite a coincidence, the Auditor General announced that one day after former Premier and Minister for Finance, Andrew Fahie refused the United Kingdom Government's offer to have the HMS Medway provide support and strategic advice on border defense; an unsolicited offer was received from EZ Shipping Ltd to provide barges to assist with border security. It was stated that this proposal ended up costing taxpayers US\$2.04 million over a period of 5 months. The issues relating to this arrangement were flagged during the Commission of Inquiry and are now made public in a new Auditor General report that was laid on the table of the recent House of Assembly sitting.

FROM NO TO MILLIONS The Auditor General highlighted the fact that prior to the deal that led to exorbitant public payment, former Commissioner of Police Michael Matthews had turned down the unsolicited offer from EZ Shipping.

It was stated that the proposal was submitted by Clyde Chalwell to the former Premier and copied to the Governor, the Financial Secretary, and the Commissioner of Police. It was described as a single page proposal accompanied by a rate sheet which offered two barges, Midnight Stone at \$9,500 per day and Midnight Chief at \$7,500 per day. The proposal also included the particulars and registration certificates for these two vessels.

While noting that the company received a negative answer on the offer, Auditor General Sonia Webster stated, "The Commissioner of Police declined the proposal in an email to Mr. Chalwell dated 15 May 2020. The email advised that the agencies were



Nine students participated to further explore their new pastry-making skills. (more on page 14) Photo credit: H. Lavity Stoutt Community College

successfully achieving the same objectives using volunteers from the charter industry and the private sector "virtually cost free"."

It was explained that the plan

was deemed incompatible with the border security measure that the Joint Task Force (JTF), which comprised of Customs, Immigration and Royal Virgin Islands Police Force was planning. According to the report the JTF was at the time developing a plan that contemplated land based radars.

The Auditor General noted that the JTF was streamlining its border security plans, when it received a

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JTF directive from Cabinet to, "revisit the EZ Shipping proposal and to confirm their attendance at a special meeting of the National Security Council (NSC) to be held on 7 July 2020 where the matter would be considered."

This directive reportedly prompted the former Commissioner of Police to write to the other JTF heads on 5 July 2020 indicating that he was not in support of the EZ Shipping proposal and suggested that the funds, if available, could be better used for items requested in the JTF Plan.

COP Matthews reportedly expressed concern that Cabinet had not consulted with the JTF heads prior to issuing the directive for what he stated was "a law enforcement operational decision" and that the barges did not feature as a priority in the plan submitted to NSC. "He expressed the view that if JTF was pressured to use barges this should be put out to tender," the report stated.

However, it was mentioned that the former Commissioner of Police's opposition to the EZ Shipping proposal was not sufficient to garner dismissal of the idea. In fact, it was noted that the matter was discussed in the National Security Council meeting on 7 July but did not result in any decision or instruction from the Council.

According to the report Following the NSC meeting the Deputy Commissioner of Customs Clinton Romney amended the JTF Border Security Plan to include EZ Shipping's two marine platforms with a provisional sum of \$500,000 for a period of one month. "The change, he said, was done based on his understanding that the barges were to be used."

WAS THERE VALUE FOR MONEY?

When the decision was reached to utilize the service of EZ Shipping then Premier Andrew Fahie announced that the service was of immense value to the Territory. Now in the audit report Auditor General Webster stated that, "No evidence has been presented to support statements regarding the effectiveness of the barges. The submitted statistics show that the greatest reduction of activity occurred during the period that the UK military ship Medway was patrolling territorial waters."

Further the AG wrote that illegal runs occurred more with the presence of the barge: "The continuance of illicit activities was evident in drug busts that occurred during the period the barges were in use. The Customs staff reported a change in mode as persons engaged in avoidance tactics to circumvent the sphere of the platforms," Webster stated.

While emphasizing that the deal was of no valuee the Auditor General explained, "The payments made to EZ Shipping covered two months when the barges were not used. Incorrect information was provided to the NSC and Cabinet to facilitate approval of the contracts and support unearned payments of more than \$700,000."

She also laid the blame for this wastage of public funds at the feet of the former Premier stating, "Actions taken by the Premier and the Ministry of Finance with respect to border security without authorization of the NSC and the Governor may have amounted to overstepping their legislative authority. The former by engaging the barges and the latter by issuing public tenders for territorial surveillance equipment for border security."

Based on the end results of the arrangement the Auditor General recommended that, "Each of the Departments should be reminded of their respective roles for territorial and border security to avoid future instances of overstepping authority." She also called for an assessment by the Attorney General Chambers to determine whether the Government should pursue recovery of the amounts paid to EZ Shipping for the period 26 November 2020 to 22 January 2021 when the barges were not in use by the Government.

The Auditor General said that an assessment should also be performed by the Police and the Director of Public Prosecutions to determine whether any offences were committed with respect to the engagement of the marine platforms.

"There should be clear legislative repercussions at all levels for persons who disregard legislative authority and knowingly commit the Government to an expenditure in a manner that is not approved," Webster announced.

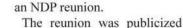
NDP AND PVIM RAPPROCHEMENT DROPPED

All hopes of a reunited National Democratic Party (NDP) were dashed last Friday when the Progressive Virgin Islands Movement Party (PVIM); which is a splinter of the NDP launched its candidate and in the process doused media reports that the two parties were in talk.

The NDP, which held consecutive terms from 2011 to

2019; but imploded just before the last general elections. This implosion resulted in a split of the Party.

Now that the Territory is facing a crossroads following the COVID 19 pandemic wrought economic hardships, the COI findings and the global embarrassment from the former Premier's arrest – citizens expressed an interest in news of



in a media article which stated that both PVIM and the NDP were entertaining merger talks. The matter was given further credence when NDP Leader Hon. Marlon Penn confirmed during an interview with Tola Radio on 23 February that the talks between PVIM and the NDP were moving forward. Therefore, the Friday 24 February launch of PVIM left many confused. Further when a member of the media asked PVIM Chair Ronnie Skelton if the merger was still going to happen he responded saying, "I don't think so."

The reporter also asked Skelton how come he was stating that the merger was not going to happen when the NDP Leader announced on public radio the day before that the merger talks were moving forward? In response Skelton said, "Well to the best of my knowledge I haven't heard what he said and I cannot comment."

Following the PVIM launch Hon. Penn was a guest on the Talking Points Radio programme on Monday 27 February, and explained that the NDP is moving ahead with its campaign plans. In recapping and explaining the discussions with PVIM Hon. Penn stated that there were discussions between the two parties: "We all looked at the numbers. We saw that the most practical thing to do was for us to have a conversation about how we could unify and move forward as a unified organisation for the best interest of the country." After noting the launch that took place the NDP Leader said, "They've moved on,

we've moved on,"

Hon. Penn further explained that the consideration of the merger of the two parties was borne from the wish of the BVI people. "We listened to the people. The people said that they thought the best option was for us to mend our differences, come back around the table, and we made an attempt, a valiant attempt to do so, to do just that. It didn't materialise."

"We had a cursory conversation on moving forward on what we thought was the best approach for us to move forward, and we intended to have a further conversation which never happened and we learned of a launch later on after that conversation," Hon. Penn added.



LORNA SMITH ANNOUNCES HER AT-LARGE CANDIDACY



Mrs. Lorna Smith (GIS Photo)

In an interview on JTV Channel 55 Mrs. Lorna Smith, the wife of former Premier Dr. the Hon. D. Orlando Smith declared her candidacy for the 2023 general elections.

The announcement that Mrs. Smith was contemplating running for election was leaked few weeks ago when her husband mentioned that she was toying with the idea during a radio interview. As such her announcement was seen as a confirmation. The suspense still lingers as Smith stated did not confirm that she was going to be running under the National Democratic Party (NDP) banner rather as an independent candidate.

During the interview, the question of whether she was going to be part of a Party slate was put to the candidate who responded stating, "I do plan to contest the elections as an At-Large Candidate."

While noting that she made a quick decision to become a representative, Smith said, "About two weeks ago I was asked. In fact, I was told that the story was going to be printed and I said then that I was seriously considering and today I can tell you that I have made my decision that I will contest the elections."

Smith stated that her decision to run is fueled by her love for the Territory and her interest in seeing the BVI advance. "My mission as a professional has always been to make sure that the Territory of the British Virgin Islands got the best. I am running to fulfill that mission," she noted.

As former public servant the spouse of a former Premier, Smith said that she has learned a lot about leadership, "I learned a lot from Dr Smith, the premier. I learned to listen to as many people in the community as possible because part of communications, in fact, probably the most important part of communications is listening."

While announcing that politics should not a be popularity contest, the At Large candidate stated that she is confident that she has the skills the Territory requires at this time in its history, "It is not about who is better liked, it's about who you trust and who is more competent. I consider myself to be trustworthy and to be competent."

Lorna Smith, OBE, is the founder and Chief Executive Officer of LGS and Associates. Ms. Smith has more than three decades of experience at the highest levels of the public service in the British Virgin Islands. Over the course of her senior-level service, Ms. Smith developed extensive relationships with leaders from the business community, international NGO's and government leaders from around the world.

Lorna Smith was the lead consultant in the negotiations of Tax Information Exchange Agreements with fourteen OECD countries on behalf of the Turks and Caicos Islands and Anguilla. She was also retained by the World Bank and thereafter the Commonwealth Secretariat to assist Member States of the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) in meeting the international tax standard set by the OECD which they did with her assistance.

Ms. Smith was assigned to promote the territory's interests in Asia by establishing BVI Asia House in Hong Kong, Previously she served as the first BVI Director of the London Office – the equivalent of a Diplomatic Mission. A dynamic and engaging speaker, Ms. Smith regularly undertakes various speaking engagements. She is a regular speaker at conferences on financial services related matters as well as a contributor to various publications in the same area.

Ms. Smith was the first Director of BVI International Finance Centre – now called BVI Finance – Since May 2016, Ms. Smith has been appointed the Interim Executive Director of BVI Finance, which is charged with promoting the BVI Financial Services. Ms. Smith has overseen the conversion of BVI Finance to BVI Finance Ltd.

Ms. Smith worked in close collaboration with the private sector, mounting promotional events worldwide in funds, captive insurance, corporate business and trusts. Today, the BVI is recognized as one of the best regulated jurisdictions and a premier centre for international business.

FLAX-CHARLES LAUNCHES HER CANDIDACY UNDER THE PVIM FLAG

During a press conference on 24 February the Progressive Virgin Islands Movement (PVIM) launched its candidates for the 2023 general election.

The launch featured Party leader Ronnie Skelton and lone elected PVIM member Second District Representative Hon. Melvin Mitch Turnbull. That launch surprise was the addition of current Junior Minister of Trade Hon. Sherene Flax-Charles.

Hon. Flax-Charles is a former Virgin Islands Party

(VIP) member who recently resigned from the Party likening the experience with a bad marriage. During interviews following her VIP separation Hon. Flax-Charles did note that the other political parties were approaching her.

During last Friday's PVIM launch the At Large representative confirmed that she is now a member of the Progress Virgin Islands Movement Party.

Hon. Flax-Charles described herself as someone who cares about

the Territory, and is not afraid to speak up, and stated that she took the decision to contest the upcoming general election as a candidate with PVIM in the Ninth District because her views align with the Party's. "I've decided to join this movement because its leadership with the Hon. Ronnie Skelton as well as the Hon. Melvin Mitch Turnbull exemplifies persons with a proven track record in their personal, professional, and political life," Hon. Flax-Charles explained. Meanwhile, Second District

Representative, Hon. Turnbull who was the only PVIM member that was elected in the 2019 general election stated that he deserves another chance in the House of Assembly because he has been one of the voices of reason and a fighter against what is not right.

"I believe that my initial goal to bring about change for the people of the Second District community but by and large the British Virgin Islands community has been one that I've been able to lend my voice, I've been able to speak up and stand up and fight on behalf even when it was unpopular, even when persons did not agree. As we go along this



Hon. Shereen D. Flax-Charles

journey as we go back to the House of Assembly in the next couple of day you will realize that some of the things that I've been saying...it has come to pass...I have been able to represent the people of the Second District and this community here locally as well as internationally," Hon. Turnbull stated.



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Remarks by Dr. the Honourable Natalio D. Wheatley At The Hand Over of the Gertrude and Christiana Warner Community Centre



Hon.Natalio D. Wheatley

27th February, 2023

A pleasant Good Morning to all the people of the Virgin Islands, especially those of you who are with us in person and those joining us online.

This is a very special week for us – and today is a very special day – as we have handing over ceremonies for three SMART Community Centres.

Earlier this morning we attended the handing over of the Valerie O. Thomas Community Centre in Sea Cows Bay. And now, we have the handing over of the Gertrude and Christiana Warner Community Centre here in Purcell Estate.

Tomorrow, Tuesday, we journey to Anegada for the handing over of the Emille Dunlop Community Centre. And, of course, persons would recall that in November 2021, we had the handing over of the West End Community Centre.

These are significant milestones in our journey of recovery from Hurricanes Irma and Maria in 2017, and as we continue to push forward with sustainable development and building our resilience.

All of these facilities are equipped with SMART features to make them energy efficient, as part of the Government of the Virgin Islands' commitment to sustainable development and environmental conservation. They are also equipped with the necessary resources for use as emergency shelters.

As we all know, community centres have long been an essential and intrinsic part of the Virgin Islands. They are places where many of our golden citizens meet for their cultural activities and to socialize, where we hold community meetings, where nonprofit organisations come together to support different community members, and where we have some of our most important events such as birthday parties, wedding receptions and other social gatherings. Equally important, community centres throughout the Virgin Islands also serve as emergency shelters during natural disasters.

During the 2017 hurricanes, several community centres were significantly impacted. We have been working as a Government and together with our partners, to restore our community centres – with upgrades where possible.

The European Union (EU) has been one of our key development partners on this important initiative, providing the funding, and the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) has provided the technical oversight for implementing this project.

The contract for the Gertrude and Christiana Warner Community Centre in Purcell was awarded to DE Property Development, and works commenced on 22 November, 2021.

The Virgin Islands was fortunate to receive a grant from the European Union in the amount of 2 million euros to repair some of the centres damaged by the hurricanes. The centres that benefitted from the EU's grant funding are:

West End Community Centre The Valerie O. Thomas Community Centre in Sea Cows Bay

The Gertrude and Christiana Warner Community Centre in Purcell Estate, and Emille Dunlop Community Centre in Anegada.

The EU has been a very consistent and supportive development partner of the Virgin Islands for over three decades, and for this, we in the Virgin Islands are deeply grateful.

In addition to the funding received for repairs to the four (4) community centres mentioned above, the EU has also provided the Virgin Islands with grant funding from the 11th European Development Fund (11th EDF) through the Resilience, Sustainable Energy, Marine Biodiversity and Climate Resilience Programme (**RESEMBID**) for the following projects:

Strengthening the Virgin Islands Water Quality Programme to Inform Effective Environmental Management and Spatial Planning. This project is being implemented through the Ministry of Natural Resources and Labour (MNRL) and will include a comprehensive water quality monitoring programme; procurement of a vessel to support the environment unit of the MNRL; establishing water quality baselines and training for MNRL staff and staff of other government departments and partner agencies. A grant amount of 927,890 euros or approximately US\$965,000 has been approved for this project;

RESEMBID BVI Smart Schools Initiative.

This project is led by the Department of Disaster Management as part of their smart community initiative to ensure that communities throughout the Virgin Islands become more climate resilient.

Approximately 14 schools across the Virgin Islands will be participating in this initiative, and working with partners like Green VI, HLSCC, and BVI Red Cross and the Ministry of Education, Youth Affairs and Sports.

We can expect to see initiatives that will result in the participating schools becoming safe, green and smart. The project will equip participating schools in the following areas; preparation of disaster management plans; achieving Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) certification, which helps them to better respond in cases of emergencies;

First Aid Training;

enhanced schools recycling programmes; improving and developing school

gardens; conducting water and energy audits; and marine biodiversity and coastal resilience education.

A grant amount of just over 1.3 million euros has been approved for this project; and BVIEC COVID-19 Business Continuity Support.

This project is being implemented through the BVI Electricity Corporation as part of the COVID-19 response. This component was added to the project after the global impact of the COVID-19.

We thank the EU for allowing such flexibility within the programme to assist countries with their response to COVID-19.

The project involves introduction of Information and Communication Technologies, that will allow the staff of the BVIEC to be better equipped to respond to customers' requests in a timely manner during times of remote working circumstances, such as we saw during the COVID-19 lockdowns.

The project will also assist with developing new policies and procedures, to provide the foundation to guide both the employees and residents of the Virgin Islands during periods of disruptions mentioned above.

A grant amount of 245,481 euros has been approved for this project.

The Virgin Islands has also benefitted from EU funding in the past for a number of projects. These include:

Terminal Building Beef Islands Airport (now Terrance B International Airport);

The H. Lavity Stoutt Community College Library and Auditorium Building; and The HLSCC Culinary Arts

The HLSCC Culinary Building.

The Regional Disaster Risk Reduction Project through which the Government of the Virgin Islands, through the Department of Disaster Management, benefited tremendously.

The Regional Small Micro Enterprise Project, where the Department of Trade and many businesses in the Virgin Islands saw immense benefits.

Repairs to the Copper Mine Ruins in Virgin Gorda. And, The construction and completion of the Visitor Centre at Mount Sage.

Sadly, one of the effects of BREXIT is that the RESEMBID project will be the last opportunity for the Virgin Islands to receive direct funding for development assistance through the EU. Through the Premier's Office, the Government of the Virgin Islands looks forward to a continued working relationship with the EU as a development partner.

Special thanks also go out to PAHO for its assistance and support during the implementation phase of the repair works completed on this and the other community centres, and for their continued support in the health sector. We are very happy to have with us today PAHO's Representative, Dr. Amalia Del Riego. Her presence demonstrates their commitment to our continued partnership. The Government of the Virgin Islands looks forward to a continued working relationship with the PAHO as a development partner.

Kudos also go out to the contractor on the project, DE Property Development. From what I have seen, the work appears to be of high quality, proving once again that we do have the capabilities onisland to do these kinds of projects. And may I say to our partners that they can have confidence in our local contractors whenever they consider future projects in the Virgin Islands.

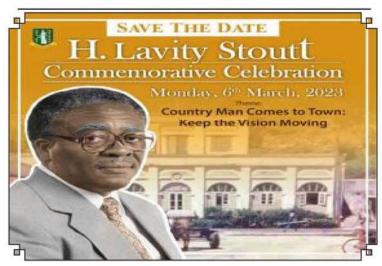
The handover and dedication of this facility today means that the community of Purcell Estate and Environs regains the use of their beloved community meeting space; a dedicated space for continued and enhanced volunteer opportunities; a dedicated space to meet, plan and execute community projects. They once again have a base from which they can continue to host initiatives that positively impact the youths in the community; to encourage and promote creativity and culture, and to share valuable and important information. By having this community centre restored, after school programmes and other youth development programmes and now be revived. This is something I would very much like to see, because the more we can work with our young people the more we can assure them of a bright and successful future.

I want to strongly encourage the residents of Purcell Estate and environs to make maximum use of their community centre. Use it to build and strengthen your community and your community spirit. I also ask that as you put the facility to use, you help us to take care of it; this is your asset.

We in the Government will do our part to keep the facilities maintained, but we are relying on you to ensure that it is used in a responsible way, and that it is not subject to any unnecessary damage or ill treatment.

Again, I say, thank you to all who made today possible.

I thank you and may God continue to bless our Virgin Islands and our people.





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Location: James Frett Building, Wickhams Cay, Road Town, Tortola Major Bay, East End/Long Look, Tortola

REMARKS BY HON. MARLON PENN, MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT HANDOVER AND DEDICATION CEREMONY OF THE GERTRUDE AND CHRISTIANA WARNER COMMUNITY CENTRE PURCELL ESTATE, TORTOLA

27TH FEBRUARY 2023 11:30 A.M.

Madam Chair, Pastor Calvin Mills and other Members of the Clergy, Dr. the Hon. Natalio Wheatley, Premier,

Hon. Alvera Maduro-Caines, Junior Minister for Trade and Sixth District Representative,[Other Members of the House of Assembly] Dr. Amalia Del Riego, PAHO/

WHO Representative, Senior Public Officers, Teachers and Students of the Alexandrina Maduro Primary School,Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen

A pleasant Good Afternoon to

everyone. Over seven years ago, the Ministry of Health and Social Development canvassed persons living in this community to hear their views regarding the re-naming of the Purcell Community-Centre. Unsurprisingly, one hundred percent (100%) of the respondents were in full agreement with the proposal to name the building in



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

(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) - WITH DREAD A HERDERT 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)

honour of Ms. Gertrude Warner and her mother Christiana. The two women were remembered for their generosity in providing housing for the less fortunate, and giving them the opportunity to lease, and eventually purchase property in Purcell Estate at affordable prices. Gertrude and Christiana understood the solidarity it takes to build a country sustainably, and they reflect the true meaning of what it means to be a Virgin Islander.

In this same spirit of community building, the Gertrude and Christiana Community Centre serves as a key resource for public meetings,-after-school activities, social events, and other important gatherings. It is a place where residents can come together to learn, grow, and connect with one another. The building also serves as a radio centre for the Department of Disaster Management and, as you have heard, its designation as an emergency shelter also points to its importance in Disaster Risk Reduction, community resilience, and keeping our people safe.

For these reasons and more, the Ministry of Health and Social Development prioritized the use of available funding immediately following the 2017 disasters to carryout emergency repairs to the roof of this building, along with other works to make it watertight. I am extremely pleased that this facility has now been fully restored and strengthened to continue serving the people of Purcell Estate and the wider Virgin Islands.

It is therefore with great pleasure that I stand before you today on this exciting occasion to celebrate the reopening of this community centre. On behalf of the Ministry of Health and Social Development I extend sincere gratitude to the General Contractor - DE Property Development, the Premier's Office, the Pan-American Health Organization, the European Union, and the entire Project Team for the critical roles you have played in the completion of this project. We are particularly grateful to our development partners for your technical and financial support, and fulfilling the commitment to assist the Government in upgrading our community centres to meet modern standards of



Hon. Marlon Penn

resilience.

As you know, the Gertrude and Christiana Warner Community Centre is the third such facility to be repaired, upgraded to meet SMART standards, outfitted with modern equipment, and handed over through the Government's partnership with the EU and PAHO. First to be completed was the West End Community Centre in November 2021, earlier today we received the keys to the Valerie O. Thomas Community Centre in Sea Cows Bay, and tomorrow we will be heading to Anegada to celebrate the handover of the Emile Dunlop Community Centre. PAHO's SMART standards will also be applied by the Ministry of Health and Social Development in our rehabilitation of the East End/ Long Look Community Centre within the coming months, and the Brewers Bay Community Centre later this year. Although those buildings were too extensively damaged to be included under this EU/PAHO project, we will ensure that they too will benefit from SMART concepts as we work to strengthen them to better cope with future shocks.

As I conclude these remarks, I commend this restored Community Centre to the residents of Purcell Estate and surrounding areas. I ask that you join us in ensuring that it remains well protected and maintained so that it can continue to serve the needs of seniors, children, women and men of all walks of life. Let us come together in the spirit of Gertrude and Christiana Warner and continue to build a strong, vibrant, and inclusive community.

We look forward to sharing many memorable moments with you all in the years to come.

PRESS STATEMENT FROM GOVERNOR OF THE BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS MR JOHN RANKIN CMG



His Excellency John James Rankin CMG

The Audit report into Public Assistance Grants made between January 2019 and May 2022 was carried out in accordance with Recommendation B12 of the Commission of Inquiry Report, and was received by myself and the Premier on 30th December. The report was thereafter tabled in Cabinet and is due to be laid in accordance with the provisions of the Audit Act 2003 in the House of Assembly in redacted form, with names of individual grant recipients removed. At that point, the report will become public.

A document which has now been widely circulated appears to be a copy of the report which was considered by Cabinet and which was a confidential document.

Cabinet confidentiality is paramount, and I have accordingly ordered the Cabinet Secretary to carry out a leak inquiry in relation to this matter. Should any criminal offence have occurred in relation to the leak that will also be a matter for the Police and the Director of Public Prosecutions to consider and take forward as appropriate. In the meantime, I would respectfully ask that the leaked document is not circulated further given that it is confidential in nature.

Closure of Offices and Warehouses in Observance of Public Holiday

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Remarks by Hon. Marlon Penn, Minister for Health and Social Development Handover and Dedication Ceremony of the Emile Dunlop Community Centre Anegada, Virgin Islands

28th February 2023

10:00 a.m.

Madam Chair Dr. the Hon. Natalio Wheatley, Premier and Minister of Finance [Other Members of the Cabinet]

Hon. Vincent Wheatley, Ninth

District Representative [Other Members of the House of Assembly] PAHO/WHO Representative Senior Public Officers Teachers and Students of the Claudia Creque Primary School Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen A pleasant morning to everyone. I am honoured to be here with you today, to celebrate the handover and re-dedication of the Emile Dunlop Community Centre – which is one of the few centres in the Territory that has the distinction of being the brainchild of residents of the community. This Centre was originally built by the Anegada Progressive League, a group of Anegadians who resided in New York, and it was



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subsequently named in honour of Mr. Emile Dunlop who served as the organisation's president for several years. It therefore stands as a testament to Anegadians' determination to come together and pool resources to achieve their goals for this community.

The work carried out by the Anegada Progressive League reflects the true spirit of Anegada and its people. It highlights the foresight, togetherness and work ethic of the residents on this island; traits that we all should seek to emulate.

Over the years, this space has served a vital role as a hub of community life and, for this reason, its refurbishments and upgrading was afforded high priority by the Government of the Virgin Islands.

It is wonderful to be here today to receive the keys, and once again open the doors of this important facility to the community. It will again be a place where residents can come together, share ideas, care for seniors, children, and persons of all ages, and work towards a better future. A space to organize events, hold meetings, seek refuge, and perhaps offer health promoting classes and workshops to benefit residents of this island.

Today, we celebrate not only the reopening of this community centre, but also the hard work and dedication of those who made it possible. On behalf of the Ministry of Health and Social Development I express sincere gratitude to the Contractors - the Joint Venture of Lawrence Wheatley Construction and Accurate Construction; as well as the entire Project Team for the critical roles you have played. We are particularly grateful to our development partners, the European Union and the PanAmerican Health Organization, for your financial and technical support, and fulfilling the commitment to assist the Government in upgrading our community centres to meet modern standards of resilience. The Emile Dunlop Community Centre is the fourth such facility to be repaired, upgraded to meet SMART standards, outfitted with modern equipment, and handed over to my Ministry through the Government's partnership with the EU and PAHO. First to be completed was the West End Community Centre in November 2021, and yesterday we received the keys to the Valerie O. Thomas Community Centre in Sea Cows Bay and the Gertrude and Christiana Warner Community Centre in Purcell Estate.

Anegada residents may also recall that the Nurse Romalia Smith Clinic was renovated under PAHO'S SMART healthcare facilities initiative in 2015 to make the facility safer and incorporate 'green' interventions. We are extremely pleased that these SMART concepts have now been incorporated into Anegada's Community Centre as well - making this facility, and the island on a whole, more resilient to future shocks.

As I conclude my remarks, I once again offer congratulations to everyone involved in the refurbishment and upgrading of the Emile Dunlop Community Centre; and to the people of Anegada who will now have full use of it.

As we begin a new chapter for this community centre, I encourage you all to make the most of this wonderful facility and continue to build a strong and vibrant community. Thank you

Handover and Dedication Ceremony of the Valerie O. Thomas Community Centre Sea Cow's Bay, Tortola

27th February 2023

9:30 a.m.

Madam Chair

Dr. the Hon. Natalio Wheatley, Premier

Hon. Julian Fraser, Leader of the Opposition and Third District Representative

[Other Members of the House of Assembly]

Dr. Amalia Del Riego, PAHO/ WHO Representative

Senior Public Officers

Principal and students of the Ebenezer Thomas Primary School Other Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen

A pleasant Good Morning to everyone.

It is my great pleasure to be here in Sea Cow's Bay to celebrate the handover and dedication of the Valerie O. Thomas Community Centre following its full rehabilitation from the damages caused by Hurricanes Irma and Maria.

In the spirit of Mrs. Valerie Thomas, who was a stalwart in the Third District, I trust that this building will continue to be a beacon of hope and carry a similar legacy of service to this community. I am told that Mrs. Thomas was actively involved in the organization and execution of various church and community events, and that she ran a library out of her home and taught crafts at schools. Mrs. Thomas represented what it means to be a communityoriented person who lived out her faith, and sought to better the lives of others.

In keeping with her legacy, the Valerie O. Thomas Community Centre serves as a multi-faceted space for the residents of this area and the wider Virgin Islands. In addition to its designation as an emergency shelter, the building has accommodated the Senior Citizen's Programme, Community Health Clinic, community gym, a space for public meetings and social events and, as recently as last December, it temporarily houses the Eslyn Henley Richiez Learning Centre. The importance of this facility to the community cannot be overstated and, for that reason, I am grateful to the team at the Ministry of Health and Social Development for carrying out the initial emergency repairs to protect the building from deterioration following the storms.

We also owe a debt of gratitude to our development partners - the European Union and the Pan-American Health Organization - for the roles they played in the completion of the repairs, and upgrading the building to SMART standards that increase its resilience to future disasters. The excellent work of the project team, including the General Contractor -Tarris Hill and Associates, and the coordinating role played by the Premier's Office, all contributed to this wonderful achievement.

Let me also say how gratefull am to everyone involved for remaining committed to this project despite major setbacks caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, and subsequent supply chain disruptions. In fact, this Centre played a significant role as a testing site, and distribution centre during peak periods of the Territory's COVID-19 response. We could not have arrived here today without your support and dedication.

[As you would have heard], the Valerie O. Thomas Community Centre is the second such facility that has been rehabilitated through our partnership with the EU and PAHO. The first community centre that was upgraded to meet SMART standards and outfitted with modern equipment to facilitate its operation in times of crises was the West End Community Centre in November 2021. Later today, we will celebrate the handover and dedication of the Gertrude and Christiana Warner Community Centre in Purcell Estate, and tomorrow we will be in Anegada for the handover of the Emile Dunlop Community Centre. These buildings demonstrate what it means to build back better, stronger, and smarter.

I am therefore pleased to say that PAHO's SMART standards are also being applied to locally-funded projects to ensure a consistent level of structural integrity and resilience of these important facilities throughout the Territory.

In addition to works already carried out by the Ministry of Health and Social Development to repair the Long Trench and North Sound Community Centres, funding has been allocated in the 2023 Budget Estimates to complete repairs to the Cane Garden Bay and East End/Long Look Community Centres, and begin the process of rebuilding the Brewers Bay Community Centre.

Today, we celebrate with the people of Sea Cows Bay and surrounding communities who have been patiently waiting to return to the full operation of this deeply cherished community centre. We look forward to resuming the Senior Citizen's Programme and various other community-based activities for people of all ages and backgrounds to come together, socialize, learn and grow. We are truly grateful to everyone

who has contributed to the rehabilitation of this facility. To the Representative and other residents of this district I say, today marks a new chapter in your community's history. As we embark on this new journey, let us all work together to make this community centre a vibrant and welcoming space for everyone. In this way, we continue the great legacy of Mrs.

Valerie Thomas and others of her generation, and light the path for present and future community builders.

Thank you.



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Handover Of Smart Community Centres



Three state-of-the-art community centres have been officially handed over to the Government of the Virgin Islands.

Premier and Minister of Finance, Dr. the Honourable Natalio D. Wheatley in an interview with the Department of Information expressed his gratitude to the multilateral organisations which have facilitated the implementation of these projects, marking a significant breakthrough in the recovery from the 2017 Hurricanes Irma and Maria.

Premier Wheatley stated that the multi-purpose facilities contain SMART features to promote energy efficiency, in alignment with Government of the Virgin Islands' commitment to responsible development and environmental conservation. He said the community centres can be also be utilised as emergency shelters.

The Premier explained the historical and cultural significance of community centres to the people of the Virgin Islands to emphasise the importance of handovers to the public.

He said, "They are places where many of our golden citizens meet for their cultural activities and to socialise, where we hold community meetings, where non-profit organisations come together to support different community members. Equally important, community centres throughout the Virgin Islands also serve as emergency shelters during natural disasters."

Premier Wheatley, added that the Government has forged a strong continuous relationship with the Pan American Health Organisation (PAHO) based on cooperation and mutual interests.

"Through facilitation provided by the Ministry of Health and Social Development, in partnership with the Premier's Office, we were not only able to access assistance in managing the COVID 19 pandemic, but post-hurricane relief that has allowed for the rebuilding of our community centres." he added.

The Premier stated that the Government is also participating in strategic discussions to advance future opportunities in the areas of socio-economic development.

"We have great prospects for partnerships in the future as it pertains to accessing funds through regional and international programmes supported by the United Nations (UN) framework. Similarly, the European Union (EU) has been a significant source of funding for the Virgin Islands which is part of an overarching strategy to aid us in reaching our sustainable development goals," the Premier added

The European Union (EU) has played an integral role through the provision of funding for this project in collaboration

with the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), which engaged in technical oversight to ensure that the community centres are in alignment with SMART standards global for the Valerie O. Thomas community centre in Sea Cows Bay, the Gertude and Christina Warner community in Purcell Estate, and the Emile E. Dunlop community centre in Anegada. In November 2021, the West End community centre was the first to be handed over in this series of projects.

The €2 million was allocated



by the EU for repairs and restoration, while PAHO was tasked with technical facilitation responsibilities for the project's execution.

The Premier's Office continues to function as

an interface between the international community and the government, focusing on specific socio-economic needs and areas for community development. *[GIS Photos]*



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Virgin Islands Receives Destination Recognition From American Airlines

The Virgin Islands is said to be American Airlines "Sexiest New Destination" as the Territory gears up for a new service with the airline to Miami, which is expected to be launched on June 1.

In an article titled "Bringing Sexy Back", American Airlines confirmed that the Network Planning Team won the Cranky Network Award for Sexiest New Route – Short Haul for American Airlines.

"We are going to rock this destination. Congratulations BVI!" a representative from American Airlines said while congratulating the Territory on achieving the recognition.

Meanwhile, work is ongoing at the Terrance B. Lettsome International Airport in anticipation of the startup of the service and the increase in passengers through the facility.

Minister of Communications and Works Honourable Kye Rymer stated that the success and growth of the Territory's economy is heavily reliant on hassle-free access and connectivity. He said the direct connection to the US Mainland by American Airlines will prove to be a "game-changer" and one of the main economic drivers to the main industries in the VI.

Honourable Rymer said, "I am thrilled that American Airlines has chosen to extend their services to the VI as the Government and the Authority continue to work tirelessly to enhance and increase air access to and through the Territory. Connectivity through air service development will continue to be our main focus ahead of the proposed airport development project."

Chairman of the Board of Directors, Mr. Theodore E. Burke said, "the project implementation team from American Airlines visited the Territory from February 20 to24 and met with officials from the BVI Airports Authority and other industry stakeholders to ensure a smooth launch and integration of the service to the Territory."

The team included specialists in project implementation and management, Information Technology, customer experience, compliance and airport and airline operations.

Discussions were held with the officers from the Departments of Immigration and Customs, several hotels and other service providers at the airport. They also met with members of the Authority's Board of Directors to share their vision for partnering with the airport and by extension the Territory along with the next steps in the project ahead of start-up.

Mr. Burke pledged the full support and commitment of the board to the project which he stated will undoubtedly prove to strengthen the VI's economy with the ease of air access.

"Our board is aware of the difficulties with travelling to the Territory and as part of our mandate, we are committed to improved air access not only to the US Mainland but also within the region and will continue to partner with airlines to bring this to fruition," he added.

Managing Director Mr. Kurt Menal said the authority is currently undertaking the necessary steps to prepare the airport for the significant increase in passenger movement that will result from the direct connection by American Airlines.

Mr. Menal said, "We are cognizant of the reality that air service development has outpaced necessary infrastructural enhancement given the highly

desirable nature of the Virgin Islands as a destination for pleasure and business. In this regard, certain aspects of the proposed airport masterplan will be initiated with a view to incrementally providing the additional capacity that will be required to efficiently process the added volume of passengers."

The Managing Director added that the intention is to implement

seamless processes throughout the passenger journey to ensure that guests experience at the Territory's airport is one befitting of the warmth of the Virgin Islands.

The authority's team has already identified the office and checkin counter spaces to be occupied by American Airlines for their operations. The immediate next step will see the airlines installing the necessary equipment and infrastructure at the airport, followed by the recruitment and training of the necessary personnel to staff their operations.

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UKRAINE - On February 24, 2022, before dawn broke over Kyiv and Moscow, Vladimir Putin announced in a televised speech that a full-scale invasion of Ukraine had been launched in what the Russian president called a "special military operation." Tens of thousands of Russian troops swept into the neighboring country from the north, east and south; dozens of missiles hit various targets. The war, a year later, remains confined to the territory of one country with two combatant nations. However, there are military, economic and geopolitical reasons to argue that the Ukraine war holds the largest global significance of any conflict since 1945.

"It is not a world war, but it is a globalized war," the EU's High Representative for Foreign Policy and Security, Josep Borrell, said during a conversation with EL PAIS last week at the Munich Security Conference. "There has not been a more globalized one since 1945, with so many people who have openly taken sides. At meetings of the Ukraine support group, there are more than 50 countries present. When 50 countries back one side, it is a globalized war." Meanwhile, Kyiv's Western allies point out that countries such as Iran and North Korea are providing Russia with military aid. [El Pais]

EUROPE - Three popular

European cities are bringing in new 'tourist tax' charges as a row rages on over a proposed EU tourist levy which all Britons will have to pay in order to cross the EU border.

Venice, Valencia and Barcelona will all impose new tourist charges in the course of 2023, a move which some travel bodies have warned will damage the holidaying industry.

Some of the most popular tourist destinations in Europe already charge their own nightly tourist tax in a bid to limit 'overtourism'. In comes as a row over an EU tourist tax continues to grow. Under the EU's plan any non-EU tourists will have to pay €7 for visa-free entry - and this must be renewed every three years. The rate, called the European Travel Information and Authorisation System (ETIAS), will be applied to those visiting the Schengen Area from November.

The ETIAS charge would be on top of any local tourist tax in the country or region of visit.

It will allow people visa-free entry for up to 90 days, during which visitors are not allowed to work or study, but can 'engage in business and tourism activities,' according to the Schengen visa info website. The ETIAS will be valid for up to three years - and will count for multiple entries. Those under 18 and over 70 will be exempt from the fee. [Daily Mail UK]

PORTUGAL-According to the data from the Bank of Portugal, remittances increased from €3.7 billion in 2021 to €3.8 billion in the following year, representing a 4.98 per cent surge as well as the highest value of remittances sent by Portuguese emigrants, SchengenVisaInfo.com reports.

The highest values were sent by Portuguese in France, who sent $\notin 1.06$ billion, followed by emigrants in Switzerland ($\notin 1.061$), representing more than half of all remittances worldwide.

On the other hand, immigrants in Portugal sent \notin 530 million, up by 5.31 per cent compared to 2021 when \notin 504 million were sent out. Almost half of all the amounts were sent by Brazilian immigrants, who sent \notin 259 million – 8.42 per cent more than \notin 239 million sent in 2021.

The Portuguese Speaking African Countries (PALOP), show that Portuguese workers in these countries sent \in 317 million last year, also showing a 21.6 per cent compared to \notin 260 million transferred in 2021.

Out of this value, almost all come from the African country of Angola, which is the most after the Portuguese in terms of employment. Emigrants in Angola sent \in 308 million last year, up by 21.8 per cent compared to \notin 253 million sent in 2021. [NewsNow Europe]

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC -The European Union ambassador in the Dominican Republic, Katja Afheldt, has denied the statement of Pasaportes RD Director, Digna Reynoso, who said that Dominicans who hold an electronic passport will be able to travel to the European Union visafree. Ambassador Afheldt said that the EU is not reviewing the visa system and it is not planning to expand the list of countries whose citizens are permitted to enter the EU without obtaining a Schengen visa, confirming that the visa requirement will continue to remain in place for all Dominicans, SchengenVisaInfo. com reports.

Diario Digital explains that ambassador Afheldt said that the EU is currently dealing with other issues related to migration and has not thought of making Schengen visa-related changes.

"It is not that the Dominican Republic is on the black list of countries, only that for the moment we cannot open that list because in Europe we are in a moment of reflection on migration policy," ambassador Afheldt stated.

Following the statement of Reynoso who said earlier this week that all citizens of the Dominican Republic holding a biometric passport will be permitted visa-free entry to the EU from 2025, ambassador Afheldt emphasised that a biometric passport is not all it takes to be exempt from the visa rule. [NewsNow Europe]

BERMUDA - Bermuda recorded a \$206 million surplus on current account for the third quarter, according to government figures released by the Ministry of Economy and Labour.

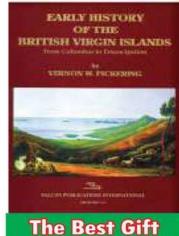
Details are found in the government report on Balance of Payments & International Investment Position for Quarter three of 2022.

Jason Hayward, the Minister said it represented a \$41 million increase from a year ago.

He said: "Transactions related to trade in goods led to a wider deficit on the goods account, increasing by \$19 million to \$314 million. Higher imports were associated mainly with basic materials and semi-manufactured goods. [Royal Gazette]

DEPORTATIONS - Five Grenadians were among the 32 nationals of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) who were deported from the United States last year, according to the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Annual Report.

St. Vincent and the Grenadines topped the list with ten deportees; five were Dominicans; and four each were from Antigua and



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Barbuda, St. Kitts and Nevis, and St. Lucia.

The five for Grenada was an increase when compared to the number deported in 2021 but a decrease from the 2020 figure. In those years, there were six and three, respectively. [CMC - CNW]

ST. VINCENT - Prime Minister Dr. Ralph Gonsalves says the illicit trade in firearms and light weapons, including assault weapons, is a priority threat to citizen security in St. Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG) and the rest of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM).

"There is a persistent demand in our countries for firearms and their continued use in the commission of crimes, including homicides," Gonsalves, who is also Minister of National Security, said in a ministerial statement to Parliament on Thursday.

SVG has recorded nine homicides so far this year, including two people killed by police. This follows a record bloody 2022 in which there were 42 homicides, the bulk of which involved the use of a firearm.

"The demand for firearms remains high in criminal groups and also with the civilian population for personal protection in response to increases in violence in some communities in our country and the rest of the CARICOM jurisdictions," Gonsalves said. [CMC - CNW]

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Through the Lens of The Sunny Side



RVIPF PARTNERS WITH SAFEHAVEN TO SUPPORT INJURED SCOOTER RIDER

Tuesday, February 28 – Bryshan Walters is well on his way to receiving his prosthetic leg thanks to the support of the Safe Haven Transitional Centre and officers of the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force Community Partnership Unit.Today's presentation of \$5,000 are funds raised as a result of a partnership forged by Safe Haven with the RVIRF community officers. The team sought donations from the community to purchase the artificial limb.(Photo Provided)(More on page 18)

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Students Explore their New Pastry-Making Skills

It was a sweet course that was hosted by the H. Lavity Stoutt Community College and the more than nine students that participated are excited to further explore their new pastry-making skills.

The Professional Baking and Pastry making course was instructed by Pastry Chef, Clint Creque, and students enrolled were tasked with the delicious assignment of creating lemon curd tarts. Some of thaaae course assignments included making a lemon curd tart that demonstrates individual creativity and is garnished with unique fruit garnishes.

As part of the course, participants were tasked to create from scratch. "Students utilized egg yolks, fresh lemons, sugar, salt, and butter. Each ingredient serves a critical purpose for thickening and flavoring. The egg yolks thicken the curd, similar to creme brûlée or butterscotch pudding," a representative from the H. Lavity Stoutt College stated.

Photo credit of plated pastry: H. Lavity Stoutt Community College







Dear Readers: Additional Meaningful Things to Give Up for Lent

TV: If it's become a way to escape the day or if it's taken place of quality time spent with God, your family, your friends, or working out, it really needs to go. Are the shows you're watching hindering your relationship with God or not?

Not exercising: Make this the time to get healthy. Sacrifice the time in front of the tv to be active. Take care of the body God gave you. Try Jazzercise, yoga, walks, sign up to train for a 5K. If you struggle with your emotions, especially anger, consider kickboxing.

Your morning latte and all forms of caffeine: Save the money and tithe to a specific fund at your church.

Replacing one of your mealtimes with reading the Bible.

Fast from a bad habit: Is it smoking? Late-night eating? Gossip?

Your phone: Instead of having it in your hand 24 hours a day, give it up. As soon as you get home from work, dock it somewhere in the house. Keep it out of your bedroom. Just because it's your only source of communication doesn't mean you have to ignore phone calls. Be sure to tell your friends and family you are giving up your phone at 6 p.m. so they know how to get a hold of you.

Social Media: All platforms. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram. ALL. OF. IT. If it's taken precedence over time with Jesus, friends, and family, if it makes you feel insecure, if you often have a case of FOMO, it's time. This is the perfect opportunity to surrender this "high place," this platform, this idol.

Conflict avoidance: It's never fun having a hard conversation with a coworker or family member, but avoidance only delays the pain.

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Ladyburd's Mail Box delseitaliburd@msn.com or

islandsunnewsp@gmail.com

Dear Ladyburd: My girlfriend and I went to a bar to have a nice quiet relaxing drink. I just met her a few months ago and thought that would be a good idea to get to know her a little better. Ladyburd, I made a huge mistake. This woman could not hold her liquor, and she started to behave as if she wanted to make love to me right there on the spot, she went and hug a guy she did not even know, and she kept dancing in the most provocative way, with everyone watching. I was never so embarrassed before. I took her home and I have not called her since. Was I wrong to take her home, without even checking on her, she lives with her sister? **Embarrassed**

Ladyburd....Dear Embarrassed: Do not beat up on yourself too much. Yes, you could have taken her somewhere else, other than a bar. However, you found out exactly what you wanted to find out. Now you know that she is not the type of woman you want to be with or to bring home to your parents or family. Do not believe however, that this is the way most women behave, and have a chip on your shoulder the next time you meet another woman you want to date, start with a blank slate and treat her as an individual, and do not think that all women are the same, you never know, the right one might be the next woman you meet. So don't give up, and please take the next woman you date to somewhere more classy, a bar is not the place.



Light Bulb Moments

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"You can cut all the flowers, but you cannot keep spring from coming." – Pablo Neruda

"Where flowers bloom, so does hope." - Lady Bird Johnson

"Spring evening, soft and balmy and beautiful. The smell of the earth rose

in the stillness like a dream cloud." – Anais Nin

Source:https://www. ourmindfullife.com/spring-quotes/



Hello, Spring!

The cold winter has passed, and now comes spring. The newly hatched baby birds will cause the mother birds to sing.

The warm sun comes out, little cherry blossoms are in bloom. Beautiful roses will open up and smell of sweet perfume.

The wind's soft breeze passes through the tall trees. There will be plenty of

work for the busy honey bees.

From flower to flower, they fly and buzz all day. Spring is that magical time during March, April, and May © Sal https://www.familyfriendpoems.com/ poem/hello-spring

Tickle My Funny Bones



Driving Test

A teenage boy had just passed his driving test and asked his father as to when they could discuss his use of the car. His father said he'd make a deal with his son, "You bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study your Bible a little and get your hair cut. Then we'll talk about the car" The boy thought about that for a moment, decided he'd settle for the offer and they agreed on it. After about six weeks his father said,

"Son, you've brought your grades up and I've observed that you have been studying your Bible,

but I'm disappointed you haven't had your hair cut." The boy said, "You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that, and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair, and there's even strong evidence that Jesus had long hair."

The father responded, "Did you also notice that they all walked everywhere they went?"

It Was Only A Dream

A man dreams that he is a chicken. He walks around the farm and is quite happy pecking on some corn.

Suddenly he feels a big pressure in his stomach. He asks the other chickens what it could be and he is told that this is quite normal. He just has to push and out will come an egg. So he does that. But even though the egg is out, he still feels a strong pressure.

So he asks the other chickens and they say that he has to push some more; that sometimes, chickens lay more than one egg. So he keeps on pushing and laying one egg after the other.

Suddenly he feels the whole world shaking like in an earthquake. Out of the sky comes a booming voice of his wife:

"What the heck! Wake up!!! You pooped all over the bed!!!"



"break a leg?"

Because every play has a cast."

Elmore Stoutt High School receives generous contribution



The Safe Haven Transitional Centre (SHTC), Ministry of Health and Social Development, along with the RVIPF BVI Community Policing Unit, the Interact Club of Road Town, collaborated with businesses and community members to make a generous contribution to the Elmore Stoutt High

School on 21st February 2023. The donation was aimed at promoting bike

safety and wearing helmets; and in sharing the importance of these safety measures Mr. McKenzie of the SHTC and Officer John of RVIPF shared a few words about road safety and the importance

Helmets were distributed to young men & candies of wearing a helmet. were given out to the students as a part of the love initiative.



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Foods to Stockpile to Reduce Grocery Spending

Whenever you read about frugality, you'll find a lot about what not to buy. Well, I'm going to tell you what you should buy. These are the items to stockpile when they go on sale.

With prices skyrocketing, it's important to know the prices of items you buy regularly so you know if you're getting a good deal. I seriously recommend keeping notes when you shop to record the prices of any items you purchase regularly.

Here are some of the goodies no pantry should be without:

Peanut butter: This pantry staple keeps a long time and is always handy. Stored in a cool, dry area, it'll last at least two years. Salad dressings: Especially Italian, Greek and Balsamic. Besides dressing salads, they make great marinades for meat, poultry and fish. You also use them to dress pasta, potatoes or steamed vegetables.

Condiments and sauces: Items like soy, teriyaki, barbecue, mustard and ketchup keep for a very long time and help with inspiration when it comes to meal planning.

Spices: Stored properly, avoiding light, heat and moisture, dried spices and herbs last one to two years.

Pasta: Watch for coupons and wait for sales. Properly stored, unopened packages last up to three years, so stock up!

Pasta sauce: The canned stuff still goes on sale for around a dollar. If you're like

me, you usually add stuff to it anyway -- a little onion, garlic and sausage. You know. There's your last-minute meal, ready and waiting.

Canned tomatoes: They come in lots of varieties, and store brands are terrific. Lycopene, the antioxidant found in tomatoes, is in its cell walls. Cooking tomatoes releases lycopene to do its work, so canned is healthier than fresh. They keep for about a year.

Dried and canned beans: Dried are most economical and remain at best quality two years or longer. Canned are ready immediately for quick meals.

Canned soups: Keep a few cream soups on hand for quick meal fixes and a few main dish soups on hand for emergency meals. Collect coupons for quality brands then wait for sales.

Frozen vegetables: When the price goes under the price per pound of the fresh veggies, it's time to pick

some up. Kept frozen, they remain at peak quality up to 12 months. Frozen meat and poultry: Again, watch for sales and put a few aside. Chubs and vacuum-packed ground meats freeze beautifully and take up minimum space.

Here's a quick and easy chili recipe made with pantry ingredients. This makes a base for meals like burritos, tacos or taco salad. Serve over baked potatoes, rice or pasta; make chili mac; or use as filling for omelets; or just eat it with tortilla chips.



Total Time: 10 minutes What You'll Need:

1 pound ground beef, pork or turkey

1 1/2 cups onion, chopped

2 tablespoons chili powder

1 tablespoon cumin

1 tablespoon dried minced garlic

1 (8-ounce) can tomato sauce

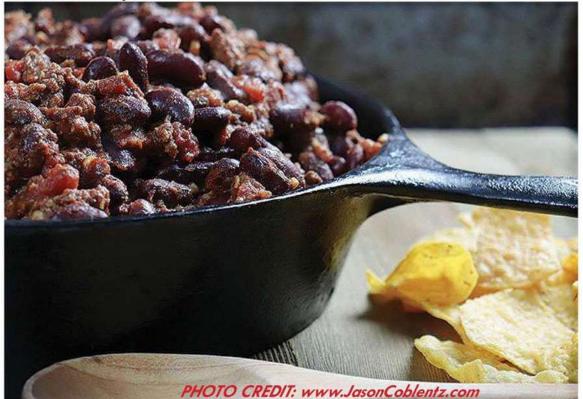
1 (15-ounce) can red kidney beans

Salt & pepper to taste

Here's How:

Heat skillet to mediumhigh. Place hamburger and onion in the skillet, occasionally. stirring While the hamburger cooks, open the beans and tomato sauce and rinse the beans. Set aside. When the meat is nearly done, drain the excess fat from the skillet. Add the chili powder, cumin, garlic, tomato sauce and beans. Stir to combine. Add salt and pepper to taste.

If you can budget a few dollars each month for stocking up on sale items, it will save you a bundle in the long run. c) 2023 King Features Synd., Inc.



POLICE NEWS

RVIPF MAKES APPEAL ON 1ST ANNIVERSARY OF LE' SHAUGHN SMITH MURDER

Friday, February 24 – Today marks the first anniversary of the murder of Le' Shaughn Smith who was shot and killed last year on 24 February and the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force is making yet another appeal for persons to help in identifying his assailant or assailants.

To date, there has been no one charged in this murder and therefore the perpetrator(s) are still at-large.

Initial investigations suggest that Le'Shaughn was outside his business place, Big Ballers Jeep and Car Rental, in Huntums Ghut around 10pm when gunshots were fired. He received a fatal wound. A masked male as well as several other persons were seen in the area at the time of the shooting. Police are appealing to anyone who may have information, no matter how insignificant, which can assist in the apprehension and conviction of those responsible.

Persons can confidentially call the CrimeStoppers line 800-8477 (TIPS) or overseas call 1-284-800-8477 with information about Le'Shaughn's murder or any of the recent murders in the Territory.

IDENTITY OF MURDER VICTIM ESTABLISHED

Monday, February 27 – The RVIPF Major Incident Team has established the identity of the male murdered in the parking lot across of U.P. Cineplex on Sunday, 12 February.

The body of Jahkeem Christopher, 23, a native of St. Vincent and the Grenadians who was visiting the BVI, was positively identified by family members residing on Tortola.

Detectives have so far charged one man, Hasani Frett, 37, of Greenland in his death. Frett faces the charges of murder, inflicting grievous bodily harm and possession of a firearm with intent to endanger life. He appeared before the Magistrate's Court and was remanded to HMP for his later appearance.

Detectives are aware that other persons were involved in the murder and are therefore seeking any information that could help with identifying the other assailants.

Persons can contact Crimestoppers tipline number anonymously at 800-8477 or 1-284 800-8477. Alternatively, persons can call 368-9345.

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

RVIPF PARTNERS WITH SAFEHAVEN TO SUPPORT INJURED SCOOTER RIDER

Tuesday, February 28 – Bryshan Walters is well on his way to receiving his prosthetic leg thanks to the support of the Safe Haven Transitional Centre and officers of the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force Community Partnership Unit.

Today's presentation of \$5,000 are funds raised as a result of a partnership forged by Safe Haven with the RVIPF community officers. The team sought donations from the community to purchase the artificial limb.

Director of the Centre Mrs. Nellville Bronstorph says Safe Haven dedicated the month of February to reach out to scooter riders with safety education in order to reduce incidents where riders are either killed or injured. The theme for the month is, "With love, ride safely and wear a helmet."

Eight helmets were distributed to scooter riders at the Elmore Stoutt High School as part of the activities.

Community Officers Acting Inspector Jacqueline Tom and Constable Mitchel John were both on hand for the presentation noting that while enforcement of the traffic laws is important for road users' safety, the RVIPF is also empathic to those who are injured.

Present were also Deputy Commissioner Jacqueline Vanterpool, Assistant Commissioner Pam Trevillion, and Acting Chief Inspector Dean Robin, along with Mrs. Bronstorph and other officers of the Safe Haven Transitional Centre. Bryshan and his mother, Felecia September, both shared their gratitude for the gift. Bryshan loss his right leg in a scooter collision in 2021.







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TRILLION REASONS

By Transparency International

Regardless of where in the world you're reading this, you're likely aware that it has been one year since Russia launched a full-scale invasion of Ukraine.

It unfortunately took a tragedy of this scale for Western governments to finally understand what a grave error it had been to ignore their dirty money problem. One year ago, they finally started to scrutinise some of the potentially illicit wealth stashed within their borders.

We have been following the work of the Russian Elites, Proxies, and Oligarchs (REPO) Task Force - created primarily

by G7 member countries shortly after the invasion of Ukraine - with particular interest. Investigations into complex financial crime cases have long been dogged by poor international cooperation, which means that this task force could be a promising new model for disrupting transnational corruption. That is why we have called on G7 leaders to look into expanding REPO's mandate to allow governments to share intelligence on investigations into corruption, money laundering and financial crime - on cases from beyond Russia, too.

However, we first need to understand how effective this effort has been in practice.

Every so often, a headline emerges about billions of dollars' worth of frozen assets - and that's not enough. First, they're likely only a fraction of all the suspicious assets, considering that it is estimated that at least US\$1 trillion

without investigations and enforcement actions, asset freezes are just a temporary inconvenience to these elites.

Transparency International recently wrote to the members of the REPO Task Force, outlining some of ouraa open questions. Among other things, we want to know how its members are cooperating and if they're sharing intelligence. Today, we are publishing our letter and calling on governments to be more forthcoming about the progress they have been making - and where their efforts have been failing.

We have a good idea about the problems that must be hampering their work. After all, across all these countries, authorities lack information, capacity and powers to track down illicit wealth. Against this backdrop, unofficial reports that the G7 is thinking about creating a new enforcement coordination mechanism are promising.

Their complacency with cross-border corruption made Western governments complicit in consolidation of a kleptocracy brazen enough to wage brutal wars. Are things finally starting

to change?

As the war in Ukraine grinds on, the government, its international partners and numerous observers are already planning for the eventual reconstruction of the country. These actors have a common concern in ensuring that corruption does not undermine the effectiveness of recovery programmes. The Anti-Corruption Helpdesk has published a new paper surveying emerging commentary and major proposals aimed at curbing corruption in Ukraine's reconstruction.

Transparency International is calling on governments that have pledged to track down sanctioned Russian elites' wealth to be publicly accountable about the measures they have taken

> over the past year - both individually and collectively. As the one-year anniversary of the invasion of Ukraine approached, Transparency International attempted to obtain information on Western governments' progress in tracing kleptocratic assets. The information we were able to gather so far indicates that governments need to get more serious about targeting illicit wealth stashed within their borders. They also need to collect and release the data in a more systematic manner, enabling civil society and the wider public to evaluate the impact of their efforts.

International Transparency approached over a dozen jurisdictions with requests for statistics on the sanctioned individuals and entities, frozen assets, and initiated legal proceedings. The responses we have received so far indicate that, despite high public

of Russian wealth is held offshore - dirty or clean. Secondly, interest, such information is not always readily available even to the agencies responsible for sanctions implementation. Concerningly, responsible agencies in Australia and the United Kingdom rejected our requests, citing lack of data or the need for significant manual work to extract it from various documents. The response received from France, while partial for now, stood in contrast with its guicker turnaround and level of detail that allows scrutiny by civil society. Awaiting further responses, Transparency International will release our findings at a later date.

> Earlier this month, Transparency International also sent a letter to governments making up the Russian Elites, Proxies, and Oligarchs (REPO) Task Force, urging them to provide a detailed account of progress as well as obstacles hampering their work. While the public is vaguely aware that assets worth billions have been frozen worldwide, we have yet to learn about the impact of this joint effort - including to assess its potential for the wider fight against transnational corruption.



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CORRUPTION

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by Dana Jackson

Q: Whatever happened to Patrisuccessful sitcoms, but I haven't seen her in anything since. Is she retiring from acting? -LA.

A: The talented Patrica Heaton has been blessed to star in not only one but two hit sitcoms in her life. She played exhausted wives on both "Everybody Loves Raymond" and "The Middle" for nine seasons each and then starred in "Carol's Second Act," but it was canceled after just one season.

Now she's bouncing back with another sitcom, which is yet to be named, with veteran comedy writers Carol Leifer ("Seinfeld") and Andy Gordon ("Modern Family"). According to Deadline, com, Heaton will play "the host of an upscale lifestyle show sent to prison for embezzlement and tax evasion. She gets out after two years, forgotten and broke, and moves to Tennessee to live with her estranged sister."

The show will be filmed in Nashville, where Heaton has a residence, and will air on Fox. The only thing stopping it is the potential of a writers strike if negotiations with the Writers Guild of America come to a halt when their contract is up for renewal in May.

While there aren't as many network sitcoms as there used to be, the few that have premiered in recent years have generated quite a loyal audience. "Abbott Elementary," "Ghosts" and "Night Court" all have already been renewed for another season before their current one has been completed.

Q:I remember when Chrishell Stause was a soap opera actress, but now she's on a reality show. Is she ever going to act again? -N.S.

A Chrishell Stause, who hails from Kentucky, made her acting debut on the ABC soap "All My Children" back in 2005. She went on to play Jordan on "Days of Our Lives" and Bethany on "The Young and the Restless," the latter soap in which she starred with her husband at the time, Justin Hartley. She supplemented her acting revenue by getting her real estate license and joined the Oppenheim Group, selling mansions in



Patricia Heaton ("The Middle" and "Everybody Loves Raymond")

Hollywood and being featured on Netflix's "Selling Sunset."

Justin Hartley became a household name with the hit drama "This Is Us," but he broke Stause's heart when he left her for another former "Y&R" star, Sofia Pernas, Stause was chosen to compete on "Dancing With the Stars" and is five seasons into "Selling Sunset," but she hasn't given up acting — she recently starred in the Lifetime movie "A Rose for her Grave: The Randy Roth Story."

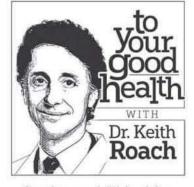
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Q: Is it true that "Titanic" is returning to theaters? Is it a remake? Who will play the leads? -S.M.

A: No remake is on the horizon, but the original "Titanic" has been remastered and made its way to theaters this February. James Cameron, director of the Oscar-nominated blockbuster "Avatar: The Way of Water," has redelivered "Titanic" to the big screen for its 25th anniversary with stars Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet. The running time is 3 hours and 15 minutes, which was an anomaly back in 1997.

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

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Statins and Thiazides Acutely Increase Blood Sugar, Risk of Diabetes

DEAR DR. ROACH: My question regards the results of my fasting glucose tests for the past couple of years. I am 81 and weigh around 150 pounds. The medications I am taking concern me, with relevance to the A1C levels of my quarterly blood work. My A1C levels have mostly been near mid-5%; the last showed 6%. Medications relevant to this that I am suspicious of are 100-12.5 mg of losartan/hydrochlorothiazide (HCTZ) and 20 mg of simvastatin. I have read that these medications can have an effect of raising blood glucose. My doctor is adamant that this does not exist, but it seems to me that there is a conflict on this.

Should I perhaps ask him to change those medications because of my blood sugar? I am concerned about issues with the thiazide and the statin. — *P.R.*

ANSWER: There isn't a conflict. You are absolutely right that both simvastatin (like all statins) and HCTZ (like all thiazides) increase blood sugar and the risk of diabetes. The risk, however, is small. For thiazides, the risk of high blood sugar seems tied to potassium levels - the lower the potassium, the higher the risk of diabetes. Interestingly, the losartan in combination with the HCTZ you are taking tend to raise potassium levels, so that combination may have a lower risk of worsening blood sugar levels than taking HCTZ alone. You are already taking the smallest effective dose of thiazide.

The risk of statins seems greater in higher doses and with more potent statins, like atorvastatin and rosuvastatin; however, the risk is still small. About one person in 100 treated with a high-dose intensive statin, such as 40 mg of atorvastatin for five years, would be expected to get diabetes, while a dosage of 20 mg of simvastatin would be expected to have an even lower risk.

The conflict isn't whether the increased risk exists (it does), but whether the treatments to prevent heart attack and stroke are worth the increased risk. For nearly all people, the benefit of keeping blood pressure and cholesterol under control greatly outweighs the small increased risk of diabetes.

Given your normal A1C level, I would say your risk is low, and I do not generally recommend changing treatment based on your concern over blood sugar.

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DEAR DR. ROACH: I am a 64-year-old man who recently had an ultrasound of my kidney to rule out any kidney stones. The utlrasound was negative for stones, but the radiologist noted a 2.3-cm echogenic nodule in the right lobe of my liver. The final impression was an incidental hemangioma in the liver. I was concerned, so I received an AFP (alfa-fetoprotein) test, which came back at 1.8 ng/mL.

Is an echogenic nodule/incidental hemangioma a reason to have further testing? — *M.S.*

ANSWER: Sensitive imaging studies, especially CT scans and MRIs, often reveal abnormalities that lead to a quandary of whether to get additional testing. For a mass found in the liver by ultrasound, if it is less than 3 cm and meets the radiologic criteria for a hemangioma, no further testing needs to be done in people at low risk for liver cancer (such as people with hepatitis C or cirrhosis). As long as these hemangiomas cause no symptoms, they do not get treated.

The alfa-fetoprotein test is a blood test that, when producing abnormally high results, helps signify several types of cancers, including hepatocellular carcinoma (classic liver cancer) as well as germ cell tumors (cancers of the reproductive cells, which usually occur in the gonads but can occur in the liver or elsewhere in the body). Your level is normal and not concerning.

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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By Lucie Winborne

 Think money doesn't grow on trees? Try telling that to a certain dog in Colombia. After seeing students pass money to a food stall attendant, the enterprising pooch began a regular practice of "paying" for dog biscuits with tree leaves.

 In a few American cities, Halloween was originally called "Cabbage Night." The name came from a Scottish fortune-telling game in which girls would use cabbage stumps to predict the identity of their future husband.

 Best-selling author Maya Angelou was San Francisco's first Black streetcar conductor.

• Sea sponges, like humans, sneeze to clear their internal filter systems. Unlike humans, such sneezes last about half an hour.

 In the 18th century, some wealthy folks with gardens decorated their plots with "ornamental hermits" — actual people whom they paid to dress like a Druid (however they took that to look) and wander around their estates.

• America's eighth president, Martin Van Buren, tried to keep a pair of tiger cubs given to him by the Sultan of Oman, but Congress made him send them to the zoo.

• The space between the bottom of a cabinet and the floor is called the toe kick.

 "Chess boxing" is a sport in which opponents alternate between rounds of chess and boxing until either competitor is checkmated or knocked out.

• In 2004, Alice Pike tried to use a fake \$1 million bill to purchase \$1,675 worth of merchandise at Walmart, expecting to receive change from the undoubtedly startled cashier. Well, she did think the bill was genuine ... as she remarked (from jail), "You can't keep up with the U.S. Treasury."

• The WD-40 Company never patented the WD-40 formula in order to avoid having to publicly disclose its tradesecret ingredients.

Thought for the Day: "Stay in your own lane. Comparison kills creativity and joy." — Brene Brown

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COMMENTARY

UK OVERSIGHT STEADIES AN UNRULY VESSEL



Dickson Igwe February 22, 2023

Wise residents fully understand that UK oversight of the Virgin Islands is required at this time. Complete culture change towards an honest society is the singular route to self-determination for the territory. Until then, UK oversight is necessary for the Virgin Islands

Observation of the House of Assembly of February 21 2023 and the proceeding back and forth of the Virgin Islands Media made this resident ponder. It was as if the Commission of inquiry into Virgin Islands Governance never happened, and nothing learned from the trauma.

There was even a hint at justification for some of the financial iniquities over contracts and such in past years. There appeared to be an attempt to taper over the seriousness of allegations made by the Public Commission. Treating as mere distraction, matters of gross financial misconduct is a culture of politicians.

There was evisceration and

avoidance of key matters of the recommendations for governance reform in debates.

OK. The preceding is unacceptable and risky. Why? Because it could trigger the suspension of the Virgin Islands Constitution by the Privy Council. The Privy Council is the final court of appeal in the UK and Overseas Territories, further serving the Commonwealth. Reform is most critical at this time. There can be no "foot dragging." Obfuscation is dangerous for the territory in its quest to avoid UK intervention. The avoidance of direct UK intervention in the form of constitutional suspension required swift and nimble footwork by the Virgin Islands Premier and his Advisers.

Now the erstwhile Prime of Barbados Minister is an avid student and observer of the past: brilliant intellectual. a pontifications Her on slavery, colonialism, and imperialism, coupled with a deep sense of injustice offer her deep respect in the southern hemisphere. The irony is that her assertions are very commonplace, especially black in postcolonial society.

The tendency to blame every evil in black majority societies such as these Virgin Islands on colonialism and racism is a very common "malarkey."

By Dickson Igwe

It is meaningless talk leading nowhere. These continuous ''sermons'' on an ugly past are in essence an excuse: a useful crutch. Colonialism and racism are the convenient bogeyman and scapegoat for a lack of integrity and dishonest governance in these countries.

The irony is that while black societies rage over supposed injustices committed over one hundred years ago, northern white majority states pursue honest governance and science, that alone lead to social prosperity.

Northern free societies are relatively honest and transparent in spite of incidences of corruption that also handicaps at intervals. The issue of honesty and corruption is one of degree. Most societies contain corruption in one form or another. The problem with black societies is the far greater degree of dishonesty inherent in the culture.

Colonialism has become a mask: a Band-Aid to cover corruption and poor governance. However, modern-postcolonial countries sink or swim on the quality of governance they possess, and on their social and economic cultures.

Honest cultures prosper because taxpayer cash is spent on the needs of those societies and not on "schemes" that benefit the governing elite. Worse still, stolen outright from national treasuries. Systemic dishonesty is expensive and ultimately disastrous: a country like Nigeria offers the best example.

When we all understandresident and native alikethe reality that honesty is the best policy, then we see the light at the end of the tunnel in terms of social and economic development: El Dorado. Developed societies learned this fact the hard way. Developing states in Africa and the Caribbean are still learning.

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Caribbean News / Regional News

interCaribbean to Increase Service to Saint Lucia from March 12, 202



February 27, 2023- The Saint Lucia Tourism Authority (SLTA) is pleased to announce that interCaribbean Airways will increase its service to Saint Lucia in March 2023.

interCaribbean began flying into Saint Lucia in March 2018 and had almost doubled its service per month by the end of the year. Throughout 2019, the airline maintained consistent service with up to 780 seats in a month. In 2022, the airline increased its market share by offering daily flights from Barbados and Dominica, with some days having double or triple the amount of flights.

The number of flights and seats

into Saint Lucia will increase come March 12, 2023, when the airline will introduce a 3 times a week non-stop service from Saint Vincent on Sundays, Tuesdays, and Fridays, making connectivity between the two countries much faster.

Flights from Dominica will also increase from 5 days a week to 6 days a week. In addition, the service will expand to provide more daily scheduled flights from Barbados.

Saint Lucia is a paradise island in the Caribbean and a top destination for travelers worldwide. The Saint Lucia Tourism Authority focuses on making travel to the island as easy and affordable as possible. "We are delighted to partner with InterCaribbean Airways to provide our guests with more convenient and affordable travel options. This partnership will help us increase inter-regional travel and welcome more visitors to Saint Lucia throughout the year," remarked Hon. Dr. Ernest Hilaire, Minister for Tourism, Investment, Creative Industries, Culture and Information.

"interCaribbean has served Saint Lucia, since 2018 with only the pandemic causing a hiatus in service. But with the reopening of the region in August 2020, and the opportunity to enter into Barbados began the new connectivity to add that city from Saint Lucia, along with connections to many other points. With high demand for travel to or through Saint Lucia, we recognized the need to separate some of the flying to increase available seats to Saint Lucia. Starting March 12 with our new schedule Saint Lucia will enjoy more capacity, both in flights and seeing the upsize of aircraft as we also introduce the ATR42 into the network. We look forward to continuing to work with Saint Lucia Tourism Authority as we strive to meet the demands of regional travel", said Trevor Sadler, CEO, interCaribbean Airways.

For more information about Saint Lucia and scheduled flights to the destination, please visit Caribcation.

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InterCaribbean Announces New Flights Connecting St Kitts and Barbados

Providenciales, Turks and Caicos, February 27, 2023: interCaribbean Airways is pleased to announce all new nonstop services from St Kitts to Barbados. These flights will connect with services to Dominica, Grenada, St Lucia, St Vincent and Georgetown, Guyana.

Service from the Barbados Grantly Adams International Airport is scheduled to commence on Sunday, 12 March 2023. An Embraer-120 aircraft with a seating capacity of 30 seats will service St. Kitts from Barbados three times weekly on Sunday, Wednesday and Friday.

We are incredibly proud as interCaribbean Airways integrates

St. Kitts in its current itinerary. As demand for travel increases, St. Kitts continues to build a strong reputation as a must-see destination. interCaribbean's partnership significantly strengthens connectivity between our neighboring Caribbean brothers and sisters. We continue to stay committed to advancing airlift to the island said Minister of Tourism, Marsha T. Henderson.

St. Kitts Tourism Authority continues to prioritize the increase of stayover visitation to the destination. With the successful launch of our "Venture Deeper" campaign, we are moving in the right direction. We are delighted to welcome new airlift to St. Kitts, especially at this critical time when regional connectivity has been limited. interCaribbean's service allows the destination to capitalize on the regional market as the destination can now implement key marketing strategies to make the Caribbean region our second largest market once again stated Chief Executive Officer of the St. Kitts Tourism Authority, Ellison "Tommy" Thompson.

Chairman, Mr. Lyndon Gardiner, stated "Launching this new route during regional recovery demonstrates our commitment to facilitating intra-regional connectivity. We are pleased to extend region travel options by adding the beautiful destination of St Kitts and Nevis to our network.

CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY (CARICOM) STATEMENT ON MISSION TO HAITI

(CARICOM Secretariat, Turkeyen, Greater Georgetown, Guyana - Tuesday, 28 February 2023): In keeping with the decision of CARICOM Heads of Government at their 44th Regular Meeting in Nassau, The Bahamas, 15-17 February 2023, a CARICOM Special Mission arrived in Haiti on Monday, 27 February 2023 for a one day working visit.

The mission, led by Prime Minister of Jamaica, the Most Honourable Andrew Holness, met with the interim Prime Minister of Haiti, Honourable Dr. Ariel Henry, the Director General of the Haitian National Police and with a variety of stakeholders including representatives of the High Transition Council, Political Accords, Political Parties, Civil Society, Religious Groups, and the Private Sector.



This Mission was the first opportunity for CARICOM officials to observe the situation on the ground and directly engage stakeholders in the continuing search for a solution to the ongoing situation in Haiti. The complex socio-economic and political challenge is characterized by protracted instability and destabilizing gang violence.

The delegation comprised representatives of The Bahamas, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, CARICOM Implementation Agency for Crime and Security (IMPACS), and the CARICOM Secretariat. It included the Honourable Kamina Johnson-Smith, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of Jamaica; the Honourable Wayne Munroe, Minister of National Security of The Bahamas and his colleague the Honourable Keith Bell, Minister of Labour and Immigration; the High Commissioner of Trinidad and Tobago to Canada, His Excellency Dennis Moses; the Executive Director of the CARICOM IMPACS, Lt. Col. Michael Jones; and the Chef de Cabinet in the office of the CARICOM Secretary-General, Dr. Tres-Ann Kremer.

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Snowstorms Flank US, with Northeast, California Digging Out



People visit Mount Diablo State Park in Walnut Creek, California, Feb. 27, 2023.

Heavy snow bookended the United States on Tuesday, with a lateseason storm bringing a messy morning commute to the Northeast and California residents digging out, or in some cases simply stranded, after yet another storm. While not a blockbuster storm by regional standards, the Northeast felt what could end up being the most significant snowfall of what has so far been a mild winter. The brunt of the storm hit Boston as the Tuesday morning commute commenced.

A winter storm warning covered parts of the Northeast, including Connecticut, New York, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Rhode Island, with heavy snow forecast through Tuesday afternoon.

Most of the nation's flight cancellations or delays were concentrated in the Northeast early Tuesday. There were about 450 flight cancellations in the U.S. and over 500 delays, according to FlightAware.com.

Boston could get 5 inches (13 centimeters), according to the weather service. As much as 10 inches (25 centimeters) were forecast in western Massachusetts and parts of Connecticut and Vermont.

Dozens of school districts in Massachusetts closed or delayed opening, WCVB-TV reported. Massachusetts Gov. Maura Healey directed all nonemergency state employees in the executive branch to stay home Tuesday, her office said.

By early Tuesday, parts of New York City saw an inch or so of snow — some of the first snow to stick to the ground this season. The worst was over before sunrise, and a mix of snow and rain was expected Tuesday morning in the city, making for a slippery commute, NY1 reported.

At the other end of the country, California dug out yet again.

San Bernardino County, east of Los Angeles, declared a state of emergency amid the latest snow event after many mountain residents were trapped in their homes over the weekend. Heavy snow stranded hundreds of motorists at higher elevations, KTLA-TV reported.

Dozens of elementary school children were stranded at a science camp in Crestline for nearly a week, but buses escorted by the state highway patrol eventually evacuated them, the TV station reported. The county fire department used "specialized snow vehicles" to reach people who need critical medical care.

The new series of storms arrived even as parts of California were still digging out from last week's powerful storm, which added to a massive snowpack left by a siege of "atmospheric rivers" in December and January.

A cold weather alert was declared for valley and mountain areas north of Los Angeles as overnight temperatures were expected to plunge below freezing for much of the week. Shelters were opened for residents without access to warmth.

While the mountainous areas around Los Angeles tried to dig out, rain fell on lower elevations of California, near the Pacific Coast. Storms were to continue moving through the state until the end of Wednesday. Blizzard warnings were in effect in the Sierra Nevada range in California and Nevada. An avalanche warning was issued for the backcountry around Lake Tahoe, where up to 6 feet (1.8 meters) of snow was expected over the next two days in the upper elevations and gale-force winds could create waves up to 5 feet (1.5 meters) high on the lake, the National Weather Service said.

State offices across northern Nevada, and the Nevada Legislature in Carson City, shut down.

The northbound side of Interstate 5, the West Coast's major northsouth highway, closed amid the weather and was littered with disabled vehicles about 90 miles (145 kilometers) south of the Oregon line. Interstate 80 was closed due to blizzard conditions. While not expecting a blockbuster storm by regional standards, southern New England felt what could end up being the most significant snowfall of what has so far been a mild winter. The brunt of the storm was hitting just as the Tuesday morning commute commenced.

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Chicago Mayor Lightfoot Taking On 8 Rivals in Reelection Bid CHICAGO —

Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot is fighting for reelection Tuesday after a history-making but tumultuous four years in office and a bruising campaign threaten to make her the city's first one-term mayor in decades.

Lightfoot in 2019 became the first Black woman and first openly gay mayor of the third-largest U.S. city, and only the second woman to hold the office. But Lightfoot, a former prosecutor and head of a city police review board, now faces serious challenges from multiple candidates, who have hammered her over crime that spiked during the COVID-19 pandemic and a leadership style they say is unnecessarily combative.

With none of the nine candidates likely to receive over 50% of the vote, the race is expected to move to an April runoff between the top two vote-getters. Lightfoot may not be among them.

Lightfoot has touted her record of investing in neighborhoods and supporting workers, such as by increasing the minimum wage to \$15 an hour. She also notes that the city has navigated unprecedented challenges such as the pandemic and its economic and public safety fallout to protests over policing.

"The world is very different than it was four years ago. I believe that I'm still the right person and I think the voters will validate that, but we've been through a lot," Lightfoot said after a rally on the city's west side during the final days before the election. "We can't go back."

Lightfoot's top rivals include Paul Vallas, who has run as the law-and-order candidate with support from the city's police union and promises to put hundreds more officers on the streets, and U.S. Rep. Jesus "Chuy" Garcia, who forced then-Mayor Rahm Emanuel to a runoff in 2015. Brandon Johnson is endorsed by the Chicago Teachers Union, a group that has tangled with Lightfoot, including during an 11-day teachers strike in her first year in office.

If Lightfoot loses on Tuesday, she would be one of the few big-city mayors in recent history to lose their reelection bid. That's particularly true in the first round of voting, when incumbents generally enjoy an advantage.

'This election is different'

But this election is very different, said Constance Mixon, a lifelong Chicago resident and political science professor at Elmhurst University. Of the 10 largest U.S. cities, Chicago is the only place without mayoral term limits, which may make voters in other cities more willing to give an incumbent one more term, Mixon said.

Lightfoot also is the first mayor of a major U.S. city to face reelection following the pandemic, recession and the crime wave that's occurred in many places, she said. "I suspect that other mayors — and we've got a handful of them that are up this year, but after Lightfoot — are going to face many of the same challenges as Lightfoot," she said.

Race also is a factor as candidates court votes in the highly segregated city, which is closely divided in population among Black, Hispanic and white residents. Lightfoot, Johnson and five other candidates are Black, though Lightfoot — who is hoping strong support from Black voters will help propel her to victory — has argued that she is the only Black candidate who can win. Garcia, the only Latino in the race, would be Chicago's first Hispanic mayor, while Vallas is the only white candidate in the field.

Lightfoot has accused Vallas of using "the ultimate dog whistle" by saying his campaign is about "taking back our city," and of cozying up to the president of the Fraternal Order of Police, whom she calls a racist. A recent Chicago Tribune story also found Vallas' Twitter account had liked racist tweets and tweets that mocked Lightfoot's appearance and referred to her as masculine.

Vallas denied his comments were related to race and says his police union endorsement is from rank-and-file officers. He also said he wasn't responsible for the liked tweets, which he called "abhorrent," and suggested someone had improperly accessed his account.

But Lightfoot and some of her supporters see some of the criticism of her leadership as motivated by racism, sexism and anti-gay sentiment.

"No other mayor has been asked to change this city within four years," said city Treasurer Melissa Conyears-Ervin, who is Black, and noted that white mayors like Emanuel and Richard Daley served multiple terms. "When we get in the game, the rules change."

At a weekend campaign stop, Vallas said he is focused on things like public safety, Chicago's "demoralized" police department and the number of residents "fleeing" the city's school district.



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OOTBALL

When Cassandra "Coach Cass" Gregg woke up on Saturday morning and saw dark clouds followed by a downpour, she wasn't feeling 100%. The start of the BVI Football Association's Women's Football Festival was just hours away, knowing that the event had attracted girls from Virgin Gorda and around Tortola. "But then my spirits lifted and things went smoothly," she reflected following the event, which had a 2-hour delay because of inclement weather.

When introduced as the last member of the Women's Committee during the Festival's opening ceremony, Gregg writhed and held back tears, following a surprise recognition for her 30year contribution to Football, from her Women's Committee colleagues, to kick off the Festival in Greenland on Saturday.

Gregg, who has developed 17 men who have played on the BVI Sr. National team, has a goal of attracting 100 girls in Football by Dec 31 this year, was caught off guard by the accolade.

"All in all, I really do really appreciate it. At one time, I wanted to drop a tear but held it back. I hate surprises," Gregg stated. "(But) I'm

happy and it's good to know that there's still good people on this earth. Thanks to the executive of the Women's Committee and all the sponsors who helped to recognize me. I do appreciate it." Gregg said that the inclement weather hampered the turnout as she was expecting 75 participants or more. The overall program had to be adjusted because of the 2-hour delay.

"We didn't really get into much of the skills part because of the weather, but from the games, "Some are past 50% and some of them need a lot of improvement and some are above 30%, so we're getting there slowly. We had 50 something so that's a good turnout, despite the weather.'

Women's Committee Chair Lil Makeda Fahie, said despite the delays with the weather, the Festival was very interactive and fun.

"The girls definitely seemed to have had a great time as well and I enjoyed getting back on the field as well," she said. "I haven't played since last year when we played Haiti and kicked a ball, so I enjoyed getting back into it today as well." Fahie said she loved playing against the younger girls who challenged their older counterparts. "I like competition and loved playing against the younger girls and they thought they would have had the upper hand on us older women," Fahie said. "Some of the smaller-in physique-they were very willing to challenge us bigger women and I really, really liked that and some of them were really skilled on the ball as well, so that's very promising."

Millie Cottreau said after the sun came out, the festival was a fun day. "Some of the players are starters and it's really good to see some of them come here to play," she said. "I hope they can get so much better and they can go on national teams too."

Eva Carey said she heard of the festival, and thought it would be a lot of fun, as she didn't know many girls who play football outside of a small group at Cedar School. "I thought it would be cool to see other people and it's fun," she said. "Football is a very fun game, it gives you lots of opportunities in life. You always get second chances even if you lose your last game, or the game before that, it always gives you chances."

Virgin Gorda's lantha Creque, said she thought the festival was a great experience for beginners or girls interested in football. "It was actually fun and I look forward to playing on the women's national team," she said. "It was different and I think it's a good experience to be socializing with so many different people you haven't seen before and get to know them through the activities."

Kyla Flax, also of Virgin Gorda who plays on her Bregado Flax Educational Center Boys team, said that she liked seeing a lot of girls coming out and playing football, so that they could experience it, return and do more. "I'd like to see them going to practice, kicking the ball more, taking the ball home, doing some juggling and staying involved in football," she said. "Those are the things I do to get better."

Rhe'nyiah Davis described the festival as being 'nice' pointing out that all the girls could interact and become better companions with each other. "I learned how to pass and how to cooperate with the other girls," she said.



By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

Caption: Cassandra "Coach Cass" Gregg, displays a plaque honoring her 30 years in Football

Taaxhanae Williams said that she had an opportunity to make new friends and the event was fun. "When we were practicing, we learnt to do tick tack and run faster," she said. "I had a good time. Football can take you a lot of places and you can meet a lot of famous people."

VOLLEYBALL

Gunz used a straight set 25-15, 25-17 and 25-17 victory over Raw Power, to close out the opening weekend of the Virgin Islands Volleyball Association Power League on Sunday night at the Multipurpose Sports Complex.

Coach Eric Brathwaite said every two years, Gunz tries to replenish players just to expand the sport.

"Youngsters who have options who are very athletic-whether it's basketball or any other sport-we try to bring them in a season with our seasoned mature players, build their confidence, so you can get a good national team player out of this, who knows," he told Island Sun Sports. "Gunz always, always tries to do that, so with this young team, it's a challenge as

Gunz close Volleyball opening weekend with 3-0 win over Raw Power By Dean "The Spi

a coach to find where each and every one possess their strength, the courage, confidence and we build them up. We have a nice mix here with some youngsters, we might go to championships, but definitely next year, check us out.' When asked how the new players are blending, Brathwaite said they 'have the right spirit' and the athleticism is there. "I'm just trying to guide them and once we guide them in, we have good potential."

Raw Power's player coach Clyde Potter, said his team is composed of 'lots of rookies' and they're going to build the team into a 'future power.'

"We need to work on more practices and fundamental skills," he said. "I think when we come (back) next game, we'll be more competitive. We also have to improve our passing, attacking and communication as well."

In the other men's action, Canice Marquis and Javin Wattley had 14 kills respectively, in leading defending champions Dream Team past the Hawks , 25-16, 15-10 and 25-5 during Saturday's season opener.

In Women's play, Raw Power needed five sets to overcome stubborn Phoenix Red in a see saw battle, 20-25, 25-21, 24-26, 26-24 and 15-12 on Saturday. Henrietta "Henri" Alexander, had 19 kills and a game high 21 digs, to go with six aces and five blocks for Raw Power. Tamisha Georges had 19 kills and 12 digs.

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway



A Gunz player goes for the kill against Raw Power

Tye Hawkins had 29 kills and 14 digs for Phoenix Red, while Shauliqua Fahie finished with a 17 kills, 10 blocks and 15 digs triple double. Amadonna Creese finished with 16 kills and 16 digs to go with

six aces.

Elite overpowered Kissmyace, 25-18, 19-25, 25-16 and 25-14. Sharonda Pickering and Makaila Powell, each had seven kills.

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Sports Minister Sharie deCastro, left and BVIFA Women's Committee Chair, Lil Makeda Fahie, presents a plack to Cassandra "Coach Cass" Gregg, for her 30 years in Football.



Cassandra "Coach Cass" Gregg, giving instructions to U9 Girls at Women's Football Festival



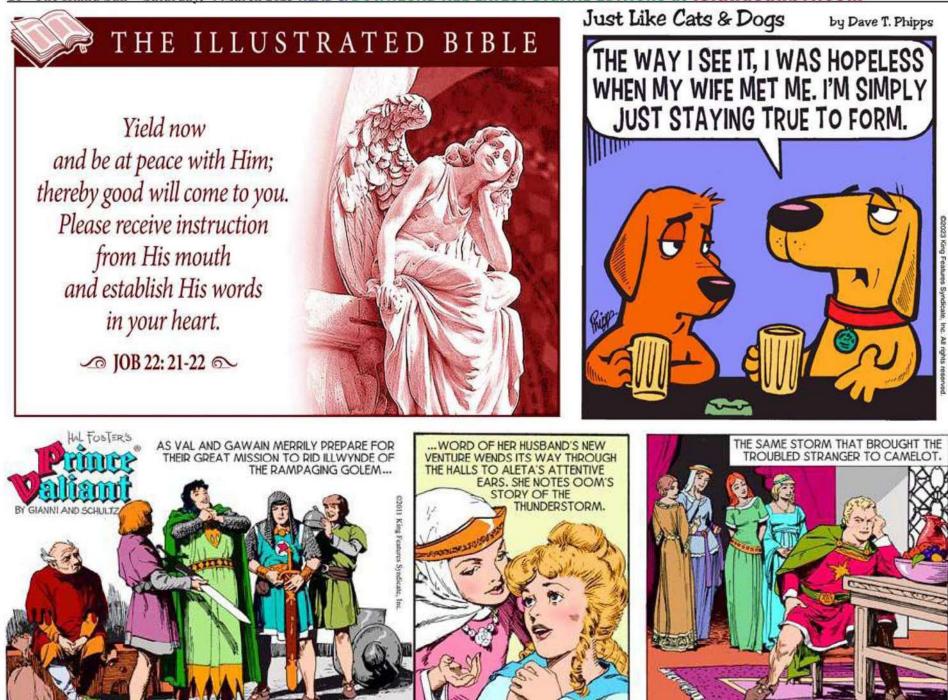
The BVI Cycling Federation season opened Sunday with a race on Beef Island



The Gunz's Khamal Panchoo, left, tries to hit the ball above his Raw Power opponents, Nixon Hamilton, right and Alric Smith



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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Seeing the silly side of some really ridiculous situations helps give the Lamb a new perspective on how to handle them. Some important contacts can be made this weekend.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Try to complete your outstanding tasks by midweek. This leaves you free to take advantage of new possibilities — both professional and personal — opening up by week's end.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) With both your creative side and energy levels rising this week, you should be able to tackle that too-long-neglected project again. A family member might have important news.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) An explanation you requested seems to be more confusing than enlightening. You should insist on clarifications now, rather than dealing with problems that might arise later.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your energy levels might be ebbing a bit. But that's no excuse for taking catnaps when you could be working on those unfinished tasks. There'll be time to curl up and relax by week's end.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) It's a good time to get those ideas out of your head and into a readable format if you hope to turn them into something doable. In other news, a good friend is ready with worthwhile advice.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Careful — you might be stepping into dangerous territory if you decide to exaggerate the facts too much. Remember: The truth speaks for itself and needs no embellishment.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Although your workplace successes have earned you many admirers, there are some colleagues who are not among them. Be careful how you proceed with your new project.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You might have to go into great detail to explain why you're currently reluctant to make changes to an already prepared plan. Be sure you have all the facts to back yourself up.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Travel plans might still be uncertain. But instead of getting upset about the delay, open yourself up to other possibilities and begin checking out some alternative destinations.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Changing conditions might require you to alter some of your plans. While you might be agreeable to this, be prepared with explanations for those who do not want changes made.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Although you might have to deal with some detractors who aren't too kind in their critiques, you gain points in your favor when you're willing to stand up and defend your work.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a gift for creating a warm and loving environment between yourself and others.



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2. Which of Jesus' disciples walked on the water with Him? *Andrew, Peter, James, John*

3. From the Bible, who interpreted the handwriting on the wall? *David*, *Joseph, Daniel, Belshazzar*

4. Who was the other man on trial with Jesus that the crowd freed? Barnabus, Barabbas, Pontius, Caesar

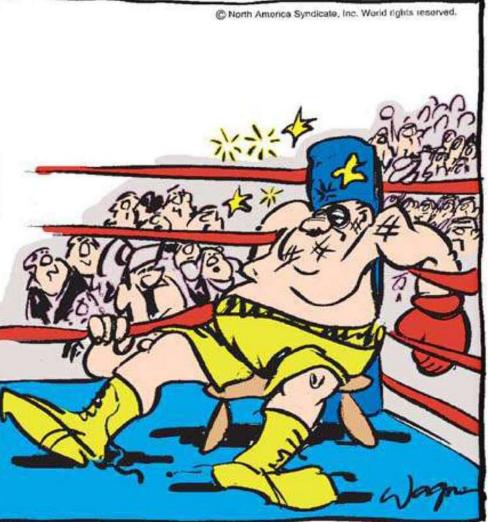
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6. Where did the Lord tell Jonah to go? Jericho, Ninevah, Jerusalem, Israel

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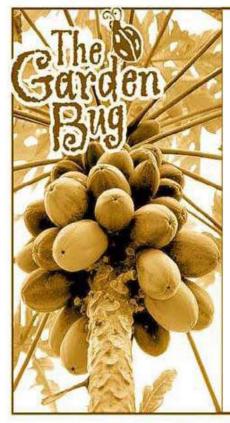
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"Hang on one more round ... I've got 12 more bags of peanuts!"





Growing papaya

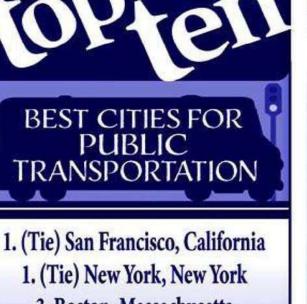
For these plants you will need a frost-free climate, lots of sunlight, water and very good soil. Cut a papaya in half, scrape out the seeds, and sow them in the location you've chosen. Some will be "male" (long, thin stalks with several small blooms) or "female" (single blooms, bigger, and very close to the trunk); you only need one male for every 10-15 female plants. They flower at about 3 feet tall. You may be picking the first ripe fruit within 10 months. – Brenda Weaver



HUBERT - - By Dick Wingert



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



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THE WAR ON UKRAINE IS NOW A GLOBAL WAR

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)

The people of Ukraine are the principal victims of the unjustified and unprovoked war, launched against them by Russia on February 24, 2022. But in the year since then, it has become clear that other victims - on a different scale - have been all the nations of the world, particularly the small, poor and powerless.

When the Russian tanks rolled into Ukraine, the global economy was still struggling from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic that had battered economies around the world, especially those of developing countries. The supply of food and other goods had been severely affected by border closures, ships trapped in ports, airplanes grounded, and the resultant high costs of scarce goods. One year later the global economy is in much worse shape as a consequence of Russia's war. Inflation rates are soaring and the cost of living everywhere has increased dramatically. These rising costs of finance, energy and food, and a debt burden that has expanded, have pushed some countries to the edge of bankruptcy.

In a real sense, therefore, the Russian war is a war against the world, and while the people of Ukraine are the main sufferers, the peoples of other countries have not been spared. This war is no longer a "European war", nor is it only a contest for supremacy between Russia and the member states of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, it is a war that engulfs every nation with grave consequences.

When Russia embarked on its war against Ukraine, it violated sacred principles that are enshrined in the United Nations Charter. Those principles, which are highly valued by small and powerless states, are sovereignty, political independence and territorial integrity.

> As one of the 5 permanent members of the UN Security Council, which has responsibility for collective

security, the Russian government was well aware of these principles. Yet, with no justification for its aggression and no provocation, it launched its war on Ukraine. Today, it stands responsible for the humanitarian crisis that its actions have caused in Ukraine, including rape and murder of civilians, and destruction of civilian objects and the natural environment.

The world community depends upon a rules-based system for collective international security, and to ensure that order prevails in a predictable way to avoid wars and economic chaos. It is in the interest of every country in the international community, including those that are powerful in military and economic terms, to adhere always to a system of rules. For, while short-term national objectives might be achieved by breaking the rules, eventually such actions are not sustainable.

By its aggression in Ukraine, Russia has significantly weakened the rulesbased system upon which the world depends, particularly the small, the poor who are the least resilient.

The war is having an enormous impact on the global supply chain, impeding the flow of goods, fuelling huge increases in the cost of food creating catastrophic food shortages. There are now protests and riots in many parts of the world over the rising cost of living and the immense difficult people face in trying to make ends meet. These protests and riots are directed at their own governments, even though none of these conditions were a result of any policy decision taken or implemented by them.

Many governments, around the



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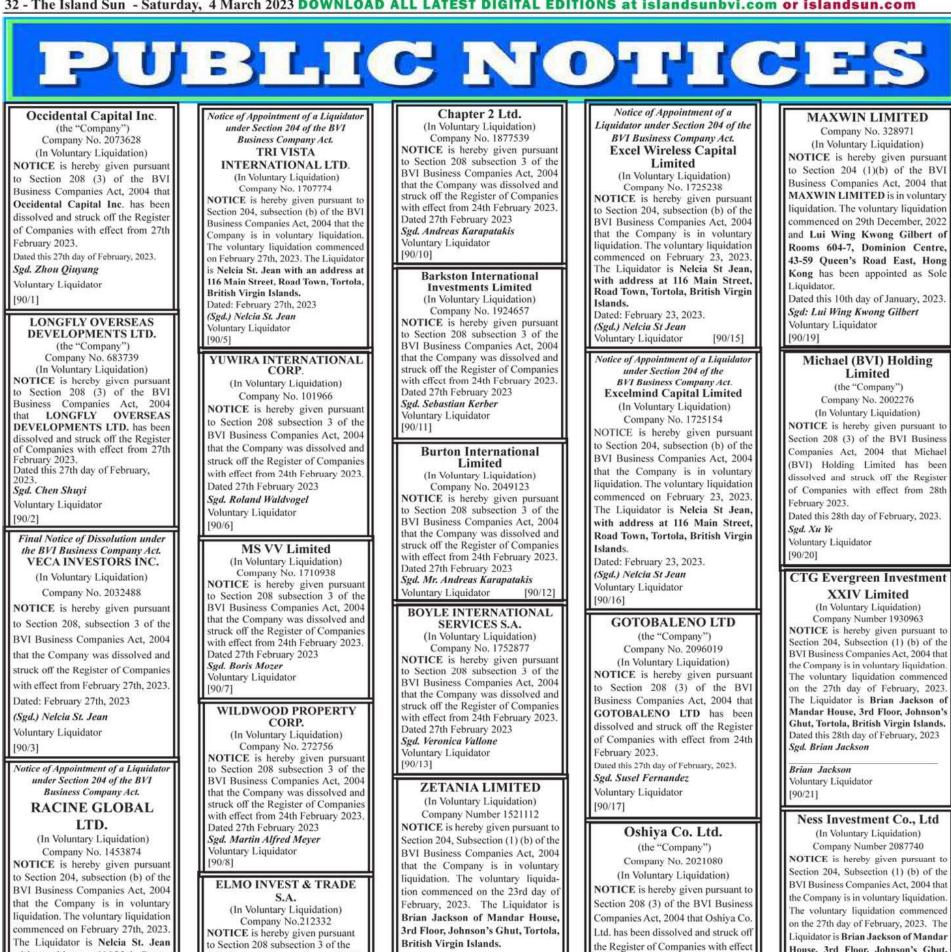
world, are now hapless victims of Russia's decision to wage a war against Ukraine. Further, having already accumulated a heavy debt burden, resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, the rise in interest rates in global commercial market, have rendered debt unpayable, except by diverting money from domestic social welfare and capital projects. These governments now find themselves having to pay high interests on new loans. Many are spending as much as 45 per cent of their export earnings to service existing debt obligations. Some will fail, and the world might be confronted with yet another debt crisis.

Let it be said, however, that the greatest victims in terms of loss of lives and livelihoods, and the decimation of their country are the Ukrainians. They are fighting for their identity, their territory and their survival. They deserve the admiration and support of the world for their courage, their strength and their resistance. Right now, the world needs peace to overcome the immediate harmful effects of this war; lasting peace is what the world will need to recover from the impact of the war on their economies and their people. More than anything else, the world needs renewed commitment by every nation to end the scourge of war, and to renew inclusionary engagement on supporting peace, including economic stability and predictability, and an end to dealing with territorial claims peacefully and within international law.

Russia needs that peace as much as Ukraine and the rest of the world. A great deal of Russian treasure is being spent on this war, which, after a year, has not given Russia the swift victory its government expected. The lives of Russian soldiers are being lost, and Russians are fleeing their country, depriving it of needed skills and talent. Russia, like Ukraine, will also suffer a prolonged period of agony, whenever the war ends, before it can recover from this unprovoked war. Ending the war swiftly and returning to the principles of the UN Charter, are in every country's interest.



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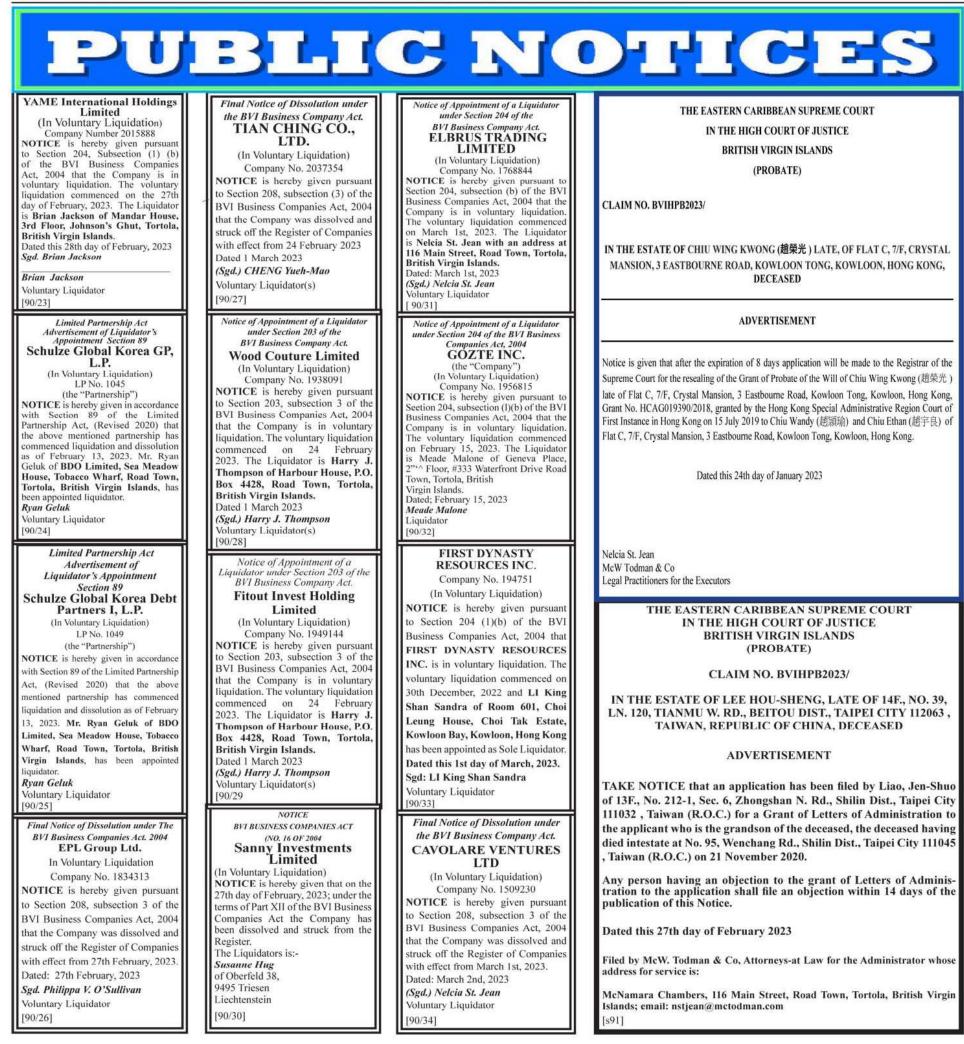
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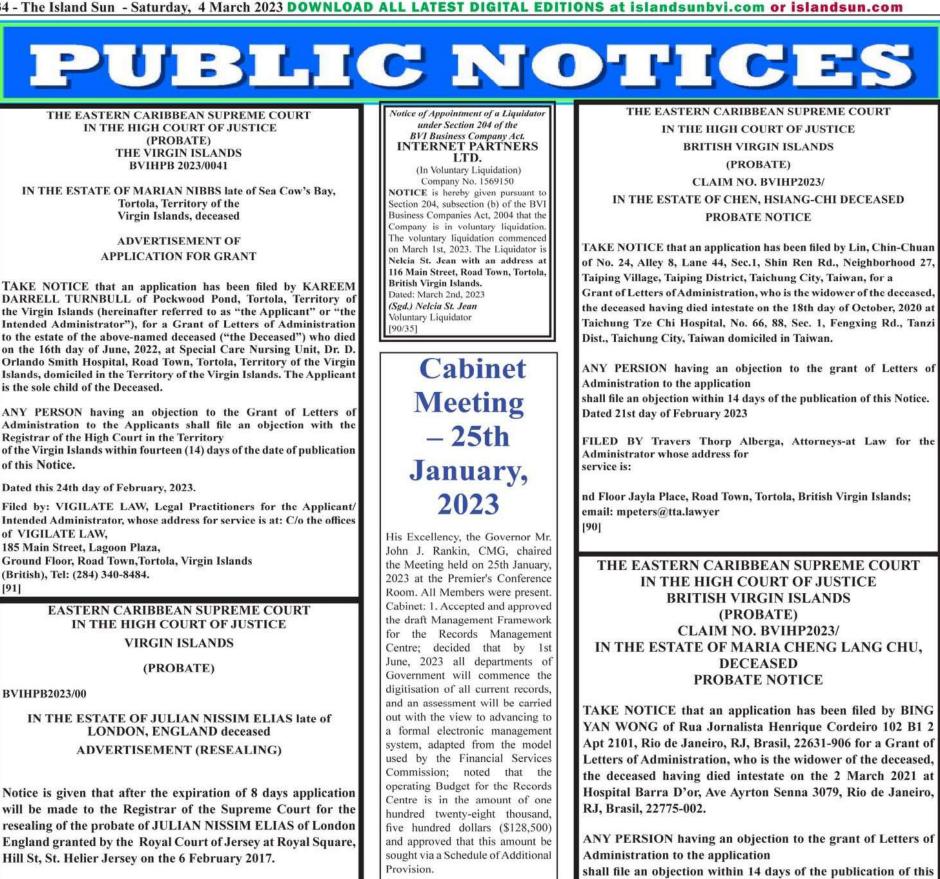
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Trevelyan family apologizes and offers reparation fund to be managed by The UWI

The UWI Regional Headquarters, Jamaica W.I. Monday, February 27, 2023—As the global reparatory justice programme advances as one of the greatest political movements of the 21st century, another British citizen, having traced her ancestral past, has apologized and offered reparations.

BBC correspondent, Laura Trevelyan learned that her ancestors were plantation owners in Grenada in the 19th century and enslaved more than 1,000 Africans on five sugar estates. She and other members of her family have committed to giving £100,000 to establish a fund that will be managed by The University of the West Indies (The UWI). She will also give remarks and a public apology on behalf of her family at a Reparations Forum hosted by the Grenada National Reparations Committee (GNRC) and The University of the West Indies on Monday, February 27. The Forum will be held at the Grenada Trade Centre from 11.30 a.m. (Eastern Caribbean) and streamed live via UWItv.

Laura and her family members having consulted with Vice-Chancellor of The UWI, Professor Sir Hilary Beckles and learning of the CARICOM Ten Point Plan for Reparatory Justice, have collaborated with the GNRC and The UWI to launch a reparatory research fund with the proceeds of the £100,000 payment.

As an activist institution, The UWI continues its championing of reparatory justice leading greater advocacy, consciousness-raising and the support the CARICOM Ten Point Plan through the University's Centre for Reparation Research (CRR). This is continued evidence of the regional academy's pursuit of social justice as part of its core mission.

The UWI ushered a new era in the global reparations movement in 2019 as part of the first-ever Caribbean Reparatory Justice initiative with Glasgow University in Scotland. That led to the establishment of the Glasgow-Caribbean Centre for Development Research, representing a 20-year commitment of a £20 million investment. In 2021, this was followed by the personal reparatory gift from the late Brigitte Freeman, another British citizen, who in acknowledgement and apology for her family's involvement in slavery, contributed US\$500,000 to the University's Global Giving development fund.

In addition to Laura Trevelyan's apology, the February 27 Reparations Forum will feature addresses by the Hon. Dickon Mitchell, Prime Minister of Grenada, Professor Sir Hilary Beckles who also serves as Chairman of the CARICOM Reparations Commission, Arley Gill, Chair of the GNRC, and Dr Nicole Phillip-Dowe, GNRC's Vice-Chair and Deputy Director (Ag.) of The UWI Open Campus Country Sites (OCCS).

The proceedings can be viewed via UWltv on local FLOW EVO channels, www.uwitv.org OR www.facebook.com/UWItv



The Caribbean Tourism Organization cordially invites you to a press conference on Caribbean Tourism Performance and Outlook on March 7, 2023, at 10:30 am. (AST)

A review of the performance of the Caribbean tourism industry in 2022 will be presented along with forecasts for the sector in the year ahead. Speakers are Hon. Mr. Kenneth Bryan, Chair of the CTO Council of Ministers and Commissioners of Tourism and Minister of Tourism and Transport, Cayman Islands and Mr. Neil Walters, Secretary General (Acting), CTO.

This event begins at 10:30 am (AST) at the CTO head office at 7th Floor, Baobab Tower, Warrens, St. Michael, Barbados.

Overseas media are invited to attend via Zoom and can register using the link below.

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN

The press conference will also be streamed live on the CTO Facebook page:

https://www.facebook.com/CaribbeanTourismOrganization

We hope you can join us and look forward to welcoming you.

About the Caribbean Tourism Organization

The Caribbean Tourism Organization (CTO), which is headquartered in Barbados, is the Caribbean's tourism development agency comprising membership of the region's finest countries and territories including Dutch, English, French and Spanish-speaking, as well as a myriad of private sector allied members. The CTO's vision is to position the Caribbean as the most desirable, year-round, warm weather destination, and its purpose is Leading Sustainable Tourism -One Sea, One Voice, One Caribbean. Among the benefits to its members the organization provides specialised support and technical assistance in sustainable tourism development, marketing, communications, advocacy, human resource development, event planning & execution and research & information technology.

The CTO's Headquarters is located at Baobab Tower, Warrens, St. Michael, Barbados BB 22026; Tel: (246) 427-5242; E-mail: CTObarbados@caribtourism.com. For more information on the Caribbean Tourism Organization, please visit www.OneCaribbean.org and follow CTO on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn to be part of the conversation.

PUBLIC NOTICES

IN THE MATTER OF THE REGISTERED LAND ACT, CAP. 229 OF THE LAWS OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS AND IN THE MATTER OF MARION OTTALESE SKELTON AND REPUBLIC BANK (BVI) LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that in exercise of the power of sale conferred on the Chargee by the Registered land Act, Cap. 229 of the Laws of the Virgin islands and in right of the said power vested in REPUBLIC BANK (BVI) LIMITED, the Chargee by virtue of a certain Charge of the undermentioned land created by MARION OTTALESE SKELTON as Chargor and REPUBLIC BANK (BVI) LIMITED as Chargee and registered in the Land Register of the Virgin Islands as an encumbrance in the register relating to the said land, REPUBLIC BANK (BVI) LIMITED will put up for sale by public auction at the office of McW. Todman & Co., Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands on Wednesday the 22nd day of March 2023 at 3:00 p.m. Reserve Price: \$600,000.00.

ALL THAT piece of parcel of land together with the dwelling house thereon situate at Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands containing 0.50 of an acre and described in the Land Register of the Virgin Islands as Parcel #140 of Block #2936B of the Road Town Registration Section.

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Dated the 24 February 2023.

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Handover Of Community Centre In Collaboration With Paho And The EU

A pleasant Good Morning to all the people of the Virgin Islands, especially those of you who are with us in person and those joining us online.

This is a very special week for us. Yesterday, we had the handing over of two SMART Community Centres - the Valerie O. Thomas Community Centre in Sea Cows Bay and the Gertrude and Christiana Warner Community Centre. in Purcell Estate. Today, we are here in Anegada for the handing over of the Emille Dunlop Community Centre.

These are important milestones in our journey of recovery from Hurricanes Irma and Maria in 2017, and as we continue to push forward with sustainable development and building our resilience.

All of these facilities are equipped with SMART features to make them energy efficient, as part of the Government of the Virgin Islands' commitment to sustainable development and environmental conservation. They are also equipped with the necessary resources for use as emergency shelters.

As we all know, community centres have long been an essential and intrinsic part of the Virgin Islands. They are places where many of our golden citizens meet for their cultural activities and to socialize, where we hold community meetings, where non-profit organisations come together to support different community members, and where we have some of our most memorable events such as birthday parties, wedding receptions and other social gatherings. Equally important, community centres throughout the Virgin Islands also serve as emergency shelters during natural disasters.

During the 2017 hurricanes, several community centres across the Virgin Islands were significantly impacted. We have been working as a Government and together with our partners, to restore our community centres – and to adhere to modern requirements.

The European Union (EU) has been one of our key development partners on this important initiative. The EU has provided the funding. The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) has provided technical oversight for implementing this project. The contract for this community centre was awarded to a joint venture between Lawrence

venture between Lawrence Wheatley Construction and Accurate Construction, and works commenced on 4 October, 2021.

The Virgin Islands was fortunate to receive a grant from the EU in the amount of 2 million euros to repair some of the community centres damaged by the hurricanes. The centres that benefitted from the EU's grant funding are:

West End Community Centre

The Valerie O. Thomas Community Centre in Sea Cows Bay

The Gertrude and Christiana Warner Community Centre in Purcell Estate, and

Emille Dunlop Community Centre in Anegada.

Of course, persons would recall that in November 2021, we saw the handing over of the West End Community Centre. This means that all four community centre projects under this EU grant have been delivered.

The EU has been a very consistent and supportive development partner of the Virgin Islands for over three decades, and for this, we in the Virgin Islands are very grateful.

In addition to the funding received for repairs to the four (4) community centres mentioned above, the EU has also provided the Virgin Islands with grant funding from the 11th European Development Fund (11th EDF) through the Resilience, Sustainable Energy, Marine Biodiversity and Climate Resilience Programme (RESEMBID) for the following projects:

Strengthening the Virgin Islands Water Quality Programme to Inform Effective Environmental Management and Spatial Planning.

This project is being implemented through the Ministry of Natural Resources and Labour (MNRL) and will include a comprehensive water quality monitoring programme; procurement of a vessel to support the environment unit of the MNRL; establishing water quality baselines and training for MNRL staff and staff of other government departments and partner agencies. A grant amount of 927,890 euros or approximately US\$965,000 has been approved for this project; RESEMBID BVI Smart Schools Initiative.

This project is led by the Department of Disaster Management as part of their smart community initiative to ensure that communities throughout the Virgin Islands become more climate resilient.

Approximately 14 schools across the Virgin Islands will be participating in this initiative, and working with partners like Green VI, HLSCC, and BVI Red Cross and the Ministry of Education, Youth Affairs and Sports.

We can expect to see initiatives that will result in the participating schools becoming safe, green and smart. The project will equip participating schools in the following areas;

preparation of disaster management plans; achieving Community Emergency Pospore Team

Emergency Response Team (CERT) certification, which helps them to better respond in cases of emergencies;

First Aid Training;

enhanced schools recycling programmes; improving and developing school gardens; conducting water and energy audits; and marine biodiversity and coastal resilience education. A grant amount of just over 1.3 million euros has been approved

for this project; and BVIEC COVID-19 Business Continuity Support.

This project is being implemented through the BVI Electricity Corporation as part of the COVID-19 response. This component was added to the project after the global impact of the COVID-19.

We thank the EU for allowing such flexibility within the programme to assist countries with their response to COVID-19. The project involves introduction of Information and Communication Technologies, that will allow the staff of the BVIEC to be better equipped to respond to customers' requests in a timely manner during times of remote working circumstances, such as we saw during the COVID-19 lockdowns.

The project will also assist with developing new policies and procedures, to provide the foundation to guide both the employees and residents of the Virgin Islands during periods of disruptions mentioned above.

A grant amount of 245,481 euros has been approved for this project.

The Virgin Islands has also benefitted from EU funding in the past for a number of projects, including:

The Terminal Building at the Beef Island Airport (now Terrance B International Airport);

The H. Lavity Stoutt Community College Library and Auditorium Building; and

The HLSCC Culinary Arts Building.

The Regional Disaster Risk Reduction Project through which the Government of the Virgin Islands, through the Department of Disaster Management, benefited tremendously.

The Regional Small Micro Enterprise Project, where the Department of Trade and many businesses in the Virgin Islands saw immense benefits.

Repairs to the Copper Mine Ruins in Virgin Gorda. And,

The construction and completion of the Visitor Centre at Mount Sage.

Sadly, one of the effects of BREXIT is that the RESEMBID project will be the last opportunity for the Virgin Islands to receive direct funding for development assistance through the EU. Through the Premier's Office, the Government of the Virgin Islands looks forward to a continued working relationship with the EU as a development partner.

We also say special thinks to PAHO for its assistance and support during the implementation phase of the repair works completed on this and the other community centres, and for their continued support in the health sector. We are very happy to have with us today PAHO's Representative, Dr. Amalia Del Riego. Her presence demonstrates their commitment to our continued partnership. The Government of the Virgin Islands looks forward to a continued working relationship with the PAHO as a development partner.

I must commend the contractors on the project, Lawrence Wheatley Construction and Accurate Construction. They have delivered quality work, demonstrating once again that we have the capabilities in the Virgin Islands to do these kinds of projects. And may I say to our partners that they can have confidence in our local contractors whenever they consider future projects in the Virgin Islands.

The handover and dedication of this facility today means that the communities on Anegada regain the use of their beloved community meeting space. They once again have a dedicated space for continued and enhanced volunteer opportunities; a dedicated space to meet, plan and execute community projects.

They once again have a base from which they can continue to host initiatives that positively impact the youths in the community; to encourage and promote creativity and culture, and to share valuable and important information.

By having this community centre restored, after school programmes and other youth development programmes and now be revived. This is something I would very much like to see, because the more we can work with our young people, the more we can assure them of a bright and successful future.

I want to strongly encourage the residents of Anegada to make maximum use of their community centre. Use it to build and strengthen your community and your community spirit. I also ask that as you put the facility to use, you help us to take care of it; this is your asset.

We in the Government will do our part to keep the facilities maintained, but we are relying on you to ensure that it is used in a responsible way, and that it is not subject to any unnecessary damage ill treatment.

Again, I say, thank you to all who made today possible.

I thank you and may God continue to bless our Virgin Islands and our people.

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TOURISM LEADERS EXAMINE POST-COVID LABOUR ISSUES AT GLOBAL TOURISM RESILIENCE **CONFERENCE IN JAMAICA**

KINGSTON, JAMAICA, February 16, 2023 - News of the formation of a global international tourism think tank on employment issues was a major development shared on the first day of the Global Tourism Resilience Conference currently taking place in Jamaica at the University of the West Indies' Regional Headquarters, Mona, yesterday.

Dubbed Project Tourism Employment Expansion Mandate, or Project TEEM, the think tank will review research on the post-Covid employment fallout being experienced in the hospitality industry worldwide. Members of Project TEEM will devise strategies to address the challenge.

"Tourism recovery from the COVID-19 fallout has not been linear and our labor market has seen a drastic shift. Many tourism workers have left for various reasons, and we need to devise a way to get them back because they are the lifeblood of the industry," said Jamaica's Minister of Tourism the Hon. Edmund Bartlett, the conceptualizer of Project TEEM.

Two other important announcements that emerged from the first day of the conference was news of a Cooperation Agreement between the City of Malaga in Spain and the Caribbean Region, and the United Nations' (U.N.'s) approval of the annual commemoration of Global Tourism Resilience Day on February 17. The U.N.'s declaration was championed by the Government of Jamaica.

Caribbean destinations stand to benefit from the Cooperation Agreement with the City of Malaga in the areas of technology, training, and assistance with the development of the region's gastronomy product. Malaga is noted for its exceptional use of digital technologies to monitor and manage its tourism product and visitor satisfaction in real time.

The conference continues today with a wide range of panel discussions and a keynote address by Jamaica's former Prime Minister P.J. Patterson.

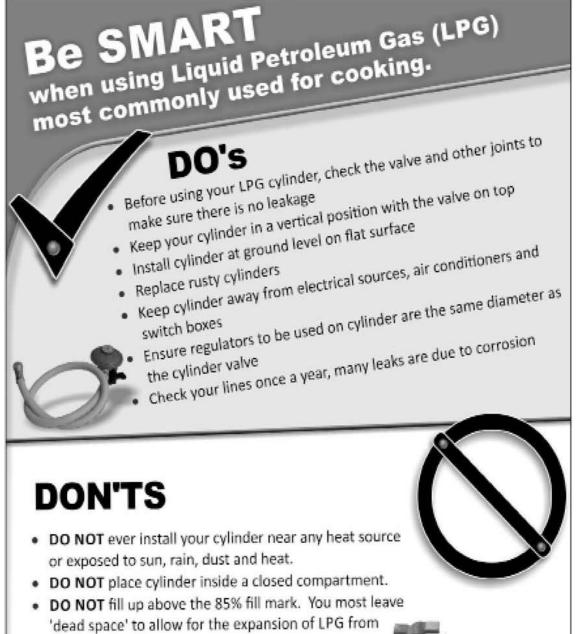
The conference will close on Friday, February 17, with the celebration and first observation of Global Tourism Resilience Day.

To watch the Conference live, visit https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=UBg98Z9ZIvO.

For more information about Jamaica, visit www.visitjamaica.com.



PICTURED: Jamaica's Minister of Tourism and Co-Chair of the Global Tourism Resilience Crisis Management Centre the Hon. Edmund Bartlett during the panel discussion on 'Global Travel Industry employment situation – Is Recovery threatened?' during the first day of the Global Tourism Resilienc Conference at the University of the West Indies Regional Headquarters yesterday. Looking on is moderator, Mr. Rajan Datar, presenter and host of 'The Travel Show' on BBC.



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Expressions Of Interest Requested For Legal Services Panel

The Government of the Virgin Islands acting through the Attorney General's Chambers, desires to create a panel of legal practitioners and consultants to provide drafting, civil and specialist legal services to the Government of the Virgin Islands.

The primary objective of this undertaking is to create a Legal Services Panel consisting of individual legal practitioners and legal consultants who can efficiently and effectively provide legal services to the Government on a wide variety of matters and areas of law including, but not limited to, the following:

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Electronic copies of the Expression of Interest must be received no later than Noon Monday, 27 March 2022. The submission must be a non-editable format and not exceeding 10 MB. The body of the email submission should include the name and address of the applicant and the subject of the email shall be, "EOI for Legal Services Panel for the Government of the Virgin Islands".

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ADDITIONAL POLICE NEWS ARREST BLOTTER

FEBRUARY 5 TO FEBRUARY 25, 2023

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED DRUG

1. On 11-02-2023 at 0205hrs, Police arrested and charged Jason Smith, 18, of Sea Cows Bay with two counts of Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Drug and Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Drug with Intent to Supply to Another.

2. On 18-02-2023 at 0533hrs, Police arrested and charged Kevin Moorehead, 43, of Fat Hogs Bay for Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Drug.

CRIMINAL DAMAGE

On 11-02-2023 at 1607hrs, Police arrested and charged Robert Swain of Hannah's Estate for Criminal Damage and Being Armed with an Offensive Weapon. He was granted bail in the sum of \$5,000 with one signed surety to appear before Magistrate's Court on 23-03-2023.

CAUSING DEATH BY CARELESS DRIVING

On 13-02-2023 at 1625hrs, Police arrested and charged Ulric Pilgrim of Carrot Bay for Causing Death by Careless Driving. He was granted bailed in the sum of \$25,000 with one surety to appear before Magistrate's Court on 23-03-2023.

ASSAULT CAUSING ACTUAL BODILY HARM

1. On 19-02-2023 at 1158hrs, Police arrested and charged Clevan Thomas, 34, of Greenland for Assault Causing Actual Bodily Harm. He was granted bailed in the sum of \$5,000 with one signed surety to appear before Magistrate's Court on 30-03-2023.

2. On 20-02-2023 at 0730hrs, Police arrest and charged Rajkumar Seepersaud, 53, of Sandbox Road for Assault Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm. He was granted bail in the sum \$5,000 with one signed surety to appear before Magistrate's Court on 30-03-2023.

3. On 22-02-2023 at 1000hrs Police arrested and charged Asheem Hendricks, 21, of Little Harbour, Jost Van Dyke for the offence of Assault Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm and Being Armed with an Offensive Weapon. He was granted bail in the sum of \$5,000 with one signed surety to appear before Magistrate's Court on 06-04-2023.

4. On 22-02-2023 at 1015hrs, Police arrested and charged a 15-year-old male of Little Harbour, Jost Van Dyke for Assault Causing Actual Bodily Harm. He was granted bail in the sum of \$5,000 with one sign surety to appear before Magistrate's Court on 06-04-2023.

5. On 22-02-2023 at 2325hrs, Police arrested and charged Anondah Hodge, 23, of The Valley, Virgin Gorda for Assault Causing Actual Bodily Harm. She was granted bail in sum of \$5,000 to appear before Magistrate's Court on 06-04-2023.

6. On 23-02-2023 at 0005hrs, Police arrested and charged Tami-yah George, 21, of North Sound, Virgin Gorda for Assault Causing Actual Bodily Harm. She was granted bail in the sum of \$5,000 with one surety to appear before Magistrate's Court on 06-04-2023.

7. On 25-02-2023 at 1825hrs, Police arrested and charged Stevon Johnson, 28, of The Valley Virgin Gorda for Assault Causing Actual Bodily Harm. He was granted bail in the sum of \$5,000 with one sign surety to appear before Magistrate's Court on 27-03-2023.

DRIVING WITHOUT INSURANCE

On 21-02-2023 at 0948hrs, Police arrested and charged Kayaba George, 23, of the Valley, Virgin Gorda, 23, for Driving without a Driver's License, Driving an Uninsured Vehicle and Driving without a Crash Helmet. He was granted bail in the sum of \$5,000 with one signed surety to appear before Magistrate's Court on 27-03-2023.

CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT MURDER

On 21-02-2023 at 1407hrs, Police arrested and charged Nyall George, 26, of Old Plantation for Conspiracy to Murder, Unlawful Possession of Firearms, Unlawful Possession of Ammunition and Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Drug. He was remanded until his reappearance on 30-03-2023.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A FIREARM

On 21-02-2023 at 1348hrs, Police arrested and charged John Burgos, 26, a native of USVI residing at Hodges Creek for Unlawful Possession of Firearms, Unlawful Possession of Ammunition and Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Drug. He was remanded until his reappearance on 30-03-2023.

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Three Additional **Line Cooks**

Candidate must have had prior experience in cooking and must have knowledge of international cuisines. Must be able to work along with Executive Sous Chef and other positions in the kitchens. Candidate must have previous hospitality skills and must be flexible and willing to learn new skills in cooking. Candidates will be trained in food service and delivery and be able to lift 30 pounds. Candidates will be required to cook and make presentation as ordered by the servers to deliver to customers. A neat appearance will be expected.

Two **Servers**

Candidate must have had prior experience in serving. Must be able to work along with F&B Supervisor and other positions within the F&B department. Candidate must have previous hospitality skills and must be flexible and willing to learn new skills. Candidates will be trained in F&B service and delivery and be able to lift 30 pounds. Candidates will be required to take accurate food and drink orders to deliver to customers. Cleanliness is a key role with appearance and workstations.

Two **Bartenders**

Candidates will be required to receive beverage orders and fulfill as required. Candidates must have Excellent Customer skills and must have previous Bartending or Mixologist experience. Candidate must assist in setting up of bars and Dining areas And will ensure that all Dining areas are cleaned and ready for service and must break Down and clean at the end of each shift. Candidates must be flexible as a member of the Food and Beverage to multitask Performs all aspects of self-cashiering, including prescribed cash and charges.

Two **Sales Clerks**

Candidate must be customer service oriented. Candidate will be responsible for keeping The Retail Stores clean, organized, and kept in an efficient operation. Hospitality, Retail or Guest services training will be provided. Previous experience in a Retail operation would be a plus.

Two **Pastry Chefs**

Candidate must have had prior experience in baking. Must be able to work along with Executive Pastry Chef and other positions in the kitchens. Candidate must have previous hospitality skills and must be flexible and willing to learn new skills in baking. Candidates will be trained in food service and delivery and be able to lift 30 pounds. Candidates will be required to bake and make presentation as ordered by the servers to deliver to customers. A neat appearance will be expected.

Two ****Housekeepers****

Candidate will be responsible for ensuring that all areas cleaned meet, if not exceed, the standards established at The Bitter End Yacht Club. To maintain a high standard of cleanliness of all linen, guest laundry and work area, etc. Provide guests with professional, efficient prompt and courteous service.

Two **Stewards**

Maintain proper storage and cleanliness of all F&B equipment and storage areas. Maintain cleanliness and health and safety of F&B kitchens assigned to work in. Adhere to HACCP and food safety guidelines. Assisting Chefs with food prep. A neat appearance will be expected.

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