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**PREMIER PROMISES NOT TO ACCEPT "GREEDY BILL" MONEY**

The Premier of the British Virgin Islands, Dr Natalio Wheatley, has taken a strong stance against the amendments that were made to the Retiring Allowances (Legislative Services) Amendment Act, 2021; which is commonly known as the "Greedy Bill." During a political debate forum held at the H. Lavity Stoutt Community College (HLSCC) on 11 April, Dr Wheatley made a promise not to accept any money that originates from this legislation.

The Act, which was passed by the Virgin Islands Party (VIP), has come under intense scrutiny for the numerous excesses it provides to lawmakers as part of a dubious pension scheme. Dr Wheatley, who supported the bill at the time, has publicly acknowledged his mistake and promised to repeal the bill in its entirety if re-elected.

"I'm going to man up and say that was a mistake, and

I'm going to man up as well and say, I will not collect a dime," Dr Wheatley said. "I will not collect a dime on that Retirement Act in its current form, and I intend, God willing, [if] I'm given the opportunity, to repeal the entire bill."

Dr - Wheatley's announcement has been met with a mixed response from the public. Some have praised him for his honesty and commitment to making things right, while others remain skeptical and are calling for more concrete action.

During the debate, Dr Wheatley was also questioned about why lawmakers did not speak out against the bill when it was first passed two years ago. He acknowledged that he had made a mistake in supporting the bill, but also emphasized the importance of introspection and owning up to one's mistakes.

"When you make a mistake, you have a choice," Dr

Wheatley said, "You can allow that mistake to define you, or you can use it as an opportunity to become

a better person and a better leader."

In addition to his promise not to accept any money derived

from the "greedy bill," Premier Wheatley has also

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**CARIFTA GAMES:**  
*Jah'Kyla Morton upgraded her U-17 Girls High Jump medal from bronze last year to silver*  
*(Photo By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway)*



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## PREMIER PROMISES...*from page 1*

proposed a compensation review for all public servants, including legislators. He also made this proposal during the political debate. While making that comment, Dr. Wheatley emphasized the importance of an independent body to determine legislators' salaries and pensions.

He said: "The first problem is legislators

shouldn't be determining their own salaries," Dr Wheatley said. "It should be done by an independent body, and you should be paid based on your roles and your responsibilities; something that's commensurate to your roles and your responsibilities."

The Premier also proposed that pensions for lawmakers and

public servants should be calculated based on a formula and their salary, rather than allowances as has been done in the past. He stressed the need for contributory pension schemes that will not leave the government bankrupt, and called for a proper actuarial study to ensure any decisions made regarding pension reform are sustainable in the long term.

## LORNA SMITH URGES STRONG ACTION AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE

Former First Lady and Territorial At Large NDP candidate, Lorna Smith has condemned the recent incident of gunshots heard during a political rally in Road Town. Speaking to a crowd of supporters, Mrs. Smith expressed her disappointment in the occurrence and past incidents of gun violence in the Territory.

While stating her issue with this matter the NDP candidate said, "I have lived in the Virgin Islands for most of my life, and I have never heard gunshots at a political event before. This is not the country that I know, and it is not the country that I want for my children and grandchildren."

The gunshots were heard during a rally for Sandy



*Mrs. Lorna Smith*

Harrigan-Underhill the NDP candidate vying to become the Representative for District Four in the upcoming election.

As she continued her criticism of the horrendous sound of gunshots Smith questioned whether the current government had done enough to address the issue of gun violence in the Territory.

"We cannot continue to ignore this problem. We need leaders who will take action to keep our

communities safe," she pointed out.

As a candidate on the National Democratic Party's slate, Mrs. Smith has pledged to make public safety a top priority if elected. Her speech on Saturday focused on the need for a new direction in leadership and a commitment to making the British Virgin Islands a safer place to live.

"Change is possible. We can make the Virgin Islands a place where our children can grow up without fear of violence. But we need leaders who are willing to take action and make the tough decisions necessary to bring about real change," she said. Yes indeed!!

## Advance Polling Day Is April 20

Advance polling day will take place on Thursday, April 20 allowing early voting for certain category of persons.

The following categories of persons do not need to obtain permission to vote on Advance Polling Day, but must present a valid form of identification:

### **Elderly Persons (age 65 and older)**

**Differently abled persons (e.g. persons who use devices to assist with mobility; persons who are blind or have severe visual impairment; persons who are deaf; and persons with cognitive disabilities.)**

The relative or friend that is accompanying an elderly or differently abled person who requires assistance to cast their ballot. The relative or friend can only assist one person and must also be a registered voter within the same electoral district as the person that they are assisting. They will not be allowed to assist another voter on Polling Day.

The following category of persons are also eligible to vote on Advance Polling Day, but will be required to complete and submit application Form No. 30 by April 13, requesting permission to be treated as a voter on that day:

### **Election Officers**

### **Police Officers**

**Persons with confirmed travel plans outside of the territory on Polling Day**

### **Persons on remand**

**Candidates who have been successfully nominated on Nomination Day**

### **Medical Doctors**

### **Nurses**

### **Emergency Medical Technicians**

### **Prison Officers**

Registered Social Care Providers (Recognised by the Ministry of Health)

Persons whose work schedule would prohibit them from voting on Polling Day.

Persons with confirmed travel plans outside of the Territory on Election Day must submit, along with their application form, a confirmed purchased ticket/travel itinerary reflecting the period they are scheduled to be out of the Territory.

Persons on remand should submit in writing their interest to the Superintendent of Prisons who will then assist in completing the required application form.

Medical doctors, nurses, and emergency medical technicians should submit a letter, on official letter head, from the managing director or the director of human resources of the BVI Health Services Authority, or the licensed private medical facility that contains the name and job title of the person applying to be treated as a voter on Advance Polling Day; and the full name, signature, and title of the authority confirming the applicant's eligibility.

Police and prison officers must submit a letter on official letter head from the Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner, in the case of members of the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force, or the Superintendent or Deputy Superintendent of Prisons in the case of officers of His Majesty Prison Service that contains the name and job title of the person applying to be treated as a voter on Advance Polling Day; and the full name, signature, and title of the authority confirming the applicant's eligibility.

Registered Social Care providers should submit a letter, on official letter head, from the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Health or Social Development or the Chief Social Development Officer that contains the name and job title of the person applying to be treated as a voter on Advance Polling Day; and the full name, signature, and title of the authority confirming the applicant's eligibility.

Persons whose work schedule would prohibit them from voting on Polling Day are required to submit a letter from their place of employment on official letter head, signed by the managing director or the director of human resources of the establishment that contains the name and job title of the person applying to be treated as a voter on Advance Polling Day; and the full name, signature, and title of the authority confirming the applicant's eligibility.

The Supervisor of Elections will review the applications and decide whether the applicant will be able to vote on Advance Polling Day. Successful applicants will be issued an identification from the Office of the Supervisor of Elections, which must be presented at the polling station within their respective electoral district on Advance Polling Day.

## FORMER PREMIER SEEKS ADJUSTMENTS TO HIS BAIL CONDITIONS

Former Premier of the Virgin Islands and First District representative, Andrew A. Fahie, is seeking more flexible bail conditions in preparation for his trial in July. Currently facing charges related to drug smuggling and money laundering, Fahie, along with co-accused former BVI Ports Authority Director Oleanvine Pickering-Maynard and her son Kadeem Maynard, has pleaded not guilty. Fahie

has been out on bail since June 2022, under strict terms that include wearing an electronic monitoring device and remaining in his daughters' Florida apartment.

In a motion filed before a Florida court on 7 April, Fahie's lawyer Theresa Van Vliet requested adjustments to his bail conditions. The current restrictions confine Fahie to his daughters' apartment and allow limited travel

to court, which has led Van Vliet to visit her client at home for defense preparations. During these visits, Fahie's student daughters must leave the apartment temporarily to provide privacy for sensitive discussions.

Van Vliet's motion seeks permission for Fahie to travel 45 minutes to her Fort Lauderdale office for meetings, no more than three times per week. As the trial approaches, Van

Vliet argues that the need for frequent and extended meetings with her client will increase.

Additionally, Van Vliet has requested that Fahie be allowed to leave his residence for health care services, specifically dental care and follow-up appointments. Fahie recently obtained permission for a dental visit for a root canal procedure and now seeks additional freedoms

for subsequent dental appointments.

Fahie, Pickering-Maynard, and Kadeem Maynard were arrested on 28 April. Fahie has been on bail since June 2022, with conditions requiring him to wear an electronic monitoring device and not leave his daughters' Florida apartment. The court has yet to rule on the motion to adjust his bail conditions.

## GOVERNOR WARNS ABOUT GOVERNMENT SLOWNESS IN EXPEDITING NEEDED REFORMS

"I believe the reviews need to start being made public now, and unless they are otherwise published shortly, I will take steps to do so," Rankin warned.

The Governor also highlighted other areas of delay, such as reforms required to curb the unfettered discretion of government ministers. He expressed frustration at the slow progress,

emphasizing the need for the government to consider the recommendations, consult as necessary, and then deliver the necessary changes.

In his last quarterly review, the King's Representative in the BVI mentioned delays in the processing of applications for Residency and Belongership. He mentioned a huge backlog

of old applications and over 1,000 new applications since 1 June, 2022, with little progress in dealing with them. He is currently working with the Premier, the Deputy Governor's Office, and other stakeholders to find a solution.

Governor Rankin's report indicates that the government has completed only 20 of the 48

recommendations, which is less than half and behind initial deadlines. Lord Goldsmith, the United Kingdom Minister for the Overseas Territories, expressed concern over the slow progress and insufficient commitment in some specific areas. Goldsmith believes that much of what has been delivered so far doesn't yet represent sufficient

reform to prevent future governmental abuses.

As the clock ticks down to the upcoming elections, the pressure is mounting on the government to act on these critical issues. With Governor Rankin's warning to publish the hidden reviews, the spotlight is now on the government's next move.

*(Statement in its entirety in last week's edition page 38)*



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## Statement From Ministry Of Finance On The Extension Of The Incubation Period Of The BVI International Arbitration Centre

On 30th March 2023, the minutes of Cabinet of the Virgin Islands was published via the Department of Information and Public Relations.

One of the announcements shared was, that on 15th February 2023, Cabinet decided to extend the incubation period of the BVI International Arbitration

Centre (BVIIAC) to 31st December 2026 to facilitate the Centre becoming self-sufficient and to afford it time to meet the Government's vision that it should become an international arbitration centre of choice to meet the rapidly evolving dispute resolution needs of arbitration users in the Caribbean, the Americas and

worldwide.

The public is advised that during the extension period, the BVIIAC will continue to be financed by and remain under the oversight of the Financial Services Commission.

It is expected that the BVIIAC will no longer require financial support from the Financial Services

Commission upon the expiration of the incubation period.

When the Government of the Virgin Islands created the BVIIAC to meet the demands of the international business community for neutral and impartial dispute resolution services in 2016, it recognised the critical importance of assuring users of international arbitration of the independence and impartiality of the BVIIAC.

For that reason, it was established as a non-profit statutory body independent of the Government of the Virgin Islands. From its inception, the BVIIAC's operations have been supported by the Financial Services Commission, which was charged with its oversight for an incubation period of five years while the BVIIAC established

its credibility in the dispute resolution market. Unfortunately, the BVIIAC was unable to become financially independent within the initial five-year incubation period as early momentum was lost as a result of the impacts of first Hurricane Irma and then the Covid-19 pandemic.

The BVIIAC will remain an independent body, operating within its statutes and the terms of the Arbitration Act. The Government of the Virgin Islands will continue to have oversight but no direct control over its operations or management.

The Ministry of Finance through the Government of the Virgin Islands continues to support the BVIIAC and is confident it will positively contribute to the economic development of the Virgin Islands.

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## Advance Polling Station Will Operate On Anegada

The public is notified that an Advance Polling Station will operate at the **Emile E. Dunlop Community Centre in Anegada on April 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.**

Elderly persons, differently abled persons, and persons accompanying an elderly or differently abled person requiring assistance to cast their ballot can vote on advance polling day by providing valid ID.

Election officers, police officers, persons with confirmed travel plans outside of the Territory on Polling Day, persons on remand, candidates, medical personnel, prison officers, social care providers and persons whose work schedule prohibits them from voting on Polling Day are eligible to vote on advance polling day but are required to apply via Form No.30 by April 13.

**Persons can contact the Office of the Supervisor of Elections at 468-4380 or electionsvi@gov.vg for more information.**



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Major Bay, East End/Long Look, Tortola

# VI Government Moves To Promote Turtle Conservation

The Government of the Virgin Islands will be facilitating a series of workshops and public consultation meetings to promote and improve turtle conservation.

Director of Agriculture and Fisheries Mr. Theodore James said the meetings will be conducted in collaboration with the local non-profit Association of Reef Keepers (ARK) and the United Kingdom-based Marine

Conservation Society (MCS) and that the data gathered will be critical in improving sea turtle conservation in the Virgin Islands.

Mr. James stated, "These engaging workshops that will be held on Tortola, Anegada, Jost Van Dyke and Virgin Gorda, will aid us in better understanding how the community feels about turtle fishing and conservation."

The Director said persons interested in sea turtles are invited to have their say as their views and values will be taken into account, along with social and biological scientific evidence, to inform legislative changes planned for this year. He added that the input obtained from integral community stakeholders will influence the sustainable management of turtle conservation in the

Virgin Islands.

The workshops are scheduled to commence on Monday, April 17, and will see the screening of a new documentary film entitled 'Turtles in the Virgin Islands – Balancing Conservation and Culture' following which, members of the public will be afforded the opportunity to express their views and opinions.

The workshops are a central component of the Sustaining Turtles, Environment, Economies and Livelihoods (STEEL) project, which is funded by the United Kingdom Government's Darwin Plus programme.

The STEEL project is supported by the Association of Reef Keepers (ARK) which has coordinated the biological research component of the project which includes turtle tagging and habitat surveys.

Managing Director of ARK, Dr. Shannon Gore said the association has been carrying out sea turtle research in the Territory for over two decades, and that they are seeing significant changes in the numbers of some sea turtle species.

Dr. Gore said, "During that time, there has also been a lot of controversy over the turtle fishery. The STEEL project seeks to improve turtle conservation in the Virgin Islands while taking into consideration local culture and values associated with turtle

use."

The STEEL project will produce a Sea Turtle Recovery Action Plan for the Virgin Islands, including recommendations for reform of the turtle fishery regulations that is projected to be completed later this year.

Meanwhile, the Marine Conservation Society has utilised its 'Community Voice Method' to dialog with communities on conservation issues, through film, workshops and public consultation. The society has previously administered a similar strategy to reform turtle fisheries in the Turks and Caicos Islands and Montserrat.

The Department of Agriculture and Fisheries is a department under the Premier's Office of the Government of the Virgin Islands. It is responsible for ensuring that food is safe, nutritionally sound, produced and harvested in an environmentally sustainable manner that builds resilience to internal and external shocks while contributing to economic growth, social well-being and protection of the natural environment.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Labour a partner on this project, is responsible for the effective management of the natural resources of the Virgin Islands. It endeavours to effectively manage and administer the natural resources of the Territory in a manner that ensures long term sustainability.



## PROGRAM LISTINGS

### MONDAYS

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

### TUESDAYS

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

### WEDNESDAYS

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

### THURSDAYS

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

### FRIDAYS

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

### SATURDAYS

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

### SUNDAYS

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



## REVISED LIST OF VOTERS

### NOTICE

The public is asked to take note that in accordance with section 23 (1) of the Elections Act, 1994 and Amendments, the Revised List of Voters will be published on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.

#### *Elections Act, 1994 and Amendments, Section 23 (2) (3)*

(2) The copies published under subsection (1) shall be deemed to be the Registers of Voters for the local electoral district to which they refer and shall be used for a General Election of members of the House of Assembly, and for any other Election to fill a vacancy in the seat of the member of the House of Assembly representing the relevant district.

(3) The current Register of Voters for all local electoral districts shall constitute the Register of Voters for the Territorial Electoral District, and shall be used for all Elections for members of the House of Assembly to represent that district.

For further information please contact the Office of the Supervisor of Elections at 284-468-4380 or 284-468-3701 Ext. 4380 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The Office is located at:

Creque's Building  
#216 Upper Main Street  
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## JACOB WINS 65IN SAMSUNG SMART TV WITH CCT

Wednesday, April 12 – Taxi man, Ernest Jacob, has won a 65in Samsung Smart TV as part of CCT's ongoing commitment to reward its loyal customers.

The promotion, which ran from February 1 to April 6, gave customers several options for a chance to win. Customers that subscribed to CCT services such as Freedom (postpaid calling and data options),

FIYAH (CCT's ultra-fast fiber internet), or CCT Live (the company's television content product), were automatically entered in the

giveaway. The drawing was done live, on the company's Facebook page yesterday, April 11, where Mr Jacob's name was randomly selected as the lucky winner.

Speaking about the promotion, Sachkia Barnes, CCT's Marketing Manager said, "At CCT, we believe in offering our customers the best products and services possible. This promotion was our way of thanking them for choosing us to help them live life, unlimited. We will continue to provide the best customer experience and offer more exciting

promotions in the future." While picking up his new television at the CCT Flagship Store in Road Town, still surprised, but thankful,

Mr Jacob said, "This is a big TV. Thank you very much. I appreciate it."

CCT will be celebrating its 37th anniversary of its founding this April. Customers and the wider public

can anticipate a few more giveaways for the remainder of the month as the company continues to say its thanks to customers

and the Virgin Islands community for its loyalty through the years.

CCT is committed to providing the best products and services to its customers. The company offers a range of services for

residents and businesses, including mobile calling, internet, television, and more.

To learn about CCT and its products and services, visit [www.cctbvi.com](http://www.cctbvi.com).



*CCT Operations Associate, Raemona Maloney hands over a 65in Samsung Smart television to Ernest Jacob, winner of CCT's promotion for customers subscribing to the company's Freedom, FIYAH or CCT Live plans.*



### St. George's Schools



St. George's Schools are searching for the following vacancies to be filled for the school year 2022-2023:

#### General Classroom Teacher – Primary School

Candidates must possess trained teacher certification with at least three years experience OR a Bachelor of Education Degree with experience at the level for which the application is being submitted. Applicants must be members in good standing in a Christian denomination, and must espouse the Christian values of the Kingdom of God as proclaimed in the Gospel.

Consideration will also be given to the candidate who is energetic, a team player and who is willing to support the continuing development of the St. George's Schools.

Applications must include a cover letter, complete academic records, including a transcript and copies of degrees, diplomas, and certificates, as well as two character references.

All applications should be addressed to: Mrs. Cherilyn Anderson-Rogers, Executive Principal, St. George's Schools and emailed to:

[sgps@stgedotvi.org](mailto:sgps@stgedotvi.org) no later than June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

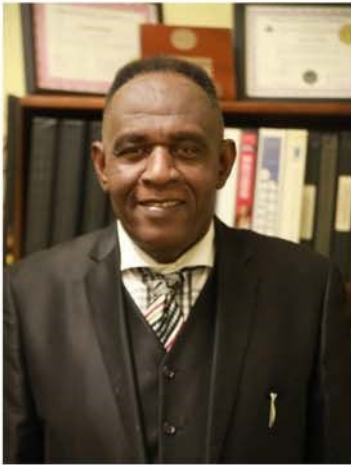
## Report Esta Travel Challenges To Deputy Governor's Office

Travelers from the Virgin Islands who are experiencing or have experienced challenges when using an Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA) Visa Waiver to enter the United States, are asked to report their experience to the Office of the Deputy Governor. Persons are asked to email the Office of the Deputy Governor at [dgo@gov.vg](mailto:dgo@gov.vg) with details including name of traveler, date of travel and a brief description of their experience.





# STICK TO THE ISSUES, STOP DEFAMING ONE ANOTHER



*New BVICC President  
(Apostle George Rodney).*

We are in election season in the Virgin Islands and the BVI CHRISTIAN COUNCIL wishes to remind all individuals and party members seeking office to please resist and desist from using derogatory remarks and engaging in defamation of character on the campaign trail.

It's important that persons understand the far-reaching

and adverse impact that such scandalous and negative rhetoric and behaviour can have on the territory's youth and its future.

Our Heavenly Father is watching. Our children are watching. The people you seek to represent are watching. Our elders are watching. The whole world is watching and listening.

According to President Apostle George, "We can agree to disagree."

"Candidates must stick with the issues – make your point (s) clear and allow the voting public to decide without tearing each other down. That is not who we are and that is not the democracy that the ancestors of these Virgin Islands fought so hard for."

The Council understands that this is no ordinary election cycle. However, it

is not an excuse to engage in defamatory campaigning.

Those who seek political office MUST demonstrate discipline and decorum as

they present and debate the issues of the day. The electorate deserves and demand better.

The BVICC is comprised

of different denominations coming together to make a difference in the life of the people of the Virgin Islands in the spirit of unity.

The Government of the Virgin Islands is seeking five qualified persons to serve as members on the Board of Immigration, at least one of whom must be a resident of one of the Sister Islands. Persons who wish to serve on the Board should be:

- a) deemed to belong to the Virgin Islands by birth or descent; or
- b) a resident in the Virgin Islands for a minimum of 25 years and holding a certificate of belonger status for the same period.

#### BOARD OF IMMIGRATION

The Board of Immigration was established under Section 14 of the Immigration and Passport Act. The Board's role is to provide advisory and consultative functions, without any executive or administrative functions, concerning or connected with the entry of persons into the Territory, and the residence and occupation in the Territory of persons who do not belong to the Territory.

#### BOARD MEMBERS

In contributing to the advisory and consultative functions of the Board, prospective candidates must bring special talent, skills and knowledge. This may include Board experience, understanding of basic Board procedures, business, and an enthusiasm for the work of the organisation.

Persons applying to serve on the Board should have the professional competencies and a balance of skills that match the mandate and responsibilities of the Board of Immigration.

#### THE IDEAL CANDIDATES SHOULD EMBODY THE FOLLOWING QUALITIES:

- a) Willingness to make a professional commitment to the Board in carrying out its vision and mission and actively contribute to the discussion on related topics;
- b) Willingness to learn, the ability to listen and make sound recommendations;
- c) Clearly understand the immigration needs of the Territory;

d) Partner with the Chairperson to ensure that all Board recommendations are carried out and that actions to achieve the Board's strategic goals are successfully executed;

e) Demonstrate a commitment to confidentiality, integrity, and good corporate governance;

f) Capable and willing to attend scheduled Board meetings, and actively contribute to the Board's deliberations;

g) Develop a good working relationship with other Board members and contribute to the Board's working relationship with the Chief Immigration Officer;

#### TRAINING/SKILLS/EXPERIENCE/ REQUIREMENTS

Board members must possess the requisite leadership skills, sound knowledge of the Territory's cultural heritage, knowledge and/or have a willingness to learn about and analyze emerging issues in law and human rights, both locally and globally.

Applicants should complete the application form, email and/or hand deliver it with a cover letter, resume or curriculum vitae and submit to:

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**CLOSING DATE:** 17th April, 2023

## 2023 Polling Locations

Polling stations for the 2023 General Election are now approved by His Excellency the Governor Mr. John J. Rankin, CMG. Supervisor of Elections Ms. Scherrie N. Griffin said voters are expected to vote in the polling division to which they are assigned based on their geographic location within their district.

"Certain districts will have more than one polling division and station. Voters are encouraged to examine the Preliminary Voters' List once it has been published to identify their appropriate polling division," Ms Griffin said. She added, "If you arrive at the incorrect polling station on Election Day, you will be directed to the correct polling station based on your division within your district."

Persons are required to present one of the following valid forms of identification issued by the Government of the Virgin Islands to be able to vote on Election Day. They include:

- Passport
- Belonger Card
- Driver Licence
- National Health Insurance Card
- Previously Issued Voter Identification Card

Letter issued from /Civil registry & Passport Office

Persons with queries about polling stations or polling day can contact the Office of the Supervisor of Elections at 468-4380 or electionsoffice@gov.vg.

The Office of the Supervisor of Elections is committed to providing with integrity the general direction and supervision over the registration of voters, the administrative conduct of free and fair elections in the Virgin Islands and to impart efficient, reliable and courteous service to the public.

# Demolition Of The Althea Scatliffe Primary School Complete

The Government of the Virgin Islands is having the Althea Scatliffe Primary School demolished following a report on the structural integrity of the building.

The announcement to demolish the building was made on 16th June, 2022, after Civil and Structural Engineering Limited completed a structural assessment and found the school to be unsafe for continued occupancy.

Minister for Education, Youth Affairs and Sports, Honourable Sharie B.

deCastro recounted the necessary steps that had to be taken in order to swiftly arrive to the decision of closing down the school in the first instance and further demolishing the structure.

Honourable deCastro said, "This immediate action was in response to concerns expressed by the staff, faculty and parents about the many structural issues plaguing the school. These complaints included the fact that sections of the roof had already caved in, other portions were breaking more frequently and the teachers

were uneasy every day in the building."

The Minister for Education further stated that she is happy to see the beginning of what is to come, a new Althea Scatliffe Primary School, which will see the return of its students in a suitable environment, conducive to learning.

Honourable deCastro added that it is a bitter/sweet moment for teachers and students past or present of the Althea Scatliffe Primary School.

"The demolition of this structure signals a rebuild,

to which the Government is fully committed, so students can return to the home of the "Mighty, Mighty Scatliffe" by school year 2024/2025," she added

A group of past and present teachers and students of the Althea Scatliffe Primary School gathered on the school campus on Saturday,

April 2 wearing uniform colours of pink and maroon to pay homage, and sing "the last chant" as they released balloons into the air prior to the commencement of the demolition.

The demolition was completed on April 12, 2023 ahead of schedule.

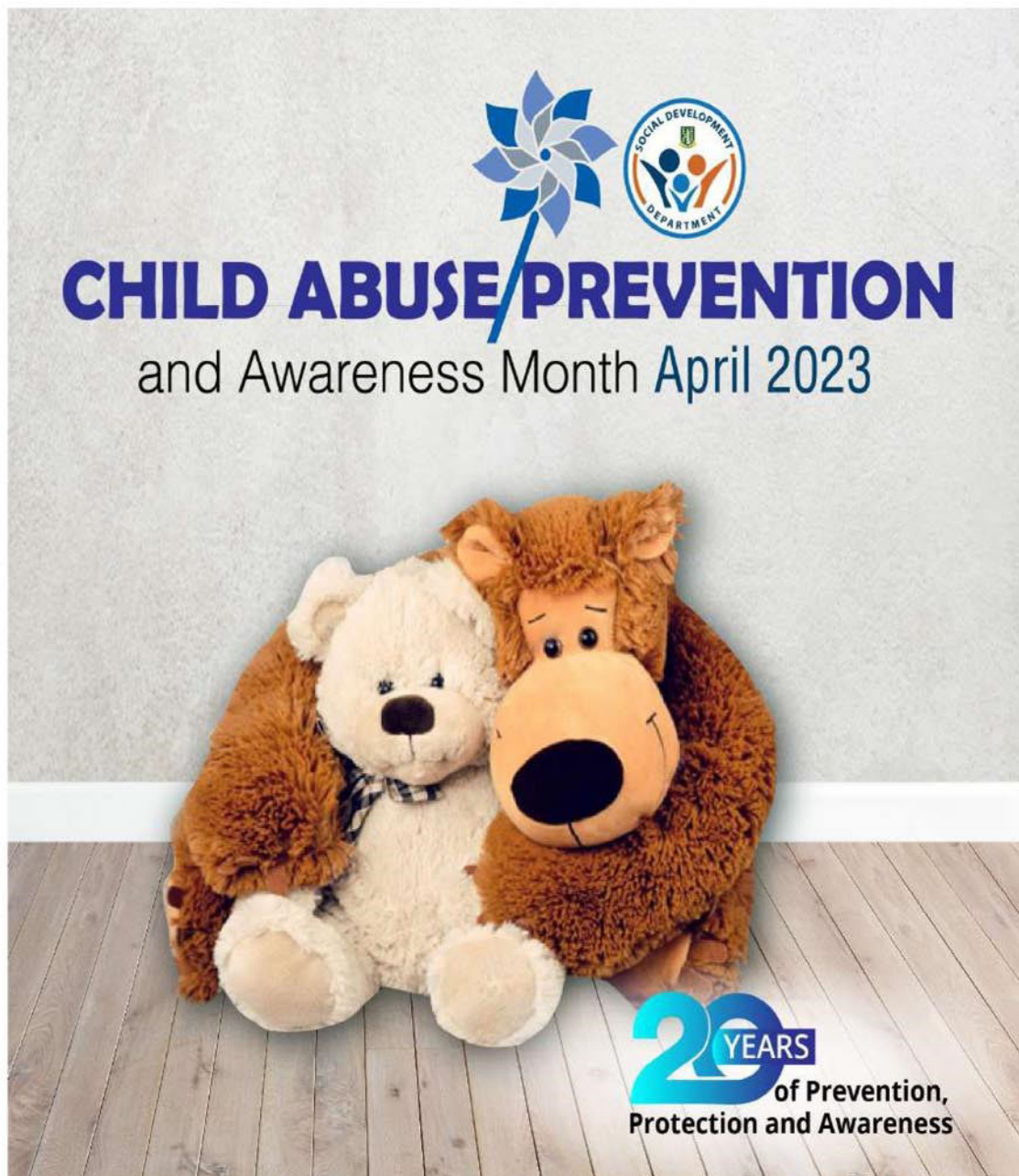
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*Views of the demolition of the Althea Scatliffe Primary School (ASPS)*



*Pictured are Minister for Education, Honourable Sharie deCastro along with Principal of the ASPS, Deputy Chief Education Officer and other Ministry officials*



**CHILD ABUSE/PREVENTION**  
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# Cable and Wireless Charitable Foundation Celebrates 5 Years of Commitment to the Caribbean Region

- \$3.5 million donated to provide digital access and support relief and recovery efforts across the Caribbean.

Miami, FLORIDA (April 13th, 2023) -- The Cable and Wireless Charitable Foundation (CWCF) is celebrating five years of partnership with local, regional, and international agencies and a total of \$3.5 million in donations providing digital access and supporting relief and recovery initiatives throughout the Caribbean, with the release of its 2022 Annual Report.

Commenting on the milestone, Inge Smidts, Chair of the CWCF Board, remarked that "The Foundation was established out of a response to natural disasters in 2017 and has since evolved from reacting to natural disasters, like Hurricanes Maria, Irma, and Dorian, into a philanthropic organization that's proactively expanding access, providing connectivity, and enhancing education for people we serve across the region."

Cementing this shift in focus, the Foundation also marked

its 5-year anniversary with the successful completion of a pilot program in Jamaica focused on digital education for individuals aged 16-60 years old. Under this program, over 2,000 Jamaicans successfully completed basic digital literacy training with more than 830 going on to graduate with a certificate in digital and data literacy. Another 3,875 Jamaicans also attained certification in various professional courses. Both programs were funded by the CWCF and executed in collaboration with the Flow Foundation and its partners - the Mona School of Business and Management at the University of the West Indies for the digital and data literacy element and One on One Educational Services for the digital training and professional certification element. Smidts continued, "We take tremendous pride in the evolution of the Foundation and the opportunity to continue to serve the communities in which we live and work. After a two-year hiatus due

to the pandemic, 2022 saw the return of our popular Spring Golf Classic, raising \$450,000 to fund grants for digital devices, online access, and learning tools for schools and community organizations across the region."

To help fund future initiatives, the CWCF will invite scores of its partners and suppliers to participate in a Racing Experience on April 20, 2023, in Miami, Florida. Guests will have the opportunity to meet and interact with NASCAR Driver Stanton Barrett and participate in a ride-along with a professional driver. The event is presented by One Caribbean

Television and GENIOX and sponsored by several partners including 3-Cycle/NEO HG, The Admark Network, Amdocs, Athena Global Advisors, Cerillion Technologies, The Cervantes Group, Cisco, EFL Global, Emida, Globant, Huawei, Identidad Solutions, Integsoft, Latham & Watkins, Lorac Communications, Publicis Group, Russell Reynolds, Wesbell, and Wesco | Anixter. Other sponsors include A&ENetworks, AdvantageCall, BBC, CapGemini, Deloitte, FutureBrand, Intcomex, Marsh McLennan Agency, McCan Worldgroup, Messangi Corp, PerfectVision, Prodapt,

Redmond Software, Vecima, and Zee World. Remarking on the event, CWCF Director, Noelle Smikle, says she hopes to double the funds raised in 2022. "We are grateful to have the ongoing support of our partners who are as passionate as we are about creating a positive impact in our communities, which is why we've set a fundraising target of \$1M in 2023 to do even more great work, supporting the people of our region."

Individuals and companies interested in supporting the CWCF's initiatives can visit <https://cwcf2023.com/> for sponsorship and ticket details

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# GLOBAL NEWS BRIEF

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**RUSSIA** - Russian forces have used ground-and-air-fired missiles, rocket launchers, and weaponised drones to bombard the provinces of Ukraine they have illegally annexed but don't fully control, causing casualties, building damage and power outages.



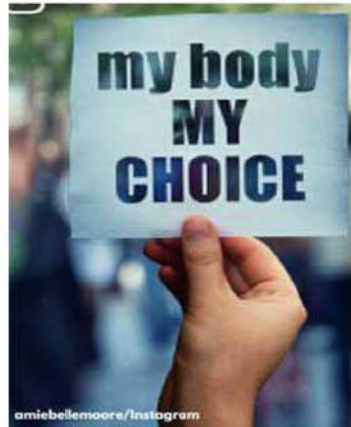
The Ukrainian military said Russian forces launched 18 airstrikes, five missile strikes, and 53 attacks from multiple rocket launchers between Thursday and Friday mornings.

According to the General Staff statement, Russia was concentrating the bulk of its offensive operations in Ukraine's industrial east, focusing on the cities and towns of Lyman, Bakhmut, Avdiivka, and Marinka in Donetsk province.

Most of Friday's battlefield reports concerned the four Ukrainian provinces Russia annexed in September: Donetsk, Luhansk, Zaporizhzhia and Kherson. Russian President Vladimir Putin has ordered his

military to gain complete control of the provinces, while Ukraine has indicated it will soon launch a counteroffensive to take back more territory. [Euro News]

**USA** - A Texas judge who sparked a legal firestorm with an unprecedented ruling halting approval of the nation's most common method of abortion is a former attorney for a religious liberty legal group with a long history pushing conservative causes.



U.S. District Judge Matthew Kacsmaryk, an appointee of former President Donald Trump, on Friday ordered a hold on federal approval of mifepristone in a decision that overruled decades of scientific approval. His ruling, which doesn't take immediate effect, came practically at the same time that U.S. District Judge Thomas O. Rice, an appointee of

former President Barack Obama, essentially ordered the opposite in a different case in Washington. The split likely puts the issue on an accelerated path to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Kacsmaryk, a former federal prosecutor and lawyer for the conservative First Liberty Institute, was confirmed in 2019 over fierce opposition by Democrats over his record opposing LGBTQ rights. He was among more than 230 judges installed to the federal bench under Trump as part of a movement by the Republican president and Senate conservatives to shift the American judiciary to the right.

He's the sole district court judge in Amarillo — a city in the Texas panhandle — ensuring that all cases filed there land in front of him. And since taking the bench, he has ruled against the Biden administration on several other issues, including immigration and LGBTQ protections. [El Pais]

**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC** - Dominican Republic authorities seized more than two tons of cocaine from Ecuador destined for the Netherlands, which could be the most significant drug shipment seized in operation, informed the National Drug Control Directorate (DNCD) this Saturday. The shipment arrived in the country camouflaged in a container of bananas at the Caucedo Multimodal Port, east of Santo Domingo.

It was distributed in 2,188 packages, with a weight of more than 2 tons, explained the



DNCD in a press conference, in which it pointed out that together with the Public Prosecutor's Office, it initiated "an exhaustive investigation" about the case, for which, so far, there are no detainees.

Statistically, this case "is qualified as one of the largest seizures in the history of the country," according to the anti-drug agency.

Since it is a transit container in the country, "the investigation is more complex," and information will be provided as the investigation progresses, the report added. In addition, the agency said that the Dominican Republic authorities "are sharing information" with Ecuador and the Netherlands "to deepen the investigations in relation to the frustrated shipment" of drugs. [Dominican Today]

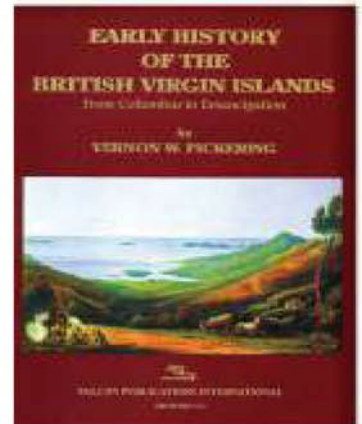
**TRINIDAD** - A High Court judge in Trinidad will on May 3 sentence a police officer who pleaded guilty to a series of charges including having sexual intercourse with his nine-year-old daughter that he also video recorded nearly 13 years ago.

Justice Hayden St Clair Douglas on Thursday accepted the guilty plea on a series of charges, including having sexual intercourse with a female under the age of 14 and remanded the policeman to prison until the date of his sentencing.

The Court heard that the first incident took place in March 2010, after the girl returned home from classes. In June 2010, he raped the child again just after she showered. [CNW/CMC]

**SLAVERY** - King Charles III for the first time has signaled support for research into the British monarchy's ties to slavery after a document showed an ancestor with shares in a slave-trading company, a Buckingham Palace spokesperson said Thursday.

Charles takes the issue "profoundly seriously" and academics will be given access to the royal collection and archives,



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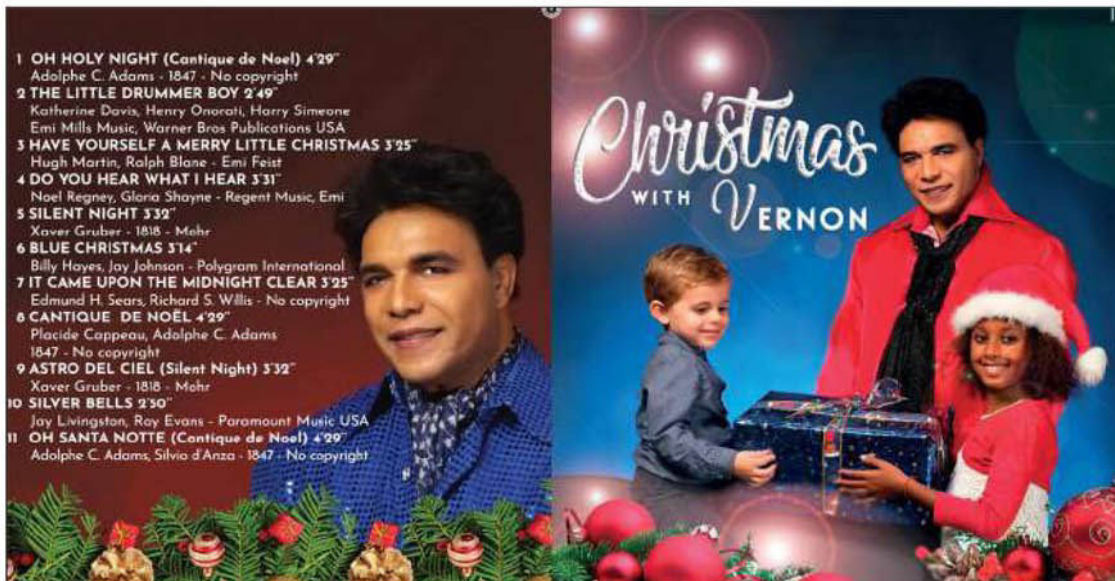
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the palace said.



The statement was in response to an article in The Guardian newspaper that revealed a document showing that the deputy governor of the slave-trading Royal African Company transferred 1,000 pounds of shares in the business to King William III in 1689. [AP/CNW]

**CAYMAN ISLANDS** - A Grand Court judge has issued a temporary stay on government regulations banning the feeding of stray animals and their release back into the wild after spaying and neutering. The controversial National Conservation (Alien Species) Regulations were passed by Cabinet in December last year in a bid to implement control measures on feral animals that threatened local endemic species, such as seabirds, and blue and rock iguanas. The regulations were met with much criticism from local animal charities and residents. [Cayman Compass]



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# The Sunny Side Up



## Through the Lens of The Sunny Side



**CARIFTA GAMES:** *The U-17 Boys 4x100m Relay quartet of J'Den Jackson, Othinel Gillings, Tiondre Frett and Mario Carter, improved their 43.06 seconds national record from the semis to 42.59  
(Photo By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway)*

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Divas On A Dime

# CTL Home Center holds an exciting Easter

Last Saturday, CTL Home Center held an exciting Easter event at their Fish Bay location. The event started at 1 PM, and families were already eager to participate in the Easter Egg Hunt. Participants of the egg hunt were even treated to free kids smoothies.

Aside from the egg hunt, there were also other activities such as kite decorating, wall painting, and goodies. Bell's Cafe also had a special menu prepared for the event.

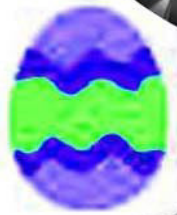
But the Easter fun didn't stop there. Early birds were treated to some amazing deals at CTL Home Center. From 6:30 AM until 8 AM, the store offered a 15% discount on the entire store, including free bush tea and muffins.

Moreover, customers had the chance to choose discount eggs at checkout with discounts ranging from 5% to 20% savings until 5 PM. The store was bustling with shoppers taking advantage of these amazing offers.

The event also provided some health benefits, with free health screenings and goodies from CCT.

CTL Home Center's Easter event was truly a hit among families in the area. It was a fun-filled day that brought the community together while offering great deals and exciting activities. The store's commitment to providing a great shopping experience while offering community events and promotions is admirable.

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## Ladyburd Talks...

**Dear Readers:** April is Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness month: Here are Ten Things You Can Do to Prevent Child Abuse (Part 1 of 2)

**1. Volunteer your time:** Get involved with other parents in your community. Help vulnerable children and their families. Start a playgroup.

**2. Discipline your children thoughtfully:** Never discipline your child when you are upset. Give yourself time to calm down. Remember that discipline is a way to teach your child. Use privileges to encourage good behavior and time-outs to help your child regain control.

**3. Examine your behavior:** Abuse is not just physical. Both words and actions can inflict deep, lasting wounds. Be a nurturing parent. Use your actions to show children and other adults that conflicts can be settled without hitting or yelling.

**4. Educate yourself and others:** Simple support for children and parents can be the best way to prevent child abuse. After-school activities, parent education classes, mentoring programs, and respite care are some of the many ways to keep children safe from harm. Be a voice in support of these efforts in your community.

**5. Teach children their rights:** When children are taught they are special and have the right to be safe, they are less likely to think abuse is their fault, and more likely to report an offender.

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Source: <https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/safety/prevent-child-abuse>



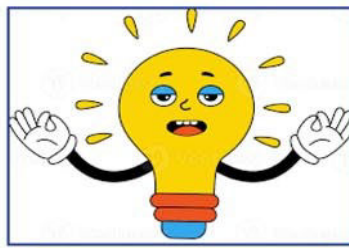
## Ladyburd's Mail Box

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

**Dear Ladyburd:** I have two sisters and I just cannot get along with them, whenever something happens at home, I automatically get the blame, and most of the time it's not me who is at fault, I am so upset and depressed about this situation, it is really affecting my grades. Can you advise me?... **Jenny**

**Ladyburd:** **Dear Jenny:** Some times there are sibling rivalry, just to get attention from the parents. However, it should not reach the point where they are telling lies on you, so much so that it's affecting you, that's not right. You need to tell your parents what's going on, or if you are afraid to talk to them, ask your Form room teacher or the Guidance Counselor to speak with your parents, so that you can get this matter resolve as soon as possible.

[REPEAT]



## Light Bulb Moments

"It's easier to build up a child than it is to repair an adult."  
 - Frederick Douglass

## Poetry Corner

*You're worthy of love  
 (In honour of Child Abuse  
 Prevention Month.)*

I see the scars, you're hiding  
 deep within  
 they're not visible, upon your  
 skin  
 you don't even know, how you  
 could begin  
 to feel worthy of love...

You've been floating away, in  
 time and space  
 your pain is written,  
 all over your face  
 your dignity left you,  
 without a trace  
 and you don't feel worthy  
 of love

I've seen so many people, just  
 like you  
 they never seem to make a fuss  
 the only colors you know, are  
 black and blue  
 and now it's hard for  
 you to trust

The only friends you had, have  
 long since died  
 you couldn't save them all,  
 even if you tried  
 now you bottle up all,  
 your feelings inside  
 you don't feel worthy of love

Some may say, that you're a  
 little high strung  
 you've shed too many tears,  
 for someone so young  
 don't you know that your  
 life has just begun  
 and that you are worthy of  
 love...

Oh yes you're worthy of love  
 you are so worthy of love

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## Tickle My Funny Bones



### AT THE BAR

James: What's the Wi-Fi password?  
 Bartender: You need to buy a drink first.  
 James: OK, I'll have a Coke.  
 Bartender: Three dollars.  
 James: There you go. So what's the Wi-Fi password?  
 Bartender: "You need to buy a drink first." No spaces, all lowercase.

Submitted:—*Sylvia McClain*

### CHEQUE/CHECK PLEASE!

My friend has a bad habit of overdrawing her bank account.  
 One day before we went shopping, I complained about my lack of funds and lamented, "Guess I'll use plastic." Unconcerned, she whipped out her checkbook: "I'm using rubber."

### RENTERS' EXCUSES

No one likes coughing up rent. But at least these tenants gave landlords creative reasons for avoiding it:

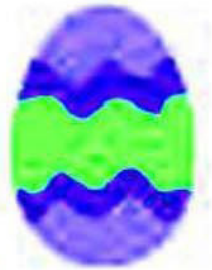
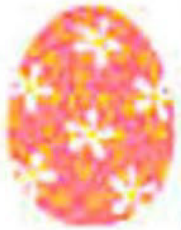
1. "With my daughter's graduation, our new boat, and our trip to Europe this year, we're a little strapped."
2. "I'm getting real tired of paying this rent every month! You'll have to wait a few more days."
3. "We're a little short right now. But don't worry—we're getting a refund on my wife's tattoo. The artist messed it up, and we're getting back most of the bucks!"
4. "I didn't pay the rent because I'm saving up to move."
5. "It's your fault the check bounced. Why didn't you tell me you were going to run to the bank the very same day!"

## PUN INTENDED

"The machine at the coin factory just suddenly stopped working, with no explanation... It doesn't make any cents..."

# CTL Home Center holds an exciting Easter

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## *From Meatloaf to Burgers to Meatballs: One Recipe, Endless Possibilities*

There are few foods more comforting than good old-fashioned meatloaf. I'm always surprised how much my family loves this humble dish, especially the kiddies. Who knew happiness could come in such an unassuming little package?

There are several delicious reasons to make this recipe. It's moist and tender, packed with flavor and sneaks in a serving of veggies. (Shhh, don't tell the kiddies!) It really stretches a buck, and this same recipe makes burgers and meatballs, too. Leftovers make the most amazing grilled meatloaf sandwiches, ever. Oh! Stretchy Beef and Veggie Meatloaf, where have you been all my life?

Here are some tips for meatloaf lovers. Substitute Parmesan cheese for breadcrumbs for gluten free meatloaf. Don't overmix, because that makes meatloaf dense, dry and tough. Since shapes of meatloaf vary widely, cooking times will vary as well, but a rule of thumb is 35 minutes per pound of meatloaf. Mini meatloaves made in a muffin tin take 20 to 30 minutes total.

This recipe makes six generous portions, but I always make a double batch. There's never a crumb gone to waste. Serve with mashed potatoes, peas and carrots to make your own Blue Plate Special.

### **STRETCHY BEEF AND VEGGIE MEATLOAF**

- 1 tablespoon butter or oil
  - 2 carrots, shredded
  - 2 stalks celery, finely minced
  - 1 medium sweet onion, minced
  - 2 cloves garlic, minced or pressed
  - 3/4 cup breadcrumbs
  - 2 pounds 85% lean ground beef
  - 2 eggs
  - 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
  - 1 teaspoon salt and several grinds of pepper
- For the glaze:
- 1/2 cup ketchup
  - 1/2 cup brown sugar
  - 1/4 cup mustard

Preheat oven to 350 F. Lightly grease a 5-x-9-inch loaf pan or 9-x-13-inch baking pan.

In a skillet on medium-high heat, saute the onion, carrot and celery in butter or oil until the onion is soft. Season liberally with salt and pepper. Add the garlic and stir it all around until it's softened and smells divine.

Place the veggies in a large mixing bowl and let them cool for a minute. To the veggies, add breadcrumbs, beef, eggs, Worcestershire, salt and pepper. Use your (very clean) hands to gently mush it all together.

Place the mixture into the loaf pan or shape into a loaf in the baking pan. In a small bowl, combine glaze ingredients. Brush meatloaf with half the glaze.

Bake for 55 minutes. Remove meatloaf from the oven and spread with remaining glaze (because it's all about the glaze). Return to the oven for 15 more minutes. Test for doneness; your meat thermometer should read 160 F. Let meatloaf rest for 10 minutes before slicing.

For Burgers: Shape the meatloaf mixture into burger patties and barbecue, pan-fry or broil. Top with a slice of cheese and let that melt. Then pop it on a bun with the usual accompaniments. You've got yourself a scrumptious little burger.

For Meatballs: Roll heaping tablespoons of the meatloaf mix into meatballs. Place on a baking sheet and bake at 350 F for 30 minutes or until a meat thermometer reads 155 F. Serve with pasta or make meatball subs. These also make a great snack or appetizer.

Want to know why I always make a double batch? Because I need leftovers to make irresistible grilled cheesy meatloaf sandwiches. Put a schmear of ketchup on the bottom slice of bread, top with meatloaf and cheese slices and the second slice of bread. Spread butter on the outside of both pieces of bread. Heat a skillet and cook the sandwich on both sides until golden brown and delicious. Bon appetit!

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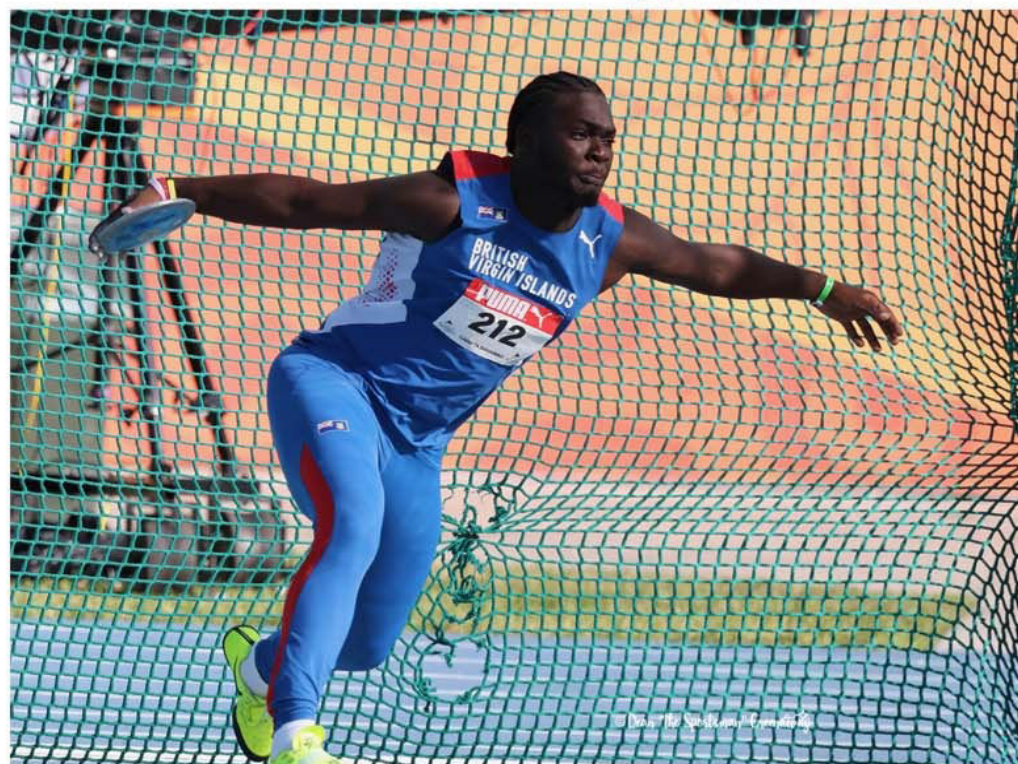
# SPORTS

## CARIFTA GAMES

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway



*Jahshani Farrington, 2nd left, ran an 800m season's best of 1:55.79*



*Andre Smikle was 5th in the U-20 Boys Discus Throw with a heave of 47.02m (153'4")*



*Kenyatta Grate earner silver and became the BVI's 2nd U-20 Girls 200m since 1976*



*Mychael Claxton drives to the line to finish 6th in the U20 Boys Octathlon*

# WHAT TO DO FOR ENLARGED PROSTATE OR FOR PROSTATE CANCER

By age of 50, most men will already have an enlarged prostate and three of these men will have cancer cells forming in their prostate. Prostate cancer is the main cancer found in men and by age 75 three out of four men will have prostate cancer.

The facts are pretty clear, if you are a male you will have to deal with BPH, enlarged prostate, or prostate cancer.

So how do you know if you have BPH or prostate cancer? Well, here are a few of the symptoms:

- ” getting up at night to urinate
- ” having difficulty urinating
- ” not completely emptying your bladder
- ” having pain during sex
- ” having pain when urinating

Medical test that you can get for enlarged prostate or prostate cancer.

” PSA, prostate specific antigen, which gives a good indication of your prostate health

” PAP, prostate acid phosphatase, a test that is more accurate than PSA, but many doctors don't use it or are unfamiliar with it.

” Sonogram is a safe and accurate way to check your prostate

” MRI, magnetic resonance imaging, is also accurate but is the most expensive test.

There are other tests that doctors like to make and that is,

Biopsy of the prostate - Don't have it done. It's very harmful to the prostate and should never be done.

The ideal way to take care of prostate health issues is to change or improve you diet and lifestyle. Here are some area that you need to look at to make changes.

- ” diet
- ” supplement
- ” fasting
- ” hormone balancing
- ” eliminate addictive substances - smoking, alcohol, coffee, non-herbal tea)
- ” exercise
- ” stress, anxiety, and emotional issues

The first thing you need to do is start using a supplement that will start to heal your prostate condition. Then you need to change your diet. Here I will tell which supplement to buy immediately and in another article I will outline a good diet to follow.

Go out and immediately buy a supplement that contains Beta-sitosterol. You will find beta-sitosterol in saw palmetto and pygeum africanum, but these herbal plants have very little beta-sitosterol.

This make them useless for prostate health. You need 325 to 610 mg per day and these herbal products 30 mg or less.

A good beta-sitosterol to buy is the NSI Phytosterol Complex with Beta-sitosterol – 240 Tablets. This is only \$20.00 plus shipping.

You will find this product contains the following ingredients:

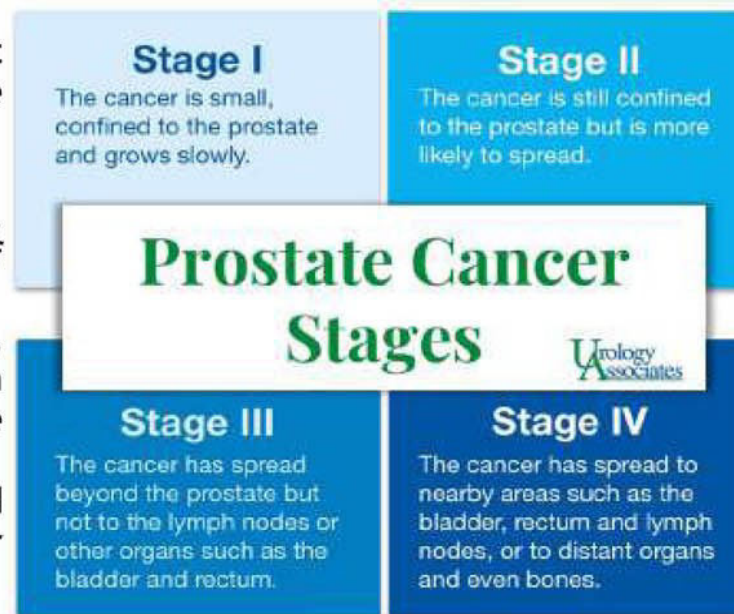
- Betasitosterol
- Stigmasterol
- Campesterol

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All of these chemicals are called Phytosterol, which are consider the fat inside a plant. These sterols have an anti-inflammatory property and help to buildup your immune system.

They have been found effective in reducing the inflammation of the prostate, BPH, lowering cholesterol, and aiding in many other illnesses.

Take the first step in keeping a healthy prostate and avoid having to deal with enlarged prostate or prostate cancer. Look for more of my articles on prostate health.



# celebrity extra

by Dana Jackson

**Q.** I want to see the new film "Jesus Revolution," but I don't like going to movie theaters. Can I watch it at home on my TV? — H.W.

**A.** "Jesus Revolution" is the term Time magazine called an evangelical Christian revival that began on the West Coast in the 1960s and 1970s. The movie of the same name is based on that published article as well as on a real pastor, who is played by Kelsey Grammer ("Frasier") in the film.

Jonathan Roumie co-stars in "Jesus Revolution" as Lonnie Frisbee, a charismatic street preacher who resembles Jesus. The actor started out doing guest roles in primetime shows like "Chicago Med" and "NCIS: Los Angeles," but he seems to have found his calling of starring in faith-based projects in recent years. He's played Jesus in three seasons of Angel Studios' "The Chosen," which can be streamed on Peacock.

At the time of this writing, "Jesus Revolution" is only available in theaters, where it's been quite successful, generating more than \$45 million. It will eventually be available for rent and/or purchase on the Vudu/Pandango streaming app (and perhaps someday a streaming platform like Prime Video and one of the network or cable channels). However, if you don't want to take a chance on missing it, I'd venture out to your local theater soon.

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**Q.** What is Kiefer Sutherland's new show about? It looks like he's playing Jack Bauer again. — L.J.

**A.** While actor Kiefer Sutherland is best known for playing Jack Bauer on the hit Fox action series "24," his new show "Rabbit Hole" is a completely different project and character for him altogether. It definitely caters to Kiefer's fan base, though, but instead of playing a federal agent fighting terrorism, he's a private espionage agent framed for murder.

"Rabbit Hole" comes from the creative minds of Emmy-winning producers John Requa and Glenn Ficarra ("This Is Us"), and the show co-stars Charles Dance ("The Crown") and Rob Yang ("Succession"). The first season consists of only eight episodes, and the first two will premiere on March 26. It's available exclusively on the Paramount+ stream-



Jonathan Roumie ("Jesus Revolution")

ing service.

Sutherland had another successful series after "24" called "Designated Survivor," where he becomes president of the free world after everyone above him in rank is killed in a catastrophic attack. It aired for two seasons on ABC before airing the third season on Netflix. He also recently played President Franklin D. Roosevelt in the Showtime original series "The First Lady." Now, whether we'll see him in a silly comedy anytime soon remains to be seen.

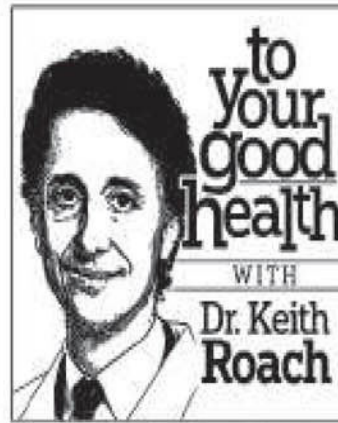
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**Q.** What happened to the period piece drama "Sanditon"? Wasn't it on Netflix? I tried to find it, and it's gone. — A.K.

**A.** "Sanditon" recently had its third and final season premiere on PBS. The series is set during England's Regency era, in the early 1800s at a seaside resort called Sanditon. It's based on the unfinished novel by Jane Austen and stars Rose Williams. Andrew Davies, the Emmy and BAFTA award-winning screenwriter who has adapted classics like "Pride & Prejudice" and "Sense & Sensibility," has done a wonderful job carrying out Austen's original vision.

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

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## Longtime Cannabis User Still Tests Positive Weeks After Quitting

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** I am a 68-year-old male who has used cannabis for 51 years. During that time span, I graduated from high school and college with two bachelor's degrees and two master's degrees, and I spent 35 years as an accomplished educator, motivational speaker and author. I have been married to the same person for 31 years and have a wide circle of friends.

Twenty-five years ago, I had my thyroid removed due to cancer, and I currently take medication. I also inject testosterone and take medications for blood pressure and cholesterol, as well as Xanax. I retired to a life that involves little travel, choosing instead to spend my time reading, researching, writing and being active in my community. Once I began to notice a loss of motivation and diminished memory, I became proactive and decided to give up cannabis.

I have had no trouble quitting cold turkey and have no desire to return to it. My memory has vastly improved, and I still enjoy all the things that made my retirement enjoyable before I made this decision. After 10 weeks of not using, I still test positive for the metabolites

using THC testing strips. I have read that normal detoxing for a heavy user is anywhere from six weeks to two months.

To aid in the process, I drink half a glass of lemon juice in the morning, drink two gallons of water or detox tea a day, cut red meat and dairy from my diet, spend an hour a day on the treadmill, and spend 40 minutes in a steam bath.

How long should I expect to continue testing positive? Is there anything else I can do to speed up the passing of the metabolites? — Anon.

**ANSWER:** The active form of THC, the primary chemical in cannabis that causes the psychoactive effects (i.e., the effects for people to feel "high"), accumulates in the fat cells, where it can be stored for long periods of time.

Research in laboratory animals confirms that losing weight over the long-term releases the stored THC from the fat, making it more likely that a urine test will be positive in people who are losing weight (which might be the case with you, given your exercise and diet). Heavy users have told me that they feel like they are "coming out of a fog" for up to six months after stopping the use of cannabis. However, I can't give you any evidence-based answer on how long you will continue to show positive results.

I don't think drinking water and tea, nor the steam bath, are significantly helping you get rid of the accumulated THC in the body, but the diet and exercise changes probably are, if you are losing fat as I suspect. Even if you aren't losing weight, you may be getting more muscular due to exercise and losing fat.

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

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# Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

• There is an art form called Assquatch that consists of faces made from deer posteriors.

• Renaissance genius Leonardo da Vinci designed plans for a "mechanized knight," a robot-like creation that relied on a pulley system. When the plans were discovered nearly five centuries later and built according to his specifications, the design worked perfectly.

• In 2012, a Manchester, U.K., couple jokingly invited Queen Elizabeth to their wedding. Her Royal Highness not only showed up, but brought Prince Philip.

• Speedy Gonzales was banned by the Cartoon Network for being an offensive stereotype, only to be returned after mass protest by the Hispanic-American community.

• The lowest sounding instrument in an orchestra is the contrabassoon. Only a few soloists in the world play it.

• After winning an Oscar, Daniel Day-Lewis retired to become a cobbler in Italy. Fortunately for the theatrical world, he returned to acting after Martin Scorsese convinced him to star in "Gangs of New York."

• The first Troll doll was created by a Danish fisherman who could not afford a Christmas gift for his daughter. While it wouldn't have won any beauty contests, when other children saw it they wanted one as well.

• IKEA recalled its chocolate bars because they didn't come with an allergy warning.

• In 1877, a monkey named Jimmy was charged with assault after biting the finger of one Mary Shea. When a judge said he couldn't legally commit a monkey, Jimmy respectfully removed his velvet hat, climbed on the judge's desk, and attempted to shake his hand.

• There's a website that tells you the best time to use the restroom during a movie in a theater so you don't miss anything important.

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**Thought for the Day:** "A man is not old until regrets take the place of dreams." — John Barrymore

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# Caribbean News / Regional News

## Tourism and health stakeholders to meet in the Bahamas this month-end



*Dr. Joy St. John*

Balancing the importance of maintaining healthy communities within a thriving tourism-based regional economy will take center stage at the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA)'s 67th annual Health Research Conference set for the Bahamas from April 27 to 29, 2023.

Held in partnership with the Government of the Bahamas, through the Ministry of Health and Wellness, delegates to the longest-running health research conference in Latin America and the Caribbean region will explore the theme, "Caribbean Health and Tourism: Pathways to Recovery and Resilience", at the popular Atlantis Paradise Island Resort.

Travel and tourism are crucial to the sustainability and resilience of Caribbean economies as they drive revenue, employment and foreign exchange. But the sector can also be a catalyst

for the introduction and spread of disease, as was the case during the COVID-19 pandemic, which negatively impacted Caribbean health security.

The Bahamas conference aims to highlight all the ways that the region is working toward addressing concerns, challenges, lessons learned, and innovations in the health and tourism arenas.

Dr. Joy St. John, Executive Director of CARPHA, stated: "The Caribbean is known for its desirable tourism product and as a fabulous tourism destination. The Bahamas is one of the most sought-after spots and the Caribbean is one of the most tourism-dependent regions in this world. CARPHA therefore sees the partnership with the Ministry of Health and Wellness in co-hosting the appropriately themed 'Caribbean Health and Tourism: Pathway to Recovery and Resilience' Annual Health Research Conference, as a serendipitous collaboration," she said. The goal of the conference is to facilitate and promote communication and the sharing of scientific outputs among health scientists, policymakers, and related professionals in the wider Caribbean region.

On April 24, before the start of the conference, CARPHA

will stage its third Regional Tourism and Health Steering Committee and Stakeholders Meeting at the Atlantis. The one-day event is the regional initiative for enhancing health, safety and security as well as the economic recovery and resilience of Caribbean tourism, especially as the emergency phase of the COVID-19

pandemic has elapsed.

At this meeting, regional and international health, tourism and development stakeholders, will seek to cultivate sustainable practices related to CARPHA's innovative Tourism and Health Programme (THP), strengthen health and tourism partnerships for the THP,

and advocate and promote for THP implementation and its multifold impacts.

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## Caribbean News / Regional News

# CARILEC LINEWORKERS RODEO RETURNS WITH A FOCUS ON ENERGY RESILIENCE

Castries, Saint Lucia, April 6th, 2023: Anticipation is high among electric utility companies and line workers across the region for the return of the Caribbean Electric Utility Services Corporation's (CARILEC) annual Line Worker Field Safety Training & Rodeo Competition. The event returns to the CARILEC's calendar from April 15th -16th following a three-year pandemic-imposed hiatus. It will be conducted at Pigeon Point, in Gros Islet, Saint Lucia with the Saint Lucia Electricity Services (LUCELEC) as the host utility.

Line workers from ten (10) Caribbean islands will vie for the rodeo championship as they wrestle the much-coveted award from the Anguilla Electricity Services Limited (ANGLEC). This is the Rodeo's

fifth year since inception, and LUCELEC is co-hosting this event for a second time. The rodeo has been held as an island road show, in the islands of Grenada, St. Kitts and Nevis, and St. Vincent in previous years. While the Rodeo Competition will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on April 16th, the Safety Training Workshop will be held virtually on April 15th.

Line workers are critical to the efficient operation of electric utilities and perform their jobs in a multi-hazard environment which demands technical knowledge, expertise, and continuous training. This year the Field Safety Training & Rodeo Competition will be held under the theme Championing Caribbean Line Workers for a Resilient Energy

Future. It aims to build on the success of CARILEC's Line Worker Reserve Corps Training conducted late last year, which focused on technical aspects of post-disaster power line and electric infrastructure restoration, safety, and security. Eighty utility line workers and contractors from 13 Caribbean countries benefited from that training.

CARILEC's Learning and Development Manager, Laurena Primus describes the Caribbean line worker as, "the backbone of the utility whose role can best be appreciated for the exceptional maintenance of power grids and the restoration of service in the wake of storm, flood, or hurricane, to the highest standard of safety and security". In light of the

pivotal role line workers play in the efficient running of the electric utility sector, safety and standards are priority training areas for utilities and the sector in general.

The Line Worker Field Safety Training & Rodeo Competition is an integral aspect of CARILEC's work in Disaster Management. It is held ahead of the annual Hurricane Season, as part of the preparation of teams for post-disaster restoration activities at the utility, national or regional levels, should a regional deployment be necessary.

The evidence of this training is put on display for the education and awareness of the public during the Rodeo. With its high spectacle of skilled drills and friendly competition, the Rodeo component has

historically been one of the most highly subscribed events on CARILEC's calendar by electric utilities, as well as by national audiences who gain an appreciation of the singular importance of the work of the line worker in the operation of the utility. Pole Top Rescue, Basketball on a Pole, HV Cut-out Installation, HV Earth Installation and Hurtman Rescue drills are among the planned highlights of the event. It is a fun Sunday for friends and family to support their local teams from LUCELEC and the other islands.

The Line Worker Rodeo and Safety Training is open to utility line workers, contracted line workers, and utility safety managers. This event is free for the public to attend.

## SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE GRENADA TOURISM AUTHORITY ATTENDED THE SEATRADE CRUISE GLOBAL CONFERENCE

St. George's, Grenada – April 5, 2023 – Senior officials of the Grenada Tourism Authority (GTA) recently attended the Seatrade Cruise Global Conference, the largest cruise industry event in the world, from March 27-30 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

The GTA delegation was led by Chairman Randall Dolland and included CEO Petra Roach and Manager of Nautical Development Nikoyan Roberts. The delegation also included Marlon Clyne, Manager, Administration of the Grenada Ports Authority and Sheldon Alexander, General Manager, Services Division, George F. Huggins & Co. Ltd. They joined more than 12,000 professionals from the cruise industry, including cruise line executives, port operators,

travel agents and suppliers.

The conference presents opportunities to discuss trends and innovations in the global cruise industry and allows attendees to conduct one on one meetings to move forward commercial agreements.

The Grenada delegation participated in a series of meetings with cruise brands including Royal Caribbean, Celebrity, Silversea, American Queen Voyages, Princess Cruises, Oceania, Regent, Ritz Carlton Yacht Collection, Windstar Cruises, and Viking Cruises. Discussions centered around including Grenada in their itineraries, increasing the number of passengers disembarking in port, providing opportunities for Grenadian talent to be employed in the cruise industry workforce and

providing a market for locally produced Grenadian products.

Petra Roach, CEO of the GTA, was optimistic about the conference and it's expected impact on Grenada's tourism industry. "Seatrade Cruise Global Conference is not only an excellent opportunity for us to share updates in terms of improvements in Grenada's product but also the occasion for us to recommit to the cruise industry and communicate that we are open for business and serious about it. We look forward to solidifying these relationships with cruise line executives and other industry stakeholders and exploring different ways to attract more cruise visitors to our shores."

For more information about Grenada, visit <https://www.puregrenada.com/>.



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# Biden Voices Hope for Government Renewal in Northern Ireland

WASHINGTON — U.S. President Joe Biden told people in Belfast on Wednesday that he hopes Northern Ireland's devolved power sharing government can be restored soon.

"I hope it's not too presumptuous for me to say that I believe [the] democratic institutions [that] established the Good Friday Agreement remain critical to the future of Northern Ireland," he told hundreds gathered for a speech at Ulster University.

"An effective devolved government that reflects the people of Northern Ireland and is accountable to them. A government that works to find ways through hard problems together is going to draw even greater opportunity to this region. So, I hope the assembly and the executive will soon be restored," he said.

"That's a judgment for you to make, not me, but I hope it happens," Biden added.

Biden was referring to Northern Ireland's place in the United

Kingdom, under which the UK government has transferred (or devolved) a wide range of powers to the Northern Ireland Assembly, under which local politicians, instead of lawmakers in London, make key decisions.

But in practice, it has been fraught with tensions, dysfunction and conflict between Northern Ireland's two dominant political parties, the Democratic Unionist Party, which favors continued governance with London, and Sinn Fein, which broadly favors reunification with Ireland.

Biden was on the first day of a three-day trip to Northern Ireland and Ireland to mark the 25th anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement that ended years of deadly sectarian strife on the island between Catholic nationalists, who wished to unite with neighboring Ireland, and mostly Protestant unionists, who wish to remain within the United Kingdom.

Biden, who often mentions his Irish roots, said Tuesday that this



*President Joe Biden takes a selfie with guests after speaking at Ulster University in Belfast, Northern Ireland, April 12, 2023.*

week's visit to the Emerald Isle is no vacation.

In response to a reporter's question, he stressed the importance of the 1998 agreement that brought peace to the island.

Biden's top priority on this three-day visit — which will take him

across the island, including the Northern Irish capital of Belfast, along with Dublin and his family's ancestral home of Ballina — is to "make sure the Irish accords and the Windsor agreements stay in place," he said. "Keep the peace,

that's the main thing."

That is a big lift. That peace has been tested by Britain's 2016 Brexit vote to leave the European Union, taking Northern Ireland with it, and leaving the rest of the island in the EU.

## Biden's Ancestral Hometowns Prepare Warm Irish Welcome

BALLINA, IRELAND — Joe Blewitt is just about the busiest man in Ballina. His phone rings constantly with calls from locals and the world's media as he prepares to welcome a relative — U.S. President Joe Biden.

Biden is scheduled to travel to Ireland next week, with a stop in Ballina, the town from which one of his great-great grandfathers left for the United States in 1850. Blewitt, a distant cousin who first met Biden when he came to town as vice president in 2016, said the U.S. leader pledged to return once he'd won the presidency.

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"He said, 'I'm going to come back into Ballina.' And sure to God he's going to come back into Ballina," Blewitt said. "His Irish roots are really deep in his heart."

The 43-year-old plumber was among Biden relations invited to the White House for St. Patrick's Day last month. He says it was a

"surreal" experience that included a half-hour private meeting with the president.

"He's a people person. He loves meeting the Irish people," said Blewitt, who shares Biden's high forehead — he says people joke that he looks like the president "from the mouth up."

"The Irish people love him back." Buildings are getting a new coat of paint and American flags are being hung from shopfronts in Ballina, a bustling agricultural town of about 10,000 at the mouth of the River Moy in western Ireland that proclaims itself the nation's "salmon capital."

There's already a mural of a beaming Biden, erected in 2020 in the center of town. Many people from Ballina and the surrounding County Mayo moved to Pennsylvania in the 19th century. Ballina is twinned with Scranton, Biden's hometown.

"I wouldn't think there's a family in Ballina that doesn't have someone, some connection with the States," said Anthony Heffernan, owner of Heffernan's Fine Foods, where Biden had lunch with his local relatives during his 2016 visit.

"It was a fantastic day for Ballina,"

Heffernan recalled.

"He was very keen to talk about the town — how it was, and how it is now. He was really connected with the area."

The White House says Biden will visit Belfast, Northern Ireland, on Tuesday and Wednesday to mark 25 years since the Good Friday peace accord, before heading south to the Republic of Ireland, where he will address the Dublin parliament. In Ballina, he's due to deliver a speech Friday in front of the 19th-century cathedral, which local lore says was built partly using bricks supplied by his great-great-grandfather, Edward Blewitt, a brickmaker and civil engineer.

The Irish Family History Center says Biden "is among the most 'Irish' of all U.S. Presidents" — 10 of his 16 great-great grandparents were from the Emerald Isle. All of them left for the U.S. during the Great Famine of the mid-19th century, which killed an estimated 1 million people.

Biden also plans to visit the Cooley Peninsula in County Louth, about 150 miles (240 kilometers) from Ballina on Ireland's east coast. His great-grandfather, James

Finnegan, left the mountainous, wind-battered peninsula as a child in 1850, one of more than a million Irish people who emigrated during the famine years.

"There's a great sense of euphoria around the place. Everyone is asking 'What's happening, when's he coming, where's he going?'" said Andrea McKeivitt, a local politician and distant Biden relative.

White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre told reporters that the president would use his Irish trip to highlight "how his family history is part of that larger shared history" between the U.S. and Ireland. The trip is also a reminder of the central role of Irish Americans in U.S. political life. Ireland has warmly welcomed American presidents since John F. Kennedy became the first to visit in 1963. Barack Obama got a jubilant reception in 2011 when he visited the tiny hamlet of Moneygall, home to one of his great-great-grandfathers.

"My name is Barack Obama, of the Moneygall Obamas, and I've come home to find the apostrophe we lost somewhere along the way," he joked to a crowd in Dublin.

More than 30 million Americans — almost one in 10 — claim some Irish ancestry. Richard Johnson, senior lecturer in U.S. politics at Queen Mary University of London, said Irish Americans no longer form the solidly Democrat voting bloc of decades gone by, but it's still "good politics domestically for Americans to emphasize their Irish roots." "One of the reasons Irish identity resonates so much with Americans is that U.S. identity is based in part on the notion that the United States broke free from the British Empire and set its own course," he said. "There is a kind of echo of that story that can be found in the Irish experience. It makes it feel like the Irish have shared a common experience of breaking out of British rule that I think is attractive to Americans."

Irish Prime Minister Leo Varadkar said Biden "has always been a friend of Ireland," and the visit would be "an opportunity to welcome a great Irish-American president home." In Ballina, Blewitt said the town is getting ready to give Biden a rousing welcome.

"The streets will be packed," he said. "It'll be like another St. Patrick's Day."

# SPORTS

## BVI bags 2 Carifta Games silver medals in the Bahamas

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

### CARIFTA GAMES

Jah'Kyla Morton and Kenyatta Grate of the 32-member BVI team, grabbed silver medals on the opening and closing days of the 50th Carifta Games in Nassau Bahamas, while Adeaajah Hodge was unable to face the starters gun for the U-20 Girls 100m on Saturday.

The two medals brought the territory's total to 66 and 13 individual medals have been won in the Bahamas, since the first—400m silver in 1978—by Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway.

Morton copped silver to upgrade last year's U17 Girls High Jump bronze medal, while improving her own national record from 1.67m (5'5") to 1.70m (5'7") in a jump off with Jamaica's Asia Macay at 1.73m for gold. Morton added 1½" on to her national record to become the first BVI athlete to clear 1.70m (5'7") outdoors. Kanniqa Grate was 7th with 1.55m (5'1").

"I actually wanted the gold, but I still came out here and did my best and got a personal best so I feel good with my position," she said.

Morton ran a 100m Hurdles personal best of 14.86 seconds (+1.2), while A'Sia McMaster had a time of 15.02.

Grate, who ran a personal best of 24.18 seconds to qualify for the U-20 Girls 200m final, became just the territory's second medalist in its history dating back to 1976, when she grabbed silver in a personal

best, 24.11 seconds. She was sixth in her U20 Girls 100m semifinals in 12.00 Seconds, after advancing with the 7th best heat time of 11.91 seconds (+2.6m/s). "It means a lot to me because this is my last year," Grate said. "I didn't make the team in 2019. I missed 2020 and 2021 because of corona. I made it to the final last year but didn't run the way I wanted to, so it gave me enough faith this year to come back and medal."

Her cousin J'Den Jackson who became just the third BVI U-17 Boy to make a 200m final since the territory's 1976 debut also in Nassau, was seventh in 22.55 seconds. He ran a personal best 22.13 to advance and another best in the 100m semis of 11.13, before anchoring the U-17 Boys 4x100m Relay team of Mario Carter, Tiondre Frett and Othineil Gillings, that placed fourth in a national record, 42.59 seconds, after a 43.06 semi.

Hodge was unable to perform after she felt discomfort while pushing off and was pulled from the competition as a precautionary measure.

"It's just a little roll of my ankle and I was feeling scared coming in because I didn't know how severe it was, but it's starting to get better," Hodge told Island Sun Sports. "I'm a little bit disappointed but I know I had to make a smart decision for myself."

In his second consecutive U-20 Boys 800m final, Jahshani Farrington was fifth in a season's best 1 minute 55.79 seconds, after advancing with 1:57.54. Jonathan Lynch had non-qualifying time of 1:59.13. In the 1500m, Farrington and Lynch ran 4:21.67 and



After winning U-17 Girls High Jump silver, Jah'Kyla Morton, center, ran a personal best of 14.86 seconds in the 100m Hurdles

4:22.18 to finish 11th and 12th respectively.

Andre Smikle had a throw of 47.02m (154'3") to finish fifth in the U-20 Boys Discus Throw, while Palesa Caesar had a best heave of 39.74m (130'5") to place 11th among U-20 Girls. Savianna Joseph was 13th with 35.79, (117'5"). Joseph, who moved to U-20 from U-17 after striking gold in the Shot Put last year, was seventh in her pet event with a heave of 12.21m (40'7¾"). Caesar was 13th with 10.89m (34'1"). Smikle finished seventh in the Shot Put with a heave of 14.33m (47'0¼").

In the U20 Girls 400m final, Kaelyaah Liburd ran a season's best 54.76 seconds to finish sixth, after running 55.56 to advance.

Shanniah Johnson had a non-advancing time of 25.42 and Taryn Augustine ran 26.29 in the U-17 Girls 200m.

Plagued by foul troubles in the U-20 Boys event, Gabriel

Cline—coached by his father Keita who struck Long and Triple Jump gold in the same division for the BVI in 1992 also in Nassau—fouled his first two jumps, before a safe 6.09m (19'11¾") third round effort. Crystal Daly was fourth in the U-17 Girls Long Jump with a 5.41m (17'9") leap. Shara Stout finished 10th with 5.15m (16'10¾").

Mychael Claxton who was in fourth place after the penultimate event of the U-20 Octathlon Boys, finished sixth with 4719 points while teammate Orlando Douglas was 11th with 4388.

A'Keela McMaster and Ashleigh Penn dropped out of the Heptathlon, about 150m into the final event, the 800m.

The U17 Girls 4x100 team of A'Sia McMaster, Shanniah Johnson, Jah'Kyla Morton and Taryn Augustine, were fourth in 49.84. Amia Todman, Kenyatta Grate, Ariyah Smith

and Kaelyaah Liburd, were 5th in the U-20 Girls 4x100m in 46.67. U-20 Boys Tyrese James, Mikkei George, M'Khorri Crabbe and Gabriel Cline, were 7th 42.81.

M'Kori Crabbe and Tyrese James, had U-20 Boys 400m non advancing times of 50.40 and 51.29 seconds respectively and Jaylen Callwood, a time of 11.34 in the 100m. Mekki George's 22.16 seconds in the 200m, did not make the cut.

In the U-20 Girls 4x400m Relay, the quartet of Kaelyaah Liburd, Kenyatta Grate, Akeela McMaster and Ashleigh Penn, ran 3 minutes 51.57 seconds to place fourth. The U-17 Girls team, composed of Shannah Johnson, Jah'Kyla Morton, A'Sia McMaster and Taryn Augustine, ran 4:08.41 to finish sixth. The U-20 Boys team of Khamauri Crabbe, M'khorri Crabbe, Jonathan Lynch and Mekki George, were seventh in 3:18.96.



# SPORTS

## CARIFTA GAMES



*The U-17 Boys 4x100m Relay quartet of J'Den Jackson, Othinel Gillings, Tiondre Frett and Mario Carter, improved their 43.06 seconds national record from the semis to 42.59*



*After a 100m PB, 11.13 and 200m PB 22.13, J'Den Jackson, left, became only the 3rd U17 Boy to make a 200m final*



*Jah'Kyla Morton upgraded her U-17 Girls High Jump medal from bronze last year to silver*



*Chrystal Daly was 5th in the U-17 Girls Long Jump with a leap of 5.41m (17'9")*



# THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

...The dove could find nowhere to perch because there was water over all the surface of the earth; so it returned to Noah in the ark... He waited seven more days and again sent out the dove from the ark. When the dove returned to him in the evening, there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf! Then Noah knew that the water had receded from the earth. GENESIS 8: 9-11



Manuscript, Regensburg, Germany (1360)

## Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

OK, FORGET THIS! FROM NOW ON WE NEED TO EITHER MAKE LESS OR JUST EAT MORE.



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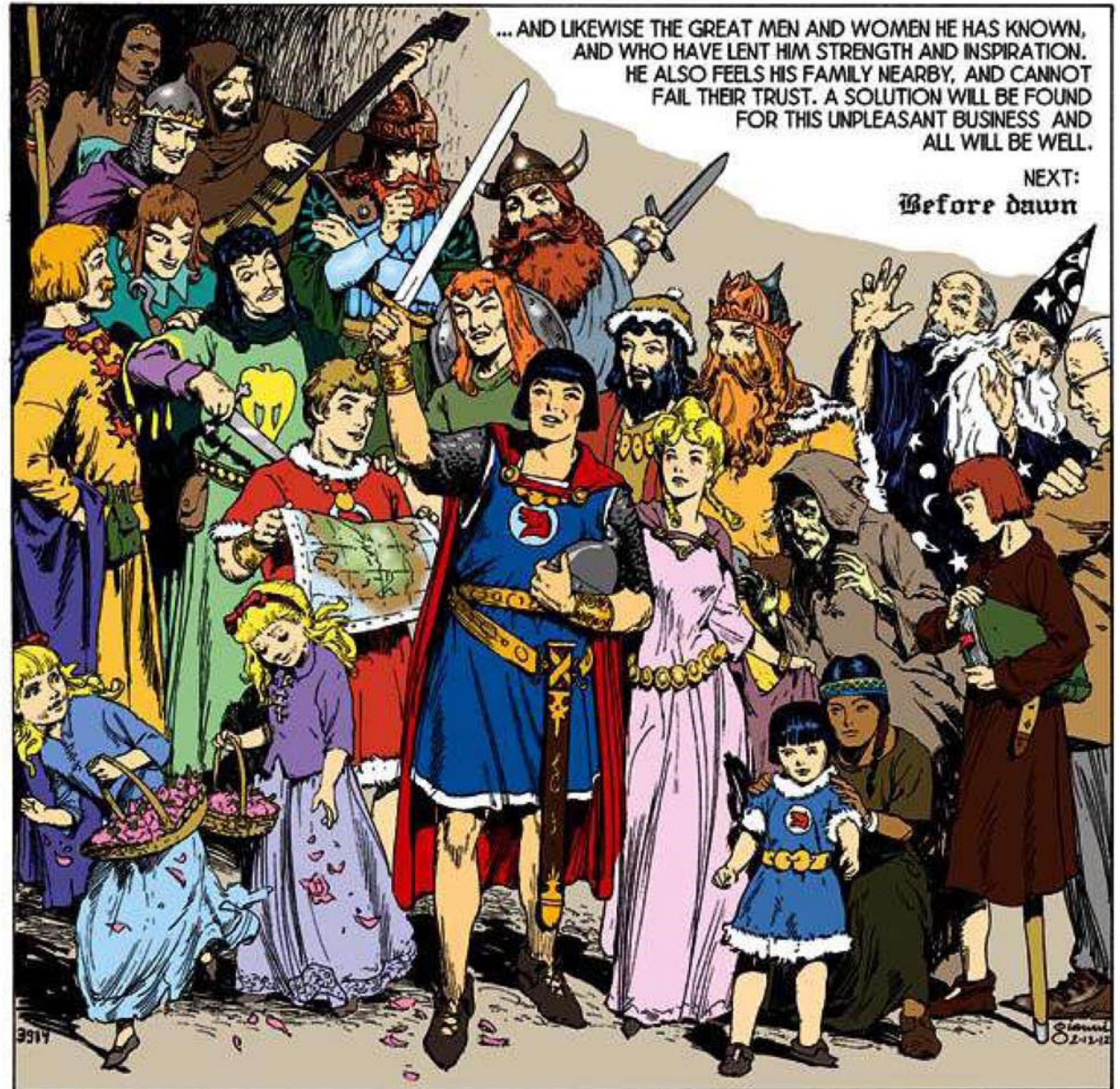


WHILE THE OTHERS SLEEP, VAL REMEMBERS A SIMILAR CAVE WHERE HE HAD LONG AGO LEARNED A LESSON ABOUT THE FUTILITY OF FIGHTING TIME.



HE MUST FIND A WAY TO DESTROY THE GOLEM OUTSIDE, BUT THIS PLACE SEEMS TO LAY ALL HIS YEARS BEFORE HIM...

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... AND LIKEWISE THE GREAT MEN AND WOMEN HE HAS KNOWN, AND WHO HAVE LENT HIM STRENGTH AND INSPIRATION. HE ALSO FEELS HIS FAMILY NEARBY, AND CANNOT FAIL THEIR TRUST. A SOLUTION WILL BE FOUND FOR THIS UNPLEASANT BUSINESS AND ALL WILL BE WELL.

NEXT:  
Before dawn

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"Fire one!"

# BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Job (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. In Luke 17, when Jesus healed 10 men of leprosy, how many returned to thank Him? 0, 1, 3, All
3. What woman restored to life by Peter was known for helping the poor? Dorcas, Leah, Abigail, Miriam
4. Where are the names Abaddon and Apollyon used to denote Satan? 2 Peter; 3 John, Jude, Revelation
5. Who contracted leprosy for lying to the prophet Elisha? Deborah, Gideon, Gehazi, Matthew
6. From 2 Samuel 20, who led David's armies? Aaron, Dan, Abner, Joab

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) 1, 3) Dorcas (also called Tabitha), 4) Revelation 9:11, 5) Gehazi, 6) Joab

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## Salome's Stars

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) This is a good time to reassess important relationships, both personal and professional, to see where problems might exist and how they can be overcome. Keep the lines of communication open.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) It's not easy to bring order to a chaotic situation, whether it's in the workplace or at home. But if anyone can do it, you can. A pleasant surprise awaits you by week's end.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Be careful that you don't make an upcoming decision solely on the word of those who might have their own reasons for wanting you to act as they suggest. Check things out for yourself.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) A personal relationship that seems to be going nowhere could be restarted once you know why it stalled in the first place. An honest discussion could result in some surprising revelations.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) That unexpected attack of self-doubt could be a way of warning yourself to go slow before making a career-changing decision. Take more time to do a closer study of the facts.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) A workplace problem needs your attention now, before it deteriorates to a point beyond repair. A trusted third party could be helpful in closing the

gaps that have opened.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) A recent family situation could give rise to a new problem. Keep an open mind and avoid making judgments about anyone's motives until all the facts are in.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Rely on your always-sharp intuition to alert you to potential problems with someone's attempt to explain away the circumstances behind a puzzling incident.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Although you still need to do some snipping off of those lingering loose ends from a past project, you can begin moving on to something else.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) With your self-confidence levels rising, you should feel quite comfortable with agreeing to take on a possibly troublesome, but potentially well-rewarded situation.

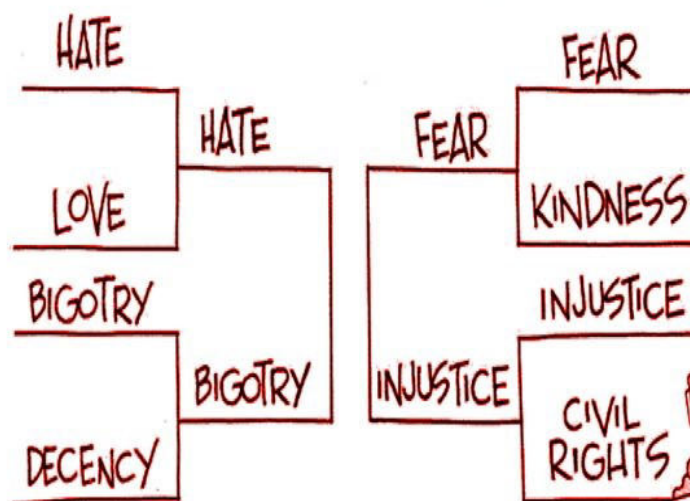
**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Travel is favored, both for business and for fun. The end of the week brings news about an upcoming project that could lead toward a promised career change.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) You might feel suddenly overwhelmed by a flood of responsibilities. But if you deal with each one in its turn, you'll soon be able to hold your head above water and move on.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a wonderful way of offering comfort as well as guidance. You would do well in the healing arts.

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## DAN PATRICK'S FINAL FOUR



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## AFRICA'S URBAN PLANNERS HAVE AN INCREASINGLY PIVOTAL ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF FAST-GROWING CITIES

*By Transparency International*

This week, the government of South Africa abruptly ended the 'state of disaster' invoked just two months ago over the country's worsening energy crisis. At the time, civil society criticised the move as unnecessary and inappropriate, and warned that relaxed regulations for the state power utility company Eskom could exacerbate graft.

After massive public outcry, the government has also backtracked on a recent exemption granted to Eskom to not disclose irregular expenditure in its annual financial statements.

The company has long been dogged by corruption scandals. Earlier this year, the now-former CEO of Eskom gave an explosive interview in which he alleged that high-level officials were involved in the plundering of the beleaguered power provider, causing losses of roughly US\$55 million a month due to the waste and theft of its aging coal power stations.

Meanwhile, rolling blackouts - or "load shedding" to keep the electricity grid from crashing - have become much more frequent and are lasting up to 12 hours a day.

A just transition to renewable energy is widely seen as a solution to power South Africa's growing urban areas - and support a quality of life that its people deserve - and this cannot occur if state utility services are riddled with corruption. This is an issue that goes far beyond Eskom.

Africa's population explosion is no secret, with the continent boasting the world's fastest urban growth rate. By 2050, a staggering 950 million people are predicted to occupy its cities.

With a growing population across the continent, the intersection between public sector decision-making and private interests is frequently fraught with urban

corruption - the prevalence of corrupt practices existing within systems of urban land governance. This was illustrated by a disturbing recent case in South Africa where government officials took over houses meant for low-income families in the city of Bloemfontein and rented them out for their own profit.

But while megacities such as Lagos, Johannesburg or Nairobi tend to grab headlines, most urban growth is occurring in small and medium-sized towns. This rapid expansion is often uncontrolled, stretching municipal resources and leaving people without basic services or shelter. While urban corruption is certainly not unique to Africa, it has the potential to bloom in cities across the continent due to outdated planning laws, under-resourced local

governments, and a shortage of professional urban planners.

Africa's urban planners have an increasingly pivotal role in the development of fast-growing cities, but they often feel ill-equipped to deal with pervasive corruption that stymies progress.

To help address these demands, we have collaborated with the African Centre for Cities to create a guide for professional and trainee planners, which was launched recently.

This guide is specifically geared towards understanding and addressing the impact of corruption in Sub-Saharan cities and has been extensively workshopped with urban development practitioners from across the region.

Keeping the lights on in Africa's growing cities and providing urban environments that are transparent, accountable and equitable for all requires a concerted effort by governments, civil society and planners to tackle corruption.



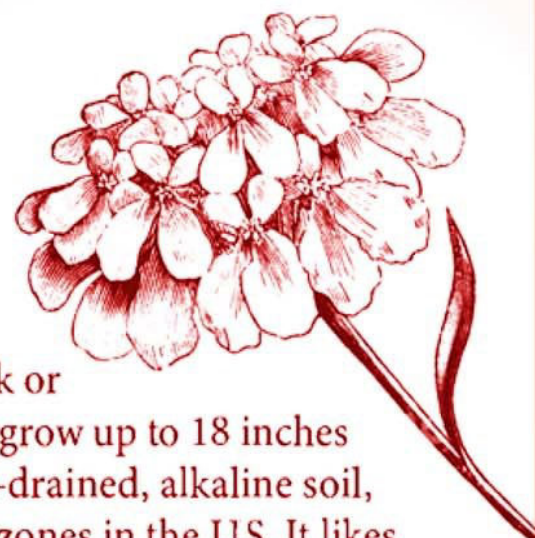
**Just Like Cats & Dogs**

by Dave T. Phipps



**The Garden Bug**

**Candytuft**



This showy beauty usually has white flowers, but sometimes pink or lilac varieties are available. It can grow up to 18 inches tall. The candytuft likes very well-drained, alkaline soil, lots of sun and does well in most zones in the U.S. It likes stony or gravelly areas, making it a great plant for a rock garden or along a rock wall. It blooms early spring through summer, and sometimes will bloom again in autumn. - Brenda Weaver

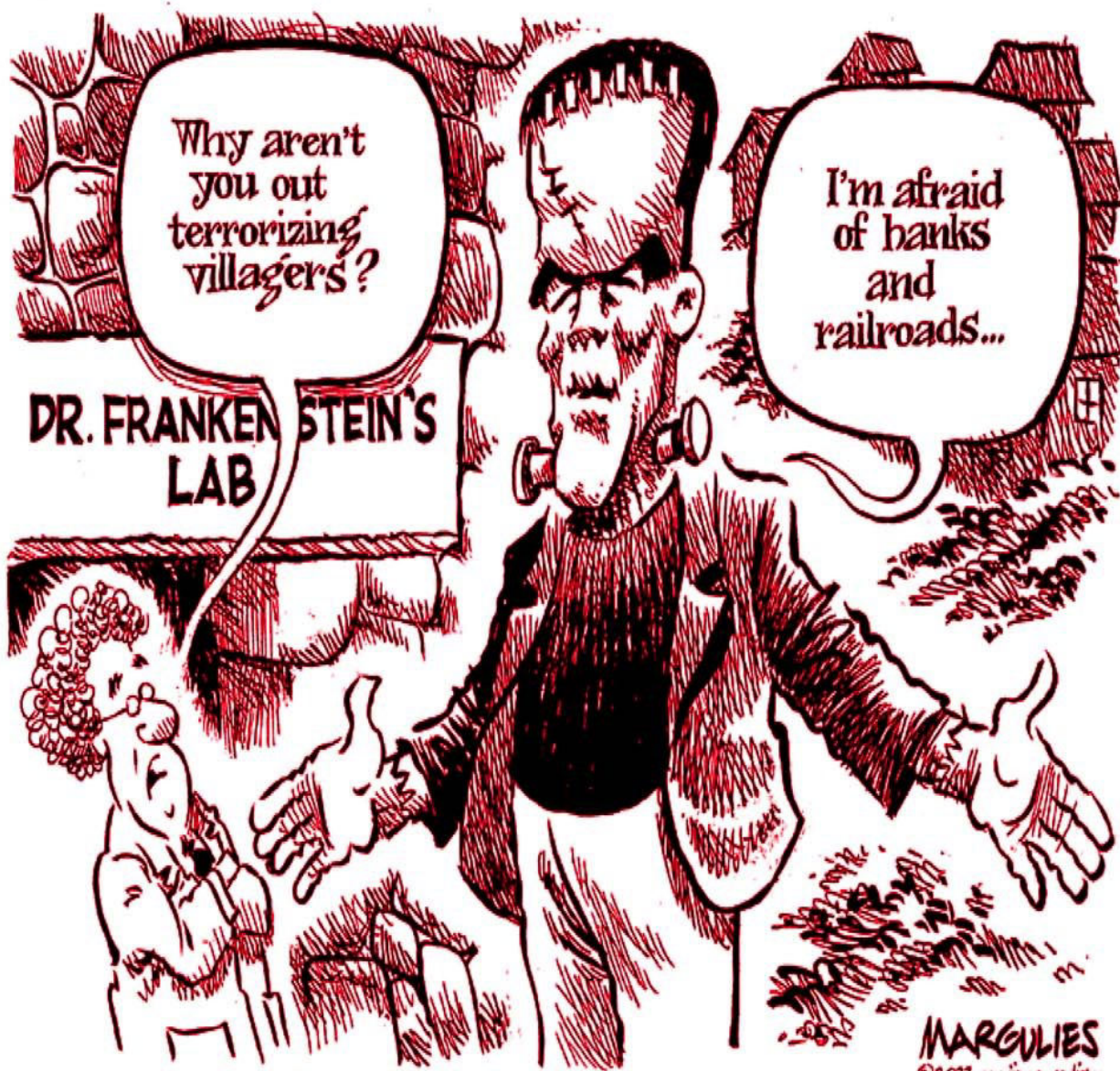
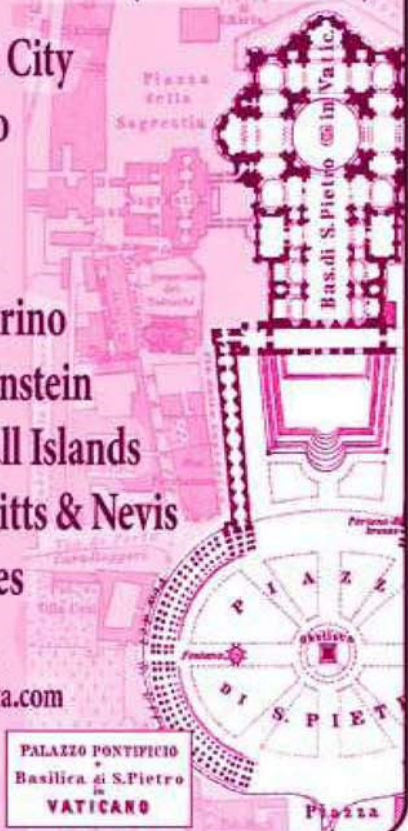
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**Smallest Countries OF THE WORLD ( LAND AREA )**

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3. Nauru
4. Tuvalu
5. San Marino
6. Liechtenstein
7. Marshall Islands
8. Saint Kitts & Nevis
9. Maldives
10. Malta

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## MATURE RESPONSE FROM GUYANA AT ICJ VICTORY OVER VENEZUELA

By Sir Ronald Sanders

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



Guyana has won a second judgement in an ongoing case against Venezuela, at the International Court of Justice (ICJ) at the Hague, "to confirm the legal validity and binding effect" of an 1899 arbitration that determined the boundary between Guyana and Venezuela as "a full, perfect and final settlement".

The Court made the latest judgement with 14 Judges in favour and one against. The Judge, casting the single dissenting vote was Mr. Phillipe Couvreur who was chosen by the Venezuelan Government to sit as an ad hoc judge in the case.

At stake in the case was the acceptability or rejection by the Court of a preliminary objection from the Venezuelan government, which argued that the United Kingdom (UK) is an indispensable third party without whose consent the Court cannot adjudicate upon the dispute.

The UK is the former colonial power in Guyana (formerly British Guiana) which became an independent, sovereign state on 26 May 1966.

The UK was party to the 1899 arbitral award, but by an agreement, signed on 17 February 1966 in Geneva (to which Guyana became a party at its independence) the settlement of the dispute, which Venezuela resurrected in 1962, was left to Guyana and Venezuela in accordance with procedures set out in the agreement.

The Judges of ICJ, having considered the legal arguments made by Guyana and Venezuela, and after examination of the historical facts of the case, decided to reject the Venezuelan preliminary objection, saying that the exercise of the Court's jurisdiction "is based on the application of the Geneva Agreement" and that the UK was not involved in the dispute settlement arrangements between Guyana and Venezuela, nor did either of them "request the United Kingdom's participation".

An important aspect of the 1966

Geneva Agreement was that, as the Court put it, "Guyana and Venezuela could submit the dispute to one of the means of settlement set out in Article 33 of the Charter of the United Nations, without the involvement of the United Kingdom." Article 33 allows for the parties to a dispute "to seek a solution by negotiation, enquiry, mediation, conciliation, arbitration, judicial settlement, resort to regional agencies or arrangements, or other peaceful means of their own choice." One of the solutions is that if the parties fail to reach agreement regarding the means of settlement, the Secretary-General of the United Nations shall choose another of the means stipulated in Article 33 of the Charter of the United Nations.

Guyana and Venezuela failed to find a settlement after 52 years of direct discussion, mixed commissions and mediation.

Therefore, on 30 January 2018, the UN Secretary-General, António Guterres, chose the ICJ "as the means that is now to be used for its solution". Subsequently, Guyana instituted proceedings against Venezuela at the ICJ to establish "the legal validity and binding effect" of the 1899 boundary settlement. At that time, two generations of Guyanese had lived in uncertainty and fear of Venezuela's aggression and incursions into their territory.

Venezuela was unhappy about the involvement of the ICJ from the outset, even though it is the instrument of a legal and peaceful process that the UN Charter provides for the settlement of disputes and is one that has been used from its inception by nations across the world. Consequently, on 18 June 2018, Venezuela launched its first objection to the case brought by Guyana, stating that the ICJ had no jurisdiction to hear the case.

In all fairness to Venezuela, the ICJ decided to postpone hearing the merits of the Guyana case until it had considered the Venezuelan arguments regarding the Court's jurisdiction. On 18 December 2020, the Court found that it did have jurisdiction to hear Guyana's case on the validity of the 1899 arbitral award. That was the first legal blow to Venezuela.

On 7 June 2022, Venezuela responded by filing the preliminary



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objection which the Court agreed was admissible for consideration. However, having examined the argument for the preliminary objection, for five months since 17 November 2022, the Court rejected it on 6 April 2023, confirming that it can adjudicate upon the merits of the case brought by Guyana for judicial settlement. But it will be another year before that happens; Venezuela has been given a year to respond to Guyana.

It is clear that, in these judicial proceedings, Venezuela has been given every opportunity to present its objections, and lengthy consideration has been given by the ICJ to its arguments before rejecting them. The international judicial system is working in a fair and objective manner, about which Venezuela can have no reason for complaint.

The more fundamental problem is that since 1962, sixty-three years after its parliament accepted and praised the 1899 arbitration, which gave Venezuela more territory than it had, successive Venezuelan governments have tried to distract attention from their deep internal divisions by trying to build unity around a false claim to the Essequibo region.

That claim was developed on an unsubstantiated note from a dead man, Severo Mallet-Prevost, a member of Venezuela's legal team during the 1899 proceeding, that he knew of a "political deal" in the arbitration's findings. Similar unsubstantiated allegations were made in Venezuela's preliminary objection submitted to the ICJ in 2022. They are a flimsy basis on which to build an entire national belief system, but it has been reinforced in Venezuelan schools and enhanced by false maps of the country. This disinformation has also promoted hostility toward Guyana from Venezuelan citizens.

The ICJ process may eventually settle the legal basis for the Guyana-Venezuela boundary. It is in both countries' interest to continue to participate fully in the Court's proceedings, and, once finalized, to accept its decision, as many other countries have done since 1946.

It is good that Guyana did not take a triumphalist stance toward Venezuela after its two legal victories at the ICJ. Instead, its President, Irfaan Ali, took the mature position of simply stating Guyana's confidence "that its longstanding international boundary with Venezuela will be confirmed by the Court."

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**TROY HOLDING VENTURES INC.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 2031207

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 29th day of March 2023. The Liquidator is **Ray A. George, of Long Trench, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**  
Dated this 29th day of March 2023.

**Ray A. George**  
Voluntary Liquidator [96/1]

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Dated this 29th day of March 2023.

**Ray A. George**  
Voluntary Liquidator [96/2]

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Dated this 29th day of March 2023

**Ray A. George**  
Voluntary Liquidator [96/3]

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Company No. 1781991

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Voluntary Liquidator [96/4]

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Company No. 1404000

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Dated this 13th day of March, 2023.  
**Ray A. George**  
Voluntary Liquidator [96/5]

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**CALM STORM INVESTMENTS INC.**

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Company No. 1690787

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Dated this 7th day of March 2023.

**Ray A. George**  
Voluntary Liquidator [96/6]

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

**Blue Phoenix Investments Limited**

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)  
Company No. 1529180

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to section 204, subsection 1 (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in Voluntary Liquidation. The Voluntary Liquidation commenced on 30th March 2023. The Liquidator is **Myron Walwyn of Travers Thorp Alberga, 2nd Floor Jayla Place, P.O. Box 216, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110.**  
Dated 3rd April 2023

**(Sgd) Myron Walwyn**  
Voluntary Liquidator [96/7]

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

**PROWIN RESOURCES LIMITED**

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)  
Company No. 1648596

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Dated 3rd April 2023

**(Sgd) Myron Walwyn**  
Voluntary Liquidator [96/8]

*The BVI Business Companies Act Advertisement of Liquidator's Appointment Section 204(1)(b)*

**CARPENTERS LIMITED**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
BC No. 91392

(the "Company")

NOTICE is hereby given in accordance with Section 204(1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the above mentioned company has commenced liquidation and dissolution as of April 6, 2023. **Mr. Ryan Geluk of BDO Limited, Sea Meadow House, Tobacco Wharf, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands,** has been appointed liquidator.

**Ryan Geluk**  
Voluntary Liquidator [96/9]

*Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act*

**CHESHUNT HOLDINGS INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 2049976

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from April 11, 2023.

Dated: April 12, 2023  
**(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean**  
Voluntary Liquidator [96/10]

*Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.*

**JSC INVESTMENT, INC.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1723603

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Dated: April 12, 2023  
**(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean**  
Voluntary Liquidator [96/11]

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

**BROADWAY BUSINESS LIMITED**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 48970

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 11th day of April, 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa V O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: 12th day of April 2023  
**(Sgd.) Philippa V O'Sullivan**  
Voluntary Liquidator [96/12]

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

**With Its Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 2036278

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Dated: 11 April 2023.  
**(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan**  
Voluntary Liquidator [96/13]

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

**QK Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 2036480

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Dated: 11th April 2023.  
**(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan**  
Voluntary Liquidator [96/14]

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

**Huayi Global Holding Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1909382

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Dated: 12th April, 2023  
**(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan**  
Voluntary Liquidator [96/15]

*Fort Cambridge Private Equity Limited*

Company Number: 1040855

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 184 (1B)(a)(i) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company intends to discontinue out of the Virgin Islands and continue as a Company incorporated under the laws of Malta.

Dated this 14th day of April, 2023  
**Fort Cambridge Private Equity Limited** [96/16]

*Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.*

**NetZero (Ares) Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 2094753

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Dated: April 13, 2023  
**(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean**  
Voluntary Liquidator [96/17]

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**NetZero (Demeter) Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 2094754

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Dated: April 13, 2023  
**(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean**  
Voluntary Liquidator [96/18]

**Equilibra Inc.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
(Company No. 1953975)

(the "Company")

NOTICE is hereby given in accordance with Section 204(1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation of the Company commenced 4th April, 2023. The voluntary liquidator of the Company is **David Abednego of Harbour Chambers, 12 Chalwell Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

**David Abednego**  
Voluntary Liquidator [96/19]

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**Riverside II International Trading Inc.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1621263

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**Maria Laura Dambolena**  
Voluntary Liquidator [96/20]



# PUBLIC NOTICES

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT  
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
(PROBATE)  
VIRGIN ISLANDS  
PROBATE NO. BVIHPB2023/0064

IN THE ESTATE OF MARIA ELENA FRADE RUBIO, LATE OF  
CALLE ROCIO 130 4, JARDINES DEL PEDREGAL, ALVARO,  
OBREGON, MEXICO CITY, MEXICO, DECEASED,

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF PROBATE**

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by JORGE ABRAHAM DEL VALLE GUTIERREZ of Peñas 576 Colonia Jardines del Pedregal C.P. 01900 Alvaro Obregón, Ciudad de México, Mexico, for a Grant of Probate of Will of the above-named deceased who died on the 19th day of December 2020 without revoking a will bearing the date of 2 December 2020 wherein the applicant is named the executor.

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

Dated this 6th day of April 2023.

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

Legal Practitioner for the Applicant for Grant of Probate

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BY EMAIL AND VIRGIN ISLANDS GAZETTEBVL/R/  
PRE/01/2023  
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION BY  
PRESCRIPTION  
SECTION 135 OF THE REGISTERED LAND ACT  
CAP 229 OF THE 1991 EDITION OF THE REVISED LAWS OF  
THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Sea Cows Bay	2736B	13

The Chief Registrar of Lands hereby gives NOTICE that THORNTON SMITH, PO Box 3534, Road Town, Tortola, Virgin Islands, Legal Practitioners for RASSHAIN UROY LAVACIA of Sea Cows Bay, Tortola, Virgin Islands has applied to be registered as the proprietor by Prescription of Parcel 13, Block 2736B, Sea Cows Bay Registration Section measuring 0.6 acres. Affidavit was file in support of his application.

Parcel 13 is registered to:

• ALVIN FORBES, Sea Cows Bay, Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Anyone who has just cause to object to RASSHAIN UROY LAVACIA being registered as the proprietor for the aforementioned Parcel 13, Block 2736B, Sea Cows Bay Registration Section should file their objection at the Lands Unit on or before Wednesday 3rd May 2023.

The filed application may be inspected at the Lands Unit upon request. Copies will be provided by the Applicants' Legal Practitioners to any objectors.

Dated this 27th day of March 2023

Natalie Stevens-George  
Administrative Officer  
(for) Chief Registrar of Lands  
To: [crystal.mckenzie@thorntonsmith.com](mailto:crystal.mckenzie@thorntonsmith.com)

THORNTON SMITH  
PO Box 3534  
Road Town, Tortola, VG1110  
British Virgin Islands  
Alvin Forbes  
Sea Cows Bay, Tortola VG1110  
Virgin Islands

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

**MM COMMODITIES  
LIMITED**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 2069683

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 12th day of April 2023. The Liquidator is **RAY A. GEORGE of Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: 12th April 2023

**Ray A. George**  
Voluntary Liquidator [96/21]

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

**FCSV Ltd.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1904288

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 12th day of April 2023.

The Liquidator is **Ray A. George, of Long Trench, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: 12th April 2023

**Ray A. George**  
Voluntary Liquidator [96/22]

Notice of Appointment of a  
Liquidator under Section 203 of the  
BVI Business Company Act.  
**OK MARINE LIMITED**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1008551

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 203, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 12 April, 2023. The Liquidator is **Harry J. Thompson of Harbour House, P.O. Box 4428, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated 13 April, 2023

(Sgd.) **Harry J. Thompson**  
Voluntary Liquidator(s) [96/23]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under  
Section 203 of the BVI Business Company Act.  
**Cardinal Nominees Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1446432

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 203, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 12 April, 2023. The Liquidator is **Harry J. Thompson of Harbour House, P.O. Box 4428, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated 13 April, 2023

(Sgd.) **Harry J. Thompson**  
Voluntary Liquidator(s) [96/24]

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

CLAIM NO. BVIHPB2023/0069

IN THE ESTATE OF KULWINDER SINGH BASSI, LATE,  
VILLA NO. P-63, EMIRATES HILLS, DUBAI, UNITED  
ARAB EMIRATES, DECEASED

**ADVERTISEMENT**

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Jasbir Bassi of Villa No. P-63, Emirates Hills, Dubai, United Arab Emirates for a Grant of Letters of Administration with Will Annexed to the applicant who is the widow of the deceased and a beneficiary of his estate, the deceased having died at Al-Zahraa Hospital, Dubai, United Arab Emirates on 4 September 2021.

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

Dated this 3rd day of April 2023

Filed by **McW. Todman & Co, Attorneys-at Law** for the Administrator whose address for service is: **McNamara Chambers, 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands; email: [nstjean@mctodman.com](mailto:nstjean@mctodman.com)**

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Final Notice of Dissolution under the  
BVI Business Company Act.  
**PCW HOLDINGS (NO.1)  
LTD.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 241997

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 30 March, 2023.

Dated 13 April, 2023

(Sgd.) **John Grimshaw**

Voluntary Liquidator(s)

[96/25]

Final Notice of Dissolution under  
the BVI Business Company Act.  
**PCW HOLDINGS (NO.2)  
LTD.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 241998

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 30 March, 2023.

Dated 13 April, 2023

(Sgd.) **John Grimshaw**

Voluntary Liquidator(s)

[96/26]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator  
under Section 204 of the  
BVI Business Companies Act  
**Forever Happy Holdings  
Inc.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company Number: 1749047

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204(1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 12 April 2023. The Liquidator is **Rachael Pape of Conyers Dill & Pearman, Commerce House, Wickhams Cay 1, P.O. Box 3140, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: 12 April 2023

**Rachael Pape**  
As Liquidator [96/27]

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

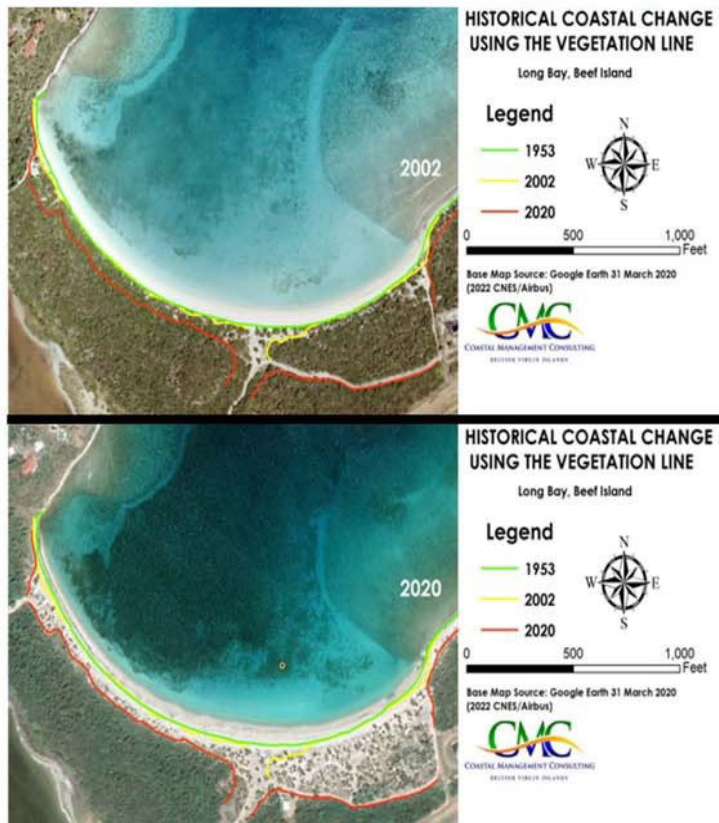
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 388170

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 12th day of April, 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa V. O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: 13th day of April, 2023

Sgd. **Philippa V. O'Sullivan**  
Voluntary Liquidator [96/28]

# Work On Phase 1 Of Long Bay Beach Plan To Begin



The Government of the Virgin Islands is about to commence work on Phase 1 of the Long Bay, Beef Island Beach Management Plan.

Phase one (1) of the plan will include construction of public and taxi parking lots and a barrier with revegetation of native species to protect the eastern sand dune from vehicular traffic and to allow its restoration.

Public parking lots will be at the central entrance to the beach and the eastern end. There will also be a dedicated taxi parking lot.

Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Natural Resources and Labour Mr. Joseph Smith-Abbott said the sand dune serves as an important sand reservoir and is critical to the long-term health and stability of the beach.

“Some species of endangered

sea turtles also nest in the sand dune and their nesting habitat is compromised by compaction of the sand by vehicles,” Mr. Smith-Abbott said. He added, “Until recent years, the sand dune was fully covered with virgin vegetation, which created a healthy sand dune. At present, over 75% of the native vegetation has been destroyed and the dune covered with invasive species and is heavily trafficked by vehicles.”

The Permanent Secretary stated that in addition to impacting the environment, vehicles within the sand dune contribute to the major concerns of noise pollution and excess littering expressed by the public.

On completion of the first phase, persons will be required to park in the public parking lots that will be established. Persons can

continue to access the sand dune by foot where a public picnic area will be created.

Mr. Smith-Abbott said, “The parking lots will be unpaved and screened with hedges of plants native to the beach environment to maintain the natural aesthetic of the beach. Drop-off points will be maintained at the central and eastern access to the beach to allow persons with mobility challenges to easily access the seashore and to facilitate off-loading of vehicles.”

The Permanent Secretary

added that work on the parking lots and sand dune protection barrier will commence this month. He said the Ministry is soliciting the public’s cooperation in implementation of the plan to safeguard this important natural and social asset.

The public is also reminded that permission must be sought from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Labour for commercial uses of beaches and non-commercial activities in cases where there would be groups larger than 50

persons, loudspeakers or open fires.

The Long Bay Beach Management Plan was finalised in December of 2022 following interagency planning efforts and public consultations. The full ‘Long Bay Beach Management Plan’ can be accessed at <https://bvi.gov.vg/environment>.

The Ministry of Natural Resources continues to manage the natural resources of the Territory in a manner that ensures long-term sustainability.



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## Trinity Term For School Year 2023 Begins April 17

The public is notified that the Trinity Term for the school year 2023 begins on Monday, April 17.

**Please note the following dates and schedule:**

**Monday, April 17** – All teachers are to return to schools for planning and preparation of classrooms.

**Tuesday, April 18** – All students are to return to their respective schools for the first full day of classes for the term.

Please note that online classes will be organised for the Ivan Dawson and Willard Wheatley Primary; Elmore Stoutt High School, Bregado Flax Educational Centre (Primary & Secondary Division) and the Enid Scatliffe Pre-Primary on Advanced Polling Day on April 20.

**All public schools will be closed on Election Day – April 24.**

## Ballot Scanners To Be Tested April 18

Nominated Candidates, members of the Media and the public are invited to the Logic & Accuracy Testing Day for Ballot Scanners/Tabulating Machines also referred to as DS200s.

Testing will take place on April 18 beginning at 11:00 a.m. through 2:00 p.m. at the Maria's by the Sea, Anegada Conference Room.

For more information, persons can contact the Office of the Supervisor of Elections at 468-4380 or [electionsvi@gov.vg](mailto:electionsvi@gov.vg) and visit [bvi.gov.vg/elections](http://bvi.gov.vg/elections).

## Postal Letter Boxes Available For Rent

The public is informed that BVI Post letter boxes are available for rent at the following locations: Cane Garden Bay, Benjamin Romney Park, West End, Sea Cow's Bay, Cappaons Bay, Jost Van Dyke, Anegada, The Valley, Virgin Gorda, and North Sound.

Persons can apply at the General Post Office located at Maduro Building in Road Town or any of the postal office locations in their area. A valid form of identification must be presented when submitting applications.

Please be further advised that payment of the annual rental fee is payable at the old rate immediately for all letter box holders with functional letter boxes.

For more information, please contact the BVI Post via telephone at 468-5160/5162.



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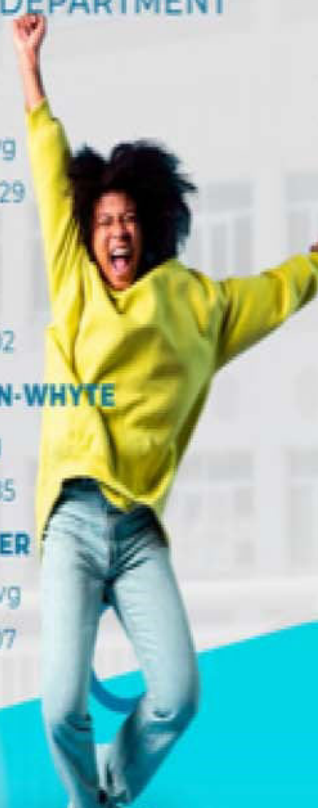
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## FBI Arrests Air National Guard Member in Classified Documents Leak

The FBI has arrested a 21-year-old air national guardsman in connection with a brazen leak of hundreds of pages of classified U.S. government and military documents, Attorney General Merrick Garland announced on Thursday.

Jack Teixeira, a member of the intelligence wing of the Massachusetts Air National Guard, was taken into custody “without incident” at a residence in Dighton, Massachusetts, on Thursday afternoon, the FBI said in a statement.

### Dighton, Massachusetts

The investigation is ongoing, and the FBI said its agents were continuing “to conduct authorized law enforcement activity at the residence.”

Garland said Teixeira was arrested “in connection with an investigation of alleged unauthorized removal, retention and transmission

of classified national defense information.”

Under the Espionage Act, the unauthorized removal, retention and transmission of classified documents is a federal crime punishable by up to 10 years in prison.

The leaked documents reportedly included U.S. intelligence about the war in Ukraine and other highly sensitive matters.

Garland said Teixeira will make an initial appearance in federal court in Boston. He did not give a date.

Charging documents related to the case have not been posted on the federal court system yet.

In a statement, the FBI said it had “aggressively pursued investigative leads” into the leak since late last week.

Teixeira’s arrest “exemplifies our continued commitment to identifying, pursuing and holding accountable those who betray our country’s



*FBI agents arrest Jack Teixeira, an employee of the U.S. Air Force National Guard, outside a residence in this still image taken from video in Dighton, Massachusetts, April 13, 2023. (WCVB-TV via ABC via Reuters)*

trust and put our national security at risk,” the FBI said.

The arrest came after U.S. media outlets reported that Teixeira had been identified as the leader of an online chat group on Discord, where the leaked documents had been posted.

The Washington Post reported Wednesday that a member of the Discord group said the leaker was another member of the group who had indicated that he worked at a military base.

The Post said it interviewed a member of the Discord group and had details corroborated by another member of the group.

The Discord group member told the newspaper that the leaker was not hostile toward the U.S. government but had described the U.S. law enforcement and intelligence community as

seeking to suppress citizens and keep information from them.

The group member said the leaker initially shared typewritten intelligence reports but later changed to sharing photos of documents.

The report said the leaker stopped sharing those images in mid-March, a few weeks after another Discord group user posted several dozen of the documents on another Discord server, opening a path of wider dissemination.

Jordan Strauss, a former Justice Department and White House national security official, said U.S. investigators pursued the case with unusual urgency because it concerned “very recent and possibly ongoing information” about the war in Ukraine.

“That the leaker presumably had recent or ongoing access

to information this sensitive means there would be extreme urgency to find him — not just to prosecute, but to staunch the leak,” said Strauss, now a managing director at Kroll.

Speaking to reporters in Ireland, President Joe Biden said he was not too concerned about the security breach, which may be the most serious leak in a decade.

“I’m concerned that it happened, but there’s nothing contemporaneous that I’m aware of that is of great consequence,” Biden said.

Some information for this report came from The Associated Press. VOA national security correspondent Jeff Seldin also contributed to this report.



*Attorney General Merrick Garland speaks as Deputy Attorney General Lisa Monaco, left, looks on, at the Department of Justice in Washington, April 13, 2023.*

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My fellow people of the Virgin Islands, I, Mitsy Ellis-Simpson, humbly seek your vote on 20th and 24th April 2023 to send me to the 5th House of Assembly as your Territorial At-Large Representative. My vision for these Virgin Islands is a vibrant economy with good governance and a flourishing environment that gives all our people the opportunity to achieve their goals and enjoy a good quality life in these Virgin Islands.

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



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### DON'TS

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



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



A message from the Department of Disaster Management and Sol

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**The Island Sun**

# CXC® Celebrates 50 Years of Service to the Caribbean In Conversation With Pioneers

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados – On Monday, 27 March 2023, the Caribbean Examinations Council (CXC®) hosted ‘CXC@50: The Pioneers’ Viewpoint’ at the Jamaica Pegasus Hotel in Kingston, Jamaica. The event, moderated by Emmy Award-winning Journalist and CEO, Nationwide News Network, Cliff Hughes featured Sir Roy Augier, Past Chairman, CXC®, Mrs Irene Walter, Past Registrar and ProRegistrar, CXC® and Professor Neville Ying, Past CXC® Council member and Past Chairman of the Overseas Examinations

Commission (Jamaica). As CXC® continues to host a series of events during the year of its 50th anniversary, the organisation has invited regional and international partners to join in celebrating its golden jubilee. Sharing in the occasion were Professor Sir Hilary Beckles, Chairman, CXC® and Dr Wayne Wesley, Registrar and CEO, CXC®. The event also featured remarks from Mrs Maureen Dwyer, Acting Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education and Youth, Jamaica. The Most Honourable Professor Sir

Kenneth Hall, Former Governor-General of Jamaica and Former Chairman, CXC® was also delighted to share in recognising the pioneers, including Sir Roy, who once taught him Caribbean History.

Highlighting the significance of the event, Sir Hilary remarked, “we are perfectly clear on the historical past. We now have to focus on leading the institution into an even more glorious future, and we have all the skills to do that.”

During the event, invited



(L – R) Professor Neville Ying, Past CXC® Council member and Past Chairman of the Overseas Examinations Commission (Jamaica), Mrs Irene Walter, Past Registrar and Pro-Registrar, CXC®, Sir Roy Augier, Past Chairman, CXC®, Professor Sir Hilary Beckles, Chairman, CXC® and discussion moderator, Cliff Hughes, journalist and CEO, Nationwide News Network

guests were treated to a ‘guided tour’ of the historical past by the storytellers who helped to shape what has become a fifty-year Caribbean success story. In reflecting on the extraordinary nature of event, Dr Wesley, Registrar and CEO, CXC®, described it as “the Council’s celebration of thanksgiving – honouring the past, recognising the present and envisioning the future.”

Professor Ying, who was invited by Mrs Irene Walter in 1975 to coordinate the first item writing workshop, explained how he had to juggle multiple roles in those early years. “I had to multi-task as technical representative for CXC® while also serving as Jamaica’s representative as well as one of the three persons charged with selecting the first computer system to be used by CXC®,” recalled Ying. Mrs Walter, in making her contribution to the conversation, chronicled her

experiences of visiting each school across Jamaica to garner support for the newly developed examinations body. Sir Roy, followed with memories of his personal journey from having a desire to study Caribbean History and later helping to shape Caribbean History through his work with CXC®.

Guests representing different institutions of the education industry including, the Overseas Examinations Commission, the Jamaica Teachers’ Association (JTA), and the Association of Principals and Vice Principals, listened keenly to the history lesson and were delighted to share in recognising the contributions of the visionary pioneers.

The 50th anniversary celebrations will continue this month with a beach-clean up coordinated by CXC® staff in Jamaica and a competition for stakeholders.



## "Turtles in the Virgin Islands" Balancing Conservation and Culture"

Public screenings and open discussion of a new film "Turtles in the Virgin Islands: Balancing Conservation and Culture"

This event is part of the Sustaining, Turtles, Environment, Economies and Livelihoods (STEEL) project.

### WORKSHOP DATES & VENUES

#### MONDAY, 17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

Bamboushay Lounge  
Tortola | 6:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY, 19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

East End / Long Look Community Centre  
Tortola | 6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.

#### THURSDAY, 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

Sappy's Restaurant  
Carrot Bay, Tortola | 6:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m.

#### TUESDAY, 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

Emile Dunlop Community Centre  
Anegada | 6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.

#### THURSDAY, 27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

St. Ursula Catholic Community Centre  
Virgin Gorda | 6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.

#### TUESDAY, 2<sup>ND</sup> MAY

Foxy's Bar  
Jost Van Dyke | 6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.

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Food and drink will be provided on a first come first served basis

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Management couple required for private estate : Position available for a suitably qualified couple to manage a private residential estate. The primary management role will be to oversee all aspects of the property's day to day operation, ensuring that all buildings and equipment are being well maintained and overseeing the staff in their daily duties. Management will be responsible for guest services including food and beverage, daily event schedule and maintaining the estate to owners' standards, including capital expenditures. Management will be financially responsible, preparing annual budgets and monthly reports, preparing payroll and returns, and maintaining operational accounts.

The position will require a couple who have excellent management abilities, hands-on maintenance skills and culinary expertise and guest services experience.

The position will appeal to a couple who are seeking a challenging position, who are prepared to work extended hours and weekends and who can organize a team of employees. Minimum of ten years in the tourism and property management-industries in-the-BVI/Caribbean.

Successful candidates will have qualifications in first aid, food handling and be computer literate.

Belongers preferred for this position. Applicants to send CV to [managementposition@smithsgore.com](mailto:managementposition@smithsgore.com). [s97]

Progressive Construction is seeking 1 Plumber and 1 Painter all with at least 3 years experience. Duties include regular work required for new residential projects. Send resume to [progressiveconstructionbvi@gmail.com](mailto:progressiveconstructionbvi@gmail.com) or call 441-7121 [s97]

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**Ne e e d e d : - f u l l - t i m e Maintenance Personnel for Bobby's Market Place, Wickham's Cay 1, Road Town: 284-494-2189 [s97]**

Meyer's Property Management seeks the following employees in the capacity Cleaners, Maintenance Personnel, Painter, Mason, Carpenter, Handyman and Landscaper. Please call 499-7273 for more information. [s97]

**BERTS A 1 CONSTRUCTION** is seeking :  
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Operator, Mechanics,  
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Roosevelt Smith dba Clean Virgin Island. P.O. Box 243 Road Town, Tortola. Requires 2 Full Time Cleaners with 3 years of experience. Please call 284-547-4735 for further details. [s97]

**Island Girl with a Caribbean Twist seeks the following Bartenders, Servers and a Cook. Please call 541-2023 for more information. [s97]**

KSB Nursing & Domestic Care Services is in need of a full time/part time RN, LPN, Certified Nursing Assistant, Home Housekeeper, and Practical Nurse. Telephone 499-3300 for more information. [s97]

# PUBLIC NOTICES

**NOTICE**  
**BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT**  
**Cantina Finance Inc.**  
(“the Company”)  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 12th April, 2023; under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.

The Liquidator is:-

*Wayne Francis*  
Nerine Chambers  
P.O. Box 905  
Quastisky Building  
Road Town, Tortola  
VG1110  
[96/29]

*Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.*  
**Arihi Services Limited**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1996966

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on April 13th, 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean** with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated: April 13th, 2023  
*(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[96/30]



## CHILD ABUSE/PREVENTION and Awareness Month April 2023



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**STAFF WANTED**

**BK C-Store Fashion & Auto Stop hiring Cashier / Store Attendant, FULL-TIME or PART-TIME.** Complex Inventory and Computer Systems are essential to Store Operations and Applicants **MUST** understand importance of mixing **BRAIN** (follow system requirements and Management Instructions) with **BRAWN** (not lazy), and must be able to work in Store and Storeroom conditions. Formal inquiries only - Email: **bkcstore@yahoo.com** or WhatsApp: **284-442-1842**. Absolutely no Telephone nor Walk-in enquiries. Belongers Preferred.”  
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**Bobby's Market Place** needs the following:  
1. Drivers  
2. Security Personnel  
3. Cashiers  
Wickham's Cay 1, Road Town Tortola, British Virgin Islands  
Telephone: 284-494-2189  
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**Cafe Service Attendant**  
Mellow Moods Cafe is seeking a motivated and friendly Service Attendant to join our team. The Service Attendant will be responsible for providing exceptional customer service, preparing and serving food and beverages, and maintaining a clean and organized cafe environment. Interested applicants should send a cover letter and resume with references to **eat@mellowmoodscafe.com**. Telephone 496 9524.  
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The following full time positions are available at **Maria's By The Sea Hotel**:  
**RECEPTIONIST**  
**HOUSEKEEPER**  
**MAINTENANCE**  
Please apply in person or send resume to **info@mariasbythesea.com**  
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**Modern Development Services Ltd** needs two Full Time-Masons/Carpenters with 5 years experience. Please-telephone-494-8001/340-6685  
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**COCONUT-LOUNGE** is seeking to fill four (4) positions:  
**DISHWASHER,**  
**COOK,**  
**SERVER,**  
**BARTENDER.**  
To register your interest for the position of Dishwasher, please call (284) 540-6595. The successful candidate must be willing to work late evening shifts, especially on weekends. For all other positions listed, please send resume to: **coconutloungevi@gmail.com**. Requirements: Relevant qualifications with at least three (3) years of experience in the hospitality industry. Applicants with BVI belonger status preferred.  
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**EMCS Caribbean** is looking for a **Site Engineer**. Interested applicants can submit their CV/Resume with cover letter to P O Box 386 Road Town, Tortola, BVI or call 284-494-1300  
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**IrDi Gift Shop** requires the need for a **Sales Clerk** for the business. Please call 344-9525 for more information.  
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**Modern-Development Services Ltd** needs two Full Time Electrician must have at least 5 years experience. Please telephone 494-8001/340-6685.  
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**Bamboushay Pottery** is hereby seeking to employ a full time Ceramacist/Product-Marketing coordinator. Applicant should be able to work Holiday and weekend. Please send resume to **info@bamboushaypottery.com**  
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**EMCs Caribbean Ltd** is looking for a cleaner interested applicants can submit their CV/ Resume with cover letter at P.O Box 386 Road Town, Tortola, BVI or call 284-494-1300  
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**NEEDED: Boat Detailing** at Village Cay for further information and contact information:- email **trevorlashley27@gmail.com** OR telephone contact information is +1 (284) 341-7898.  
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**EMCs Caribbean Ltd** is looking for a Labourer interested applicants can submit their CV/ Resume with cover letter at P.O Box 386 Road Town, Tortola, BVI or call 284-494-1300  
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**Thelma's Produce** is looking for a full time Kitchen Helper/Sales Clerk . Telephone : 547-9126 or email: **lewisamos288@gmail.com**  
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**Mac's Restaurant Ltd.**, a busy establishment located in the CBR Tortola Pier Park, currently has openings for the following positions:  
1 - Experienced Breakfast and Lunch Chef/Cook  
2 - Customer Service Representative/Office Assistant  
3 - Restaurant Barista  
Interested persons may call (284) 346-9777 or email **macgarveythompson@gmail.com**  
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**REAL ESTATE**

Property for Sale at Spyglass Hill, Tortola: hurricane destroyed dwelling house being sold 'as is'. Registration Section: Mount Sage, Block 2234B Parcel 273 and Parcel 303 (combined acreage approx. 0.313 acre). Asking price \$350,000.00. Cash offers only. Contact Coldwell Banker Real Estate BVI on (284) 495 3000 or **chris@coldwellbankerbvi.com**. [s97]

**TWO PARCELS OF LAND LOCATED AT BELMONT ESTATE, TORTOLA - AVAILABLE FOR SALE. SPECTACULAR-OCEAN VIEWS AND AVAILABLE ACCESS ROAD REGISTRATION SECTION: WEST END BLOCK: 2034B PARCELS: 313 CONTAINS 0.663-ACRES- & -314 CONTAINS 0.720 ACRES ASKING-PRICE-IS \$475,000.00 CONTACT:-GEORGE TURNBULL ON (284) 496 8077**  
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**FOR SALE**

**One 4 Bedroom House** for rent with 3 ½ baths with balcony with Jacuzzi, lovely view located in Parham Town, East End. Please call 342-0652.  
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**Two (2) Studio Apartments** for rent located Long Trench. Please call 547-6283  
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**ISLAND DEPARTMENT STORE**

**DUFF'S BOTTOM**  
TEL: (284) 494 36 77  
FAX: (284) 494 39 09  
e-Mail: **ids58@hotmail.com**



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