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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY VALIDATES RESIDENCY AND **BELONGER STATUS OF 688 PERSONS**

In what can be described as a historical sitting legislators acting on the advice of His Excellency Governor John Rankin CMG returned to the Chambers of the recalled House of Assembly on 17 April to debate the 'Immigration and Passport (Validation) Bill, 2023.' The Bill sought to validate the Belonger statuses of 688 persons who were regularized during the 2019 Fast Track programme.

The Fast Track programme was an initiative launched by the VIP government in 2019 to regularise persons who were living in the Territory for a long time. During programme persons were granted both their Residency and Belonger status. However, a recently released report has noted that some 688 persons that were granted those statuses did not qualify.

As a result, His Excellency the Governor, in an attempt to prevent a future challenge to the 2023 elections results decided with the Premier Dr. the Hon, Natalio Wheatley that the House of Assembly should be recalled to validate the 688 persons, and therefore make them eligible to vote in next week's elections.

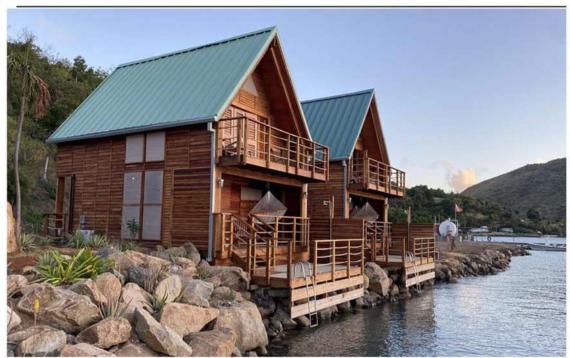
During Monday's recalled sitting of the House of Assembly, a few members whose spouses or significant others were listed recipients of the Fast Track Programme, recused themselves from the debate to prevent a conflict of interest. These members were Premier, Dr the Hon Natalio Wheatley, Deputy Speaker Hon Neville Smith, and Minister of Education Hon Sharie B. de Castro.

Considering the Premier's recusal from the sitting,

Deputy Premier Hon. Kye Rymer presented the Motion for the now controversial Track Residency Belonger Programme. The

Deputy Premier emphasized the significance of the programme for the BVI's social and economic growth. He also stated that the programme was transparent, all those granted belonger residency status did so through a

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British Virgin Islands' Bitter End Yacht Club Debuts New Villas The legendary Bitter End Yacht Club has reopened after a complete rebuild from damage sustained in 2017's Hurricane Irma, including the debut of the first of a planned string of waterfront villas. (By Bob Curley)

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Hon. Rymer announced that it was necessary and appropriate as per the constitutional process that the House of Assembly was recalled. He added, "The Governor, Premier and Attorney General agreed that it was necessary to recall the House, and we must all work together to resolve the issues at hand."

The Deputy Premier also addressed the issue of deliberate attempts to spread misinformation about the programme. He stated, "It is unfair to present someone as corrupt for personal gain. The information being spread is inaccurate, and it does not represent the truth." "This absolutely not so, let me be perfectly clear, Honourable Neville Smith's wife was married to him for five years and qualified based on section 16

(6) of the law. Honourable Sharie de Castro's significant other satisfied the requirement for years required under Section 16(4). The Premier's wife by far satisfied the requirement of years required under the same section. When Cabinet approved applications, he recused himself and did not vote. Furthermore, Honourable de Castro and Honourable Smith were not a part of Cabinet at the time," he added.

FORMER IMMIGRATION MINISTER SAYS NOTHING SINISTER HAPPENED

During the 2019 Fast Track programme Vincent Wheatley was the Minister responsible for Immigration. Now that the matter has become a public controversy he weighed in – stating that persons are making the situation political when it ought not to be.

Wheatley while contributing to the debate said: "It's not about VIP, it's about people's lives and families, persons who are trying to make this place their home... finally felt like that they are part of a community." "It makes people feel that somehow something sinister went on... and then my colleague was talking about too fast, well I don't know any right pace for anything...I agree with the Governor to some extent, let's put it to rest... let all of those persons who got status know, you're ok. No one can come and question it," Wheatley stated.

MYRON WALWYN URGES THE ELECTORATE TO VOTE

Myron Walwyn, the National Democratic Party's (NDP) Sixth District candidate, addressed a prevalent belief among eligible voters that abstaining from voting is the best course of action because all candidates in the upcoming general elections are the same and therefore indistinguishable.

During a political rally held at Hope Hill on 18 April Mr. Walwyn acknowledged that many BVI residents feel that the Territory is not working for them and are hesitant to vote. The Sixth District Candidate said the no voting views are being communicated to him as he visits the District. "When you hear people say they are not voting and you go a little deeper and you ask them why you are not voting, they say to you 'you all are all the same thing, nothing is happening for us'. And it's not that they don't want to vote, they just want some hope," he said.



Mr. Myron Walwyn

Lawyer Walwyn urged attendees to put their faith in the NDP, himself as their District Six representative, and Marlon Penn as the Party Leader. "I am here to say to you tonight that you can put your faith and trust in the National Democratic Party, you can put your faith and trust in me as your district six representative and you can put your faith and trust in Marlon Penn."

The former Education Minister emphasized that the economy was strong under the NDP government and stated that the Party is committed to making the BVI work better for everyone, including addressing cost of living issues.

Walwyn shared that residents often express their struggles to make a living and prioritize their financial concerns over discussing Territorial problems. He reiterated that the NDP has ideas to address these issues and historically, the economy is stronger when the Party is in power.

Furthermore, Walwyn touched upon infrastructural issues in District Six, such as water woes, and cited the VIP Government's decision not to accept the \$400 million loan guarantee offered by the UK government as one of the biggest mistakes made. He also mentioned the numerous issues faced residents, including inadequate street lighting and water supply problems, despite water running in the streets.

Scrub Island Resort, Spa & Marina Announces Winners of 2023 Scrub Island Invitational

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS (April 20, 2023) – Scrub Island Resort, Spa & Marina is pleased to announce the winners of the recent Scrub Island Invitational, which took place during the 50th Annual BVI Spring Regatta & Sailing Festival (March 27-April 2). This year's winners are Pata Negra (CSA Division), Coco de Mer (Performance Multihull), Jenk (Cruising/Performance Cruising), Team Merlin "Sea's the Daze" (Bareboat), and La Novia (Cruising Multihull).

Considered one of the top three annual Caribbean sailing events, the BVI Spring Regatta & Sailing Festival draws more than 100 yachts, with a majority of competitors coming from overseas. The week provides options to enter all five races of the BVI Spring Regatta & Sailing Festival, to take part in just the festival, or the three-day Spring Regatta.

"We were thrilled to once again host the Scrub Island Invitational, which has become a favorite part of the long-standing and highly anticipated sailing event," said Scrub Island Resort General Manager Michael Schoonewagen. "This being our fifth year as host, it was great to welcome back some familiar faces and first timers among the growing number of racing teams, fans and families from around the world who have come to love spending time at Scrub Island."

The exact course depends each year on weather and conditions, but winds through many of the lush islands, offering racers breathtaking views as they make their way to Scrub Island. Upon conclusion, Scrub Island Resort hosted the crews, their families and friends, and race officials for a special luncheon and party at the main resort pool. The festive afternoon celebration featured live music, a barbeque lunch and specialty drinks.

"Our sailors look forward to the Scrub Island Invitational as it's become a milestone within the regatta, and it seems the resort elevates the experience each year," commented Judy Petz, Director, BVI Spring Regatta & Sailing Festival. "The setting, the amenities and the genuine hospitality are spectacular."

Located in the "Sailing Capital of the Caribbean," the serene private island haven of Scrub Island Resort is home to one of the newest marinas in the British Virgin Islands (BVI). Named a Boaters' Choice Marina by Marinas.com, Scrub Island Resort offers a 55-slip marina for lease or transient docking, including five accommodating mega yachts up to 160 feet. Newer highlights include a petrol station pumping both diesel and gasoline and pedestals that provide access to power and water. The marina is open daily with additional amenities such as trash service, ice and other full-service offerings. Mooring guests enjoy Marina Village, home to a Harbor Boutique with high-end resort wear and accessories; a sundries shop with grab & go options; and the Scrub Island Outpost, a full-service provision store with gourmet foods, fresh produce, meats, seafood, beer, wine, spirits and more. For an added effortless experience, guests may also purchase provisions online prior to arrival at Scrub Island.

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ELECTIONS OBSERVATION MISSION ARRIVES IN THE BVI

An eight-member team from the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) British Islands and Mediterranean Region (BIMR) Elections Observation Mission has arrived in the British Virgin Islands (BVI) to observe the electoral process.

The independent team consists of international observers, including parliamentarians, officials, and analysts; and is led by Head of Mission Hon. Fatoumatta Njai NAM, a Member of Parliament (MP) from the Republic of The Gambia.

During a press conference on 18 April, marking the official opening of the Observer Mission, team members clarified that the Election Observer Mission (EOM) is present only to observe and provide recommendations, without interfering in the election process.

Hon. Njai emphasized that the CPA seeks to promote-knowledge and-understanding of-constitutional, legislative,-economic, and social aspects of parliamentary democracy. The organization was invited by Governor

John J. Rankin CMG and approved by Premier and Minister of Finance Dr. the Hon. Natalio D. Wheatley (R7) and the Opposition Leader to observe the elections on Polling Day, 24 April, and Advanced Polling Day, 20 April.

The Mission Leader highlighted that this is the fourth time the organization has been invited to observe BVI elections, and they have organized-short-term election-observation missions across six UK overseas territories since 2011. The team will be joined by three short-term

observers for Polling Day. member Anne Team Marlborough reiterated that the observers are impartial and will not participate in or interfere with the electoral process. The team will act professionally and with integrity, focusing on the legitimacy, inclusivity, transparency, and credibility of the elections. Marlborough stated that the team will assess the conformity of the electoral process with domestic and international frameworks governing the elections in the British Virgin Islands.

Fleur Ten Hacken, another team member, said the observers will meet with key election stakeholders and a wide range of representatives, attend election-related events, and share preliminary findings shortly after election day.

A final report, including recommendations for process improvement, will be published within two months of the election day. The team has already interacted with stakeholders and will continue to do so during their visit.

POCKWOOD POND NOXIOUS EFFLUVIA GENERATE SERIOUS DISCONTENT

On 17 April, numerous First District residents convened at the House of Assembly (HoA) to protest about the persistent open burning issue at Pockwood Pond. Health and Social Development Minister Hon Marlon Penn swiftly responded with an apology and a pledge to resolve the problem.

Although landfill fires at Pockwood Pond are common, the particularly dense smoke on the previous night and that morning spurred residents to demand urgent action.

A frustrated resident threatened to "cause havoc" if the situation remains unaddressed. The resident said: "We cannot nor will we accept what happened last night and this morning again. It's going to be a lot more of us out here and we are going to cause havoc. This is our health we are talking about, and it cannot continue."

Another resident, living on Zion Hill, told the Minister that she was still feeling the effects from the terrible smoke. The resident stated: "My throat is still sounding scratchy."

Hon Penn expressed remorse for the recent incident, attributing the latest fire to an unauthorized individual dumping waste at the landfill over the weekend without the site coordinator's supervision. "Over the weekend, what happened, someone unauthorised, went up and dumped waste on the site, and the coordinator wasn't there to advise where to dump, how to dump etcetera."

He also mentioned the government's recent purchase of a control panel for the incinerator, which has been inoperative since February 2021 due to a fire. "We are at the final stages for this and I will do whatever I can do within this intervening

time to get it done, but when I go back to the House I'm going to work tirelessly..." Hon Penn said.

The Health Minister also revealed that the government has been developing a comprehensive plan for permanent garbage disposal and incineration solutions. He vowed to work relentlessly on the issue, recognizing impact on not only the First District but the entire Territory as well.

Hon Penn apologized to First District residents and assured them that efforts were being made to mitigate the smoke. He also informed protesters about a backup incineration plant that has been procured. Furthermore, he conceded that regular communication with the affected residents should have taken place.

Among the protesters at the HoA were Virgin Islands Party (VIP) First District Candidate Dr. Karl Dawson, Progressive Virgin Islands Movement (PVIM) First District Candidate Sylvia C. Romney-Moses, and PVIM At Large Candidate Shaina M. Smith-Archer.

13 Named Storms Predicted For 2023 Hurricane Season

Uncertainty is the watchword for the 2023 Atlantic Hurricane Season, forecasters have shared as part of the Tropical Weather Conference taking place in San Antonio, Texas.

Meteorologist Dr. Philip Klotzbach, of the Tropical Meteorology Project at Colorado State University said that 13 named storms are anticipated this season, adding that of those, six will develop into hurricanes. He said based on current conditions, the early 2023 outlook calls for slightly below average activity this season, but that "there is considerable uncertainty" with the forecast. "Sea surface temperatures in the eastern and central

Atlantic are much warmer than normal, so if a robust El Niño does not develop, the potential still exists for a busy Atlantic hurricane season," the forecast states. Regardless of the predictions for a given season, the Department of Disaster Management is urging all residents to carry out storm preparedness measures to



The DDM team shared preparedness resources ahead of the 2022 Atlantic Hurricane Season. (Credit: DDM file photo)

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As the June 1 start of the season approaches, persons are reminded to monitor local weather reports, which are shared daily via the DDM app, website and social media channels. Updates are more frequent when a system poses a potential threat.

Other preparedness activities residents should carry out include:

creating or updating an emergency plan;

inspecting structures for

leaks

ensuring shutters and drainage paths are in good condition;

stocking an emergency supply kit with food, water, and medications

reviewing any insurance policies.

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Protocol For Statutory Boards Now In Effect

Ministries across Government of the Virgin Islands have commenced implementation of the 'Protocol for the Appointment and Removal of Statutory Board Members'.

Recommendation B28 in the Framework for the Implementation of the Commission of Inquiry Recommendations required the Government to publish the

protocol that was approved by Cabinet on February 22 and tabled in the House of Assembly on April 17 among other reports completed as a result of recommendations from the Commission of Inquiry.

Permanent Secretary in the Premier's Office, Mrs. Carolyn Stoutt Igwe stated that since late last year, the ministries have been adhering to the

provisions of the Protocol in terms of advertising vacancies for various Boards, conducting interviews and making recommendations to Cabinet through the respective ministries.

Mrs. Stoutt Igwe, in highlighting some of the provisions of the Protocol, mentioned the timetable for filling vacancies; the assessment process; interests

and conflicts; removal of Board members; induction and training; annual Board reviews and the creation of a database for Statutory Boards.

The Permanent Secretary said there are other aspects of the protocol that would have to be implemented and that she believed that it is a step in the right direction in ensuring transparency in how Board members are appointed and removed.

"Various legislations will now have to be reviewed to strengthen existing provisions for appointments and removal of Board members," Mrs. Stoutt Igwe said.

A Statutory Board, as defined in the Interpretation Act (Cap 136) means "any Board, commission, committee, council or other like body established by, or under an enactment."

Appointments to these boards are made by the Governor or Cabinet Ministers in accordance with their portfolio responsibilities, guided by the provisions of relevant legislation.

The Premier's Office is in the process of developing an action plan for the full implementation of the Protocol which includes conducting training sessions with the relevant

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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

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

• (8:00 - 10:00 AM) MORE TALK, LESS MUSIC - WITH ZOE AND JOE JACK

- •(10:00 11:00 AM) KNOWLEDGE IS POWER HOUR
- (4:30 6:00 PM) SPORTS TALK WITH CLEMENT "BONE CRUSHER" DONOVAN, AND ROY PICKERING (ALTERNATING WEEKS)
- (6:00 7:30 PM) A LOOK AT THE COMMUNITY WITH HOSTS ULRIC SCATLIFFE & DR. HARLAN VANTERPOOL SUNDAYS
- (7:15 7:30 AM) HOPE FOR TODAY B'CAST BY: CHRISTIAN FAITH ASSEMBLY
- (7:30 7:45 AM) VOICE OF THE LAMB B'CAST BY: TRINITY MORAVIAN CHURCH
- (7:45 8:00 AM) ADVENT EYE MINISTRY (2ND & 4TH SUNDAY) BY: BRO. MICHAEL WILLIAMS
- (7:45 8:00 AM) FAITH BELIEVING B'CAST (1ST & 3RD SUNDAY) BY: UPPER ROOM DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE, BOSTON, MA
- (8:00 8:15 AM) VOICE OF HOPE B'CAST BY: APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH
- (8:30 9:00 AM) GOSPEL OF JESUS B'CAST BY: GOSPEL OF JESUS EVANGELISTIC PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
- (9:00 9:30 AM) SHOCKING BIBLE PROPHECIES BY: SEVENTHDAY ADVENTISTS CHURCHES
- (9:30 9:45 AM) AGAPE TOTAL LIFE BROADCAST BY: AGAPE TOTAL LIFE CENTER
- (9:50 AM) HOLINESS AWAKENING B'CAST BY: CHURCH OF GOD OF HOLINESS, BAUGHERS BAY
- (10:05 AM) REVEALED TRUTH B'CAST BY: SHAMMAH DELIVERANCE MINISTRIES
- (10:35 AM) UNSHACKLED RADIO MINISTRY
- (12:30 PM) ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, SEA COWS BAY SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE
- •(1:30 PM) ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL ANGLICAN CHURCH (EXCEPT 2ND SUNDAY)
- (4:30 PM) HYMNS & THEIR MEANINGS PROG. (1ST & 3RD SUNDAY) WITH BRENDA HERBERT STEWART
- (6:00 PM) METHODIST CHURCH MONTHLY SERVICE (1ST SUNDAY)
- (6:00 PM) ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL ANGLICAN CHURCH (2ND SUNDAY)
- (7:00 PM) YOUR GOSPEL MUSIC PROGRAM WITH VALERIE LETTSOME AND CLAUDE PARILLON (LAST 3 SUNDAYS)
- 7:30 PM) "VICTORIOUS PRAISES' B'CAST WITH SIS. ESMIE POTTER (2ND SUNDAY)



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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 27th 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:

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Housing Rebuild Grant Cheque Handed Over

The Ministry of Health and Social Development has taken another step in its housing recovery efforts by issuing a housing rebuild grant to beneficiary, Mr. Ted Rabsatt.

Mr. Rabsatt will receive a total rebuild grant of \$150,000.00 under the Housing Recovery Assistance Programme to assist with the rebuild of his new home which will be issued in three installments of \$50,000.00.

The first installment was handed over to the beneficiary by the Minister for Health and Social Development, Honourable Marlon Penn and Premier and Minister of Finance Dr. the Honourable Natalio D. Wheatley.

Premier Wheatley, acting in his capacity as District Representative, thanked the Ministry of Health and Social Development for bringing to life Mr. Rabsatt's dream of a new home.

"We know that he waited a long time and of course, he has been living in less than satisfactory conditions and of course, he was made a promise that his house will be rebuilt and today that promise has been fulfilled with this grant which would be able to rebuild his home," Premier Wheatley said.

Mr. Rabsatt is among hundreds of Virgin Islanders homes whose were destroyed during the passage of Hurricanes Irma and Maria in 2017. The Housing Recovery Assistance Programme, established in the aftermath of the two category five hurricanes, was implemented to assist persons through various grants.

Honourable Marlon Penn said the process for the housing assistance grant for Mr. Rabsatt commenced in 2018 and is delighted he can begin the process of owning his new home.

Honourable Penn said, "I am happy to be here as Minister to fulfil this promise that was made to Mr. Rabsatt. He has been a good ambassador for the Territory, someone who we could always count on in the community. He even gave up some of his property to facilitate a sidewalk in the community."

The Minister for Social Development added that Mr. Rabsatt is a community-minded individual and that it is fitting that he be given a small token of appreciation.

"His current home was destroyed by the hurricanes of 2017, and we started a programme back in 2018 to repair homes that were destroyed by the hurricanes. I am happy a fitting individual like Mr. Rabsatt has gotten the privilege of having such a home being built," Honourable Penn said.

Mr. Rabsatt also extended his appreciation to the team at the Ministry of Health and Social Development stating, "I appreciate everything they have done for me. It was a long time and a long wait but I give thanks that we can start."

The Ministry of Health and Social Development remains committed to improving the housing need of the residents of the Virgin Islands.

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Territorial Health Crisis:

BVI Cancer Society Sounds Alarm on Smoke Menace in West End, Tortola

We, the BVI Cancer Society, are deeply saddened and distressed by the ongoing open burning situation that continues to affect our beloved residents in the Third District, and across the entire Western End of Tortola. Our hearts are heavy with the knowledge that our fellow citizens are breathing in toxic fumes, and we cannot ignore the potential impact this may have on their health and well-being.

We have received numerous calls from concerned residents, who fear for themselves and their families. They worry about correlation between the harmful smoke and what appears to be a rising number of cancer cases in the area. As an advocate for health issues in the Territory, we cannot stand idly by while our people suffer.

The BVI Cancer Society is resolute in its stance that this is a Territorial health concern. We implore the current and future governments to take this situation seriously and act swiftly to alleviate the distress of our fellow

citizens. We cannot ignore beautiful islands.

During the past weekend, we received heartbreaking of individuals reports struggling to breathe and feeling trapped by relentless smoke in their homes. This is a clear indication that the situation has reached a critical level, and the time for change is now.

The BVI Cancer Society continue pledges to monitoring this issue and to keep it at the forefront of public awareness until tangible actions are taken to resolve it. The entire Territory deserves to live in a safe and healthy environment, and as an advocacy organization the BVI Cancer Society is lending its voice by calling on the incoming government to commit to placing this health-compromising issue as a priority.

We also call upon our

the very real consequences of this issue, as it impacts not only the health of our residents, but also the environmental health of our government, community leaders, and citizens to join us in the face of this pressing concern, by demanding an explanation as to why the incinerator remains in this state. Sincerely, The BVI Cancer Society.

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STATEMENT by: PREMIER AND MINISTER OF FINANCE

DR. the HONOURABLE NATALIO D. WHEATLEY EMERGENCY RECALL OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY TO ADDRESS THE FAST TRACK RESIDENCY AND BELONGER PROGRAMME

14TH APRIL 2023

Greetings to the People of the Virgin Islands.

Democracy is a sacred trust. We all have a responsibility to protect and uphold democracy. It provides the legitimacy on which Government rests.

The rule of law is the best way to ensure that we can participate in an orderly and meaningfully way in a democracy.

The Fast Track Residency and Belonger Programme was implemented to regularise the immigration status of a number of persons who have lived, worked and meaningfully contributed to the Virgin Islands over time.

Cabinet's approval of those persons was done on the basis of the legal advice provided by the former Attorney General. However, the recent audit of the Fast Track Programme identified appears to have been an honest oversight. Six-hundred and eightyeight (688) persons were simultaneously approved for Residency and Belonger status, when in fact they should have been free of immigration controls twelve months prior to applying for Belonger status, according to the law.

I agree with Governor Rankin that this was not the

fault of any of the applicants. We live in a democracy and it is important that no one who is qualified is disenfranchised because of this error.

That is why I support the Governor in recalling the House of Assembly so that this matter can be appropriately and immediately addressed. The House of Assembly has the power to validate the grant of the Residence and Belonger Certificates made by Cabinet and this is what we will seek to do as early as Monday the 17th April, at the beginning of next week.

A Bill will be introduced in the House of Assembly

to validate the Residence and Belonger status of the 688 persons identified in the audit report.

Let me be clear. This issue is not one for politicking. It involves the lives of real people who are members of our community. Their lives and that of their families should not be seen as a convenient opportunity to score political points.

I am committed to addressing this matter because I take democracy extremely seriously. I call on all of my honourable colleagues to do the same. Our brothers and sisters should not be disenfranchised because of a legal oversight or

administrative error.

Finally, I want to reassure the public following consultation with the Governor and advice from the Attorney General, that the scheduled General Election of the 24th April will proceed as planned as well as advanced polling day on the 20th of April.

I encourage everyone to exercise their democratic right to vote, which our foreparents fought so hard to secure.

I wish everyone a blessed and pleasant evening and a safe and enjoyable weekend.

I thank you.

STATEMENT FROM GOVERNOR

ON THE AUDIT OF THE RESIDENCY AND BELONGER STATUS FAST TRACK PROGRAMME

MR JOHN RANKIN CMG

April 14, 2023

Good day to everyone in the Virgin Islands.

After consultation with the Premier and further to discussions yesterday in Cabinet, I wish to inform you that I intend to exercise my power under Section 85 of the Constitution to recall the House of Assembly.

The need for this to happen has arisen from the findings of the Audit Report on the Fast Track Residency and Belongership Programme carried out during 2019 and early 2020 by the then Government.

People will be able to read the Audit Report and its Addendum for themselves when they are laid in the House of Assembly. But in short, the Audit finds, following advice from the Attorney General, that 688 persons were granted Belonger status at the time who did not meet a particular aspect of the applicable legal requirements.

For most of those, the specific error was that they were granted their Residency and Belongership certificates simultaneously, whereas on a proper reading

of the law they should have held their certificate of residency for 12 months before their application for Belonger status was made.

Let me emphasise, this was not the fault of the individuals concerned, most of whom have lived in the BVI and contributed to the community here for from more than 20 years and have legitimately operated in the belief that their status granted is valid.

The immediate concern however, and the reason for recalling the House of Assembly as a matter of emergency, is the upcoming General Election with many of these 688 persons being registered to vote. If the error that occurred in 2019 is not remedied, the right of these persons to vote could be put into question and challenges could be made to the election results.

As Governor, I have an overriding concern to ensure that the elections in BVI are free and fair and not open to challenge on the basis that persons not entitled to vote have voted.

Accordingly, I believe it is important that the House

of Assembly and the wider public be made aware of this matter and that the House of Assembly be invited to consider the best way of resolving it taking account of the fact that an error was made through no fault of the individuals concerned.

I look forward to a free and fair election in which all registered voters can participate on Advance Polling Day on Thursday 20th April and Polling Day on Monday 24th April.

Thank you.

VOTE FOR

INGRID MOSES-SCATLIFFE

AT-LARGE CANDIDATE

JOIN ME ON A CAMPAIGN OF
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Committed to the following positions:



I believe in the importance of good governance and ensuring that our institutions are strong and effective. To achieve this, we will focus on several key initiatives, including promoting citizen participation through referendums, public consultations, and required community meetings for district representatives. We will also work on advancing our constitution and developing a plan for the type and quality of the relationship we wish to have with the UK. By strengthening our institutions and promoting citizen participation, we can ensure that our government is accountable and truly responsive to the needs of our community.

EDUCATION AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT:

Education is the cornerstone of a thriving community. Our campaign believes that every child deserves access to a quality and relevant education that prepares them for success. We will work to adequately fund our schools, increase teacher pay, and provide resources to support students' mental health and well-being. We believe that we must prepare our young people for the country they will inherit. Therefore we plan to provide greater access to training outside of traditional education, grants for education and business, specifically targeted to our young people so that they can also be part of developing our economy.

ECONOMIC GROWTH AND DIVERSIFICATION:

I believe in creating economic opportunities that benefit all members of the community. We will work to attract new businesses and industries to our territory, while developing and supporting small businesses and entrepreneurs. We will work to increase access to job training and career development for young people and those wishing to retool. At the consumer level, we will ensure that citizens have consumer protection while supporting an environment of fair and respectful collaboration with businesses.



ENVIRONMENT:

Protecting our environment is essential to ensuring a healthy and sustainable future. Our campaign believes in responsible stewardship of our natural resources. We will work to protect our air and water quality, invest in renewable energy projects, and support efforts to combat climate change. We know that it is vital for our environment and the quality of life for citizens for us to develop a national recycling programme and finally develop of trash disposable programme that is easy for citizens to utilise, and discontinue open-air burning of our garbage on all of our islands.

SOCIAL WELLNESS:

Our campaign prioritizes social wellness as a key aspect of a thriving community. To achieve this, we will focus on key initiatives, such as the development of unemployment insurance reimagining and reforming our National Health Insurance programme, and updating and resourcing health facilities across all of our islands. Finally, we believe that partnerships with churches and social development organizations are crucial in promoting social wellness and addressing family and community development.

SECURITY AND JUSTICE:

Our campaign believes in a fair and just criminal justice system that protects the rights of all citizens. We will work to retool the Department of Public Prosecutions, provide access to justice with a public defender's office, increase police accountability and training, and support efforts to reduce recidivism.

STORIES SELECTED BY GIORGIO MIGLIAVACCA

CROSSDRESSING - Part of a centuries-old tradition of Anglo-Saxon entertainment, the controversy stirred up by the American right around the subject of drag queens also falls into a long history of moral, puritanical and religious panic.



"Drag has been around forever. Here, in America, even our founding fathers wore wigs!" Linda Simpson jokes, in an email interview with EL PAÍS. Simpson is a New York City-based drag performer, who's been active on the scene since the 1980s. Her show, The Drag Explosion, uses photos and anecdotes to preserve the memory of wild nights, LGBTQ+ activism and the drag movement in New York over the last two decades. "There's a huge acceptance of drag these days, thanks mainly to the success of the television show RuPaul's Drag Race," Simpson writes. "People everywhere are now familiar with an art form that is full of fun and creativity."

However, not everyone in the country agrees with Simpson and her colleagues. The phenomenon of Drag Queen Story Hour an activity consisting of drag performers reading children's stories in schools and libraries has become the latest battleground in America's culture war. At least 32 laws have been introduced across the United States to ban drag performances near minors. Tennessee is the first of the 50 states to pass the legislation, which defines drag shows as "adult cabaret performances" and restricts these kinds of shows. They cannot be

UTI - Few things are worse than the burning feeling of a UTI. New research reveals that getting one UTI could change your DNA and make it more likely you'll get another one.

held less than 1,000 feet away

from schools, parks, libraries and

places of worship. [El Pais]

But this week, research published in Nature Microbiology might finally provide a clue that could satisfy Rubin and others.

The paper suggests that UTIs can actually change the DNA in the cells lining the urinary tract. Those cells can then change size and start an immune response that actually makes them more susceptible to repeated infections.

An all too common problem with no good solution

"Urinary tract infections are one



of the most common infectious diseases in the United States. They affect something like 15 million women a year [with] 1.5 million recurrences." says Scott Hultgren, a microbiologist at Washington University, St. Louis who helped oversee the research.

Globally, there are more than 400 million UTIs a year - and that number keeps rising.

Men do get UTIs, but women get them more often, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, because their urethras are shorter and closer to the rectum. That makes it easier for bacteria, usually E. coli, to enter the urethra during sex and colonize the urinary tract. This is why medical professionals recommend urinating after sex to flush out those bacteria. [NPR]

ROME - Turin doctors have saved a woman with a heart tumour who gave birth, also saving the baby, in a medical advance. With her heart and lung burdened by a tumour mass, the removal of which was too risky, she nevertheless managed to give birth to a healthy baby boy and a few months later was in turn saved by a long and delicate

operation to remove the tumour, the size of a melon, said medical sources at the Molinette Hospital of the City of Health in Turin.

The ordeal with a happy ending features a 22-year-old woman from the province of Turin, who was operated on at the Molinette and has now returned home with her heart and lung restored to full function. Her son is also well. [ANSA]

YORK, - Pornstar NEW Daniels "absolutely" Stormy wants to testify against Donald Trump.

Whenever "It scares me. you are in public you are afraid. But I can't wait. I have nothing to hide," Stormy Daniels said in an interview with Piers Morgan reported by the New York Post.

"I don't think what he did to me deserves his incarceration," adds Stormy Daniels describing their sexual relationship as consensual. "But if he's found guilty of all the other things, then he absolutely deserves jail time," explains the porn star, highlighting that if she's not called as a witness at the trial, the validity of her story will be questioned. "If they call me and they make me testify they legitimize me and my story, if they don't do it many will automatically assume that I'm not a good witness, that I'm not credible", [ANSA]

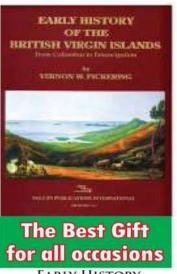
EARTHQUAKE - On Saturday afternoon, an earthquake estimated to be between a 5.1 and 5.4 magnitude rattled Jamaica, Haiti, Cuba and the United States Minor Outlying Islands.

The earthquake is said to have been located 55 kilometers from Kingston, Jamaica, in the Caribbean Sea.

So far, the effects of the earthquake are reported as minor, with no major damage caused. [CNW]

YORK, NY: Black immigrants from the Caribbean are reshaping the political landscape of the Black electorate in the United States, according to a new report from New American Economy. The report highlights the increasing diversity of the Black population in the US and the important role that Black immigrants from the Caribbean are playing in shaping the Black electorate.

According to the report, Black immigrants from the Caribbean are one of the fastest-growing immigrant groups in the US, with a population that has more than doubled since 1990. Today, over 4 million Black immigrants live



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islandsun@surfbvi.com in the US, and 1.3 million of them are from the Caribbean.

Black Caribbean immigrants are a diverse group, with origins in countries such as Jamaica, Haiti, Trinidad and Tobago, and the Dominican Republic. They bring with them unique cultural perspectives and experiences that are shaping the political discourse within the Black electorate. [CNW]

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) -Police in coastal Kenya found 15 emaciated parishioners on the property of a church pastor, and four of the people died after the group was rescued and taken to a hospital, authorities said. Police officials said investigators received a tip that dozens of people were starving to death after their pastor told them it was a way to meet Jesus. Most of the followers could not walk or talk when officers found them.

The pastor of Good News International Church, Makenzi, surrendered Friday to police in the town of Malindi.

Makenzi was arrested and charged last month in the deaths of two children whose parents were members of his church. He pleaded not guilty and was released on bond while proceedings in the case continued.

The people who died Friday have not been identified, and their bodies were taken to a morgue in Malindi.



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Through the Lens of The Sunny Side



Norman Island in the BVI.

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Divas On A Dime

n a beautiful Sunday morning, The Valley Methodist Church in Virgin Gorda hosted a special ceremony to mark a significant moment in its history. The church acquired a piece of land, and on April 16th, 2023, a land transfer ceremony was held to commemorate the occasion.

the ceremony was attended by members of the congregation, and local community leaders. The

atmosphere was one of joy and excitement, as the attendees looked forward to the opportunities that this new property would provide for the church and its mission.

During the ceremony, prayers were offered for the continued growth and prosperity of the church, and for the community it serves. The land transfer was formally completed when the new property was blessed by the church's minister.

s the ceremony drew to a close, the congregation expressed their gratitude for the support and dedication of all those who had contributed to this achievement. The acquisition of this new land represented a significant milestone in the history of The Valley Methodist Church, and a bright future lay ahead for the church and its community.

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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 2 of 2)

6.Support prevention programs: Too often, intervention occurs only after abuse is reported. Greater investments are needed in programs that have been proven to stop the abuse before it occurs - such as family counseling and home visits by nurses who provide assistance for newborns and their parents.

7.Know what child abuse is: Physical and sexual abuse clearly constitute maltreatment, but so does neglect, or the failure of parents or other caregivers to provide a child with needed food, clothing, and care. Children can also be emotionally abused when they are rejected, berated, or continuously isolated.

8. Know the signs: Unexplained injuries aren't the only signs of abuse. Depression, fear of a certain adult, difficulty trusting others or making friends, sudden changes in eating or sleeping patterns, inappropriate sexual behavior, poor hygiene, secrecy, and hostility are often signs of family problems and may indicate a child is being neglected or physically, sexually, or emotionally abused.

9.Report abuse: If you witness a child being harmed or see evidence of abuse, make a report to your state's child protective services department or local police. When talking to a child about abuse, listen carefully, assure the child that he or she did the right thing by telling an adult, and affirm that he or she is not responsible for what happened.

10. Invest in your childen: Encourage leaders in the community to be supportive of children and families. Ask employers to provide family-friendly work environments. Ask your local and national lawmakers to support legislation to better protect our children and to improve their lives.

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



Ladyburd's Mail Box

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Dear Ladyburd: My best friend flirts with my boyfriend every chance she gets, and I do not know how to confront her and tell her to stop it, or to tell her get out of our lives. I don't really want to loose her friendship, but if she continues I'll have to do something very drastic. I badly need some advise as to how I can handle this mess. I am not really the overly jealous type. But this situation does not look normal, I believe something is

Ladyburd....Dear Joan: Have you done the obvious thing and ask your boyfriend, what is going on. It might not be the way you are thinking, however, it might be, so you should find out from him, he might not tell you the truth, so you will have to read the non-verbal signs (his body language) when you are speaking to him about it, you will know whether he is lying to you or not, we women normally do.

wrong, because I saw her giving him seductive glances...Joan

You need to ask him to come clean with you, because you do not want to waste your life with someone who has other interest elsewhere.

Speak to him like you mean what you are saying, so that he knows you are serious



Light Bulb Moments

"When a flower doesn't bloom, you fix the environment in which it grows, not the flower." – Alexander Den Heijer

"Abuse is never deserved, it is an exploitation of innocence."

- Lorraine Nilon

Poetry

This Is A Daily Reminder

This is a daily reminder
To relax,
To not get angry over small
things,
To stay calm.

This is a daily reminder
To be yourself,
To not care what people
think,
To know you can be
anything.

This is a daily reminder To love yourself, To not hurt yourself, To not work yourself up.

This is a daily reminder That you are beautiful, That you are amazing, That you will succeed.

This is a daily reminder
To always have hope,
To have faith,
To know everything will be
okay.

This is a daily reminder That you have made it so far already,

That you haven't given up, That whatever you're doing is right,

And that you are going to be amazing.

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Tickle My Funny Bones



Just Kidding

Wife: "How would you describe me?"

Husband: "ABCDEFGHIJK."
Wife: "What does that mean?"

Husband: "Adorable, beautiful, cute, delightful, elegant,

fashionable, gorgeous, and hot."

Wife: "Aw, thank you, but what about IJK?"

Husband: "I'm just kidding!"

Short Jokes

Teacher: "Which book has helped you the most

in your life?"

Student: "My father's check book!"

A bank robber pulls out gun. points it at the teller, and says, "Give me all the money or you're geography!"

The puzzled teller replies, "Did you mean to say 'or you're history?"

The robber says, "Don't change the subject!"

An old teacher asked her student, "If I say, 'I am beautiful,' which tense is that?"

The student replied, "It is obviously past."

A CHARITY CASE

A local charity had never received a donation from the town's banker,

so the director made a phone call.
"Our records show you make \$500,000 a year, yet you haven't given a penny to charity,"
the director began.

"Wouldn't you like to help the community?"
The banker replied, "Did your research show:
that my mother is ill,

with extremely expensive medical bills?"

"Um, no," mumbled the director.

"Or that my brother is blind and unemployed

"Or that my brother is blind and unemployed?
Or that my sister's husband died,
leaving her broke with four kids?"
"I ... I ... I had no idea."

"So," said the banker,

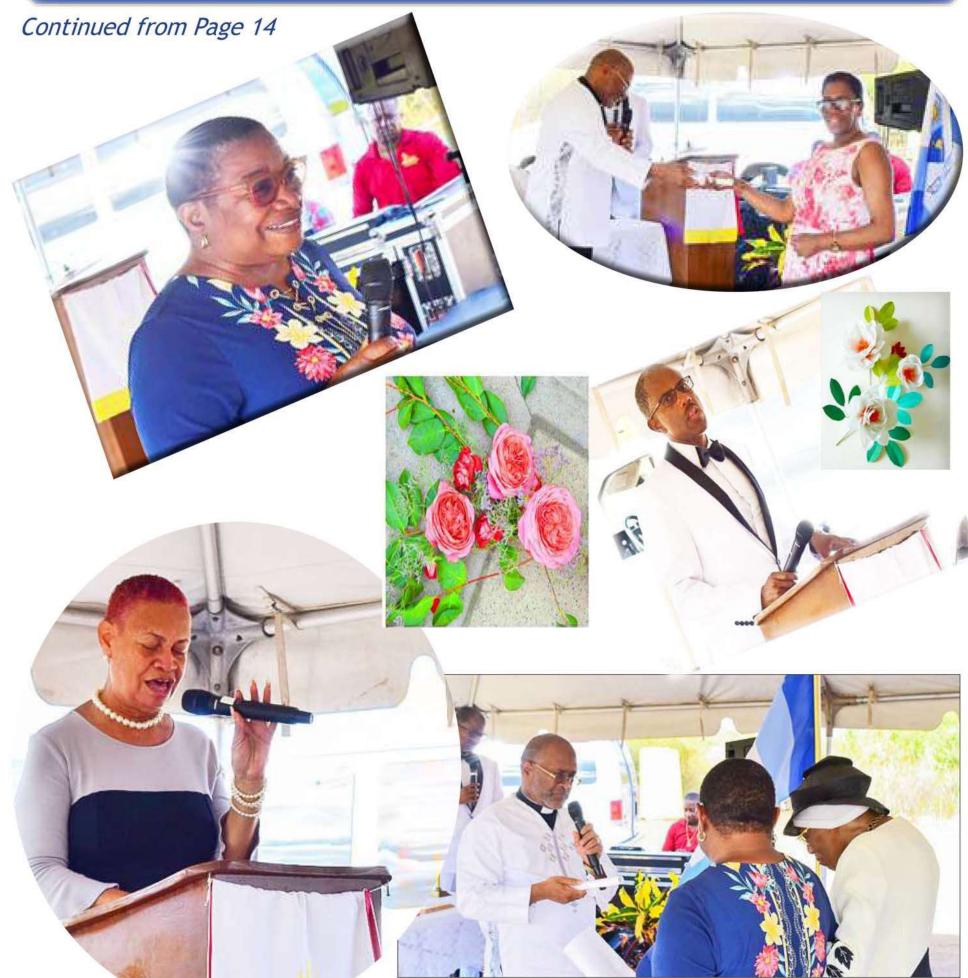
"if I don't give them any money, why would I give any to you?"

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"A cross-eyed teacher couldn't control his pupils...."



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Taste the Savings: Grow Your Own Herb Garden for Fresh Herbs All Year Long

Spring has sprung! In honor of Earth Day and for your culinary enjoyment, let's chat about growing herbs. You don't get more bang for your buck than planting an herb garden. Have you seen how expensive a bundle of fresh basil or dill is at the grocery store? It's crazy! For nearly the same price you can buy a live plant and enjoy a continuous harvest throughout the growing season and dried or frozen herbs all winter.

Even more economical than buying plants is starting your herb garden from seed. Many herbs happily grow from seed; basil, chives, dill and parsley, to mention a few. Find some gardening buddies and share seeds or seedlings to increase the variety of plants in your garden.

Many herbs are so happy to grow from seed they will self-sow, saving you time and money in the future. Recently, I had parsley self-seed with such enthusiasm it was quite literally in every bed in my garden. Luckily, I love parsley. If you find yourself with an enthusiastic plant, just snip off the flower heads before they set seed. Or better yet, share your abundance with friends.

Did you know that you can use EBT benefits to purchase seeds? That's right! If you receive benefits through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, you can use your EBT card to

buy seeds and plants that produce food. This means you can grow your own fruits and vegetables and save money in the long run.

Another great reason to plant an herb garden is that it can be a fun family activity to plant and tend the garden together. It's a wonderful learning experience, especially for children. Not only do they get to see the seeds germinate and grow into plants, but they can also learn about different types of herbs and their uses in cooking and beyond.

What to do with all those fresh herbs, you ask? Make chimichurri.

This classic Argentinean green sauce is used to accompany grilled steak, but it's also great with chicken, pork, vegetables, eggs or as a marinade for meat. The measurements are flexible. Use this as a place to begin, adjusting the recipe until it delights

your taste buds.



Yield: 1 1/2 cups

Total Time: 15 minutes

2 cups parsley (or 1 cup each parsley and cilantro)

3-5 garlic cloves, peeled and coarsely chopped

1/4 cup chopped onion (I used a combo of purple and green onions)

1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil

3 tablespoons red wine vinegar

1/2 teaspoon dried Mexican oregano



1/2 teaspoon kosher salt 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper

Measure 2 packed cups of the washed leaves and tender stems of parsley and/or cilantro. (I love that we can use stems in this recipe! They're so flavorful, and they're often discarded.) In your food processor, process the garlic and onion until chopped. Add the herbs and process until finely chopped. Add the oil, vinegar, oregano, salt and pepper flakes, and process until combined. Let sit at least 10 minutes for flavors to meld. If making ahead of time, cover tightly (imagine that raw garlic and onion invading your fridge!) and chill until ready to use. Leftover sauce can be kept refrigerated for a week.

In conclusion, having fresh herbs on hand can make even the simplest of dishes feel gourmet. So why not grow your own herb garden and never pay for expensive herbs again? Your taste buds (and wallet) will thank you!

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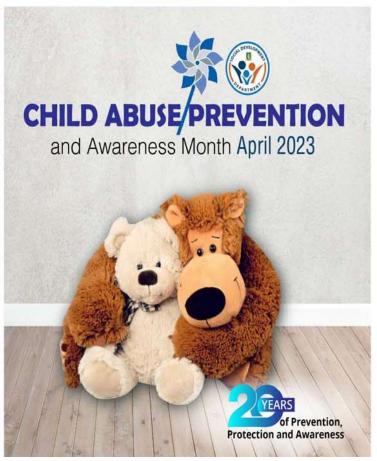
Rated Programme Application Process Re-Opening

The public is notified that the application process for the Registration, Apprenticeship, Training, Employment Development (RATED) programme, will be re-opened on Thursday, April 20 2023.

Eligible persons can access application forms from the Government of the Virgin Island's official website or at the Premier's Office.

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





POLICE NEWS

IMMIGRATION OFFICER CHARGED FOR BREACH OF TRUST

Tuesday, April 18 – Officers of the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force charged an immigration officer over the weekend in connection with investigations into human smuggling.

Naima Grante, 35, of Old Plantation was charged with three counts of breach of trust in a public office. The immigration officer remains in police custody, while three men, native to the Dominican Republic, are being detained by Immigration in relation to this investigation.

The charges resulted from ongoing joint investigations by the RVIPF, the Department of Immigration, and His Majesty's Customs. Commissioner of Police Mark Collins applauded the ongoing efforts of all the officers that are part of

this important investigation and commended the crossagency cooperation which aided in this result.

Persons who have witnessed or have knowledge of any suspicious activity that can help in inquiries into human smuggling through the Territory are encouraged to call the anonymous Crime Tips line 800-8477.

Statement By Chief Immigration Officer On The Arrest Of Immigration Officer



In alignment with our mandate, the Immigration Department prides itself with serving the people of the Virgin Islands with dignity and respect, while upholding our reputation to effectively secure the Territory's borders by guarding against illegal migration, smuggling, and human trafficking.

During a recent routine patrol by the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force, three Dominican Republic males were apprehended on suspicion of attempting to smuggle from the Territory.

The Department of I m m i g r a t i o n - w a s immediately informed of the matter. The men were arrested by the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force and subsequently transferred to the Immigration detention facility while further investigations were carried out.

As a result of sensitive internal-investigations undertaken-by-the Immigration Department, Officer Naima Grante was taken into custody by the police officers, where she was then arrested and charged with three counts of breach of trust.

The Department is committed to upholding the

law and any identified wrong doings by officers will be addressed.

We also wish to acknowledge the technical support and assistance that was extended by His Majesty's Customs and the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force regarding this matter.

We remain committed to enhancing internal monitoring-processes through utilising advanced technological-software, employing-relevant investigative-strategies, and maintaining strong relationships with our regional partners.



MENOPAUSE AND URINARY INFECTIONS

Sannoying

urinary system

bladder cystitis treatment antibiotics

acute pyelonephritis

tract, are one of the most common bacterial infections in women. The urinary tract is more susceptible to infections during menopause due to reduction in hormonal support. from the urinary tract. Do not accumulate urine in the This tract, being a system for the removal of the body's fluid wastes, is more vulnerable to multiplication of bacteria,

leading to infection. Though not always very serious, the urinary infections are painful.

The symptoms disappear quickly after treatment with antibiotics.

Most women would experience infections of the urinary tract, at least once in their lifetimes, though many would have them trinary Tract Infections repeatedly. annoying acute pyelonephritis in

Menopause and Urinary Infections - Their Causes

Factors leading to increased risks of urinary infections in women are pregnancy, urinary infections as a child, diabetes and menopause. The bacteria, around the rectum or the vagina. which enter the urinary tract cause urinary infections in women. The female anatomy is prone to urinary infections as the very act, and sexual intercourse massages the bacteria into the urethra.

A weak bladder could be the cause of urinary infections. The bladder stretches to hold urine and relaxes when it is emptied of urine. When, at times, you wait a long time to empty your bladder, the bladder is overstretched and the bladder muscle becomes weak. In this state, it does not completely empty the bladder and retains some urine, which increases the risk of infection.

When you have urinary infections, you have a strong urge to urinate. The act of urination is followed by sharp pain and a burning sensation in the urethra. Some times, even when the urge is great, very little urine is released. This frequent urge to urinate is one of the symptoms of urinary infections. It is advisable to have professional diagnosis done, since during menopause similar symptoms could cause vaginal or vulva-related infections.

Ways to Prevent Urinary Infections during Menopause

The usual treatment is a course of antibiotics. Antibiotics need to be taken as prescribed and continued until the full treatment is complete. There are certain ways that you can prevent urinary infections from occurring:

First and foremost is to practice good personal hygiene.

After bowel movement and urination, wash the area around the rectum and the vagina thoroughly and ensure it is dried properly.

Washing before and after sexual intercourse is a way of preventing urinary infections. Some doctors recommend consult a qualified physician.

Urinary infections, also known as infections of the urinary urinating before and after a sexual intercourse to flush out bacteria.

> Drink plenty of water to ensure flushing out of bacteria bladder, and empty it out at the earliest to reduce the risk of infections.

> > Cotton panties, or panties with a cotton crotch, are recommended as cotton allows moisture to evaporate. Moist environment is a breeding ground for bacteria.

Sexually active women can change sexual positions to cause less friction on the urethra. Women trinary Tract Infection who tend to have frequent urinary infections are advised to take antibiotics after sexual intercourse.

Some people are more likely

than others to get bladder infections. Women tend to get them more often than men due to their urethra being shorter and closer to the anus. Among the women most likely to get bladder infections are women who are pregnant, going through menopause and using a diaphragm for birth control. Men who have prostate inflammation or enlargement will also be more likely to have bladder infections. Risk factors that apply to both men and women are; kidney stones, sexual intercourse with multiple partners. narrowed urethra, immobility such as recovering from hip

are also at higher risk of bladder infections. Children can also be at risk for bladder infections. They are most common in boys before the first birthday and among uncircumcised boys. Girls are most likely to get bladder infections at around three years old when toilet training is usually in progress. Children under five years old who have bladder infections will need follow-up care to prevent later kidney damage. Bladder infections can usually be prevented. By following these suggestions, bladder infection can be prevented or the frequency reduced. Keep your genital area clean and wipe from front to back. Drink plenty of fluids and avoid fluids that irritate the bladder, like alcohol and caffeine. Drink cranberry juice unless you have a family history of kidney stones. Wear cotton or some other breathable cloth underwear. Do not douche or use similar feminine hygiene products. Urinate soon after sexual intercourse.

fracture, not drinking enough fluids, bowel incontinence and catheterization. Elderly people and people with diabetes

The information presented here should not be taken as medical advice. If you need more information, please



by Dana Jackson

I heard that Marvel was making another Avengers movie. I thought they were done after "Endgame." Who is going to star in this one? — G.I.

A "Endgame" certainly seemed like a nice way to conclude the saga of the "Avengers" superheroes — and villains. But fans are clamoring for more, and Disney is giving them what they want. In fact, there are actually two more "Avengers" movies in the works: "Avengers: The Kang Dynasty," which is scheduled for release May 2, 2025, and "Avengers: Secret Wars." which is slated for May 2026. According to DigitalSpy.com, "Secret Wars" will wrap up what is known as the Multiverse Saga, but there are other sagas planned for years and years to come.

As for the cast, Jonathan Majors' Kang the Conqueror, from the recent movie "Ant-Man and the Wasp: Quantumania," will likely star in "The Kang Dynasty," but other Marvel characters joining Kang are uncertain at this point. Robert Downey Jr. is done as Iron Man, and Captain America is now being played by Anthony Mackie instead of Chris Evans. Brie Larson's Captain Marvel is said to be taking over as "the lead of the MCU," according to DigitalSpy.com, so I would imagine she'll appear as well.

There's plenty of Marvel content in theaters and streaming on Disney+while we await the next Avengers adventure. On May 5, "Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3" premieres in theaters, in what director James Gunn calls an "emotional journey." This is Gunn's last Marvel project, as he's now the new creative head at DC Studios.

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Q: I'm really hooked on "The Night Agent" on Netflix. Will there be a second season, or is it a one-off series? — C.H.

A. "The Night Agent" is based on a novel of the same name by Matthew Quirk and has quickly risen to the top 10 of current Netflix shows — and that's without any big names in the cast. According to IMDb, the addictive plot centers on an FBI agent who "works in the basement of the White House manning a phone that never rings — until it does — propelling him into a conspiracy



Jonathan Majors ("Ant-Man and the Wasp: Quantumania")

that leads all the way to the Oval Office." It stars Gabriel Basso ("The Big C") and Luciane Buchanan ("The New Legends of Monkey"), whose chemistry is a big part of the show's appeal.

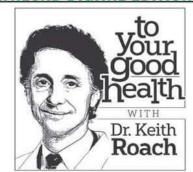
The show was actually renewed for a second season just days after the first one was released on Netflix. Having a talented supporting east, too, certainly doesn't hurt. Recent Oscar nominee Hong Chau ("The Whale") and D.B. Woodside ("Lucifer") are two standouts.

When is "Manifest" returning, and will this be the last season?—B.S.

A "Manifest," a series about a group of plane crash survivors who suddenly reappear after being presumed dead for years, premiered on NBC in 2018. It was canceled by the network after three seasons, but became a big hit when reruns were picked up by Netflix. Viewer support led to a fourth season of new episodes on the streaming service, the first half of which premiered in November 2022. The last and final 10 episodes of the series will launch on Netflix beginning June 2.

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

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Cipro Prescription No Longer the First-Line Treatment for UTIs

DEAR DR. ROACH: I was diagnosed with a UTI on my yearly physical urinalysis, but I had no symptoms. I was prescribed Cipro. The five pages of warnings attached to the prescription scared me! So, I checked the FDA and Mayo Clinic websites. Both said that the "risks outweigh benefits" and it "should not be the first choice to treat a UTI." But my doctor says to take it, so I will — 500 mg twice a day for seven days.

Possible side effects include tendon ruptures (including the aorta), nerve damage and more. Scary! I am 71 and in good health with high blood pressure as my only problem, but it's under control. I wasn't told if my UTI is complicated or uncomplicated, but I assume uncomplicated, as my blood work, including kidney tests, were all normal.

Is this drug safe? Why does the FDA say not to prescribe this as the first choice? — C.J.

ANSWER: There is a lot wrong here. First off, asymptomatic bacteria in the urine does not normally get treated, so I wouldn't have recommended treatment in the first place. I'm not even sure why your doctor ordered a urinalysis — it's not recommended as a screening test for most.

Second, I agree with your research that ciprofloxacin (Cipro) should not be the first-line treatment for symptomatic urine infections. Ciprofloxacin does increase risk of tendon rupture very slightly (three to four cases per 100,000 people treated); may damage the aorta (eight cases per 100,000 in one study, while another large study showed no risk); and may cause neuropathy in one case per 150,000.

Resistance to drugs like ciprofloxacin has been increasing. Other choices, like nitrofurantoin, trimethoprim/ sulfamethoxazole or cephalexin, have more effectiveness with less risk of toxicity. That's why Cipro is no longer a first-line choice. But it can be hard for doctors to unlearn behaviors.

Usually, Cipro is effective and doesn't cause side effects, but practicing evidence-based medicine means changing behaviors to reflect new information, even if your personal experience has generally been good. An individual doctor isn't likely to see damage to tendons, aorta or nerves, but if all doctors changed their behavior, there would be even fewer of these rare events.

When it is used, a short course of ciprofloxacin is normally prescribed for three days, not seven, for uncomplicated urine infections in women. The less a person uses this drug, the lower the risk of these rare but severe side effects. Three days is normally sufficient.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I want to know how to reduce my blood pressure because it is currently 142/90.
— S.L.

ANSWER: Treatment of mildly elevated blood pressure of the type you have starts with lifestyle changes. The first thing is to try to reduce sodium in your diet. Some sodium comes from what you add to food, but much more is in prepackaged foods, especially canned foods. Potassium, found in most fresh fruits and vegetables, has a beneficial effect on blood pressure, especially when sodium is also reduced.

Regular exercise can drop blood pressure by 3 to 5 points. Avoiding alcohol can reduce blood pressure as well. Excess alcohol — more than one drink a day for women or more than two drinks a day for men — is particularly likely to increase blood pressure, so cutting down or stopping helps reduce blood pressure.

Combining all of this advice can reduce the risk of requiring medicines by almost half. Additional treatments, such as meditation and stress reduction, further reduces blood pressure and the need for medication. However, some people, even if they do everything right, can still benefit from medication, which can reduce the risk of heart disease and stroke when appropriately given to patients.

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

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By Lucie Winborne

- Seventy-five percent of all sesame seeds grown in Mexico wind up on McDonald's hamburger buns.
- In 1998, a British man faked his own death by leaving his clothes on the beach and hiding to make his wife realize how much she missed him. Unfortunately, the prank backfired, as she divorced him after learning about it.
- Former First Lady Hillary Clinton served on the boards of TCBY and Walmart.
- Earthworms in the northern part of North America are a non-native, invasive species and a major factor in forest deterioration.
- The last duel in Canada wasn't much of a fight at all, being between two men who were so terrified that one fainted and the other was seized by horror. As if that weren't enough, their guns were loaded with blanks.
- Michael Bay, producer of "Friday the 13th," walked out of the film's screening because it contained too much sex.
- Ever wonder why garlic is so anathema to vampires? One theory goes that
 it's an antibiotic, and since vampirism
 was often thought to be a disease, it was
 harmful to them. Another holds that it
 was believed to repel mosquitoes, and
 since they're both bloodsuckers, vampires would be repelled as well.
- Brazil has the largest Japanese community outside of Japan.
- A city in Sweden uses light therapy in bus stops to combat depression during the winter when 19 hours of the day are darkness.
- Astronomers have discovered a cloud of fiery gas about 3,000,000 light years across that reaches temperatures in the tens of millions of degrees and gobbles entire galaxies as it moves along.

Thought for the Day: "Nature has given us all the pieces required to achieve exceptional wellness and health, but has left it to us to put these pieces together."—Diane McLaren

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Out on a Limb by Gary Kopervas







Candidates duly nominated For The Upcoming General Election APRIL 24, 2023

The candidates in the FIRST Electoral District are as follows:

Dawson, Karl

George, Chad C.

Romney-Moses, Sylvia C.

The candidates in the SECOND Electoral District are as follows:

Christopher, Troy E.

Headley, Marieta C.

Turnbull, Melvin M.

The candidates in the THIRD Electoral District are as follows:

Fraser, Julian

Parillon, Aaron F.

Smith, Kevin C.

The candidates in the FOURTH Electoral District are as follows:

Harrigan-Underhill, Sandy M.

Hodge-Smith, Luce D.

Scatliffe-Thompson, Rosita N.

Smith, Ian Seymour

The candidates in the FIFTH Electoral District are as follows:

Blyden, Marvin E.

Rymer, Kye M.

The candidates in the SIXTH Electoral District are as follows:

Maduro-Caines, Alvera

Walwyn, Myron V.

The candidates in the SEVENTH Electoral District are as follows:

Scatliffe-Leonard, Perline R.

Wheatley, Natalio D.

The candidates in the EIGHTH Electoral District are as follows:

Penn, Marlon A.

Wheatley, Ludwis Allen

The candidates in the NINTH Electoral District are as follows:

Flax-Charles, Shereen D.

Levons, Coy W.

Vanterpool, Vernon

Wheatley, Vincent O.

The candidates in the TERRITORIAL Electoral District are as follows:

Brathwaite, Ishmael E.

Davies, Daniel Robert F.

de Castro, Sharie Bianca Y.

Ellis, Mitsy Jamelle

Estridge, Renard V.

Malone, Carvin

Mather, Stacy

Moses-Scatliffe, Ingrid A.

O'Neal, David Allen

Pickering, Kedrick D.

Skelton, Ronnie W.

Smith, Lesmore

Smith, Lorna

Smith, Neville A.

Smith-Archer, Shaina Mary Ann

Vanterpool, Karen C.

Walcott, Zoe J.

Thursday, April 13, 2023 is Nomination Day in the VI

Thursday, April 20, 2023 is Advance Polling Day in the VI

Monday, April 24, 2023 is Election Day in the VI

Caribbean News / Regional News

DECLARATION BY HEADS OF GOVERNMENT ON CRIME AND VIOLENCE AS A PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO



18 APRIL 2023

We the Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) meeting in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago on April 17-18, 2023, on the occasion of the Regional Symposium to address Crime and Violence as a public health issue:

Alarmed by the epidemic of crime and violence in the Caribbean, fueled by illegal guns and organized criminal gangs, as a threat to our democracy and the stability of our societies;

Cognizant of its cost to our social, economic and health systems;

Determined to ensure that our people of the Caribbean can exist in an environment of peace and safety;

Seized of the urgent need to reverse the normalisation of violence in social interaction and to restore the bonds of social solidarity;

Convinced that the multifaceted nature of violent crime and its pervasive effects require a robust regional response that includes a public health approach, which is an all of society strategy including family, church, academia, cultural and sports personalities, minority political parties and wider civil society is urgently required;

Acknowledge the concerns of the people of the Region, that there is a tilting of the balance between the rights of the individual and the public safety interests of the whole of society, which is having a debilitating effect on the rights of the community to live in peaceful societies, particularly given the trend for persons on murder charges to be granted bail;

Deeply concerned at the high rate of illegal exportation of guns from the United States of America to the Caribbean Region; and,

Recalling the Region's strong and enduring investments to support the United States in its 'War on Drugs', and, given our observation that the gun has become the new drug, as

articulated in our separate 18 April 2023 Declaration, we call on the United States of America to reciprocate and join the Caribbean in its 'War on Guns'.

Agree to strengthen the development of security as a fourth pillar of the Community so that collectively we can better address the extra-territorial threats to citizen security; including strengthening the capacity of the Community's Security and Justice agencies to adopt and implement a public health approach.

WE THE HEADS WILL
Undertake comprehensive
overhaul of the criminal
justice system to address
criminal terrorists with
a focus on proactive
management of prosecutions,
sentencing and the diversion
of young people at risk;

Strengthen regional forensic capabilities and collaboration among national forensic agencies with a view to improving the quality of evidence and speed the conduct of trials;

Prepare regional model legislation to bring greater harmonization and efficiency

to the development and revision of national laws;

Immediately and effectively implement the CARICOM Arrest Warrant Treaty;

Augment the jurisdiction of magistrates, the consideration of defendants' options to judge-only trials, and the intra-regional rotation of judges and magistrates to admit or foster their greater exposure;

Strengthen the capacity of the Regional Intelligence Fusion Centre (RIFC) to deliver its mandate through development of agreed protocols for data sharing amongst Member States;

Reform our education systems to empower our citizens and better enable their socio-emotional development, in recognition that the social and emotional learning of the child is as important as technical and academic achievements;

Agree to ban assault weapons in the region, except for security forces and sporting competitions;

Agree to stand with Mexico on its legal action again US gun manufacturers and retailers;

Establish an entity under IMPACS to assist in the containment of corruption and financial crimes, including money laundering and cybercrimes, through greater collaboration to harmonise related legislation and operational processes;

Empower and engage young people as positive content developers to offset the negative impact of social media and engage with the creative industries to re-engineer culturally acceptable norms;

Promote public awareness and education campaigns in our communities, that challenge harmful beliefs, attitudes and behaviours that contribute to crime and violence;

Work with all sectors and institutions to improve the equitable access to services and options for rehabilitation and reintegration into society, psychosocial support and parental education, addressing domestic violence, and integrating mental issues to treat with crime and violence;

Develop and implement targeted programmes and strategies to address young vulnerable youth at risk of becoming perpetrators and victims of crime;

Appoint an Eminent Person to lead and advise Heads and the Secretariat on further strategies and reforms and on effectively operationalizing the decisions of Heads.

Issued by the Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago on Tuesday, 18 April at the Regional Symposium on Crime and Violence



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G7 Foreign Ministers Highlight Concerns About Russia, China

Foreign ministers from the Group of Seven nations condemned Russia's war in Ukraine and highlighted the need to engage with China to address global challenges as they closed their meetings in Japan on Tuesday.

While noting the importance of working with China on issues such as climate change and global health security, the ministers expressed concerns in a joint communique about China's actions in the East and South China Seas and its stance toward Taiwan.

"We reaffirm the importance of peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait as an indispensable element in security and prosperity in the international community, and call for the peaceful resolution of cross-Strait issues," the ministers said.

U.S. Secretary of State
Antony Blinken said in the
talks with his counterparts
from Britain, Canada,
France, Germany, Italy and
Japan there was "remarkable
convergence" regarding
concerns about China and
what is being done to address

those concerns.

Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin told reporters that the G-7 communique grossly interfered with China's internal affairs and maliciously slandered the country.

Blinken told reporters that regarding stalled U.S.-China discussions, the United States believes "that having lines of communication, being able to engage across the broad rand of issues that animate the relationship is important."



U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken speaks during a news conference at the conclusion of a G7 Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Karuizawa, Japan, April 18, 2023.

"My expectation would be that we will be able to move forward on that, but it does require China to make clear its own intentions in doing that," Blinken said.

Elon Musk Says He Will Launch Rival to Microsoft-backed ChatGPT

Billionaire Elon Musk said on Monday he will launch an artificial intelligence (AI) platform that he calls "TruthGPT" to challenge the offerings from Microsoft and Google.

He criticized Microsoft-backed OpenAI, the firm behind chatbot sensation ChatGPT, of "training the AI to lie" and said OpenAI has now become a "closed source," "for-profit" organization "closely allied with Microsoft."

He also accused Larry Page, co-founder of Google, of not taking AI safety seriously.

"I'm going to start something which I call 'TruthGPT', or a maximum truth-seeking AI that tries to understand the nature of the universe," Musk said in an interview with Fox News Channel's Tucker Carlson aired on Monday.

He said TruthGPT "might

be the best path to safety" that would be "unlikely to annihilate humans."

"It's simply starting late. But I will try to create a third option," Musk said.

Musk, OpenAI, Microsoft and Page did not immediately respond to Reuters' requests for comment.

Musk has been poaching AI researchers from Alphabet Inc's Google to launch a startup to rival OpenAI, people familiar with the matter told Reuters.

Musk last month registered a firm named X.AI Corp, incorporated in Nevada, according to a state filing. The firm listed Musk as the sole director and Jared Birchall, the managing director of Musk's family office, as a secretary.

'Civilizational destruction'

The move came even after Musk and a group of artificial

intelligence experts and industry executives called for a six-month pause in developing systems more powerful than OpenAI's newly launched GPT-4, citing potential risks to society.

Musk also reiterated his warnings about AI during the interview with Carlson, saying "AI is more dangerous than, say, mismanaged aircraft design or production maintenance or bad car production" according to the excerpts.

"It has the potential of civilizational destruction," he said.

He said, for example, that a super intelligent AI can write incredibly well and potentially manipulate public opinions.

He tweeted over the weekend that he had met with former U.S. President Barack Obama when he was president and told him that Washington needed to "encourage AI regulation."

Musk co-founded OpenAI in 2015, but he stepped down from the company's board in 2018. In 2019, he tweeted that he left OpenAI because he had to focus on Tesla and SpaceX.

He also tweeted at that time that other reasons for his departure from OpenAI were, "Tesla was competing for some of the same people as OpenAI & I didn't agree with some of what OpenAI team wanted to do."

Musk, CEO of Tesla and SpaceX, has also become CEO of Twitter, a social media platform he bought for \$44 billion last year.

In the interview with Fox News, Musk said he recently valued Twitter at "less than half" of the acquisition price.

In January, Microsoft Corp announced a further multibillion dollar investment in OpenAI, intensifying competition with rival Google and fueling the race to attract AI funding in Silicon Valley.



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Debutants including 60-year old female wins 8th Tortola Torture

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway



David Lim ran the third fastest time in the 8th year history of the Tortola Torture and 60-year old Michelle Slade became the oldest winner, in Saturday 34-mile jaunt around Tortola, climbing and descending hills in heat and humidity.

Both Lim, who had a winning time of 4 hour 53 minutes and 01 seconds while Slade covered the course in 7:53.38, were surprised to win.

"I wasn't sure how it was going to go. I knew it would get hot and get hot quickly, but I'm thrilled," Lim told Island Sun Sports. "It went really well."

The conditions he said were the toughest part of the race, which started off flat for the first 10 miles, then got hilly and the temperature started going up. This requires staying on top of your nutrition, staying within yourself and keep drinking and fighting to the end.

"I thought that I hydrated well, but eventually it gets to a point that it's just hard to take more down, you start to get a bit nauseous and just struggle to the end," said.

Lim who has been on island for a month said he ran sections of the course and drove the whole thing to get familiar with it and knew what it was going to be like. "But obviously race day is different because you're doing all the hard climbs back to back to back, which is different to training so I knew it was going to be hard," noted Lim, who has 2:45 Marathon to his credit. "I think the race really starts at the bottom of Brewers (Bay) and if you race like that, you take up Windy (Hill) to Sage (Mountain) easier, so then you could get up Brewers. If you go up Windy too quickly, too early, you're going to explode on Brewers and it's going to be a long way home. So I think I paced myself well-it's so hard."

Mark Stephenson was 2nd in 6:58.31 and Sergio Dantas, 3rd in 7:01.27.At 60, Slade from San Francisco who covered the 50th BVI Spring Regatta then stayed on to race, expressing surprise as being the first woman across the line. "I didn't think I'd even get half way," she said. "It was really hard because you're running on pavement and I'm used to running on trails and it's hotter than hell.



Runners start their watches as they take off in the 34-miles Tortola Torture

but the support is amazing. The volunteers are just incredible."

Slade said event coordinator Alastair Abrehart told her about the race while covering last year's BVI Spring Regatta but she'd never even looked at the whole course. "I got up early one morning and ran half the course during Spring Regatta, and I got lost," she reflected. "I ran 16 miles and didn't even go up to Sage Mountain. That's when I thought, 'There's no way I'm going to finish this, because it was just too hot.""

Slade said while she runs lots of hills in San Francisco, it didn't mean that she was running all the hills and said the hills aren't really a challenge. "You know what bothers me? It's the flat pavement with the heat coming off the pavement," she explained. "That makes life difficult. The hills are fine. The scenery was just incredible. I stopped to take photos, because it was so incredible. I love it here, it's beautiful, that's why I come here so much."

Charlotte Hounsome was second in 8:04.38 and Margy Church third in 8:27.11.

Carli Human who was second on the 2-man team with Vicki Francis behind Kerry and Rodrigo Dos Santos's 5:46.25 with 6:00.51, was the Queen of the Mountain, covering from Stoutt's Look Out to Sage Mountain in 31:38. Lim covered that segment in 25:03 for the King of the Mountain. The Running Iguanas—Lennon DaBreo and Jason Du Plessis were third in 6:07.04.

Team Lion Heart—Julius Farley, Jermaine "JJ" Ricketts and Rosemond Johnson—won the 3-man division in 5:06.43. Ten out of Teneo, Christian Fay, Lizanne Havenga and Chris Farmer, was second in 6:42.53 while Last Minute—Dennis Veroza, Arend Nel and Jose Banay—placed third in 7:37.12.

Unbeaten Anguilla wins U-15 Overseas Territories Football title

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

FOOTBALL

Anguilla closed out an unbeaten run in the U-15 Overseas Territories Football Tournament on Sunday, when Midfielder Raynel Martin scored off a combination play on the right flank 10 minutes into the game, and they dominated the BVI for a 1-0 victory over the hosts in Greenland on Sunday.

"I don't know if the BVI players thought it was an offside because they stopped a bit in their tracks, but it was good for my player as he carried on, ended up in the box and it was a good finish," Anguilla's coach Kapil Battice reflected. "Our aim was to improve and from last year to this year, the guys improved greatly. We always try and try and fail, but today we succeeded and

it's good for us."

Anguilla, who beat the BVI 1-0 in their first encounter on Thursday, pressured the BVI down to the final whistle in the physical game that saw the BVI's defender Quyl Billingy and Anguilla's midfielder Keondre Belle getting red cards in stoppage time. Anguilla Forward Mekhi Connor and the BVI's Mario Carter, received yellow cards.

BVI coach Cassandra Gregg said her team's performance was above 60% in the first half but fell under 40% of their complete passes and accuracy in the second half. "We just lobbed the ball from here to there because they were just trying to rush it off," she said. "In the second half, things weren't at the speed I wanted it to be."

On Saturday morning, Anguilla overcame the USVI's Dylan

Berry's goal in the 18th minute, to tie the game at 1-1 in the 36th on Keyondre Belle's legger. "The was a tough one," Battice said. "The made it tough for us in the first half, but in the second half, we came out firing, found some energy late and we won the game 3-1." Anguilla added goals in the 52nd by Nicholson Millington and Tiawayne Anderson in the 56th for the win.

"There was a questionable call on their first goal and even some of the Anguilla coaches said the ball didn't cross the goal line, but the referee and the linesman said it did," USVI's coach Eustas "Simba" Bailey said. "From there, we ended up losing that game."

The USVI lost their final game to the BVI, 1-0 on Saturday night, after Othniel Gillings scored three minutes before the end of regulation. "I see that we can play with these teams, they are not



Anguilla Forward Kemari Gumbs, center, splits BVI Midfielder Kyle Farrington, left and Forward Charlie Potgieter, in an attempt to get the ball

above us," Bailey said of his team that lost the first matchup 6-0 on Thursday. "We had opportunities to win games—especially the last game—we had a chance on a penalty kick but didn't capitalize. We have a lot of work to do but we are not far from our close

neighbors."

Anguilla's Goalkeeper Shemor Browne won the Golden Glove award, while teammate Nicholas Millington won the Golden Boot award with two goals and two assists. The BVI's Othniel Gillings was the MVP.



BVI U-15 team was 2nd to Anguilla in the Overseas Territories Tournament



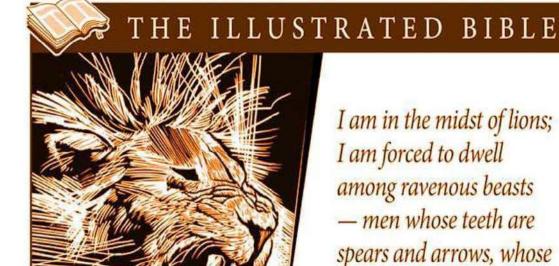
Michelle Slade, 60, is the oldest Tortola Torture winner



Latriell Williams heads the ball off a throw in



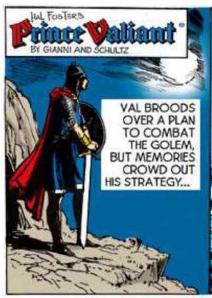
Sergio Dantas, left and Mark Stephenson, cooling off in the Tortola Torture



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

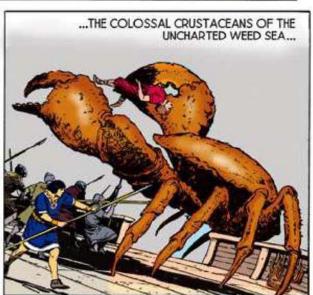






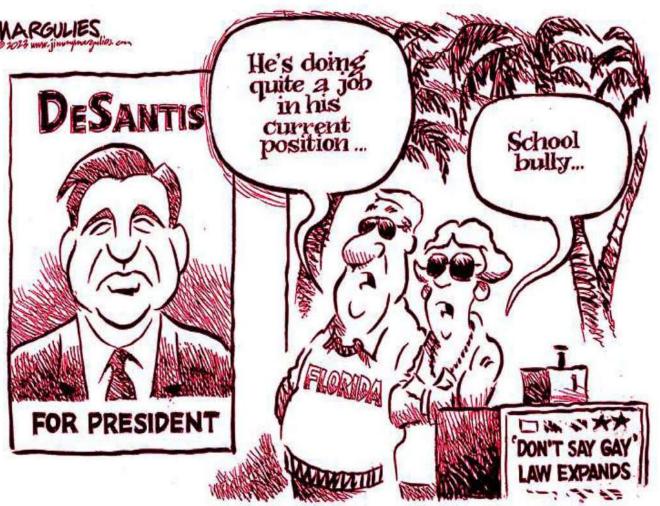
tongues are sharp swords.

PSALM 57:4 20











- 1. Is the book of Philippians (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
- 2. From Mark 8, Jesus healed a blind man by putting what onto his eyes? Sand, Wind, Blood, Spit
- 3. What elderly cousin of Mary was the mother of John the Baptist? *Jael*, *Rahab*, *Sarah*, *Elisabeth*
- 4. In Hebrews 13:17, how should Christians act toward elders? Respectfully, In submission, Cheerfully, Timidly
- 5. What book of the Bible foretold the virgin birth? *Joel, Isaiah, Jonah, Malachi*
- 6. Who was Shamgar the son of? Ehud, Samson, Anath, Tola

ANSWERS: 1) New, 2) Spit (spittle), 3) Elisabeth, 4) In submission, 5) Isaiah 7:14, 6) Anath

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) This week offers new opportunities for adventurous Sheep, both personal and professional. Single Sheep could find romance with a Taurus or Scorpio.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your big break is about to happen in the workplace. Expect to hear more about it within a few days. Meanwhile, enjoy some much-needed fun time.

GÉMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your past tendency for breaking promises could be catching up with you. You need to reassure a certain someone in your life that this time you'll keep your word. Good luck.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Watch your tendency to be overcautious in your personal relationships. Give people a chance to show who they are, not who you assume them to be.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Aspects favor closer attention to family matters, especially where it concerns older relatives who might need special care. A co-worker has information that can help.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A workplace change causes a temporary delay in your plans. Still, continue working on your project so that you'll be ready when it's time to start up again.

LIBRA (September 23 to Octo-

ber 22) Stick with your plans despite some recent disappointments. Persistence will pay off. A family member's health takes a happy turn for the better.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your gift for seeing through to the heart of a matter (or the heart of a person) impresses someone who is in a position to make you a very interesting offer.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your colleagues believe in your leadership abilities because you believe in yourself. Your strength inspires others to follow your example.

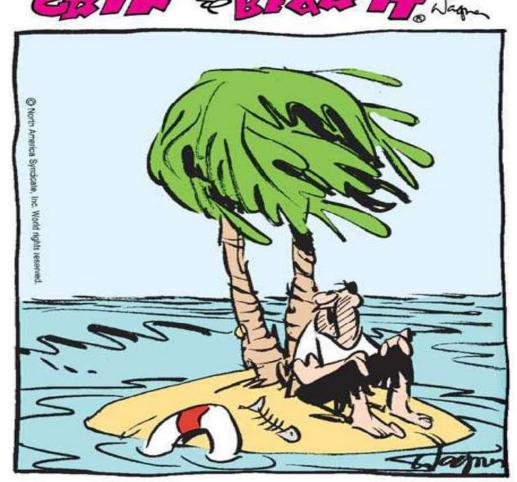
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A sensitive situation needs sensitive handling. Show more patience than you usually do. This will allow everyone time for some really hard thinking.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You are determined to take charge of a difficult situation and turn it around. Good for you. Accept much-needed help and advice from a Libra.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You are able to help people by sensing their deepest pain, but be careful not to let your own emotions get injured. Try to maintain a safe balance.

BORN THIS WEEK: Yours is one of the most emotional signs of the zodiac. You are empathetic and have a deep spiritual core that gives you your great strength.

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"Who do you think I'm talking to, MYSELF?"

POLITICS: THE CORRUPTION CURVE

"Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely. Great men are almost always bad men."

(Lord Acton)

We all like to think of ourselves as kind, honest, and benevolent. In our hearts, we are convinced that should we ever attain personal power, whether through building our own business, rising to the corporate executive office,

becoming extraordinarily influential in our area of expertise, or in winning public office, we will continue to be honest and ethical, incorruptible to the end.

The action of wielding power varies greatly with the individual involved and the extent of power obtained. We are all familiar with the petty tyrant at work who rules a tiny business empire with greed and self-indulgence, bullying underlings without any sense of fairness or mercy.

We have seen the research scientists who have forged a reputation over a lifetime fall into disgrace through subverting results to support their theories and their sponsors.

As the extent of power increases, we see the Enron and Lincoln Savings brand of tableaux unfold. Not only does that same greed and self-indulgence hold sway, but the concept of being above the law arises and accountability and trust are jettisoned from the boardroom. The more esoteric the lifestyle becomes, the greater the disconnect between the powerful and the rest of the world. Those who lack power are to be cheated, manipulated, and drained of their possessions surely only just desserts for their failure to rise to the top.

In a world where hereditary monarchies are an anachronism, the most absolute power lies in the political sphere whether wielded by a military-backed dictator or by those who have been so repeatedly elected to office that they no longer see themselves as public representatives but as entitled oligarchs of a system they control.

The presumptuous ambition of one man, Julius Caesar, led to the destruction of a republic that had guided Rome to the heights of civilization.

The empire he created held the seeds of its own destruction in its descent into the unrestrained autocracies of a string of less than illustrious rulers who wielded their absolute power with caprice and personal whim.

The framers of the Constitution had a vision of a government where no such unconstrained power could arise because of the checks and balances inherent in the system they devised.

No one could be above the law because the rule of law was paramount. The advise and consent required from different branches of government ensured that a multitude of voices and philosophical ideas were involved in any major decision.

But those who drove the development of our constitutional law were giants in their own right. Washington's refusal to accept the title of king, advocated by several of his supporters, signaled his rejection of too much power concentrated in one individual. His peers Jefferson, Adams, Franklin, Madison, and many more followed the same course: divide power to ensure that the needs of the many can be met through a myriad of representative voices.

Over the centuries, the checks and balances they built have

kept the ship of state afloat. Occasionally listing to port or starboard, the sheer multiplicity of participants in the political process have been repetitively able to pull it back to an upright middle course. Certainly, there have been many dark periods of corruption and incompetence.

We face such a darkness now: individuals in office for too long, with too much power within their grasping fingers; too many officials who have forgotten that they are public servants, developing a mindset of entitlement and the conviction that they know, better than anyone else, what is good for the public who, after all,



elected them.

Only the rule of law, so carefully crafted more than 200 years ago, can keep them in check. The lawful prosecution of a congressman accepting millions of dollars in bribes, of a congressional leader who used election money as he saw fit rather than as the law required, and administration officials who destroyed a woman's career and jeopardized the lives of covert operatives all over the world, restores balance in a world rife with corruption, greed, and overweening pride.

Presidents who are not "crooks" (they say) and more recently one who pays a porn-star an incredible amount of money and cheers those attacking the Capitol.

Ongoing investigations into the honesty of leaders in evoking the need for military intervention and the rising voice of dissent against financial favors for the rich and powerful at the cost of cutting services to the powerless poor, offer a glimmer of hope that the corruption will be curbed and the hubris of our leaders punctured and exposed.

The embattled defendants cry foul, claiming that the only transgression is the political ambition of their critics. They have moved so far beyond the pale of the common citizen that their own corruption and misdeeds seem entirely ordinary and acceptable to them. We live in a world that is visibly falling apart, where those who are supposed to prevent the Apocalipse are even afraid to speak or take a clear stance. Instead they indulge in "blah blah" as Greta so aptly puts it.

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Garden Bug

Dogwood trees

The dogwood has graceful blossoms and distinctive bark, and also attracts wildlife. Silk moths and several species of butterflies favor dogwoods as hosts. The flowers provide nectar to many pollinating insects. American robins, northern mockingbirds and sparrows will build nests on its horizontal branches. Many birds eat its berries, including cardinals, titmice, bluebirds, juncos and waxwings. – Brenda Weaver

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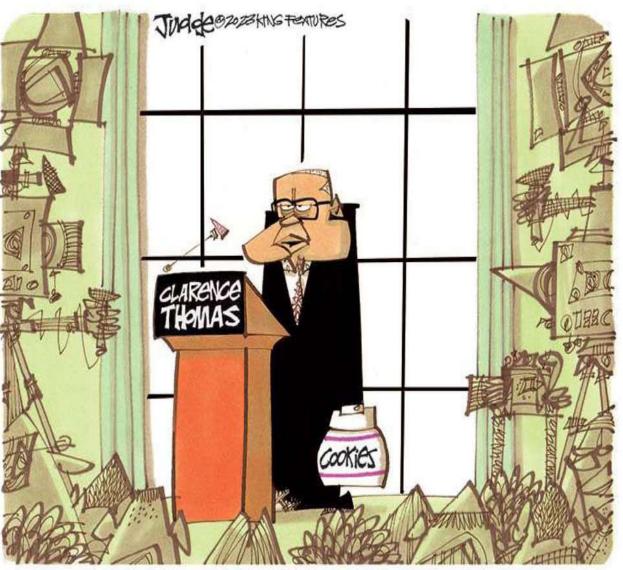


MOST COMMON Animal Phobias

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- 2. Snakes
- 3. Wasps
- 4. Birds
- 5. Mice
- 6. Fish
- 7. Bees
- 8. Dogs
- 9. Catepillars and other insects

10. Cats

Source: The Travel Almanac



"IT WAS A GIFT."

Amber Waves









by BUD BLAKE











I'M LIKE A FINE WINE.

The Spats







by Jeff Pickering





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by Linda Thistle

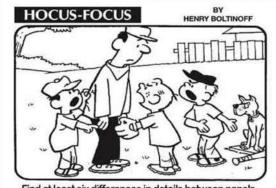
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

♦ Moderate ♦ ♦ Challenging **♦♦♦** HOO BOY!

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King Crossword

Rodriguez

- 1. TELEVISION: Which drama focuses on the inhabitants of Wisteria Lane?
- 2. GEOGRAPHY: The Aswan Dam is located on which river?
- 3. LANGUAGE: What is the only word in the English language that ends in "mt"?
- 4. MOVIES: What is the name of Ryan Reynolds' Alaskan hometown in "The Proposal"?
- 5. U.S. CITIES: How many buildings in New York City have their own ZIP codes, including the Empire State Building?
- 6. SCIENCE: Entomology is the scientific study of what?
- 7. CHEMISTRY: Which natural element is the most unstable?
- 8. FOOD & DRINK: What is the condiment tahini made of?
- 9. LITERATURE: What is the setting for John Kennedy Toole's novel "A Confederacy of Dunces"?
- 10. ANATOMY: How many lobes are in the human brain?



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VACANCY: LEADERSHIP TO UNITE THE GLOBAL SOUTH

Barbuda's

By Sir Ronald Sanders

(The writer is Antigua and 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

I was astonished recently to be told by one of the

representatives of the Caribbean on the Board of the World Bank (WB) that Antigua and Barbuda, The Bahamas, Barbados, St Kitts-Nevis and Trinidad and Tobago, should not expect any change in the bank's policy not to make concessional loans to them because. supposedly, they are 'high income' countries.

My astonishment did not result from the sharp finality of the statement but rather because it came from a person who is charged with the obligation of representing the views of Caribbean governments on the WB's board. By an outdated arrangement, which like many aspects of the WB's structure and operations requiring urgent reform, no Caribbean government has a seat on the Bank's board. Instead, Caribbean countries are represented by the Canadian or Brazilian Executive Directors.

I always remember the observation of the late Prime Minister of Barbados. Owen Artur, that it was offensive that he, as the head of government of his country, could not address a meeting of the WB's Board without the permission of a Canadian official.

But all that is part and parcel of being small and powerless, and the seeming inability of Caribbean countries to pool their sovereignty so as to argue jointly for the reform the WB urgently requires to make it fit for purpose. An integral part of being fit for purpose. in today's world, is to raise the massive amounts of capital that are going to be necessary in the coming years to help countries adapt to and mitigate a changing climate.

While climate financing has grown in importance recently as part of the policy of the WB, largely due to the emphasis placed on it by the Bank's largest member, the United States of America (US), under its present Biden Administration, it is still a far way from what it should be. Last year, the Bank lent US\$32 billion for climate-related

> projects. And while this was a vast improvement over previous years, it was still woefully short of the needed money.

> Noteworthy is that countries classified as 'high-income', like Antigua and Barbuda and St Kitts-Nevis, did not qualify for a cent of the allocated US\$32 billion.

only 'high-income' countries that did manage to access special loans were those in an IMF budgetary support programme with all its harsh conditionalities.

Authoritative bodies estimate that an additional US\$2.5 trillion of financing will be needed every year until 2030 to reach the 2015 Paris Agreement climate goals and to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) agreed by all countries at the United Nations (UN). If the WB is to play any meaningful role, it has to get more money and it has to change its lending policies to allow access to concessional funding by socalled 'high-income' countries in the Caribbean and elsewhere, which share similar circumstances of neighbouring states of both extreme vulnerability and lack of resilience to Climate Change and its impacts. The WB needs to revisit and revise this rule which may be convenient for denying funding, but which is short-sighted in its neglect of a problem that is growing and threatening the viability of countries.

Here's what is an even more troubling situation related to funds available to the WB and how they are allocated. Many developing countries are deeply concerned that even as the Bank attracts more funding, allocations for climate-related projects (36 per cent of the Bank's lending last year) will reduce the amount of money available for infrastructural development and for improving social services. Thus, they argue with considerable justification, that funding for coping with the impacts of climate change and global warming, should be separate from traditional funding for development.

In all this, therefore, a greater



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responsibility falls on the countries that are the greatest CO2 emitters to ease the burden on the World Bank and to create a special and different mechanism to fullfill their promises to mobilize US\$100 billion a year to fund mitigation and adaptation in countries that are being irreparably damaged by Climate Change. It is not hard to identify which countries are responsible for the present situation. Studies by the Centre for Energy and Climate Solutions show that from 1751 (beginning of meaningful industrialization) to 2017, the share of cumulative CO2 emissions is: the U.S.(25%), the countries of the European Union and Britain (22%), China (12%), Russia (7%), Japan (4%) and India (3%).

However, this is unlikely to happen. even providing sufficient money to the WB appears increasingly remote, as countries such as China and Britain opt to provide their loans and grants bilaterally than through international institutions.

So, the prospects for securing funding for developing states to meet their development challenges, particularly building resilience to the impacts of Climate Change, are not promising. Novel ideas have been proposed, including what is called the "Bridgetown Initiative", a proposal of Barbados Prime Minister, Mia Mottley, to increase concessional financing by multilateral development banks to US\$1 trillion among other things.

Much hope is also being placed in Ajay Banga, the former chief executive of Mastercard, who has been nominated by the Biden Administration to be the next president of the World Bank. But he alone however skilful he may be - cannot bring about the transformation that is needed, or the political will that is required, to change the policies of the WB which is made by its richest members. And right now, nationalism and self-preservation prevails amongst the world's powerful nations.

Developing countries should create a unity of the global south, using their own resources, including their purchasing power to defend and advance themselves. That goal must never be dismissed as unattainable.

To do so is to surrender a significant strength that could be a game changer. There is a vacancy in committed leadership; it should be filled.

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act. Black Butterfly Holdings Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1937900

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 14, 2023. Dated: April 14, 2023

(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean Voluntary Liquidator

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1663974

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Dated: April 14, 2023 (Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean Voluntary Liquidator [97/2]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act. DROSERA HOLDINGS LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1791665

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Dated: April 14, 2023 (Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean Voluntary Liquidator [97/3]

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

TARAWA SERVICES LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1993455

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 14th, 2023. The Liquidator is Nelcia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street. Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated: April 14th, 2023 (Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean Voluntary Liquidator [97/4]

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

(as amended) C R INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENTS INC.

(the "Company") (In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 309587

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 October 13, 2022. The Liquidator is Meade Malone of Geneva Place, 2nd Floor, 333 Waterfront Drive, Road Town Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Meade Malone Liquidator

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

Jenn Wood Capital Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

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

The Liquidators is: -

Wayne Francis

[97/6]

Of Nerine Chambers, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands

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

Sandyview International Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation) NOTICE is hereby given that on the 5th day of April, 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.

The Liquidators is: -

Wayne Francis

Of Nerine Chambers, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation) NOTICE is hereby given that on the 3rd day of April, 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.

The Liquidators is: -Wayne Francis

Of Nerine Chambers, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands

CAPITAL TODAY INVEST-MENT XVIII LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company Number 1493716

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 the 14th day of April, 2023. The Liquidator is Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated this 14th day of April, 2023

Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson Voluntary Liquidator [97/9]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act. ONEpoInT Power Consulting Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1910303

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(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean Voluntary Liquidator [97/10]

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

LOUCIA INTERNATIONAL LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1704056

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 21st day of March, 2023. The liquidator is Philippa V. O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola VG1110, British

Virgin Islands.
Dated: 21st day of March, 2023 (Sgd.) Philippa V. O'Sullivan Voluntary Liquidator [97/11]

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

Duxuan Holding Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 2061427

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 23rd August, 2022. The liquidator is Zhenhai YU of No. 159, South Chaisang Road, Shahejie Town, Jiujiang County, Jiujiang City, Jiangxi Province, China.

Dated: 23 August 2022.

(Sgd.) Zhenhai YU Liquidator

[97/12]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act. Paladio Capital Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 2033994

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 14, 2023. Dated: April 17, 2023

(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean Voluntary Liquidator

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

NetZero Poseidon Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 2091215

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 14, 2023.

Dated: April 17, 2023 (Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean Voluntary Liquidator [97/14]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act. PLUTUS HOLDINGS 2 LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 587055 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 14, 2023. Dated: April 17, 2023

(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean Voluntary Liquidator [97/15]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

RIAM INVESTORS S.A.

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1710138

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 3, 2023.

Dated: April 3, 2023

(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean Voluntary Liquidator

APPOINTMENT SPIRAL GOLD LIMITED

("the Company") (In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 593338

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that: Spiral Gold Limited is in voluntary liquidation. The date of commencement of liquidation is 13th April 2023. The liquidator is Carmine Bailey of Kendall Corporate Services Limited, 2nd Floor Abbott **Building, 87 Main Street, Waterfront** Drive, P.O. Box 3169; PMB425, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands. Dated 17th April 2023

Carmine Bailey Voluntary Liquidator

> STRUCK OFF Liquidator's Final Notice

PALAIS HOLDINGS LIMITED

("the Company") (In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1940265

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to section (208) (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 13th April 2023.

Dated 17th April 2023 Carmine Bailey Voluntary Liquidator [97/18]

STRUCK OFF Liquidator's Final Notice

CHATEAU INVESTMENT GROUP LIMITED

("the Company") (In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1940352

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to section (208) (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 13th April 2023.

Dated 17th April 2023 Carmine Bailey Voluntary Liquidator [97/19]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidato under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 GieSi Ltd

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 2100715

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (a) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 13th April, 2023. The Liquidator is Cassandra

Glasgow-Penn of Chapel Hill, East End, Tortola, BVI VG1120.

Dated this 18th April, 2023.

Sgd. Cassandra Glasgow-Penn Liquidator

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

Generic Investments (BVI) Ltd

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 2065726

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (a) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 13th April, 2023. The Liquidator is Cassandra Glasgow-Penn of Chapel Hill, East End, Tortola, BVI VG1120. Dated this 18th April, 2023.

Sgd. Cassandra Glasgow-Penn [97/21] Liquidator

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

COMPOUND TRADING LIMITED

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION) Company No. 165799

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 17th April 2023, The Liquidator is Myron Walwyn of Travers Thorn Alberga, 2nd Floor Jayla Place, P.O. Box 216, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands. VG1110.

Dated 17th April 2023 (Sgd) Myron Walwyn Voluntary Liquidator

[97/22]

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

OCEAN SOUTHERN INVESTMENT LIMITED.

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 2028260

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 28th day of December 2022. The Liquidator is Ray Anderson George, of Long Trench, Tortola, British Virgin

Dated this 28th day of December 2022

(Sgd.) Ray Anderson George Voluntary Liquidator

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 (as amended)

C R INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENTS INC.

(the "Company") (In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 309587

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 October 13, 2022. The Liquidator is Meade Malone of Geneva Place, 2nd Floor, 333 Waterfront Drive, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands. Meade Malone

Liquidator [97/24]

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

FAMA INVESTMENT HOLDINGS LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 2044649

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 19th day of April 2023. The Liquidator is RAY A. GEORGE of Long Trench, British Virgin Islands. Dated this 19th day of April 2023 .

Sgd. Ray A. George

Ray A. George Voluntary Liquidator [97/25]

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

IKONIK LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 2044808

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 19th day of April 2023. The Liquidator is RAY A GEORGE of Long Trench, British Virgin Islands

Dated this 19th day of April 2023. Sgd. Ray A. George

Ray A. George Voluntary Liquidator

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

ALABA HOLDINGS LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 2044812

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 19th day of April 2023. The Liquidator is RAY A. GEORGE of Long Trench, British Virgin Islands.

Dated this 19th day of April 2023. Sgd. Ray George

Ray A. George

Voluntary Liquidator

Notice of Appointment of a Voluntary uidator under Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI

[97/27]

FOURSTAR INTERNATIONAL LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 2043958

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 commence on the 19th day of April 2023. The Liquidator is RAY A. GEORGE of Long Trench, British Virgin Islands. Dated this 19th day of April 2023. Sgd. Ray George

Ray A. George Voluntary Liquidator NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)

YARDLEY BAY INVESTMENTS LTD

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 14th day of April 2023 under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register.

The Liquidator is:-

Wayne Francis

Nerine Chambers

P.O. Box 905 Quastisky Building, Road Town Tortola, VG1110

Perseus Associates Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company Number 1785069

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 the 19th day of April, 2023. The Liquidator is Brian Jackson of Mandar House. 3rd Floor, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated this 19th day of April, 2023 Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson

Voluntary Liquidator [97/30]

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

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(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION) Company No. 221809

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 24th March 2023. The Liquidator is Myron Walwyn of Travers Thorp Alberga, 2nd Floor Javla Place, P.O. Box 216, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110.

Dated 24th March 2023

(Sgd) Myron Walwyn

Voluntary Liquidator

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

Mardell Holdings Inc. (IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)

Company No. 1488176 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 22nd 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 22nd March 2023 (Sgd) Myron Walwyn Voluntary Liquidator [97/32]

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

LIMITED (IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION) Company No. 226030

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 24th 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 24th March 2023

(Sgd) Myron Walwyn

Voluntary Liquidator

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

GOLDSTONE LANG Limited (IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)

Company No. 2034331

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 22nd 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 24th March 2023 (Sgd) Myron Walwyn

Voluntary Liquidator

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

MATIO COMMERCIAL CORP.

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION) Company No. 1806090

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 17th 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 17th March 2023 (Sgd) Myron Walwyn

Voluntary Liquidator

Amended Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act PANDA PACIFIC LIMITED (IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)

Company No. 1561061 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 24th March 2023. The Liquidator is Myron Walwyn of Travers Thorp Alberga, 2nd Floor Javla Place, P.O. Box 216, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110.

Dated 24th March 2023 (Sgd) Myron Walwyn

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Amended Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act (amended) Archean Intelligence Co.,

Limited (IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION) Company No. 2089931

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 27th February 2023. The Liquidator is Myron Walwyn of 2nd Floor Jayla Place, P.O. Box 216, Road Town, Tortola, British

Virgin Islands, VG1110. Dated 27th February 2023

(Sgd) Myron Walwyn Voluntary Liquidator 197/371

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

the BVI Business Company Act Awanis Corporate Investment

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION) Company No. 2073592

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant section 204, subsection 1 (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in Voluntary Liquidation. The Voluntary Liquidation commenced on 6th March 2023. The Liquidator is Myron Walwyn of 2nd Floor Javla Place, P.O. Box 216, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110.

Dated 6th March 2023 (Sgd) Myron Walwyn

Voluntary Liquidator

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

[97/38]

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION) Company No. 1409096

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 18th April 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 18th April 2023

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(Sgd) Myron Walwyn

Voluntary Liquidator

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidate under Section 204 of

the BVI Business Company Act. GAUCIN INVESTMENTS LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 537802

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 18th 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: 18th day of April, 2023 Sgd. Philippa V O'Sullivan Voluntary Liquidator



Lands and Survey Department P.O. Box 142 Road Town, TORTOLA VG1110 VIRGIN ISLANDS

BY EMAIL AND VIRGIN ISLANDS GAZETTE BVILR/PRE/02/2023

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 2636B 53

The Chief Registrar of Lands hereby gives NOTICE that O'NEAL WEBSTER, 2nd Floor Commerce House, PO Box 961, Road Town, Tortola, Virgin Islands, Legal Practitioners for HILDA MAY MATTAVOUS of Oswald Harris Court Building 26, St. Thomas, United States Virgin Islands has applied to be registered as the proprietor by Prescription of Parcel 53, Block 2636B, Sea Cows Bay Registration Section measuring 2 1/2 acres. Affidavit was file in support of her application. Parcel 53 is registered to:

· ADELIA HODGE, Doty, Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Anyone who has just cause to object to HILDA MAY MATTAVOUS being registered as the proprietor for the aforementioned Parcel 53, Block 2636B, Sea Cows Bay Registration Section should file their objection at the Lands Unit on or before Thursday 25th 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 19th day of April 2023

Natalie Stevens-George Administrative Officer (for) Chief Registrar of Lands

To:PEdwards@onealwebster.com O'Neal Webster 2nd Floor Commerce House 181 Main Street PO Box 961 Road Town, Tortola, VG1110 British Virgin Islands

Adelia Hodge Doty, Tortola VG1110 Virgin Islands

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Tel: Lands Unit: (284) 468-2017, Survey Unit: (284) 468-4321 | Email: Lands Unit: landregistration@gov.vg, Survey Unit: landandsurveydeptatgov.vg | Website: www.tvi.gov.vg Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 203 of the BVI Business Company Act.

MERRYVALE INVESTMENTS LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 371185

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 17 April 2023. The Liquidator is Harry J. Thompson of Harbour House, P.O. Box 4428, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated 18 April 2023 (Sgd.) Harry J. Thompson Voluntary Liquidator(s) [97/41]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

Fitout Invest Holding Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1949144
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 17 April 2023.
Dated 18 April 2023

(Sgd.) Harry J. Thompson Voluntary Liquidator(s) [97/42]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business

Company Act. Wood Couture Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1938091

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 17 April 2023.

Dated 18 April 2023

(Sgd.) Harry J. Thompson Voluntary Liquidator(s)

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

IN THE ESTATE OF FRANCIS ACHILLE DANNOOT, DECEASED

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by MATTHIEU ANDRE ETIENNE DANNOOT of 16651 Leslie Hill Road, Terra Cotta, ON, L7G 0N6, Canada, the intended Administrator of the Estate of the deceased who died intestate on the 6th day of May 2022, domiciled in Chile, has applied to the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the Probate Division for a Grant of Letters of Administration in the Estate of the said FRANCIS ACHILLE DANNOOT, deceased.

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

Dated the 19th day of April, 2023

HARNEY WESTWOOD & RIEGELS LP Solicitors for the Intended Administrator [98]

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

IN THE ESTATE OF SYLVIANE MAURICETTE RACHEL NUTTENS DANNOOT, DECEASED

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by MATTHIEU ANDRE ETIENNE DANNOOT of 16651 Leslie Hill Road, Terra Cotta, ON, L7G 0N6, Canada, the intended Administrator of the Estate of the deceased who died intestate on the 3rd day of November 2022, domiciled in Chile, has applied to the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the Probate Division for a Grant of Letters of Administration in the Estate of the said SYLVIANE MAURICETTE RACHEL NUTTENS DANNOOT, deceased.

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

Dated the 19th day of April, 2023

HARNEY WESTWOOD & RIEGELS LP Solicitors for the Intended Administrator

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

Probate: BVIHPB2023/0075

IN THE ESTATE OF FLORESA ROSETTA WILLIAMS aka FLORESA ROSALIA WILLIAMS nee CHINNERY, FLORESIA ROSALIA CHINNERY, FLORESIA CHINNERY, FLORESA CHINNERY, FLORECIA CHINNERY, DECEASED

TAKE NOTICE that JOSEPHUS DANIEL WILLIAMS of St. John, United States Virgin Islands and MYRTLE ROSETTA BARRY of St. John, United States Virgin Islands, children of the deceased aforesaid, who died on the 6th day of November, 2006 intends to apply to the High Court of Justice in the Probate Division for a Grant of LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION to the Estate of the said FLORESA ROSETTA WILLIAMS, deceased.

ANY PERSON or persons who has or have any objections to the Grant of LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION to the said JOSEPHUS DANIEL WILLIAMS of St. John, United States Virgin Islands and MYRTLE ROSETTA BARRY of St. John, United States Virgin Islands shall within fourteen (14) days from the date of the publication of this Notice lodge with the Registry of the High Court of Justice in the British Virgin Islands the proper documents setting out the proper objections.

Dated this 20th day of April, 2023 Harbour Chambers BVI Legal Practitioners for the Applicants

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

IN THE MATTER OF GUARDIANSHIP OF INFANTS ACT, CAP 270

BETWEEN:

ALEXA REESE SHIRLEY

Claimant

And

CLEOFOSTER ADRIAN WILLIAMS JR Respondent

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that a Fixed Date Claim Form seeking an order for the Claimant of Johnson's Ghut to receive sole custody of her two minor children whose initials are CAW and CAW was filed at the High Court of Justice on February 14th 2023 and had a first appearance before the Court on April 18th 2023.

The application will be next heard on May 31st 2023 at 9am at the High Court of Justice, Sakal Building, 4th Floor, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

The Claimant's address for service is PST Law, Omar Hodge Building, 4th Floor, Tortola, British Virgin Islands or by way of email at rrawlins@pstlawbvi.com.

Any person intending to appear on the hearing of the application, whether to support or oppose, must file an Affidavit at the High Court Registry at least 7 days prior to the next hearing date.

British Virgin Islands Tel: 1-284-544-7950 Email: rrawlins@pstlawbvi.com Legal Practitioners for the Claimant [98]

DECLARATION BY HEADS OF GOVERNMENT WAR ON GUNS

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
18 APRIL 2023 \

We the Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) meeting in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago on April 17-18, 2023, on the occasion of the Regional Symposium

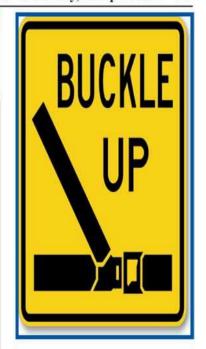
to address Crime and Violence as a public health issue, register our grave concern at the increase in the illegal exportation of guns from the United States of America which is a direct threat to our democracy.

We declare a War on

Guns to combat the illegal trade which provides the weapons that contribute significantly to crime and violence in our Region causing death, disabilities and compromising the safety of our citizens.

We call on the United States of America to join the Caribbean in our War on Guns and urgently adopt and take action to stop the illegal exportation of firearms and ammunition into the Caribbean.

We lament the disproportionate share of our national budgets



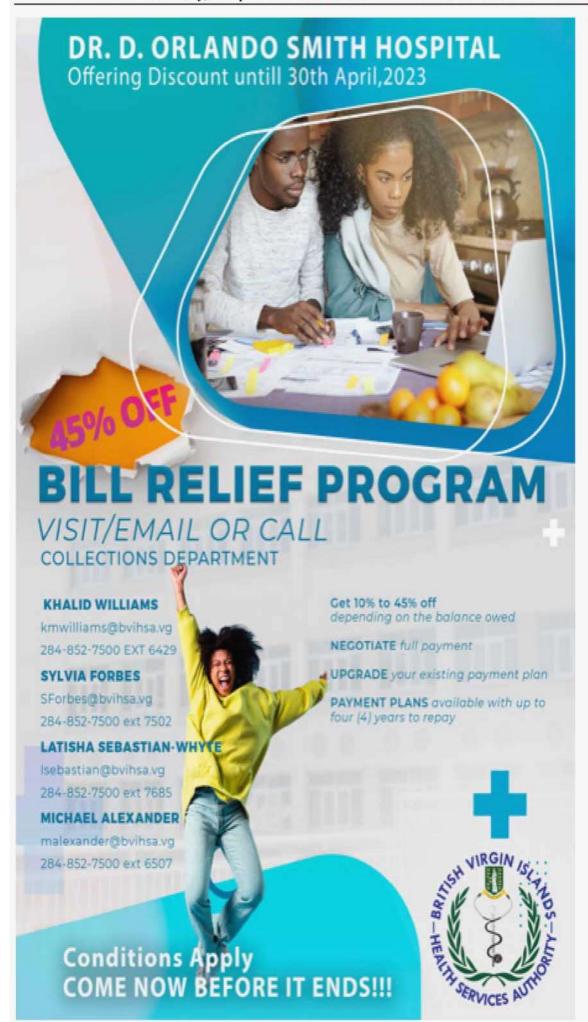
that we are compelled to allocate to measures to address crime, violence and national security as well as mental health and other health-related challenges, that directly result from the illegal exportation of guns to our region.

We underscore our commitment to utilize all human, financial and other resources to rid our Region of the scourge of illicit weapons.

We reiterate that the Caribbean must be a Zone of Peace, which will allow us to achieve our goal of a secure, stable and prosperous Community for all our citizens.

Issued by the Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago on Tuesday, 18 April at the Regional Symposium on Crime and Violence

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UWI Researchers cop US \$300,000 to study nature-based coastal solutions

The UWI Regional Headquarters, Jamaica W.I. Wednesday, April 17, 2023 — Researchers at The University of the West Indies (The UWI) are pleased to have secured US \$300,000 to conduct much needed research into designing sustainable, nature-based coastal solutions. The grant by Future Earth will fund research in Trinidad & Tobago, USA, Barbados and Jamaica aimed at generating a more universal approach to the design specification of nature-based solutions, making them more widely applicable.

Traditional hard engineering coastal structures like seawalls, dikes and breakwaters can be valuable for mitigating coastal hazards but these solutions also have several challenges. They are often not adaptable to climate changes, can be harmful to the environment, negatively impact the cultural and socio-economic aspects of communities, are hardly aesthetically pleasing and require significant resources for maintenance during their lifetime. UWI researchers involved in the project Engineering the Design of Nature-Based Solutions for Sustainable Development are convinced that nature-based solutions can mitigate several of these challenges.

According to Dr Deborah Villarroel-Lamb, Principal Researcher and Lecturer in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Faculty of Engineering at UWI St. Augustine "Hard engineering alone is rarely ever the optimal solution to a coastal problem; ecosystems must be considered as part or the whole solution. Our Caribbean Small Island Developing States (SIDS) are already facing the challenges associated with climate change including increased coastal erosion and flooding. We must embrace naturebased solutions for coastal hazard mitigation as they provide the benefit of maintaining the aesthetic appeal of tourism-driven coastal infrastructure, but more importantly can provide climate-resilient solutions." Commenting further on the value for Caribbean SIDS she continued, "We need a more universal approach to the design of these nature-based solutions to render them economically viable and adaptable specifically for Caribbean SIDS. We are prepared to pursue the required research and are extremely grateful for this grant from Future Earth to facilitate this much-needed step in the right direction."

Speaking on the strategic importance of the partnership Pro Vice-Chancellor, Office of Global Affairs Ms. Sandrea Maynard said "Future Earth is exactly the type of partner that we are always excited to work with given their commitment to innovation, sustainable development, and strengthening their research linkages in the Caribbean. Whilst accessing grant funding, particularly in the context of The UWI's current 'revenue revolution' is important, the impact of this partnership and its support of essential research and working together for the global good is the most significant factor. Helping to broker these connections between agencies that have the funding and our world class experts who are on the ground doing the research in the areas of sustainable solutions is a critical part of our strategic agenda as the Office of Global Affairs."

Over the course of the project, researchers' work will include generating comprehensive datasets from physical and numerical modelling of beach vegetation, coral reefs and mangrove systems; collating and processing wave, current, water level and wind data; and simulating existing and projected hydrodynamics in coastal areas. The data will be transformed into meaningful knowledge that can be used by stakeholders directly involved in co-designing coastal solutions and related decision making. The project which will prioritize stakeholder engagement and an interdisciplinary approach is also expected to create an interdisciplinary national working group on developing nature-based solutions for coastal erosion in SIDS.

The project is financially supported in part by the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation through Future Earth. The grant provides US \$300,000 in funding over a period of two years; May 2023 to April 2025. Future Earth is a global network of scientists, researchers and innovators collaborating for a more sustainable planet. The group works to accelerate transformations to global sustainability through research and innovation while focusing on a systems-based approach.

For more information about the Engineering the Design of Nature-Based Solutions for Sustainable Development project interested persons may visit https://futureearth.org/initiatives/funding-initiatives/pegasus/.

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NATO Chief Makes Surprise Visit to Ukraine

New developments:

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to address Mexican lawmakers.

Hungary bans imports of cereals, flour, honey, certain meats and other foods from Ukraine. Other European countries have done the same, saying the cheaper Ukrainian shipments undercut the financial well-being of their farmers and companies.

Associated Press photographer Evgeniy Maloletka wins World Press Photo of the year award for capturing an image of an injured pregnant woman being carried on a stretcher away from a maternity hospital in Mariupol, Ukraine. The hospital was hit by a Russian airstrike.

NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said Thursday that Ukraine deserves to be in U.S.-led NATO, the West's main military alliance, but his stance drew an immediate protest from Russia.

In his first visit to Ukraine since Russia's invasion 14 months ago, Stoltenberg said at a news conference, "Let me be clear, Ukraine's rightful place is in the Euro-Atlantic family. Ukraine's rightful place is in NATO."

Stoltenberg said he and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy discussed a NATO support program to help Kyiv "transition from Soviet-era equipment and doctrines to NATO standards and ensure full interoperability with the alliance. NATO stands with you today, tomorrow and for as long as it takes."

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said preventing neighboring Ukraine from joining the 31-nation NATO alliance remains one of the goals of Russia's invasion. He said Ukrainian membership in NATO would pose a "serious, significant threat to our country, to our country's security."

Earlier this month, Finland, with a 1,300-kilometer border with Russia, set aside decades of neutrality and joined NATO, with neighboring Sweden also looking to join the alliance in the next few months.

Stoltenberg's Despite comments on Ukraine joining NATO, it is not likely to occur anytime soon. Western nations individually have shipped billions of dollars in armaments to Ukraine to help it fend off Russia's invasion and supplied intelligence information to Kyiv, but sent no troops. If Ukraine were a NATO member, however, other NATO members would be obligated to fight alongside Kyiv's forces to defend its territory.

During his Ukraine visit, Stoltenberg went to a memorial for fallen soldiers and reviewed damaged Russian military equipment on display in Ukraine's capital, Kyiv.

Stoltenberg has routinely voiced support for NATO members supplying arms to help Ukrainian forces, and he has seen the size of the alliance grow with Finland joining this month in response to the invasion. A similar application from Finland's neighbor, Sweden, has been approved by all NATO members except Hungary and Turkey.



1436 Ballots Cast On Advance Polling Day

A total of one thousand four hundred thirty-six (1436) ballots were cast on Advance Polling Day, April 20.

Eligible voters cast their ballots at ten (10) polling stations throughout the Territory. Polling stations operated from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Tortola and Virgin Gorda, and from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Anegada.

The number of ballots cast by district are as follows:

DISTRICT	BALLOTS CAST				
ONE	154				
TWO	127				
THREE	183				
FOUR	165				
FIVE	176				
SIX	149				
SEVEN	152				
EIGHT	168				
NINE	162				

All ballots will be secured to be included in the final count on Polling Day, April 24.

The Office of the Supervisor of Elections is committed to providing with integrity, 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 General Public.



WILLY'D-CLEANING COMPANY SERVICES needs 1 full time and part time CLEANERS. Telephone:341-5925 or 44204199 for more information.

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M and M Construction is seeking the following persons for employment

M a s o n - F u 11 - T i m e: Requirements: Maintaining tools and work spaces, cutting, shaping and dressing materials. Reading and following technical drawings. Mixing cement and mortar. Restoring old and worn masonry. Applicant must have 5yrs experience.

Carpenter-Full-Time:
Follow blueprint and
building plans, construct
roof and ceilings, construct
frameworks, including
walls, floors and door
frame. Inspect and
construct framework and
other structures such as dry
wall.

Interested person can email us at craverlin7@gmail. com [s98]

EMCS Caribbean is looking for A/C Technicians Interested applicants can submit their CV/Resume with cover letter to P O Box 386 Road Town, Tortola, BVI or call 284-494-1300 [\$98]

Island Girl with a Caribbean Twist seeks the following Bartenders, Servers and a Cook. Please call 541-2023 for more information. [\$97]

EMCS Caribbean is looking for Masons Interested applicants can submit their CV/Resume with cover letter to P O Box 386 Road Town, Tortola, BVI or call 284-494-1300 [s98] CHASE LAW & CO is looking for a Senior Advocate.

The ideal candidate must possess at least 20 years experience in Civil Law.

Possess a Bachelor's or Master's Degree in Law. Also they should possess a sound knowledge of Virgin Islands legislation and be called to the BVI Bar. Send applications to: info@ chaselawandco.com Phone:

EMCS Caribbean is looking for Electricians Interested applicants can submit their CV/Resume with cover letter to P O Box 386 Road Town, Tortola, BVI or call 284-494-1300 [\$98]

(284) 345-5775.[s98]

Charles Hodge Plumbing & Construction is in need of full time skilled workers to fill the following positions: Foreman/Supervisor, Steel Fixer, Carpenter, Mason, Electrician, Painter, Tiler, Bricklayer and Plumber. Please email your resume to chconstructionbvi@gmail.com or call 345-8383. [s98]

B a m b o u s h a y - L o u n g e Restaurant and Bar is hereby seeking to employ:

1. Mixologist / Bartender.
Interested person should have
at least five years experience,
customer friendly, and will
have to work weekend and
Holidays.

2. Waitress/ Bartender
Applicant should have at least
one year experience, will
have to work weekends and
Holidays

Please send resume to info@ bamboushaylounge.com [98] Rockford Construction Co. is seeking two (2) Project Managers for a construction project for a period of up to twelve (12) months.

Must have a Bachelor's degree in construction management or related field, and 15 years experience in running major resort development projects is preferred.

The successful candidate must have the ability to manage and administer the construction and delivery of new facilities and/or-remodelling-of existing facilities, to include contract preparation, on-site coordination, market outreach, and all aspects of contract management.

Remuneration commensurate with experience.

All-suitable-candidates should-submit-their resume-to:-dobrien@ rockfordconstruction.com. or call Tel. #239-300-1355. BVIslanders or Belongers preferred.

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Quito's Ltd is seeking a maintenance person for the restaurant, hotel and villas. 3 years plus experience in a similar position required. Minimum of one year, ideally in hospitality. Trade certified an advantage. Skills in basic plumbing, and pool systems is an advantage. Maintain and repair the safe, efficient and reliable operation of Fabrications, Plumbing, Furniture, Mechanical & Electrical systems. Good communicator & well presented. Ensure maintenance cover and be on call as requested, this will include weekend and evenings. Belongers and BV Islanders preferred. To apply please send resume to generalmanager@ quitosbvi.com .[s98]

JOB PLACEMENT AGENCY SEEKS:

Two (2) Three Yard Truck Drivers for Cat's Trucking Must be licensed or can easily get a license

Two (2) Auto Mechanics for AAA Auto Repair At least one (1) year experience

Three (3) Office Assistants for Efficient Experts Must have experience with Word, Adobe and Excel

Two (2) Marine Vessel Repair Person for Paradise Boat Rentals

Must have two years experience in the Marine Industry

Two (2) Cleaners for Clean Virgin Islands No experience necessary

Contact 284-543-9651 for further information. [s98]

Seeking a full-time helper to assist with household duties that include: Errands, cleaning, laundry & meal prep. Requirements: Strong English skills, reliable, trustworthy, and detail-orientated. Will be required to work

Mon.-Fri. 7-4/5 depending on the day - occasional weekend Please send your resume to jessicasattaur@gmail.com or call 541 1861. [s98]

S&M CONSTRUCTION SERVICES is looking for Carpenters, Masons, Steel Benders and Labourers. For more information call 284-545-5620 or email marylenetyson04@gmail.com [s98]

GLOW HAIR CARE BEAUTY SALON is seeking a Full Time Hairdresser. Please call 284-342-7729 for further details.

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Quito's Ltd is seeking a full time Housekeepers. Must have an extremely keen eye for cleanliness, must be agile and energetic, have excellent communication skills and be available to work weekends and public holidays. Should be trustworthy, maintain a professional attitude, have high standards and a great work ethic. BVI Islander or Belonger Preferred. Please send resume generalmanager@ to: quitosbvi.com [s98]

WILLIAMS-BUILDING
MAINTENANCE needsfull-time MAINTENANCEWORKER, MUST be able to
perform routine maintenance
on building systems, to clean
and assist with upkeep of
facilities, plumbing and
electrical knowledge required.
Telephone 346-6115 or 1-352804-4345 or email wescobvi@
outlook.com
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CENTRAL BAKERY in Road Town needs 1 PART TIME CASHIER. Telephone 499-3300 [\$98]

FOR RENT

One 4 Bedroom House for rent with 3 ½ baths with balcony and lovely view located in Parham Town, East End. Please call 342-0652.

Two (2) Studio Apartments for rent located Long Trench. Please call 547-6283 [s99]



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BK C-Store Fashion & Auto Stop hiring Cashier / Store Attendant, FULL-TIME or PART-TIME. Complex Inventory and Computer are essential Systems Operations Store 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 Walkin enquiries. Belongers Preferred." [800]

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

Mac's Restaurant Ltd., 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.

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]

Needed:-full-time Maintenance Personnel for Bobby's Market Place, Wickham's Cay 1, Road Town: 284-494-2189

Produce Thelma's looking for a full time Kitchen Helper/Sales Clerk . Telephone : 547-9126 or email: lewisamos288@gmail.com

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, handson maintenance skills and culinary expertise and guest services experience.

The position will appeal to a couple who are seeking 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.

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EMCS Caribbean is looking Assistant Project Managers Interested applicants can submit their CV/Resume with cover letter to PO Box 386 Road Town, Tortola, BVI or call 284-494-1300

is seeking: Full Time Labourers, Carpenters,-Masons, Electrician. Plumber, Excavator-Operator, Mechanics,

BERTS A 1 CONSTRUCTION

Marine Construction Workers and Steel Workers. Person must have 5years experience. Please call 284-547-4735 for details. [s97]

Nexgen Yachting Ltd has opening for part time or full time Boat Detailer BVIslander/ Belonger preferred, applicant must have over 5 years in experience, we offer excellent compensation along with outstanding gratuity opportunities. All of our yachts are fully crewed with captain, chef and some stew. Please submit CV's to crew@ nexgenyachting.com or call us 1--305-995-0920 x01

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

EMCS Caribbean is looking for a Chief Engineering Manager Interested applicants can submit their CV/Resume with cover letter to P O Box 386 Road Town, Tortola, BVI or call 284-494-1300

EMCS Caribbean is looking for a Project Manager Interested applicants can submit their CV/Resume with cover letter to P O Box 386 Road Town, Tortola, BVI or call 284-494-1300

Progressive 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 or call 441-7121

Roosevelt Smith dba Clean Virgin Island. P.O. Box 243 Tortola. Town, Requires 2 Full Time Cleaners with 3 vears of experience. Please call 284-547-4735 further details. [s97]

REAL

Property for Sale at Spyglass Hill, Tortola: 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

TEL: (284) 494 36 77 FAX: (284) 494 39 09 e-Mail: ids58@hotmail.com







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