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GOVERNMENT SWIFTLY FORMED AFTER SURPRISE CROSSOVER

In a ceremony held at Government House on 25 April, Dr. the Hon Natalio Wheatley, who was just reelected the Seventh District Representative took the Oath of Office, becoming the Premier of the Virgin Islands for the second time. Also taking the oath on that day was newly elected At Large Representative, Lorna Smith who was sworn in as Deputy Premier. Both oaths were taken during an event overseen by His Excellency Governor John Rankin, CMG.

During the ceremony, it was revealed that Hon Smith, Virgin Islands Party (VIP) reelected District Five Representative Hon Kye Rymer, reelected Ninth District Representative Hon Vincent Wheatley, and reelected At Large

Representative Hon Sharie de Castro will serve as Ministers of Cabinet.

It was also disclosed that newly elected VIP Fourth District Representative Luce Hodge-Smith and First District Representative Dr. Karl Dawson will take on roles as Junior Ministers. However, to date the specific portfolios of these Ministers and Junior Ministers were not disclosed.

In his first speech as Premier, Hon. Wheatley expressed gratitude for the peaceful and incident-free 2023 elections, stating, "You painted a beautiful picture of democracy in this Territory." He also thanked the local elections team and the Elections Observation Mission dispatched by the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.

The reelected Premier acknowledged the lower voter turnout in this year's elections, pledging to work diligently to regain the

confidence of those who chose not to participate. He added, "You have my word that we will do everything in our power to make you proud

and to boost your confidence in the political system."

He also congratulated newly elected First District Representative Dr. Karl

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The ceremony to swear in the Premier of the Virgin Islands and Ministers of Government took place on Tuesday, April 25, one day after the 2023 General Elections.

Pictured (L to R) are His Excellency the Governor Mr. John J. Rankin CMG, Junior Minister Honourable Luce Hodge-Smith; Minister-Honourable Vincent Wheatley; Minister-Honourable Sharie deCastro, Premier Dr. the Honourable Natalio D. Wheatley (centre), Deputy Premier Honourable Lorna Smith, OBE, Minister-Honourable Kye M. Rymer, Junior Minister Honourable Karl Dawson and Deputy Governor Mr. David Archer Jr. Dawson.

His Excellency the Governor Mr. John J. Rankin CMG swore in the members of the new Government, while Deputy Governor Mr. David Archer Jr. was present at the ceremony. (GIS Photo)



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Dawson and Fourth District Representative Luce D. Hodge-Smith. He also expressed his pleasure at having Lorna G. Smith serve as Deputy Premier and Minister, stating, "Truly we have a Lorna in our corner, she will have a ministerial portfolio."

ELECTION CAUSED HUNG GOVERNMENT
Monday's general elections in the Virgin Islands concluded

without a clear winner, leaving the parties to scramble for majority control in the House of Assembly. Polls opened at 6:00 AM and closed at 6:00 PM, with over 16,000 eligible voters participating.

Following the vote count at the Multi-Purpose Sports Complex, the VIP secured six seats, while the National Democratic Party (NDP) and Progressive Virgin Islands

Movement (PVIM) each won three seats. Progressives United (PU) captured a single seat.

With seven seats needed for a majority in the House of Assembly, there was a deadlock among the Opposition; and Smith's decision to go over to the VIP resolved the matter by causing the VIP to form the government.

The full breakdown of the final vote tabulation in the elections

is as follows:

District 1: VIP - Dr. Karl Dawson (winner)

District 2: PVIM - Melvin M. Turnbull (winner)

District 3: PU - Julian Fraser RA (winner)

District 4: VIP - Luce D. Hodge-Smith (winner)

District 5: VIP - Kye M. Rymer (winner)

District 6: NDP - Myron V. Walwyn (winner)

District 7: VIP - Natalio D. Whatley (winner)

District 8: NDP - Marlon A. Penn (winner)

District 9: VIP - Vincent O. Wheatley (winner)

At-Large: PVIM - Stacey Mather aka 'Buddha', NDP - Lorna G. Smith, VIP - Sharie B. de Castro, PVIM - Ronnie W. Skelton

FIRST DISTRICT DEMANDS SERIOUS SOLUTIONS TO END POCKWOOD POND NOXIOUS PROBLEM

Nearly 600 residents of the First District have signed a petition calling for a swift resolution to the frequent

landfill fires at Pockwood Pond. The petition, initiated on 'change.org' on Thursday, 20 April, has

gained 1000 signatures as of the publication of this report on 26 April. This comes after a protest held by affected

residents at the House of Assembly on 17 April.

The petition states that open burning of waste is definitely hazardous and a practice to severely punish, with risks including a wide range of short and long-term health issues. It claims that the Government of the Virgin Islands has failed to protect the health and well-being of its Belongers and residents by allowing this "abhorrent practice" to continue.

According to the petition, "There is significant scientific evidence to support the stated consequences on the health of persons exposed to the emissions from open burning on human health. These include but are not limited to the exposure of fine particulates such as dioxins, volatile organic compounds (VOCs), polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, and polychlorinated biphenyls, which have been linked to heart disease, cancer, skin diseases, asthma, and respiratory illnesses."

The petitioners stated that a lack of comprehensive systems in the Virgin

Islands to properly dispose of industrial and healthcare waste, which is mixed with the Territorial waste stream, exacerbates the dangers of open waste burning. The petition emphasizes that the "highly toxic chemicals" produced from open burning can contaminate agriculture, livestock, cistern water, water tables, beaches, and waterways, ultimately affecting human health.

As such the petitioners are demanding a comprehensive plan of action to address this issue, including immediate, midterm, and long-term solutions. They are also requesting an audience with the Minister of Health and Social Development to discuss their concerns and the proposed way forward, as well as official advice on how to mitigate the effects in the short term.

Additionally, the petition calls for the cessation of open burning at the Pockwood Pond incinerator and an official public apology to the residents of the First Electoral District.

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RE-ELECTED PREMIER PRIORITIZES REFORM

Peace and Unity, is what Premier Dr. the Hon. Natalio Wheatley is pleading for. The reelected Leader of the Territory made the plea moments after he was sworn in for his second term as the Head of Government business on 25 April at Government House.

Although the elections season was short, it was very intense as both the political parties and independent candidates levelled criticisms at the Virgin

Islands Party government. A number of the criticisms were levelled at the Premier who was blamed for turning a blind eye to the actions of VIP former Leader Andrew Fahie's doings.

In his inaugural address on Tuesday, the BVI Leader zoomed past the election campaign rhetoric and called for peace and unity. He urged the people of the Territory to come together in the spirit of reconciliation after a divisive and hard-

fought election campaign against opponents from the NDP, PVIM, and PU.

Citing the intense nature of the race, Premier Wheatley encouraged citizens to put the campaign behind them. He stated: "Election campaign was a bruising one and we need reconciliation where politics has deepened divisions among us. I call on everyone to leave the campaign behind us. Let us not hold on to past grievances. Let us move

forward as one people."

During his speech, Premier Wheatley outlined his administration's agenda for their new term, prioritizing reform. He also highlighted key areas of focus, such as "better roads, better infrastructure, better public services, sustainable development, and balanced economic growth that benefits all our people."

Premier Wheatley confirmed that a comprehensive list of priorities would be shared

with the public "in due course." In response to the low voter turnout in the recent elections, he pledged to take measures aimed at rebuilding the electorate's trust in the political system.

Premier Wheatley underscored his commitment to being an inclusive leader, promising that his administration "will be a government for all of the people."

"It is the only way to heal," he emphasized.

NEW DEPUTY PREMIER DEFENDS HER ALLIANCE WITH THE VIP

Newly appointed Deputy Premier Lorna Smith, OBE, has stated that she has no regrets about partnering with the Virgin Islands Party (VIP) to help form the new government. In a wide-ranging interview with Cut Deep host Cindy Rosan hours after being sworn in as Deputy Premier, Mrs. Smith admitted to some communication issues regarding her unexpected decision to join the VIP, but maintained that she has "no regrets, absolutely."

Smith defended her alliance with the VIP, asserting that the Territory was in a state of limbo without a government being formed hours after the elections had ended. She also pointed to the

likelihood of protracted negotiations over details of the formation of a coalition government involving the National Democratic Party (NDP) and the Progressive Virgin Islands Movement (PVIM).

The Deputy Premier noted that the promised negotiations between NDP and PVIM elected members did not resume as expected the morning after the elections, prompting her to confer with her family and the VIP. When asked if her move was a 'power play', Smith responded: "Not, a power play? No."

Smith indicated that she was uncertain about her ministerial assignment but hoped for a post related to her interests, such as

international business and financial services or tourism. She stated, "I'm grateful that I was

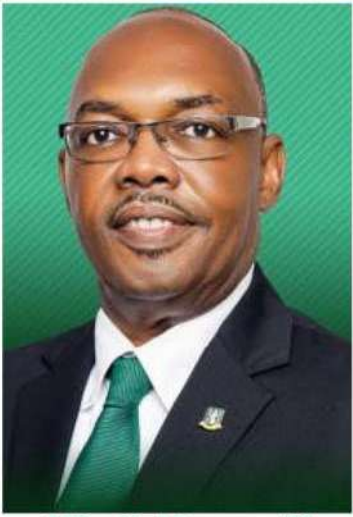
confirmed this evening. It puts me in a position. I don't know which ministry I will have...

those are matters to be agreed on; negotiated and so on."

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PVIM: Melvin Turnbull Jr. 560
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District 3



VIP: Luce Hodge-Smith 322
District 4



VIP: Kye Rymer 840
District 5



NDP: Myron Walwyn 736
District 6



VIP: Natalio Wheatley 487
District 7



NDP: Marlon Penn 885
District 8



VIP: Vincent Wheatley 491
District 9



PVIM : Stacy "Buddha" Mather
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Swearing in of Leader of the Opposition



Today (April 27, 2023) His Excellency Governor John Rankin CMG was pleased to swear in Honouable Ronnie Skelton as Leader of the Opposition.

This follows the Elections held in the Territory on Monday 24 April 2023 and is in accordance with Section 70(2)(a) of the VI Constitution Order, 2007.



UWI's 75th Anniversary Signature Collection to showcase Indigenous Entrepreneurs

The UWI Regional Headquarters, Jamaica W.I. Wednesday, April 25, 2023 — To mark its 75th anniversary (1948-2023), The University of the West Indies has made a call for indigenous entrepreneurs and small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) to partner with the University on a UWI 75th Anniversary Signature Collection.

The initiative, part of the year-long celebration under the theme: UWI at 75. Rooted. Ready. Rising, aims to support the discovery and promotion of Caribbean creatives and entrepreneurs from among The UWI's staff, student and alumni populations.

According to Dr. Maurice D. Smith, University Registrar & Chair of The UWI's 75th

Anniversary Central Planning Committee, "The Caribbean's best is found among our students, staff and alumni and we want this to be an opportunity to showcase their work and of course to celebrate The UWI's longstanding legacy as an entrepreneurial university, investing in the development of innovation and creativity among our entrepreneurs. The UWI network is wide, so the potential value of the brand partnerships for these SMEs is tremendous. We're celebrating our student, staff and alumni entrepreneurship by creating this unique and remarkable opportunity for visibility across audiences within the campuses, the wider Caribbean region and diaspora markets."

Products selected to comprise

this suite of high-quality, attractive merchandise for sale as part of the commemorative activities places particular emphasis on indigenous and/or custom products produced locally. The UWI's 75th Anniversary Signature Collection will be made available for purchase at University Bookshops across the regional University campuses.

UWI-affiliated entrepreneurs and SMEs interested in pitching for The UWI's 75th Anniversary Signature Collection can learn more by visiting The UWI's 75th Anniversary website www.uwi.edu/75. The official application form is available at <https://bit.ly/>



FOUNDATION WORKS COMPLETE AT JOINT MARINE SHORE BASE BUILDING

Tuesday, 25 April – 80 yards of concrete were poured in just under three hours at the Joint Marine Shore Base Building, Manuel Reef, Tortola.

The concrete pour marks the completion of the foundation works, the substructure phase of the building. Works will now switch to the superstructure with the construction of block and column work for the ground floor.

To date all works have been implemented in accordance with the Construction Drawings and Technical Specifications.

Project Manager Alicia Joseph said, “We are cultivating relationships with

the client and stakeholders to deliver a building that is conducive for all occupants in the delivering the Territory’s border security agenda”.

The project requirements include the construction of a new two-story reinforced concrete building measuring 5,656.00 sq. ft gross, and auxiliary works to include a sewer treatment system, boat rack platform, and civil works.

This site will be the home for the joint operations of the Royal Virgin Islands

Police Force, His Majesty’s Customs and the Immigration Departments to protect the Territory’s borders from illegal immigration,

narcotics smuggling and illegal importation.

The project is estimated to be completed in February 2024.

The construction of the new Joint Marine Shore Base

Building, its infrastructure and boat storage platform is a continuation of the RDA’s Security and Safety for All subsector of its Good Governance Programme.

This project is jointly funded by the Government of the Virgin Islands and the United Kingdom Office through the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office.



Highlights from the 18th April, 2023 concrete pour of the ground floor.

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- Proficient in spoken and written English.

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- Salary will be commensurate with experience.
- 20 days’ paid vacation.
- Health insurance and pension benefits in accordance with BVI laws.

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DIGICEL BUSINESS PROTECTS BVIs BUSINESSES WITH SECURE MOBILE PLANS

Tortola, British Virgin Islands – Wednesday 26th April 2023. Digicel Business has launched Lookout Mobile Security – a new detection and prevention service to protect businesses and their employees from application, network and device attacks via mobile devices while maintaining 100% privacy on any network, mobile or

wifi. Digicel Business offers Lookout Mobile Security with all of its mobile plans at no extra charge.

protect businesses in the region from data compromise. - Mobile device and app usage in the workplace continues to expand, challenging IT leaders to strike the balance between embracing mobility and ensuring security.”

Shocking statistics show why maintaining robust levels of security is essential for all businesses.

According to Fortinet, the global leader in unified threat management solutions, there were 144 million cyber attack attempts in 2022, with 70% of all attacks coming through mobile devices. The study also showed that 95% of cybersecurity breaches are caused by human error with 60% of people reusing old passwords thereby making themselves more vulnerable to an attack.

Lookout Mobile Security protects businesses from the following threats:

- Application threats – alert users to malicious apps seeking to steal sensitive business or personal data; and to insecure apps that breach company policies or compliance requirements.
- Network threats – send an alert to users if they are about to join an unencrypted network.
- Device threats – alert users to operating system vulnerabilities, such as out-of-date software or the lack of password protection.
- Web and Content (phishing) – VPN and alerting, notify users to phishing attempts from browsers, email and SMS. Martha Tate, Chief Business Officer, Digicel Group said: “We are excited to be working with Lookout Mobile Security to help

Martha continued: “This partnership between Digicel Business and Lookout helps ensure that, despite increased risks within the region, any Caribbean business can benefit from mobile productivity with the assurance that their corporate assets are better protected.” Annill Daniel, Digicel BVI Head of Digicel Business said “Digicel Business has a commitment to help BVI’s businesses of any size save time and money by providing the tools and technology needed to succeed both now and into the future. With Lookout, Digicel Business customers will benefit from real-time visibility, via a dashboard, into incidents on their workforce’s mobile devices, without compromising employee privacy and will even be able to take appropriate actions to remediate.”

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- Work directly with our clients in analyzing and interpreting regulations, procedures, documents relating to our clients' legal and fiscal opportunities.
- Actively participating in growing and marketing our business both with existing clients to grow the portfolio but also to develop new business through client referrals.
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- Monitor, manage, verify and approve the preparation of minutes of shareholder meetings.
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- Ensure that “Know Your Customer” rules are adhered to, and that client operates within relevant compliance frameworks.

QUALIFICATIONS, SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

- Bachelor's or master's degree in law, Business, Accounting, Tax or another business-related field, additional relevant qualification would be desirable.
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BVI REMAINS THE #1 OFFSHORE JURISDICTION – VISTRA 2030 REPORT

The recently published Vistra 2030 Report, “Preparing for a New Era of Globalisation,” reveals that the British Virgin Islands (BVI) maintains its position as the top offshore jurisdiction. The report implies that the consistent top rankings may show that businesses and investors prefer established and proven jurisdictions.

Since the report’s inception in 2010, the BVI has consistently ranked among the top five jurisdictions. The United States (1st), United Kingdom (3rd), Hong Kong (2nd), and Singapore (4th) have also maintained their spots in the ranking, representing onshore and midshore jurisdictions, respectively.

Elise Donovan, CEO of BVI Finance, expressed satisfaction with the BVI’s continued top-ranking position, stating that it demonstrates the BVI’s solid reputation as a reliable intermediary for cross-border trade, investment, and business. The report emphasises the success of established financial centres in maintaining their leading positions in the global industry.

The fund and corporate services industry is increasingly important for businesses in the current global economic turbulence. The report also notes a gradual recovery in confidence for conducting cross-border business following the pandemic, war and other global crises. Of the respondents, 52% were

optimistic about their firm’s growth prospects and had a positive outlook on global growth. Growth in the fund’s industry, M&A activity, and asset protection were identified as the top drivers of expansion for the next 12 months. Additionally, 50% of respondents anticipate a significant increase in client demand for digital asset-related services. The majority of respondents (56%) also believe that ESG reporting requirements will become the global norm by 2027. Economic changes and geopolitical upheaval were ranked as the most significant constraints on future growth.

Based on a survey of 600 professionals and 20 in-depth interviews with industry leaders, the report indicates that the global business environment has changed dramatically in recent years, with the industry adapting to meet new demands. Globalisation is evolving from a one-size-fits-all approach to a more complex, regionally-based model.

As the world moves toward 2030, the report highlights that complexity and potential volatility are increasing. It mentions that rules promoting openness may erode due to zero-sum competition and protectionism. However, globalisation slowdowns are not permanent, and global regulatory cooperation could regain momentum.

Expertise from fund and corporate services providers

will be essential in navigating the complex regulatory landscape. In conclusion, the report emphasises that the sector will thrive by offering a wider range of services based on a global mindset.

Donovan noted that the

Vistra 2030 report aligns closely with the BVI Finance commissioned report, “Beyond Globalisation: The British Virgin Islands’ Contribution to Global Prosperity in an Uncertain World.” This report

underscores the continued need for expert, neutral, and innovative centres like the BVI to support cross-border trade, investment, and mobility in an uncertain future.





OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Tuesday, 25th April, 2023

Forming a Coalition with the VIP

I thank the people of the BVI who have voted for me, who have faith in me, who have shown me such overwhelming support and those too who have rightly placed country above party. I will uphold my promises to you, now and throughout my term in office, because now is the time for us to work as one for the betterment of our beautiful Virgin Islands.

Politics is for the people, by the people and now the people have spoken. This is no landslide victory for any one party and our election process shows us all that we are a nation of proud and free-thinking people. It shows us that we must listen to each and every voice.

Last night and into the early hours of this morning, I have been speaking with all political parties at length: with the National Democratic Party (NDP), the Progressive Virgin Islands Movement (PVIM) and the Virgin Islands Part (VIP) to ensure we arrive at a position in which we can take this territory forward.

I started my campaign as an independent candidate before joining the NDP and throughout my campaign my promises to you and my plans for the future have never once wavered. That is because I place the needs of our country above the needs of a political party and I will never lose sight of that fact.

As a public servant with many years experience, I have worked with numerous administrations and parties to ensure the best interests of the BVI are always placed front and centre. That does not and will not change, because I am old enough to know what is needed and young enough to make sure it happens. My experience, strength and hope has never wavered, and I pledge to you that it never will.

I have decided that in order to ensure a cohesive, clear and dynamic government can be sworn in, that I will form a coalition with the VIP. This is no lightweight decision, nor is it born from a need for power or control. It is a decision based upon my desire to serve you, the people, to the best of my abilities and with the determination for change to start immediately in this country. This decision may shock some of you, or make you doubt the political machinations of our country but I urge you to remain steadfast, and to remain focused on country over party. It is only by focusing upon that, that we grow as a nation with every voice heard.

As a member of the House of Assembly, my service remains on behalf of all the people, irrespective of party allegiance, because that is the strength and purity of a democratic process. We may all have different voices and beliefs, but we are one people and we need a government that reflects and represents us all.

I remain humbled by your overwhelming support and honoured to serve you in the House of Assembly.

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**FIRSTCARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL BANK (CAYMAN)
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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 October, 2022 (expressed in thousands of United States Dollars)



FirstCaribbean
International Bank

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Board of Directors

FirstCaribbean International Bank (Cayman) Limited

Report on the Audit of the Special Purpose Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the special purpose financial statements of FirstCaribbean International Bank (Cayman) Limited – British Virgin Islands Branch (the Branch) which comprise the statement of financial position as at October 31, 2022, and the statement of income, and notes to the special purpose financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying special purpose financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Branch as at October 31, 2022, and its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the framework described in Note 2 to the special purpose financial statements.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Branch in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) (IESBA Code) and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 2 to the special purpose financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. These special purpose financial statements are prepared to comply with the financial reporting requirements of the British Virgin Islands Financial Services Commission. As a result, the financial statements may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibilities of Management and the Board of Directors for the Special Purpose Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the special purpose financial statements in accordance with the framework described in Note 2 to the special purpose financial statements, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of special purpose financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the special purpose financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Branch's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Branch or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Board of Directors is responsible for overseeing the Branch's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Special Purpose Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the special purpose financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material

misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these special purpose financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the special purpose financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Branch's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Branch's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the special purpose financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Branch to cease to continue as a going concern.

We communicate with the management and the Board of Directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 October, 2022 (expressed in thousands of United States Dollars)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

(expressed in thousands of United States Dollars)

	As of October 31	
	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Assets		
Cash and balances with Central Banks	7,699	5,698
Due from banks	455,276	412,504
Other assets	3,256	3,704
Loans and advances to customers	192,731	181,373
Property and equipment	7,386	6,891
Retirement benefit assets	727	-
Total Assets	667,075	610,170
Liabilities		
Customer deposits	495,288	448,922
Other liabilities	1,257	996
Retirement benefit obligations	139	2,026
Total Liabilities	496,684	451,944
Equity		
Reserves	(189)	(2,994)
Retained earnings	170,580	161,220
Total Liabilities and Equity	667,075	610,170

STATEMENT OF INCOME

(expressed in thousands of United States Dollars)

	Year Ended October 31	
	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Interest and similar income	14,130	8,651
Interest and similar expense	247	236
Net interest income	13,883	8,415
Operating income	6,471	5,773
Operating expenses	11,917	10,681
Credit loss release on financial assets	(923)	(1,168)
	10,994	9,513
Income before taxation	9,360	4,675
Income tax expense	-	-
Net income for the year	9,360	4,675

A complete set of the summarized financial statements for the BVI Branches are available upon request at the Tortola Branch, Wickham Cay 1, Road Town, Tortola, P O Box 70, British Virgin Island, VG 1110

Election Observers Commend Well-Administered BVI General Election

International election observers have found that the British Virgin Islands 2023 General Election broadly met international standards. Following an invitation by the Governor, H.E. John Rankin CMG, the team of eight international observers, led by Hon. Fatoumatta Njai from The Gambia, observed last Monday's General Election.

The Election Observation Mission, run by the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association British Islands and Mediterranean Region (CPA BIMR), was on island from 16 April and spoke to a wide variety of stakeholders as part of the pre-election observation. It observed Advance Polling in 7 polling stations, and on Polling Day the Mission deployed teams to all 18 polling stations across Tortola, Jost van Dyke, Anegada and Virgin Gorda.

The Head of Mission, Hon

Fatoumatta Njai from The Gambia, said: "The British Virgin Islands has delivered a well-administered election, which was carried out in a calm and professional manner. Polling staff were well-trained, diligent and helpful, and efforts to promote voting by elderly voters and persons with disabilities were commendable."

In their Preliminary Statement, the Mission also highlights areas for improvement, including the lack of campaign finance regulations. Voters are unaware of sources of campaign funding, which is not in line with international best practice.

Following an audit process, there is now further clarity on eligibility for belonging status, which is linked to the right to vote. The Mission welcomes the momentum towards achieving legal

certainty and improved implementation of the granting of belonging status, to enfranchise eligible voters.

The election campaign was described as "vibrant", and voters were able to choose from a wide range of candidates. Still, the Mission noted that a considerable number of voters chose to stay away from the polls with a lower turnout compared to previous elections. Also, the participation of women in political life is not actively promoted, with the Mission highlighting that only 3 out of 13 elected Members to the House of Assembly were women.

The Preliminary Statement is now publicly available online. The observers will be producing a Final Report within two months of Election Day. This Report will include greater detail on the Mission's findings, and will

include recommendations for the improvement of electoral processes for future elections.

Further Information:

- CPA UK is a signatory to the Declaration of Principles of International Election Observation and Code of Conduct for International Election Observers

- - The Commonwealth Parliamentary Association UK (CPA UK) acts as the secretariat to CPA BIMR, one of the nine regions of the CPA network, and is committed to strengthening democracy and good governance.

- - The eight-member CPA BIMR Mission was composed of:

- o Head of Mission – Hon. Fatoumatta Njai (National Assembly of The Gambia)
- o Short-Term Observer – Hon. Shellya Rogers-Webster (House of Assembly of Anguilla)

- o Short-Term Observer – Hon. Randy Howell (House of Assembly of Turks and Caicos Islands)

- o Short-Term Observer – Hon. Samantha Sacramento (Gibraltar Parliament)

- o Legal/Political Analyst – Anne Marlborough (Ireland)
- o Electoral/Campaign Analyst – Vasil Vashchanka (Sweden)

- o CPA BIMR Election Observation Lead – Fleur ten Hacken (the Netherlands)

- o CPA BIMR Mission Coordinator – Matthew Hamilton (USA/UK)

- The Preliminary Statement is available on: <https://www.uk-cpa.org/media/5033/preliminary-statement-cpa-bimr-com-to-bvi-2023-26-April-2023.pdf>

- This was the fourth time CPA BIMR was invited to observe a general election in the British Virgin Islands.

- For further information, please contact CPA BIMR at cpabimr@parliament.uk





GLOBAL NEWS BRIEF

STORIES SELECTED BY GIORGIO MIGLIAVACCA

DAME EDNA - Barry Humphries, a comedian, actor, writer and painter who entertained generations of fans across the world for seven decades, died in a Sydney, Australia, hospital Saturday at the age of 89, according to his publicist and his family.



"He was completely himself until the very end, never losing his brilliant mind, his unique wit and generosity of spirit. With over 70 years on the stage, he was an entertainer to his core, touring up until the last year of his life and planning more shows that will sadly never be," read a family statement. "The characters he created, which brought laughter to millions, will live on," they wrote. A longtime resident of London, Humphries had been in Australia for Christmas and injured himself in a February fall. He had been in Sydney's St. Vincent's Hospital in the weeks since, being treated for various ailments and getting a hip replacement. The hospital has not commented on his death.

Humphries, who spent some 70 years in show business, was

active until the end, touring the UK last year with his one-man show, "The Man Behind the Mask."

MURDOCH - Last week, a much-anticipated episode of the new season of Rupert Murdoch's life was canceled. The scene was set when Murdoch arrived on the seventh floor of the Wilmington courthouse, packed to the rafters with reporters, and sat down to answer questions before a jury of six men and six women. The script had not been written, but a lawyer was poised to put the media mogul on the spot to ask him to explain why his Fox News network relentlessly spread the lie that the 2020 presidential election had been stolen from Donald Trump. It was a lie that Murdoch did not give credence to personally, but also one that it was not in the interest of the great post-truth mogul to stop: Fox's viewership wanted to hear it. It would have been an interesting episode. Canceling it has cost Fox \$787.5 million. Those who were hoping to tune into the Rupert Murdoch show will have to content themselves with watching Succession, HBO's critically acclaimed series inspired by the magnate. Although in this case, truth really is stranger than fiction. Murdoch has had more wives (four), more children (six), has more years on the clock (92), and has been the protagonist of more

scandals, intrigues, and corporate operations than Logan Roy, his fictional alter ego. There are episodes of Murdoch's life that would seem hardly credible in a television series. Such as when his newspapers broke the news of his own death. Or when two men hatched a planned to kidnap his then wife, Ann Murdoch, but mistakenly kidnapped and murdered Muriel McKay, the wife of one of Murdoch's deputies, Alick McKay, whom they followed to their home after he had borrowed the tycoon's Rolls Royce, assuming that they were trailing the Murdochs. [El Pais]

COLOMBIA - In Colombia, a country where the law of silence reigns, Moreno's investigations were followed by more than 50,000 people on Facebook. He also regularly received death threats. Six months ago, he got in touch with the Paris-based investigative consortium Forbidden Stories, telling the group he wanted his investigations to be continued and published if anything happened to him. A few days later, on October 16, 2022, he was assassinated by a hitman.

For six months, a group of 30 investigative journalists - including from FRANCE 24 - joined forces to take over Moreno's work, in accordance with his wishes. Our team travelled to his home region of Cordoba, which has seen decades of conflict, to find out more about the slain journalist's life, work and legacy. This report, part of the Rafael Project, is a tribute to

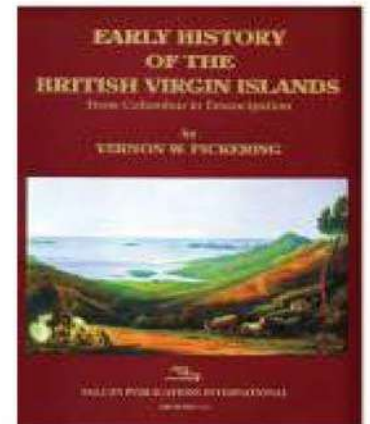
all journalists who, like Moreno, are on the frontline of the fight against corruption and injustice - both in Colombia and elsewhere. The message is clear: killing the journalist won't kill the story. [France 24]

ROME - Planned renovations at stadiums in Florence and Venice will not be covered by the EU-funded post-Covid National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP), Minister for European Affairs and the NRRP [ANSA]

RUSSIA - The arrest of Wall Street Journal reporter Evan Gershkovich last month brought to light the stark reality of media freedom in Russia, which is rapidly becoming one of the world's most perilous places for journalists. As many as 22 journalists are currently imprisoned in Russia for their work, according to data from international press freedom organization Reporters Without Borders (RSF), the highest figure since the group began collecting data. And the number of jailed journalists is likely to increase as Russia tightens draconian wartime censorship laws. New reports of journalists detained for their work emerge almost weekly.

While many of the incarcerated reporters and editors are from regional cities in Russia and have seen little media attention on their cases, others like Gershkovich are well known. [Moscow Times]

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC - On Monday, Martin Ortiz, the head of the Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Directorate of the National Health Service (SNS), confirmed that 34 neonates died in February at the San Lorenzo de Los Mina Maternity Hospital due to an infection originating in a contaminated baby. This situation led to the convening of a general assembly to discuss the maternity situation. After various complaints were presented, including one about altering the gestational age of deceased newborns to modify statistics, a vote was taken to create a collegiate department in the Perinatology area of the hospital to audit the records of births and neonatal mortality. The proposed interim collegiate management would be made up of a representative of the CMD, the maternity hospital management, and the National Health Service (SNS). Senén Caba, the president of the Dominican Medical College (CMD), along with several other medical professionals, led the meeting and declared that the



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situation had to be addressed immediately for the benefit of the patients. [Dominican Today]

ST. KITTS-NEVIS - The Government of Saint Kitts and Nevis has approved the full activation of the Cannabis Act on 4/20, the internationally recognized celebration of cannabis. By the Cannabis Act (Parts III to VII) (Appointed) Day Order, published in the Gazette today, the Government has signaled its intent to clarify a responsible cannabis use and cannabis derivatives regulation regime within the Federation.

The Cannabis Act, passed in 2020, sought to establish the Medicinal Cannabis Authority to provide for the lawful access to medicinal cannabis as an alternative treatment for persons who are suffering from a qualifying medical condition and for a comprehensive licensing scheme to regulate the cultivation, supply, possession, production, and use of medicinal cannabis. However, until today, only Parts I and II of the Act, setting out preliminary matters related to the establishment of the Medical Cannabis Authority, were activated. "This is a significant step in the Government's plan to develop a responsible, professional and sustainable medical cannabis industry," said Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Samal Duggins. [CNW]

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The Sunny Side Up



Through the Lens of The Sunny Side



First Impressions Primary School had elections in their classrooms April 24, 2023.(more on page 18)



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Divas On A Dime

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On Saturday 22 April the young members of the MALE and FEMALE youth organizations enjoyed empowerment and leadership training exercises.

Representatives of the two organizations explained that Saturday's activities were focused on building strong, wise, and intelligent leaders. "The young men and women were introduced to several activities that tapped into their leadership skills. They

responded to each activity with enthusiasm even though they were challenging. In the end, they exhibited focus, determination, consistency, patience, and the ability to solve situations," the organization Representative stated.

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Ladyburd Talks...

Dear Readers: Now that we come to the end of Child Abuse Prevention month. Let us use every day to prevent Child Abuse. Here are a few kind words to use when we interact with our children.

We all know that a few kind words can change your entire outlook on a situation, but it can be a challenge to think of positive things to say in the moment.

So, we've compiled a list of expressions to use in various situations to help parents be their children's biggest champions.

Accept the Words Matter Challenge and start a lifelong habit.

HERE ARE A FEW KIND WORDS TO SAY TO YOUR CHILDREN:

I love you	You have choices
You can do it	You are worthy
You are a good person	You were right
I am grateful for you	It's okay to be scared
I am proud of you	(or sad)
You are special	It's your body
That was a really good choice	You have a voice
Mistakes mean you are trying	Love yourself
You matter	I see you are trying
You are an amazing person	I believe in you
Just be yourself	How can we work together
You are a creative thinker	to fix this?
Do your best	I am here to listen
I trust you	You are safe
It's not your fault	It will be okay
You make a difference	You are a great helper
You are one of a kind	
You are brilliant	

Source: <http://www.qpinevada.org/resources/childabuseprev.html>



Light Bulb Moments

"Children are not things to be molded, but people to be unfolded."
- Jess Lair

"Children need models rather than critics."
- Joseph Joubert

Poetry Corner

Earth Day

Earth Day is a special day,
Bringing great awareness
Learn what you can do
to help
Show that you're not
careless

Recycling is an easy thing,
Placing items in a special bin
Some things you don't
throw away
Paper, glass and tin

Conserve resources and
find new ways
To get you where you are
going
Take a walk or ride a bike
Keep air pollution from
growing
out Tree Day
Plant a tree that will
thrive

Grow a vegetable garden,
Help our Earth remain
alive!

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Tickle My Funny Bones



Short Jokes

1. A naked man broke into a church. The police chased him around and finally caught him by the organ.
2. Why do they lock public bathrooms, are they afraid someone will clean them?
3. What did 0 say to 8?....."Nice belt."
4. A customer walked up to my bank window and asked me to cash a check. "Of course," I said. "But I'll need to see ID." She dug through her purse and handed me a snapshot. "That's me in the middle," she said.

Young Johnny

Young Johnny wanted desperately to get a set of drums for his birthday.
His parents weren't keen on the idea but his grandparents being grandparents couldn't resist bringing a smile to his face and they bought him the drums.

"Gee thanks, this is the best present I've ever had" said Johnny excitedly, when his grandparents gave him their gift.

A week later his grandad came to visit and he was asking Johnny how he was getting on with playing the drums.

"They've already earned me over \$100" said Johnny
"Wow" said grandad,
"you must be getting really good at playing them."
"Not really" said Johnny, "but mum gives me \$10 each day for not playing them during the day and dad gives me \$10 a day for not playing them in the evening."

PUN INTENDED

"The golfer brought an extra pair of pants in case he got a hole in one...."



Ladyburd's Mail Box

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Dear Ladyburd My husband and I are together for a few years now and during the second year of the marriage I found out that he fathered a child. He did not bother to let me know about it, his excuse was that he did not want to hurt me, so he kept quiet, I accidentally found out and I was upset, I told him to get out of my life I never want to see him again, anyhow, he apologized to me and told me that he loves me and it was a one night affair, and I forgave him. My main problem is that I cannot bring myself to love the child, every time I see the child I remember that he cheated on me and I get enraged. What can I do? **Enraged Wife**

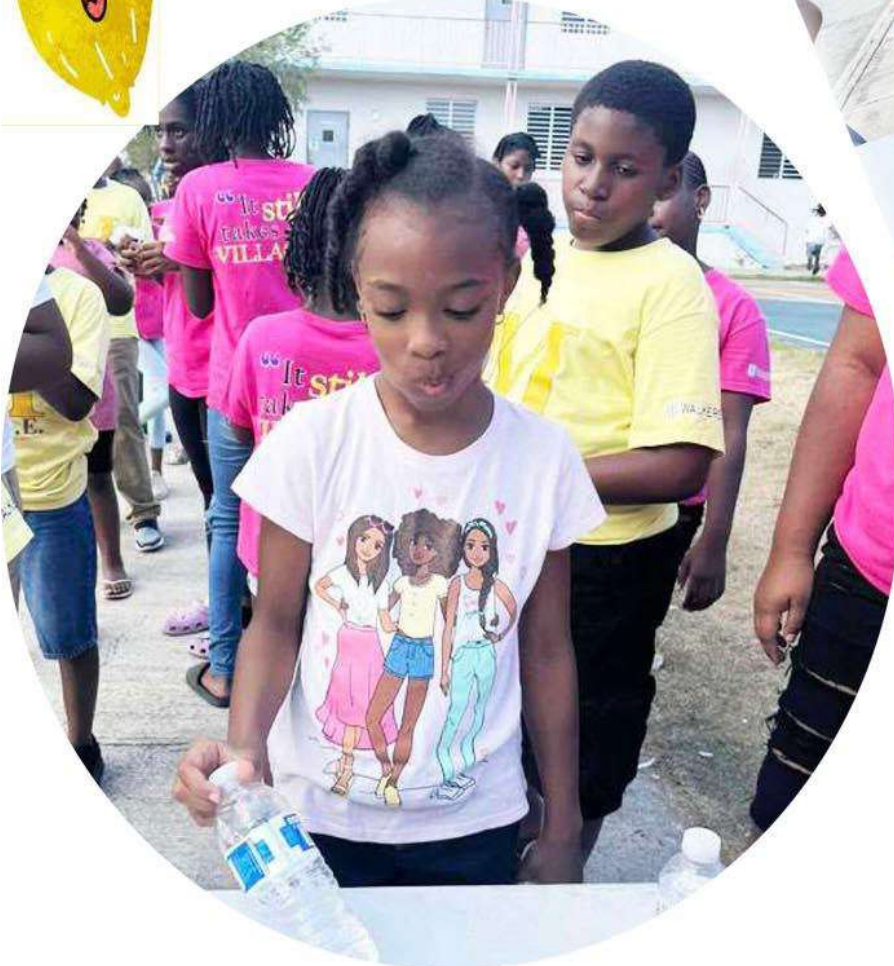
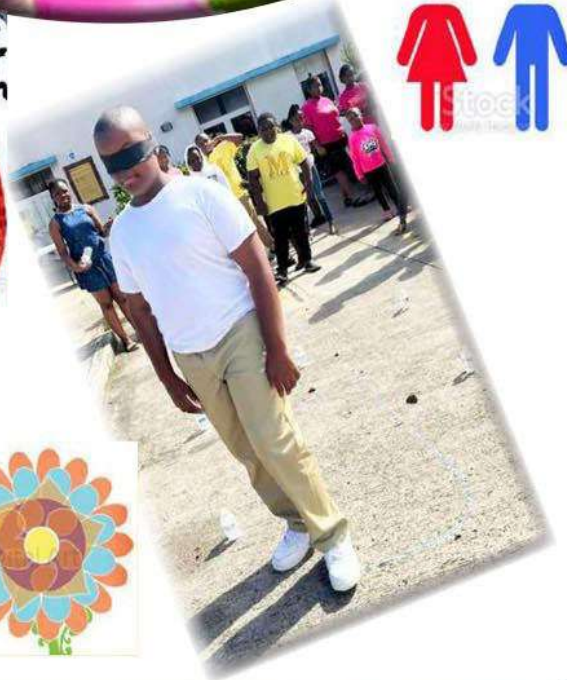
Ladyburd...Dear Enraged Wife: The first thing you must remember is that the child is not at fault, and you cannot blame him for coming into the world, try to address your feelings with your husband as well as going and getting some counseling.

You might also be feeling that way because you have not really forgiven him for cheating on you, you have not put it behind you, so you will have to let it go and move on, and to do that, you will have to forgive your husband, not in words, but in deeds. The question to ask, is he being faithful to you now? or is he still cheating on you?.. These are some questions you will have to ask your husband in a serious discussion.

(repeat)

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Save Money and Stay Healthy: The Secret to Buying Organic Produce on a Budget

As grocery prices continue to rise, you might be wondering how to prioritize your grocery budget when it comes to buying organic produce. The most helpful tool for making informed choices is the Environmental Working Group's annual Dirty Dozen and Clean 15 lists.

The Dirty Dozen is a list of the top 12 fruits and vegetables that are most likely to contain high levels of pesticide residue. This year's list includes strawberries, spinach, kale, nectarines, apples, grapes, peaches, cherries, pears, tomatoes, celery and potatoes.

The Clean 15, on the other hand, is a list of the 15 fruits and vegetables that are least likely to contain pesticide residue. This year's list includes avocados, sweet

corn, pineapple, onions, papaya, frozen sweet peas, eggplant, asparagus, broccoli, cabbage, kiwi, cauliflower, mushrooms, honeydew melon and cantaloupe.

It's important to emphasize, just because a fruit or vegetable is on the Dirty Dozen list doesn't mean that it's unsafe to eat. It simply means that it may contain higher levels of pesticides than other items on the list.

The Environmental Working Group is a widely respected nonprofit organization that puts out these lists each year. They use data from the United States Department of Agriculture and the Food and Drug Administration to determine which fruits

and vegetables are most and least likely to contain pesticide residue.

So, why should you pay attention to these lists? Mainly because buying organic produce is almost always more expensive than buying conventionally grown produce. By using the Dirty Dozen and Clean 15 lists, you can prioritize which produce items you should try to buy organic and which ones you can save money on by buying conventionally grown.

For example, strawberries are at the top of this year's Dirty Dozen list. If you eat lots of strawberries, it might be worth spending a little extra money to buy organic strawberries to avoid consuming potentially harmful levels of pesticide residue. Meanwhile, avocados are at the top of the Clean 15 list. If you eat a lot of avocados, you can save money by buying conventionally grown avocados without worrying too much about pesticide residue.

Of course, it's important to note that even conventionally grown produce is generally considered safe to eat. Additionally, you can further reduce your exposure to pesticides by washing your produce thoroughly before eating or cooking.

Here's a fast, frugal and healthy recipe, featuring two Clean 15 ingredients: frozen peas and onion.

GREEN PEA SOUP

Yield: 4 servings

Total Time: 35 minutes

1 tablespoon olive oil

1 cup sweet onion,

chopped

3 cups vegetable stock

4 cups frozen peas

To serve: sour cream or Greek yogurt and green onion

In a large saucepan, heat the oil, then add the onion and cook on low heat for 5 minutes until softened but not browned. Add the stock, cover, and cook for 5 minutes. Stir in the peas, bring it back to a simmer and cook for 5 minutes, or until the peas are cooked. Puree the soup in batches in a blender or blend with an immersion blender. To serve, get fancy pants with artistic swirls of sour cream or plain Greek yogurt and top with copious amounts of green onion.

To sum up, it's important to prioritize your grocery budget when it comes to buying organic produce. Don't let your budget discourage you from eating fruits and vegetables. Eating conventionally grown produce is still much better for your health than not eating any produce at all.

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

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POLICE NEWS

RVIPF CONTINUE TO RECORD INCIDENTS INVOLVING MENTALLY ILL

Friday, April 21 – The Royal Virgin Islands Police Force records indicate a continued increase in its reports involving persons deemed to be or being treated for a mental illness.

Many of these cases are individuals acting out violently on family members within the home, however, just as many are those assaulting or vandalizing property while in the community.

Since Monday of this week, four recorded incidents involved the mentally ill. A mother was forced to call for Police assistance after her son refused his medication and began acting erratically toward other family members. Another three known mental patients are accused of either vandalism or damaging business premises in Road Town during the night. CCTV footage identified two of the accused; one appeared to be naked. This week, a restaurant worker reported yet another known patient entered her workplace and took \$500 from her purse.

In 2022, there were 90 such incidents reported with 48% being criminal in nature. Out of the 25 incidents so far for 2023, 48% are criminal offences. The categories of crime include common assault, threatening language, criminal damages, and theft.

Deputy Commissioner Jacqueline Vanterpool notes the worrying trend over the last three to four years which puts both members of the community at risk and increases crime

“Our efforts within the RVIPF are to protect the public and reduce the opportunity for crime to take place. Clearly in a number of these cases, when the accused is mentally ill, our hands are tied since the individuals are treated and shortly after returned to the streets and we are unable to provide the needed reassurance and comfort to members of the public. There must be a much better, long-term solution to this problem,” DCP Vanterpool noted.

CID LEADS INVESTIGATIONS INTO VESSEL FIRES

Wednesday, April 26 – Officers of the Criminal Investigations Unit are leading investigations into two suspicious fires before dawn today -- one in Freshwater Pond in West End and the other at Road Reef.

In the fire near Big Ben’s Gas Station reported just before 10pm last night, two boats were destroyed and one partially damaged, while at Road Reef Marina, a fire reported around 5am this morning destroyed one cataraman and four motor vessels.

CID detectives are asking the public for any information that can help in the identifying the perpetrator(s) or anyone concerned in carrying out such acts to provide that information

ELECTIONS HELD AT FIRST IMPRESSIONS PRIMARY

Tuesday, April 25 - Students of First Impressions Primary had elections in their classrooms yesterday. With their own creations of billboards, stickers, ballots and ballots boxes in hand, winning candidates were chosen from among their peers. One of the teachers even requested the help of an officer from the Royal Virgin Islands Police to ensure that the elections process was carried out peacefully. Constable Omanny Joe willingly stopped by the school to provide the needed assistance while on patrol around the various election polling stations in the district.



FAD DIETS – WHAT DANGERS ARE ASSOCIATED WITH FAD DIETS?

What is a fad diet? Fad diets can be best described as a quick means of weight loss that are often only popular for a brief period of time. Fad diets can range from methodologies as deeply entrenched as Atkins and the Zone diet or as unsustainable as the cabbage soup diet or the Special K Challenge diet.

First of all, it needs to be understood that the weight loss claims made by advocates of these diets are not only fleeting but unhealthy as well. Diets like the cabbage soup diet and the grapefruit diet are going to, in the case of the cabbage soup diet, make you flatulent and, in both cases, have you only regain the weight immediately afterwards.

Fad diets will often overemphasize a single kind of food or type of food. For example, one diet that strikes me as being absurd is the Special K Challenge that advocates replacing two out of your three meals with any flavor of Special K cereal with 2/3 a cup of skim milk, thus typically resulting in a 5 pound weight loss after two weeks. The diet even advocates snacks consisting of Special K snack bars or fruits and vegetables. Astoundingly, there is virtually no decent source of protein included in this diet. While scanning the Special K website, the research used to make such rash assertions as being healthful are vague.

They claim that Kelloggs nutrition team worked closely with leading universities in order to arrive at their far fetched conclusion.

To me, this means little more than a clever marketing ploy led by the Kellogg Corporation. Diets like these don't take into account that people that are truly committed to weight loss are also working out several days a week, so, there would be a lack of

calories needed to properly refuel the body. Basically, nutritional problems arise when a so-called superfood becomes the focal point of a diet.

Another diet that falls into the superfood category is the cabbage soup diet. This one along with some other unadorned diets have originated supposedly from hospitals. Diets such as the cabbage soup diet have been allegedly used by patients the week before undergoing heart surgery. By the end of the week, after having only eaten cabbage soup and fruits and vegetables, one is supposed to lose anywhere between

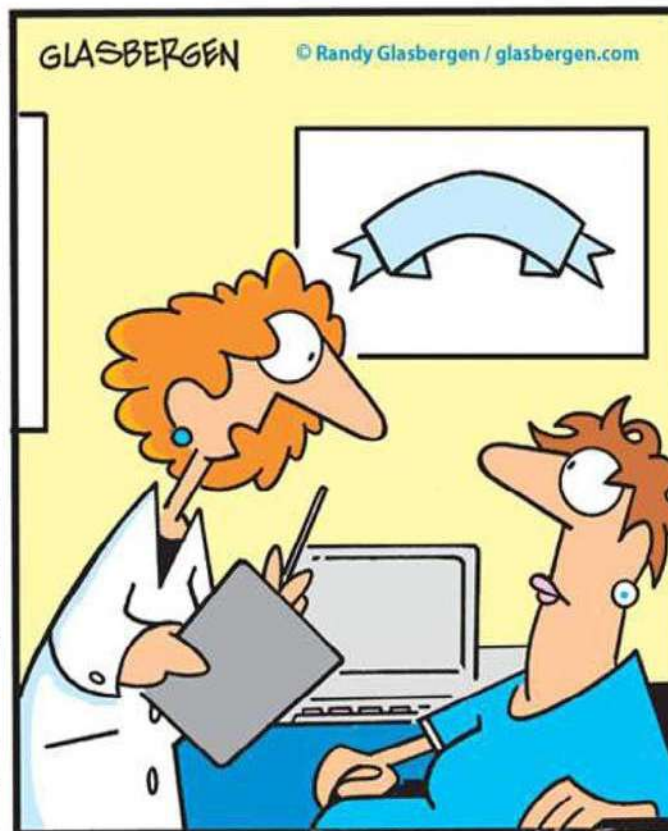
10-17 pounds. Unfortunately, one cannot maintain such a restricted diet for any prolonged period without feeling the ill effects of such a poor diet, such as vitamin deficiencies and the toxic repercussions of cannibalized muscle tissue.

Furthermore, this tremendous weight loss cannot be maintained once normal eating patterns are resumed since water constitutes a large percentage of the weight being lost and, to make matters worse, these diets provide no plan on how to gradually and safely reduce calories without compromising your own health. No matter how great the food is, none should be treated as a panacea. All diets need to be balanced as best as possible so

that no ill effects arise.

Learn more about fad diets and find out which is the best diet for your permanent weight loss at PhenForum.com, the place to learn about Phentermine online and healthy weight loss! Join our support group for free and find your own weight loss buddy. Learn how to lose weight and keep it off forever!

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



"You can still eat ribs on your diet, but only if they come from a bee, tadpole or hummingbird."

celebrity extra

by Dana Jackson

Q. I saw that Betty Gilpin has a new show. Whatever happened to the one on Netflix where she played a wrestler? Did it get canceled? — H.E.

A. "GLOW," starring Alison Brie and Betty Gilpin as two friends who become professional women wrestlers in order to pay the bills, was one of those shows canceled too soon. It lasted for three seasons on Netflix and was renewed for a fourth, which was ultimately canceled before filming, reportedly due to COVID restrictions.

The premise is based on the syndicated show "Gorgeous Ladies of Wrestling," aka "GLOW," which aired on cable TV in the 1980s. It was a combination of athletic wrestling and over-the-top comedic characters. Netflix's "GLOW" received high praise from critics and the professional wrestling community.

Gilpin's newest project is headlining her own series — "Mrs. Davis," on the Peacock streaming app. It's a sci-fi drama with an unusual plot about a nun who takes on a powerful form of artificial intelligence, in what Peacock is billing as "an exploration of faith versus technology." The series' first four episodes became available on April 20, followed by new episodes every Thursday.

Q. What was the name of the 1970s sitcom about a waitress who dated a doctor? I remember it starred the actor from the movie "Airplane!" It's one of my earliest TV memories as a kid, but I've never seen it in reruns. — N.M.

A. You're thinking of "Angie," which ran for two seasons on ABC from 1979 to 1980. It was produced by Garry Marshall ("Happy Days") and starred Donna Pescow and Robert Hays as a coffee shop waitress and pediatrician who fall in love. Future "Everybody Loves Raymond" star Doris Roberts played Angie's mother.

Before getting her own show, Pescow was best known for playing Annette in "Saturday Night Fever" and later for her daytime soap roles on "All My Children" and "General Hospital." Her most recent credit is an episode of Hulu's "Welcome to Chippendales."

Actor Robert Hays is now 75 years old



Courtesy of Peacock
Betty Gilpin ("GLOW" and "Mrs. Davis")

and has had a long career in Hollywood. His first movie role was the hilarious classic "Airplane!" in 1980, but prior to that, he guest-starred on multiple primetime shows before landing "Angie." His last role in a major production was playing Capt. Bob Wilson in the TV movie "Sharknado 2: The Second One," in 2014.

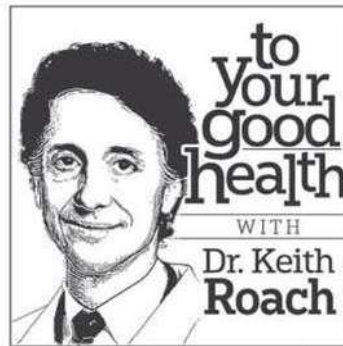
Q. Is Trisha Yearwood going to record a new album anytime soon? I love her cooking show, but miss her as a singer. — W.W.

A. Country singer Trisha Yearwood's last studio album was "Every Girl" in 2019. It included collaborations with her husband — singer Garth Brooks — and Kelly Clarkson. Yearwood decided to pursue her other passion, cooking, a decade ago with her own series, "Trisha's Southern Kitchen," on the Food Network, which won a Daytime Emmy Award a year later.

Yearwood's next solo project remains up in the air, but she will be one of the featured singers on her husband's upcoming album "Duets" later this year.

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Patient With Risk of Breast Cancer Questions Safety of Yearly MRI

DEAR DR. ROACH: Due to a slight genetic risk of breast cancer (my Tyrer-Cuzick Model score was 20.6%), my doctor wants me to get breast MRIs with contrast annually. I am concerned about long-term exposure to the gadolinium-based contrast dye. I've learned that this heavy metal is considered safe, but traces of it can be stored in the brain and other body tissues.

I am 49 and in very good health. I also get mammograms annually. I consulted my doctor about spacing out my MRIs every two to three years, but he said I should have an MRI every year. So I could be getting these MRIs for the next 35 or so years. Do the benefits of contrast dye outweigh the harm in a person with my health profile? — S.A.

ANSWER: I'm afraid I don't have a good answer for you. It is true that most authorities recommend an intensive breast cancer surveillance program for women at a high risk of breast cancer, in the range of a 20% to 25% lifetime risk. (The average risk for developing breast cancer for a woman born today is estimated to be about 13%.)

The Tyrer-Cuzick model of estimating breast cancer risk tends to give higher estimates than the other commonly used models, such as the BRCAPRO. Other models may not put you over the threshold for intensive screening with MRIs, which is usually combined with mammograms.

The question about gadolinium (the chemical element used in the contrast dye for MRIs) is important because some people do store gadolinium in various tissues, including the brain, but the clinical significance of this is unknown. (People with kidney disease can develop a skin disease due to gad-

olinium, so they aren't recommended to have MRIs with gadolinium.)

Although gadolinium can stay in the body for months or years, there has been no evidence of harm from gadolinium in brain tissue, despite these agents having been used for many years. Some agents have less retention than others. The U.S. FDA has mandated patient guides for these contrast agents, which relay the information above.

Given that there is a probable benefit to intensive screening for breast cancer in your case due to your high genetic risk, and no more than a theoretical risk from gadolinium, I believe that the benefits outweigh the risks, but I can't say that with complete certainty.

DEAR DR. ROACH: A friend gave me a hemp product to try on the quite painful arthritis in my fingers, which affects my ability to enjoy golf. I was reluctant to try it, but for the last two weeks, I've used it topically on my fingers and have been pleasantly surprised by a significant reduction in pain and an improvement in flexibility.

One of your recent columns mentions Voltaren, which I have also used, but without as much relief. Can you comment on CBD as an alternative treatment for arthritis? — P.H.A.

ANSWER: There are animal studies suggesting benefit from oral cannabidiol, a component of cannabis (hemp) that has no psychoactive component (it's the THC in cannabis that gets people "high"). I found some small studies showing pain relief from topical CBD in people with neuropathy, but not for arthritis. Several people, like you, have written to me with reports of pain relief.

Topical CBD is probably very safe. Even oral CBD should be safe, but studies have found that many products labeled CBD have trace, or more than trace, amounts of THC, enough to make a urine test positive for cannabis.

Until there is some evidence of effectiveness, I can't recommend it, but people can try it based on safety and anecdotal reports.

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

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Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- Pixar required its entire staff to take a graduate-level ichthyology (the branch of zoology that studies fish) class to help improve the authenticity of "Finding Nemo."

- Television inventor Philo Farnsworth got the idea for how the medium would work when he was just 14 — and while plowing potatoes. He built the first working prototype seven years later, but died at 64 in relative obscurity due to a series of legal battles.

- A 20-year-old gallon of McDonald's McJordan BBQ Sauce sold for \$10,000 simply because it had Michael Jordan's name on it.

- A lobster's brain is located in its throat, its nervous system in its abdomen, its teeth in its stomach, and its kidneys in its head! It also hears using its legs, tastes with its feet, and tends to favor one front limb, meaning it can be right-clawed or left-clawed.

- After the Comstock Laws banned birth control in 1873, the makers of Trojan condoms found a way around that restriction by selling the prophylactics as a protection against STDs.

- Queen is the only band in which each member individually wrote more than one No. 1 hit.

- In North Korea, anyone who cuts down trees or starts a forest fire in protected areas could face the death penalty.

- When Joseph Stalin's first wife died, he said: "This creature softened my heart of stone. She died, and with her died my last warm feelings for humanity." He would go on to execute her brother, her sister and her cousin.

- No one actually "won" the war of 1812.

- Chicago was raised over 4 feet with screw jacks in the 19th century in order to install the U.S.'s first sewer system.

Thought for the Day: "It is better to fail in originality than to succeed in imitation." — Herman Melville

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COMMENTARY

Politics is Science, even in the Virgin Islands

Dickson Igwe



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The Virgin Islands possesses its own unique political ecosystem. These paradise islands are a difficult place to predict political outcomes successfully.

Now, politics is correctly termed a social science, like its sibling economics. It has its own specific math. Politics possesses its own assumptions, based upon objective observation of past social behavior add current events.

Unlike the more physical sciences where there is high

degree of exact assessment of various models, in political science, there is fog.

Politics uses history, demographics, -economics, probability, -assumption, presumption, statistics, and calculus, all the time using the laboratory of society and recent history to predict outcome.

Politics is also linear in that it looks back in time at past elections and voting behavior. Politics also gazes into the present. It looks both ways before crossing the road, and arriving at a prediction. There is both symmetry and asymmetry in the projections of political watchers.

This Observer of Virgin Islands politics has learned the hard way that making the common assumptions derived from the older and larger democracies elsewhere, for the Virgin Islands, can be a huge mistake.

Then there is the prophetic. This is simple talk: palm reading and playing a game of Russian roulette. Nothing

of substance has ever comes from this source. It is expecting answers from the Ouija board: "the witch doctor from Senegal."

OK. The Virgin Islands is a close-knit community with its own society, history and culture. Family and community play a greater role in the politics of the day than say the politics of the USA or UK. News gets around fast from family to village, and then community and town. The gossip mill is very powerful in deciding political outcomes.

An invisible news network of street corner talk and rumor driven by "friends, extended family, siblings and cousins" is as powerful as the more conventional, visible, and established media in driving public opinion.

Predicting political outcomes in the Virgin Islands is a game of fools, even more so for April 24, 2023.

However, any attempt this April will offer three insights for those who appreciate a more scientific approach than

emotion and fairytale.

First, there is a high degree of voter anger and frustration in the land, over recent political behavior.

Second, the Commission of Inquiry and subsequent Order in Council are a hammer over the country, that makes everyone, politician, activist, and voter, more cautious.

Third, ongoing investigations driven by the Commission's recommendations put a shackle on those politicians accused of wrongdoing, running for office. There is a limit to the promises and power of Julius Caesar, and voters know this.

Then there are the common factors with Virgin Islands Elections. District candidates over the years are safer than At-Large. However, there may be indications that this may change on April 24, 2023. The number one reason is voter frustration and anger.

Six hundred and eighty-eight (688) new voters added to the electoral roll may have an impact on the election outcome.

Assuming a turnout of 16000, which appears optimistic, this number represents over 5% of voters. These new voters depending on turnout could compose a greater number in percentage terms of the total number of voters.

There is much talk of coalition government and there may be substance behind this. The fragmentation of the two party system – whether this will be worth observing on Monday and Tuesday.

How the preceding factors affect the upcoming election is anyone's guess. From history, watch the At Large Vote. The At Large vote has been decisive as to which party forms the government. The At-large numbers also drive a narrative of the complete picture of the behavior of voters, and any swing away from the incumbents to another party.

So goes the At Large vote, so goes the election and government. Or so it would appear.

Dickson Igwe

POLICE NEWS

TWO CHARGED IN CONNECTION WITH INFANT DEATH

Wednesday, April 26 – Two persons, a male and female, were charged yesterday in connection with the death of nine-month-old Zamir Romney which took place earlier this month.

Monica King, 35, and Juwan Richardson, 25, both of Greenland, received the charge of manslaughter. The male infant was in the care of two accused on April 7 when the death occurred.

Both King and Richardson are to appear in Magistrate's Court at the next available sitting.

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LAUNCH OF OUR ISLANDS, OUR VIBES CONTENT CREATORS COMPETITION AND AWARD CEREMONY



KINGSTOWN, 18 April, 2023: The Ministry of Tourism, Civil Aviation, Sustainable Development and Culture further advanced its focus on Domestic Tourism by partnering with passionate creative Digital Content Creators. On the 17th April, 2023, the Ministry held an award ceremony and launched

an Our Islands, Our Vibes Content Creators' Competition to increase local patronage of the tourism products and services offered in St. Vincent and the Grenadines. This competition was announced as one of the main activities for the campaign, under the theme 32 Islands and Cays! Yours to explore!

Our Islands, Our Vibes Content Creators' Competition is a bold and exciting initiative says Minister of Tourism, Civil Aviation, Sustainable Development and Culture, Carlos James. "What a better way to tell the story and the narrative of our beautiful islands than the people who are the emerging stakeholders

within this digital space," added Minister James.

"What it essentially does is create in the entire country a cadre of digital story tellers and ambassadors, who are going to primarily focus on promotion of our beautiful islands as a premier destination", said Minister James.

Palm Island Resort and Digicel are the main sponsors of the Our Islands, Our Vibes Content Creators' Competition.

Victor Kovacs, Chief Executive Officer at Digicel adds, "This is a Great initiative...this land is beautiful you should be proud of it".

For the next seven (7) months, commencing May, interested Content Creators through this competition would create a one (1) –two (2) minutes video

each month. These videos must feature different tourism products and services in St. Vincent and the Grenadines. The grand prizes for the competition include:

1st place- one (1) weekend for 2 all-inclusive at Palm Island Resort and \$500 XCD cash
2nd place- Smart device
3rd place - \$500 XCD cash
Monthly prizes could also be won.

Click the following link for more information on this exciting competition: <http://tourism.gov.vc/tourism/index.php/news/585-terms-and-condition-for-domestic-tourism-social-media-campaign>

CARNIVAL IN JAMAICA ATTRACTS THOUSANDS OF INTERNATIONAL VISITORS

Jamaica Tourist Board to Leverage the Annual Event to Bring More Visitors to the Destination



Pictured: Minister of Tourism, Jamaica, the Hon. Edmund Bartlett (C) shares a moment with Minister without Portfolio in the Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation, Jamaica, the Hon. Matthew Samuda (R) and Director of Tourism, Jamaica Tourist Board, Donovan White (L) during this year's Carnival in Jamaica Road March Parade.

KINGSTON, JAMAICA, April 24, 2023 – The Jamaica Tourist Board has indicated that the Carnival in Jamaica

is a major cultural experience that can attract even more visitors to the island. As part of the destination's Sports

and Entertainment marketing pillars, the event continues to see an uptick in overseas participants with weeklong

fetes culminating in a road parade. "Carnival in Jamaica has become a melting pot of international, regional and local participants who want to experience the energy of Kingston through music, food and friends. It has become the ideal platform to reinforce Kingston as the cultural capital of the Caribbean and we want to maximize that to help boost arrivals and spending from our visitors on island," said Director of Tourism, Jamaica Tourist Board, Donovan White. Preliminary data shows that from April 1- 20, which coincides with Carnival activities, over 26 thousand visitors arrived in Kingston.

The Carnival in Jamaica Committee has also indicated that there were over 8,000 revelers and 50,000 spectators.

"These numbers, while just shy of what would have been

achieved before the pandemic, are very positive for the growth of the event and its economic benefits. It also speaks to the unifying element that music can achieve with both revelers and spectators all enjoying the fun. Carnival 2024 is expected to keep getting bigger and the Jamaica Tourist Board plans to capitalize on the marketing opportunities," Director White continued.

Following a hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Carnival in Jamaica returned in 2023 with the ultimate carnival experience in Ocho Rios and Kingston. The main event, the Road March, took place in Kingston on Sunday, April 16, to a sea of bands in costumes and spectators.

For more information about Jamaica, go to www.visitjamaica.com.

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After Weeks of Hinting, Biden Announces Reelection Bid

After weeks of hinting at a run for reelection, U.S. President Joe Biden on Tuesday formally announced his candidacy for 2024, in a three-minute video ad that drew a stark picture of what he believes is at stake: the very soul of America.

"When I ran for president four years ago, I said we are in a battle for the soul of America. And we still are," Biden says in the video, released on his website.

Biden said in the video he had righted the affairs of state in America and can advance the cause of democracy with another four-year term in the White House.

"The question we are facing is whether in the years ahead we have more freedom or less freedom, more rights or fewer," Biden said in the video. "I know what I want the answer to be. This is not a time to be complacent. That's why I'm running for reelection."

Biden's long-awaited announcement, released in the early hours of Tuesday, opens with an evocative image: that of a violent mob thronging the U.S. Capitol as it prepared to mount a failed insurrection attempt on Jan 6, 2021. While Biden shows three

elected representatives he has described as "MAGA extremists" – a reference to former president Donald Trump's slogan, "Make America Great Again" – the ad makes no overt mention of Trump, whose claim to have won the 2020 poll led his followers to storm the Capitol that day.

A recent Yahoo News-YouGov poll shows that 38 percent of Americans feel "exhaustion" at the idea of a second round between Biden and Trump.

And 29 percent said the idea of a rematch provoked feelings of "fear." More than half of respondents – 56 percent – said in the poll, conducted earlier this month, that they didn't feel Biden should run again.

Trump released a statement Tuesday in which he continued to maintain the 2020 election was rigged against him, despite multiple recounts and court rulings that found it was not.

"With such a calamitous and failed presidency, it is almost inconceivable that Biden would even think of running for reelection," Trump said. "... There has never been a greater contrast between two successive administrations in all of American

history. Ours being greatness, and theirs being failure."

The Biden ad also cites the debate over abortion access in the wake of the Supreme Court's decision last year to allow each of the 50 states to set its own abortion policy. Vice President Kamala Harris is used to illustrate the administration's stance in supporting abortion access. Video of her is also used to illustrate that she is the only woman to have risen to such a senior role in American leadership, and further, that her multiethnic identity made that rise even more difficult.

The announcement by Biden, at 80, already the oldest U.S. president, marks another milestone for one of the most enduring political figures in U.S. history. He has been a public figure for a half-century, 36 years as a U.S. senator from the small eastern state of Delaware, eight years as vice president under President Barack Obama, and then elected as the country's president and commander in chief in 2020.

While the ad released Tuesday doesn't reference his age, Biden has repeatedly joked about the matter in recent days, as if to provoke those who say that, at 80,



President Joe Biden

he is too old to hold the world's most stressful job.

Last week, he wished Colombia's president a happy birthday and joked, "it's very difficult turning 40 years of age."

President Gustavo Petro, who in fact had turned 63, replied "being 63 is like being 40 in the old generation."

"I fully subscribe to that," Biden said.

While at least two minor candidates have announced a run against Biden for the Democratic nomination, his incumbent status makes it unlikely, given U.S. political precedent, that the party

would choose another standard bearer when it meets in summer 2024 in Chicago to officially pick its nominee. Polls show that many Democrats think that Biden would stand the best chance of defeating Trump or another Republican.

Trump is leading nomination polls of Republican voters, although several other figures have announced their candidacy opposing him, or are contemplating a run for the nomination, including Florida Governor Ron DeSantis; Trump's vice president, Mike Pence, and others.

Ken Bredemeier contributed to this report.

Three-Day Sudan Cease-Fire Mostly Holding

A United States-brokered three-day cease-fire between Sudan's warring factions appeared to be mostly holding Tuesday in the capital, Khartoum, although witnesses reported some ongoing fighting between the army and paramilitary forces.

Both the Sudanese Armed Forces and the Rapid Support Forces publicly pledged to uphold the halt in fighting.

"To support a durable end to the fighting, the United States will coordinate with regional and international partners, and Sudanese civilian stakeholders, to assist in the creation of a committee to oversee the negotiation, conclusion, and implementation of a permanent cessation of hostilities and humanitarian arrangements in Sudan," U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said in a statement.

Nima Saeed Abid, the WHO's representative in Sudan, did not specify which side was involved, but told reporters the situation was "extremely dangerous."

"This is the main concern: no accessibility to the lab technicians to go to the lab and safely contain the biological material and substances available," he said.

At least 427 people have been killed and more than 3,700 wounded, according to U.N. agencies, since fighting began April 15. Some Khartoum neighborhoods have been left in ruins.

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Monday called on U.N. Security Council members "to exert maximum leverage with the parties to end the violence, restore order and return to the path of the democratic transition."

The Security Council is

scheduled to hold a meeting about Sudan on Tuesday.

Guterres also said the U.N. is not leaving Sudan but has temporarily relocated "hundreds" of staff members inside and outside of the country.

Amid the fighting, countries have rushed to evacuate their diplomats and citizens. In all, more than 4,000 people have fled Sudan in foreign-organized evacuations that began on Saturday, including by sea to Saudi Arabia and by aircraft to Jordan and Cyprus.

Canada, Egypt, France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Ukraine and the United States are among the countries using aircraft and convoys to ferry foreign nationals out of the country.

A majority of U.S. government personnel who evacuated the Sudanese capital, Khartoum, arrived Monday afternoon in Washington.



People gather as they flee clashes between the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces and the army in Khartoum, Sudan April 24, 2023.

Britain's foreign office said it began an evacuation effort Tuesday with flights leaving from an airfield outside of Khartoum.

China's foreign ministry said Tuesday most of its nationals had been safely evacuated.

Sudanese nationals are fending for themselves amid power blackouts and loss of internet

service.

Some Sudanese have made the decision to escape in cars and buses on the dangerous roads.

VOA's Margaret Besheer at the United Nations contributed to this report. Some information for this report came from The Associated Press, Agence France-Presse and Reuters.

SPORTS

Ciboney dominates National Archery in Schools Program Nationals

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

ARCHERY

Ciboney walked off with the three biggest prizes on Sunday—team, top boy, top girl—then the first four of the five spots in the boys division, during the Virgin Islands Archery Association's National Archery in Schools Nationals at Cedar School. Ciboney grabbed \$10,692.60 of the \$13,000 in scholarship prizes available.

Despite inclement weather, the 27 participants from Ciboney and Cedar School, were shooting better in the rain than without the rain, VI Archery Association Secretary Ritseeinyah Georges told Island Sun Sports.

Ciboney's Nicholas Moore who was in fourth place, was the top boy after the shoot off and won \$2730 and a bow, finishing five points better than teammate Valentin Zahrebelnyj who earned \$1300 for second. Benjamin Moore was third and earned \$650. Sheylon Brown placed fourth and copped \$552.50, while Cedar School's Aeryz Rofls prevented a sweep with \$357.50 in fifth.

Moore said he was 'very nervous' in the shootout.

"But I got it done," he said. "I stayed calm. I focused on one shot at a time. We never really shot in the rain but it was good knowledge and experience to see how it feels."

Zahrebelnyj said it came down to one arrow. "If I had gotten one more arrow on a better number, I probably would have beaten Nick, but you know, it's a good thing to lose sometimes," he said. "It's easier to learn. I told myself to stay calm. I was calling out the scores in my mind. I'd be like 'hit an 8' hit an 8' and I'd hit it and that would motivate me more, so I was like now, 'hit a 10,' that was my motivation."

Zahrebelnyj said because of the rain, it was slippery and some of his shots were worse. "The bow was more slippery in the hand, so my hand slipped a few times," he noted. "I think we should do more training in these diverse conditions. We don't train in the rain because usually, it's very hot in Virgin Gorda. Actually, when it was raining here, it wasn't raining in VG. I think training in the rain is probably better (but) I don't think there's much of a difference."

Kellyann Tillack was the top girl and collected \$2730 in scholarship prizes and also a bow. "It means a lot. Actually, it helps benefit me in so many ways, like for my



Ciboney School's Nicholas Moore, left, and Kellyann Tillack, won \$2730 and a bow

education and my reputation and everything I've worked for," Tillack said, thanking those who supported her. "My dedication and focus and those who motivated me to get back on when I wasn't feeling myself or was unmotivated. My friends, my family, my supporters, they helped to compete for this beautiful award."

While she didn't like the rain, Tillack said that from the competition, she learned the patience that was required. "My technique and form, I definitely improved," she noted. "Also my discipline and focus."

Eva Carey won a one arrow shoot off with Cedar School teammate Ashleigh Hearne to finish second and claim the \$1300 second place

prize while Hearne earned \$650 for third. "First of all, I was like 'oh no. I have to go first,'" Carey said of the shoot off. "And then I was just trying to focus and forget about everything else, as this was just literally the arrow that either means second or third, I was just trying to focus and stay calm."

Hearne described it as an 'interesting experience' with a 'lot of up and down' in the scores but it was fun to watch. "I think it was intense in the last shoot off because you either win or you lose," she said. "I know Eva is very good, so I was trying to concentrate and clear my mind to get a good score, but it wasn't my best."

Cedar's Ava Ghiorse was fourth to earn \$552.50 with

teammate Annabelle Maina completing the girls sweep in fifth and got 357.50.

VI Archery Association secretary and event coordinator, Ritseeinyah Georges, said the competition was intense despite the rain.

"For second, third and fourth place, (among the boys) they were separated by only one point each," Georges noted. "The top boy was five points different from second place for the shoot off. For the girls, we had a shoot off to break a tie for second place between Eva Carey and Ashleigh Hearne. The children are just excited to have the program, come out and compete against different schools and they want more of it."

SPORTS



National Archery in Schools award winners and sponsors after the tournament



Officials look on as Archers calculate their scores



The top 12 Archers in the shootout to determine the top five boys and girls



Former Archery President Patrick Smith repairs a bow



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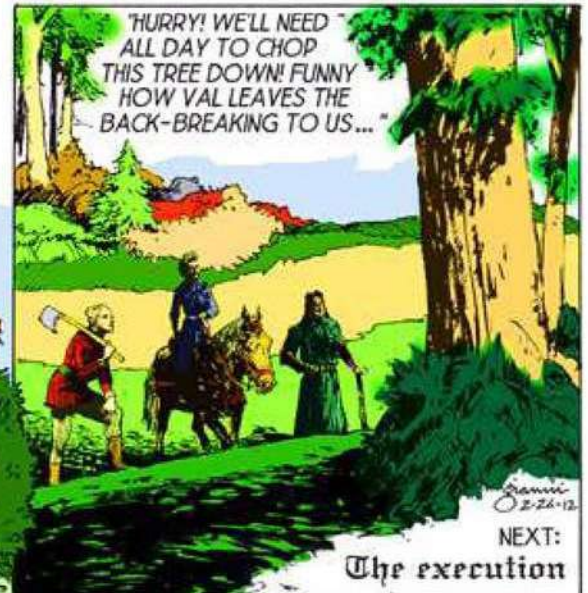
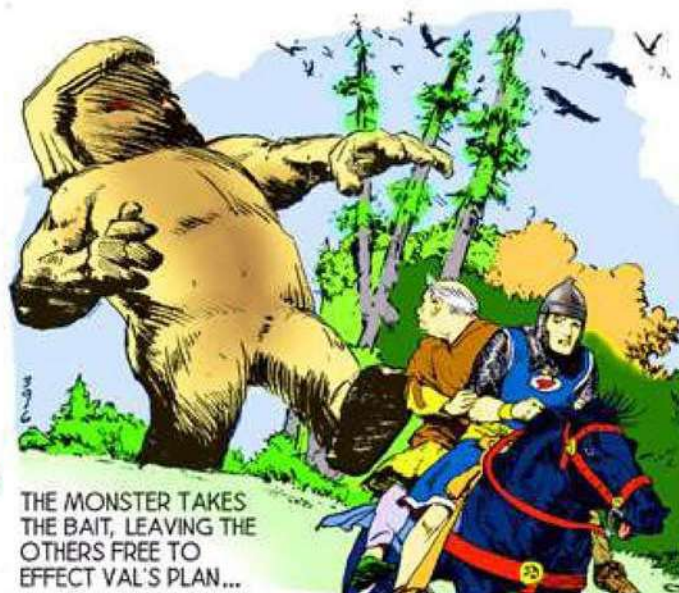


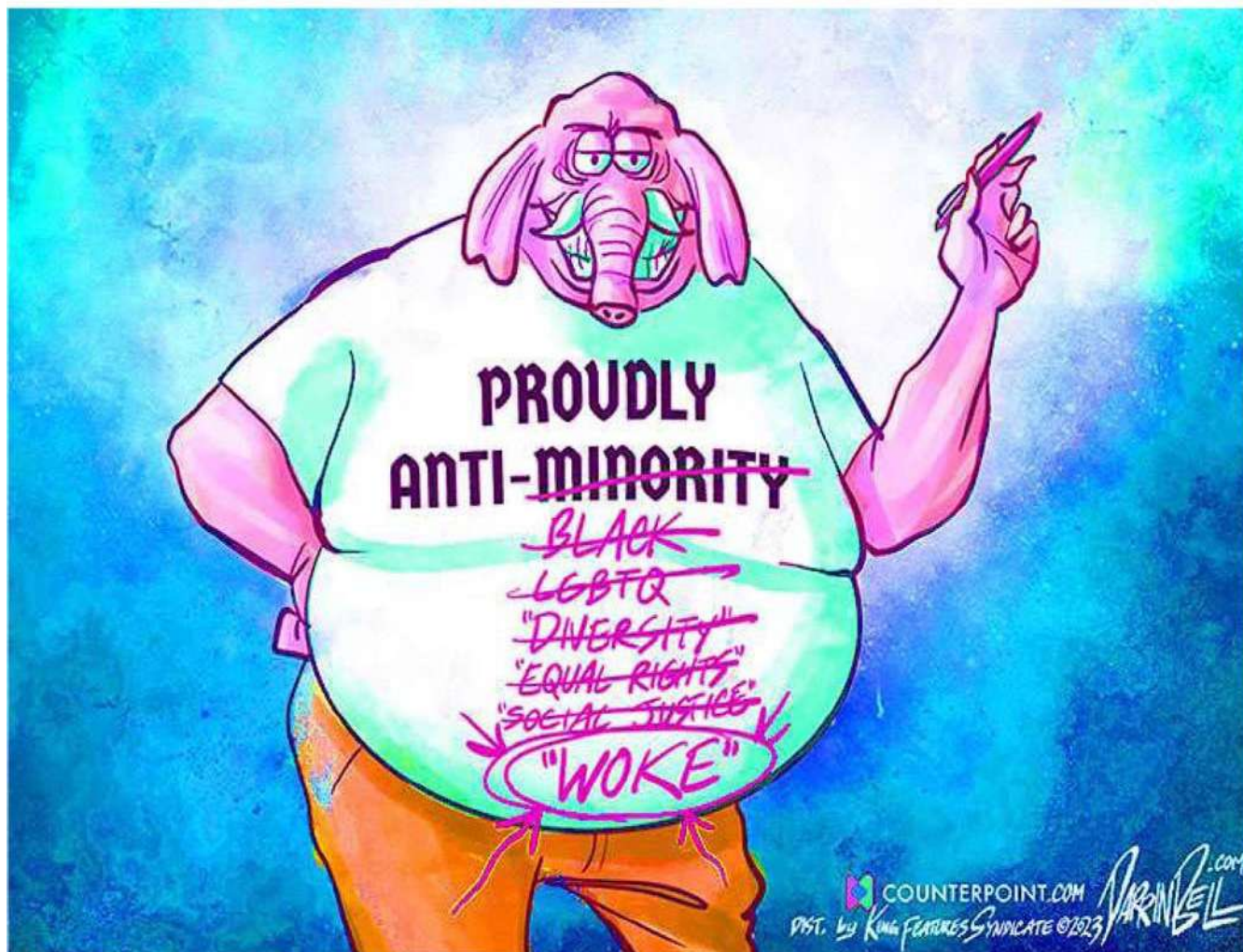
When Solomon had finished all these prayers and supplications to the Lord, he rose from before the altar of the Lord, where he had been kneeling with his hands spread out toward heaven. He stood and blessed the whole assembly of Israel in a loud voice, saying: "Praise be to the Lord, who has given rest to his people Israel just as he promised. Not one word has failed of all the good promises he gave through his servant Moses."

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps





BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Simon (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. In a fit of anger, what did King Saul throw trying to kill David? *Spear, Vase, Shield, Ax*
3. From Exodus 1, what were the people of Israel forced to make? *Blankets, Boats, Baskets, Bricks*
4. Who was the deceptive future father-in-law of Jacob? *Masa, Laban, Jehoram, Rehu*
5. What did Shamgar use to kill six hundred Philistines? *Sword, Stones, Mina, Ox goad*
6. How many deacons were chosen to help the apostles? *4, 7, 11, 15*

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Spear, 3) Bricks, 4) Laban, 5) Ox goad (Judges 3:31), 6) 7

Hardcore trivia fan? Visit Wilson Casey's subscriber site at www.patreon.com/triviaguy.

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Changes in the workplace might be daunting for some, but you love challenges and will do just fine with this one. Remember to work with facts, not rumors.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Just when you need some emotional reassurances, you find an almost-forgotten, friendly gesture repaid in the most wonderful way. More good news follows.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You have a chance to restart a stalled personal relationship. Additionally, a workplace change bodes well for new opportunities, but you need more facts before you can act.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Talk to your longtime friends about why they're not in sync with your new pal. You might learn some startling facts. Also, a difficult workplace situation eases.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) What seems to be a golden opportunity is, naturally, attractive to Leos. But be careful that it's not just a lot of surface glitter. You need to ask more questions.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) There are still some issues with getting decisions made on your workplace project. Talk to a supervisor about ways to break the impasse.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A family matter could become more complicated and reach an apparent dead end. Don't give up on trying to find a solution. Work patiently with everyone involved.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You'll soon hear more about an offer that could change the direction of your career. Meanwhile, enjoy the newly positive on-the-job environment.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Expect a favorable reply to a workplace request. On the home front, a full explanation helps you sort out a long-standing personal problem.

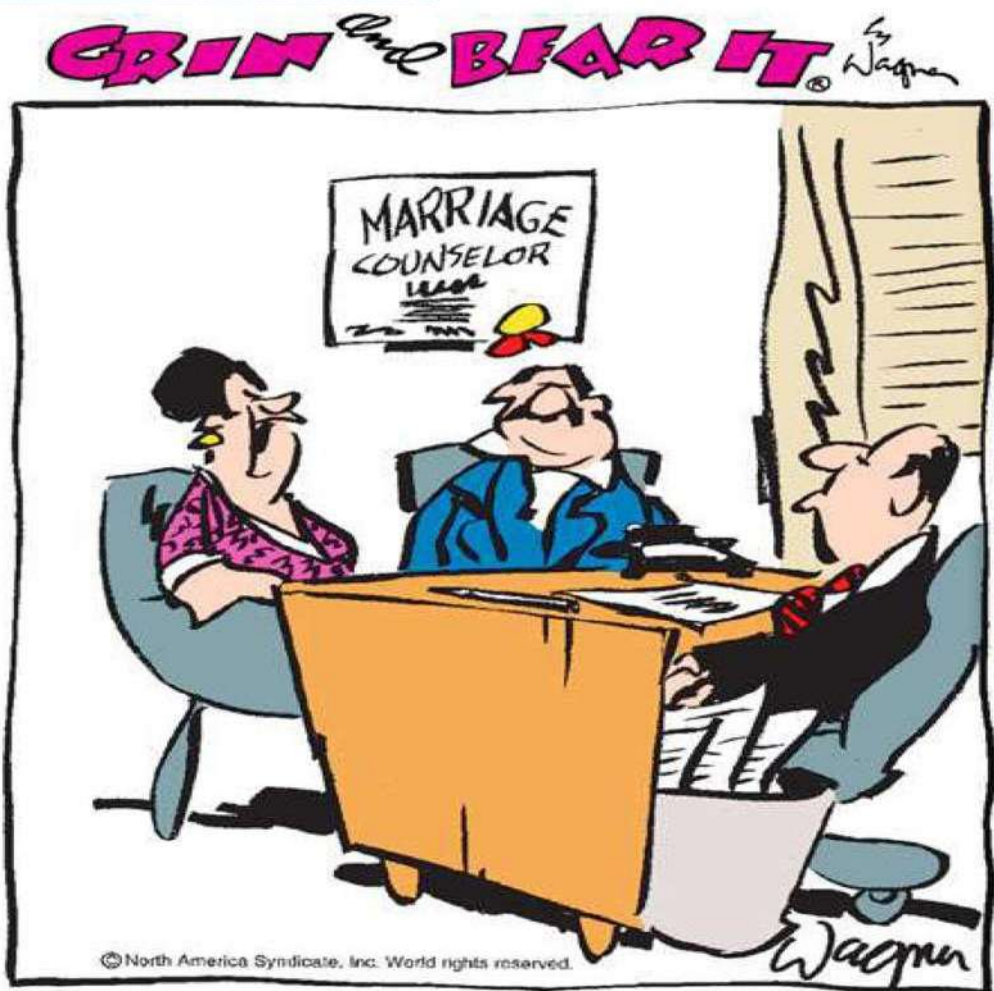
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A serious matter needs focused consideration. Watch that your sometimes capricious nature doesn't create any unnecessary distractions.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You win added support for your determination to turn a bad situation into a good one. One new ally arrives from a most unexpected source.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Family and friends need to be told about a decision you want to make. Be prepared to offer a full explanation when asked. Hold nothing back.

BORN THIS WEEK: You can be a fighter and a lover. You are a natural leader with a strong sense of justice that makes people respect you.

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"He doesn't bring me flowers anymore!"

WORLD JUSTICE PROJECT'S CORRUPTION IN THE CARIBBEAN REPORT SHOWS MAJORITY BELIEVE PUBLIC OFFICIALS CORRUPT

WASHINGTON April 20, 2023 - A majority of people in the Caribbean believe public officials are corrupt, according to findings from the World Justice Project's Corruption in the Caribbean report. Drawing on nationally representative surveys, the report represents the voices of people in 14 Caribbean countries and their experiences and perceptions of corruption in both the public and private sectors.

On average, 80% of respondents in Caribbean countries believe that public officials frequently award government contracts to friends or relatives, and 66% believe public officials regularly request bribes.

Additionally, 74% of people, on average, believe politicians frequently use public resources to benefit their own family.

"When perceptions of corruption are pervasive, public trust in government institutions is undermined, and the rule of law is weakened," said Elizabeth Andersen, executive director of the World Justice Project.

"Corruption compromises the flow of resources to support public safety, health, and education and denies people fair access to opportunities," she added. "Combatting corruption is an important objective for governments, the private sector, and civil society organizations around the world."

The findings in the Corruption in the Caribbean report expand upon data contained in the 2022 World Justice Project Rule of Law Index, which measures absence of corruption as a key rule of law factor for 140 countries around the world. The Index relies on nationally representative household polls and expert surveys. The new Caribbean report publishes additional insights drawn from the household polls in Antigua and Barbuda, The Bahamas, Barbados, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago.

BRIBERY

The Corruption in the Caribbean report specifically probes the prevalence of bribery in the region. While the perception of corruption in the public sector was high in the countries surveyed, an average of only 7% of people who had recent contact with public officials reported they were asked to give a bribe, favor, or additional sum of money. The most frequent cases of bribery came during interactions with car registration/driver's license officers (9%, on average, among the countries studied) and police officers (8%). The least frequent involved local politicians (2%), doctors and nurses in public hospitals (2%), and

public school teachers (3%).

People in Antigua and Barbuda along with Grenada reported the lowest percentage of experiences with public sector bribery, at less than 1%, while 19% of respondents in the Dominican Republic and Haiti reported having to provide a bribe, gift, or favor within the last 12 months. Jamaica (17%) and Guyana (16%) also had similar rates of public sector bribery.

Findings from the new report show that bribery victimization within the private sector is uncommon in the Caribbean. The exception to this is Guyana. The data show

that of the 39% of Guyanese respondents who had contact with the private sector in the last 12 months, 18% paid a bribe. The only other countries reporting private sector victimization rates above 5% were Haiti (8%) and the Dominican Republic (7%). The average rate of private sector bribery victimization across the Caribbean is 3%.



NEPOTISM AND VOTE BUYING

The perception of nepotism, hiring, and career advancement of friends and relatives, in both the public and private sector was widespread throughout the Caribbean. On average, 81% of those surveyed believe public officials practice nepotism; 83% believe politicians and elected representatives do so.

The numbers are slightly lower for the private sector, where 75% of respondents believe private sector employees frequently or very frequently exercise influence over the hiring of friends and relatives.

The countries where perceptions of private sector nepotism are most pronounced are Trinidad and Tobago (82%), Grenada (84%), and St. Lucia (77%).

Other key findings from the Corruption in the Caribbean report concern elections. On average, 63% of people in Caribbean countries believe politicians are engaged in electoral fraud or manipulation. The report also shows how some people in the region have experienced this personally.

On average across the Caribbean, 11% of people reported attempts to manipulate their vote in national elections, and 8% in municipal elections. Respondents in the Dominican Republic and Guyana reported the highest rates of vote buying, while respondents in Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, and Grenada reported the lowest rates. In the Dominican Republic, 36% of those surveyed said they were asked to vote for a candidate or political party in exchange for a favor, money or goods in national elections.

The BVI was not part of the survey.

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HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

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Detail of Antonio Frasconi's woodcut "Overhead the Sun" (1969)

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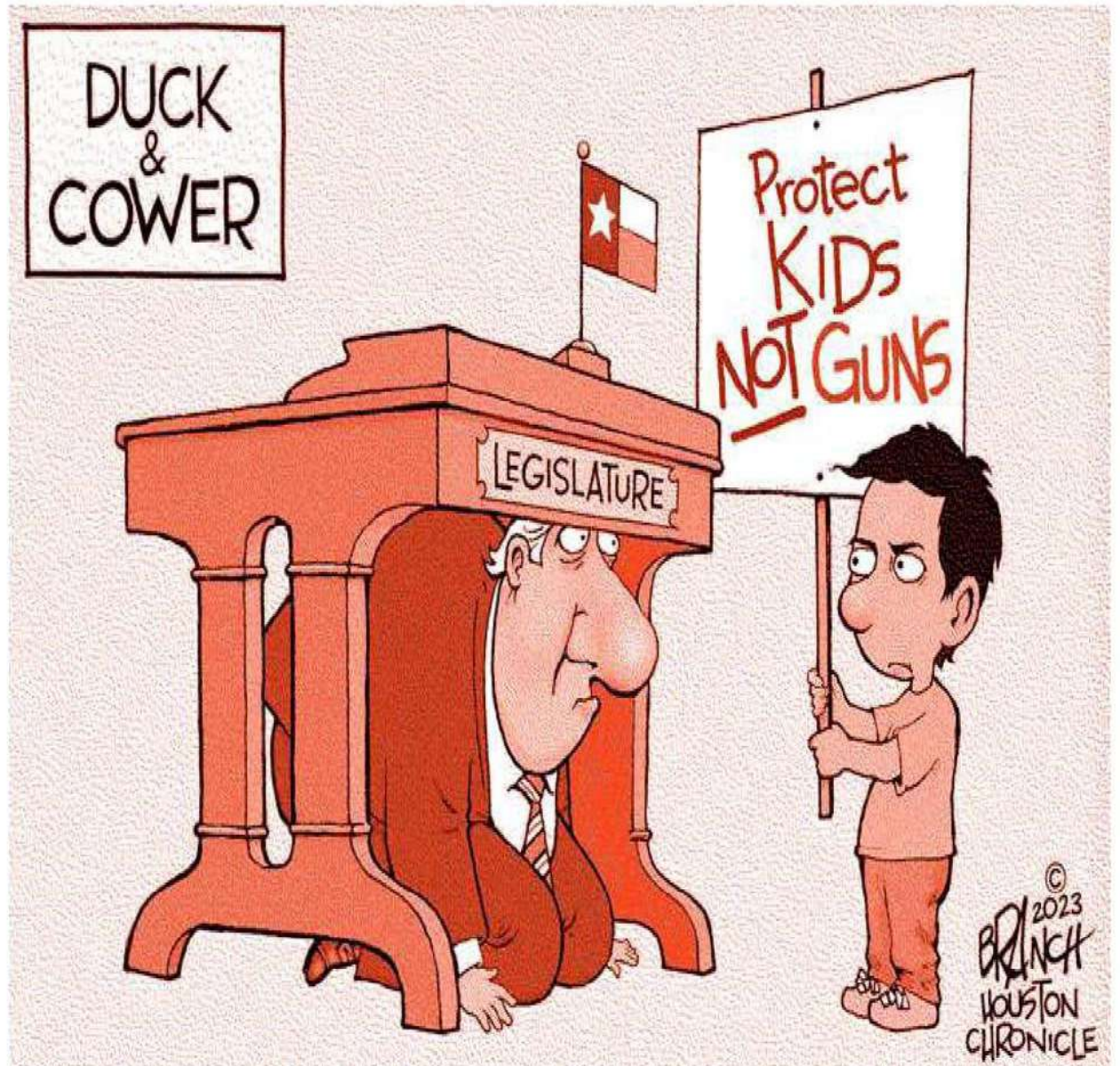
- Brenda Weaver

top ten

WORLD'S LARGEST STADIUMS

1. Narendra Modi Stadium *Gujarat, India*
2. Rungrado 1st Of May Stadium *Pyongyang, North Korea*
3. Michigan Stadium *Ann Arbor, Michigan*
4. Beaver Stadium *State College, Pennsylvania*
5. Ohio Stadium *Columbus, Ohio*
6. Kyle Field *College Station, Texas*
7. Tiger Stadium *Baton Rouge, Louisiana*
8. Neyland Stadium *Knoxville, Tennessee*
9. Darrell K Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium *Austin, Texas*
10. Bryant-Denny Stadium *Tuscaloosa, Alabama*

Source: WorldAtlas.com



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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



TIGER

by BUD BLAKE



The Spats

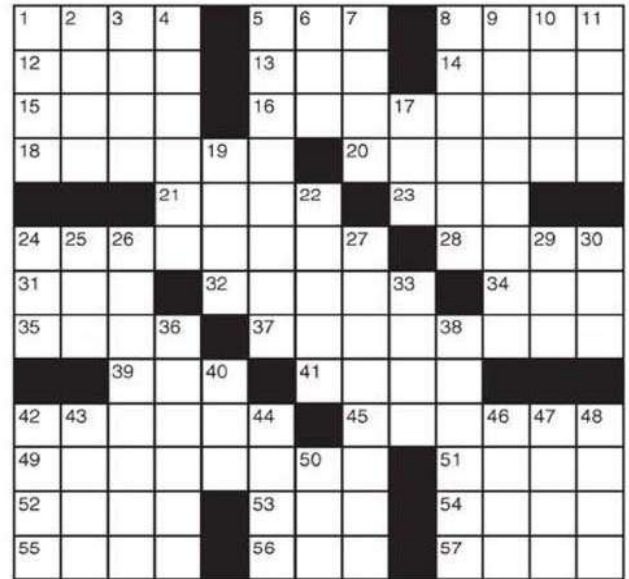
by Jeff Pickering



King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Chanteuse Edith
- 5 Links org.
- 8 Too
- 12 Kotb of "Today"
- 13 Filch
- 14 500 sheets
- 15 Rat- —
- 16 Eternally
- 18 Large gong
- 20 Try to hear better, maybe
- 21 Author Bagnold
- 23 Nabokov novel
- 24 Symbol of stability
- 28 La Scala solo
- 31 — tai (cock-tail)
- 32 Van Gogh venue
- 34 Mafia boss
- 35 Hostels
- 37 Vespers
- 39 Secret agent
- 41 Ms. Brockovich
- 42 Ceremony
- 45 Slanted type
- 49 The whole crowd
- 51 Actress Fisher
- 52 Lure
- 53 Some coll. degrees



- 54 Hideaway
- 55 Curry and Landers
- 56 "Game, —, match!"
- 57 Dele undoer
- 8 Fleet
- 9 "Mona Lisa" painter
- 10 Rani's wrap
- 11 Portent
- 17 Stephen of "Still Crazy"
- 19 "Puppy Love" singer
- 22 Look (into)
- 24 Brit. record label
- 25 Moving vehicle
- 26 Genius
- 27 Most skeptical
- 29 Charged bit
- 30 "Life of Pi" director Lee
- 33 Tizzy
- 36 Gushes forth
- 38 Slowpokes
- 40 "Rah!"
- 42 Ms. McEntire
- 43 Infamous tsar
- 44 High tennis shots
- 46 Aspiring atty.'s exam
- 47 "Would — to you?"
- 48 Shopper's aid
- 50 Scot's refusal

DOWN

- 1 Excellent, in slang
- 2 Speck
- 3 Leading man?
- 4 Plump up
- 5 Opening night
- 6 State VIP
- 7 Genesis shepherd

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

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

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Hand is missing; 2. Container is missing; 3. Glasses differ; 4. Sleeve is shorter; 5. Curtain is missing; 6. Glasses differ; 7. None — the United States doesn't have an official language; 8. Provi-

1. "Philadelphia"; 2. Burnt gunpowder; 3. Six; 4. Andrew Jackson. In 1806 he shot and killed Charles Dickinson in a duel; 5. The Beach Boys; 6. Eight; six children and two parents; 7. None — the United States doesn't have an official language; 8. Provi-

Trivia Test Answers

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 22 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. MOVIES: Which movie gave actor Tom Hanks his first Oscar?
2. SCIENCE: Apollo astronauts reported that the Moon smelled like what substance?
3. GEOGRAPHY: How many stars are on the Australian flag?
4. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president killed a man who insulted him in a duel?
5. MUSIC: Which pop group produced the hit song "God Only Knows"?
6. TELEVISION: "The Brady Bunch" features how many blended family members?
7. LANGUAGE: What is the official language of the United States?
8. U.S. STATES: What is the state capital of Rhode Island?
9. ASTRONOMY: Which is the only planet in our solar system that is not named after a god or goddess?
10. FOOD & DRINK: What is a cheese connoisseur called?

**MORE READERS:
THE ISLAND SUN**

JOURNALISTS PLAY SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN EXPOSING CORRUPTION

By Transparency International

Journalists, civil society organisations and other whistleblowers play a significant role in identifying and exposing corruption, but it can be extremely dangerous. Journalists in particular face a myriad of obstacles each day and many risk their lives to expose the truth. SLAPP suits are one of the key intimidation tactics used by powerful people to censor opposition and dodge accountability.

This week, we joined 145 other civil society organisations to speak out against a dangerous lawsuit meant to silence civil society in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

The subject of our message, Israeli businessman Dan Gertler, has a long history of profiting off natural resources in the DRC. Last month, he filed a defamation suit against corruption-fighting coalition Congo is Not for Sale (CNPAV). In the lawsuit, Gertler is demanding over US\$1 million in damages over an interview the coalition spokesperson, Jean-Claude Mputu, had with Congolese media website Actualite.cd claiming Gertler and his affiliate companies received approximately US\$60 million in royalties since signing a settlement agreement with the Congolese authorities in February 2022.

Under the settlement, Gertler will have to sell back some of

his oil and mining assets to the Congolese state but will be allowed to collect royalties on three mining projects for the next 15 years and will be exempt from judicial investigations.

In perhaps the most dangerous precedent of the deal, the Congolese government agreed to assist Gertler in his attempts to lift US anti-corruption sanctions against him. Such a lopsided deal could incentivise other companies to enter into similar agreements in the future.

This suit isn't the first time we've seen such actions from Gertler; he has a long history of silencing those who oppose his business practices. He initiated lawsuits, which are still ongoing, against two members of CNPAV and several journalists who work for independent media outlets. In 2021, Gertler and his network launched criminal lawsuits against two whistleblowers employed at Afriland First Bank in Kinshasa who uncovered allegations of money laundering benefiting Gertler. Tragically, these whistleblowers were sentenced to death and the suspected money laundering has yet to be investigated due to the inadequate legal process and rule of law.

We are concerned that the suits against CNPAV members are Strategic Lawsuits against Public Participation (SLAPPs), which are legal measures that target activists, journalists, civil society groups and everyday people who identify injustice and speak out against it. Unfortunately, cases like these happen far too often. Just last November, the "Groupement



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des Exportateurs de Litchis" filed a complaint against our chapter in Madagascar targeting the Executive Director and Chair of the Board. They faced the possibility of prosecution for slander, abusive denunciation and denigration as a result of their work fighting corruption in the lychee trade sector.

Several countries around the world have protections against these types of lawsuits, but many don't go far enough, and some are now taking steps that undermine past safeguards. In the EU, the Presidency of the Council of the EU issued a compromise which weakens protections and decreases the scope of procedural safeguards, which Transparency International EU is speaking out against as part of the Coalition Against SLAPPs in Europe (CASE).

As in the EU, civil society around the world is standing up against such suits. In addition to our letter this week, other NGOs have been calling on governments to hold Gertler to account despite his legal manoeuvring.

Last week, Gertler announced the suspension of all defamation lawsuits in a written response to NGOs. We remain skeptical because, as of now, none of the lawsuits have formally been withdrawn and we await confirmation on what concrete steps he will take to halt the legal proceedings – but it shows he's listening.

In the meantime, it's crucial for countries around the world to uphold protections against SLAPPs and avoid sanctions relief for those who are trying to get away with corruption. We and our allies will continue to keep watch and push back against anyone using SLAPPs to try to silence civil society.

PUBLIC NOTICES

**APPOINTMENT OF LIQUIDATORS
BELLMONT
INVESTMENTS
LIMITED**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1443769
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (1)(a)(ii) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on April 19th, 2023. The Liquidators are Nelia St. Jean of P.O. Box 3342, 116 Main Street Road Town, Tortola VG1110 British Virgin Islands and Charoulla Neofytou of 14 Georgiou Katsari, Asgata. 4502, Limassol, Cyprus.
Dated 21st April, 2023
Sgd. Nelia St. Jean
Sgd. Charoulla Neofytou
Voluntary Liquidators [98/1]

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

Dynamic Magic Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 21st 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 Liquidator is:-
Wayne S. Francis
of c/o Sertus Chambers,
P.O. Box 905,
Quastisky Building,
Road Town,
Tortola VG 1110,
British Virgin Islands [98/2/]

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

S SKY Co. Ltd.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 17th 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 Liquidator is:-
Wayne S. Francis
of c/o Sertus Chambers,
P.O. Box 905, Quastisky Building,
Road Town,
Tortola VG 1110,
British Virgin Islands [98/3]

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

Blue Flexagon Limited
(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 Liquidator is:-
Wayne S. Francis
of c/o Sertus Chambers, P.O. Box 905, Quastisky Building, Road Town, Tortola VG 1110, British Virgin Islands [98/4]

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

**FORTUNE BEST
ENTERPRISE LIMITED**
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1975367
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 21st April, 2023. The Liquidator is
Cassandra Glasgow-Penn
of Chapel Hill,
East End, Tortola,
BVI VG1120.
Dated this 21st April, 2023.
Sgd. Cassandra Glasgow-Penn
Liquidator
[98/5]

**NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
Redwood International
Services Ltd.**

("the Company")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 19th April, 2023; under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck from the Register.
The Liquidator is:-
Thomas Ford
17, Avenue de la Costa
98000, Monaco
[98/6]

**Monte Cristal Investments
Ltd.**
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1543069

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 20th day of April, 2023. The Liquidator is *Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.*
Dated this 20th day of April, 2023
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[98/7]

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

WINON LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 539418
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 23rd August, 2022.
Dated: 24th day of August, 2022
(Sgd.) Philippa V O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator
[98/8]

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

**Entire Prosperity Investment
Co., Ltd.**
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1958655
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 24th August, 2022.
Dated: 24th day of August, 2022
(Sgd.) LAI Siu Fai
Voluntary Liquidator
[98/9]

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

**Giacometti Investments
Limited**
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number: 1810732
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204(1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on April 20, 2023. The Joint Liquidators are
Anton Goldstein and Rachael Pape
of Conyers Dill & Pearman,
Commerce House,
Wickhams Cay I, P.O.
Box 3140,
Road Town,
Tortola, VG1110,
British Virgin Islands.
Dated: April 21, 2023 [98/10]

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

RIAM INVESTORS S.A.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1710138
TAKE NOTICE that there was an error published in the Island Sun newspaper on the 8th April, 2023 page number 33 which stated that **BOLDER CORPORATE SERVICES (BVI) LIMITED** was the liquidated company instead of **RIAM INVESTORS S.A.**
The corrected notice follows:
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.) Nelia St. Jean
Voluntary Liquidator
[98/11]

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

**Global Citizenship Advisory
Limited**
(the "Company")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1915816
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 April 19, 2023. The Liquidator is *Meade Malone of Geneva Place, 2nd floor #333 Waterfront Drive, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.*
Dated: April 25, 2023
Meade Malone
Liquidator [98/12]

**IN THE MATTER OF THE REGISTERED LAND
ACT, CAP. 229 OF THE LAWS OF
THE VIRGIN ISLANDS**

AND

**IN THE MATTER OF DAVID J. ROGERS
AND REPUBLIC BANK (BVI) LIMITED**

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that in exercise of the power of sale conferred on the Chargee by the Registered Land Act, Cap. 229 of the Laws of the Virgin Islands and in right of the said power vested in **REPUBLIC BANK (BVI) LIMITED**, the Chargee by virtue of a certain Charge of the undermentioned land created by **DAVID J. ROGERS** as Chargor and **REPUBLIC BANK (BVI) LIMITED** as Chargee and registered in the Land Register of the Virgin Islands as an encumbrance in the register relating to the said land, **REPUBLIC BANK (BVI) LIMITED** will put up for sale by public auction at the office of **McW. Todman & Co., Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands** on Wednesday the 17th day of May, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. the undermentioned parcels of land together with any improvements standing thereon with the upset price set at \$303,000.00.

ALL THAT piece of parcels of land situated at Larmer's Bay, Tortola, British Virgin Islands containing 1.026 acres and described in the Land Register of the Virgin Islands as Parcels #211 and #216 of Block #2840B of the East Central Registration Section.

Interested persons are asked to submit a sealed offer or provide a written notice confirming interest in the property and an intention to bid at the time of the Auction anytime up to 4:00 p.m. on 16th May, 2023 to the office of **McW. Todman & Co.**

Notwithstanding anything contained in this notice or in any agreement or otherwise The Bank shall not be obligated to sell to the highest or any bidder at the said auction.

A BID OR SEALED OFFER WHICH IS ACCEPTED BY THE BANK IS BINDING ON THE BIDDER AND THE BANK MAY BRING LEGAL PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE BIDDER TO ENFORCE THE AGREEMENT.

Further particulars may be obtained on application to **McW. Todman & Co.** at Mail@mctodman.com, Telephone No. (284) 494 2810.

Dated the 27th day of April, 2023.

Sgd: **McW. TODMAN & Co.**
McW. TODMAN & CO.
ATTORNEYS for
REPUBLIC BANK (BVI) LIMITED

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PUBLIC NOTICES



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

BY EMAIL AND VIRGIN ISLANDS GAZETTE
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**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,
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NOTICE

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

**REACH GOAL
MANAGEMENT LTD.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 24th 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
Nerine Chambers,
Quastisky Building
P.O. Box 905
Road Town, Tortola,
British Virgin Islands
VG 1110
[98/13]

**KKC HOLDINGS
LIMITED**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that the voluntary liquidation and dissolution of KKC HOLDINGS LIMITED commenced on April 19, 2023 and that Christopher Simpson of 2nd Floor, Commerce House, 181 Main Street, P.O. Box 961, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands has been appointed voluntary liquidator of the Company.

Dated: April 19, 2023
Christopher Simpson
Liquidator
[98/14]

*Notice of Appointment of a
Liquidator under Section 204 of the
BVI Business Company Act.*
**KERRY CONSULTANTS
GROUP S.A.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1694148

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 26th, 2023. The Liquidator is Nelia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated: April 26th, 2023
(Sgd.) **Nelia St. Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator
[98/15]

**Work Permit
Renewal Appointment
Notice**

Work permit holders are notified that appointments would be made and sent to their cellular phones and email addresses when their renewals are approved. Applicants are asked to provide updated contact information to the Department of Immigration to ensure that they are notified of their upcoming appointments.

**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
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**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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MONTBROOK LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company Number 1064301

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, Subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from the 25th day of April, 2023.

Dated this 27th day of April, 2023

Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson

Voluntary Liquidator

[98/16]

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

GSR United Fortune Holdings Ltd

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 31st day of March 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.

The Liquidator is:-
Wayne S. Francis
of c/o Sertus Chambers,
P.O. Box 905,
Quastisky Building,
Road Town, T
ortola VG 1110,
British Virgin Islands

[98/17]

FORM "A" "NEW"
To: The Licensing Magistrate
And
The Officer in Charge of Police
I, SIDNEY WHEATLEY
dba **POMATO POINT**
RESTAURANT-now residing at
SETTLEMENT ANEGADA,
BVI in the Territory of the
Virgin Islands do hereby give
notice that it is my intention to
apply to the Licensing Magistrate
at the Special Sitting of the
Magistrate's Court to be held
at Road Town, Tortola, on the
1st day June, 2023 for **BAR**
& RESTAURANT Licence to
sell intoxicating liquor at my
premises situated at **POMATO**
POINT, ANEGADA, BVI,
in the territory of the Virgin
Islands and registered Parcel
Number 10 of **Block 5170A** of
the **ANEGADA, Registration**
Section in the Land Registry of
the Virgin Island
Dated this 17th day of April, 2023.
Signed Sidney Wheatley
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*NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
(NO. 16 OF 2004)*

Kaukuli Holdings Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 30th day of March 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.

The Liquidator is:-
Wayne S. Francis
of c/o Sertus Chambers,
P.O. Box 905,
Quastisky Building,
Road Town,
Tortola VG 1110,
British Virgin Islands
[98/18]

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

**Meeker Manny Technology
Ltd.**
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 29th day of March 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.

The Liquidator is:-
Wayne S. Francis
of c/o Sertus Chambers,
P.O. Box 905,
Quastisky Building,
Road Town,
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[98/19]

BVIHCV2023/ 0036

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

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

Oscart Technology Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 29th day of March 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.

The Liquidator is:-
Wayne S. Francis
of c/o Sertus Chambers,
P.O. Box 905,
Quastisky Building,
Road Town,
Tortola VG 1110,
British Virgin Islands

[98/20]

Government Seeks Tenders For Customised Police Vehicles

The Government of the Virgin Islands request tenders from all locally based automobile dealers for the supply of three (3) customised vehicles for use by the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force. Bid documents currently available weekdays between 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Documents will be sent to bidders electronically upon request to procurement@gov.vg with the subject title "Supply of Vehicles for the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force".

All tenders must be deposited in the Tender Box at the Ministry of Finance (Procurement Unit), RFG Place, Road Town, Tortola, by the bearer not later than 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 16th May, 2023. Tenders will not be received after the Tender Box is closed.

For more information, contact the Procurement Coordinator at (284) 468-4243/5921 or email procurement@gov.vg.

The Fastest Way to communicate with us
islandsunnewsp@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICES

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

Probate: BVIHPB2023/0077

**IN THE ESTATE OF EUGENE AUTIN NIBBS of
Tortola British Virgin Islands, deceased**

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by TERCITA FELECIA STERLING and FLAVIA EUGENIE NIBBS of Florida, United States of America (hereinafter referred to as "the Applicants") of Tortola, British Virgin Islands for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above-named deceased who died on the 17th day of November 2018 at Road Town, Tortola domiciled in Tortola, British Virgin Islands without revoking a Will bearing the date 3 January 2014 wherein the Applicants are named executrices thereof.

ANY PERSON or persons having any objections to the Grant of Probate to the Applicants shall file an objection with the Registrar of the High Court in the Territory of the Virgin Islands within fourteen (14) days of the date of publication of this Notice.

Dated this 25th day of April, 2023

Harbour Chambers BVI
Legal Practitioners for the Applicants [99]

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

**IN THE ESTATE OF LESLEY-ANNE BRUNTON,
LATE OF APARTMENT C24, SPRINGBANK AVE-
NUE, CASCADE, ST ANNS, TRINIDAD, DECEASED.**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR RESEALING OF A
GRANT OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION**

Notice is given that after the expiration of 8 days application will be made to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the resealing of the grant of letters of administration of the estate of Lesley-Anne Brunton late of Apartment C24, Springbank Avenue, Cascade, St Anns, Trinidad, granted by the High Court of Justice in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, on the 21st day of April 2017.

Dated this 25th day of April 2023.

Signed: SINCLAIRS (BVI),
2nd Floor,
Unit 20, Mill Mall,
Road Town, Tortola,
British Virgin Islands
Attorney at Law for the Applicant

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

Probate: BVIHPB2023/0054

**IN THE ESTATE OF BRIAN SYLVESTER
DAWSON of Tortola British Virgin Islands,
deceased**

TAKE NOTICE that DELROY DAWSON of Tortola, British Virgin Islands and RODGER DAVID of St. Thomas, United States Virgin Islands, siblings of the deceased aforesaid, who died on the 17th day of July 2021 intend 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 BRIAN SYLVESTER DAWSON deceased.

ANY PERSON or persons who has or have any objections to the Grant of LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION to the said DELROY DAWSON of Tortola, British Virgin Islands and RODGER DAVID of St. Thomas, 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 21st day of April, 2023

Harbour Chambers BVI
Legal Practitioners for the Applicants [99]

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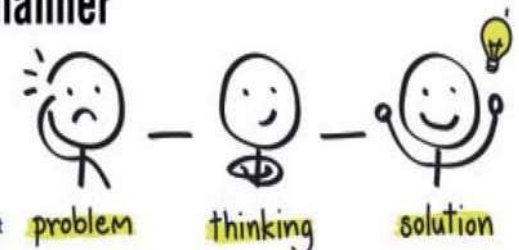


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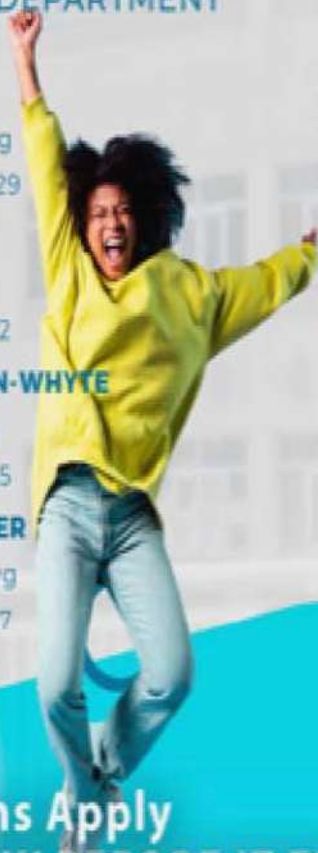
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Caribbean Tourism Leaders Urge Hurricane Preparedness

The Caribbean Hotel and Tourism Association and the Caribbean Tourism Organization are urging the region's tourism sector to step up its preparations for the 2022 hurricane season.

This year's Atlantic Hurricane Season began June 1 and technically runs through Nov. 30.

The US-based National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is predicting what it calls "above average" activity this year.

That amounts to a prediction of between 14 to 21 named storms, with six to 10 having the likelihood of becoming hurricanes.

"We will continue to provide extensive education on insurance, best practices for businesses, communication strategies, cancellation practices, and regional response mechanisms to ensure stakeholders can weather any challenges associated with this year's season," said Vanessa Ledesma, Acting CEO and Director General of the Caribbean Hotel and Tourism Association.

"CTO has always provided critical tools aimed at mitigating disasters, such as the Multi-Hazard Risk Management Guide which is available to planners through the online tourism training centre, the Caribbean Tourism Institute," Walters said. "The importance of preparedness cannot be reiterated enough. It has proven to be one of the key factors enabling the sector to make swift and solid recoveries following setbacks.."

Caribbean Tourism is Booming

By Caribbean Journal Staff

Caribbean tourism is booming, according to a new report from the Caribbean Tourism Organization.

The region's tourism sector posted a six percent increase in arrivals in the first quarter of 2015, the 17th straight quarter of positive growth.

That represented a total of nearly 8 million visits to the region in the first three months of 2015.

The region also set a record in the first quarter for room occupancy (77.8 percent), average daily rate (\$239.84) and RevPar, or revenue per available room (\$188.25), according to the CTO report.

"The outlook for the remainder of the year is positive," said Barbados Tourism Minister and current CTO Chairman Richard Sealy.

Last year, the region recorded 26.3 million visitor arrivals, which was a 5.3 percent improvement over the previous year.

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Jerry Springer, Politician-Turned-TV Ringmaster, Dies at 79



FILE - Talk show host Jerry Springer speaks in New York City, April 15, 2010.

CINCINNATI, OHIO —

Jerry Springer, the onetime mayor and news anchor whose namesake TV show featured a three-ring circus of dysfunctional families willing to bare all on weekday afternoons including brawls, obscenities and blurred images of nudity, died Thursday at 79.

At its peak, "The Jerry Springer Show" was a ratings powerhouse and a U.S. cultural pariah, synonymous with lurid drama. Known for chair-throwing and bleep-filled arguments, the daytime talk show was a favorite American guilty pleasure over its 27-year run, at one point topping Oprah Winfrey's show.

Springer called it "escapist entertainment," while others saw the show as contributing to a dumbing-down decline in American social values.

"Jerry's ability to connect with people was at the heart of his success in everything he tried whether that was politics, broadcasting or just joking with people on the street who wanted a photo or a word," said Jene Galvin, a family spokesperson and friend of Springer's since 1970, in a statement. "He's irreplaceable and his loss hurts immensely, but memories of his intellect, heart and humor will live on."

Springer died peacefully at home in suburban Chicago after a brief illness, the statement said.

On his Twitter profile, Springer jokingly declared himself as "Talk show host, ringmaster of civilization's end." He also often had told people, tongue in cheek, that his wish for them was "may you never be on my show."

After more than 4,000 episodes, the show ended in 2018, never straying from its core salaciousness: Some of its last episodes had such titles as "Stripper Sex Turned Me Straight," "Stop Pimpin' My Twin Sister," and "Hooking Up With My Therapist."

In a "Too Hot For TV" video released as his daily show neared 7 million viewers in the late 1990s, Springer offered a defense against disgust.

"Look, television does not and must not create values, it's merely a picture of all that's out there — the good, the bad, the ugly," Springer said, adding: "Believe this: The politicians and companies that seek to control what each of us may watch are a far greater danger to America and our treasured freedom than any of our guests ever were or could be."

He also contended that the people on his show volunteered to be subjected to whatever ridicule or humiliation awaited them.

Gerald Norman Springer was born Feb. 13, 1944, in a London underground railway station being used as a bomb shelter. His parents, Richard and Margot, were German Jews who fled to England during the Holocaust, in which other relatives were killed in Nazi gas chambers. They arrived in the United States when their son was 5 and settled in the Queens borough of New York City, where Springer got his first Yankees baseball gear on his way to becoming a lifelong fan.

He studied political science at Tulane University and got a law degree from Northwestern University. He was active in politics much of his adult life, mulling a run for governor of Ohio as recently as 2017.

He entered the arena as an aide in Robert F. Kennedy's ill-fated 1968 presidential campaign. Springer, working for a Cincinnati law firm, ran unsuccessfully for Congress in 1970 before being elected to city council in 1971.

In 1974 — in what The Cincinnati Enquirer reported as "an abrupt move that shook Cincinnati's political community" — Springer resigned. He cited "very personal family considerations," but what he didn't mention was a vice probe involving prostitution. In a subsequent admission that could have been the basis for one of his future shows, Springer said he had paid prostitutes with personal checks.

Then 30, he had married Micki Velton the previous year. The couple had a daughter, Katie, and divorced in 1994.

Springer quickly bounced back politically, winning a council seat in 1975 and serving as mayor in 1977. He later became a local television politics reporter with popular evening commentaries. He and co-anchor Norma Rashid eventually helped build NBC affiliate WLWT-TV's broadcast into the Cincinnati

market's top-rated news show.

Springer began his talk show in 1991 with more of a traditional format, but after he left WLWT in 1993, it got a sleazy makeover.

TV Guide ranked it No. 1 on a list of "Worst Shows in the History of Television," but it was ratings gold. It made Springer a celebrity who would go on to host a liberal radio talk show and "America's Got Talent," star in a movie called "Ringmaster," and compete on "Dancing With the Stars."

"With all the joking I do with the show, I'm fully aware and thank God every day that my life has taken this incredible turn because of this silly show," Springer told Cincinnati Enquirer media reporter John Kiesewetter in 2011.

Well in advance of Donald Trump's political rise from reality TV stardom, Springer mulled a Senate run in 2003 that he surmised could draw on "nontraditional voters," people "who believe most politics are bull."

"I connect with a whole bunch of people who probably connect more to me right now than to a traditional politician," Springer told the AP at the time. He opposed the war on Iraq and favored expanding public healthcare, but ultimately did not run.

Springer also spoke often of the country he came to age 5 as "a beacon of light for the rest of world."

"I have no other motivation but to say I love this country," Springer said to a Democratic gathering in 2003.

Springer hosted a nationally syndicated "Judge Jerry" show in 2019 and continued to speak out on whatever was on his mind in a podcast, but his power to shock had dimmed in the new era of reality television and combative cable TV talk shows.

"He was lapped not only by other programs but by real life," David Bianculli, a television historian and professor at Monmouth University, said in 2018.

Despite the limits Springer's show put on his political aspirations, he embraced its legacy. In a 2003 fundraising infomercial ahead of a possible U.S. Senate run the following year, Springer referenced a quote by then National Review commentator Jonah Goldberg, who warned of new people brought to the polls by Springer, including "slack-jawed yokels, hicks, weirdos, pervs and whatnots."

In the infomercial, Springer referred to the quote and talked about wanting to reach out to "regular folks ... who weren't born with a silver spoon in your mouth."

Appeals Court Rejects Trump Effort to Block Pence Testimony



Former Vice President Mike Pence speaks at the Federalist Society Executive Branch Review conference, April 25, 2023, in Washington.

WASHINGTON —

A federal appeals court on Wednesday night moved former Vice President Mike Pence closer to appearing before a grand jury investigating efforts to undo the results of the 2020 presidential election, rejecting a bid by former President Donald Trump's lawyers to block the testimony.

It was not immediately clear what day Pence might appear before the grand jury, which for months has been investigating the events preceding the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection at the U.S. Capitol and efforts by Trump and his allies to subvert the election outcome. But Pence's testimony, coming as he moves closer to entering the 2024 presidential race, would be a milestone moment in the investigation and would likely give prosecutors a key first-person account as they press forward with their inquiry.

The order from the three-judge panel of the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals was sealed and none of the parties are mentioned by name in online court records. But the appeal in the sealed case was filed just days after a lower-court judge had directed Pence to testify over objections from the Trump team.

A lawyer for Pence and a spokesperson for Trump did not immediately return emails seeking comment, and a spokesman for the Justice Department special counsel leading the investigation declined to comment.

Pence was subpoenaed to testify earlier this year, but lawyers for Trump objected, citing executive privilege concerns. A judge in March refused to block Trump's appearance, though he did side with the former vice president's constitutional claims that he could not be forced to answer questions about anything related to his role as presiding over the Senate's certification of votes on Jan. 6.

"We'll obey the law, we'll tell the truth," Pence said in an interview with CBS News' Face the Nation that aired Sunday. "And the story that I've been telling the American people all across the country, the story that I wrote in the pages of my memoir, that'll be the story I tell in that setting."

Pence has spoken extensively about Trump's pressure campaign urging him to reject Biden's victory in the days leading up to Jan. 6, including in his book So Help Me God.

Pence, as vice president, had a ceremonial role overseeing Congress' counting of the Electoral College vote, but did not have the power to affect the results, despite Trump's contention otherwise.

Pence has said that Trump endangered his family and everyone else who was at the Capitol that day and history will hold him "accountable."

"For four years, we had a close working relationship. It did not end well," Pence wrote, summing up their time in the White House.

The special counsel leading the investigation, Jack Smith, has cast a broad net in interviews and has sought the testimony of a long list of former Trump aides, including ex-White House counsel Pat Cipollone and former adviser Stephen Miller. Smith is separately investigating Trump over the potential mishandling of hundreds of classified documents at his Florida estate, Mar-a-Lago, as well as efforts to obstruct that probe.

It is not clear when either of the special counsel's investigations will end or who, if anyone, will be charged.

ADDITIONAL POLICE NEWS

ARREST BLOTTER

MARCH 26 – APRIL 22, 2023

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF CANNABIS WITH INTENT

1. On 28-03-2023 about 1250hrs, Police arrested and charged Sherryann Varlack, 35, of East End for Unlawful Possession of Cannabis with Intent to Supply to Another and Unlawful Possession of Cannabis. She was granted bail in the sum \$10,000 signed bail to appear before Magistrate's Court on 04-05-2023.
2. On 20-04-2023 about 0715hrs, Police arrested and charged Amanda Emmanuel, 37, of Kingston for Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Drug, Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Drug with Intent to Supply and Possession of Proceeds of Criminal Conduct. She was granted bail in the sum of \$50,000 with one surety to appear before the Magistrate's Court on 04-27-2023 at 0900hrs.
3. On 20-04-2023 about 0903hrs, Police arrested and charged K'Shaun Smith, 20, of Kingston for Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Drug, Possession of a Controlled Drug with Intent to Supply and Possession of Proceeds of Criminal Conduct. He was granted bail in the sum of \$50,000 with one surety to appear before the Magistrate's Court on 04-27-2023 at 0900hrs.
4. On 13-04-2023 about 0642hrs, Police arrested and charged Lorenzo Charles, 35, of Major Bay for Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Drug and Unlawful Possession a Controlled Drug with Intent to Supply to Another. He was granted bail in the sum of \$10,000 with one signed surety to appear before Magistrate's Court on 23-05-2023.
5. On 13-04-2023 about 0642hrs, Police arrested and charged Favionne Emmanuel, 28, of Major Bay for Unlawful Possession of Controlled Drug and Unlawful Possession of Controlled Drug in Intent to Supply to Another.

ASSAULT CAUSING ACTUAL BODILY HARM

1. On 30-03-2023 about 1625hrs, Police arrested and charged a 16-year-old female of Hope Hill for Assault Causing Actual Bodily Harm. She was granted bail in the sum of \$2,000 with one surety to appear before Magistrate's Court on 11-05-2023.
2. On 15-04-2023 about 2240hrs, Police arrested and charged Mayram Mohebir, 45, of Johnson Ghut for Assault Causing Actual Bodily Harm.

CRIMINAL TRESPASS

On 06-04-2023 about 0930hrs, Police arrested and charged Miguel Angel Encarnacion, 37, of Dominican Republic for the offence of Criminal Trespass.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT AND ARMED WITH AN OFFENSIVE WEAPON

On 14/04/2023 about 09:00hrs, Police arrested and charged Arthur DeCastro, 67, of Road Town for Indecent Language, Disorderly Conduct, Failing to Comply with an Order from a Police Officer and being Armed with an Offensive Weapon. He was granted bail on his own recognizance to appear before Magistrate's Court on 23-05-2023 at 0900hrs.

BREACH OF TRUST

On 16-04-2023 at about 0610hrs, Police arrested and charged Naima Grante of Old Plantation with three counts of Breach of Trust. She was granted bail with two signed sureties to appear before Magistrate's Court 29-05-2023 at 0900hrs.

BREACH OF PROTECTION ORDER

On 17-04-2023 at about 0722hrs, Police arrested and charged Reavaun Garraway, 28, of Mount Healthy for Breach of Protection Order and Common Assault.

THEFT

On 20-04-2023 at about 1128hrs, Police arrested and charged Gladys Todman, 46, of Baughers Bay for Theft.

Harry Belafonte, Activist and Entertainer, Dies at 96

NEW YORK — Harry Belafonte, the civil rights and entertainment giant who began as a groundbreaking actor and singer and became an activist, humanitarian and conscience of the world, has died. He was 96.

Belafonte died Tuesday of congestive heart failure at his New York home, his wife Pamela by his side, said Paula M. Witt, of public relations firm Sunshine Sachs Morgan & Lylis.

With his glowing, handsome face and silky-husky voice, Belafonte was one of the first Black performers to gain a wide following on film and to sell a million records as a singer; many still know him for his signature hit "Banana Boat Song (Day-O)," and its call of "Day-O! Daaaaay-O." But he forged a greater legacy once he scaled back his performing career in the 1960s and lived out his hero Paul Robeson's decree that artists are "gatekeepers of truth."

He stands as the model and the epitome of the celebrity activist. Few kept up with Belafonte's time and commitment and none his stature as a meeting point among Hollywood, Washington and the civil rights movement.

Belafonte not only participated in protest marches and benefit concerts, but helped organize and raise support for them. He worked closely with his friend and generational peer the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., often intervening on his behalf with both politicians and fellow entertainers and helping him financially. He risked his life and livelihood and set high standards for younger Black celebrities, scolding Jay Z and Beyonce for failing to meet their "social responsibilities," and mentoring Usher, Common, Danny Glover and many others. In Spike Lee's 2018 film "BlacKkKlansman," he was fittingly cast as an elder statesman schooling young activists about the country's past.

Belafonte's friend, civil rights leader Andrew Young, would note that Belafonte was the rare person to grow more radical with age. He was ever engaged and unyielding, willing to take on Southern segregationists, Northern liberals, the billionaire Koch brothers and the country's first Black president, Barack Obama, whom Belafonte would remember asking to cut him "some slack."

Belafonte responded, "What makes you think that's not what I've been doing?"

Belafonte had been a major artist since the 1950s. He won a Tony Award in 1954 for his starring role in John Murray Anderson's "Almanac" and five years later became the first Black performer to win an Emmy for the TV special "Tonight with Harry Belafonte."

In 1954, he co-starred with Dorothy Dandridge in the Otto Preminger-directed musical "Carmen Jones," a popular breakthrough for an all-Black cast. The 1957 movie "Island in the Sun" was banned in several Southern cities, where theater owners were threatened by the Ku Klux Klan because of the film's interracial romance between Belafonte and Joan Fontaine.



FILE - Honoree singer and social activist Harry Belafonte speaks after receiving the Oscar statuette for the Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award, at the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences Governors Awards in Los Angeles, California, Nov. 8, 2014.

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DON'TS

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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, Furniture, -Plumbing, 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.

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