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## VIP CANDIDATE ALLEGEDLY SPEAKS TO FORMER PREMIER

Marieta Flax-Headley, the Virgin Islands Party (VIP) Second District candidate, has addressed recent claims that she had to speak to former Premier Andrew Fahie before deciding to run for office. The allegation of the conversation were raised in early March by incumbent Second District-Representative and Progressive Virgin Islands Movement (PVIM) candidate Hon. Melvin Turnbull. While making the comment Hon. Turnbull alleged that even while facing criminal charges in the United States Fahie was still directing the VIP.

This allegation became a public sensation and as a result Flax-Headley sought to address the allegation during her launch. While noting the rumor the VIP Second District Candidate denied the allegations but acknowledged that Fahie is still her friend despite the criticism faced on the campaign trail.

“Let me make it clear, crystal clear, Hon. Andrew Fahie was and still is my friend. If you are my friend, you can rest assured that you have a friend, I am a friend for you in good times and in bad times. You won’t have to worry about me kicking you to the curb when you are down but rest assured, I will lend a hand to help you out if you fall,” she said.

Flax-Headley also extended her prayers to Fahie as he prepares to go before the judge, stating that she waits in anticipation for him to have his day in court.

### WHO ENCOURAGED FLAX-HEADLEY TO RUN?

In his allegations incumbent Second District Representative-Hon. Turnbull alleged that Fahie had instructed Flax-Headley to run with the VIP. However, At-Large candidate Hon. Carvin Malone sought to discredit those claims during a subsequent VIP radio

program.

While referring to Hon. Turnbull’s comments Hon. Malone said: “It looks as if you have made some people mad. They are talking all kind of mess about who instructed you and who did this and so forth and I know it was a family decision that you were making and you had to make sure that the people who are closest to you were comfortable with what you are doing. That is what it was and we will have to straighten that out.”

During Flax-Headley’s launch Premier and Minister of Finance Dr the Hon. Natalio Wheatley also addressed the comments that were made by Hon. Turnbull. He however did not explicitly deny consulting with Fahie over Flax-Headley’s selection as the Second District candidate.

Nonetheless, the Premier



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roundly rebuked the incumbent District Representative and Minister of Labour Hon. Turnbull, for making ‘disrespectful’ remarks about the matter.

The VIP Chairman stressed the importance of holding leaders accountable, even

when it is uncomfortable, and credited Flax-Headley, his former teacher, with teaching him this important lesson. While also highlighting his friendship with Hon. Turnbull, the

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## VIP CANDIDATE ALLEGEDLY...*from page 1*

Premier condemned what he said on the matter. Hon. Wheatley particularly called Hon. Turnbull out for referring to Fahie as 'Head Coach'.

While announcing that the name Hon. Turnbull used to refer to Fahie is derogatory, Hon. Wheatley said: "That 'who' he's calling the 'head coach' — which in my view is unnecessary. It's unnecessary regardless of what has taken place; still be respectful," Wheatley said.

The Premier also rebuked Turnbull's suggestion that the



*Marieta Flax-Headley*

VIP is still being controlled by Fahie, arguing that it was insulting to the intelligence of

their supporters. He accused Turnbull of using the former Premier's misfortune against him and urged politicians not to use somebody's misfortune as a platform to prop themselves up. "You don't have to pull down a soul. You don't have to talk anything about a head coach," Wheatley stated. "You don't have to try to connect Marieta Flax-Headley, a distinguished woman, a woman of class, a woman of integrity and suggest that she cannot make up her own mind," Hon. Wheatley said.

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## NDP HAS LEARNED FROM PAST MISTAKES: DR. PICKERING SAYS

Former Deputy Premier Dr. Kedrick Pickering has cleared the air about the split that led to the downfall of the National Democratic Party (NDP) in 2019. Speaking at the launch of Myron Walwyn's Sixth District Candidacy Dr. Pickering claimed that the National Democratic Party had voted themselves out of office by not staying united.

"There is nothing like people who can admit that you have made a mistake, and you are prepared to

do what is right and move beyond. We are ready to take this country forward where we left off and take it in a direction," he said.

Dr. Pickering acknowledged that the NDP was on a great trajectory, but they got carried away and made mistakes that cost them their position of power. He admitted that the split was the main reason why they lost the election, adding that they would have still been in office had they stayed together as a team. "Listen to this, the NDP

voted themselves out of office, all of us know that if we had stayed together as a team, we would still be in office. All of us know that. I challenge anybody to tell you that under the National Democratic Party this country wasn't going places. Because we know this country was doing very well, but we were the ones who created the problems for ourselves but we realized that we made a mistake," he said. Despite their past mistakes, Dr. Pickering believes that the NDP has

learnt from them and is ready to take the country forward. He spoke of the many achievements made under the NDP, such as the negotiation of a \$65M loan with the Caribbean Development Bank after the 2017 hurricanes.

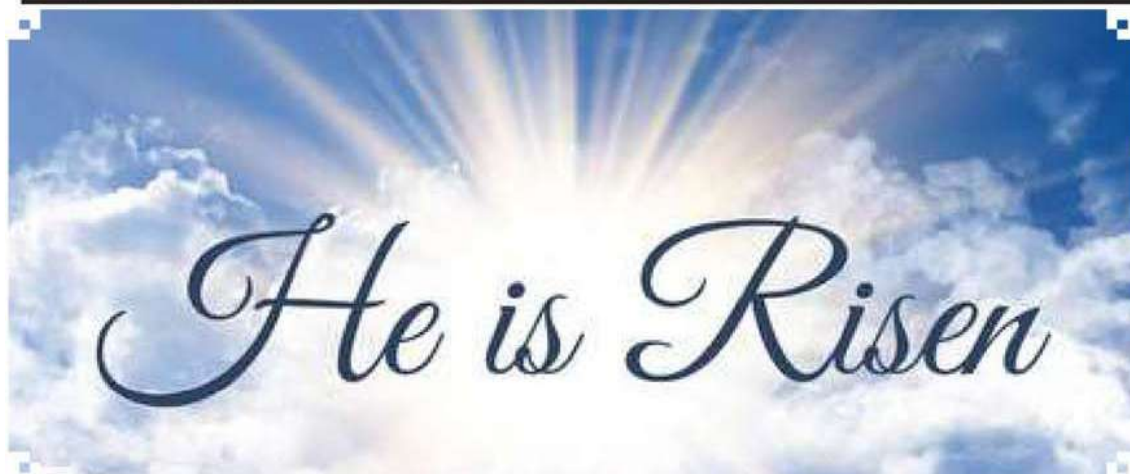
"Our country would have been well on the way if we had stuck to our plans, and moved ahead along the pathway," he said.

Dr. Pickering also emphasized the importance of unity and putting the country first. He spoke of his



*Dr. Kedrick Pickering*

willingness to stand with Hon. Walwyn and be part of a team that prioritizes the wellbeing of the country over personal agendas.



## THIRD DISTRICT WATER WOES GENERATE FIRM FINGER POINTING



*Hon. Julian Fraser*

The Third District Representative, Hon. Julian Fraser has placed the blame for his District's water crisis on his political opponents, and he is not mincing his words.

Speaking at the launch of his Progressives United (PU) campaign, the Third District

Representative slammed the Virgin Islands Party (VIP) and the National Democratic Party (NDP), calling them out for their failures.

According to Hon. Fraser, his District has been struggling with water shortages for decades, and he refuses to take the blame for it. He claimed that a plant commissioned during his tenure as Minister for Natural Resources & Labour with a previous VIP government produced more than enough water for the people of the Third District. However, the plant was closed by the NDP government in 2013, and no replacement was put in place.

Hon. Fraser went on to accuse his opponent, Kevin 'OJ' Smith, of being "right there" with the NDP at the

time, and rebuked him for criticizing the state of the District's water distribution program now that he's running for office. "Now he's got the gumption to come talk about water shortage in Sea Cows Bay... Yeah, the people who you associate yourself with are responsible for it. I'm not taking blame for that." the District Representative said. Hon. Fraser also accused the NDP of installing a water line that was never connected to a water source, calling it a waste of money and a prime example of political nonsense.

### WATER WOES MORE THAN 10 YEARS OLD

For years Hon. Fraser has faced his constituents

to lament the ongoing water situation. One such complaint was made at a 22 September 2016 community meeting. At that public meeting in 2016 Hon Fraser expressed his frustration, saying that the lack of water was an unconscionable act of discriminatory water shortage in the Third District.

He also alleged that it was part of a purposeful plan by the National Democratic Party (NDP) Government to punish the people of Sea Cows Bay for voting for him instead of their candidate in the last two general elections.

Hon Fraser called out the former government for its failure to complete the

Meyers to Chalwell pipeline project and install the more important pipeline from Sabbath Hill to Meyers. He recounted how visitors had to bathe at Nanny Cay during the August holidays, as they were unable to get water in Sea Cows Bay. The lack of water was just one element in a purposeful plan by the NDP Government to punish the people of the Third District, he said.

Hon Fraser noted his disappointment in the then government's lack of progress in fixing the water shortage issue, saying: "There is no way that I can believe that this government actually cares about the people of the district and their water woes."

## VIP POLITICIANS DISMISS RUMORS ABOUT BVI – UK RELATIONSHIP

Premier and Minister of Finance, Dr the Hon Natalio Wheatley has come forward to dispel rumors of a strained relationship between the United Kingdom (UK) and the BVI. During a recent broadcast of VIP's Let Talk radio program on 28 March, Hon. Wheatley joined Deputy Premier and Minister for Communications and

Work Hon Kye Rymer in stating that governance issues in the Territory were not as grim as opposing political candidates are claiming them to be.

Hon Rymer spoke first, dismissing rumors of a sour relationship with the United Kingdom and affirming that the BVI has had good dialogues with the UK in the spirit of a modern partnership.



*Hon. Natalio D. Wheatley*

The Deputy Premier revealed that he had just returned from the UK,

where he had been able to have a conversation with the Foreign and Commonwealth Development-Office (FCDO) on the progress of the Territory's reforms. Premier Wheatley echoed Hon Rymer's sentiments, stating that the BVI and UK have a good relationship without the need for a 'great negotiator' to save the

Territory. He highlighted the negotiations that took place to prevent the suspension of the VI constitution, adding that the level of comfort with the BVI government is currently at an all-time high.

"The United Kingdom is happy to partner with us in our journey," Dr Wheatley declared.



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# BVI Ports Authority Attends Seatrade Cruise Global 2023



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Tortola, British Virgin Islands, 04 April 2023 – A delegation from the British Virgin Islands attended Seatrade Cruise Global 2023 on 27th- 30th March 2023

in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, USA. The delegation was comprised of individuals from the British Virgin Islands Ports Authority (BVIPA), Cyril B. Romney Tortola Pier Park

(CBRTPP), British Virgin Islands Tourist Board (BVITB) and local cruise industry partners. This year, the goal of the delegation was to be better together by

building and expanding on the relationships and partnerships with regional and international partners while charting the way forward for the cruise tourism industry in the Territory. Meetings were held with Carnival Corporation, Club Med, MSC, Le Dumont, Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings, Disney Cruise Line, Royal Caribbean Group, Mystic Cruises and Scenic Cruises. In addition to meeting with cruise lines, the delegation met with destination partners and regional port partners including the Florida Caribbean Cruise Association (FCCA) and the Caribbean Village. The Caribbean Village is a marketing group comprised of regional destinations and ports that work together to promote cruising in the Caribbean. The cruise outlook for the British Virgin Islands is steadily progressing after the industry restart in July 2021. The 2023-2024 cruise booking season has surpassed the most recent seasons. In 2021 after the reopening of the ports, the BVIPA recorded 72,293 cruise passengers for July-December 2021. In 2022, a full year of cruising recorded 265,723 passengers and currently the estimated cruise passenger arrivals for 2023 is 793,000.

The Chairperson of the BVIPA Board of Directors, Mrs. Roxane Ritter-Herbert stated, “Our attendance at Seatrade Cruise Global 2023 allowed us to make new connections and improve on established ones. This helped to highlight areas of growth and improvement for us as a port and cruise destination. Based on interactions and feedback from partners, the Ports Authority is committed to setting goals that will

utilise and strengthen the forward momentum that we have created through our partnerships with the FCCA and The Caribbean Village.”

The four-day conference was held under the theme of Forward Momentum. According to the Seatrade Cruise Global the conference this year focused on the future of cruising and what the momentum means for both short-term and long-term innovations and business plans.

**ABOUT SEATRADE CRUISE GLOBAL-** The leading annual B2B event for the global cruise industry, Seatrade Cruise Global brings together buyers and suppliers from 140 countries and over 300 international journalists. The four-day conference explores the latest trends with industry influencers and high-level cruise executives and includes the annual State of the Global Cruise Industry Keynote with the chief executives of the world’s largest cruise organizations. The three-day exhibition is the largest gathering of the cruise industry hosting over 700 exhibiting companies from all sectors including Design & Ship Interiors, Entertainment, Environmental & Health, Hotel Operations and Concessions, Information Technology, Ports & Destinations, Safety & Security, Ship Equipment & Shipbuilding. Seatrade Cruise Global is part of the Seatrade Portfolio, an integral portfolio within Informa Markets, providing a range of global exhibitions, conference, events, awards, news websites and publications that cover every aspect of the cruise and maritime industries. Seatrade is owned by Informa PLC, the largest B2B events organiser in the world.

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Businesses and premises on which intoxicating liquors are sold, exposed or kept for sale by retail are to be closed until 6:00 p.m. on Good Friday, April 7.

The Premier's Office is notifying the public that these establishments shall remain closed during this time acting in accordance

with Schedule 9 of the Liquor Licences Act, 2022, as referenced in Section 45(1).

Further, Section 45(5) further states, "A person who fails to comply with the provisions of this section and section 46 commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to

a fine not exceeding two thousand dollars and for any subsequent offence to a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars."

Section 46 of the Act prohibits a person from consuming liquor in and taking liquor from the licensed premises during the hours of closing.

Additionally, Section 47 stipulates that a person found on licenced premises during closing hours commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars unless he or she can satisfy the court that his or her presence on such premises was not in contravention of the

provisions of the Act.

The particular hours of opening and closing for premises on which liquor is sold are dependent on the type of licence granted to the establishment. Businesses and the public are asked to note and comply with the operating hours designated for Good Friday.

## Type of Licence

Small Dealers Retail Licence

Retail Licence

Wholesale Licence

Nightclub Licence

Members Club Licence

Hotels

Restaurant Licence

Bar Licence

## Good Friday

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The public is asked to be guided accordingly. For further information or queries, please contact the Premier's Office at 284-468-2152

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#### MONDAYS

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

#### TUESDAYS

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

#### WEDNESDAYS

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

#### THURSDAYS

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

#### FRIDAYS

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

#### SATURDAYS

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

#### SUNDAYS

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



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# REVISED LIST OF VOTERS

## NOTICE

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

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

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

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

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

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Road Town, Tortola  
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## Maples Group Promotes Dispute Resolution & Insolvency Lawyer to Of Counsel in BVI

Maples and Calder, the Maples Group's law firm, is pleased to announce the promotion of Scott Tolliss to Of Counsel in its Dispute Resolution & Insolvency practice in the British Virgin Islands ("BVI"). Scott, who has been with the firm for over four years, practises across the full-spectrum of contentious disputes with particular expertise in complex commercial, corporate and financial litigation, typically borne out of distressed events.

Scott is a solicitor-advocate with extensive court experience in the Eastern Caribbean and has appeared at all appellate

levels in the Territory including before the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council. His significant disputes include:

- Acting for the joint liquidators of three BVI companies in long-running litigation arising out of a significant and well publicised fraud and corruption scandal in Brazil. This litigation has resulted in various judgments, including the territory's first-ever reported judgment on the principle of pooling liquidation estates<sup>1</sup>.
- Representing prominent Ukrainian businessman and politician, Sergey Taruta, in an action brought by sanctioned

Russian bank, JSC VTB. Most recently in this matter, Scott was part of a successful Maples Group team who appeared before the Court of Appeal to secure a judgment which broke new ground on principles relating to the appointment of equitable receivers, and the court's ability to manage, terminate or vary its receivership orders<sup>2</sup>.

- Appearing in the BVI's first cross-jurisdictional virtual trial<sup>3</sup> concerning a derivative action brought against two ultra-high-net-worth Malaysian Datuks and, in a related dispute, appearing before the Judicial

Committee of the Privy Council to secure a favourable outcome from a Board comprising Lord Briggs, Lady Arden, Lord Burrows, Lord Stephens and Lady Rose.

Active within the BVI legal community, Scott is a member and second Vice President of the British Virgin Islands Bar Association ("BVIBA") chairing various membership committees and working with the wider leadership team to fulfil the BVIBA's objectives. He is also a regular contributor to various industry and academic publications, and is an active member of the Recovery and Insolvency Specialists Association (RISA) and International Association of Restructuring, Insolvency & Bankruptcy Professionals (INSOL). Commenting on Scott's promotion, BVI Managing Partner, Richard May said, "It is with great pleasure that I announce Scott's promotion to Of Counsel. Scott is an integral member



*Scott Tolliss*

of our BVI practice and has been involved in some of the jurisdiction's most significant litigation matters in recent years. His exceptional client service and in-depth knowledge of the jurisdiction ensures that our Dispute Resolution & Insolvency practice remains as the forefront of complex, commercial litigation and insolvency and restructuring-related matters in the jurisdiction. We congratulate Scott on this new milestone in his career."



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

## Notice Of Court Closure Notice Of Court Closure

The public is advised that the Magistrate's Court will not be holding court sittings or hearings from today, April 3 until Friday, April 14 to facilitate the completion of administrative tasks, staff leave and the Easter holidays.

The office will remain open to the public to facilitate the processing of applications, cash payments and regular filing of correspondence.

The court will resume hearing scheduled matters on Monday, April 17.

## Erection Of Election Billboards Prohibited Without Approval

The Town and Country Planning Department is advising members of the public that the erection of election campaign billboard is strictly prohibited, unless approval has been granted by the Department.

Permission for the erection of any billboard structures must be sought from the Planning Authority in advance.

For inquiries and additional information, persons may contact the Department at 1(284) 468-2158.



# 20 Years Of Child Abuse Prevention And Awareness

Minister for Health and Social Development Honourable Marlon Penn has said that the Government of the Virgin Islands remains committed to working towards creating a Territory where children are free from discrimination, violence, and injustice.

Honourable Penn's remarks comes into focus as the month of April marks 20 years since the first observation of Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month in the Territory. The Minister for Health and Social Development said the Government of the Virgin Islands strives to protect the Territory's children because today's children will become tomorrow's leaders. He acknowledged how children are treated today will determine the type of future, family and society the Virgin Islands will have tomorrow.

Honourable Penn said, "All of our children deserve and need love and respect. It is our job as adults to make sure our children are safe from physical, sexual and emotional abuse, that they are not exposed to violence, and expected to handle situations that are

beyond their developmental ability or are emotionally traumatised".

In relation to this year's theme, "20 Years of Prevention, Protection and Awareness", Honourable Penn said that since the first year of observing Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month, a lot has changed in the Territory. However, the Minister noted that the work must continue with all stakeholders to curate a space in the Virgin Islands where children feel one hundred percent safe.

Minister Penn added, "As the Minister responsible for Social Development, I am committed to working towards creating a Virgin Islands where there is zero tolerance for child abuse, and everywhere is a safe space for its children. The Virgin Islands must be a place where children are afforded the opportunity to thrive and be children," he said.

The Social Development Department also has several activities slated for this month's observation, chief among them is the 'Decorate a Gate/Fence' competition and the Run/Walk Event. For more information on these

events, persons can contact the Social Development Department at 469-3636 or 468-3650.

The Ministry of Health and

Social Development aspires to continue a caring and integrated system of health and social services that facilitates the development

and improves the quality of life in the Virgin Islands.



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

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

### BOARD OF IMMIGRATION

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

### BOARD MEMBERS

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

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

THE IDEAL CANDIDATES SHOULD EMBODY THE FOLLOWING QUALITIES:

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

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

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

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

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

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



## J Alvin Christopher endorses Troy E. Christopher on his Campaign Launch Cane Garden Bay April 1st 2023

The Committee to Elect Troy Christopher launched, their candidate, Troy E Christopher on Saturday 1st April. Residents of the second district came out, eager to hear his vision and ideas for the district. His message was one of prosperity and new creative ideas to engage all demographics within the community. The night began with prayer and song by Psalmist Donna Cline, followed by prerecorded tributes and an endorsement by former legislature, J Alvin Christopher his uncle.

Christopher, who held the district 2 seat from 1995- 2015

before retiring, gracefully took the podium and endorsed Troy as the best candidate of the three candidates contesting the second district seat. He said Troy has the ability, patience, and the know-how to get the job done. He stated that the job was not for the faint hearted, but for humble, focused persons who are dedicated to the development of their country. Many saw his endorsement as a boost for Troy as he has been a giant in the Political arena for over 20 years. Mr. Christopher also warned residents of the dark days he sees ahead if we don't make the right decisions

in light of the order in counsel and to be prepared and expect anything.

Troy's daughters, Queen Nandy and Queen Makeda, as he affectionately calls them, introduced their father and expressed that he is a great mentor, and he cares. He is very hardworking and made sure to share his knowledge with them so that they can develop skills, like photography, among others, to sustain themselves. He is very approachable and shows compassion to everyone whether by assisting someone in the community or by giving his last to ensure that that person



can make ends meet. They also highlighted that not only has he assisted persons within the community, but he has made his voice heard over the years regarding his grievances within the second district and have always had great interest in making a difference.

Before Troy Christopher took the stage, he aired a pre-recorded video. In the video he can be seen walking through the district highlighting many poorly maintained and deteriorated community centers that could have been secured after the hurricanes and still be retrofitted to be used instead of condemning; deteriorated basketball courts, Playground, dinghy dock and restroom facility from all throughout the communities. This was his prelude to highlighting the poor leadership of the second district representative as it begs the question where has the district representative been for the past 8 years?

He spoke about creating an economic triangle that includes the main tourist hubs in the district:

Cane Garden Bay, Brewers Bay and Jost Van Dyke; giving the spin-off for effective growth for jobs, increase in room

occupancy for hoteliers, car rentals. Taking the opportunity of more promotion of tours throughout the entire second district. He also shared his vision as it relates to food security and renewable energy many of which can be incorporated in the enhancement of the presently non-functioning community centers making them central to the improved quality of lives of the residents.

Troy Christopher's campaign launch was one of the three district representatives, launches that took place consecutively over the last several days. There was a sharp contrast in the messages of the other candidates. Mr. Christopher clearly demonstrated a level of maturity and dept of knowledge on issues confronting the district and the territory at large. There was no political party hype, but instead real message of hope, innovation, competence, and accessible leadership to the residents of the second district. A Vote for Troy will be a vote for a brighter future for the people of the second entire district and BVI on a whole.

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# A Tiny New Caribbean Adults-Only Hotel

By Bob Curley



Virgin Gorda has its share of traditional hotels, luxury resorts, beachside villas, and sailor's havens, but an adults-only French country inn is definitely a first for the island — and the British Virgin Islands as a whole.

The British and French are centuries-long rivals, so perhaps it's appropriate that this international matchmaking was pulled off by a pair of Americans, albeit both longtime BVI residents. Memphis-born Rose Giacinto and New Yorker Inge Judd are the co-innkeepers of the Inn at Cornucopia, a new five-suite luxury inn near the Baths, by far the top visitor attraction in the BVI.

Giacinto is best known as the founder and manager of the Chez Bamboo and Bath & Turtle, a combination bar/restaurant/coffee house that's one of the culinary and entertainment hot spots of Spanish Town. Judd is a longtime executive search professional who has been a BVI "belonger" for more than half a century.

"The best thing I can say about coming to Cornucopia is you get both Rose and Inge," says Judd. "Both of us have been in the 'people business' forever and we both love it. With Rose having years of restaurant hospitality and my being a seven-continent, high-end traveler plus my years of business experience, running an inn is an extension of our love and expertise. And our bonus is having created this beautiful place to work in and care for."



The BVI has other small inns and B&Bs, of course, but the Inn at Cornucopia is unique in its level of service and European flair, which includes a gourmet breakfast included daily, concierge and local transfer services, and custom furnishings brought together by Judd. Breakfast opens with a Bloody Mary or an island-inspired passionfruit Bellini, and continues with egg dishes, specials like French toast and Quiche, charcuterie and homemade yogurt. Afternoon drink service is provided, too. "Historically the territory has had hotels, resorts and villas," says Judd. "All offer different types of accommodations. Hotels are just that, rooms for rent. Resorts like Little Dix Bay or Long Bay have services, amenities, are usually large, and usually quite costly. Necker Island, Mosquito and Oil Nut Bay are out of the financial range of most people. And villas, well, you need to book the entire property and there is usually a minimum of 7 days."

"Cornucopia is an inn: just 5 visually beautifully en-suite rooms full of antiques, ironed and starched linen, and all rooms with either balcony or terraces," explains Judd. "We are an option for sailors wanting to spend a few days on land, we are available for villa guests who just need a few extra nights on island." And, of course, the inn is a standalone option for travelers looking for a different kind of BVI vacation experience.

If you've stayed at an upscale small inn in the U.S., picture that level of dining, service, and accommodation, but in the Caribbean. Rooms have vaulted ceilings and private patios looking out over the boulder-strewn landscape of the Baths, some with water views. And it's one of the rare resorts in the BVI that welcomes pets — at least, cats and dog under 20 pounds (there's also a special menu for furry travel companions).

Children, however, are invited to stay home: this inn is adults-only. The inn at Cornucopia is not on the beach, but it's a short walk to the Baths and even closer to Little Trunk Bay and Spring Bay, the latter a public park. Dining

and nightlife options in walking distance include the Top of the Baths restaurant (which also has a pool) and the Mad Dog and Poor Man's bars. A three-night minimum stay is required.

"We are now open receiving and

welcoming guests," said Judd, "and I am loving getting up every morning, staying challenged and making things happen."

For more, visit the Inn at Cornucopia.

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# GLOBAL NEWS BRIEF

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HILLSDALE, Mich. (AP) — A Michigan college has ended its partnership with a Florida charter school whose principal was forced to resign after a parent complained sixth graders were exposed to pornography during a lesson on Renaissance art that included Michelangelo's David sculpture.



A Hillsdale College spokesperson said Tallahassee Classical School no longer is affiliated with the small, Christian classical liberal arts college in southern Michigan, MLive.com reported Thursday.

"This drama around teaching Michelangelo's 'David' sculpture, one of the most important works of art in existence, has become a distraction from, and a parody of, the actual aims of classical education," spokesperson Emily Stack Davis wrote in a statement. "Of course, Hillsdale's K-12 art curriculum includes Michelangelo's 'David' and other works of art that depict the human form."

Tallahassee Classical School was licensed to use Hillsdale's classical education curriculum, but its license was "revoked and will expire at the end of the school year," Davis said.



PARIS -For or against electric scooters for rent? This is the question that Parisians of legal age who registered on the electoral rolls of the French capital will be able to answer. The popular consultation, which will take place this Sunday, will determine the future of these electric vehicles in the city, one of the first to open up to this personal mobility market. The mayor, Anne Hidalgo, has said loud and clear that she wants to ban them because she considers them dangerous, environmentally

unfriendly and a source of conflict in the public space.

The scooter craze has not waned since they arrived in the French capital in 2018, when more than 12 operators offered their services. The devices have proliferated across the city's wide boulevards, but also on its narrower streets and on the hundreds of kilometers of bike lanes that authorities have built in recent years. Their growing use, however, has been accompanied by criticism and controversy due to their difficulty in coexisting with pedestrians, motorists and cyclists, and the fact that they obstruct some sidewalks. [El Pais]

ROME - Italy's Association of Rainbow Families rallied in Bologna Sunday to defend the rights of same-sex couples to have their children recognised by the state, which the rightwing government has stopped.



"A clearer law is needed," said Bologna's centre-left Mayor Matteo Lepore, referring to the supreme court ruling that the government has used to stop mayors registering the children

of gay couples, but which appears to be open to interpretation.

Several hundred people defied steady rain to attend the Bologna rally, held in the iconic central Piazza Maggiore.

The mayor of the northwestern port city of Savona, Marco Russo, on Saturday became the latest local official to flout the government ban and register the son of two women.

The child, conceived in Barcelona with the assisted fertility of one of the women, was born in Savona earlier this week.

It was the first case of registration of the child of a same-sex couple in Liguria since the government stopped the practice.

Russo explained his decision to prosecutors and the prefect saying that he had signed the act personally without involving any other functionaries. "I challenge the ban, the government is far away from reality", he said. [ANSA]

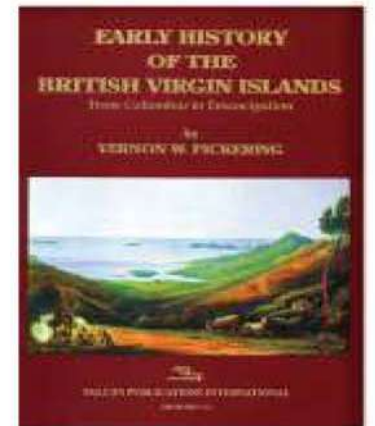
ROME - CNN -Italians who use English and other foreign words in official communications could face fines of up to €100,000 (\$108,705) under new legislation introduced by Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni's Brothers of Italy party. (pictured here)



Fabio Rampelli, a member of the lower chamber of deputies, introduced the legislation, which is supported by the prime minister.

While the legislation encompasses all foreign languages, it is particularly geared at "Anglomani" or use of English words, which the draft states "demeans and mortifies" the Italian language, adding that it is even worse because the UK is no longer part of the EU.

The bill, which has yet to go up for parliamentary debate, requires anyone who holds an office in public administration to have "written and oral knowledge and mastery of the Italian language." It also prohibits use of English in official documentation, including "acronyms and names" of job roles in companies operating in the country.



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Foreign entities would have to have Italian language editions of all internal regulations and employment contracts, according to a draft of the legislation seen by CNN.

"It is not just a matter of fashion, as fashions pass, but Anglomani has repercussions for society as a whole," the draft bill states.

CARIBBEAN - CMC News - The United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP) operations in the Caribbean has issued a public recommendation for travelers as an increase in the number of international arrivals is expected to start this weekend as part of the spring travel season. "With the arrival of spring, and numerous travel experiences across the Caribbean, there is an anticipated increment in the number of international arrivals to its airports, as well as private vessel entries traversing the islands in the West Indies into the United States," said CBP in a statement.

"We ask travelers to be aware and ready in order to avoid long lines and inconveniences at the airports, and warrant boaters to report their entry by sea into US territory," said Roberto Vaquero, director of Field Operations for Puerto Rico, and the US Virgin Islands.

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# The Sunny Side Up



## Through the Lens of The Sunny Side



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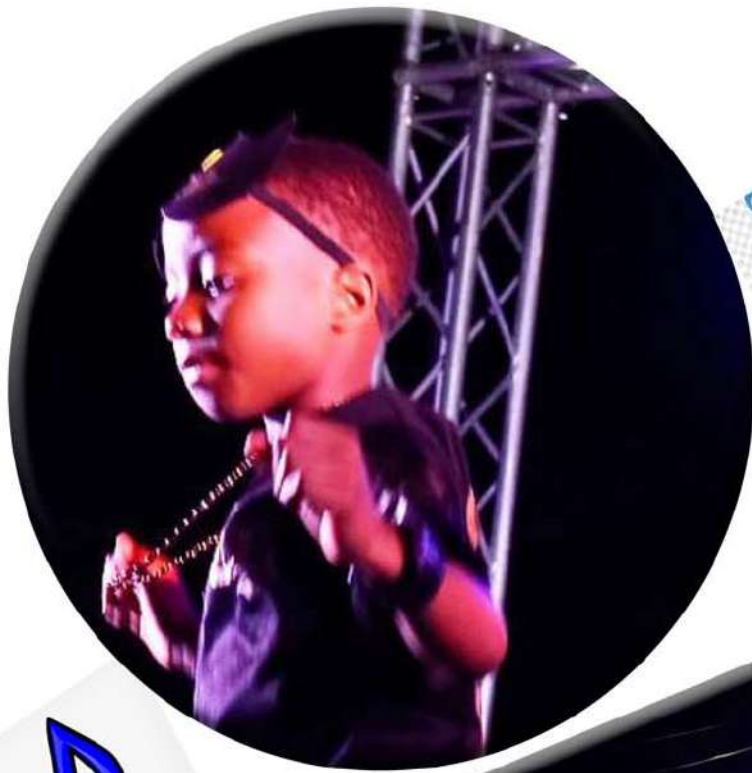
# ★ VIRGIN GORDA GOT TALENT ★

*Photo credit: Orlando Stevens \_\_\_\_\_ Continued on Page 16*

The musical abilities of residents of Virgin Gorda were celebrated and on full display on Saturday April 1 at the Jeffrey Caines Arena when the VG Got Talent Event was held.

A variety of music including reggae, hip hop and ballads as well as impressive performances on the saxophone, drum, and even ukelele were seen during the talent filled event.

The best part of the night was watching as young persons from the community took to the stage to dance and showcase their moves.





## Ladyburd Talks...

**Dear Readers:** Kite flying is a popular tradition in the Caribbean, especially on Easter Monday, when families and enthusiasts take to open spaces to display various kites of shapes and sizes either for leisure or in competition. Like any other aerial sport, there are safety rules which should be followed to ensure no one is hurt during kite flying as well as property is not damaged.

**Here are five rules for safe kite flying:**

**1. Do not fly kites near power lines**

Kites should not be flown in yards or spaces that are close to overhead power lines. Your kite flying line can be used as a path for electrical current. If your kite become stuck on a power line, do not try to remove it yourself. Contact your local utility company if the kite poses a danger to others and needs to be taken down.

**2. Do not fly kites near airports :**

Most airport authorities will issue warnings about the dangers of flying kites in the vicinity of a space with air traffic. Playing with a kite near these areas could distract pilots as well as be ingested into aircraft engines. This could place persons' lives at risk on the ground as well as those within an aircraft.

**3. Do not fly kites during stormy weather:**

It is never a good idea to fly a kite when it is raining or when the weather is stormy. A wet kite string can become a conductor of electricity if there is lightning when there is inclement weather. also. do not use a metallic flying line on your kite.

**4. Be aware of your surroundings :**

When choosing a spot to fly your kite, make sure you are not too close to other kite flyers as everyone is trying to enjoy the space. Also make sure you are not flying your kite over or near other people as a kite falling on someone depending on the size, as well as someone becoming entangled in the flying line, could result in injury. And, to avoid injury to yourself always be aware of any objects, holes on the ground in front or behind you to prevent falling over.

**5. Choose your kite size wisely :**

Think about your strength and the size of the kite you could manage when the wind begins to pick up. You might have to consider wearing gloves to prevent injury to your hands if flying a giant kite.

Keep in mind that you should not fly a kite that you cannot control.

**Have fun!!**



**Source:**  
<https://caribbean.loopnews.com/content/5-rules-safe-kite-flying-around-easter>



## Light Bulb Moments

*"Christ the Lord is risen today,  
sons of men and angels say.  
Raise your joys and triumphs  
high; sing, ye heavens and  
earth reply."*

— Charles Wesley

*"Let the resurrection joy  
lift us from loneliness and  
weakness and despair to  
strength and beauty and  
happiness."*

— Floyd W. Tomkins

## Poetry Corner

### Easter Joy

*Jesus came to earth,  
To show us how to live,  
How to put others first,  
How to love and how to give.*

*Then He set about His work,  
That God sent Him to do;  
He took our punishment on  
Himself;  
He made us clean and new.*

*He could have saved Himself,  
Calling angels from above,  
But He chose to pay our price  
for sin;  
He paid it out of love.*

*Our Lord died on Good Friday,  
But the cross did not destroy  
His resurrection on Easter  
morn  
That fills our hearts with joy.*

*Now we know our earthly death,  
Like His, is just a rest.  
We'll be forever with Him  
In heaven, where life is best.*

*So we live our lives for Jesus,  
Think of Him in all we do.  
Thank you Savior;  
Thank you Lord.  
Help us love like you!*

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## Tickle My Funny Bones



### The Burglar

A man goes to the police station wanting to speak to the burglar who broke into his house the night before. **'You'll get your chance in court,'**

**says the desk sergeant.**

**'No, no, no! says the man.**

**'I want to know how he got into the house  
without waking my wife up.**

**I've been trying to do that for years!'**

### DIVORCE

**Why did I got divorced...says John?**

Well, last week was my birthday.

My wife didn't wish me a happy birthday.

My parents forgot and so did my kids.

I went to work and even my colleagues didn't wish me a happy birthday.

As I entered my office, my secretary said,

**"Happy birthday, boss!"**

I felt so special. She asked me out for lunch. After lunch, she invited me to her apartment.

We went there and she said,

"Do you mind if I go into the bedroom for a minute?"

"Okay," I said. She came out 5 minutes later with a birthday cake, my wife, my parents, my kids, my friends, and my colleagues all yelling,

**"SURPRISE!!!"**

while I was waiting on the sofa... **naked.**

## PUN INTENDED

**"Easter celebrations are a great way to get people out of their shells..."**



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# VIRGIN GORDA GOT TALENT

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# DIVAS ON A DIME

By Patti Diamond

## These show-stopper cookies are perfect for Easter

*Springtime Perfection: Easy and Colorful Meringue Cookies With a Secret Twist!*

Could these cookies be any more perfect for springtime? I think not. They're sweet, pastel and light as a feather. The technique of making meringue has been used in European baking since the 17th century and is a staple ingredient in classic desserts like pavlova and lemon meringue pie.

While they look impressive, they're astonishingly easy to make. And if I can make these, you can make these. Let everyone think you moonlight as a pastry chef in a French patisserie. It'll be our secret.

Speaking of secret, there's an unexpected ingredient in these meringue-based cookies. We use gelatin dessert powder (such as Jell-O brand). Besides giving these cookies their beautiful colors and fun fruity flavors, the gelatin makes the meringue exceptionally stable and very easy to work with. The stable texture makes using a piping bag with a tip to create beautiful flower shapes easy and fun.

I imagine my dear readers rolling their eyes thinking, "She's lost her mind. Not only is she expecting us to make meringue, but she wants us to use a piping bag." Believe me, I used to be scared of both things, too. But as I said, if I can do this, anybody can.

If you can use a mixer, you can make meringue. You simply whip the egg whites, adding sugar and gelatin powder. If you choose not to pipe them, just plop by the spoonful and bake. Using a piping bag is great fun. I have no piping skills whatsoever! The internet is filled with easy instructional videos. You can invest in some reusable bags and a few tips for under \$5. Any mistakes you make you can scoop back into the bag and try again. Or just eat them. I won't tell.

### PASTEL MERINGUE COOKIES

**Yield: approximately 36 cookies**

**Total Time: 2 1/2 hours**

**4 egg whites**

**1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar**

**1/2 cup sugar**

**1 (3 ounce) box gelatin, any flavor**

Preheat oven to 225 F. Carefully separate

egg yolks from the whites, taking care that absolutely no yolks get in the whites. Reserve yolks for another purpose.

In a completely clean and dry mixing bowl, beat egg whites and cream of tartar on high speed. When whites reach soft peak stage, gradually add the sugar one tablespoon at a time. Continue to beat until stiff peaks form. Turn mixer to low and gradually add gelatin powder until incorporated.

On a parchment lined baking sheet, drop mixture by tablespoonfuls or use your piping bag fitted with a decorative tip to pipe meringue mixture

into shapes as desired. Bake for 1 hour, then turn off heat. Without opening the oven door, leave them in the oven for another hour to further dry.

Once dried, these cookies can be stored in an airtight container at room temperature for up to a week, or in the freezer for up to a month.

I made these cookies using five flavors of gelatin. Pineapple was the family favorite, but each flavor was enjoyable.

Unfortunately, adding the gelatin means they're not Kosher for Passover. Of course, you can omit the gelatin, double the sugar, add a teaspoon of vanilla and a few drops of food coloring. Et Voila!

Perfect for Easter, bridal or baby showers, these cookies are a showstopper. You can add sprinkles, top with colored sugar or dip the bottoms in melted chocolate. You can combine different colored batters in the piping bag for multicolor swirl effects. At a cost of under \$2 a batch, these spectacular cookies are certainly frugal and fabulous!

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## Take Care Of Your Health For World Health Day

Residents of the Virgin Islands are encouraged to take care of their mental, physical, spiritual and social health as the Territory observes World Health Day.

Public Health Officer, Ms. Renee Leonard said that this year's theme, 'Health for All' is reflective of the mission to get everyone involved in taking care of their health, which will bring the Territory one-step closer towards a healthier Virgin Islands.

Ms. Leonard stated that taking care of one's health has never been more important than it is today and this can be done with a few changes to their daily routine. These changes she added will positively affect their mental wellness, nutrition, physical activity and sleep.

"When you are feeling down or stressed out, try to find positive ways to cope with the stressors of life, instead of succumbing to negative coping mechanisms," Ms. Leonard said, adding, "Persons can try techniques such as connecting with nature, seeking professional help, praying and practicing gratitude."

The Public Health Officer also advocated for a diet rich in fruits and vegetables, while limiting processed foods, sugar and salt.

Persons are also encouraged to be more active. The World Health Organization recommends at least 150 minutes of moderate physical activity or 75 minutes of vigorous physical activity per week.

Ms. Leonard said that similar to air, water and food, sleep is essential to our health because it can help to lower stress levels, prevent sickness and enhance cognitive function.

World Health Day is observed annually on April 7 to draw attention to a specific health topic of concern to people all over the world. The date also marks the anniversary of the founding of the World Health Organization in 1948.

Persons interested in more information about World Health Day can contact Ms. Leonard at 468-2273.

The Ministry of Health and Social Development is committed to improving the health of the people of the Virgin Islands.



# POLICE NEWS

## ARREST BLOTTER

**MARCH 12 – MARCH 25, 2023**

### UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED DRUG

1. On 14-03-2023 at about 0005hrs, Police arrested and charged Jahkoy Martin, 19, of Carrot Bay for Possession of a Controlled Drug. He was granted bail in the sum of \$5,000 with one surety to appear before Magistrate's Court on 25-04-2023.

2. On 17-03-2023 at about 2050hrs, Police arrested and charged Aaron Headley, 28, of Diamond Estate for the offences of Possession of a Controlled Drug and Possession of a Controlled Drug with Intent to Supply.

3. On 17-03-2023 at about 2355hrs, Police arrested and charged Gregory Bryan, 49, of Greenland for Possession of a Controlled Drug. He was granted bail in the sum of \$5,000 with one surety to appear before Magistrate's Court on 05-05-2023.

### OBTAINING MONEY BY DECEPTION

On 15-03-2023 at about 1245hrs, Police arrested and charged Devon Smith, 42, of Baughers Bay on two counts of Obtaining Money by Deception and two counts of Possession of Proceeds of Criminal Conduct. He was granted bail in the sum of \$50,000 with one signed surety to appear before Magistrate's Court on 25-04-2023.

### ASSAULT CAUSING ACTUAL BODILY HARM

On 15-03-2023 at about 1054hrs, Police arrested and charged a 15-year-old male of Parham Town for Assault Causing Actual Bodily Harm. He was granted bail in the sum of \$2,500 with one surety to appear before Magistrate's Court on 03-05-2023.

### BURGLARY

On 15-03-2023 at about 1126hrs, Police arrested and charged Mekhi Heskey, 20, of Village Cay for Burglary. He was granted bail in the sum of \$5,000 with one surety to appear before Magistrate's Court on 05-05-2023.

### INDECENT ASSAULT

On 17-03-2023 at about 0640hrs, Police arrested and charged Junior Douglas, 44, of Hope Hill for Indecent Assault.

### CARRYING AN UNLICENSED FIREARM

On 24-03-2023 at about 1715hrs, Police arrested and charged Akeem Robinson, 34, of West End, for Carrying an Unlicensed Firearm and Unlawful Possession of Ammunition.

### FAIL TO STOP VEHICLE AT REQUEST OF A POLICE OFFICER

On 24-03-2023 about 1858hrs, Police arrested and charged Johnoi Frank, 22, of Horse Path for Failing to Stop Vehicle at Request of an Officer, Driving without a Driver's License, Driving Unlicensed Vehicle, Driving Uninsured Vehicle, Driving without a Front Identification Plate, Driving without a Rear Identification Plate, and Driving without a Crash Helmet.

# PVIM CANDIDATES DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

## NOTICES

### VIRGIN ISLANDS (CONSTITUTION) ORDER 2007

In accordance with s. 66 (1) (F) of the Virgin Islands (Constitution) Order 2007, I RONNIE W. SKELTON of #20 Fort Charlotte Road, McNamara, Tortola, VG1110, British Virgin Islands DO HEREBY GIVE NOTICE, that I am connected with the following companies in the capacity as indicated:

Skelton Quarry Limited – CEO/Director/Shareholder  
Supplier of Quarry Material  
Skelton Baylot Limited – CEO/Director/Shareholder  
Rental of Warehouse Space  
Skelton Development Limited – CEO/Director/Shareholder  
Rental of Commercial Space  
Skelton Concrete Products (2010) Limited – CEO/Director/Shareholder  
Supplier of Ready-Mix Concrete  
Skelton Properties Limited – CEO/Director/Shareholder  
Rental of Land, Property Investments  
Skelton Investments Limited – CEO/Director/Shareholder  
Skelton Enterprises Limited – CEO/Director/Shareholder  
CRC Trading Limited – Director/Shareholder  
Supplier of equipment and building materials  
P&3R Company Limited – Director/Shareholder

I further declare that periodically, I DO conduct business on behalf of these companies with the Government of the Virgin Islands and statutory boards.



Ronnie W. Skelton  
March 29, 2023

## NOTICES

### VIRGIN ISLANDS (CONSTITUTION) ORDER 2007

In accordance with s. 66 (1) (F) of the Virgin Islands Constitution) Order 2007, I, Stacy Roger Mather MBE of Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands DO HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I am connected with the following company in the capacity as indicated:

Sea Turtle Aquatics as an Owner  
YEP Foundation as a Director



Stacy R Mather  
March 21st, 2023

## NOTICES

### VIRGIN ISLANDS (CONSTITUTION) ORDER 2007

In accordance with s. 66 (1) (F) of the Virgin Islands Constitution) Order 2007, I Shereen D. Flax-Charles

of Valley, Virgin Gorda, British Virgin Islands DO HEREBY GIVE

NOTICE that I am not connected with any company doing business with the Government of the Virgin Islands.



Shereen D. Flax-Charles

March 20, 2023

## NOTICES

### VIRGIN ISLANDS (CONSTITUTION) ORDER 2007

In accordance with s. 66 (1) (F) of the Virgin Islands Constitution) Order 2007, I, Ingrid Annmarie Moses-Scatliffe of Havers Estate, Tortola, Virgin Islands (UK) DO HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I am connected with the following companies in the capacity as indicated:

Travers Thorp Alberga - Partner  
Harkom Corporate Services Limited – Director and Shareholder  
Harkom Shareholders Limited – Director and Shareholder  
Harkom Directors Limited – Director and Shareholder  
Telecom Investments Holdings Limited - Shareholder  
Chaland Enterprises Limited - Director

I further declare that I do not have any contracts with the Government of the Virgin Islands.



Ingrid A. Moses-Scatliffe

Date: 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2023

## NOTICES

### VIRGIN ISLANDS (CONSTITUTION) ORDER 2007

In accordance with s. 66 (1) (F) of the Virgin Islands Constitution) Order 2007, I Shaina M. Smith-Archer of Frenchman's Cay, Tortola, British Virgin Islands DO HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I am connected to the following company in the capacity as indicated:

Smith & Associates, Inc. as Managing Director

I further declare that this company does not currently have any contracts with the Government of the Virgin Islands.



Shaina M. Smith-Archer  
March 20, 2023

# PVIM CANDIDATES DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

## DECLARATION

### THE VIRGIN ISLANDS CONSTITUTION ORDER 2007

In accordance with Section 66 (1)(f) of the Virgin Islands Constitution Order 2007, I, **Melvin Mitchell Turnbull** of Windy Hill, British Virgin Islands do hereby give notice that I am connected with the following companies in the capacity as indicated:

1. **Body U Fit Health Club** as Director
2. **Gene's Bar & Grill** as Director

I further declare that I conduct services and receive a salary from being a Minister in the Government of the Virgin Islands.

  
Melvin Mitchell Turnbull  
30<sup>th</sup> March 2023

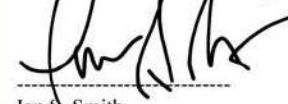
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Erin Rentals (2017) Ltd., Director  
Roosevelt Smith (Modern Construction) Limited, Chief Operating Officer  
Fort Burt 1990 Limited, Manager  
Fort Burt 1997 Limited, Manager

I further declare that periodically, I do conduct business on behalf of these companies with the Government of the Virgin Islands and statutory boards.

  
Ian S. Smith  
March 21, 2023

## NOTICES

### VIRGIN ISLANDS (CONSTITUTION) ORDER 2007

In accordance with s 66(1) (F) of the Virgin Islands Constitution Order 2007, I MARVIN E. BLYDEN of Huntum's ghut, Tortola VG1110, British Virgin Islands DO HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I am connected with the following companies in the capacity AS INDICATED:

#### A & M Coin Laundry – CEO/Director/Shareholder

- Provides sales and services of laundry products (detergent, beverages, laundry bags etc.)

#### M.B's Ice Service – CEO/Director

- Provides sales and services of ice, ice bags and ice bins

#### Qwomar Trading Limited - CEO/Director

- Provides sales and services of pharmaceuticals, prescription drugs, sundries and office space rental

#### Qwomar Trading Limited Construction - CEO/Director

- Provides building materials and equipment, repair, builds homes, walls and other construction projects

I further declare that periodically, I DO conduct business on behalf of these companies with the Government of the Virgin Islands



Marvin E. Blyden  
23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022

### VIRGIN ISLANDS (CONSTITUTION) ORDER 2007

In accordance with s. 66 (1) (F) of the Virgin Islands (Constitution) Order 2007, I

SYLVIA C. ROMNEY-MOSES with address at

DIAMOND ESTATE, TORTOLA, British Virgin Islands

DO HEREBY GIVE NOTICE, that I have interests in the following companies in the capacity as indicated:

BVI CANCER SOCIETY – TREASURER

BVI RED CROSS - TREASURER

I further declare that I DO NOT conduct business on behalf of these companies with the Government of the Virgin Islands and statutory boards.

  
Sylvia C. Romney-Moses

Dated: March 30, 2023

# COMMENTARY

## The 800-Pound Gorilla in the Room

By Dickson Igwe



*Dickson Igwe*  
March 28, 2023

In the heat of the Virgin Islands general Election Campaign, the one matter that appears overlooked, amidst the thrusts, hustings and rhetorical shuffling of electioneering, is how politicians intend to fulfill the recommendations of the

Commission of Inquiry. Now, an incoming government post the April 24, 2023 General Election will face a ‘tricky’ landscape. Governance will involve walking through a ‘thick jungle of pits, traps, and dangerous beasts.’

In the quest to govern, a new premier and his or her ministers will face a ‘Sword of Damocles’ hanging over the land.

The Order in Council threatening the suspension the Virgin Islands Constitution, will serve as a check on any government that fails to fulfill the requirements of the Commission. Springing

from that Order in Council will be tension in managing the affairs of state.

Consequently, there is no point avoiding the COI on the campaign trail. Voters want to know the what, where, how, when, and who of implementing the recommendations of the Commission.

We all know the why, which is the collapse in integrity and justice in managing the affairs of the country by past governments going back over 25 years. There is no innocent party.

The latest revelations include the abuse of the grant process, issues in the granting of Belonger status,

and the arrest of the former premier for drug related charges in Miami.

Before that, there was the alleged mismanagement of funds by the previous government.

These allegations of the COI leaves no one untarnished, apart from a few ‘newbies’ who can claim the ‘innocence of a virgin raped by some rapacious beast.’ Issues that require immediate attention include fixing the garbage dump at Pockwood Pond; building safer roads; enforcing safety rules for scooters and motorbikes; fixing water and sewage woes in specific locations; ensuring better health

insurance; and correcting the matter of politician’s pensions.

Therefore, please come clean to voters, and state how you will govern effectively, while fully implementing the COI Recommendations.

Above all, refrain from the diversionary tactics of attempting to provide Joe Public with ‘worthless entertainment’ spouting words that are actually meaningless, with the objective of grabbing power by accident, which even a two year old can see.

*Dickson Igwe*

### Monday, May 8 and Friday, June 16 have been declared public holidays.

His Excellency the Governor Mr. John James Rankin, CMG made the proclamation that on **May 8 this year**, the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III will be observed; while June 16 will be designated as the Sovereign’s Birthday, replacing the previously issued date **June 9**.

The aforementioned proclamations were made in accordance with Section 5 of the Public Holidays Act (CAP. 199).

### Bush Cutting From Prospect Reef To West End Ferry Dock

The Department of Waste Management is conducting routine roadside bush cutting from the vicinity of Prospect Reef to the West End Ferry Dock.

Work is scheduled to commence on Tuesday April 11 and will continue until completion. During this time, motorists are asked to proceed with caution when traversing the area and to blow their horns to alert cutters of their approach. Motorists are also asked to pay attention to the road signs that will be erected for their own safety.

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# Caribbean News / Regional News

## THE BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS WELCOMES NEW NONSTOP FLIGHTS FROM MIAMI STARTING IN JUNE

### *New Accommodations, Yacht Charters and Milestone Celebrations in BVI*

Tortola, British Virgin Islands – For the first time since the 1980s, access to the British Virgin Islands (BVI) is getting much easier with daily nonstop service from Miami to Beef Island/Tortola, via American Airlines beginning June 1. The game-changing three-hour flight eliminates the need for travelers to connect in Puerto Rico or St. Thomas, getting them to the stunning Territory with ample time to enjoy their final destination, whether chartering a yacht or staying in a luxury villa, resort, or private island escape.

“As the first nonstop flight from the U.S. in decades, this is a monumental opportunity to bring more North American travelers to the crystal-clear waters of our beloved island-destination,” said Clive McCoy, Director of Tourism, British Virgin Islands Tourist Board & Film Commission. “We have one of the most beautiful collections of isles and cays anywhere in the world and look forward to offering our new and returning visitors an assortment of experiences in The Sailing Capital of the World.”

### **New Nonstop Flight Service**

In a much anticipated decision to expand air service between the U.S. and the BVI, American Airlines will commence roundtrip nonstop daily flights from Miami International Airport (MIA) to Terrance B. Lettsome International Airport (EIS) on June 1. The airlift will run through August 14 and restart in November after the fall low season. The new air service is expected to bring in an estimated 2,128 monthly passengers to the BVI.

Daily flights from Miami to Beef Island will depart at 10:07 a.m. and arrive at 1:06 p.m. Return flights will depart at 1:47 p.m. and arrive at 4:25 p.m.

### **Accommodation & Charter News**

BVI has expanded its accommodation options for visitors with new boutique properties on award-winning beaches and new-to-market charter companies allowing guests to easily island hop.

• > A new concept in tourism,

CornucopiaBVI, is the perfect destination for small groups looking for an idyllic escape. The Country French Caribbean abode features four exquisitely designed deluxe rooms and one superior suite. Each offers handcrafted furniture, high count luxury linens, locally sourced bath products, and luxe amenities including Matouk bathrobes. Comfortably sized for destination weddings, corporate meetings, retreats and more, the adults-only accommodation includes a daily gourmet cooked-to-order breakfast and pets are welcome.

• > Virgin Gorda Villa Rentals has expanded its portfolio and now offers 32 luxury villas around the island of Virgin Gorda in Mango Bay, Little Trunk Bay, and Leverick Bay. The newly built and upgraded villas offer beachfront living and amazing ocean views.

• > The Hideout is the only luxury resort steps away from White Bay Beach on Jost Van Dyke. The seven-villa resort offers private plunge pools in each villa and is ideally situated directly across from Hendo’s Hideout, the island’s well-known restaurant run by the O’Neal-Henderson family since 2016.

• > New charter companies continue to sail into the BVI. Starting in January, Dream Caribbean Blue made Scrub Island Resort, Spa & Marina its official operating base, utilizing the private-island’s 55-slip marina off the east end of Tortola for its 14 sailing catamarans.

### **Major Milestones**

The Sailing Capital of the Caribbean will celebrate two major milestones this year.

• > The annual BVI Spring Regatta and Sailing Festival celebrates its 50th anniversary this spring. Kicking off on March 27, the seven-day event begins with the Sailing Festival featuring warm up events and friendly racing to various islands. Then on March 31, the three-day regatta starts with a diverse fleet of larger yachts, squibs and charters ready to race and celebrate 50 years of adventures that continue to keep sailors and families coming back year after year.

• > Bitter End Yacht Club, one of

the most renowned properties in BVI, will be celebrating its 50th anniversary this year as well. Built on family values, Bitter End Yacht Club paved the way in bareboat chartering, bringing the magic of North Sound to more adventurous visitors. With a newly imagined nautical village and marina lofts, the property remains committed to celebrating nature, its sense of adventure, and love of the water.

### **Water Adventure Trends**

BVI is well known for its beautiful waters that boast flat, steady tradewinds, making it an ideal destination for thrill-seeking guests. From sailing and winging to diving into its abundant marine life, BVI is at the forefront of water-based experiences for

travelers.

• > “Winging,” otherwise known as wing surfing or wing foiling, is a watersport rapidly growing in popularity over recent years. Combining elements of windsurfing, kitesurfing, surfing and foiling, it uses a handheld inflatable sail to harness the wind while riding over the water on a hydrofoil board. The trending sport is now offered at multiple properties throughout BVI including Oil Nut Bay, Saba Rock, Bitter End Yacht Club and via local vendors including British Virgin Islands Stand Up Paddle Company.

• > Scuba diving in BVI continues to draw travelers due to its clear

water, numerous shipwrecks and vibrant coral reefs. Experience curated diving experiences with Dive BVI, which has three custom dive boats departing from Virgin Gorda, Scrub Island and Saba Rock; Blue Water Divers, which visits over 60 dive spots from Nanny Cay in Tortola; or the BVI Scuba Organization, which works with the local dive shops on connecting guests with the underwater world in the British Virgin Islands. Since the destruction of Hurricane Irma, many dive sites have debuted such as the former restaurant and bar Willy T, which has been transformed into a pirate themed underwater playground for divers to explore.

## TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO TO HOST CPL 2023, T20 GAMES

Trinidad and Tobago will once again host two of the most eagerly anticipated T20 Leagues: the men’s CPL 2023; and the Women’s Caribbean Premiere League (WCPL) 2023 from 4th -11th September, 2023.

On Tuesday March 28, 2023, Acting Minister of Sport and Community Development, Senator the Honourable Randall Mitchell, on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago (GORTT), signed an agreement with Caribbean Premiere League (CPL) Limited, for Trinidad and Tobago to host 10 of the 2023 CPL League of Games. The games will comprise 6 regular season CPL games (including not less than 4 designated Trinidad and Tobago’s Men’s team home games); and 4 WCPL games (including not less than 3 designated Trinidad and Tobago’s Women’s team home games).

The agreement also gives the GORTT sponsorship rights as



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a “Regional Tourism Partner” for the CPL and WCPL as well as significant advertising and promotional rights.

This country will benefit from choice sponsorship recognition across CPL’s social media/digital platforms; access to premium tourism marketing through CPL’s website towards leveraging and building brand awareness of Trinidad and Tobago’s diversity, including

but not limited to its cultural abundance and regional predominance as a sports tourism destination.

Minister Mitchell says “I want to commend the Minister of Sports, Honourable Shamfa Cudjoe, for her commitment to the development of sports and sports tourism during the negotiation stage. This agreement better positions us to infiltrate the sports tourism market and further secures us as a regional leader for Sports Tourism. This partnership with CPL will undoubtedly bolster Trinidad and Tobago as one of the regional champions doling out unwavering support for and promotion of our beloved game, cricket.”

In 2022, Trinidad and Tobago hosted the CPL in one of the most successful sporting events to be seen in recent years. This year our country has become the mecca of regional sporting events and sport tourism as the Commonwealth Youth Games will be hosted at venues on both islands in the month before CPL 2023 bowls off.

# VOA NEWS VOA NEWS VOA NEWS VOA NEWS

## Finland Joins NATO in Major Blow to Russia Over Ukraine War

BRUSSELS — Finland joined the NATO military alliance Tuesday, dealing a major blow to Russian President Vladimir Putin with a historic realignment of Europe's post-Cold War security landscape triggered by Moscow's invasion of Ukraine.

The Nordic country's membership doubles Russia's border with the world's biggest security alliance. Finland had adopted neutrality after its defeat by the Soviets in World War II, but its leaders signaled they wanted to join NATO just months after Moscow's invasion of Ukraine sent a shiver of fear through its neighbors.

The move is a strategic and political setback for Putin, who has long complained about NATO's expansion toward Russia and partly used that as a justification for the invasion.

"I'm tempted to say this is maybe the one thing that we can thank Mr. Putin for because he once again here precipitated something he claims to want to prevent by Russia's aggression, causing many countries to believe that they have to do more to look out for their own defense and to make sure that they can deter possible Russian aggression going forward,"

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said before accepting the documents that made Finland's membership official.

The U.S. State Department is the repository of NATO texts concerning membership.

Russia warned it would be forced to take "retaliatory measures" to address what it called security threats created by Finland's membership. It had also warned it would bolster forces near Finland if NATO sends any additional troops or equipment to what is its 31st member country.

The alliance says it poses no threat to Moscow.

Alarmed by Moscow's invasion of Ukraine last year, Finland, which shares a 1,340 kilometer (832 mile) border with Russia, applied to join in May, setting aside years of military nonalignment to seek protection under the organization's security umbrella.

"It's a great day for Finland and an important day for NATO, too," said Finnish President Sauli Niinisto. "Russia tried to create a sphere around them and, well, we are not a sphere. I'm sure that Finns themselves feel more secure, that we are living in a more stable



NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg, center, speaks after Finnish Foreign Minister Pekka Haavisto, left, handed over his nation's accession documents to U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken at NATO headquarters in Brussels, April 4, 2023.

world." Neighboring Sweden, which has avoided military alliances for more than 200 years, has also applied. But objections from NATO members Turkey and Hungary have delayed the process. Niinisto said Finland's membership "is not complete without that of Sweden. The persistent efforts for a rapid Swedish membership

continue." Earlier, Russia's Foreign Ministry said Moscow "will be forced to take military-technical and other retaliatory measures to counter the threats to our national security arising from Finland's accession to NATO."

It said Finland's move marks "a fundamental change in the situation in Northern Europe, which had previously been one of the most stable regions in the world."

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said Finland's membership reflects the alliance's anti-Russian course and warned that Moscow will respond depending on what weapons NATO allies place there. But he also sought to play down the impact, noting that Russia has no territorial disputes with Finland.

It's not clear what additional military resources Russia could send to the Finnish border. Moscow has deployed the bulk of its most capable military units to Ukraine.

NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said no more troops would be sent to Finland unless it asked for help.

The country is now protected by what Stoltenberg called NATO's "iron-clad security guarantee," under which all member countries vow to come to the defense of any ally that comes under attack. But Stoltenberg refused to rule out the possibility of holding

more military exercises there and said that NATO would not allow Russia's demands to dictate the organization's decisions.

"We are constantly assessing our posture, our presence. We have more exercises, we have more presence, also in the Nordic area," he said.

Finland's Parliament, meanwhile, said its website was hit with a so-called denial-of-service attack, which made the site hard to use, with many pages not loading and some functions not available.

A pro-Russian hacker group known as NoName057 (16) claimed responsibility, saying the attack was retaliation for Finland joining NATO. The claim could not be immediately verified.

The hacker group, which has reportedly acted on Moscow's orders, has taken part in a slew of cyberattacks on the U.S. and its allies in the past. Finnish public broadcaster YLE said the same group hit the Parliament's site last year.

Finland's entry, marked with a flag-raising ceremony at NATO headquarters, falls on the organization's very own birthday, the 74th anniversary of the signing of its founding Washington Treaty on April 4, 1949. It also coincides with a meeting of the alliance's foreign ministers.

## Trump Pleads Not Guilty on 34 Counts Related to Hush Money Indictment

Former U.S. President Donald Trump pleaded not guilty Tuesday in a state court in Manhattan to 34 charges linked to a \$130,000 hush money payment to porn actress Stormy Daniels just ahead of his 2016 presidential election victory to silence her about her claim of an alleged tryst with him a decade earlier.

It is the first indictment ever filed against a current or former U.S. leader.

Trump has long denied her claim of a one-night encounter but not that his one-time lawyer and political fixer, Michael Cohen, made the payment to Daniels and that reimbursement payments to Cohen were recorded on a Trump Organization business ledger as legal expenses. Trump disputes the payment was related to his presidential campaign seven years ago.

The 76-year-old Trump oversaw his real estate business empire and was a fixture in the city's glitzy, tabloid social world for decades before becoming president. But now for the first time, he was

appearing in his home city as a defendant, even as early national polls show him leading the race for the 2024 Republican presidential nomination as he tries to reclaim the White House.

Americans are sharply divided politically about Trump and long accustomed to watching his every move on television. But in an age of mass media and constant videos of his life throughout the country, they won't be able to watch Trump in court. New York State Supreme Court Justice Juan Merchan rejected media requests to televise the proceedings but said he would allow a pool of photographers to take pictures of Trump and others just before starting his arraignment.

The indictment against Trump remained sealed, so the exact charges and any supporting evidence could remain secret until it is publicly disclosed during the arraignment.

Shortly before, Trump was booked and fingerprinted like any

criminal defendant. But authorities say in deference to his standing as a former president, he was unlikely to be handcuffed or paraded before photographers in a so-called "perp walk." It was not immediately known whether a mug shot was taken.

Dozens of police assembled at the courthouse and at Trump Tower six kilometers away, where Trump spent the night at his residence and had last-minute strategy talks with his lawyers. Trump's Secret Service detail mapped out his passage into the courthouse and his walk to Merchan's courtroom. The White House declined to discuss security arrangements but said the government is "always prepared" for whatever might unfold if protests erupt for or against Trump and District Attorney Alvin Bragg, the prosecutor in the case. Before the court hearing, pro-Trump demonstrators scuffled with some of his detractors in a park across

the street from the courthouse. New York City Mayor Eric Adams warned that "rabble rousers" coming to the city to protest had better behave. "Our message is clear and simple: Control yourselves. New York City is our home, not a playground for

your misplaced anger," he said. When asked if he thought there would be unrest in the city, President Joe Biden, who was touring a factory in Minnesota on Monday, replied, "No. I have faith in the New York Police Department."

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# SPORTS

## 50th BVI Spring Regatta ends with 'closest finishes we ever had'

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

### SAILING

It was fitting that the competitive 50th BVI Spring Regatta would have the offspring of co-founder and longtime chairman Peter Haycraft battling in the event he dedicated his life to.

And officials could not have asked for a better final day than having one race in 20 knots breeze to determine three of the 10 classes with a tie breaker, while settling final podium finishes in five classes, to wrap up three days of competitive racing.

In the Sport Multihull Division, the BVI's Chris Haycraft on "Ting a Ling 2", a Corsair F31, entered Sunday tied on 14-14 points, with his son Nathan on his Corsair F27, "Ting a Ling." Nathan placed fourth in his penultimate race on Saturday, after leading from day one, while Chris won the day's last two races, setting up the father son showdown, in the event their respective father and grandfather helped found in 1972. Chris won Sunday's decider to finish with 17 points to claim the division with Nathan third in the final race, to place second on 19. Barney Cook's

Corsair Sprint 760R was third with 26.

"We tried really hard but it came down to seconds," Nathan told Island Sun Sports. "It was really fun. I'm really honored to race against my pop. It's a shame he beat us but at the same time, I'm happy with the result."

Chris said it was a tough weekend. "We finally won. It was down to the last race, 10 seconds," he noted. "We had to rethink our strategy. He got the boat moving faster than when I sailed it, because he was closer that we expected. It was great to have him out there."

St. Thomas' Peter Corr put up six picket fences and finished no less than second in nine races on his Summit 40 "Blitz" to win the CSA 2 division comfortably with 11 points. Great Britain's Tony Mack's J-122 "McFly on El Ocaso" was second with 17 and the BVI's Sam Talbot's J-111 Spike, in third on 29.

"I think we've gotten better and better," Corr said. "All the prerace stuff makes you a winner. I can win or lose. It's fine because I enjoy it so much. But the fact of the matter is, it's better to win than lose."

Dominican Republic's Joan Rodriguez's Beneteau First 40.7

"Lady M" opened the door for a 9-9 tie with Puerto Rico's Luis Balzac's Salona 44 "Paroma" in CSA Performance A, after finishing fifth in race four, while Balzac won Saturday's last race. Then Balzac slipped to fourth in Sunday's finale, while Christian Cabral won and leap frogged him into second with 13 points—one behind division winner, Rodriguez. "I was very tough this year. We had to work very, very hard to win it," Rodriguez said. "Sometimes we didn't think we'd make it, but at the end, we put out the effort as a team and we came through. We're very happy."

Woody Cullen of the USA Swan 58 "Wavemaker" was nursing a one point 8-9 edge in the CSA 1 division after a third place penultimate race finish Saturday, while Great Britain's Dr. Laura Schlessinger Lombard 46 "Pata Negra" made a move with a victory in race four and France's Sjoerd Bos' First 53 "Yagiza" finishing second, tying both at 9-9 for second. Dr. Schlessinger dropped bullets in the final two races to win the division with 11 points. Bos, who had tied Cullen on 11 in the penultimate race, was second to finish with 13 points while Cullen's



Chris Haycraft's Ting a Ling 2, heading towards the downwind mark

fourth place dropped him to third overall with 15 points.

"I had no clue what this was going to be like because I'd never been in the Caribbean before," Dr. Schlessinger said. "We knew we'd be up against tough competition. Our minds are blown by everything and we're very glad we won."

Despite a fifth place finish in the final race, Great Britain's Angus Ball's Gunboat 66 "Coco de Mer" broke a 7-7 deadlock with the USA's Kent Haeger's Gunboat 62 "Mach Schnell" after he retired and finished with a nine. Ball won the division with 13 points. Todd Slynstad's HH66 Nemo, was one

point back in third with 20.

BVI Spring Regatta Chairman Bob Philips said the wind cooperated and they had a great breeze. "We had races that were one and two seconds, between first and second," he noted. "In the class with Chris Haycraft racing against his son Nathan, it was determined by the last race of the series. Barney Cook won the class in the last race by 10 seconds. Chris 10 seconds and Nathan 10 seconds back, to determine first, second and third. This is the closest racing we've ever had."

### INTER-PRIMARY GAMES

Despite there's no Althea Scatliffe Primary School which has been the perennial Inter Primary Schools Athletics Championships standard bearer because the school has been closed and the students dispersed elsewhere, its presence was still felt. Francis Lettsome—comprised of many of the Mighty Scatliffe's students—as well as Enis Adams, won the 2 days championships for the first time in school history, after amassing 348½ points to defending champs Joyce Samuel's' 274. Enis Adams was four points back in third with 270. Willard Wheatley had 210½ and Agape, 171 to round out the top five.

"There were some training camps that the Department of Youth Affairs and Sports put on but I didn't have many kids there," Francis Lettsome's

## Francis Lettsome wins Inter Primary Schools Athletics Championships

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

PE Teacher Kennedy Bass told Island Sun Sports. "I concentrated more on our relay teams—even though we had a few hiccups with Under 9s—I had a few kids that individually did their thing and we did our thing overall in the relays, that really separated us from the pack in the end."

Bass said he inherited some Althea Scatliffe students as well as Enis Adams and one or two students from other schools, but played the cards he was dealt. "I got a few good talents that I didn't have to do much with. They came in with the experience and training," he noted. "The younger ones, I had to put a little effort into in the baton exchange and what we wanted to do in the relays. We still had to mix and match certain kids to keep them fresh. I had a lot of kids that didn't show up in finals. Tiffany Herbert didn't run in two of her finals because of injuries. it could have gone another way if I didn't

put the time in with the kids, keeping them focused and motivated."

Bass credited parents and coaches for the victory for motivating their children during times they didn't want to run. He tipped his hat to Under 13 Boys division champ Cadeon Frates, who he noted, had a death in his family and thanked his mother for allowing him to run and contributed 28 points to their total.

"She could have easily said he's going to the funeral," he said. "I played the cards that I was dealt and I was victorious."

Division champions. U-9 Boys: Kaylun Douglas, Alexandrina Maduro, 28 points. Girls: Rey'Jenae Farrington, Francis Lettsome, 20. U-11 Boys: D'Kari Prescott, Francis Lettsome, 30. Girls: Amika John, Joyce Samuel, 30. U-13 Boys: (tie) Cadeon Fraiters, Francis Lettsome and Bryson Walters, Enis Adams, 28. Girls: (tie) Maykasha Hypolite, Ebenezer Thomas and

Ke'Reema Thomas, Willard Wheatley, 28. 13+ Boys: Ty'Rique Charles, Pelican Gate, 30. Girls: K'Maiya Jimenez, Joyce Samuel, 30. Victor Ludorum: (tie) D'Kari Prescott, Francis Lettsome, 30. Ty'Rique Charles, Pelican Gate. Victrix Ludorum: (tie) Amika John, Joyce Samuel, 30. K'Maiya Jimenez, Joyce Samuel, 30.

Final standings, 6-18: 6. Ebenezer Thomas, 162. 7. Bregado Flax

Educational Center, 141½. 8. Robinson O'Neal Memorial School, 134½. 9. Alexandrina Maduro, 121½. 10. St. Georges, 111. 11. Pelican Gate, 98. 12. Ivan Dawson, 79. 13. Claudia Creque Educational Center, 37. 14. Leonora Delville, 36. 15. Ciboney, 35½. 16. Cedar International School, 15. 17. Excelsia Primary School, 12. 18. Seventh Day Adventist, 5.



U-13 Boys co-division champs Cadeon Fraiters of Francis Lettsome, 2nd left, and Bryson Walters, Enis Adams, battling in the 200m.



# SPORTS



Puerto Rico's Eduardo Perez's G4 Timbalero 3, heads west as it crosses the BVI's Richard Woolridge's Kelsail 47 Triple Jack, heading north



Runners are off and running in the Trident Trust 5K Series tour stop on Beef Island



Defending champions Synergy opened the season with a 7-2 victory over West End Warriors



Winners celebrate their Trident Trust 5K Series division victory



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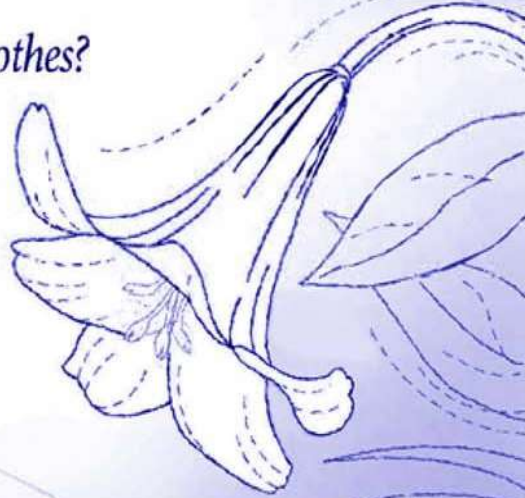
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*And why do you worry about clothes?  
See how the flowers of the field  
grow. They do not labor or spin.  
Yet I tell you that not even  
Solomon in all his splendor  
was dressed like one of these.*  
MATTHEW 6: 28, 29



## Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



### King Features **Prince Valliant** BY GIANNI AND SCHULTZ

VAL AND GAWAIN AT LAST FACE A LIVING GIANT! THE GOLEM LUMBERS OUT OF THE TREES AS THEY CHARGE FORWARD...



...ONLY TO HAVE THEIR LANCES SINK USELESSLY INTO ITS CLAY-LIKE SUBSTANCE! THE MONSTER IS NO MORE THAN ANNOYED...



... AND THE KNIGHTS THINK BETTER OF CONTINUING THEIR BATTLE, AN ENTIRE TREE FLUNG IN THEIR DIRECTION CONVINCES THEM TO RETREAT.



OOM FOOYAT CALLS OUT FROM THE CAVE, WHERE HE AND THE OTHERS ARE HIDING: "IN HERE, QUICKLY! IT'S TOO BIG TO FOLLOW!"

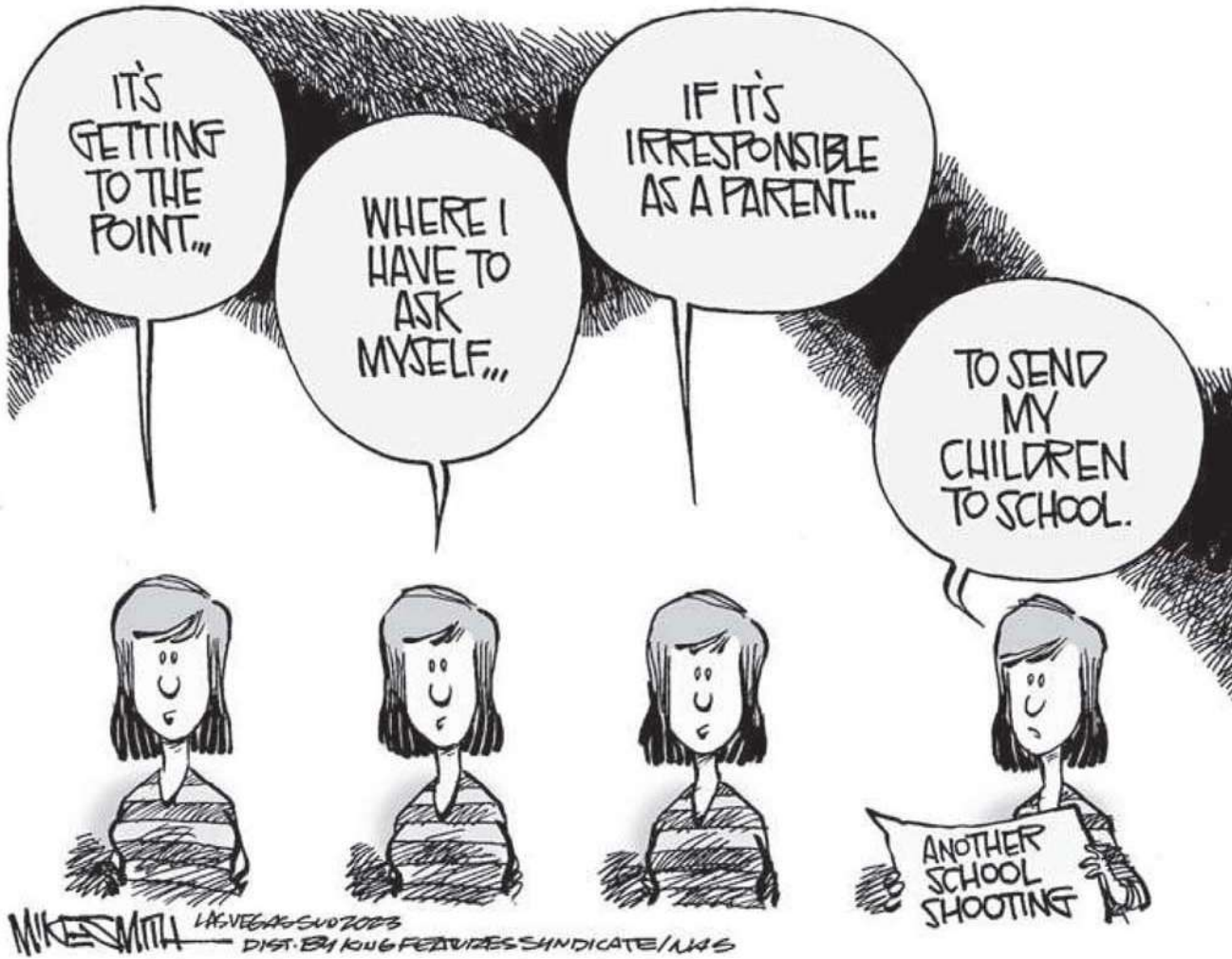


EVEN SO, THEY MUST MOVE DEEP WITHIN TO ESCAPE FROM THE GIANT'S GRASP.



VAL LOOKS TO OOM: "IF THE THING IS AS MINDLESS AS YOU CLAIM- WHY WOULD IT ATTACK US?" OOM SHIVERS MISERABLY. "IT'S ME- I SEEM TO ENRAGE IT. DID I NEGLECT TO MENTION THAT?"

NEXT:  
**In retrospect**



# BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Gethsemane (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
  2. What's the only book of the Bible that mentions Christ's tomb being sealed? *Matthew, Mark, Luke, John*
  3. From Matthew 28:2, who rolled back the stone from the door of Jesus' tomb and sat upon it? *Simon, An angel, Villagers, Disciples*
  4. When Mary Magdalene and "the other Mary" came upon the risen Jesus, who did He ask them to inform? *Priests, Disciples, No one, Villagers*
  5. From John 20, which disciple doubted that Jesus had risen unless he could see the wounds? *Peter, Andrew, Thomas, Thaddeus*
  6. How long did Jesus remain after His resurrection before He ascended into heaven? *Instantaneously, 1 hour, 7 days, 40 days*
- ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Matthew (27:65-66), 3) An angel, 4) Disciples, 5) Thomas (called Didymus), 6) 40 days (Acts 1:3)

Sharpen your understanding of scripture with Wilson's Casey's latest book, "Test Your Bible Knowledge," available in bookstores and online.

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## Salome's Stars

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Change is still dominant for Rams and Ewes, both in the workplace and in their private lives. This is also a good time to look at a possible relocation if that has been one of your goals.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Doing things for others is what you do well. But don't forget that Bovines thrive on the arts, so make some time for yourself to indulge your passion for music and artistic expression.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) While the Romantic Twin considers where to go for an upcoming vacation, the Practical Twin will start making travel plans now to take advantage of some great bargains.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Your sensitive nature helps you deal with a difficult emotional situation. Be patient and continue to show your sincere support wherever (and for whom-ever) it is needed.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) You're making progress as you move through some unfamiliar territory. And while there might be a misstep or two along the way, you're heading in the right direction overall. Good luck.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Some good news arrives — and just in time to remind you that you're making progress. Perhaps things aren't moving as quickly as you'd prefer, but they're progressing nevertheless.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) This is a good week to step back and assess the facts that have recently emerged, to see where they can be used to your advantage. Also, don't hesitate to make changes where necessary.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) You should begin to experience some support from those who now agree with your point of view. This should help counter the remaining objections from die-hard skeptics.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Don't let your aim be deflected by trivial matters as you try to resolve a confusing situation. Take time to find and thoroughly assess the facts before making any decisions.

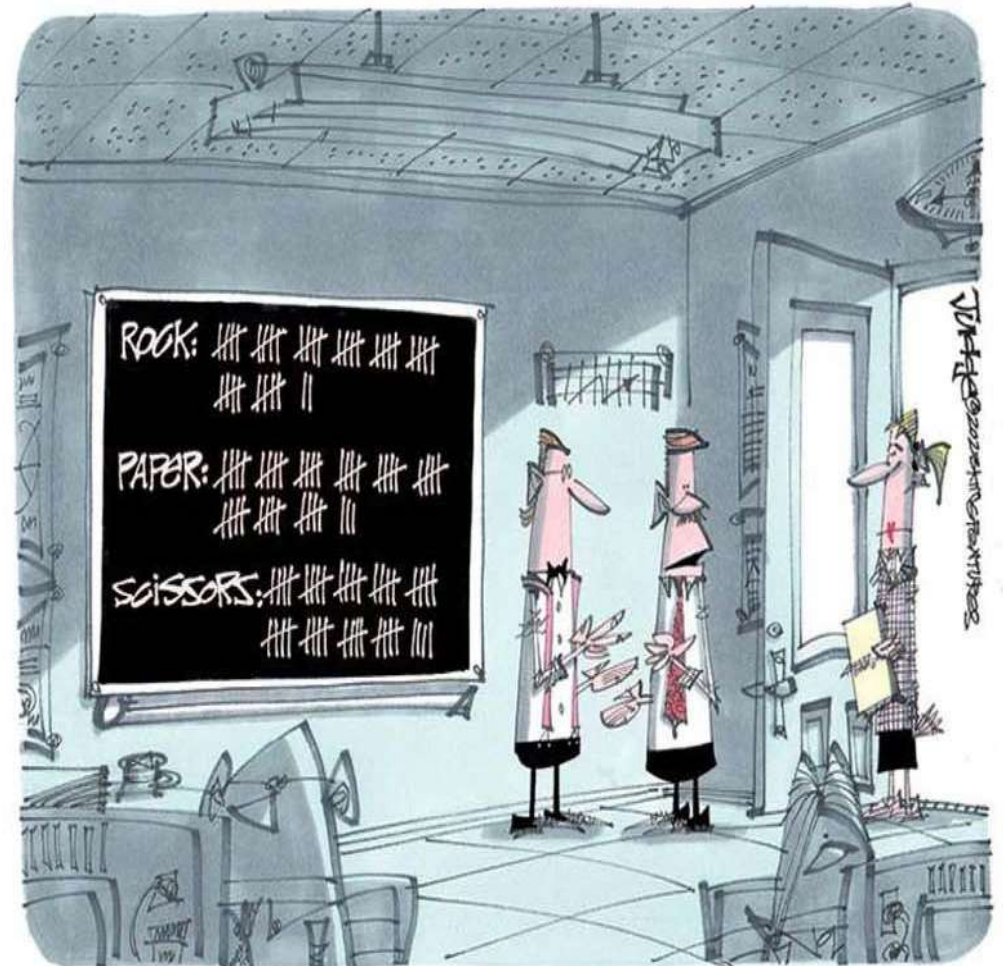
**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) The possibility of moving to another location has come up. But, before you dismiss it as unworkable, it's worth checking out just in case it does have some merit after all.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) New relationships, personal or work-related, show mixed signals. Best to assume nothing. Let things play themselves out until you have something substantive to work with.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Your ability to make needed changes without causing too much, if any, negative ripple effect comes in handy when dealing with a sensitive matter either on the job or in the family.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** Although you like things to go smoothly, you're not shy about making waves when you believe the situation calls for it.

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"Hold on a second, we're working on another economic forecast."

# CORPORATE TRANSPARENCY WAS HIGH ON THE AGENDA DURING THE SUMMIT FOR DEMOCRACY MEETINGS

By *Transparency International*

This week, the European Parliament made a full suite of progressive amendments to draft legislation to increase EU's defences against dirty money. From bolstering the powers of the forthcoming anti-money laundering authority to fixing risky investment migration schemes, the Parliament is tightening the screws on the corrupt – much like we have been suggesting for years.

We are particularly happy – and relieved – to see proposals for reforming EU's corporate transparency framework. The Parliament has fully considered our concerns and included strong measures for ensuring that civil society, media and academia are able to find out who's behind anonymous companies created across the EU.

This may not seem like a big deal considering that EU rules previously required governments to disclose information about companies' real or beneficial owners to the wider public. Late last year, however, the EU's highest court struck down the anti-money laundering provision which guaranteed that.

Right now, EU policymakers are in damage-control mode, and understandably so. Going forward, they will need to find a solution outside the anti-money laundering framework to bring back public access to the registers. After all, as the new paper from Transparency International's Anti-Corruption Helpdesk outlines, beneficial ownership information helps ensure transparency in business-government relationships, combat tax abuse, eliminate dark money in politics and defend against foreign interference.

For all these reasons, corporate transparency was high on the agenda during the Summit for Democracy meetings happening this week. Convened by the US government, the summit brought together country leaders to discuss how they can rescue democracy from its many threats, including corruption. The regional meeting hosted by South Korea, which we helped design, was specifically dedicated to anti-corruption.

One of the summit outcomes announced by the US government is a commitment from 20 countries to enhance corporate transparency in line with the new global standard, which was adopted following our campaign. While an unequivocal pledge is welcome, it's hardly ambitious: along with 180 other countries, they have to follow the standard. In the US itself, the federal government has been working to develop rules to operationalise the register following the passage of the historic Corporate Transparency Act in 2021.

Clamping down on corporate secrecy in a major financial centre like the US can really advance the fight against illicit financial flows, to which African countries are particularly vulnerable. That's why our vice chair Rueben Lifuka – who joined the summit meetings in Zambia – has penned an opinion piece urging the US government to

finalise its rulemaking quickly and flawlessly.

In recent weeks, there has been some justified anxiety over the proposed reporting form that companies would have to fill out. In a self-defeating manner, it contains fields which would allow entities to claim that they are unable to obtain information on their true owners. Our colleagues in the US, other civil society groups and even lawmakers have expressed serious concerns, and now the government is reportedly reconsidering its approach.

Another pending issue relates to the regulation on who will be able to obtain the information and how. As currently drafted, the rule envisions unnecessary access barriers for foreign authorities investigating schemes where anonymous companies formed or registered in the US pop up. So together with Transparency International US and 30 of our chapters we are asking the US government to address this.

More positively, in neighbouring Canada, our colleagues are applauding the government for proposing strong legislation to implement the long-awaited register. As previously announced, it will be public and free to use. This means that investigators, civil society and media around the world will be able to see who's behind dodgy Canada-registered companies.

We'll take all these wins. But as with all good things in life, progress takes hard work and vigilance. Together with our movement, we'll be watching closely to see all these reforms through to the end.

Meanwhile the European Parliament has agreed its position on the draft EU legislation to increase the bloc's defences against dirty money. The joint committees on economic affairs (ECON) and home affairs and civil liberties (LIBE) – who co-lead on this legislation on the side of the European Parliament – have adopted a series of ambitious amendments to the anti-money laundering package proposed by the European Commission in July 2021.

Now the EU Council, Commission and Parliament will begin negotiations to reach an agreement on the final legislation for implementation by member states. Transparency International welcomes the strong measures included in the European Parliament's amendments, particularly revisions to the proposed 6th Anti-Money Laundering Directive, and encourages the Council to accept them.

Maíra Martini, corrupt money flows expert at Transparency International, said: "The need to enhance the EU anti-money laundering package gained new importance after the EU's highest court struck down public access to company beneficial ownership registers late last year. We commend the European Parliament for responding to the current challenges and proposing provisions which, if adopted, will prevent the EU from sliding back into the corporate secrecy era."





## The Garden Bug

### Rosemary room freshener



Gather one half-cup of fresh rosemary sprigs. Add them to one cup of vodka, place this mixture in a dark place, and leave it to “infuse” for at least two weeks. Pour this liquid through a cheesecloth to remove the used sprigs, then pour the strained liquid into a 1-liter spray bottle. Add 5-10 drops of rosemary essential oil and some purified water, and shake gently before spraying. - Brenda Weaver

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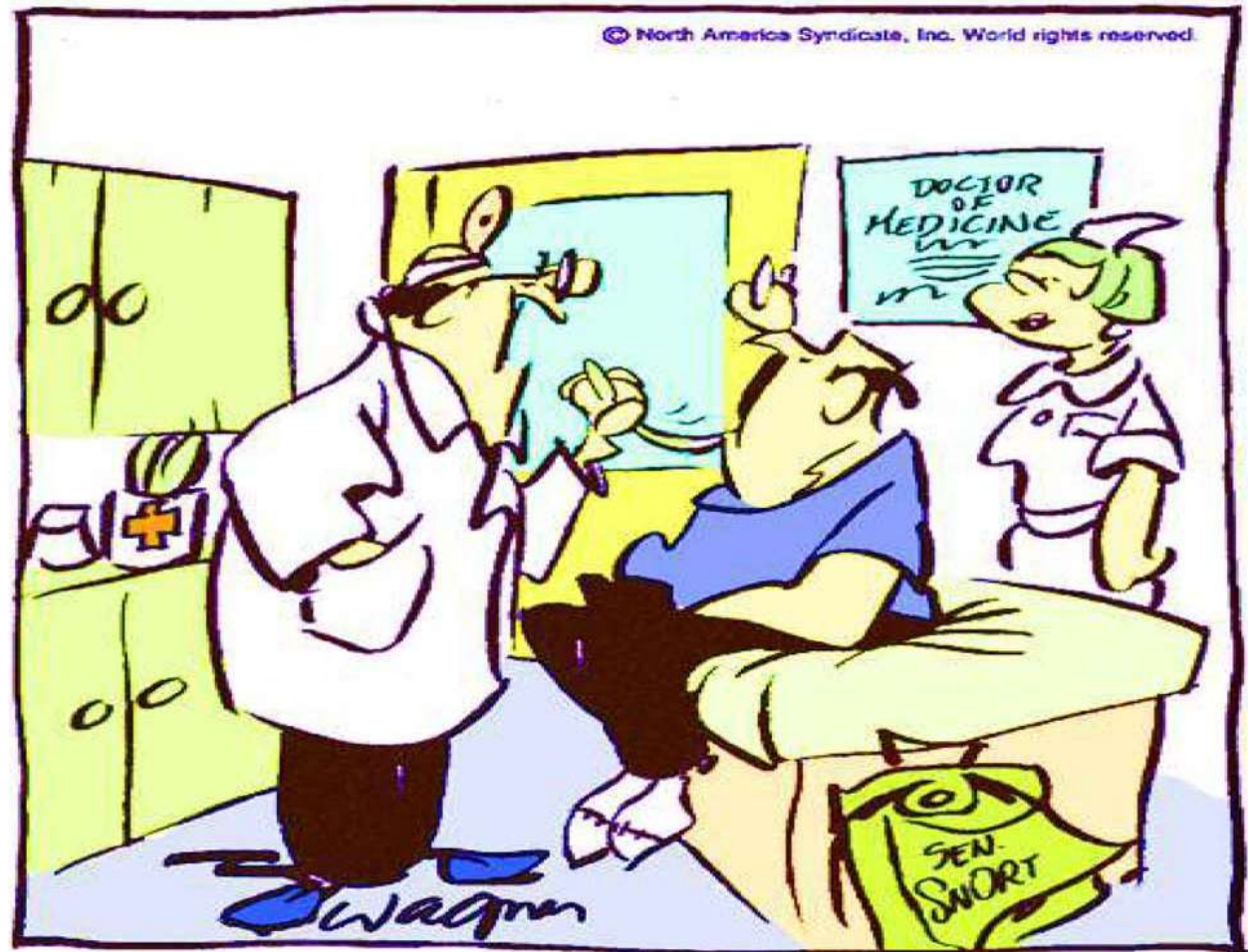
# top ten

## MOST EXPENSIVE CITIES

1. New York and Singapore (tie)
3. Tel Aviv, Israel
4. Hong Kong and Los Angeles (tie)
6. Zurich, Switzerland
7. Geneva, Switzerland
8. San Francisco, California
9. Paris, France
10. Copenhagen, Denmark

Source: CNN

## GRIN and BEAR IT <sup>by Wagner</sup>



“Hmmm ... Miss Figby, bring me the industrial-strength tongue depressors.”

# Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



# TIGER

by BUD BLAKE



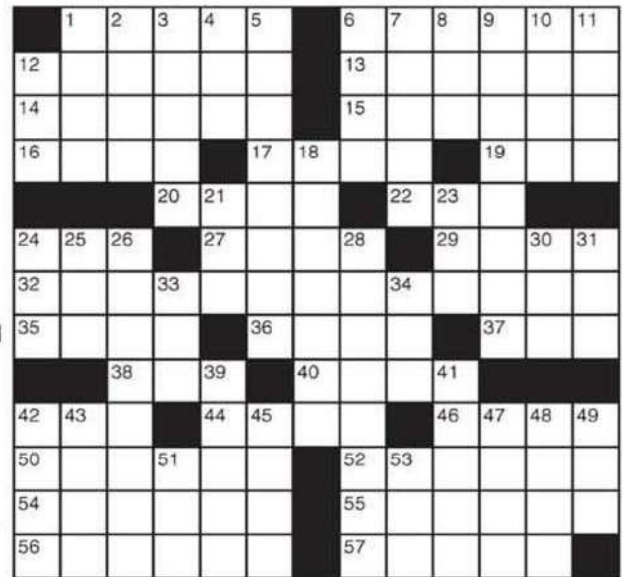
# The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



# King Crossword

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- 1 Shred
  - 6 Tyke
  - 12 Alaskan capital
  - 13 Actress Lansbury
  - 14 Soak up
  - 15 Packed in a box, as oranges
  - 16 Boxer Spinks
  - 17 Like dried mud
  - 19 Mac alternatives
  - 20 Round Table titles
  - 22 First lady?
  - 24 Expected
  - 27 Facts and figures
  - 29 Congers
  - 32 Elvis Presley hit song
  - 35 Spiked club
  - 36 Mandolin's kin
  - 37 UFO crew
  - 38 Billboards
  - 40 Minor quibbles
  - 42 Nile biter
  - 44 &&&&
  - 46 Deal (with)
  - 50 Weak
  - 52 Missouri-born president
  - 54 "- serious?"
  - 55 Small songbirds
- DOWN**
- 1 Hayseed
  - 2 Not — many words
  - 3 Drudges
  - 4 Eg. and Syr., once
  - 5 Barhopping tour
  - 6 Big truck maker
  - 7 Ham — (deli order)
  - 8 Links org.
  - 9 Personal bug-aboo
  - 10 Power co. supply
  - 11 Tiny amounts
  - 12 Tokyo-based carrier
  - 18 Amaze
  - 21 Altar promise
  - 23 Victory sign
  - 24 Poorly lit
  - 25 Actress Hagen
  - 26 Fugitives
  - 28 Creative flair
  - 30 Allow
  - 31 Soon-to-be grads
  - 33 Homer's neighbor
  - 34 Profit
  - 39 Beauty parlor
  - 41 Diving gear
  - 42 Miles away
  - 43 Withered
  - 45 Neither fem. nor masc.
  - 47 Skip
  - 48 Frying needs
  - 49 Em halves
  - 51 "See ya!"
  - 53 Caviar



- 56 Take offense at
- 57 "Leda and the Swan" poet

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# Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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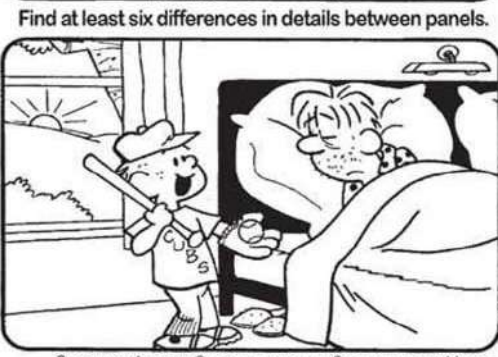
**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆◆◆

- ◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
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# HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Differences: 1. Bat is shorter 2. Logo is missing 3. Curtain is shorter 4. Sippers are missing 5. Hand is missing 6. Lamp is missing

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# Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 21 mins.

Answers

# King Crossword



1. GEOGRAPHY: Which U.S. states share a border with Mexico?
2. MOVIES: Which movie was the first sports film to win the Best Picture award?
3. U.S. PRESIDENTS: How many former first ladies are still living?
4. TELEVISION: What is the name of Bart's teacher on "The Simpsons"?
5. LANGUAGE: What does the Japanese phrase "domo arigato" mean in English?
6. CHEMISTRY: What is the lightest element?
7. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Who is Marie Laveau of New Orleans?
8. AD SLOGANS: Which product was advertised with the slogan, "Great taste, less filling"?
9. U.S. CITIES: In which city would you find Thomas Jefferson's Monticello?
10. LITERATURE: Who wrote the autobiography "Dreams From My Father"?

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Trivia Test Answers:  
1. Taco Bell; 2. "The Carol Burnett Show"; 3. Honolulu, Hawaii (Pearl Harbor); 4. Vernebrae; 5. Death Valley, California; 6. Ruby; 7. Mater; 8. Ulysses Grant; 9. Shaking my head; 10. Hundred Acre Wood.

## UN CLIMATE JUSTICE SUCCESS SHOULD ENCOURAGE SMALL STATES TO ACT TOGETHER

By Sir Ronald Sanders

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



Efforts by small states to seek justice for damage and existential threats to their countries, caused by the world's major environmental polluters, moved a step further at the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) on March 29.

By consensus, the UNGA adopted a resolution seeking an International Court of Justice (ICJ) advisory opinion on climate change.

The resolution asks the ICJ to clarify states' obligations regarding climate change, including their human rights obligations to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. It also asks the court for guidance on questions of accountability for "states that have caused significant harm to the climate," and to small island states.

The adoption of the resolution demonstrates the soft power of developing states when they act collectively in international fora. While the resolution was proposed by the Pacific Island of Vanuatu which did remarkable diplomatic work to build the consensus that eventually led to UN GA adoption, 18 other countries formed a core group in advancing it. Antigua and Barbuda was the only Caribbean country in the core group.

By the time of the UNGA'S adoption of the Resolution the core group had secured co-sponsorship by more than 130 states. Antigua and Barbuda is also a co-founder of another UN-registered Commission which is utilizing the international legal system and its institutions to seek climate justice. This body is the Commission of Small Island States on Climate Change and International Law (COSIS) which is seeking an advisory opinion from the International Tribunal of the Law of the Sea (ITLOS).

Unlike the Vanuatu initiative, which will now have to await formalities from

the ICJ about the procedures for the submission of memoranda and a date for hearings, COSIS has already received confirmation from ITLOS for a first hearing on September 12 in Hamburg, Germany. Vanuatu is one of the six core members of COSIS which is co-chaired by the Prime Ministers of Antigua and Barbuda and Tuvalu, Gaston Browne and Kausea Natano, both of whom will attend the ITLOS hearing in Hamburg.

These efforts by small island states to use the international legal system for climate justice arise from the failure of meetings of the UN Conference of the Parties (COP), which have produced little or no benefits for them.

Small Island states are the greatest victims of climate change and global warming, although they collectively contribute less than 0.1 per cent of Global Green House Gas emissions - CO2.

The latest UN report is clear that human activity is responsible for virtually all global heating over the last 200 years; the rate of temperature rise in the last half century is the highest in 2,000 years; and concentrations of carbon dioxide are at their highest in at least 2 million years.

Thirteen countries are currently responsible for 68 per cent of the world's CO2 emissions. Of the 13 countries, 4 of them - China, the United States of America, India and Russia - account for 55 per cent.

Much irreversible damage has already been done to many countries and to millions of people. The planet Earth - our one homeland - has also been wounded with consequences for all. Communities in many countries have been displaced by extreme weather events. In Antigua and Barbuda, all the inhabitants of Barbuda were dislocated in 2017 by Hurricane Irma. Similarly, in 2019, Hurricane Dorian decimated the Abacos Islands, in The Bahamas, dislodging the entire community. Effectively, these persons were "Climate refugees" - a classification which has not yet been accepted in international law or in international provisions. Economies of



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developing states, especially small island states, are repeatedly set back by extreme weather events. All of these small economies have incurred burdensome debt to rebuild destroyed countries and to try to build resiliently for the future.

Current global financial flows for adaptation, including from public and private finance sources, are insufficient and constrain implementation of adaptation options in developing countries.

A World Bank report recently revealed that "richer countries, which significantly expanded their economies over the last decades, were the largest contributors of CO2 emissions, while small states are the most affected and face the most significant costs of adaptation." While the polluting nations get richer, the suffering nations get poorer. The injustice cannot be more blatantly obvious.

The plea for compensation for loss and damage by small countries was only reluctantly considered at COP27 and appears to have been pushed off into a committee to make recommendations to COP28 that might amount to little. The sense of hopelessness in small states is rising even as temperatures and the level of the sea rise.

In nine months, world leaders will gather at COP28 in Dubai. The leaders of the most powerful nations - and the biggest polluters - should go to Dubai to deliver climate justice to those countries caught in the vortex of crises none of them caused; they should be prepared to compensate those, that they have harmed most, for loss and damage They should also deliver on the financial commitments made at COP meetings in Copenhagen, Paris and Glasgow. But there is no sign that this will happen. Hence the resort by small island states to seek redress in the international legal system.

The arbitrations and the judgements of ITLOS and the ICJ are not binding on states, but they carry legal authority and moral weight that cannot be ignored. Favourable opinions from each or either of them, showing that international law is not on the side of the polluters, would be a boost to the negotiating strength of small states at COP28.

Hopefully, the consensus resolution by the UNGA, that resulted from developing states working together, will embolden them to do more to advance their joint interests.

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The voluntary liquidation commenced on March 30, 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: March 30, 2023

*Name: Rachael Pape*

For and on behalf of Anton Goldstein and Rachael Pape  
As Joint Liquidators  
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Dated: March 31st, 2023

(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
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(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company Number 1989915

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Dated this 31st day of March, 2023  
**Sgd. Brian Jackson**

*Brian Jackson*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
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Dated this 31st day of March, 2023  
**Sgd. Brian Jackson**

*Brian Jackson*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[95/4]

**KENTFORD VENTURES LIMITED**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company Number 1804580

**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 30th day of March, 2023.

Dated this 31st day of March, 2023  
**Sgd. Brian Jackson**

*Brian Jackson*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[95/5]

**Crown Timbers Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company Number 1410852

**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 30th day of March, 2023.

Dated this 31st day of March, 2023  
**Sgd. Brian Jackson**

*Brian Jackson*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[95/6]

**Boundary House Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company Number 1410851

**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 30th day of March, 2023.

Dated this 31st day of March, 2023  
**Sgd. Brian Jackson**

*Brian Jackson*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[95/7]

**Carisbrooke Road Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company Number 1572129

**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 30th day of March, 2023.

Dated this 31st day of March, 2023  
**Sgd. Brian Jackson**

*Brian Jackson*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[95/8]

**LINDORA HOLDINGS LIMITED**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company Number 1811713

**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 30th day of March, 2023.

Dated this 31st day of March, 2023  
**Sgd. Brian Jackson**

*Brian Jackson*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[95/9]

**Oxford Road Holdings Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company Number 1572136

**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 30th day of March, 2023.

Dated this 31st day of March, 2023  
**Sgd. Brian Jackson**

*Brian Jackson*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[95/10]

*Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act*  
**Archean Intelligence Co., Ltd**

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)  
Company No. 2089931

**NOTICE** is hereby given pursuant to section 204, subsection 1 (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in Voluntary Liquidation. The Voluntary Liquidation commenced on 20 February 2023. The Liquidator is **Myron Walwyn of 2nd Floor Jayla Place, P.O. Box 216, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110.**

Dated 27 February 2023

(Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[95/11]

*Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act*  
**Awanis Corporate Investment Limited**

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)  
Company No. 2073592

**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 1st March 2023. The Liquidator is **Myron Walwyn of 2nd Floor Jayla Place, P.O. Box 216, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110.**

Dated 1st March 2023

(Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[95/12]

*Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act*  
**Wish&Harvest Capital (CHINA) Co., Limited**

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)  
Company No. 2044023

**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 2nd March 2023. The Liquidator is **Myron Walwyn of 2nd Floor Jayla Place, P.O. Box 216, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110.**

Dated 2nd March 2023

(Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[95/13]

*Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004*  
**HHG Holdings Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 2012988

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

Dated: 30 March 2023.

(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[95/14]

*Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act. 2004*  
**SUCCESS FAITH TRADING DEVELOPMENT LIMITED**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1895269

**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 3rd day of April, 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa V O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: 3rd day of April 2023

(Sgd.) **Philippa V O'Sullivan**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[95/15]

*Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act*  
**Blue Phoenix Investments Limited**

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)  
Company No. 1529180

**NOTICE** is hereby given pursuant to section 204, subsection 1 (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in Voluntary Liquidation. The Voluntary Liquidation commenced on 29th March 2023. The Liquidator is **Myron Walwyn of Travers Thorp Alberga, 2nd Floor Jayla Place, P.O. Box 216, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110.**

Dated 3rd April 2023

(Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[95/16]

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

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)  
Company No. 1648596

**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 29th March 2023. The Liquidator is **Myron Walwyn of Travers Thorp Alberga, 2nd Floor Jayla Place, P.O. Box 216, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110.**

Dated 3rd April 2023

(Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[95/17]

*Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 203 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004.*  
**CHESTNUT HILL HOLDING LTD.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 193136

**NOTICE** is hereby given pursuant to Section 203 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the day this notice of appointment of liquidator is filed with the Registrar of Corporate Affairs. The Liquidator is **Ray A. George, of Jennings Apartment, Apt. No. 2, Manchester, Tortola, British Virgin Islands** (the "Liquidator"), who was in turn appointed on March 23, 2023.

Dated: March 23rd 2023  
**(Sgd.) Ray A. George**

*Ray A. George*

Voluntary Liquidator [95/18]

*Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004*  
**HESTIA REAL ESTATE ADVISORS LTD**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1829300

**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 31st March, 2023. The Liquidator is **Cassandra Cylita Glasgow-Penn of Chapel Hill, East End, Tortola, BVI VG1120.**

Dated this 4th April, 2023.

**Sgd. Cassandra Cylita Glasgow-Penn**  
Liquidator [95/19]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1993469

**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 3rd, 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: April 3rd, 2023

(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[95/20]



# PUBLIC NOTICES

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

BVIHPB No 2023/0059

**IN THE ESTATE OF SPENCER ERROL BASSUE, LATE OF  
JOHNSON GHUT, TORTOLA, VIRGIN ISLANDS, DECEASED**

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Florence Olivia Bassue, Johnson Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicant who is, the lawful wife of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 13th March, 2021 at Luton and Dunstable Hospital, Luton, United Kingdom.

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

Dated this 28 day of March, 2023

Filed by:

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Nelson Samuel  
NR Samuel & Co  
Legal Practitioner for the Applicants  
The Applicants' address for services is:  
NR Samuel & Co  
3rd Flr, Chevelle Center  
Road Town, Tortola, BVI  
Legal Practitioner for the Applicant  
[95]

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

**IN THE ESTATE OF JOÃO AGUIAR ALVAREZ,  
DECEASED**

TAKE NOTICE that MARIA LUCIA NETTO ALVAREZ of Avenida São Paulo, 1849, Residencial Tambore I, Barueri – SP, 06458-080, Brazil, being the appointed Administrator of the estate of JOÃO AGUIAR ALVAREZ, Deceased (the Deceased), who died on the 8th day of January 2021 domiciled in Brazil, has applied to the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the Probate Division for Letters of Administration in the estate of the said Deceased.

ANY PERSONS having any objections to the grant of Letters of Administration to the said MARIA LUCIA NETTO ALVAREZ 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 27th day of March, 2023

Filed by Harney Westwood & Riegels LP,  
Solicitors for the Administrator,  
whose address for service is Craigmuir Chambers,  
PO Box 71, Road Town,  
Tortola VG1110,  
British Virgin Islands.

[95]

**APPOINTMENT  
TRETHERNE LIMITED  
("the Company")  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)**

Company No. 1061589  
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that: **Trethorne Limited** is in voluntary liquidation. The date of commencement of liquidation is 30th March 2023. The liquidator is **Carmine Bailey of Kendall Corporate Services Limited, 2nd Floor Abbott Building, 87 Main Street, Waterfront Drive, P.O. Box 3169; PMB425, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.** Dated 3rd April 2023  
**Carmine Bailey**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[95/21]

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

**Bolder Corporate Services  
(BVI) Limited.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1710138  
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from April 3, 2023.

Dated: April 3, 2023  
*(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[95/22]

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

**STEPPINGHOME LIMITED**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 265188  
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 23rd December 2022. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, PO Box 116 Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: 23rd December 2022.  
*(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[95/23]

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

**KNOWLEDGE SERVICES  
INC.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1543927  
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 22 November 2022. The Liquidator is **Ray A. George, of Long Trench, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

**Ray A. George**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[95/24]

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

**VIRGIN ISLANDS  
BVIHPB 2023/0055**

**In the Estate of DIRCE DORIA DURAZZO, late of Rua Augusta  
1819,  
apartamento 62, Cerquiera Cesar 01413-000, Sao Paulo, SP, Brazil,  
deceased**

**ADVERTISEMENT**

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by RICARDO DORIA DURAZZO of Rua Baculo 21, 04748-050, Sao Paulo, SP, Brazil for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who is the surviving son of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 14th day of August, 2021.

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

Dated this 24th day of March 2023

FILED by KENDALL Law,  
Attorneys at law for the Administrator  
whose address for service is c/o KENDALL Law  
2nd Floor Abbott Building, Waterfront Drive,  
Road Town Virgin Islands VG 1110  
[95]

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

**PROBATE NO. 0056 OF 2023**

**IN THE ESTATE OF MARIA MAGDALENA KEMPS  
RODRIGUEZ (ALSO KNOWN AS MARIA MAGDALENA KEMPS  
RODRIGUEZ DE CHAMLATI and MARIA MAGDALENA  
KEMPS DE CHAMLATI),  
LATE OF EDGAR ALLAN POE 209, POLANCO, MIGUEL  
HIDALGO, MEXICO CITY, MEXICO, DECEASED**

**ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT**

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by MAGDALENA PATRICIA CHAMLATI KEMPS of Edgar Allan Poe # 209, Polanco, 11550 Mexico City, Mexico and ALFREDO ANTONIO CHAMLATI KEMPS of Rio Tigris #102 Int., 501, Cuauhtémoc, Mexico City, Mexico who are the children of MARIA MAGDALENA KEMPS RODRIGUEZ (ALSO KNOWN AS MARIA MAGDALENA KEMPS RODRIGUEZ DE CHAMLATI and MARIA MAGDALENA KEMPS DE CHAMLATI), deceased who died testate on the 15th day of November, 2021, for a Grant of Probate in the Estate of the said deceased.

ANY PERSON having any objections to the Grant of Probate to the application shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

DATED this 30th day of March, 2023

Filed by HUNTE & CO. LAW CHAMBERS, Attorneys-at Law  
whose address for service is 123 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola,  
British Virgin Islands.

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# PUBLIC NOTICES

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT  
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
(PROBATE)  
THE VIRGIN ISLANDS  
BVIHPB 2023/0062

IN THE ESTATE OF LEONORA FREEMAN late of Great  
Mountain, Tortola, Territory of  
the Virgin Islands, deceased

ADVERTISEMENT OF  
APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by ORTIS FREEMAN (also known as ORTIS OLANZO FREEMAN and ORTIS OLONZO FREEMAN), Taxi Driver, of Fahie Hill, Tortola, Territory of the Virgin Islands (hereinafter referred to as "the Applicant"), for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above-named deceased ("the Deceased") who died on the 17th day of December, 2001, domiciled in the Territory of the Virgin Islands, without revoking a Will bearing the date of 14th day of February, 2000, wherein the Applicant is named as an Executor.

ANY PERSON having an objection to the Grant of Probate to the Applicant 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 28th day of March, 2023.

Filed on behalf of the Applicant herein,  
by VIGILATE LAW,  
Legal Practitioners for the Applicant,  
whose address for service is at C/o VIGILATE LAW,  
Lagoon Plaza, Ground  
Floor, 185 Main Street, Road Town,  
Tortola, Virgin Islands.  
[95]

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

CLAIM NO. BVIHPB2023/0069

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

ADVERTISEMENT

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

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

Dated this 3rd day of April 2023

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

[96]

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

**Tara Assets Inc.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1785934

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 3rd day of April 2023. The Liquidator is **Ray A. George**, of Long Trench, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated this 3rd day of April 2023

**Ray A. George**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[95/25]

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

**Immobile Ltd.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 2011884

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 3rd day of April 2023. The Liquidator is **Ray A. George**, of Long Trench, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated: 3rd April 2023

**Ray A. George**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[95/26]

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

**Grand Welcom Fitness  
Management Ltd.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 2092110

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 29 March 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan** of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated: 29 March 2023

(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**  
Voluntary Liquidator [95/27]

APPOINTMENT  
**PERSONNEL  
INTERNATIONAL  
LIMITED**

("the Company")  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 647277

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **Personnel International Limited** is in voluntary liquidation. The date of commencement of liquidation is 4th April 2023. The liquidator is **Carmine Bailey** of Kendall Corporate Services Limited, 2nd Floor Abbott Building, 87 Main Street, Waterfront Drive, P.O. Box 3169; PMB425, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated 4th April 2023

**Carmine Bailey**  
Voluntary Liquidator [95/28]



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

BY EMAIL AND VIRGIN ISLANDS GAZETTEBVLIR/  
PRE/01/2023

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION BY  
PRESCRIPTION  
SECTION 135 OF THE REGISTERED LAND ACT  
CAP 229 OF THE 1991 EDITION OF THE REVISED LAWS OF  
THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Sea Cows Bay	2736B	13

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

Parcel 13 is registered to:

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

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

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

Dated this 27th day of March 2023

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

To: crystal.mckenzie@thorntonsmith.com

THORNTON SMITH  
PO Box 3534  
Road Town, Tortola, VG1110  
British Virgin Islands

**Alvin Forbes**  
Sea Cows Bay, Tortola VG1110  
Virgin Islands

Tel: Lands Unit: (284) 469-2617; Survey Unit: (284) 464-4321 | Email: Lands Unit: landregistrations@gov.vg; Survey Unit: landsandsurveydept@gov.vg | Website: www.bvi.gov.vg

[95]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the  
BVI Business Company Act  
**TRINITY HALL  
LIMITED**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1785454

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 4, 2023.

Dated: April 5, 2023

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

[95/29]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the  
BVI Business Company Act.

**CASEY CAPITAL  
ASSETS LTD.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1478190

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 5th, 2023.

Dated: April 5th, 2023

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

[95/30]

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# PUBLIC NOTICES

**THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT  
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
VIRGIN ISLANDS  
PROBATE NO. BVIHPB 0306 OF 2022**

**In the Estate of JAMES MISENER (also known as JAMES ALAN MISENER and/or JAMES ALAN MISENER JR) late of Mango Crescent, 4 Mango Drive, Porters, St James, Barbados, DECEASED**

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to section 28 of the Trustee Ordinance of the Laws of the Virgin Islands Revised Edition 1991 (303) that any person having a claim against or an interest in the estate of JAMES MISENER (also known as JAMES ALAN MISENER and/or JAMES ALAN MISENER JR), deceased, late of Mango Crescent, 4 Mango Drive, Porters, St James, Barbados who died 6th July 2022 are hereby required to send particulars in writing of his or her claim or interest to Conyers Dill & Pearman, Commerce House, Wickhams Cay I, PO Box 3140, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110, the Solicitors acting for EARL JAMES MISENER and JAMES MICHAEL MISENER and MARI-LYNN DARLENE MISENER, the Executors and Trustees of the Deceased's estate, and to send such particulars not later than 20 May 2023 after which date the said Executors will distribute the estate among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interests of which he or she has had notice and will not, in respect to the property so distributed, be liable to any person of whose claim he shall not then have notice.

Dated 4 April 2023

[95]

*Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.*  
**Chenwenyun Limited**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 2035502

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 3rd day of April, 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: 3rd April, 2023  
(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[95/31]

*Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.*  
**Mufan Limited**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 2035509

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 3rd day of April, 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: 3rd April, 2023  
(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[95/32]

*Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.*  
**Comconstruction Investment Groupco. Ltd**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 2036219

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 3rd day of April, 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: 3rd April, 2023  
(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[95/33]

*Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.*  
**Vigoros Tiger Holding Limited**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 2036261

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 3rd day of April, 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: 3rd April, 2023  
(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[95/34]

*Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.*  
**KATEX USA, INC.**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 2036348

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 3rd day of April, 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: 3rd April, 2023  
(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[95/35]

*Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.*  
**FYSG Investment Management co., Ltd.**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 2036637

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 3rd day of April, 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: 3rd April, 2023  
(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[95/36]

*Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.*  
**Yun Vision Limited**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 2038792

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 3rd day of April, 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: 3rd April, 2023  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[95/37]

*Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.*  
**Fan Vision Limited**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 2038791

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 3rd day of April, 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: 3rd April, 2023  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[95/38]

**ADAMAS CAPITAL PARTNERS LIMITED  
- In Official Liquidation**

**Notice of Appointment of Official Liquidator  
and first meeting of creditors**

**The Companies Act (2023 Revision) of the Cayman Islands  
Grand Court Cause No. FSD 42 of 2022 (NSJ)**

TAKE NOTICE that by order of the Grand Court made on 3rd February 2023, Adamas Capital Partners Limited, registration number CR 315955, whose registered office is situated at Trafalgar CS Ltd., The Grand Pavilion, Bougainvillea Way, Grand Cayman KY1-1201, Cayman Islands, was ordered to be wound up, with effect from 2 March 2023, in accordance with the Companies Act.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that Graham Robinson of Crowe Cayman Ltd., 94 Solaris Avenue, Camana Bay, PO Box 30851, Grand Cayman KY1-1204 has been appointed as Official Liquidator of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the first meeting of the Company's creditors is to be held on 26 April 2023 at 11:00 a.m. (Cayman Islands time) by teleconference.

The primary purpose of the meeting is to brief creditors on the liquidation and next steps. Any creditor intending to participate in the meeting must send written notice of their intention to do so to the contact for enquiries below by no later than 11:00 am (Cayman Islands time) on 25 April 2023. Dial in details will be provided upon confirmation of attendance.

Dated this 21st day of March 2023

Graham Robinson, Official Liquidator

Contact for Enquiries: James Parkinson.

Telephone: +1 (345) 814 2429.

E-mail: [james.parkinson@crowe.com](mailto:james.parkinson@crowe.com)

Mailing Address for Service: Crowe Cayman Ltd,  
94 Solaris Avenue, Camana Bay, Grand Cayman,  
PO Box 30851, KY1-1204, Cayman Islands

*Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.*  
**Ample Fame Biotech Limited**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 2079076

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 5th day of April, 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: 5th April, 2023  
(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**  
Liquidator  
[95/39]

*Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.*  
**Enhanced Ltd**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 2079060

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 5th day of April, 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: 5th April, 2023  
(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**  
Liquidator  
[95/40]

# Asthmatics Urged To Wear Masks During School Demolition



Asthmatics and persons with respiratory conditions in the vicinity of the demolition of the Althea Scatliffe Primary School are being urged to take the necessary precautions including the wearing of masks.

Chief of Drugs and Pharmaceutical Services, Mrs. Gracia Wheatley-Smith said the demolition, which has started, is expected to be completed in an estimated two-week period and that she is encouraging asthmatics and persons with respiratory conditions living and working in the area to take precautions.

Mrs. Wheatley-Smith said vulnerable persons should wear a form-fitting mask to reduce inhalation of the dust that will be generated during the demolition and which will linger in the air even

after the demolition period is over. Asthmatics should also ensure that they have their rescue inhaler on hand to administer in the event of an attack.

The Chief of Drugs said persons should also use alternative routes where possible to reduce exposure. "These air borne particles are small and may not be visible to the eyes but they can trigger an asthma attack, make it difficult to breathe and also irritate the eyes," she said.

Persons are also advised to keep windows closed during the demolition period to reduce dust entering their homes, keep pets indoors, avoid hanging laundry outside and place floor mats inside all entryways. Shoes should not be worn beyond entry door and should be

cleaned on a daily basis during this time.

"We also want to take this time to encourage persons to hose down any outside furniture and surfaces every day around the house to reduce the pile up of dust," Mrs. Wheatley-Smith cautioned. She added, "If asthmatic, do not hesitate to go to the Emergency Room if experiencing prolonged difficulty in breathing especially after using the rescue inhaler(salbutamol)." She also alerted the community to look out for cockroaches and other rodents that will be looking for a place to live as a result of the demolition.

The Ministry of Health and Social Development is committed to improving the health of the people of the Virgin Islands. *(GIS Photo)*



## PUBLIC NOTICES

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

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

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF PROBATE

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

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

Dated this 6th day of April 2023.

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

Legal Practitioner for the Applicant for Grant of Probate

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

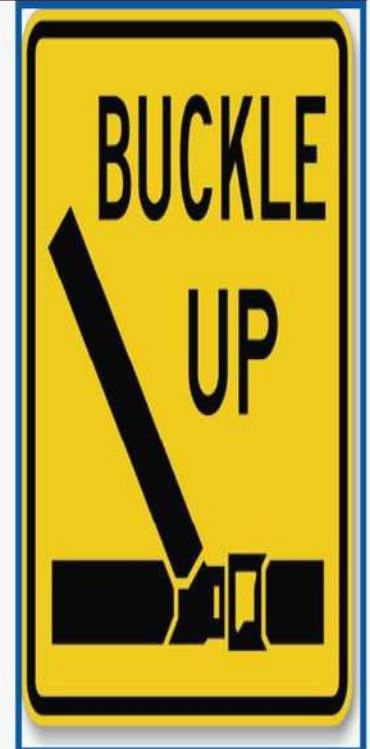
**Victor Elite Limited**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 2062975

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 28th day of March, 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: 28th March, 2023

(Sgd.) *Philippa O'Sullivan*  
Voluntary Liquidator

[95/45]



**FIRSTCARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL BANK LIMITED HAS ANNOUNCED ST. KITTS SALE WILL NOT GO AHEAD**

Bank pledges to refine and transform its business in St Kitts introducing smart ABMs and other enhanced digital services.

Bridgetown Barbados, 6 April 2023. FirstCaribbean International Bank Limited has announced today that the sale of its assets of FirstCaribbean International Bank (Barbados) Limited in St. Kitts to St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla National Bank Limited (SKNANB) will not now go ahead.

The Eastern Caribbean Central Bank ('ECCB') provided conditional approval for the sale of the assets and banking business of FirstCaribbean International Bank (Barbados) Limited ('FCIB Barbados') in St. Kitts to the St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla National Bank Limited ('SKNANB') on July 15, 2022, subject to certain conditions.

SKNANB recently informed FCIB Barbados that it has not secured final approval from the ECCB to conclude the acquisition. The ECCB subsequently notified FCIB Barbados of its decision to not grant final approval for the sale of its operations in St. Kitts.

Notwithstanding the denial of approval outlined above, the ECCB remains fully engaged with FCIB Barbados as it continues to assess its operational footprint in the Eastern Caribbean Currency Union.

This means that FirstCaribbean International Bank (Barbados) Limited will retain its presence in St. Kitts and has announced plans to transform the way it does business in St. Kitts.

Chief Executive Officer of CIBC FirstCaribbean, Mark St. Hill, noted that while the ending of the sale process is disappointing for the bank, CIBC FirstCaribbean will take advantage of this opportunity to refine its business in St. Kitts. He added: "We are an agile organisation and it is our duty on behalf of our employees and clients to ensure that we deliver a steady ship that provides omni-channel access to banking services in St. Kitts. We are prepared to pivot and look towards growing our business in St. Kitts into the future."

Managing Director for the bank in Barbados and the OECS countries, Donna Wellington, noted that the bank will take this opportunity to transform its business in St. Kitts. "Our priority is to signal to the market that we are staying and open for business. We have been conservative in the St. Kitts market over the past year-and-a-half as we prepared the business for sale. However, we will now concentrate our effort on building the business, reconnecting with both our Retail and Corporate clients in a big way and providing them with the best products and services CIBC FirstCaribbean has to offer."

Ms. Wellington went on to thank both staff and clients for their commitment to the bank. "Our employees are a huge asset to the business, and we owe them a huge debt of gratitude for the grace and professionalism they have exhibited over the past several months. As for our clients, we have already spoken to some of them and they have assured us of their continuing support for us, so it is full steam ahead."

Ms. Wellington noted that the bank plans to eventually transform its branch and network in Basseterre to be able to provide access to both in person and digital banking services to St. Kitts, with the installation of Smart ABMs, and other self-serve products that will allow customers to choose how and where they bank with CIBC FirstCaribbean.

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# Press Statement From Governor Of The British Virgin Islands Mr John Rankin Cmg

On 13 February I published my second Quarterly Review of progress made under the Framework for Implementation of the Commission of Inquiry Recommendations. This was published here in the BVI and also sent to Lord Goldsmith, the UK Minister for the Overseas Territories. I've now received his response to my Quarterly Review and I am publishing it today for everyone to see.

My report noted that 19 of the 48 Recommendations in the COI Report had been completed and I welcomed such progress as had been made.

But I also noted that much more still needs to be done. The BVI Government's count now is that 20

of the 48 recommendations have been completed. But that is still less than half and behind where we agreed as part of the initial deadlines.

A number of the specific reviews which were commissioned have now been received, for example in relation to Statutory Boards and distribution of Crown Land. The Statutory Boards Review carried out by Jamal Smith was received on 31 December. The Review on Crown Land by David Abednego was received on 13 January. But neither of these reviews have yet been made public, allowing people to read for themselves the direction that it is proposed the reforms will take.

Similarly the Review on Social

Assistance conducted by the Social Policy Research Institute in support of UNICEF is yet to be published despite having been received on 18 January. Given the sensitivity of the issues arising from the Assistance Grants Audit, I expect that members of the public will be interested to see what solutions the experts recommend.

So I believe the reviews need to start being made public now, and unless they are otherwise published shortly, I will take steps to do so. Moreover the reviews are only the start of a process on which further action is required. It is imperative that the Government considers the recommendations in the reviews, consults on them as necessary, and then gets on with delivering the

necessary changes.

Other areas of delay include reforms required to curb the unfettered discretion of Ministers. I welcome the fact that there has now been agreement on adopting the Protocol on Appointments to Statutory Boards. But in my view it should have been adopted sooner and again it has not yet been published. I also expressed concern in my Quarterly Review about delays in the processing of applications for Residency and Belongership. There is a huge backlog of old applications, and since 1 June 2022, over one thousand new applications have been made but little if any progress has been made in dealing with them. I am working with the Premier, his office, and the Deputy Governor's Office to find a solution. This will require a significant commitment of time and resources, but this should have happened already. Under the Framework Document the Government made a commitment to prioritise and allocate resources to the agreed reforms.

I should note that I am pleased to have now received the Audit on the 2019 Residency and Belongership Fast Track Programme and I am working through it in consultation with others as appropriate. I look forward to its publication in due course.

Let me now turn to Lord Goldsmith's response to my Quarterly Review. In his letter he notes that during his visit to the Territory in February he was reassured by the Premier and Ministers of the Government of National Unity's commitment to promoting good governance and carrying out reforms. But he also notes that progress on implementing the recommendations in the Framework document has been too slow. He is concerned that there have been signs of insufficient commitment in some specific areas, that too many areas lag substantially behind, and that much of what has been delivered so far doesn't yet represent sufficient reform to prevent future abuse.

Overall the Minister agrees with my conclusion that serious efforts and clear prioritisation of time and resources are required to pick up the pace to deliver the reform that the people of the BVI want and deserve.

Some adjustments to the deadlines in the Framework Document will be required. The Premier has asked



*His Excellency John James Rankin CMG*

for eleven extensions to deadlines in areas for which he is responsible, and I have asked for two. Minister Goldsmith has consequently asked me, following the upcoming General Election, to agree with the next BVI Government a refreshed timetable for the delivery of the remaining recommendations and reforms in the Framework document. This should include ambitious yet achievable deadlines to ensure that the necessary reforms have taken root no later than May 2024. If that can be achieved that should allow the UK Order in Council to be lifted. Indeed as the Minister makes clear in his letter, the Order can be lifted sooner if implementation can be achieved more quickly. The staff in my Office and I will do all we can to support the implementation work.

Let me conclude by reiterating that I welcome the progress that has been made to date. The current Premier has assured me of his commitment to implementing the COI Recommendations and to achieving the deep reforms that are required. But we have to get on with it and we need to accelerate the reform programme so that the people of the BVI start seeing more real, positive changes.

Once the General Election is over I will sit down with whichever Government is in place to work out a refreshed plan for implementing the commitments in the Framework Document. I remain fully determined to ensuring that such implementation takes place, just as the UK Government remains committed to taking the necessary actions to ensure that the people of the BVI get the reforms they deserve.

**GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS**  
Ministry of Health and Social Development

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**Bamboushay Pottery** is hereby seeking to employ a full time Ceramacist/Product-Marketing coordinator. Applicant should be able to work Holiday and weekend. Please send resume to [info@bamboushaypottery.com](mailto:info@bamboushaypottery.com) [s96]

**COCONUT LOUNGE** is seeking to fill four (4) positions:  
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To register your interest for the position of Dishwasher, please call (284) 540-6595. The successful candidate must be willing to work late evening shifts, especially on weekends. For all other positions listed, please send resume to: [coconutloungevi@gmail.com](mailto:coconutloungevi@gmail.com). Requirements: Relevant qualifications with at least three (3) years of experience in the hospitality industry. Applicants with BVI belonger status preferred. [s96]

**Bobby's Market Place** needs the following:  
1. Drivers  
2. Security Personnel  
3. Cashiers  
Wickham's Cay 1, Road Town Tortola, British Virgin Islands  
Telephone: 284-494-2189 [s96]

**IrDi Gift Shop** requires the need for a Sales Clerk for the business. Please call 344-9525 for more information. [s96]

**EMCs Caribbean Ltd** is looking for a Labourer interested applicants can submit their CV/ Resume with cover letter at P.O Box 386 Road Town, Tortola, BVI or call 284-494-1300 [s96]

The following full time positions are available at Maria's By The Sea Hotel:  
**RECEPTIONIST  
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Please apply in person or send resume to [info@mariasbythesea.com](mailto:info@mariasbythesea.com) [s96]

**EMCs Caribbean Ltd** is looking for a cleaner interested applicants can submit their CV/ Resume with cover letter at P.O Box 386 Road Town, Tortola, BVI or call 284-494-1300 [s96]

**Modern-Development Services Ltd** needs two Full Time Electrician must have at least 5 years experience. Please telephone 494-8001/340-6685. [s96]

**Modern Development Services Ltd** needs two Full Time-Masons/Carpenters with 5 years experience. Please-telephone-494-8001/340-6685 [s96]

**NEEDED: Boat Detailing** at Village Cay for further information and contact information:-email [trevorlashley27@gmail.com](mailto:trevorlashley27@gmail.com) OR telephone contact information is +1 (284) 341-7898. [s96]



## REAL ESTATE

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

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**One 4 Bedroom House** for rent with 3 ½ baths with balcony with Jacuzzi, lovely view located in Parham Town, East End. Please call 342-0652. [s96]

**Two (2) Studio Apartments** for rent located Long Trench. Please call 547-6283 [s96]

## PUBLIC NOTICES

*Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.*  
**Adorable and Doable Ltd**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 2079052  
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 5th day of April, 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**  
Dated: 5th April, 2023  
(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**  
Liquidator  
[95/41]

APPOINTMENT  
**NEWLYTE LIMITED**  
("the Company")  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1816063  
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that: **Newlyte Limited** is in voluntary liquidation. The date of commencement of liquidation is 5th April 2023. The liquidator is **Carmine Bailey of Kendall Corporate Services Limited, 2nd Floor Abbott Building, 87 Main Street, Waterfront Drive, P.O. Box 3169; PMB425, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**  
Dated 5th April 2023  
**Carmine Bailey**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[95/42]

NOTICE  
*BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT*  
**Sadeem Group Limited**  
("the Company")  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 05th 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:-*  
**Marsha Corum**  
of Nerine Chambers,  
P.O. Box 905,  
Road Town,  
Tortola,  
British Virgin Islands [95/43]

*Notice of Appointment of a Voluntary Liquidator under Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004.*  
**HAMILTON I INVESTMENT PARTNERS INC**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1878495  
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 6 day of April 2023. The Liquidator is **RAY ANDERSON GEORGE of Long Trench, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**  
Dated this 6 day of April 2023  
**Ray Anderson George**  
Voluntary Liquidator [95/44]

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 Telephone 494-8985. [s95]

**Senior Structural Engineer**  
 CSE (BVI) Ltd are seeking a Senior Chartered Civil/Structural Engineer. As well as MISTructE status, the successful candidate must have an M.Eng in Civil Engineering and a minimum of 10 years' office-based design experience, including at least 5 years post-chartership experience.

The Candidate must be proficient in the use of Tekla Tedds, Tekla Structural Designer, CADS RC, AutoCad, Autodesk Revit, MasterSeries and CSC Fastrak software.  
 Please send CV by email to:- email: [careers@csecaribbean.com](mailto:careers@csecaribbean.com) or Tel: 284 346 7392 [s95]

**Director**  
 CSE (BVI) Ltd are seeking a Director and Chartered Structural Engineer. As well as MISTructE status, the successful candidate must have an MEng in Civil Engineering, at least 2 years Directorship and a minimum of 20 years' project coordination and office-based design experience, including 10 years' experience in the Caribbean.  
 The Candidate must be proficient in the use of Tekla Tedds, Tekla Structural Designer, CADS RC, AutoCad, Autodesk Revit, MasterSeries and CSC Fastrak software.  
 Please send CV by email to:- email: [careers@csecaribbean.com](mailto:careers@csecaribbean.com) or Tel: 284 346 7392 [s95]

**T & E MAINTENANC- & REPAIRS** seeks reliable WELDER with minimum of 5 years experience in MIG/TIG/ARC/GAS-welding. Please contact 1-284-440-4603. [s95]

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**Structural Engineer**  
 CSE (BVI) Ltd are seeking a Civil/Structural Engineer. The successful candidate must be a Caricom resident and have an M.Sc in Civil Engineering and must have a minimum of 8 years' office-based design experience.  
 The Candidate must be proficient in the use of Revit, Robot, AutoCad, spColumn, STAAD Pro, SAP2000, MATLAB, and LinPro 27.5 software.  
 The applicant must be able to work on his own in site conditions checking for compliance of the contractor's work to the structural drawings, as well as carrying out design works.  
 Please send CV by email to:- email: [careers@csecaribbean.com](mailto:careers@csecaribbean.com) or Tel: 284 346 7392 [s95]

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"Quito's Ltd is seeking 3 Full Time Servers, experience with the Micros POS system is a plus. The applicant should be friendly and customer oriented, hardworking, trustworthy, punctual and have a positive attitude, excellent communication skills, must be mature & a team player. For consideration, please, submit resumes by email to: [generalmanager@quitosbvi.com](mailto:generalmanager@quitosbvi.com) or (284) 495-4837. BVIIslander & Belongers preferred." [s95]

**AVL Ltd:**  
 Network Systems Technician for Systems Integration Company. Must have 2 years minimum experience installing and testing electrical/electronic systems. Must be proficient with Microsoft Word and Excel. Must be a team player. Belongers preferred. Send applications in PDF format via email to [info@avlbi.com](mailto:info@avlbi.com) or Telephone: 284 494 2801 [s95]

**Elite Security & Investigations** needs Full Time Security Guards requirements: must be physically fit, minimum high school Education and is of good character. Please call 284-496-9600 or Email: [eliteccure2@gmail.com](mailto:eliteccure2@gmail.com) [s95]

**Afro Fusion Restaurant and Bar** requires Waitresses, Bartenders, Line Cook, Kitchen Helpers, Cook and a Handyman for the business. Please call 346-6467 for more information. [s95]

**KAD POOL SERVICES** is looking for experience Full Time Fiberglass Pool Installation to join the team. Please contact Dion Anslem at 541-8006 or 495-8030 for further details. [s95]

Tropical Rentals Limited is in need of a Rental Agent with a pleasing personality and good customer service. A bachelor's degree is an advantage. Must possess exceptional interpersonal skills and be able to work under pressure. Willing to work on weekends and holidays. BVIIslanders and/or Belongers preferred. Must have a valid BVI driver's licence. Interested applicants may email resume at [roxane@vimotors.net](mailto:roxane@vimotors.net). [s95]

D & D Construction has a need for the following employees in the capacity of :  
 Construction-Supervisor,- Foreman, Masons,- Carpenters, Painters, Tilers, Labourers, Sheetrock workers, and Stone Workers. Please call 341-8040 for more information. [s95]

**EMCS Caribbean** is looking for a Site Engineer  
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