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## GOVERNMENT PLANS TO RESUSCITATE PROSPECT REEF

Premier and Minister for Finance Dr. the Hon. Natalio Wheatley announced that Government is making efforts to move forward with the restoration and renovation of the Prospect Reef Resort; as was promised in the 2023 budget address.

The disclosure was made at a recent press conference by Premier and Minister for Finance, Dr. the Hon. Natalio Wheatley. While making the announcement the BVI Leader stated that in the near future government will be inviting bidders to submit their proposals for the development of the resort.

Hon. Wheatley told members of the media: "Very soon, I will be engaging the Prospect Reef board on issuing a Request for Proposal for development. We see Prospect Reef as a hotel that can offer

convention centre services to our business community and assist in hosting meetings, conferences and so on. So Prospect Reef is a very big part of what we are intending to do and the public should see a Request for Proposal very soon."

The Premier further stated that once the bidding process commences, the Prospect Reef Board will be tasked with considering the submitted development proposals in order to consider the right bidder for the development arrangement. "When the Request for Proposal goes up, anyone who is interested will be able to put forward a proposal and they will have a fair and transparent process to select a proposal," Hon. Wheatley noted.

During his 29 November budget address last year Hon. Wheatley announced that his administration intends

to advance the development of the languishing Prospect Reef property this year.

The Prospect Reef Hotel and Resort, which is a government-owned hospitality structure was destroyed by the 2017 hurricanes and remains in a deplorable state. Some have referred to Prospect Reef as an eyesore and waste of prime real estate; however, the Premier is noting that things are about to change. While noting that his administration has plans for tourism development, Hon. Wheatley told the House of Assembly back in November: "One such area for development is Prospect Reef. I have discussed the matter with the Chairman of the Prospect Reef Board and we intend to have a request for proposal in early 2023 if not sooner."

It was noted last year that legal matters were part of the reason the development of the resort were stalled. This

disclosure was made during a press conference on 28 January by previous Premier Andrew Fahie.

During that sitdown he told the media: "Prospect Reef

seems to be an entangled weave; every time you straighten out one thing with Prospect Reef, something else comes in."

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His Majesty King Charles III - Official photo by Hugo Burnand in the State Room at Buckingham Palace after the Coronation Service.



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"I say it in that parable because there are some legal concerns that have been raised lately, so I wouldn't want to say anything more about that until we pass that hurdle, which will hopefully be the last hurdle with Prospect Reef," Fahie further explained. Nonetheless it was stated

that work to improve the lot of Prospect Reef has been occurring behind the scenes. "We have made great progress although it doesn't look that way in terms of physical movement, but there was a lot of legal entanglement and measures that we had to get past with Prospect Reef; hopefully

this is the last one."

He further noted that there are details that cannot be explained at this time. "It was more of a legal nature with the legal issues that were involved in some areas, so based on the nature we cannot make that public as yet. But we will get there," Fahie further stated.

## PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYEES TO RECEIVE LONG DUE INCREMENTS IN JUNE

His Excellency Governor John Rankin recently conveyed his assurance that next month, public service employees will receive their long-due increments, as pledged by Premier and Minister of Finance Dr. the Hon. Natalio Wheatley.

The matter of the long awaited public service increments has been a popular conversation among members of the public who agrees that the funds should be paid. The subject which graced the political stages of the recent general elections has now squarely landed in the Governor's lap; and during his interview on the Talking Points radio programme Governor Rankin agreed that the matter of payments is now his responsibility.

He told the show's panel: "indeed, I bear the responsibility for the public service... As far as I recall, the Cabinet consensus was to make the first installment

of the increment payments by June, and I am confident these payments will be issued within that time-frame."

Notably, Premier Wheatley has recently stated that the payment issue is no longer in his control, despite previously reassuring the public that Cabinet had green-lit the increments for public service earlier this year.

Governor Rankin was questioned why the increments were scheduled for distribution so close to the recent general elections, indicating that this judgement should be left to others. He added: "The availability of funds is crucial, and it was only after the Cabinet and Ministry of Finance agreed to provide the necessary funding that decisions could be made regarding the payment of these increments."

The show's hosts also alluded to the public outrage

at the fact that former members of the House of Assembly were able to walk away with sizeable retirement package due to the Retiring Allowances (Legislative Services) Amendment Act, 2021; often referred to as the 'Greedy Bill', while public servants were still owed increments.

Therefore the host asked the Governor if his office might have neglected to champion the increments for public servants, but rather gave assent to the controversial-Retiring Allowances-(Legislative Services)-Amendment Act, 2021. In response, the Governor clarified that the much-criticised law, did not violate the constitution of the Territory.

"In such situations, as Governor, I can provide guidance on the prudence of legislation and how it may be perceived by others, but it's not a situation where I would typically withhold approval," he remarked. "The evaluation of the law's merits is not primarily my responsibility," Governor Rankin explained.

## Environmental Health Promotes Mosquito Awareness In Schools

The Vector Control Unit in the Environmental Health Division is visiting schools this week as part of Mosquito Awareness activities.

Deputy Chief Environmental Health Officer Ms. Henrietta Alexander said officers from the division will be doing a hunt in the schools to teach the children how to search out and destroy mosquito breeding sites.

Ms. Alexander said, "The aedes mosquito is responsible for diseases like, Zika, Dengue Fever and Chikungunya. While our message of reducing mosquito breeding and protecting self from mosquito bites remains the same, we felt it was important to employ the children as messengers as we continue our mission to fight the bite."

The Deputy Chief Environmental Health Officer added that the children will learn how to conduct surveillance activities by searching for potential mosquito breeding receptacles. She said other key lessons will include ensuring containers that are not being used are placed in the face down position, garbage is disposed of on a regular basis, drains are checked and cleared where water can settle and containers are scrubbed at the waterline to destroy mosquito eggs.

The students will also learn about the parts of the mosquito and will be able to examine the insects under microscopes at various stages in its life cycle.

Activities will continue during the week including an Expo on reducing mosquito breeding and other vector control mechanisms by the Red Cross Emergency Preparedness at the Noel Lloyd Park on May 12. The community is encouraged to attend this session.

Mosquito Awareness week is being observed from May 8 to 12 under the theme, 'Small Bite Big Threat', and the community is being urged to prevent and protect themselves from mosquito bites.

The Ministry of Health and Social Development is committed to ensuring that all aspects of the environment with the potential to negatively impact the health of the population are managed efficiently to enable all persons in the BVI to attain and maintain optimal health and well-being.





## PAC MEETINGS TO BE MADE PUBLIC

Recently appointed Opposition Leader Hon. Ronnie Skelton has pledged to foster greater transparency in the operations of the House of Assembly (HOA) when sessions resume by advocating for the committee stage and Public Accounts Committee (PAC) meetings to be made public.

Currently members of the public are able to tune into the House of Assembly sitting by listening on ZBVI radio, watching on Youtube or local television networks such as CBN. However, whenever the sitting goes into Committee Stage the feed from the sitting is cut so that the Committee portion

where members of the House would go through a Bill line by line, or even hear expert input remains private.

As it relates to the PAC, Hon. Skelton who is also the Chair of that Committee believes that it is time that the public is privy to the discussions and examinations being made in that accountability forum. Currently, the meetings of the PAC is private with the public only gaining glimpse into the discussion from PAC reports that are released from time to time.

While explaining his push for these public airings Hon. Skelton said: "My aim is to make the [PAC] proceedings accessible to the public." He



*Hon. Ronnie Skelton*

also stated that he intends to advocate for a proper office for the Leader of the Opposition where people can genuinely see the Opposition's commitment to building institutions and progressing towards internal self-governance."

The intention to make the

Committee stage public was endorsed by Eight District Representative and Opposition Member Hon. Marlon Penn who stated that Premier Dr. Natalio Wheatley previously endorsed the idea of making committee stage sessions public. "We explicitly discussed on the campaign trail the need – especially in legislative matters – to open up the committee stage of the House to the public ... The Premier concurred with this and he needs to follow through or remain silent," Penn added.

While stating his own belief that making the committee stage public is

the right thing to do Hon. Penn declared: "We must ensure full transparency in the process, enabling the public to witness the inner workings, the alterations we are making, and the decisions that will affect their lives. It's not enough to know only when it's published in the Gazette."

Third District Representative Julian Fraser also voiced his support for Penn's and Skelton's initiative to make PAC meetings public. "For the first time, we need to strive to prevent the House of Assembly from merely rubber-stamping executive decisions," Fraser stated.

## GOVERNMENT HOUSE STAGES CELEBRATION FOR CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III & QUEEN CAMILLA

The crowning of King Charles Philip Arthur George, also known as 'King Charles III, alongside his wife, Queen Consort Camilla, was celebrated in the Territory on 6 May. The local celebration included a 21-gun salute and a brief brunch gathering at the Government House.

King Charles, at 74 years old, was crowned nearly eight months after his ascension to the throne, following the passing of his mother, Queen Elizabeth II, on the 8

September.

The Government House celebration was arranged by His Excellency, the Acting Governor, David Archer Jr., subsequent to a public viewing of the coronation ceremony. In his short speech, Mr. Archer Jr., the Acting Governor, expressed his satisfaction at having the opportunity to host such a significantly historical coronation.

The Acting Governor pointed out that Premier, Dr. the Hon Natalio D. Wheatley, and His

Excellency Governor John Rankin were in London to play a substantial role in the formal proceedings of the events surrounding the coronation of King Charles.

"This event represents a once-in-a-generation landmark for many of us, and we are commemorating it together," Archer declared. As part of the observance, the Acting Governor also shared a message from the newly crowned King. The message highlighted that King Charles was

deeply moved by the ceremony and comparable celebrations taking place worldwide.

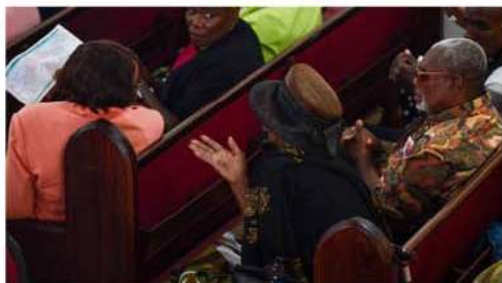
The Deputy Governor went on to announce that Monday would begin with 'The Big Help-Out', an event endorsed by King Charles, aimed at supporting individuals within the community.

Also present at the Government House celebration, Acting Premier and Minister of Finance, Hon Vincent Wheatley, voiced his delight at seeing the Virgin Islands community come together to pay homage to King Charles on his coronation day.





# Virgin Islands Golden Gems Celebrated



senior citizens of the Virgin Islands are gems who built the Territory to where it currently is and for that they deserve to be celebrated and accommodated.

Premier Wheatley said, "It is on their shoulders that we stand. We must ensure that we cherish our seniors who represent a bridge to the past."

The Premier added, "Our seniors hold the key for what they used to be and what we still can be today if we hold to God's unchanging hand and stand on his promises. Our seniors are truly our

golden gems, and, in many ways, they are a treasure for our Virgin Islands. We owe everything we have today to our elders."

The month of May marks the 34th anniversary of the celebration of Senior Citizen's Month in the Virgin Islands.

The Ministry of Health and Social Development remains committed to celebrating and putting mechanisms in place to ensure senior citizens are essential to the advancement and development of the Virgin Islands.



Minister for Health and Social Development Honourable Vincent O. Wheatley has said that this year's Senior Citizen's Month theme, "Aging Unbound", is a call to action grounded in shared faith.

"It is a reminder that aging should not be seen as a limitation but rather an opportunity to break free from stereotypes

and embrace the endless possibilities that life has to offer guided by the love and the grace of God," Honourable Wheatley said while addressing the Territory's seniors at a Church Service and Declaration for Senior Citizen's Month on Monday.

The Minister for Health added, "Let us take a moment to give thanks for the

invaluable contributions our senior citizens have made to our communities. They have shaped the spiritual, social, and economic landscape we cherish today. Their wisdom, experience and resilience continue to inspire and guide us in our journey."

Meanwhile, Premier and Minister of Finance Dr. the Honourable Natalio D. Wheatley, has said that the

## Facilities Management Unit Now A Department

The Facilities Management Unit has been upgraded to a full-fledged department as the Government of the Virgin Islands works towards the transformation vision of the Public Service.

Minister for Communication and Works, Honourable Kye M. Rymer said Cabinet accepted the Ministry's Re-organisation Plan 2018 as part of the Public Service Transformation Plan. This is in line with the Government's objective to stream-line services to drive efficiency and effectiveness, while focusing on service delivery to customers.

Honourable Rymer said the objective of restructuring the Facilities Management Unit to a Department

included but was not limited to: The development, implementation and increased accountability for the operational processing of building and vehicle maintenance;

Implement, preventative maintenance practices, exceeding the expected life cycles of the government facilities; Enhance maintenance management processes; Review custodial services; Re-organise security and custodial work to ensure adequate coverage and productivity.

Meanwhile, Director of the Department of Facilities Management, Mr. Arriel Donovan said the unit was established in 1994 for the sole purpose of managing the upkeep and security of

the Central Administration Complex, now renamed the Ralph T. O'Neal Administration Complex.

Mr. Donovan said the destruction sustained to the Administration Complex from hurricanes Irma and Maria of 2017, led to the relocation of ministries and departments and has expanded the role of the unit.

Director Donovan added, "The department maintains and secures most Government owned and leased properties. Other additional responsibilities include the Government's vehicle fleet management; the Courier and Chauffeur service; and the City Park and Ride Shuttle Service."

The Department of Facilities

Management is dedicated to building and maintaining a safe, secure and clean working environment for the occupants and visitors of government owned and

leased properties, while establishing and enforcing safety guidelines and procedures in compliance with building and safety legislations.



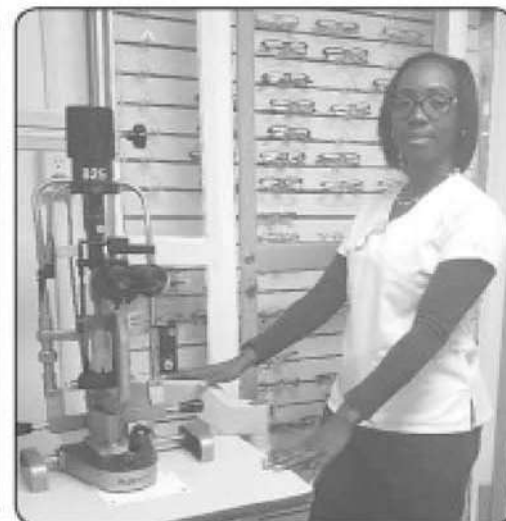




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# World Forum Widens Vision To Re-Imagine Education In The VI

Minister for Education, Youth Affairs and Sports Honourable Sharie B. de Castro has said that day 2 of the Education World Forum has energised

her delegation, and bolstered and widened their vision to re-imagine education in the Virgin Islands.

Honourable de Castro is in the

United Kingdom attending the Education World Forum 2023 in London, United Kingdom, which provides an opportunity for education ministers,

pioneers, policymakers, and experts to come together and deepen international ties through their passion for education. Honourable de Castro said day two's sessions highlighted the importance of foundational learning and developing, and implementing policies to support it.

"Changing international trends in education by identifying what must change in order to develop stronger, bolder, and better education and learning opportunities was the focus of the session on sustainability," the Education Minister added.

The Minister for Education said that there were sessions on how appropriate balances can be maintained between the student's well-being and grades; between central and individual goals; between dependency for direction and distributed decision making. The sessions also touched on how there can be a balance between compliance, innovation and creativity among learners, teachers, students, faculty and

leaders.

Honourable de Castro is being accompanied at the forum by Permanent Secretary Dr. Marcia Potter and Deputy Chief Education Officer Mrs. Orlendette Crabbe.

The Education World Forum 2023 is being held from May 5 to 12 under the theme: 'Nurturing learning culture, building resilience and promoting sustainability' for 'stronger, bolder, better education by design'.

Meanwhile, Honourable Luce Hodge-Smith is serving and performing the functions of Minister for Education, Youth Affairs and Sports in Minister de Castro's absence.

The appointment is in accordance with section 52 (2) of the Virgin Islands Constitution Order, 2007 where the Governor in accordance with the advice of the Premier shall by instrument under Public Seal appoint Ministers from among the elected members of the House of Assembly.



## PROGRAM LISTINGS

### MONDAYS

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

### TUESDAYS

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

### WEDNESDAYS

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

### THURSDAYS

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

### FRIDAYS

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

### SATURDAYS

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

### SUNDAYS

- (7:15 - 7:30 AM) HOPE FOR TODAY B'CAST - BY: CHRISTIAN FAITH ASSEMBLY
- (7:30 - 7:45 AM) VOICE OF THE LAMB B'CAST - BY: TRINITY MORAVIAN CHURCH
- (7:45 - 8:00 AM) ADVENT EYE MINISTRY (2ND & 4TH SUNDAY) - BY: BRO. MICHAEL WILLIAMS
- (7:45 - 8:00 AM) FAITH BELIEVING B'CAST (1ST & 3RD SUNDAY) - BY: UPPER ROOM DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE, BOSTON, MA
- (8:00 - 8:15 AM) VOICE OF HOPE B'CAST - BY: APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH
- (8:30 - 9:00 AM) GOSPEL OF JESUS B'CAST - BY: GOSPEL OF JESUS EVANGELISTIC PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
- (9:00 - 9:30 AM) SHOCKING BIBLE PROPHECIES - BY: 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)
- (8:15 PM) PRAISE & PRAYER SERVICE - BY: TRINITY MORAVIAN CHURCH (4TH SUNDAY)





# Population And Housing Census Begins On June 15



Director of the Central Statistics Office Mr. Raymond Phillips has indicated that preparations are underway to administer the Population and Housing Census from June 15.

Mr. Phillips said after some unavoidable delays imposed by the onset of the COVID19 pandemic, the Central Statistics Office (CSO) will commence the 2023 Population and Housing Census in June that was initially scheduled for 2020. This exercise is scheduled to be complete in December 2023.

Mr. Phillips said that the information that will be

generated from the census will reveal the social and economic conditions of the population and by extension the state of affairs of the Territory. The information will also contribute to assessing the population's needs and ultimately aid in resolving national challenges.

The Director stated, "It is critical for the public to offer its full participation and co-operation to ensure the effectiveness of this initiative, which will have a positive impact on all persons who reside in and are visitors to the Virgin Islands."

Mr. Phillips while explaining the data collection process stated, "The census collects data on a host of both housing and personal characteristics (of all persons residing in a household) including ownership status, power supply, water supply amenities, country, disability, education, health, and employment."

The Director added, "It

is therefore the most comprehensive database the CSO has available. Information produced from this database is used by a wide cross-section of stakeholders including the government, business, universities, researchers and students."

The public is reminded that the Central Statistics Office is committed to operating with the highest level of confidentiality that is stipulated in the Statistical Act, 2005.

The theme for this year's census is "Participation from

you and me is the key for census 2020/2023".

The Population and Housing Census will be conducted as a part of a collaborative effort with the Organisation of the Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) and the Caribbean Community (CARICOM).

The Central Statistics Office (CSO) is committed to gathering and producing accurate information that will inform evidence-based decisions and policies, to improve the socio-economic conditions in the Virgin Islands.



Mr. Raymond Phillips

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# Thanksgiving Service For The Fifth House Of Assembly

Premier and Minister of Finance Dr. the Honourable Natalio Wheatley has said that it is necessary for the people of the Virgin Islands to reflect and express gratitude to God for His favour during this season.

Premier Wheatley said that it is customary that following every General Elections, a Service of Thanksgiving is held to express gratitude for success at the polls and to seek God's guidance for the term of office.

He has therefore invitation to residents to attend this year's service for the Fifth House of Assembly to be held under the theme "Guide Us With Your Grace". The service will be held at the Road Town Methodist Church on Tuesday, May 16, at 5:30 p.m.

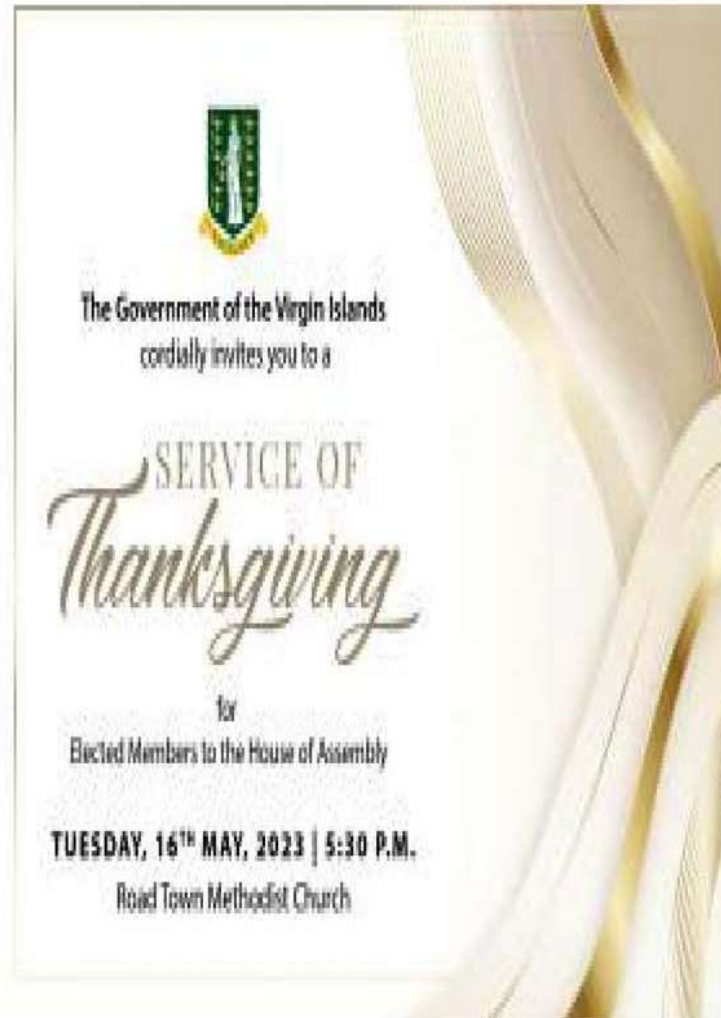
Premier Wheatley said, "We are asking for God's continued guidance as we seek to effectively serve the people of the Virgin Islands for the next term in office, despite the challenges that may arise."

He added that "It is important that we set aside some time as a people to ask the Lord to continue to intervene on our behalf, while we acknowledge His unwavering goodness towards us. The last few years have been difficult, but I am confident that we will not only overcome, but we will prosper and thrive."

The Thanksgiving service will see a coming together of pastors, church leaders and singers from across various denominations within the Christian community.

The public is invited to join the Members of the House of Assembly through collective prayer, praise and supplication as the

Government of the Virgin Islands seeks God's direction in the future political, socio-economic, and spiritual trajectory of the Territory.



## --LOCAL POET--

### She Did Not Know

In her poverty  
she was rich  
but did not know.  
She did not know  
that in embrace of that ghut  
was place and grace.  
She did not know  
that hand-me-downs  
wore values, norms  
of community,  
of dignity;  
she did not know.  
She did not know  
that wrong turn  
was no mistake,  
she did not know  
in troubled pity  
was packaged her destiny;  
she did not know.  
She did not know  
the grind and brine  
of work beyond her strength  
would fortify loyalty,  
instill integrity  
in self and country  
where she would grow;  
she did not know.  
Now she knows  
that invisible Hand  
was scripting the writ  
of destiny  
in this land  
according to His plan  
of fairness, mercy,  
justice and humility.  
Now she knows  
what she did not know!

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*The Poem above entitled 'SHE DID NOT KNOW' is dedicated to the Honourable Lorna Smith and all the courageous women who offered themselves in a decently run campaign during the General Elections 2023.*

*You will no doubt continue to position yourselves to help this Country wherever help is needed, as you can.*

*Congratulations to all the male candidates who genuinely offered themselves in a decently run campaign during the General Elections 2023.*

*I have no ear for those who chose to degrade others. We must learn that we can criticize constructively and point out wrong-doing without all the slander and mud-slinging.*



# Tyrique Mack-Georges

## Promoting diversity through philosophy... La Salle University



**Tyrique Mack-Georges**

May 8 2023 Tyrique Mack-Georges, a philosophy student-at-La Salle University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA-recently fulfilled a promise which he had made to his grandparents that he would make them proud of him.

Tyrique, the 23-year old son of the late Reginald B. Georges, (Tortola's 'Reggie the One-man Steelband') was last week awarded the distinction of being the top student in Philosophy to graduate this Semester from La Salle.

His Professor hailed him as being an outstanding student, and announced that he had earned a full Fellowship

to pursue his Doctorate in Philosophy at Penn State University.

His Mother, Evelyn Mack of Philadelphia, and his Grandparents Michael & Celia Georges of Road Town, Tortola were among the overjoyed relatives and friends who received the news last week and extended congratulations on his achievements.

'To God be the Glory' exclaimed the proud Grandparents as they announced that they would be travelling to Philadelphia this week to witness the Graduation ceremony.

*(Photo below of Tyrique Mack-Georges, 's late Dad Reggie Georges, also an article published in La Salle News about Tyrique in the next column on this page)*



Tyrique Mack-Georges, '23, earned one of only 19 spots in a global program

As a student at Cristo Rey Philadelphia High School, Tyrique Mack-Georges, '23, developed such a strong interest in philosophy that he visited the library on his own time to familiarize himself with various philosophers, historical texts, and philosophical movements.

Though Mack-Georges, now 20, opted for a different major upon entering La Salle University, it wasn't long before he followed his heart and returned to philosophy.

"I knew as I was taking my Introduction to Philosophy classes that this really is where I want to be," said Mack-Georges, a philosophy major with a minor in English. "I realized I wanted to go all the way with it—getting my Ph.D. in philosophy and pursuing it as a career."

That passion for philosophy, along with his intellectual curiosity, were key factors in Mack-Georges gaining admission into the competitive PIKSI (Philosophy in an Inclusive Key Summer Institutes) program. The program's aim is to encourage undergraduates from groups typically underrepresented in philosophy programs to consider continuing their studies.

Mack-Georges was one

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of only 19 students from around the world selected to participate in the virtual PIKSI Rock program in June, hosted by Pennsylvania State University's Rock Ethics Institute. The weeklong program featured discussions about different branches of philosophy and presentations from authors representing a diverse array of perspectives, including Black, Latin American, indigenous peoples, transgender, and non-binary writers.

Mack-Georges highlighted the importance of diverse students to see their own identity reflected in an area of study like philosophy.

"It's important for the Black community, and Black men in particular, to see people like themselves in different types of positions, to illuminate different paths," said Mack-Georges. "Philosophy is definitely an area where it's good to see diverse visions of role models."

As he works toward an undergraduate degree in philosophy with plans to pursue his Ph.D.,

Mack-Georges said the PIKSI program offered him reassurance that his academic path could lead to professional success.

"PIKSI convinced me that there is a professional pathway, no matter how difficult is, that can work," said Mack-Georges. "The program was very open in explaining what that path can look like. They want us to connect with individuals who can get us on that path. This was a great start toward that goal."

"Tyrique is a highly creative and ambitious thinker and a serious student of philosophy," said associate professor of philosophy Whitney Howell, Ph.D., who wrote a letter of recommendation in support of Mack-Georges' PIKSI application. "He has an impressive facility with difficult ideas and a talent for applying them to contemporary politics and lived experience. I look forward to his future accomplishments and the contributions I know he will make to the discipline."





## VI Among Territories With Heraldic Shield In UK Parliament



The Virgin Islands is among the 16 overseas territories (OTs) and the three Crown Dependencies to have had their place in UK Parliamentary democracy immortalised with a depiction of each of their heraldic shields embedded in stained glass.

Commons Speaker Sir Lindsay Hoyle said the works of art, unveiled on Tuesday May 9, would be a permanent and tangible reminder of the strong and close links between the UK and its wider family. He added that in his opinion, the OTs and dependencies have been overlooked for too long - yet many of the decisions made in the UK have a huge impact on their futures.

"They are important to me - they are part of our United Kingdom family - and I want to provide them with a platform on which to speak, to air their concerns, to share experiences and to enable us to learn from each other. From now on, every single person coming into

the Speaker's House will be reminded of how closely we are connected," Sir Lindsay said.

Commenting on the event, Premier of the Virgin Islands, Honourable Dr. Natalio D. Wheatley said, "The depiction of the British Virgin Islands heraldic shield in this stained glass window serves as a symbol of our identity and history."

The Premier added, "The recognition of our territorial symbol is important as it represents the Territory and people who are integral to our identity. We are pleased with this acknowledgement of the importance of the Territory and its people, honouring their contributions to our shared history and heritage."

The stained glass windows feature coats of arms from Akrotiri and Dhekelia, Anguilla, Ascension, Bermuda, British Antarctic Territory, British Indian Ocean Territories, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Falkland Islands, Gibraltar, Montserrat, Pitcairn Islands, St Helena, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands, Tristan da Cunha, Turks and Caicos, Guernsey, Jersey and the Isle of Man.

Each of the window lancets displays the coats of arms delineated in a circle, and one lancet shows the group of arms linked by an intertwining rose and leaf

pattern to the coat of arms of Sir Lindsay. This features three Lancashire roses, bees from his home village of Adlington in Lancashire, the key of Gibraltar and a Rugby League ball. The other group of arms is linked to those of John Evelyn Denison, the first Speaker to live in Speaker's House (Speaker from 1857 to 1872).

The original windows dated from 1858 and possibly contained the arms of Speaker Denison. However, those windows have long since been removed and were replaced by plain, plate glass.

The new design, created by John Reyntiens Glass Studio - the same London-based stain-glassed window specialists who recently reglazed the Big Ben clock dials with new, mouth-blown glass - is sympathetic to the original Pugin-inspired windows and décor at the entrance to Speaker's House.



## --LOCAL POET--

### THIS MUCH I KNOW

I do not know what prompt  
 Urged the action:  
 Intentional intent,  
 Selfish ambition,  
 Or innocent enthusiasm?  
 I do not know.  
 Was overstep  
 Of rules and allegiance  
 Ignorance?  
 Or over-confidence?  
 I do not know.  
 This much I know:  
 I am my brother's keeper  
 And my sister's too!  
 I see impulsive Peter  
 Chided by the Master  
 Oh, so often!  
 I hear hosannas in one ear  
 The next cry: crucify!  
 I do not know.

I know nothing but the WORD!  
**The WORD, THE WORD, THE WORD!**

Were three betrayals  
 Motives for preservation  
 Of self, of cause,  
 Or illusion and frustration  
 With slow majestic Kingdom?  
 I do not know.  
 But in depression's hole  
 Of isolation  
 I feel a feeling!  
 'Tis the Master's healing:  
 Forgiving, redeeming, reinstating  
 The impulsive one.  
 One, two, three times  
 "Do you love me more than these"?  
 "Feed my lambs!  
 Tend my sheep!"  
 I do not know why  
 I do not know.  
 'Tis mystery to me  
 That rashness was the Rock  
 On which God's Church is built  
 And it is writ:  
 You shall not rock it.  
 Three plus three plus one  
 'Tis God's question:  
 "Do you love me  
 Above yourself?"  
 "Feed my sheep."

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## PREQUALIFICATIONS INVITED FOR WEST END FERRY TERMINAL

Wednesday, 10 May – Contractors are invited to submit their bids to prequalify for the West End Ferry Terminal Project by the new deadline of 4:00 p.m. on Friday, 26th May, 2023.

The Recovery and Development Agency, (RDA) under the direction of the Premier’s Office, will manage the design and construction of a new, expanded terminal, in partnership with key stakeholders to include the BVI Ports Authority, Immigration Department, the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force, H.M. Customs, the BVI Tourist Board, ferry operators and taxi drivers.

The redevelopment will create a modern, technologically driven entry port and a secure border point designed to

process 200 passengers per hour, or 200,000 passengers per year. It will provide a fast and efficient service with separate handling for private yachts, charter yachts and water taxis from ferry passengers.

RDA’s Director of Procurement John Primo is encouraging local contractors to make the necessary arrangements early to form joint ventures in order to meet the qualification requirements if they determine that their firm alone cannot meet these requirements.

“Due to the estimated cost of this activity, the invitation for prequalification is required to be advertised locally and internationally to shortlist suitable and qualified firms to

ensure that the project is completed as planned,” said Mr. Primo.

The invitation for bid is expected to be issued in July 2023 and will only be issued to firms which were successful in the pre-qualification process. For the prequalification, consideration will be limited to firms or joint ventures of firms which are legally incorporated or have their principal place of business in an eligible country and is either more than 50% beneficially owned by a citizen or citizens and/or a bona fide resident or residents of an eligible country.

Consideration will also be given to firms owned or controlled by the government of an eligible country provided that it is legally and financially autonomous and operated

under the commercial law of an eligible country and otherwise meets the eligibility requirements of the CDB Guidelines for Procurement (2006).

Eligible countries are member countries of CDB. The full invitation for prequalifications can be found on the RDA’s website at <https://bvirecovery.vg/invitationfor-pre-qualification-of-contractors-west-end-ferry-terminal/>.

The proposed 12,000 square foot facility will double the size of the previous facility, and have the capacity to process more passengers, provide berthing for multiple ferries and private yachts, and parking for vehicles. The facility will be built from sustainable materials and will

incorporate technologies to offer greater efficiency for businesses and passengers.

The redevelopment of the West End Ferry Terminal will facilitate improvement to BVI’s tourism offerings and local commerce. It will also create jobs and a positive first impression for visitors.

The West End Ferry Terminal was the busiest seaport in the Virgin Islands prior to the 2017 hurricanes of which 40% of all arrivals into the Territory were processed through West End.

This project is funded by the Government of the Virgin Islands through the CDB Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Loan and falls under the RDA’s ‘Resilient Infrastructure’ Sector

## Know More, Live Better For World Lupus Day

Chief Nursing Officer Ms. Jacinth Hannibal is encouraging persons living with Lupus to know more about the disease. The Virgin Islands observed “World Lupus Day” on May 10.

Ms. Hannibal said this year’s theme, ‘Make Lupus Visible’ is very important as it speaks to the number of persons who are suffering with the disease and who may not know it, as well as persons battling the disease in silence.

According to the Chief Nursing Officer (CNO), persons living with Lupus can live full and healthy lives once empowered with information. “I would like persons to have as much appropriate and accurate information as they can have about Lupus. The more you know, the better you are to live well and you can live for a very long time with Lupus,” she said

Ms. Hannibal stated that Lupus is not an automatic drop-dead situation. “If you take care of yourself, avoid your triggers and

take your medications then you can live for a very long time in most cases,” the CNO cautioned.

“We want to encourage the establishment of a support group for person living with Lupus in the Territory as emotional support is instrumental in living with Lupus,” Ms. Hannibal said, adding, “A support group can provide a safe forum to share experiences and coping mechanisms for the best practice management of the disease.”

Lupus is a disease that occurs when a person’s body immune system attacks its own tissues and organs (autoimmune disease). Inflammation caused by Lupus can affect many different body systems, including your joints, skin, kidneys, blood cells, brain, heart and lungs.

While Lupus can strike anyone at any time, 90% of people living with Lupus are females between the ages of 15 and 44. Common

symptoms include:

- Joint pain**
- Skin rashes**
- Headaches and hair loss**
- Mouth or nose ulcers**
- Butterfly shaped rashes across cheeks and nose**
- Abnormal blood clotting**
- Sunlight sensitivity**
- Swelling in feet, legs, hand and around the eyes**
- Painful or swollen joints**
- Fever and extreme fatigue**
- Common Lupus triggers include sunlight, stress, viruses, illnesses, pregnancy and childbirth.**

**For more information about the formation of a Lupus support group contact Ms. Hannibal at 1-284-468-2282.**

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

## POLICE NEWS

### EIGHTEEN-YEAR-OLD CHARGED WITH FIREARM POSSESSION

Thursday, May 11 – Officers of the RVIPF Armed Response Team charged an 18-year-old high school student with unlawful possession of a firearm and ammunition. Brandon Benjamin of Belle Vue was apprehended by police while attempting to flee on a motor scooter in the Fort Hill area.

He will appear before the Magistrate’s Court at the next available sitting.

His arrest is as a result of increased patrols conducted by the Armed Response Team to reduce crime opportunities, and enhance police visibility and safety within the communities. Reports this week were made of shots fired in the Spooner’s Estate, Gene Hill and in the Mount Healthy area. A number of spent shells were also recovered.

Police are appealing to the general public for information on any persons known to be carrying or in possession of a firearm. **Persons can contact the RVIPF Intelligence Unit at 368-9339 or the Crimestoppers Hotline number 800-8477.**





# GLOBAL NEWS BRIEF

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## UK LOCAL ELECTIONS

- Labour has now become the largest party of local government - surpassing the Tories for the first time since 2002 in a historic milestone. The party was able to overtake the Tories after Rishi Sunak's party suffered losses across the country, with six switching directly to Labour.

The Labour wins came in battleground areas the party had been targeting including Medway in Kent and Swindon in the South West - both of which have been run by the Tories for the past 20 years.

In a further boost, the party also won several councils from no overall control including Plymouth, Stoke-on-Trent, Blackpool, Middlesbrough, Broxtowe, High Peak and North East Derbyshire.

Throughout the day, the party continued to count successes in councils including Dover, East Staffordshire and Bracknell Forest, which it snatched from the Conservatives.

Some of its later gains were in Erewash and South Ribble, which it took from the Conservatives - the latter for the first time since 1999. The results came in stark contrast to the Conservatives, who witnessed a slate of councils fall from their grip and into no overall control - a theme that has dominated the party's evening. [News Sky.com]



LONDON - King Charles III and Queen Camilla were crowned in a historic ceremony Saturday at Westminster Abbey, watched by 100 heads of state, royals from around the world, celebrities, everyday heroes, and millions around the globe.

A spokesman said: "Their Majesties were deeply touched by the events of yesterday and profoundly grateful both to all those who helped to make it such a glorious occasion - and to the very many who turned out to show their support in such numbers in London and further afield." "I come not to be served, but to serve," said the monarch as the congregation cheered "God save the king." The moment was the main highlight of an elaborate ceremony that is being followed by thousands of citizens under an intermittent rain in London and millions of viewers on their screens.

The Archbishop of Canterbury placed the hefty gold and jewel-studded St. Edward's crown on the head of Charles midway through the two-hour service.

The crowning is the centerpiece of the coronation and it's the only time during his reign that Charles will wear the solid gold crown.

Afterwards, Charles swapped the 2.08-kilogram (4.6-pound) crown for the Imperial State Crown, which weighs about half as much, for the procession back to Buckingham Palace. Camilla was also crowned in a simpler ceremony. King Charles III, Queen Camilla and members of the royal family later appeared on Buckingham Palace's balcony to greet a cheering crowd. [Sky and El Pais]

**BREXIT: A BIG & COSTLY MISTAKE** - The earthquake that is Brexit has left the U.K. in need of a major rebuild - and, as things stand, there seems to be no defined, halfway-shared vision for how to go about it. Not even a vague outline, in truth.

There's no doubt that the country is in a better state today than just six months or so ago. Then, it was in the midst of the profound upheaval caused by the death of Queen Elizabeth II - a true unifying force for the nation - and the abrupt fall of Prime Minister Liz Truss, after less than two months in the job. What's more, Truss' blink-and-you-miss-it tenure had followed the eccentric, highly questionable leadership of Boris Johnson. Far from ruling the waves, Britain was completely at their mercy, adrift at sea and with no-one at the helm. Today, the coronation offers up a symbol of institutional continuity and stability. And in Downing Street there is a prime minister, Rishi Sunak, who is

showing greater competence and pragmatism than his predecessors. Sunak reversed Truss' ludicrous economic measures, quelled the U.K.'s conflict with the EU over the status of Northern Ireland, and put the brakes on radical plans for a mass dumping of European regulations that are still in force in the country despite its departure from the bloc. The war in Ukraine helped to foster an awareness that this is not a time to mess about, and that it's a good idea if European democracies work together. In Sunak, Brussels clearly sees a more serious, competent figure than his predecessors. That is likely to smooth the path towards solutions on a number of other outstanding issues. Gibraltar is one of them. [El Pais]

**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC** - At least 12 students of the Angélica García Moya Educational Center, in the community of Colón, in San Francisco de Macorís, were intoxicated by the application of pesticides used as part of rice production in the surrounding areas of this municipality of Duarte province.

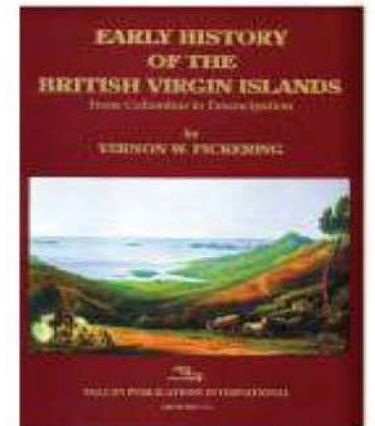
The president of the Dominican Association of Teachers (ADP) of the said district, Robert Frias, told Hoy Digital that of the 12 affected people, all minors, who were receiving medical attention in a health center, 10 had convulsions and had to be transferred to the San Vicente de Paul Regional University Hospital of this rice-growing municipality.

He also said that the incident occurred only a week after an agreement was signed with the ADP, the Ministry of Education, the Public Ministry, Environment and Natural Resources, the Agricultural Bank, and the farmers to prevent situations of this type from recurring.

So far, the local health authorities have not established an official position on the incident. The head of the ADP in San Francisco de Macorís indicated that he is waiting for the medical report to know more details about the state of health of the offspring. [Dominicantoday]

**CRUISESHIPS** - The Royal Caribbean Group has reported a net loss for the first quarter of the year of \$47.9 million. That compares with a net loss of \$1.2 billion in the prior-year period.

Royal Caribbean wholly owns three cruise lines - Royal Caribbean International, Celebrity Cruises and Silversea Cruises. "We knew that demand



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for our business was strong and strengthening, but we have been pleasantly surprised with how swiftly demand further accelerated well above historical trends and at higher rates," said Jason T Liberty, president and chief executive officer of the Royal Caribbean Group. [Royal Gazette]

**FLORIDA ANTI-GAY** - Seven-time Form ula One champion Lewis Hamilton lashed out Thursday at anti-LGBTQ measures enacted by Florida lawmakers and ripped the state's controversial "Don't Say Gay" law with a reference to oppression seen in Saudi Arabia.

"It's not good at all," Hamilton said ahead of F1's highly anticipated race in suburban Miami this weekend. "I stand by those within the community here. I hope they continue to stand firm and push back. I'll have the rainbow on my helmet. It's no different to when we were in Saudi." Hamilton, F1's only Black driver, regularly uses his platform to speak on issues of social justice and race, human rights and protection of the LGBTQ community. The 38-year-old Briton speaks out while racing in countries with questionable human rights records - including Saudi Arabia - or when an issue arises in which he feels his voice can lend support. [CNW]

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# The Sunny Side Up



## Through the Lens of The Sunny Side



Minister for Education, Youth Affairs and Sports Hon. Sharie B. de Castro with winners of The National Foreign Language Bowl. The event was held on 3 May, aimed to promote Spanish as a second language among students. (more on page 14)

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# The National Foreign Language Bowl (Primary) was a huge success

The event which was held on 3 May, aimed to promote Spanish as a second language among students. The competition was organized as a means of increasing students' fluency and diction in Spanish.

The Foreign Language Bowl competition was open to students from Grades 4 - 6 from public

and private primary schools. Twenty-seven (27) students took part in the competition.

The winners are:

**1st Place: Francis Lettsoe Primary School**

Sarai Bastardo  
Ahmaya John  
Caedon Frait

**2nd Place: Robinson O'Neal Memorial Primary**

Shadia Sanchez  
Tylisha Isaac  
Kayli Whyli

**3rd Place: Joyce Samuel Primary School**

Azariah DeSouza  
Lia'Marie Todman  
Jaylen Brewley



Photos credit: Hon. Sharie de Castro







## Ladyburd Talks...

**Dear Readers: Happy Mothers' Day to all the wonderful mothers.**

Moms love to be bragged on. Mind you, she's not going to ask you to brag, but she sure loves to hear you talking nicely about her. Make a point to give your mom credit for the person you have become. Honor her among her friends and peers with your kind words of praise.

**Manners:**

She worked hard to teach you good manners;

"Don't talk with your mouth full."

"Put your napkin on your lap."

"Speak clearly and directly."

"Listen when someone else is talking."

Show her you've learned the lesson. Make sure you put those good manners into practice when you are with her (and even when you're not). She will feel satisfied by a job well done.

**Make Her Feel Needed:**

As your mom gets older, she may begin to feel that she doesn't have anything left to offer. Of course, that's not true, but everyone wants to be needed...especially mom. Make sure she knows you and your family still need her. Include her in your life, and always make her feel welcome.

**Loyalty:**

One of the most precious gifts you can give your mother is your unquestioned loyalty. Blood runs thicker than water as they say. Never forget where you came from.

**Flowers—Just Because:**

We all send flowers on Mother's Day and birthdays. Well, maybe not, but if you want to make her feel really special, give her flowers for no reason at all, especially on Mother's Day.

Surprise her with a visit, and a personal delivery—just to say, "I love you Mom and I was thinking about you." she will be thrilled.

The simple things in life mean the most.

**HAPPY  
MOTHER'S  
DAY**



**Ladyburd's Mail Box**

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**Dear Ladyburd:** I am pregnant at the moment and I am not sure if my boyfriend is the father of my unborn child. I am so stressed about the whole matter, you see just after I was intimate with my ex. I started to date my new boyfriend. I later found out I was pregnant, I am not sure what to do...Any suggestion...**Confused**

**Ladyburd:Confused:** Firstly, you have to stay calm and not stress yourself and your unborn child, I believe you can have a DNA (Paternity) test done before birth. I believe I read it somewhere. If not, do it when the child is born.. You do not want to give the wrong father to your child. I am really not sure you should say anything as yet, until you are sure who the father is. In the meantime try to stay calm. Its not that you were cheating or anything. It just that you may have been pregnant when you started your new relationship or it could be much ado about nothing.

All the best to you and your unborn child



## Light Bulb Moments

"A mother is your first friend, your best friend, your forever friend." —Unknown

"Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while, but their hearts forever."

—Unknown

"When your mother asks, 'Do you want a piece of advice?' it's a mere formality. It doesn't matter if you answer yes or no. You're going to get it anyway."

—Erma Bombeck

## Poetry Corner

### Guiding Light Mom

Mom, from the time I was really young,  
I realized I had someone...  
you,

who always cared,  
who always protected me,  
who was always there for me  
no matter what.

You taught me right from wrong,  
and pushed me to do the right thing,  
even when it was hard to do.  
You took care of me when I was sick,  
and your love helped make me well.

You had rules,  
and I learned that when I obeyed them,  
my life was simpler, better,  
richer.

You were and are  
the guiding light of my life.  
My heart is filled with love for you,  
my teacher, my friend, my  
mother.

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## Tickle My Funny Bones



### Short Jokes

**My friend talked me into lending her money for plastic surgery.**

**I've been trying to get it back for months. Unfortunately I have no idea what she looks like these days.**

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**I saw a poster today, somebody was asking "Have you seen my cat?"**

**So I called the number and said that I didn't. - I like to help where I can.**

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**My friend Robbie shocked and hurt me today.**

**He told me that I make people very uncomfortable and have no respect for personal space.**

**I mean, what a thing to say to a friend? It totally ruined our bath!**

### For the Sick

**A little girl and her mother are at church when the little girl starts to feel sick. Her mother tells her to go throw up in the bushes behind the church.**

**When the little girl returns, her mother asks her if she threw up.**

**"Yes," the girl says. "But I didn't have to go all the way around the back. There was a box near the front door that said 'For the Sick.'"**

## PUN INTENDED

**Mom says: "I asked to switch seats on a plane because I was next to a crying baby... Evidently, that doesn't work if the baby is yours."**



# FAMILY FUN DAY AND THANK YOU



***Opposition Party Progressive Virgin Islands Movement (PVIM) hosted a Family Funday And Thank You Event during the weekend aimed at thanking the community, its candidates, and committee members for their support during the recent elections.***







## Mother's Day Just Got Sweeter With This Easy Chocolate Truffle Recipe

Mother's Day is a special occasion to celebrate the love and sacrifice of all the amazing mothers and mother figures in our lives. This year, why not surprise your loved one with a delicious and decadent giant chocolate truffle as a sweet gesture of appreciation?

This easy-to-make, no-bake truffle has only three ingredients -- chocolate chips, coconut oil and heavy cream -- and features layers of firm chocolate on top and bottom, with a melt-in-your-mouth chocolate ganache layer in the middle. Plan on thin slices, because this decadent masterpiece is rich.

While you can successfully use any variety of chocolate chips in this recipe, I recommend using dark chocolate chips for added health benefits. Every little

bit counts, right? Dark chocolate contains antioxidants that can protect against free radicals and improve blood flow, reducing the risk of heart disease. If you pair this with fresh blueberries, blackberries or raspberries, you can feel practically virtuous. However, remember to consume this giant chocolate truffle in moderation due to its high calorie and fat content.

### GIANT DARK CHOCOLATE TRUFFLE

- Yield: 16 (roughly 2 ounce) servings
- Time: 20 minutes plus freezing time
- 3 (12 ounce) bags dark chocolate chips, divided

- 2 tablespoons coconut oil, divided
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 1/4 cup nuts, optional

Prepare an 8-inch spring form pan by wrapping the removable bottom with plastic wrap then placing back in the pan. Spray pan with cooking spray. In the microwave, melt one bag of chips with 1 tablespoon coconut oil in 30-second increments. Stir between each nuke blast until the chips are completely smooth. Pour this into the prepared pan. Place in the freezer.

Next, we make ganache. This is so easy you'll make ganache all the time. Place a bag of chips into a mixing bowl. Heat the heavy cream in the microwave until it simmers, between 45 and 60 seconds. Pour the hot cream over the chips and let that sit for five minutes. Now stir the mixture until completely smooth. As you begin, there may be a moment when you shake your fist at the sky and yell, "Curse you, Patti Diamond!"

because it looks like the curdled separated mess will never come together. Just keep stirring. I promise it will come together into a luxurious silky, creamy ganache. Pour the ganache over the first layer of chocolate and stick it back in the freezer. You get to lick the spoon because you made ganache.

Repeat the process of melting the chips with the coconut oil with the final bag of chips. Pour this over the ganache layer and put it back in the freezer until firm. Once firm, remove from

the freezer and place in the fridge until ready to serve.

To serve, simply cut the Giant Chocolate Truffle with a knife that's been heated in hot water and dried before slicing.

If you're feeling adventurous, feel free to experiment with different types of chocolate chips or add layers of cookies, nuts, dried fruit, caramel, peanut butter or marshmallow cream to create your own unique variation.

For an extra special touch, you could decorate this truffle with edible gold leaf found at craft stores that carry cake decorating supplies, or online retailers that sell baking supplies. And don't forget to include a heartfelt message of love and appreciation.

So, this year, instead of buying expensive Godiva chocolates, why not make your own delicious "Go Diva" truffle at home? It's the perfect way to spoil the chocolate-loving special mother figure in your life.

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*This easy, no-bake truffle has only three ingredients*



# POLICE NEWS

## TWO MEN CHARGED IN DRUG SEIZURE

Wednesday, May 10 – The two men detained in relation to Tuesday morning’s boat chase and drug seizure on Beef Island have been charged.

Vibert Morgan and Okello James, both 34 years and residents of Belle Vue, were charged with possession of a controlled drug with intent

to supply to another, and unlawful possession of a controlled drug. Additional charges are pending.

The two will appear before the Magistrate’s Court at the next available sitting.

The early morning joint operation by US Federal agents and the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force

involving both air and marine access culminated with a boat chase that ended on Long Bay, Beef Island.

Over 500 kilos of what is believed to be cocaine was seized in the operation along with a speed boat.

Investigations are active and ongoing in this matter.

## NINE SCOOTERS CONFISCATED IN TRAFFIC OPERATION

Wednesday, May 10 – The Road Policing Unit merged with officers of other units over the weekend to disrupt the practice by scooter riding groups to **form noisy, illegal motorcades**, particularly on the western end of the island, and disturb residents.

In Monday’s operation, one of the larger groups was blocked in the Ballast Bay area; the riders then abandoned their scooters on private properties in the area and ran. A total of nine

scooters were confiscated and are now in police custody. One of the riders was detained after sustaining injuries in his attempt to flee.

Head of the Road Policing Unit Inspector Karen Vanterpool says the public’s partnership greatly assisted in the success of this operation.

“While noise complaints from the public are helpful, the active participation by members of the public

is what led to the success of this operation. Similar operations will be carried out in the coming weeks,” she said.

With investigations ongoing in connection to the seized scooters, the Inspector noted that owners with requisite proof of ownership, licence and insurance are invited to come to the Road Town Police Station on Fridays only between the hours of 8am to 5pm.

## ARREST BLOTTER

### APRIL 23 – MAY 6, 2023

#### RAPE

On 01-05-2023 at about 1430hrs, Police arrested and charged Collin Reid, 33, of Diamond Estate with two counts of Rape. He appeared before the Magistrate’s Court and was granted bail in the sum of \$75,000 with one surety for his later appearance.

#### MANSLAUGHTER

1. On 24-04-2023 at about 0920hrs, Police arrested and charged Monica King, 35, with Manslaughter. She appeared before Magistrate’s Court and was granted bail in the sum of \$100,000 for her appearance on 15-06-2023.

2. On 24-04-2023 at about 0930hrs, Police arrested and charged Juwan Richardson, 25, with Manslaughter. He appeared before the Magistrate’s Court and was remanded.

#### ASSAULT CAUSING ACTUAL BODILY HARM

On 26-04-2023 at about 0910hrs, Police arrested and charged Damien Farrell, 31, of The Valley, Virgin Gorda for Assault Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm. He appeared before Magistrate’s Court and was granted bail in the sum of \$20,000 for his later appearance.

#### POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED DRUG

On 26-04-2023 at about 1508hrs, Police arrested and charged Nigel Prince of John’s Hole for Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Drug, Assault on Police, Resisting Arrest and Disorderly Conduct in a Public Place.

He was granted bail in the sum of \$5,000 signed with one surety to appear before Magistrate’s Court on 05-06-2023 at 0900hrs.

### East End/Long Look Community Library Closed

The public is notified that the East End Long Look Community Library is closed until further notice.

The Ministry of Education, Youth Affairs, and Sports regrets any inconvenienced the closure may cause.

### Proposals Invited For Water Quality Monitoring Programme

The Government of the Virgin Islands is inviting qualified, professional and experienced Individual consultants to participate in a procurement process for consulting services: Strengthening of The Virgin Islands’ Coastal Water Quality Monitoring Programme.

Proposals must be submitted to the Permanent Secretary no later than 30th May, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. For more information, please see the request for proposal document on the Government’s website at [www.gov.vg](http://www.gov.vg) or contact the Ministry of Natural Resources and Labour by telephone at (284) 468-2147 or via email at [nrl@atgeorge.gov.vg](mailto:nrl@atgeorge.gov.vg).

**Before you discipline a child**

**S - stop! Calm yourself and your child**

**T - take a few deep breaths**

**O - observe the needs of your child**

**P - proceed in a kind but firm manner**




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# THE WEEK IN CORRUPTION

BY TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL

A lot has been cooking in Brussels on the anti-corruption front. But how afraid should corrupt actors be?

This week, the European Commission unveiled its long-awaited anti-corruption package. It includes a proposal for a stand-alone anti-corruption directive to harmonise definitions and penalties for corruption-related crimes across the EU, among other things.

This is good. As we highlighted upon the release of the 2022 Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI), many EU countries have been targeting corruption with outdated laws and piecemeal approaches – and failing at it.

Looking outwards, the Commission is finally proposing its own global anti-corruption sanctions regime. If adopted, the EU would gain the ability to sanction foreign individuals and entities – regardless of their origin – for serious corruption. Considering that the region has long been the go-to destination for stolen assets from around the world, this too is welcome.

But we have a bone to pick with the Commission on two other matters.

It's been several weeks since the European Parliament proposed strong measures to salvage the bloc's corporate transparency framework – something that became necessary after last year's relapse. The negotiations to agree on the anti-money laundering package start next week, and we're particularly anxious to know their take on how journalists, activists, academics and foreign authorities should be granted access to information on companies' real owners.

To ensure that this issue moves to the top of their agenda, today we publicly called on the Commission to explicitly support the European Parliament's progressive provisions in an open letter from nearly 200 signatories.

The stakes are high: if civil society and our allies cannot have meaningful access to this crucial data, much of recent years' progress will be lost and

the fight against cross-border financial crime will continue to suffer. Even the sanctions regime that the Commission is now proposing will surely be more vulnerable to evasion.

We're also worried about the new foreign agents act that's in the works. As it stands, it risks undermining civic freedoms across the EU, with a very plausible chilling effect globally. Over 200 civil society organisations have said so in a statement issued this week, calling on the Commission to take a step back and rethink its proposal.

Similar laws in other places around the world have led to repressions, so the Commission needs to prevent harming free and independent civil society that stands guard against corruption and other kinds of abuses.

Hopefully we've given the Commission enough food for thought – and reading material – for the weeks to come. How many steps forward or backward the EU takes in the fight against corruption depends on how carefully they consider our calls.

In her 2022 State of the Union address, President von der Leyen set out the need for decisive action against corruption.

Corruption is highly damaging to society, to our democracies, to the economy and to individuals.

It undermines the institutions on which we depend, diluting their credibility as well as their ability to deliver public policies and quality public services. It acts as an enabler for organised crime and hostile foreign interference. Successfully preventing and fighting corruption is essential both to safeguard EU values and the effectiveness of EU policies, and to maintain the rule of law and trust in those who govern and public institutions.

Corruption is by its nature difficult to quantify, but even conservative estimates suggest that it costs the EU economy at least €120 billion per year. The negative effects of corruption are felt worldwide, undercutting efforts to bring good governance and prosperity, and to meet the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.





# celebrity extra

by Dana Jackson

**Q.** Is it true that “The Resident” was canceled? If so, will Matt Czuchry be in another show soon? I’ve loved him ever since “Gilmore Girls.” — *A.I.*

**A.** Matt Czuchry, who played Logan Huntzberger opposite Alexis Bledel’s Rory in “Gilmore Girls,” has actually been fortunate — and talented — enough to have three hit series under his belt. After “Gilmore,” he played an attorney on “The Good Wife” and a young physician on “The Resident.” Alas, that last series was canceled after ratings were down 27% (according to Variety Magazine) in its final season.

Czuchry hasn’t remained unemployed for long, having been snatched up by producer Ryan Murphy to star in the next installment of “American Horror Story.” The upcoming season is based on the novel “Delicate Condition” by Danielle Valentine. It’s also being billed as a “feminist update of ‘Rosemary’s Baby,’” which was originally a novel as well — and later a classic film starring Mia Farrow.

Emma Roberts is reportedly playing Czuchry’s wife in the 12th season of “AHS,” and social media star Kim Kardashian will also play a role, details of which are currently under wraps. The premiere date is likely to be sometime in October or November of 2023, on FX.

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**Q.** When is the new season of “Severance” starting? I thought it would have happened by now. Are they still filming it? — *C.T.*

**A.** While a release date hasn’t been announced yet by AppleTV+, producer-director Ben Stiller assures fans that the sophomore season of “Severance” is on “the same really slow schedule we’ve always been on,” with the “same target air date we’ve always had.” But there have been changes behind the scenes. Former “House of Cards” creator Beau Willimon came aboard for season two after original showrunners Dan Erickson and Mark Friedman had a falling out.

The core cast, including Adam Scott, Patricia Arquette and John Turturro, are all said to be returning, and new cast members include Alia Shawkat (“Arrested Development”), Merritt Wever (“Nurse Jackie”) and Gwendoline Christie (“Game of Thrones”).



Courtesy of Fox  
Matt Czuchry as Conrad Hawkins in “The Resident”

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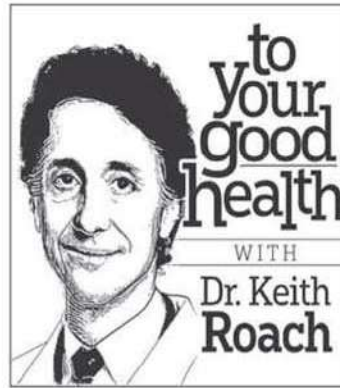
**Q.** I’ve loved watching Kristen Bell ever since she starred as “Veronica Mars.” Is she going to have her own TV series again anytime soon? — *H.R.*

**A.** It’s hard to fathom that it’s been 20 years since Kristen Bell starred as teenage sleuth “Veronica Mars” on UPN (which later became the CW Network), but she’s had quite an impressive career since then. She went on to play a completely different character in the movie “Forgetting Sarah Marshall,” and then earned her biggest paycheck by lending her voice and vocals in the Disney blockbuster hit films “Frozen” and “Frozen II.”

She demonstrated the most range as the lead of another television series, NBC’s “The Good Place.” She also squeezed in a limited Netflix series, “The Woman in the House Across the Street from the Girl in the Window,” before recently announcing another project with the streaming service. Next up for Bell on Netflix is a yet-to-be-named comedy series opposite Adam Brody (“The O.C.”) with a promising pedigree — it’s being produced by “Modern Family” creator Steven Levitan.

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

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## Medication Used for Perimenstrual Asthma Poses Health Risk

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** I’m a 55-year-old perimenopausal woman who developed asthma a few years ago. My symptoms always start right before my menstrual cycle. My doctor ruled out allergies as the cause. I used to get colds and sinus infections premenstrually in my younger years. Most medical practitioners don’t see the correlation between hormones and respiratory symptoms.

I sometimes take 10 mg of prednisone when I’m wheezing more than usual, and it seems to help. Is this dose putting me at risk for diabetes if taken regularly? — *B.S.*

**ANSWER:** Perimenstrual asthma is a well-recognized condition that is nevertheless not well-known by most nonexperts. It is less likely to be caused by allergies and more likely to be aspirin-sensitive — meaning that aspirin, or other anti-inflammatory drugs (like ibuprofen) commonly taken by women during menstruation, can trigger an asthma attack. Maybe a quarter of women with asthma have perimenstrual asthma. As you say, it is thought to be the hormone changes around menstruation that trigger the asthma.

Oral contraceptives used continuously prevent large changes in progesterone and estradiol, and may be helpful in managing perimenstrual asthma. Although I didn’t find a lot about it in literature, I suspect that when your

periods stop, your asthma symptoms will get better.

Increased medication at the time of menses is frequently needed. However, because prednisone, even at the fairly small dose of 10 mg, does increase risk of diabetes, osteoporosis, high blood pressure, glaucoma, cataracts and many other conditions, oral prednisone is not my first choice for medication in this situation.

Inhaled steroids would be one choice, but they take a while to begin working. One recommended treatment is the oral medicine montelukast (Singulair), which has been proven effective in a small study and starts working right away.

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**DR. ROACH WRITES:** A recent column regarding a “tip jar” in a living situation for a reader’s brother who had suffered a stroke generated very powerful responses. (Respondents included nurses and administrators who worked in care facilities.) Many readers noted that they thought this was illegal in the states they lived in. While many readers responded that they were happy to give gifts to the caregivers, nearly every person wrote that the public nature of the “tip jar” was inappropriate.

The institutions I have been affiliated with have very careful rules about accepting any kind of gift. In my opinion, the “tip jar” grossly violated ethical standards, and nearly all readers agreed with me.

Several readers wished me to mention the state ombudsman program for long-term care. Every state is required to have such a program to address complaints and advocate for improvements. Residents in the U.S. can learn more about the long-term care ombudsman program at [tombudsman.org/about/about-ombudsman](http://tombudsman.org/about/about-ombudsman).

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

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# Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

• Do you like to shop at IKEA? You might be interested to know that the “IKEA bias” makes you place a disproportionately high value on things you partially assemble yourself, regardless of the end result’s quality.

• An attempt to set the Guinness World Record for the world’s most expensive cocktail sadly proved futile after a customer dropped and broke a bottle of cognac worth \$77,000.

• Upon hearing of the 9/11 attacks, the Maasai tribe in Africa gifted 14 cows to America.

• In 1987, a 93-gram radioactive device was stolen from an abandoned hospital in Brazil. After it was passed around, four people died, 112,000 people had to be examined, and several houses had to be destroyed.

• Gal Gadot trained for nine months to gain 17 pounds of muscle for the movie “Wonder Woman.”

• Elevator operator Betty Oliver survived a 75-story fall from the Empire State Building in 1945 when a B-25 crashed into it due to fog. Three crewman and 11 people in the building died, but Betty, who died in 1999, still holds the Guinness World Record for longest survived elevator fall.

• A cat named Barsik, in Barnaul, Siberia, won a mayoral race with more than 90% of the vote. Notwithstanding that fact, and his clever campaign slogan — “Only mice don’t vote for Barsik!” — he was, alas, not allowed to actually take office.

• While John and Clarence Anglin, two of the only three men who ever escaped from Alcatraz, were officially reported to have drowned in the bay, their mother received flowers anonymously every Mother’s Day until she died, and two very tall, unknown women were said to have attended her funeral.

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**Thought for the Day:** “Try not to become a man of success, but rather become a man of value.” — Albert Einstein

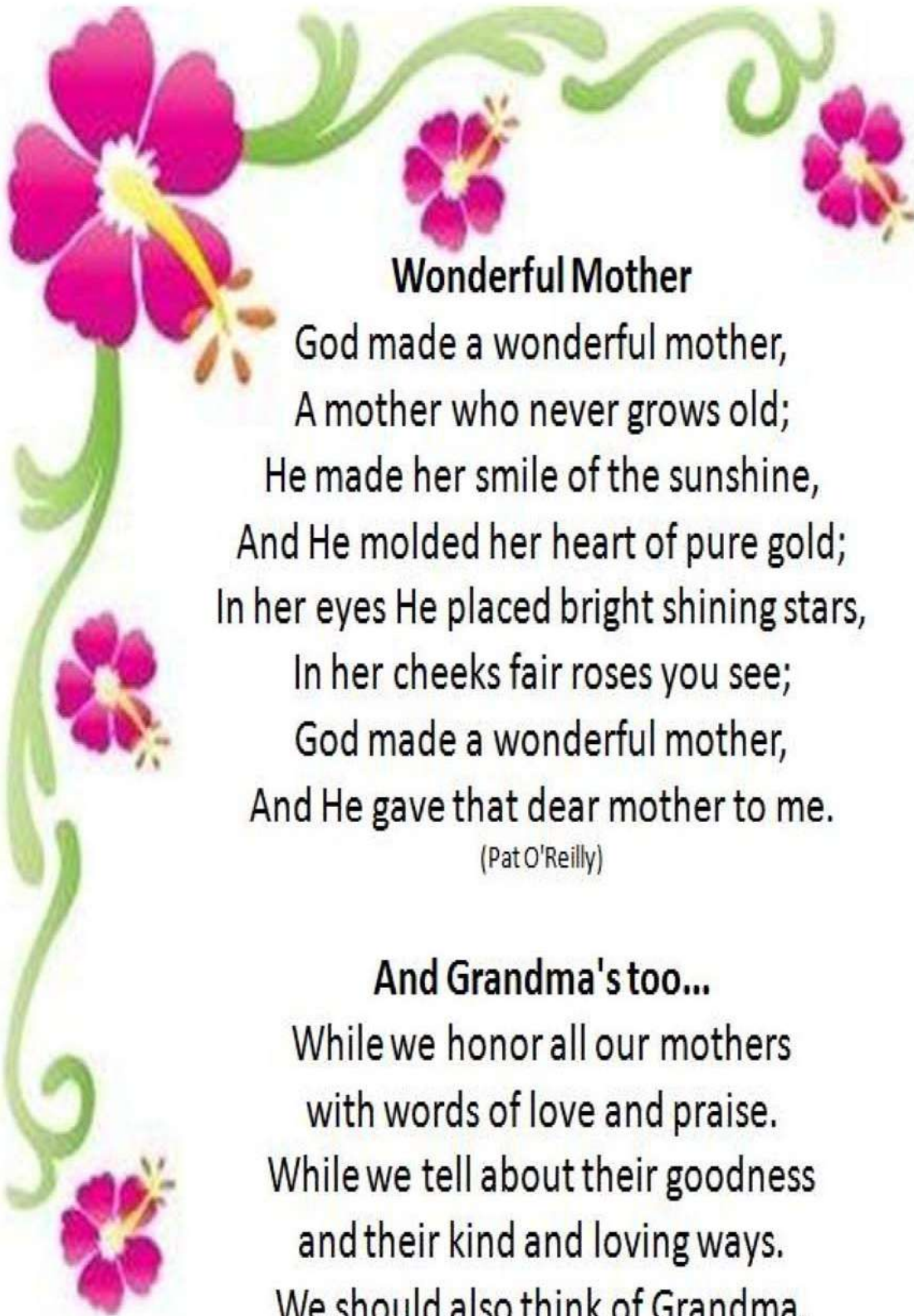
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# Celebrating Mothers



## Wonderful Mother

God made a wonderful mother,  
 A mother who never grows old;  
 He made her smile of the sunshine,  
 And He molded her heart of pure gold;  
 In her eyes He placed bright shining stars,  
 In her cheeks fair roses you see;  
 God made a wonderful mother,  
 And He gave that dear mother to me.

(Pat O'Reilly)

## And Grandma's too...

While we honor all our mothers  
 with words of love and praise.  
 While we tell about their goodness  
 and their kind and loving ways.  
 We should also think of Grandma,  
 she's a mother too, you see....  
 For she mothered my dear mother  
 as my mother mothers me.

Author Unknown

## "Mother"

Your love was like moonlight  
 turning harsh things to beauty,  
 so that little wry souls  
 reflecting each other obliquely  
 as in cracked mirrors...  
 beheld in your luminous spirit  
 their own reflection,  
 transfigured as in a shining stream,  
 and loved you for what they are not.  
 You are less an image in my mind  
 than a luster  
 I see you in gleams  
 pale as star-light on a gray wall...  
 evanescent as the reflection  
 of a white swan  
 shimmering in broken water.

**LOLA RIDGE**



woman's day



# HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

*Sending this, Mom,  
 Especially to say  
 Wishing you a happy  
 And wonderful day...  
 And to tell you this day  
 Will always be one  
 For remembering the many  
 Sweet things you have  
 done!*



## Caribbean News / Regional News

### MTCA WELCOMES MORE JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR CITIZENS THROUGH MSC CRUISES RECRUITMENT DRIVE

The Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts (the Ministry) is pleased to support MSC Cruises in collaboration with Meridian Recruitment Agency Ltd. as they seek to recruit 200 suitably qualified nationals to be a part of the MSC Cruises team. The Meridian Recruitment Agency, will be leading the recruitment initiative to fill vacancies in the areas of Food and Beverage, Housekeeping, Entertainment, Guest Services and Galley Jobs on behalf of MSC Cruises.

The Ministry remains committed to fulfilling its mandate of working with industry stakeholders to boost economic recovery and create employment opportunities within the tourism sector for citizens.

**Job Creation Opportunities**  
This recruitment drive follows the successful completion of the Royal Caribbean Group's (RCG) Seafarer Recruitment

Initiative held last year. As a result of in-person and virtual interviews conducted by the RCG team, close to 1000 applicants were offered jobs in a wide range of categories that span from entry level up to managerial. Trinidad and Tobago citizens are now employed on Royal Caribbean ships in areas including Medicine, Bar Utility, Food and Beverage, Housekeeping, Restaurant and Guest and Hospitality Services.

Similarly, citizens with varying levels of experience and training in tourism and hospitality services and food and beverage management will have an opportunity to explore new employment prospects through working with MSC Cruises.

MSC Cruises started discussions about recruiting Trinidad and Tobago citizens with Ministry representatives during the 2022 Florida

Caribbean Cruise Association (FCCA) and Seatrade Cruise Conferences in Miami and Puerto Rico and is now seeking to capitalize on the opportunity.

The Ministry's overall aim is to ensure that persons who do not have jobs gain meaningful employment. Given the need for jobs, the Ministry continues to further talks with other cruise lines to ensure that even more citizens benefit from these opportunities.

Trinidad and Tobago and the Ideal Cruise Employee The Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts is encouraged by the confidence placed in the capacity and professionalism of Trinidad and Tobago citizens.

MSC Cruises, like a number of other cruise lines, view Trinidad and Tobago citizens as "a magnificent asset of hospitality and marine professionals".

This recruitment exercise follows an exciting 2022/2023 Cruise Season that saw an estimated 29 cruise calls by several cruise lines, including MSC Cruises, to Port of Spain, Trinidad.

Minister of Tourism, Culture and the Arts, Senator the Honourable Randall Mitchell says "As the cruise calls and interest in Trinidad and Tobago continue to grow, we are eager to bring our Trinbagonian energy and professionalism to the high seas. I look forward to many more cruise lines looking towards Trinidad and Tobago as a base for high-quality hires."

The Application Process  
Candidates must apply online and submit e-applications for the available positions via [www.meridianrecruitments.com](http://www.meridianrecruitments.com) by May 5, 2023. These applications will form part of a registration and pre-screening process

to be conducted by Meridian Recruitment Agency Ltd and MSC Cruises. Following which, only suitable candidates will be invited for in-person interview by MSC Cruises.

Applications must include the following documents:

- Proof of COVID19 Vaccination (front and inside)
- ID (back and front)
- Passport
- Resume/Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Copies of Certificates - CXC, Tertiary Level Educational Certificates or any other suitable academic qualifications.

Applicants are advised that certificates must be relevant to the positions applied for.

The Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts invites citizens to take advantage of this opportunity and wish applicants all the best in their career endeavours.

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### MINISTER BARTLETT WELCOMES NEW FLIGHT SERVICE BETWEEN UK & JAMAICA BY NORSE

Kingston, Jamaica; Thursday, May 4, 2023: Minister of Tourism, Hon. Edmund Bartlett, has welcomed the announcement by low-cost Norwegian airline Norse Atlantic Airways that it will expand its services to the Caribbean to include Jamaica this winter season.

"This service is coming at an opportune time as we seek to

diversify the options available to our visitors from the UK, which is our largest European market. Norse will provide flights at a reasonable price point that will certainly encourage more arrivals to Destination Jamaica, moving us closer to our target of 5 million annual visitors by 2025," noted Minister Bartlett.

Norse announced on Wednesday, May 3, 2023, plans

to begin the operation of four flights per week to Montego Bay from October 29 and three flights per week to Kingston from October 31, out of the London Gatwick International Airport in the United Kingdom.

Bjorn Tore Larsen, Chief Executive Officer of Norse Atlantic Airways has underscored that the introduction of such new

flights from London Gatwick will enable more travellers to experience destinations at lower fares, adding that those wishing to reunite with friends and family will have greater choice during this traditionally high demand travel period.

In lauding the move, Minister Bartlett described it as a major boost to efforts by the Ministry of Tourism, the Jamaica Tourist

Board (JTB), and various travel partners to improve affordable air connectivity between Jamaica and its traditional and non-traditional source markets.

The tourism minister also noted that further discussions are ongoing with other air carriers to establish direct routes to Jamaica, to foster continued growth in arrivals and tourism earnings.



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## US Rep. George Santos Arrested on Federal Criminal Charges



FILE - Rep. George Santos, R-N.Y., leaves a House GOP conference meeting on Capitol Hill in Washington, Jan. 25, 2023.

CENTRAL ISLIP, N.Y. — U.S. Rep. George Santos, the New York Republican infamous for fabricating key parts of his life story, was arrested on federal criminal charges on Wednesday ahead of an expected court appearance.

The indictment says Santos induced supporters to donate to a company under the false pretense that the money would be used to support his campaign. Instead, it says, he used it for personal expenses, including luxury designer clothes and to pay

off his credit cards.

U.S. Attorney Breon Peace said the indictment “seeks to hold Santos accountable for various alleged fraudulent schemes and brazen misrepresentations.”

“Taken together, the allegations in the indictment charge Santos with relying on repeated dishonesty and deception to ascend to the halls of Congress and enrich himself,” Peace said.

Santos was expected to make an initial court appearance at a federal courthouse on Long Island later Wednesday, at which time the charges against him would be unsealed.

## Tense White House Debt-Limit Meeting Ends With No Agreement

Top U.S. lawmakers emerged frustrated and empty-handed after a tense Tuesday meeting with President Joe Biden over the nation’s debt limit. Biden sought to calm global financial jitters, saying he thought the meeting was “productive” and that the group would meet again Friday as the U.S. stares down the possibility of defaulting on its financial obligations for the first time in history.

Biden met Tuesday afternoon with Republican House Speaker Kevin McCarthy and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, as well as Democratic House leader Hakeem Jeffries and Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, in a bid to ensure the government can borrow more money to pay for spending it has already incurred.

Afterward, Biden expressed optimism over a future deal. However, he reiterated that he will continue to insist that Congress lift

the debt ceiling.

“I made it clear during our meeting that default is not an option,” he said. “I repeated that time and again, ‘America is not a deadbeat nation.’”

Republicans are insisting that the federal government reduce spending before they will agree to raise the debt ceiling. Meanwhile, Biden is adamant that Congress has a duty to pay its bills and that the two issues should be addressed separately. The two sides blame each other for the impasse, and Biden said “a default would be disastrous.”

“Everyone in the meeting understood the risk of default: our economy would fall into a significant recession, it would devastate retirement accounts, increase borrowing costs,” Biden said. “According to Moody’s, nearly 8 million Americans would lose their jobs, and our international reputation would be damaged in the extreme.”

But McCarthy emerged from the meeting clearly disappointed that no progress had been made.

“I didn’t see any new movement,” McCarthy said. He added: “I asked him numerous times, ‘Are there some places we could find savings?’ He wouldn’t give me any.”

However, McConnell sought to assure Americans that the U.S. will continue to pay its debts. Even with the Treasury taking “extraordinary measures” to pay the government’s bills, Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen told lawmakers last week that the Treasury’s ability to pay the government’s bills could run short as early as June 1.

“The United States is not going to default,” he said. “It never has and it never will.”

### Default a ‘gift’ to adversaries

Earlier in the day, the White House warned that the United States defaulting on its debts would be “a gift” to adversaries,

including China and Russia, and would lead to a recession that could send shock waves across the global economy.

“Default would create global uncertainty about the value of the U.S. dollar and U.S. institutions and leadership, leading to volatility in currency and financial markets and commodity markets that are priced in dollars,” White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said during a press briefing on Tuesday.

Director of National Intelligence Avril Haines previously made a similar point to the Senate Intelligence Committee about the national security consequences of the U.S. teetering on the edge of a fiscal cliff.

The Treasury debt limit, which caps the amount of outstanding debt the country can have and thus Treasury’s ability to issue securities to fund the government’s obligations, was reached on January 19.

### Ceiling raised 3 times under Trump

Lifting the debt ceiling was once a routine vote. Congress has raised it 78 times since 1960, 29 times under Democratic presidents and 49 times under Republican presidents, including three times under former President Donald Trump.

Policy analyst Arianna Fano of the Bipartisan Policy Center said even this verbal sparring will impact markets. A default, she said, would be especially rough for nations with high levels of external debt.

“Given the costs of this brinkmanship alone, we know the economic impacts of an actual default would range from damaging to catastrophic,” Fano said. “Treasury securities are viewed as one of the safest assets in the world, but in a default scenario investors could look to minimize their risk exposure by pulling investments from developing countries, thus reducing access to capital and hampering economic growth.”

### How would a US default affect the world?

The U.S. economy is the largest in the world, and the dollar is considered the world’s reserve currency, meaning that many countries’ central banks and other monetary authorities hold U.S. dollars as part of their foreign exchange reserves as a backup in case their own currency fails.

A debt event in the United States would have serious consequences not only for the U.S. but also for the global economy and for world financial markets.

Should the U.S. fail to pay its debts, in addition to creating havoc in global stock markets and sending the American economy into recession, it would trigger a sell-off in U.S. Treasury bonds, weakening the dollar and raising interest rates. This would affect foreign currency reserves held by other countries and make the costs of borrowing more expensive, potentially leading countries with already high levels of borrowing into a debt crisis.

“If interest rates in the United States go up, it’s going to take all other interest rates up with it. It’s going to make all other risk assets look very shaky,” said Desmond Lachman, former deputy director at the International Monetary Fund who is now a fellow at the American Enterprise Institute.

He agreed with Yellen’s view that a U.S. debt default would be an economic catastrophe that must be avoided.

Lachman told VOA the world can ill-afford such financial turbulence, especially with the regional banking crisis that began with the collapse of Silicon Valley Bank in March, followed by the toppling of two other U.S. banks — Signature Bank and First Republic.

### Safest investment

U.S. Treasury bonds are traditionally considered the safest investment that global financial investors turn to in times of distress, said Heidi Crebo-Rediker, former chief economist of the U.S. Department of State and adjunct senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations.

“It is the deepest, most liquid, solid and reliable market in the world,” she said.

Crebo-Rediker added that countries and investors need not be overly concerned about an actual U.S. default.

“This is a question of willingness to pay, not ability to pay,” she said. “And that is a very big distinction.”

*Chris Hannas contributed to this report.*



# SPORTS

## Gumbs twin brothers split Southland Outdoor Conference titles

After improving his own Hammer Throw national record with a 5th place heave of 54.86m (179'11¼") in the Southland Conference Outdoor Championships in Commerce, Texas, Northwestern State University's Diamante Gumbs prevented his twin brother Djimon from repeating as a double conference champion, when he won the Discus Throw on Saturday.

Djimon began his repeat quest with 17.91m (58'9¼") Shot Put victory, while Diamante was fourth with 16.53m (54'2¾"). Djimon, the conference leader who opened the season with a 62.77m (205'11") national record effort and followed up with a 61.21m (200'10") in the Discus, could only muster 55.08 (180'8") for second while Diamante used a personal best 56.19m (184'4") to win.

"First of all, it was a surprise to have won the Discus," Diamante told Island Sun Sports. "I was going for a personal record and that's what I got but I did not expect to win with that. It felt great to stand on top of the podium and most importantly with my teammates and my brother especially, as I missed out on the Shot Put because of my injury. I battled and was able to become champion in

the Discus."

Djimon said his brother had a better day. "That's pretty much what it is. I always tell him, I rather that he beat me than anybody else. If it was anybody else, I probably would have been salty," he said. "But because it's my brother, somebody who's been battling and going through a rough conference and for him to just ignore all of that, block that out and come out with the win is something special. It felt a little bit different to be in the second place position, but it definitely was a good kinda different feeling. It's one of those moments that I'll relish for my time here at NSU."

Djimon, who also finished third in the Javelin Throw with a personal best 57.85m (189'9") and climbed from No 4 to No 2 on the BVI All Time List and repeated as Southland Outdoor Conference Male Athlete of the Meet, said his performances will be something that's etched into his memory in time to come. "Overall, I'm very pleased with how things went down at the conference and I wouldn't change anything about it," he said, after improving on his 55.27 (184'4") mark.

In the Discus, Djimon said he had good throws but his release was bad, it



*Left handed Discus Thrower Diamante Gumbs, left, prevented his twin brother Djimon who won the Shot Put and was favored in the Disc, from claiming a Southland Conference double repeat*

**PHOTO: Gary Hardamon**

was windy and he couldn't get the Discus down, so he intentionally fouled. He and Diamante will compete in the NCAA East Regional in Jacksonville, Florida, where they will meet Central Florida's Beyonce DeFreitas and South Florida's Jaleel Croal. Djimon said he's working through some 'technical things' and not worried about hitting the 60m (200') mark in the Discus.

"I know when it's time to hit it again I'll hit it for sure," he said. "At Conference, I was doing a lot of technical changes and my brother had a better day. I mean 55m—last year I wouldn't have been able to say 55 was a bad day, I would say like 47, or 48 was a bad day, so it's just to show how much I've

grown and how much I've progressed into the sport. I'm happy to walk away with 55."

### **Adaejah**

Daly qualifies for Georgia State Championships

Despite having a bad day, Lovejoy High School Sophomore Cristal Daly qualified for the Georgia High Schools Association State Championships in the Long Jump, after cutting the sand at 5.39m (17'8").

"It was not my best performance because I was focusing on what everybody else was jumping and not focusing on myself," Daly told Island Sun Sports. "I learned from my mistakes when I was focusing on them, so when I go to state

I will definitely be more zoomed in on myself. I'm very excited to go to state and have worked very hard to get there, so it's very exciting that I made it."

### **Hodge 2nd in Showcase**

No 2 Adaejah Hodge and World U20 Girls No 1 Alana Reid of Jamaica, competed in the Puma East Coast International Showcase, where Reid won in 11.01 seconds to Hodge's 11.16.

**"I was super proud of myself even though it wasn't the race I was expecting to have,"** Hodge shared with Island Sun Sports. **"Now I have to go back to the lab, change some things and continue to strive for greatness."**



# SPORTS



*Synergy's Makeda Fahie, sliced into second base, as Problems' Donniesha George tries to control the ball*



*Elite Volleyball team founder Sharonda Pickering, returning a pass against*



*11-12 Girls on the first lap of the 800m to end the Age Group Multi Events*



*Umpire Julian Adams, left, looks at the play as Synergy's Bria Smith catches the ball after Problems' Valissa Brathwaite is safe at first base*



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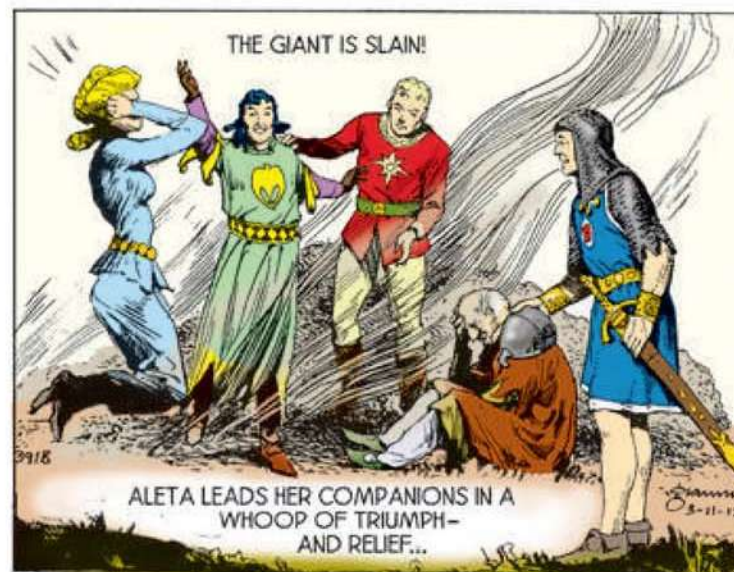
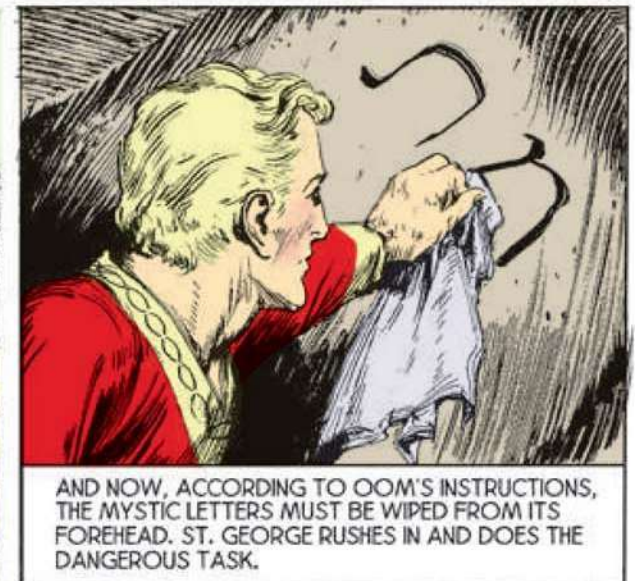
## Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

I'M SO EXCITED TO WATCH THIS SERIES. I GUESS THE FIRST 3 HOURS ARE SLOW, BUT THEN THE ROMANCE GRADUALLY BEGINS.



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# BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of 2 Revelation (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From John 20, which person's last recorded words in scripture were, "My Lord and my God"? *Samson, Matthew, Thomas, David*
3. Paul was shipwrecked on what island while on his way to Rome to face charges? *Arvard, Cos, Melita, Samos*
4. Which Psalm begins, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want"? *1, 11, 23, 50*
5. Who wrote the first five books of the Old Testament? *Peter, Abraham, Luke, Moses*
6. What's the longest book of the New Testament? *Luke, John, Acts, Romans*

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Thomas, 3) Melita (Malta), 4) 23, 5) Moses, 6) Luke

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## Salome's Stars

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Aspects indicate a potential for confusion or misunderstanding. Keep those lines of communication open between you and your mate or significant other.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Romantic aspects are strong, but confusing. Be alert. Use your good Bovine sense to avoid charging into something that isn't quite what it seems to be.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Working out problems with family members or others close to you should be your priority. Travel aspects are strong, especially in job-related situations.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) The Cancerian Crab likes to take charge of things. But be careful you don't pinch off more than you can hold, or you might find it all slipping out of your grasp.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) A new opportunity beckons Leos and Leonas who are ready to take on some tough challenges. Family matters continue to improve, but still need close attention.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) What seems to be a disappointment could be a blessing in disguise. Use that good Virgin mind to analyze the situation and learn some valuable lessons.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) There are some conflicting considerations that will need careful sorting out. Remember: You do best when you're able to balance sense and sentiment.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Aspects show conflicting signs around friendships. Be careful about taking advice from someone who might have an agenda that is not in your best interests.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Relationships are supposed to be about give-and-take, but you might find that you've been doing all the giving while getting little in return.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Sometimes indecision can be a positive factor in helping to resolve doubts about a potential commitment. Don't be rushed into acting before you feel ready to do so.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Take off those rose-colored glasses and see this new situation for what it is — and for what it isn't. Remember: You haven't been told the whole truth yet.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Watch that you don't drain your energy reserves as you dive into a new and increasingly demanding project. Take time out for rest and relaxation.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You live your life on a finely tuned balance between the perception of a Taurus and the curiosity of a Gemini. You excel in the arts.

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## GRIN and BEAR IT



"Your parole requires that you not associate with any known felons. ... You'll have to drive your own getaway car."

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# THE BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS SALUTE THE NEW KING AND QUEEN



The British Virgin Islands have made May 8th a public holiday to mark the Coronation of King Charles III and the Queen Consort. A BVI delegation headed by Premier Dr. The Hon. Natalio Wheatley was in London for the Royal event. Buckingham Palace has indicated that the ceremony combined the ancient and modern – saying it was “rooted in longstanding traditions” whilst “reflecting the monarch’s role today and look towards the future.”

BVI citizens and residents have extended their warmest congratulations to King Charles III and Queen Camilla on the occasion of their Coronation.

The publisher, management and staff of The Island Sun wish Their Majesties every success in

their continued dedication to the British people as well as people of other British Territories and their support for education, development, progress and society.

Official visits of Members of the Royal Family to the British Virgin Islands are still affectionately remembered by vast portions of the local population who hope that the tradition of Royal Visits will continue in the future.

In November 2017 His Royal Highness, The Prince of Wales, Prince Charles made his first visit to the British Virgin Islands to see for himself the devastation caused by killer hurricanes Irma and Maria. The BVI community looks forward to welcome Their Majesties to the Territory in the not too distant future.



## Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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## Caring for roses

In drier climates, the gardener must regularly provide water for rose bushes. Though generally one should water only the soil around the bushes, sprinkling water directly onto the plants keeps the foliage and blooms clean, retards powdery mildew and repels some pests. Insects that like to feed on rose bushes include aphids, Japanese beetles, spider mites and sawflies. Most of these can be controlled with neem oil or insecticidal soap; if you plant alliums near your roses, they can help repel aphids. - Brenda Weaver

Sources: [gardendesign.com](http://gardendesign.com), [garden.org](http://garden.org)

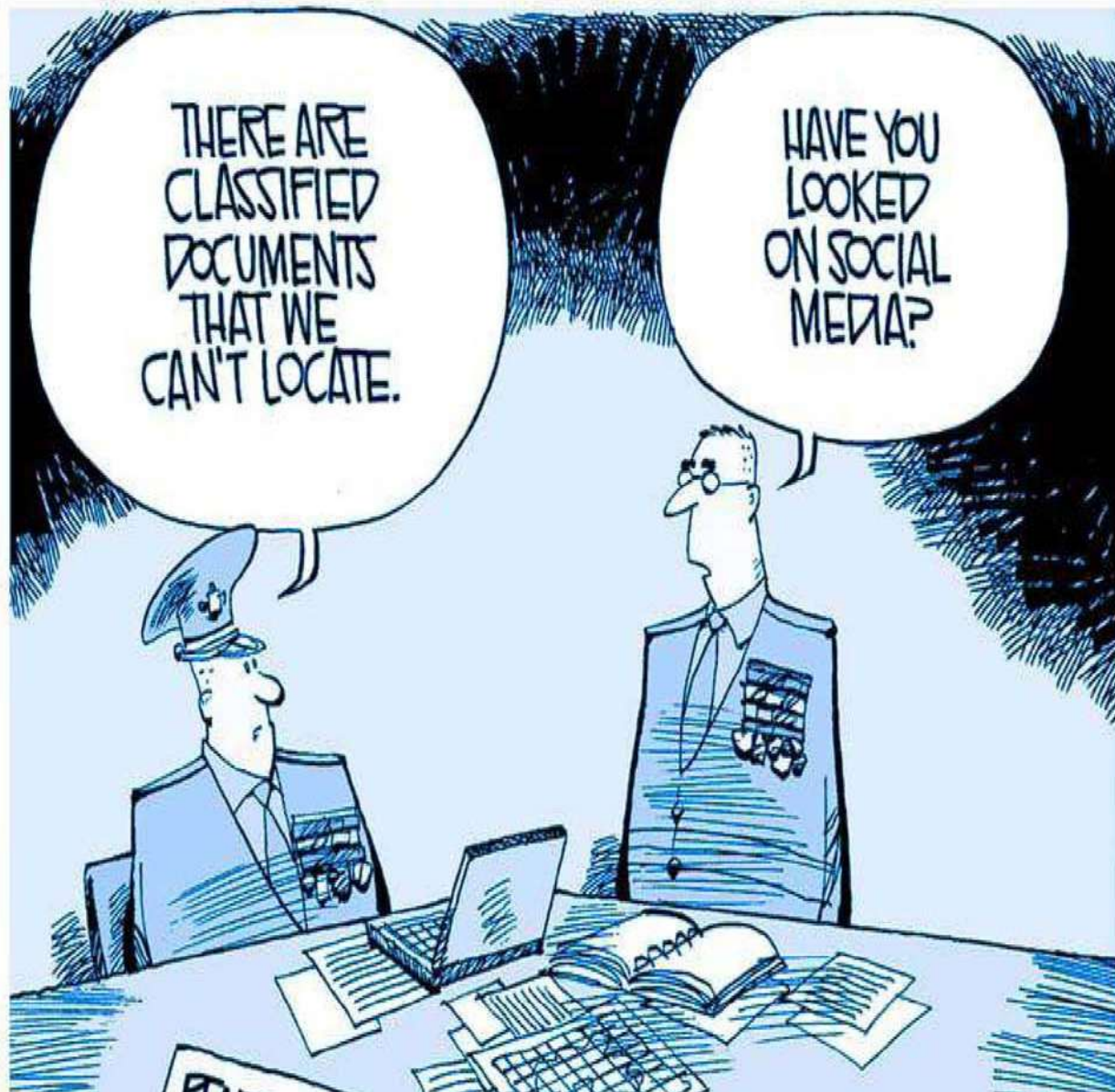
## top ten

### Least Favorite U.S. States,

according to Americans

1. Alabama
2. Mississippi
3. New Jersey
4. Arkansas
5. Iowa
6. Indiana
7. South Dakota
8. Missouri
9. Kentucky
10. Kansas

Source: YouGov





# Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



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by BUD BLAKE



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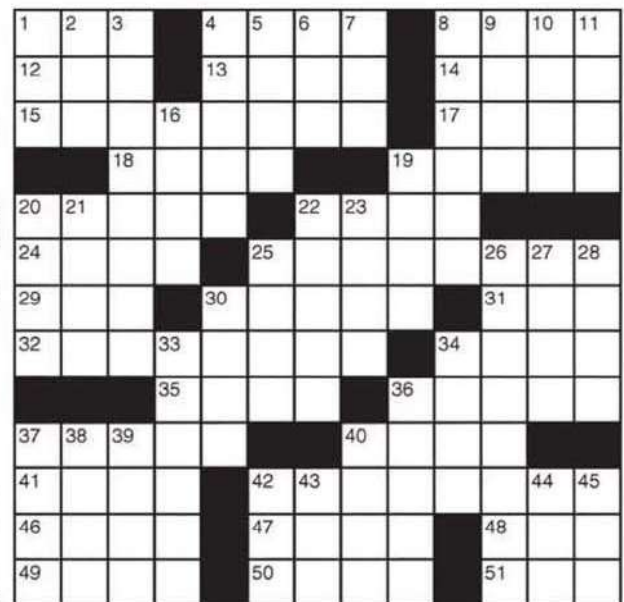
by Jeff Pickering



# King Crossword

## ACROSS

- 1 Standard
- 4 Like custard
- 8 Jubilation
- 12 Candle count
- 13 Crib cry
- 14 Verdi opera
- 15 "Yellow" band
- 17 Zorro's marks
- 18 Teeny bit
- 19 Lincoln's coin
- 20 Long-limbed
- 22 Wild guess
- 24 "How sweet —!"
- 25 "Light My Fire" band
- 29 Rock's Brian
- 30 Berth places
- 31 Quick swim
- 32 "Jump" band
- 34 Greek cheese
- 35 Always
- 36 Gourmand
- 37 Task
- 40 Vivacity
- 41 Sci-fi prefix
- 42 "Jeremy" band
- 46 Privy to
- 47 Robust
- 48 Mine yield
- 49 Honey bunch?
- 50 Historic Scott
- 51 Evergreen type



## DOWN

- 1 Lobbying org.
- 2 Previously
- 3 Seminary study
- 4 Void
- 5 Fancy party
- 6 "Today" rival, briefly
- 7 "Rah!"
- 8 Garden pavilion
- 9 Property claim
- 10 Genesis garden
- 11 Relaxed
- 16 Feet, slangily
- 19 Cushions
- 20 Schreiber of "Ray Donovan"
- 21 Sicilian volcano
- 22 Transparent
- 23 Seabird
- 25 Scrabble piece
- 26 Schiller poem used by Beethoven
- 27 Ceremony
- 28 Mast
- 30 Macadamize
- 33 Marsh birds
- 34 Flunk
- 36 Goofed
- 37 First bed
- 38 Sharpen
- 39 Slender woodwind
- 40 Hay bundle
- 42 Third degree?
- 43 Corn serving
- 44 Exist
- 45 Kitten's cry

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# Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

## DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

- ◆ Moderate
- ◆◆ Challenging
- ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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# HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Shade is missing. 2. Title is missing. 3. Lamp is moved. 4. Pillow is missing. 5. Switch is missing. 6. Palm tree is missing. 7. Lamp is moved.

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2	4	1	2	7	1	7	1	2
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## Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 26 mins.

Answers

## King Crossword

# Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- MOVIES: Which animated movie includes the line, "Fish are friends, not food"?
- TELEVISION: What is the name of the "Sesame Street" Muppet who lives in a trashcan?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the largest country geographically in Africa?
- ANATOMY: What is complete heterochromia?
- U.S. STATES: Which two states don't recognize Daylight Savings Time?
- LITERATURE: Which best-selling novel (1989) is set in Clanton, Mississippi?
- FOOD & DRINK: What is the national dish of Spain?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of leopards called?
- HISTORY: Which two Greek city-states fought the Peloponnesian War?
- AD SLOGANS: Which company once urged customers to "reach out and touch someone" by telephone?

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1. "Finding Nemo" (Bruce the Shark); 2. Oscar the Grouch; 3. Algeria; 4. When someone's eyes are two different colors; 5. Hawaii and Arizona; 6. "A Time to Kill" by John Grisham; 7. Paella; 8. A leap of leopards; 9. Sparta and Athens; 10. AT&T.

Trivia Test Answers



# OBJECTIVE JOURNALISM THREATENED BY FAKE CONTENT AND FALSE MEDIA PLATFORMS

By 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.

Media freedom in the Americas, from Canada in the North to Argentina in the South, with the Caribbean in between, did not rank very well in the 2023 World Press Freedom (WPF) Index.

In a measurement of 180 countries and territories, only Canada - rated at 15 - secured a place among the top 20 best performing countries. Costa Rica in Central America is rated at 23. Caribbean countries appear in the Index with Trinidad and Tobago at 30, Jamaica at 32, Suriname at 48, Belize at 51, Guyana at 60 and Haiti at 99. The United States of America is relegated to 45.

The Index, compiled by Reporters Without Borders (RWB), was released on May 3 to mark the 30th anniversary of World Press Freedom Day - a designation of the United Nations General Assembly.

However, the Index excluded countries with populations of less than 300,000. Therefore, The Bahamas and Barbados are not examined, and the 6 independent nations of the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) are lumped as one, distorting the situation in each country individually. Therefore, the OECS ranking at 93 is not an accurate reflection of media freedom in its 6 member states individually. Conditions in each of them are not uniform.

The methodology that RWB employed in compiling the index is based on its own definition of press freedom which it describes as: "the ability of journalists as individuals and collectives to select, produce, and disseminate news in the public interest independent of political, economic, legal, and social interference and in the absence of threats to their physical and mental safety".

There is no mention in the definition of the obligation of journalists to report at high standards of objectivity, responsibility and accuracy. In this sense, it appears to give a free pass to media publications, whose reporting falls short of these standards. A discerning public, which expects media to adhere

to these standards in order to maintain credibility, would be rightly concerned at the omission of these requirements from the definition that RWB used as the methodology for the compilation of its index.



The report also does not imply that government action against journalists is the main reason for the ranking of countries, although it is definitely so in countries with authoritarian regimes. Other factors are considered. For example, in the US assessment, the continuing attack by Donald Trump on the media is one of the criteria.

Having said that, the RWB report raises critical issues that are worthy of public attention and informed debate.

For instance, it warns that "political actors in their countries were often, or systematically, involved in massive disinformation or propaganda campaigns. The difference is being blurred between true and false, real and artificial, facts and artifices, jeopardizing the right to information. The unprecedented ability to tamper with content is being used to undermine those who embody quality journalism and weaken journalism itself."

This observation is apparent in the rise of anonymous social media platforms, which pose as genuine media outlets, with the sole purpose of spreading false information for political purposes. The videos and other material produced by such outlets, claiming to be journalists, do indeed "weaken journalism" by the dissemination of false information to the public that can create grave disaffection in societies.

The creation of Internet portals, also posing as genuine journalistic media, but really established to spread false information and propaganda for those willing to pay for it, also undermines the value of principled journalism that should be committed to accessing and publishing accurate and substantiated information for the public good and within the laws of libel.

The report also points out that the misuse of Artificial Intelligence (AI) is "wreaking further havoc" with tools that "flout the principles of rigour and reliability." It warns of the creation of "very high-definition images" that have been "feeding social media with



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These developments require all societies to be alert and vigilant in calling them out as malicious, deceptive, and misleading. The greatest responsibility falls on the reputable media houses that place value in their integrity and credibility. In their own interest, they should counter such instances with truth, facts and objectivity.

The only region in the world that emerges from the Index with a "good" category is Europe at 15%. In the satisfactory category, Europe is again the highest with 41.5% and the Americas, including the Caribbean, is second with 35.71%. Violence against journalists and arbitrary imprisonment is rampant in the Middle East and North Africa. In the Americas, violence and imprisonment are also prevalent in a few countries where the numbers are high. These countries do not include the English-speaking Caribbean, Canada and the US.

Murders and imprisonment of journalists in countries ruled by authoritarian regimes are increasing and must be condemned and resisted by all nations which value freedom. Two hundred and ninety-three journalists were behind bars at the end of 2021; the official figures for 2022 are likely to be higher.

Governments should be in the forefront of preserving and upholding freedom, which is the oxygen by which all nations breathe and thrive, and which energizes their people to creativity that builds socially and economically vibrant countries.

air and objective media reporting is sometimes harsh, sometimes unfair, sometimes wrong, but mostly the responsible reporting creates awareness and raises alarms. There are many thousands of journalists who report on events to inform societies; they shine light in dark corners to alert publics to perils; and they risk their lives in areas of conflicts to expose tyrannical regimes.

These are the principled activities that make journalism a noble profession and that should attract persons committed to high standards of reporting in the public interest.

Good journalism is like a bad toothache - it hurts, but it warns that something is wrong and requires remedying. In this regard, good and responsible journalism should be encouraged by all as a public good, and media houses should strive for the highest standards of objectivity and accuracy in the public interest.



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(Sgd.) *Nelcia St. Jean*  
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Dated 3 May 2023  
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(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 2080266  
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 203, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 28 April 2023. The Liquidator is **Harry J. Thompson of Harbour House, P.O. Box 4428, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**  
Dated 3 May 2023  
(Sgd.) *Harry J. Thompson*  
Voluntary Liquidator(s)  
[00/9]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1475374  
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 May 5, 2023.  
Dated: May 5, 2023  
(Sgd.) *Nelcia St. Jean*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[10/10]

**Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act. 2004 MULTI-LUCK ENTERPRISES LIMITED**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1053280  
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 4th day of May, 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa V O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**  
Dated: 4th day of May 2023  
(Sgd.) *Philippa V O'Sullivan*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[00/11]

**Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act. 2004 FORTUNE HOLDINGS GROUP LIMITED**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 598257  
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 2nd day of May, 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa V O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**  
Dated: 5th day of May 2023  
(Sgd.) *Philippa V O'Sullivan*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[00/12]

**Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act: 2004 Ci Logic Holdings Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 2023953  
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 30th March, 2023.  
Dated: 30th March, 2023  
(Sgd.) *Philippa O'Sullivan*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[00/13]

**Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act. Magaly Investments, Inc.**

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)  
Company No. 1621921  
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 4th May 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 4th May 2023  
(Sgd.) *Myron Walwyn*  
Voluntary Liquidator [00/14]

**Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act. ANACONDA INVEST & TRADE LTD.**

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)  
Company No. 1580694  
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 4th May 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 4th May 2023  
(Sgd.) *Myron Walwyn*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[00/15]

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

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)  
Company No. 2036550  
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 4th May 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 4th May 2023  
(Sgd.) *Myron Walwyn*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[00/16]

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

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)  
Company No. 446135  
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 4th May 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 4th May 2023  
(Sgd.) *Myron Walwyn*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[00/17]

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

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)  
Company No. 240753  
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 4th May 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 4th May 2023  
(Sgd.) *Myron Walwyn*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[00/18]

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

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)  
Company No. 1064637  
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 4th May 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 4th May 2023  
(Sgd.) *Myron Walwyn*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[00/19]

**Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act. 2004 ZenithTec Holding Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1969891  
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 10th May, 2023.  
Dated: 10th day of May 2023  
(Sgd.) *Philippa V O'Sullivan*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[00/20]



# PUBLIC NOTICES

**THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT  
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
(PROBATE)  
VIRGIN ISLANDS  
BVIHPB 2023/0083**

In the Estate VANIA DA CUNHA FONTANA late of Rua Doutor Manoel Maria Tourinho 167 Pacaembu, Sao Paulo SP Brazil, deceased

**ADVERTISEMENT**

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by MARIA APPARECIDA CUNHA FONTANA of Rua Angelina Maffei Vita, n° 280, apt. 9, CEP 01455-070, São Paulo SP, Brazil for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who is the surviving mother of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 16th day of August, 2022.

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 4th day of May 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

[01]

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

**(PROBATE)**

Probate: BVIHPB2023/0082

**IN THE ESTATE OF HARISIA EUGENIE FAHIE  
of Tortola British Virgin, deceased**

TAKE NOTICE that EUGENIE CHRISTOPHER of Tortola, British Virgin Islands, mother of the deceased aforesaid, who died on the 13th day of July, 2021 intends to apply to the High Court of Justice in the Probate Division for a Grant of LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION to the Estate of the said HARISIA EUGENIE FAHIE deceased.

ANY PERSON or persons who has or have any objections to the Grant of LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION to the said EUGENIE CHRISTOPHER of Tortola, British Virgin Islands, shall within fourteen (14) days from the date of the publication of this Notice lodge with the Registry of the High Court of Justice in the British Virgin Islands the proper documents setting out the proper objections.

Dated this 9th day of May, 2023

Harbour Chambers BVI  
Legal Practitioners for the Applicant

[01]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 2052717

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 10th May, 2023.

Dated: 10th day of May 2023  
(Sgd.) *Philippa V O'Sullivan*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[00/21]

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

**SUCCESS FAITH TRADING  
DEVELOPMENT LIMITED**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1895269

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 10th May, 2023.

Dated: 10th day of May 2023  
(Sgd.) *Philippa V O'Sullivan*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[00/22]

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

**Blue Sunday Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1975798

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 10th May, 2023.

Dated: 10th day of May 2023  
(Sgd.) *Philippa V O'Sullivan*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[00/23]

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

**GOLDEN ERA GLOBAL  
INVESTMENTS LIMITED**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1568999

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 10th May, 2023.

Dated: 10th day of May 2023  
(Sgd.) *Philippa V O'Sullivan*  
Voluntary Liquidator [00/24]

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

CLAIM NO. BVIHP 2023/0039

**IN THE ESTATE OF CHEN, HSIANG-CHI, DECEASED**

**ADVERTISEMENT**

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Lin, Chin-Chuan of No. 24, Alley 8, Lane 44, Sec. 1, Shin Ren R., Neighborhood 27, Taiping Village, Taiping District, Taichung City, Taiwan for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the estate of the deceased.

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 1st May 2023

Filed by Travers Thorp Alberga, Attorneys-at Law for the Administrator whose address for service is:

2nd Floor Jayla Place, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands;  
email: mpeters@tta.lawyer

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

**THE VIRGIN ISLANDS  
BVIHPB 2023/0084**

**IN THE ESTATE OF MARGARET LEIGH-BURNS late of  
Whelk Point, Tortola, Territory of the Virgin Islands, deceased**

**ADVERTISEMENT OF  
APPLICATION FOR GRANT**

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by RUSSELL JOHN BURNS of Whelk Point, Tortola, Territory of the Virgin Islands (hereinafter referred to as "the Applicant" or "the Intended Administrator"), for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the estate of the above-named deceased ("the Deceased") who died on the 1st day of December, 2022, at Home, Whelks Point, Tortola, Territory of the Virgin Islands, domiciled in the Territory of the Virgin Islands. The Applicant is the surviving spouse and widower of the Deceased.

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

Dated this 5th day of May, 2023.

Filed by: VIGILATE LAW,  
Legal Practitioners for the Applicant/Intended  
Administrator, whose address for service is at:  
C/o the offices of VIGILATE LAW,  
185 Main Street, Lagoon Plaza, Ground Floor,  
Road Town, Tortola, Virgin Islands  
(British), Tel: (284) 340-8484.

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# PUBLIC NOTICES

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

In the estate of JEAN ORR, late of Horse Path, Tortola, Virgin Islands, deceased.

TAKE NOTICE that CECIL ORR of Federation Road, Gray's Farm, St. John's Antigua and Barbuda, being the lawful brother, heir and intended Administratrix of the estate of JEAN ORR, deceased (the Deceased) who died on the 2nd day of August, 2021, domiciled in the Virgin Islands, has applied to the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the Probate Division for Letters of Administration in the estate of the Deceased.

ANY PERSON having any objection to the grant of Letters of Administration to the said CECIL ORR, 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.



Filed by O'Neal Webster,  
Attorneys-at-Law for the Executor, whose address for service is 2nd Floor Commerce House,  
181 Main Street, P.O. Box 961,  
Road Town, Tortola,  
British Virgin Islands VG 1110.

[00]

## The Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE VIRGIN ISLANDS

In the Estate of JOHANN RUDOLF STEPHAN ZUELLIG also known as DR. JOHN RUDOLPH STEPHEN ZUELLIG also known as DR. STEPHEN ZUELLIG also known as STEPHEN MEYER ZUELLIG also known as STEPHEN ZUELLIG late of 1 Rue des Genêts, Monte Carlo, Principality of Monaco, Monaco, deceased.

Notice is given that after the expiration of 8 days application will be made to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the resealing of the grant of probate of the estate of JOHANN RUDOLF STEPHAN ZUELLIG also known as DR. JOHN RUDOLPH STEPHEN ZUELLIG also known as DR. STEPHEN ZUELLIG also known as STEPHEN MEYER ZUELLIG also known as STEPHEN ZUELLIG late of 1 Rue des Genêts, Monte Carlo, Principality of Monaco, Monaco, granted by the Family Justice Courts of the Republic of Singapore, on 4th day of May 2022.

Signed: Walkers  
Attorney-at-Law for Administrator  
171 Main Street  
Road Town, Tortola  
British Virgin Islands  
VG 1110

[00]

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

**GREATWAY INVESTMENT  
HOLDING LIMITED**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 2051353

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 10th May, 2023.  
Dated: 10th day of May 2023  
(Sgd.) *Philippa V O'Sullivan*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[00/25]

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

**UPLONG TECH CO.,  
LTD.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1677463  
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 9th day of May, 2023. The liquidator is *Philippa V O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.*  
Dated: 9th day of May 2023  
(Sgd.) *Philippa V O'Sullivan*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[00/26]

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

**THORNDON LIMITED**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 368058  
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 10th day of May, 2023. The liquidator is *Philippa V O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.*  
Dated: 10th day of May 2023  
(Sgd.) *Philippa V O'Sullivan*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[00/27]

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

**BROADWAY BUSINESS  
LIMITED**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 48970  
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 10th May, 2023.  
Dated: 10th day of May 2023  
(Sgd.) *Philippa V O'Sullivan*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[00/28]

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

**Tahone Capital Holding  
Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1972159  
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 4th April, 2023.  
Dated: 4th April, 2023  
(Sgd.) *Philippa O'Sullivan*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[00/29]

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

**ONTRIS INVEST LTD.**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 681116  
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 May 10th, 2023. The Liquidator is *Nelcia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.*  
Dated: May 10th, 2023  
(Sgd.) *Nelcia St. Jean*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[00/30]

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

**CARBONDALE HOLDINGS  
GROUP INC.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1901538  
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 April 2023. The liquidator is *Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town Tortola, VG1110, British Virgin Islands.*  
Dated: 28 April 2023  
(Sgd.) *Philippa O'Sullivan*  
Liquidator  
[00/31]

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

**Trois Francos Holding, Ltd.**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1756292  
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 April 2023. The liquidator is *Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town Tortola, VG1110, British Virgin Islands.*  
Dated: 28 April 2023  
(Sgd.) *Philippa O'Sullivan*  
[00/32]

### FORM "A"

"NEW"

To: The Licensing Magistrate  
And  
The Officer in Charge of Police  
We, **FRANKLIN WALTERS/JOYCELYN LEONARD dba WINNIE'S STEAK HOUSE**-now residing at **VALLEY, VIRGIN GORDA** in the Territory of the **Virgin Islands** do hereby give notice that it is my intention to apply to the Licensing Magistrate at the Special Sitting of the Magistrate's Court to be held at Road Town, Tortola, on the **1st day of June, 2023** for **RESTAURANT Licence** to sell intoxicating liquor at my premises situated at **THE VILLAGE ROSE**, in the territory of the Virgin Islands and registered **Parcel Number 531 of Block 4839B** of the **VIRGIN GORDA SOUTH**, Registration Section in the Land Registry of the **Virgin Island**  
Dated this 28th day of April, 2023.  
*Signed Franklin Walters*  
**[01]**

### FORM "A"

"NEW"

To: The Licensing Magistrate  
And  
The Officer in Charge of Police  
I, **MICHEL CONSEILLANT dba TIDODOU**-now residing at **MAIN STREET, TORTOLA** in the Territory of the **Virgin Islands** do hereby give notice that it is my intention to apply to the Licensing Magistrate at the Special Sitting of the Magistrate's Court to be held at Road Town, Tortola, on the **1st day of June, 2023** for **RESTAURANT & BAR Licence** to sell intoxicating liquor at my premises situated at **12 SCATLIFFE, ROAD TOWN, TORTOLA, BVI**, in the territory of the Virgin Islands and registered **Parcel Number 5 of Block 2837E** of the **ROAD TOWN**, Registration Section in the Land Registry of the **Virgin Island**  
Dated this 17th day of April, 2023.  
*Signed Michel Conseillant*  
**[00]**

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

**Middle Gate Worldwide  
Group Ltd.**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1719434  
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 April 2023. The liquidator is *Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town Tortola, VG1110, British Virgin Islands.*  
Dated: 28 April 2023  
(Sgd.) *Philippa O'Sullivan*  
Liquidator  
[00/33]



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

**SACURA INVESTMENT HOLDING LTD**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 600291  
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 May 10th, 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean** with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.  
Dated: May 10th, 2023  
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[00/34]

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

**GripOn Limited**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 2080724  
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 10th May 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**  
Dated: 10th May, 2023  
(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**  
Voluntary Liquidator [00/35]

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

**ACCORDION LIMITED**  
BC#2031043  
(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)  
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 5 May 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St Jean of 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**  
Dated 5 May 2023  
**Nelcia St Jean**  
(Liquidator)  
[00/36]

**SCHEYVILLE REAL ESTATE INC.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 606455  
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 10th May 2023.  
Dated 10th May 2023  
**Sgd. Robert G. Rohner**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[00/37]

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

**Aither Investments Limited**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 10th day of May, 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.  
The Liquidators is:-  
Wayne Francis  
Nerine Chambers,  
Quastisky Building  
P.O. Box 905  
Road Town, Tortola,  
British Virgin Islands  
VG 1110  
[00/38]

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

**LEVER SECURITIES INC.**  
(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)  
Company No. 446122  
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 10th May 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 10th May 2023  
(Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[00/39]

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

**Chenwenyun Limited**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 2035502  
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 10th May, 2023.  
Dated: 10th May, 2023  
(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[00/40]

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

**Mufan Limited**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 2035509  
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 10th May, 2023.  
Dated: 10th May, 2023  
(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[00/41]

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

**Compeondtruction Investment Groupco. Ltd**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 2036219  
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 10th May, 2023.  
Dated: 10th May, 2023  
(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[00/42]

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

**Vigorous Tiger Holding Limited**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 2036261  
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 10th May, 2023.  
Dated: 10th May, 2023  
(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[00/43]

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

**KATEX USA, INC.**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 2036348  
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 10th May, 2023.  
Dated: 10th May, 2023  
(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[00/44]

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

**FYSG Investment Management co., Ltd.**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 2036637  
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Company No. 2079052  
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Dated: 11th May, 2023  
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Voluntary Liquidator  
[00/50]

**The Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court  
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE**

(Probate)

Virgin Islands

**In the Estate of Janice Garrod, late of Garden House, Picktree, Washington, Tyne and Wear NE38 9HH, United Kingdom, deceased**

Notice is given that after the expiration of 8 days, application will be made by **JOHN TREVOR GARROD** of Garden House, Picktree, Washington, Tyne and Wear NE38 9HH, United Kingdom to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the resealing of the Grant of Probate of the Will of Janice Garrod, late of Garden House, Picktree, Washington, Tyne and Wear NE38 9HH, United Kingdom, deceased granted to him by the High Court of Justice England and Wales (Newcastle District Probate Registry) on the 19th day of December, 2020.



Solicitors for John Trevor Garrod, the sole Executor

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## WORKSHOP DESIGNED TO IMPROVE CARIBBEAN HEART HEALTH

Regional Ministry of Health representatives and health managers will gather in St. Lucia for the first Caribbean HEARTS Initiative workshop signaling a strong commitment of 17 countries and territories to the implementation of WHO/PAHO flagship Initiative for improving cardiovascular health.

The workshop is entitled 'Improving CVD Clinical Management and NCD Surveillance in the Context of COVID-19 through HEARTS Implementation: Lessons Learned and Plan for Scale Up'.

The program for the week of May 15th to 19th, 2023 is designed to present Ministry officials and health managers with a robust agenda that includes: Cardiovascular risk management training for St. Lucia's healthcare staff; improving clinical management in the context of COVID-19 through HEARTS implementation; and developing a monitoring framework for NCDs for improved monitoring and evaluation.

Cardiovascular disease (CVD), mainly ischemic heart disease (IHD) and stroke, causes more than two million deaths annually in the Americas (North, South and Central America, and the Caribbean). Hypertension, the main modifiable risk factor for CVD, affects more than one-third of adults in this region. And as countries recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, there is an urgent need to continue to build competency to improve the prevention of CVD and the clinical management of persons with NCDs, especially hypertension and diabetes.

HEARTS is a global initiative and here in the Caribbean – which has very high hypertension rates - it is led by the Ministries of Health, with the technical cooperation of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) which seeks to integrate the initiative into existing health delivery services. HEARTS promotes the adoption of global best practices in the prevention and control of cardiovascular diseases. It also aims to facilitate better control of high blood pressure and promote secondary prevention with an emphasis on primary health care.

The workshop will be attended by over 55 participants, including HEARTS and surveillance focal points from the Ministries of Health, as well as PAHO facilitators and resource persons.

The objectives of the workshop are: to improve knowledge and demonstrate cardiovascular risk management; best practices shared for improved implementation in the Caribbean; an application plan for the hypertension control drivers; and a NCD monitoring framework developed to suit each country's situation.

The Caribbean's embrace of the HEARTS in the Americas Initiative has the potential for high impact in a relatively short period of time.

Countries with a longer track record implementing HEARTS, such as Barbados, British Virgin Islands, Dominica, Guyana, Saint Lucia and Trinidad and Tobago, have already defined their Hypertension Clinical Pathways, a powerful evidence-based tool designed to both elevate and standardize the management of hypertension and cardiovascular risk.

In the Caribbean, HEARTS, which began in three countries, is now in 17 countries. Those countries are Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands (BVI), Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Montserrat, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, and Turks and Caicos Islands.

Finally, because heart health is everyone's business, on Thursday May 18th, a public webinar for all of the Americas (North, Central and South and the Caribbean) will be transmitted from St. Lucia to observe World Hypertension Day. The public is called upon to have their blood pressure measured, visit a health center and learn more on how one can take better control of one's health. Remember, your health is in your hands, take control. The public webinar can be viewed on PAHO TV on YouTube.

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## Enumerators Needed For 2023 Census

The Central Statistics Office (CSO) is inviting persons interested in working as temporary Census Officers in the upcoming census to apply for consideration.

Persons can access application forms on the Government of the Virgin Islands' official website, [www.bvi.gov.vg/employment-opportunities](http://www.bvi.gov.vg/employment-opportunities) and email them to [csa@gov.vg](mailto:csa@gov.vg), or submit to the office. Application forms can also be collected from the office located at the Raphael Stoutt Building, Wickham's Cay I, in Road Town Tortola.

The deadline for submitting application form is May 23. For additional information, contact the Central Statistics Office at 284-468-2175

## Contacts For Sister Island Residents To Attend House Sitting

Residents of Anegada, Virgin Gorda, and Jost Van Dyke who wish to attend the First Sitting of the First Session of the Fifth House of Assembly are asked to contact their respective District Office by Monday, May 15.

The District Office phone numbers are as follows:

Anegada- 368-9712

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- DO NOT** ever install your cylinder near any heat source or exposed to sun, rain, dust and heat.
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## IMPORTANT NOTE IN CASE OF LEAKAGE

- Open all doors and windows.
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A message from the Department of Disaster Management and Sol



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# As Title 42 Ends, Confusion Reigns at US-Mexico Border



*Migrants wait in the cold at a gate in the border fence after crossing from Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, into El Paso, Texas, in the early hours of May 11, 2023.*

BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS

— Title 42, the emergency health order used during the COVID-19 pandemic at the U.S.-Mexico border to quickly expel migrants back to Mexico or to their home country, ends Thursday night at midnight.

The Biden administration introduced strict asylum measures that, Department of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas says, will lead to the expulsion of the majority of migrants at the border, where some border analysts say about 150,000 people are waiting to enter the U.S.

“This is what will happen: You will be returned,” Mayorkas told a Washington news conference on Wednesday. “Our border is not open.”

At the border, migrants are confused about what to do next. Priscilla Orta, an immigration lawyer in Brownsville, Texas, has been crossing the border into Matamoros, Mexico, every week to explain to migrants the process they’re about to

face.

“If you enter under any other circumstances besides the app, or just prescheduled appointment, you will not be considered eligible for asylum, which, having worked day in and day out with people who are waiting, especially here in Matamoros, that is precisely what they’re seeking: an opportunity to apply for asylum,” she told VOA.

With the end of Title 42, Orta is advising migrants to use the CBPone app to secure an appointment and letting them know that if they cross without authorization, they will be removed immediately. But even with an additional 1,000 appointments available on the app, people are waiting for some time.

Neris Arruaz arrived in Matamoros a month ago and is still not sure when her family will be able to present themselves at a port of entry. She was an accountant in Cuba. If she crosses to the U.S., she says she has plans to become an entrepreneur and help her family get

ahead.

For the communities along the border, an increase in migrant arrivals is not something new.

“The reality is, you’ve got thousands, more than 2,000, coming over every day,” said Cameron County, Texas Judge Eddie Trevino Jr. in Brownsville.

Trevino says that has been the reality for decades and he pushed back against talk that the border is not secure and safe.

“Just because we’ve had these surges in numbers of immigrants and migrants, that in and of itself has not created the border as an unsafe area,” he said. “It’s just created the situation that our immigration system is broken. And we’ve known that for more than 40 years and yet, administration or Congress after Congress continues to kick the can down [the road] saying, ‘Let somebody else deal with it,’ because they don’t want to deal with the political fallout.”

All migrants are processed under Title 8, the federal code of laws dealing with

immigration.

“This is a long-standing immigration enforcement authority that multiple administrations, Republican and Democratic alike, have used to process individuals. It carries stiff consequences for irregular migration, including at least a five-year ban on re-entry and potential criminal prosecution for repeated attempts to cross unlawfully,” Mayorkas told reporters in late April.

For border patrol officials, the mission is clear. Process migrants who qualify under current guidelines and quickly deport those who do not.

“The border is not open, OK?” Border Patrol Agent Fidel Baca told VOA. “If you enter between the ports of entry, you’re entering the country illegally. OK? And you are subject to consequences. Another thing that’s going to come with Title 8 is consequences. What

I mean by that is that people are going to be removed. ... They will be facing deportation with a ban of re-entry of five years.”

For the migrants who were able to cross to the U.S. side, the journey isn’t over. Rose Carillo, a Venezuelan migrant, is asking for asylum. Her immigration court appointment is scheduled for May 2024.

“I hope to eventually bring my children,” she said in Spanish. “I miss them so much. It’s so hard to be separated from my family. And they’re my only family, my mother, my three children. I have no one to help them. And I don’t work, they won’t eat. This is my dream. Is to have them here.”

U.S. immigration officials are urging migrants to use the CBPone app if they plan to ask for asylum. They say the next few days will be busy.

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# PUBLIC NOTICES

FORM "A"

"NEW"

To: The Licensing Magistrate And

The Officer in Charge of Police  
**I, ERNEST JACOB dba BLESSINGS TO ALL** -now residing at **JOSIAH BAY, TORTOLA** in the Territory of the Virgin Islands do hereby give notice that it is my intention to apply to the Licensing Magistrate at the Special Sitting of the Magistrate's Court to be held at Road Town, Tortola, on the **1st day of June, 2023** for **RESTAURANT & BAR Licence** to sell intoxicating liquor at my premises situated at **JOSIAH'S BAY, TORTOLA, BVI**, in the territory of the Virgin Islands and registered **Parcel Number 188 of Block 3240A** of the **LONG LOOK, Registration Section in the Land Registry of the Virgin Island**  
Dated this 5th day of May, 2023.  
*Signed Ernest Jacob*  
[01]

FORM "A"

"NEW"

To: The Licensing Magistrate And

The Officer in Charge of Police  
**I, JAVAN COOPER dba Ke TRADING & CONSULTING-LTD/ DECK HOUSE** -now residing at **ROAD TOWN, TORTOLA** in the Territory of the Virgin Islands do hereby give notice that it is my intention to apply to the Licensing Magistrate at the Special Sitting of the Magistrate's Court to be held at Road Town, Tortola, on the **1st day of June, 2023** for **RETAIL Licence** to sell intoxicating liquor at my premises situated at **ROAD TOWN, TORTOLA, BVI**, in the territory of the Virgin Islands and registered **Parcel Number 132/1 of Block 2938B** of the **ROAD TOWN, Registration Section in the Land Registry of the Virgin Island**  
Dated this 10th day of May, 2023.  
*Signed Javan Cooper*  
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Lands and Survey Department  
P.O. Box 142  
Road Town, TORTOLA, VG1110  
VIRGIN ISLANDS

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

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
West End	2034B	319

The Chief Registrar of Lands hereby gives NOTICE that **PATRICK CONWAY** of West End, Tortola, Virgin Islands through is legal practitioners **Harney Westwood & Riegels, Craigmuir Chambers, PO Box 71, Road Town, Tortola, Virgin Islands** has applied to be registered as the proprietor by Prescription for 1,675 sq.ft. of Parcel 319, Block 2034B, West End Registration Section measuring 6 acres. Affidavit was file in support of his application.

Parcel 319 is registered to:  
• **A.D. Watts & Company Limited, PO Box 71, Road Town, Tortola, BVI**

Anyone who has just cause to object to Patrick Conway being registered as the proprietor for the aforementioned 1,675 sq.ft. of Parcel 319, Block 2034B, West End Registration Section should file their objection at the Lands Unit on or before **Monday 19th June 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 11th day of May 2023

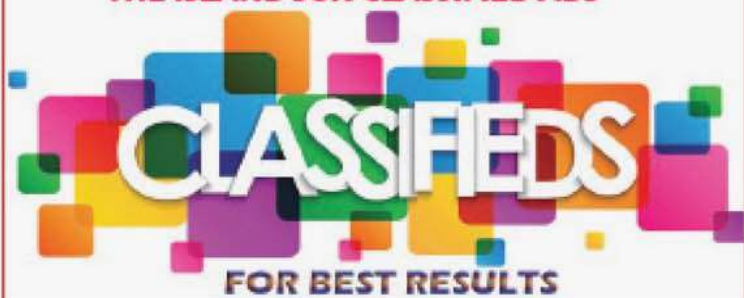
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