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OPPOSITION PROMISES TO HOLD THE GOVERNMENT'S FEET TO THE FIRE

Third-District Representative, -and Opposition member Hon. Julian Fraser, has issued a renewed warning, indicating his preparedness

to introduce numerous no-confidence motions against the current government in the House of Assembly (HOA). The warning, originally given a few weeks

ago, was met with criticism from Premier Dr. Natalio Wheatley, who perceived it as a potential disruption to the government's ongoing initiatives.

Nevertheless, during the inaugural sitting of the Fifth House of Assembly, Hon. Fraser held steadfast, reinforcing his previous statement. He asserted the

Opposition's capability and determination to deliver on this promise if necessary.

In his speech, the Third District Representative referred to his previous comment and expounded on the expectations from the government. He noted several significant community transformations and infrastructural developments which he said were the cornerstone of the Opposition's campaign promises and should be prioritized by the current government during its tenure. He also noted that the intentions of the Opposition are to hold the government's feet to the fire to ensure that it works for the people.

"I stated in our press conference that this Opposition possesses the capacity, the tenacity, and the will to introduce not just one, but as many no-

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Hon. Julian Fraser

confidence motions against the government as required to bring about these desired changes," Hon. Fraser repeated.

While alluding to previous criticisms that the no-confidence comments show an interest in the Opposition in derailing the Territory's progress, Hon. Fraser assured the HoA of the Opposition's commitment to fostering

the Territory's progress. He however emphasized that the current elected Opposition is arguably the most robust he has seen.

"While the 1999 opposition was indeed formidable, they were all newcomers. This current Opposition is the most potent I have observed," Hon. Fraser elaborated.

He therefore repeated his stark warning: "If the Premier and his team ignore our calls for necessary actions within the Territory, we stand ready to introduce no-confidence motions. We do not wish to make this our priority during each sitting, but rest assured, it will happen if essential matters are not addressed."

Premier Wheatley responded to

Fraser's warning by promising collaboration with all members of the HOA, especially the Opposition. He expressed gratitude to Fraser for bringing clarity to his previous threats, insinuating that Fraser had somewhat softened his initial stance.

"I am thankful that my esteemed colleague, the senior member from the Third District, clarified his earlier remarks about votes of no-confidence," Premier Wheatley responded. "Indeed, our focus should be not on toppling a government, but on collectively building up the BVI. I remain confident in our ability to do so."

During a joint Opposition press conference on 27 April, Hon. Fraser announced that

the current strength of the Opposition will be a blessing to the Territory going forward; as they will work hard to hold the Government's feet to the fire.

Going forward, he said debates on bills brought before the House of Assembly will be robust. He predicted that not just one, but multiple motions of no confidence would be tabled in the Fifth House of Assembly. "The debate is going to be vigorous, [and] embarrassing. It's going to be everything," Fraser added.

"I can tell you, whatever the issue is that we are debating, it is going to be very difficult for the government to move it forward with the kind of opposition you will see," Fraser

told members of the media. He further stated, "I would not like to be in the government right now — unless, of course, I was the Premier."

That earlier announcement did not sit well with the Premier who criticized the no-confidence announcement during his first press conference after re-election on 2 May. In that sitdown, the BVI Leader stated: "We have heard things from, those who have described themselves as a united opposition, as saying that they are going to have votes of no confidence without anything even coming to the House. So, in my opinion, that shows bad intentions on behalf of the Opposition."

KADEEM MAYNARD FILES MOTION TO PLEAD GUILTY

Kadeem-'Blacka' Maynard, one of the accused in the high-profile drug trafficking and money laundering case involving former Premier Andrew Fahie, has reportedly filed a motion to alter his plea from 'not

guilty' to 'guilty.'

It has been reported that Maynard, who has been in custody since his 28 April, 2022 arrest in St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands, submitted his plea change request in a Miami federal court on

Monday, 22 May.

He was indicted alongside his mother, Oleanvine Maynard, the former Managing Director of the BVI Ports Authority, and Fahie. The charges leveled against them include conspiracy to import a controlled substance, conspiracy to engage in money laundering, attempted money laundering, and Interstate and Foreign Travel in Aid of Racketeering.

After over a year in custody, the 32-year-old Kadeem seems poised to pivot his legal defense. Despite this motion, it remains unclear whether he now intends to plead guilty on all counts. Each defendant is faced with the same set of charges, an additional charge of Interstate and Foreign Travel in Aid of Racketeering was

added to the indictment in November last year.

In stark contrast to Kadeem's status, Fahie is currently under house arrest with his two daughters, having secured his freedom ahead of the mid-July trial with a \$1 million bond. Meanwhile, Oleanvine Maynard continues to remain incarcerated over a year after her arrest.

The upcoming hearing for Kadeem to formally alter his plea is scheduled for 12 June. This will occur just one month before the trial for Fahie and Oleanvine Maynard is set to commence. What impact, if any, Kadeem's plea change might have on the cases of his co-defendants remains to be seen.

This development marks

a significant twist in an already high-stakes case, as it introduces the possibility of new testimonies, changed dynamics, and modified defense strategies for all the defendants. The change in Kadeem's plea could potentially reshape the prosecution's case, offering insights into the inner workings of the alleged drug and money-laundering ring. Legal experts will be closely following the case to analyze its implications on both regional and International scales.

As the trial draws closer, all eyes will be on the Miami Federal Court, with many curious to see if Kadeem's change of plea will prompt any further surprises in this much-watched case.



HON. WALWYN CALLS FOR GREATER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OF SMALL BUSINESSES

Sixth District Representative, Hon. Myron Walwyn, has made an impassioned plea to the Virgin Islands Party (VIP) administration for greater financial assistance to small businesses in the Territory. These businesses have been grappling with the economic fallout since the 2017 hurricanes. Their situations unfortunately were exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

In his first address to the Fifth House of Assembly, Hon. Walwyn called for immediate and substantial action to strengthen the Territory's economy. "Madam Speaker, the BVI's

small businesses in our country are on life support. They have not yet recovered from the 2017 hurricanes and its effects, and COVID-19. It is shameful that some of us are still open," said Hon. Walwyn, emphasizing the desperate state of these businesses.

According to the Sixth District Representative, the current situation demands more than just words - it necessitates a tangible "boost" for the business community, he advocated. The legislator also called for the reinstatement of the National Business



Hon. Myron Walwyn

Bureau, noting that this entity should be placed on a legislative footing, making it a permanent fixture in the governmental system. Hon. Walwyn further emphasized the need for businesses to have access to

capital in the form of low-interest loans and grants. This support, he said should be paired with technical assistance and training to ensure businesses can bounce back and thrive.

"There are many people, particularly young ones, who have brilliant ideas but need support to bring them to fruition," Hon. Walwyn added.

Hon. Walwyn further suggested revisiting the Encouragement of Industries Ordinance and the Hotel Aid Ordinance to drive entrepreneurship across all sectors of the economy. He

reassured the Assembly that his plea was not intended to be problematic but rather to awaken the collective consciousness to the "fierce urgency of now."

The popular Legislator further highlighted the link between the Territory's ability to address these issues and the quality of life for its residents. He noted: "It is crucial that we address these national matters because if the country is not doing well, then the services that constituents are expecting at the district level will be severely impeded."

HON. GEORGE-MASSICOTE REAPPOINTED SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE



Hon. Corine George-Massicote

The Fifth House of Assembly was formally opened on 18 May with the traditional pomp and elaborate ceremony associated to the occasion. Amidst the highlights of the sitting was the reappointment of attorney-at-law Corine George-Massicote as the Speaker of the House. George-Massicote, having served for a year in the

previous administration, was welcomed back to her role amidst a wave of support.

Premier and Minister of Finance Dr. the Hon. Natalio Wheatley moved the motion for George-Massicote's appointment as Speaker, which was seconded by Leader of the Opposition Hon. Ronnie Skelton. Although there were rumors that former Attorney General Dancia Penn-Sallah might replace George-Massicote, no other names were put forth during the sitting.

However, a surprising twist occurred when Premier Wheatley suggested Fourth District Representative and Junior Minister for Culture & Tourism, Hon. Luce Hodge-Smith, to serve as Deputy Speaker. Opposition

Leader Skelton quickly interjected, maintaining that a ministerial position is incompatible with the role of Speaker or Deputy Speaker. Consequently, Hon. Skelton nominated Hon. Stacey 'Buddha' Mather, a fellow member of the Opposition, for the position of Deputy Speaker. Second District Representative Hon. Melvin 'Mitch' Turnbull seconded Mather's nomination.

Amid this unfolding debate, Third District Representative Hon. Julian Fraser drew attention to the Constitution, pointing out the lack of provisions for Junior Ministers. Despite this, Premier Wheatley urged for Hodge-Smith's vote to continue, stating that neither a Cabinet member

nor a sitting minister should serve as Speaker or Deputy Speaker, as per the Constitution.

Following a brief break in the proceedings, Premier Wheatley returned to retract his nomination of Hodge-Smith, admitting his oversight in understanding the constitutional amendment from 2015.

"Upon review, it is indeed correct that Section 69(5) categorizes junior ministers as ministers according to the 2015 amendment to the Constitution. Consequently, we withdraw our nominee, Honourable Luce Hodge-Smith, and pledge our support for the nominee Honourable Stacy Mather," announced Dr. Wheatley.



Hon. Stacey 'Buddha' Mather

In the wake of these events, Hon. Mather was sworn into office as the Deputy Speaker, marking the end of an intriguing House session that underlined the necessity of constitutional knowledge in the political arena.

VI's 2023 Census Success Hinges on Effective Enumerators

Director of the Central Statistics Office Mr. Raymond Phillips has stated that the success of this year's national and housing population census will depend heavily on the quality of the enumeration process.

Mr. Phillips said enumerators play the most important role in the conduct of the census exercise and that the success of the exercise hinges on their ability to effectively execute the job.

"As the faces of the census project, enumerators will be tasked with ensuring that respondents are comfortable, through applying the skills that will be garnered during the mandatory training sessions," the director said.

He added, "Enumerators are also required to demonstrate keen knowledge with the Enumeration District (ED) to which they are assigned. Prior to the exercise, enumerators must submit an approach strategy which will serve as a guide for operating effectively in their respective districts."

Enumerators have many responsibilities - and must meet the following requirements - when conducting interviews;

- dress appropriately,
- identify themselves before enumeration,
- be able to articulate the importance of the Census,
- assure respondents that all answers would be kept in the strictest of confidence,
- be courteous and polite in all their interactions with the respondents,
- be familiar with the questions and their corresponding answers,
- not interrupt the respondents when they are responding,
- be able to offer clarifications

where necessary,

- exercise patience always (do not rush the respondents to answer),
- not make utterances or gestures that would lead to the answers to questions,
- not in any way indicate surprise or disbelief of any answer given, and
- express gratitude for the respondents time and cooperation before during and after the enumeration.

Mr. Phillips while outlining details on remuneration In light of the upcoming population and housing census stated that the remuneration rate for the census is \$9.00 per unit with the housing part of the questionnaire represents one unit, and each individual living in the household represents an additional unit.

He also explained that the average household size in the Virgin Islands is three persons per household. Therefore each household on average has four units (i.e. 1 housing in addition to three persons) equating to \$36 on average, per household

In offering details about the duration of the exercise, Mr. Phillips said the duration for enumeration is set at six months but with the absence of disruptions and the right approach to the exercise, enumeration could take around two months which is 13 households a week, to complete an enumeration district.

The director stated, "As it relates to transportation costs, an additional \$4.00 will be allocated for each household. This he said brings the total to \$40.00 to enumerate a typical household. The estimated time to complete the data collection process per household will vary

depending on the amount of occupants in the household." Each enumerator is assigned to districts that contain approximately 100

households. 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.



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National Medicines And Therapeutics Committee Launched

The Ministry of Health and Social Development has launched a National Medicines and Therapeutics Committee as it continues to make strides to advance

healthcare in the Territory.

Chief Medical Officer and Committee Chairman, Dr. Ronald Georges said that the formation of the council seeks to strengthen the safe

and rational use of medicines and therapeutics locally.

Dr. Georges said, "The formation of this committee is vital as we seek to advance healthcare. Through its work,



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)

we will develop a Virgin Islands National Medicines Formulary which will ensure that we have continued access to vital medications needed to serve the needs of the community."

Other functions of the committee include promoting and improving the rational use of medicines and developing medicine utilisation reviews to ensure that treatment is in keeping with international standards.

The committee will also seek to implement educational programmes to improve prescribing, dispensing and consuming practices. "The ultimate goal is to increase public knowledge regarding the rational use of medicines and to develop standard treatment guidelines," Dr. Georges said.

Chief of Drugs and Pharmaceutical Services and Committee Secretary, Mrs. Gracia Wheatley Smith said the committee's first meeting was held on May 18 to review and improve its terms of reference.

"We also finalised the document as well as set the

bar to chart the way for the progress of the committee," Mrs Wheatley Smith said. She added, "I am excited to see the advancement of medicines and therapeutics through the work of this committee."

The National Medicines and Therapeutics Committee is made up of representatives from the Ministry of Health and Social Development, the BVI Health Services Authority and private healthcare institutions and is comprised of doctors of varied distinctions, nurses and pharmacists. The committee will meet quarterly with a quorum of at least seven members.

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.

Host of The Distinguished Gentleman To Hold Father-Son Brunch

Monday May 22nd, 2023 - Creator and Host of "The Distinguished Gentleman," Ronn A. Grant will host a father-son brunch on June 17th, 2023. The inaugural event, dubbed Sons in Suits, will honour fathers and father-figures in the Virgin Islands and underscore the importance of healthy Father-Son relationships.

The full day of entertainment and enrichment will be held at Treasure Isle Hotel from 10:30am-1:00pm and will feature guest speakers including: Deputy Governor of the Virgin Islands, David D. Archer, Jr; Pastor Courtney Jones and Entertainer, Raul 'Juggo' Sprauve.

Mr. Grant said, "It is an honor for us to be hosting the Virgin Islands' Inaugural Sons in Suits Father-Son Brunch. As a father myself, I understand the importance of healthy father-son relationships, and the impact

we have on our offspring. In order for us to have healthy communication with our sons, we must foster healthy relationships."

The Host noted that the event is specific to fathers and sons, uncles and nephews and males with young mentees and hopes the event will allow young men to thrive both personally and professionally. Mr. Grant thanked the Virgin Islands community and friends across the region for their unwavering support of the Art of a Distinguished Gentleman brand and noted that the public can expect much more as the brand continues to contribute to the fabric of the society in raising a generation of greatness.

Tickets are \$75 for a Duo and \$40 single. Ticket outlets are CCT Flagship stores on Tortola and Virgin Gorda. Entertainment by DJ Malie, Yohance Smith and Che Pemberton. The event is proudly sponsored by CCT and 284 Media, NAGICO, Omar's Cafe, Tradewinds and Hon. Luce Hodge-Smith.

About The Art of a Distinguished Gentleman The Art of a Distinguished Gentleman was launched in 2010 and has several community-oriented offerings, which includes the signature Talk Show aired on 284 Media that is now in its 4th Season, along with the Podcast which is now in its 2nd season.

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STATEMENT BY MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND MEMBER FOR THE NINTH DISTRICT, HONOURABLE VINCENT WHEATLEY AT THE FIRST SITTING OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTH HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Thank you Madam Speaker, I too want to join my colleagues in congratulating you on your return as Speaker of this Honourable House.

Madam Speaker, I want to first thank God for health and strength to put myself forward, and also to the people of the Ninth District for giving me the opportunity to serve in this Honourable House once more. I am totally humbled and honoured by your faith, trust and confidence in me and this Government and it is indeed good to see so many of you here today from Anegada to Jost Van Dyke. Special thanks to my family, friends and my committee.

Madam Speaker, before I go on, I want to extend sincere condolences to the families who have lost loved ones recently, particularly the young man from Virgin Gorda who lost his life in the Anegada waters last evening. It is indeed very tragic and one of the challenges that we must prioritize immediately, that is, medical evacuation from the remote areas of the BVI, whether Anegada, Jost Van Dyke, or Virgin Gorda.

Madam Speaker, the Ministry of Health and Social Development is currently conducting an assessment of the Primary Health Care System to strengthen and improve the delivery of health care in the Territory. The Ministry has partnered with the United Kingdom Health Security Agency (UKHSA) who are currently in the Territory holding several meetings with a wide range of stakeholders from the public and private healthcare sectors and voluntary and community groups involved in and impacted by primary healthcare. Madam Speaker, I had the opportunity to meet with the representatives of the UKHSA on Monday where I was able to advocate for special consideration to be given to Sister Islands and their specific challenges, and to ensure that

Primary Health Care Services meet the needs of people across the entire Territory.

Madam Speaker, I have dedicated my first few weeks in office to the Territory's waste management. It is no secret that the Incinerator in Pockwood Pond, which is managed by the Department of Waste Management has been inoperable for some time now and the intermediary measures implemented by the Department are far from ideal, but are the best considerations under the circumstances. Madam Speaker, the people of the Virgin Islands, especially those most affected in the First and Third Districts deserve better.

The team at the Ministry of Health and Social Development and the Department of Waste Management have created a three-stage strategy to tackle waste management in the Territory holistically. In the short term, the incoming waste will be buried with compacted soil to minimize the risk of sporadic fires and security at the compound will be increased. In the medium term, the Incinerator will be fully repaired with works expected to be completed within the next 8-12 months. In the long-term, various recycling initiatives will be rolled out to include a ban on some single use plastics. Madam Speaker, while the challenges may persist, I would like to assure the public of our commitment to alleviating these issues as soon as possible.

Madam Speaker, during the month of May, we are celebrating our seniors throughout the Territory under the theme "Aging: Unbound". Madam Speaker, we have many here with us today and they are looking so lovely, they are aging unbound indeed. I find that theme very fitting, as we navigate creating more inclusion and support for our seniors. There is so much to learn from them, if we create



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the environment for them to contribute and engage in meaningful ways. This week I had to opportunity to visit Mrs. Enelle Smith who is the oldest person in the Territory at age 104. We had a very riveting conversation about the affairs of the Territory and the changes that she would like to see implemented.

Madam Speaker, I fully support the Social Development Department's initiatives to expand their senior engagement services in several communities, including Sea Cow's Bay and Virgin Gorda within the coming months. It is also my commitment to improve access to high-quality healthcare and social services including long-term care, with particular attention to the needs of remote communities, such as our Sister Islands.

Madam Speaker, last week was Nurses Week under the theme "Our Nurses. Our Future" and

I visited nurses from Anegada to Jost Van Dyke to personally show them our appreciation for the tremendous work that they do. While the conditions are not ideal right now, the nurses and doctors still show up and give their very best each and every day. The work that they do is truly invaluable.

Madam Speaker, May is also Mental Health Awareness Month and this year's theme is "Look Around, Look Within". This theme encourages us to look out for others and ourselves; it encourages us to prioritize our mental health while also supporting others. We have to break the stigma associated with mental health because it hinders progress and well-being. Fortunately, there are a whole wide variety of resources available to assist us, including therapy services, educational materials, support groups and programmes, and even online communities. Together, we can foster a culture of acceptance, empathy, and resilience.

Madam Speaker, I am eager to chart the course where upgrades or refinements are required within the Ministry, Departments, Units and Boards that are under my responsibility. The National Health Insurance was a hot topic during the recently concluded General Elections and I have already begun engaging the relevant stakeholders to move forward with the solutions.

Madam Speaker, as it relates to the Social Assistance Grants, I hear the concerns of the residents and I have encouraged the Social Development Department to increase their public relations campaign to ensure that everyone is well aware and understand the process. I am also 100% supportive of the Department receiving additional resources to better assist the public.

Madam Speaker, I have fully committed myself to working with all elected Members to bring about the many changes and opportunities for the Territory and our people, whether it be land for our people, affordable homes, assistance for our farmers and fisher-folks, cleaning up the Territory, improvements in Education or Financial Services. I am here to work and to serve.

Madam Speaker, in closing, I am honoured to be entrusted to lead the change for such an important Ministry, especially given the fact that the subjects under my charge touches the lives of every individual who live and call these islands home. I want to re-affirm my commitment to finding solutions to our challenges and improving our services where necessary.

Thank you for the opportunity to give these brief remarks, and may God continue to bless you and bless these beautiful Virgin Islands.

Thank you Madam Speaker.



Nurses Of Excellence And Distinction Recognized



Three nurses have been recognized for their excellence of service given towards the advancement of healthcare within the Virgin Islands.

Chief Nursing Officer, Ms. Jacinth Hannibal said that Ms. Marla Alvarez, and Ms. Pam Edwards received the Excellence in Nursing award while Mrs. Rosa Ravariere Seaman received the award for Nurse of Distinction as part of International Nurses Day activities.

Ms. Hannibal said that the Excellence in Nursing award was given to nurses who went above and beyond the call of duty. She said they demonstrated excellence in professionalism, competence, personal character, loyalty to the community, effective and efficient work habits and possess a drive to continue educational advancements.

“Ms. Alvarez and Ms. Edwards are both great examples of the caliber of nurses that we need in the Territory to continue to

make significant strides within our healthcare system,” Ms. Hannibal said. She added, “We encourage all nurses to always seek to present their best selves and do their part to advance healthcare in the Territory.” Registered Nurse and the Infection Prevention and Control Manager at the BVI Health Services Authority Mrs. Rosa Ravariere Seaman, was honoured with distinction for her consistent professionalism, self-development, innovative and progressive ideas in nursing and role as a mentor.

The Chief Nursing Officer while awarding Mrs. Seaman, said she is a deserving nurse because of her consistent commitment and dedication to excellence in nursing and to the advancement of the profession.

“Her work was especially evident through the pandemic when preventing infection was paramount. She is an executive member of the Nurses Association and a committed mentor and teacher,” Ms.

Hannibal said.

The award ceremony took place during a cocktail reception held in honour of nurses as part of International Nurses Day activities. Minister for Health and Social Development, Honourable Vincent Wheatley also attended the event and extended appreciation to the hard working nurses who continue to be the Territory’s first line defenders.

Minister Wheatley said the Territory’s quest of achieving a healthier Virgin Islands cannot become a reality without nurses and encouraged the healthcare professionals to strive for excellence and maintain high levels of professionalism tempered with love and compassion.

Remarks were also shared by Chairperson of the Regional Nursing Body of CARICOM Dr. Margaret Smith, Chief Nursing Officer of St Kitts and Nevis Dr. Rondalyn Dennis Bradshaw, Chairperson of

the Virgin Islands Nurses and Midwives Council Ms. Rupertha Ephraim, and President of the BVI Nurses Association, Ms. Gail Scotland. This year’s theme for International Nurses Day and the rest of the year is, “Our Nurses: Our future”. It serves to highlight the important role

nurses fulfill in health care and the strategic importance of ensuring that there are sufficient nurses to achieve ‘Health for All’.

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Statement by the Honourable Kye M. Rymer on Water Infrastructure Replacement and Upgrade and American Airlines Additional Flights

18th May 2023

Thank you Madam Speaker, I say a fifth district good afternoon to each and every one of you under the sound of my voice whether present or online. It's a pleasure to be in the fifth district, it's a pleasure to be here in this Fifth House of Assembly, before I start, I just want to thank God. Thank God for all his mercies and his blessings for having me here in this Fifth House of Assembly. I also thank my wife, Suzanne, for her unwavering support throughout this journey, and my daughters who are here present today, excited to be here for this special day. I also thank my family, I thank the people of the Fifth District for the confidence that they placed in me to represent them yet again. Madam Speaker I also thank all the persons who supported me, who encouraged me, prayed for me along the way, and I thank them for their support.

Madam Speaker, I extend congratulation to my fellow elected colleagues. I know that we're all committed to working together for the greater good of our Territory, and we've heard those pledges. We must embark on this journey, Madam Speaker to commit and be committed to improving our home for generations to come. Madam Speaker when we speak about unity and with the help of the Lord and that is the only way that we can move our Territory forward. A quick scripture Amos 3:3 states "Can two walk together? Can two walk unless they agreed?" Madam Speaker, we must be united in this house, and members have spoken of their commitment to working together for the greater good. I know we will not always agree, but once we do this in the most respectful way, I know that we will be

working for the benefit of this Territory. Madam Speaker, we should not put each other down to damage the fabric of this country. The world is watching and Madam Speaker we must act accordingly.

Madam Speaker I thank you for being nominated and being the next Speaker of the House of Assembly, and I wish you well. I also thank the Premier for giving me the opportunity to serve as the Minister responsible for Communications and Works. Madam Speaker it was four years ago when I stood here excited about addressing the concerns of our Territory, but it's only when you get there, you understand how things work, and Madam Speaker I have learned. Though we had quite a lot of issues, unforeseen issues, roadblocks, hiccups, hurdles, Madam Speaker, in the ministry we still made some progress but there is still quite a lot to be done. Madam Speaker I heard the members speak about the annual budget, it sounds good hearing that we have a budget of Four Hundred Million Dollars annually. But I just want persons to know for development projects in my ministry that includes water, roads, Administration Complex, Burt Point Sewage Plant, East End Long Look Sewage Plant. We only get Madam Speaker \$12 to \$16 million dollars of that budget to get anything done. So Madam Speaker, I just want it to be known that is not for lack of wanting to get these things done. But it's because you can only spend what you have. I know my good Minister of Finance has committed to getting some money so that we can achieve all these outstanding issues.

Madam Speaker, we must focus, and our ministry we



Hon. Kye M. Rymer

will focus on improving our water supply, improving our sewage system, and developing renewable energy, road improvement, enhancing transportation, and improving the city of Road Town. Madam Speaker we have quite a lot of projects to complete, we have some policy changes to make as well, and we will be bringing those to this honorable House of Assembly.

Madam Speaker, we are committed to working for the greater good of this Territory. What the ministry is doing at the moment, we will be issuing an expression of interest to obtain the services of a reputable and qualified company to replace and upgrade the water distribution network through a public private partnership engagement. The ministry has already started working on that. I also want to make note that the Burt Point Sewage Plant would be up and going by summer this year and I look forward to that, we would be able to stop dumping sewage as we're doing it right now. Madam Speaker we also have the asphalt plant that should be up and going where we'll be able to do some resurfacing of our roads, as we know that they are in dire need of assistance. We have the West End Ferry Terminal also and we're hoping to get that started later this year, and the works continues on the

Administration Complex.

Madam Speaker, I pledge that we will make these things a priority, and I know the Premier is in dialogue to make sure that we would get the necessary funding to get these things done. Madam Speaker despite the dire condition of our infrastructure, Madam Speaker we can still tote that we will be seeing a record number of cruise passengers coming to our shores this year. We have partnered with Florida Caribbean Cruise Association where we intend to work closely. We hope to be able to do some home porting and other initiatives working in collaboration with them.

Madam Speaker the ferry companies have also spoken about the number of passengers that they have brought into the territory. So we're seeing that need and we've seen a desire to come to the BVI and Madam speaker as we as this government we commits to extending our runway. We must at this time, Madam Speaker, celebrate our upcoming historic event of having to welcome the first commercial direct flight from Miami to the BVI. When you go on American Airlines it's flight 3989. Madam Speaker, on June 1st, we will be welcoming gueston that inaugural flight. Madam Speaker, I've gotten approval from American Airlines to announce that the demand is so high that they will be putting on an additional flight on that first day, so we will have two flights coming in on the first of June. Madam Speaker, the demand is so high that they have committed to five

additional flights for the month of June. So we'll see on the third of June, two flights, the ninth, two flights, the sixteenth, two flights, and on the thirtieth, we would have two American flights landing here.

So Madam Speaker I invite our entire territory to join us at the airport on the first of June. Walk with your flags, walk with your family, your friends. Let's give them a BVI welcome when American lands here in our territory, I mean I know you can't clap but this is something that you can clap about.

Madam Speaker. Before I wrap up, I ask that I read a draft of a proclamation. I just may give you a preamble. This is from the Commissioner from the city of Tamarac in Florida, the Honorable Morey Wright, Junior. He has BVI heritage, and he's an elected official in Florida. This proclamation madam speaker is officially naming the city of Tamarac on June first, Virgin Islands Day. This is to welcome the commencement of this direct flight and there'll be given us keys to the city and Madam Speaker I intend to be in Miami to cut the ribbon and accept that proclamation.

Madam Speaker this will help to advertise and signal the significance of this step for the Territory from a business and trade and tourism standpoint. So Madam Speaker, there is hope for our Territory I just want to read quickly the draft that was requested by the commissioner Morey Wright Jr, it states "Whereas the British Virgin Islands is a Territory in the Caribbean, bordered by two US

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Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do.
Mark Twain

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territories, United States Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico, and whereas the people of the Virgin islands have, for decades traveled to the United States to gain tertiary education, access to medical care and for business purposes, and whereas the people of the Virgin Islands share deep bonds and a friendship and family ties with many citizens and residents of the United States, the State of Florida in the city of Tamarac and whereas the city of Tamarac has Virgin Islanders who serve the community on the police force, own small businesses and is home to the family of an NFL star, and whereas the Virgin Islanders have settled in the United States and the state of Florida and contribute to the economic growth of the United States and the state of Florida, and whereas the British Virgin Islands is recognised destination sailing destination from their vacation destination for residents, and whereas

the Virgin Islands have for centuries, settled in the region of South Florida and contribute to the society serving in various roles, including the hospitality industry, and whereas on June 1 2023, the first direct commercial flight between the United States will commence and service and serve to deepen ties with the United States and the state of Florida. On behalf of the City Commission of the city of Florida, we do hereby proclaim the first day of June 2023 Virgin Islands Day". It will be signed by Morey Wright Jr. and by Michelle Gomez, the Mayor of Tamarac. Madam Speaker with that proclamation I read I just again want to reiterate the importance of this direct flight and I encouraged persons to come out to the airport on June 1st, and let us celebrate our inaugural flight.

Madam Speaker with those few words, I appreciate you giving me the opportunity to say these. I thank you. Good afternoon.

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| 7. Maximum Out of Pocket | 26. Private Duty Nurse | |
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GLOBAL NEWS BRIEF

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USA - Gov. Ron DeSantis is asking that a federal judge be disqualified from the First Amendment lawsuit filed by Disney against the Florida governor and his appointees, claiming the jurist's prior statements in other cases have raised questions about his impartiality on the state's efforts to take over Disney World's governing body.

DeSantis' attorney filed a motion in federal court in Tallahassee on Friday seeking to disqualify U.S. District Judge Mark Walker from overseeing the lawsuit filed by Disney last month. The lawsuit alleges that DeSantis and his appointees violated the company's right to free speech, as well as the contracts clause, by taking over the special governing district that previously had been controlled by Disney supporters after Disney opposed Florida legislation that critics have dubbed "Don't Say Gay." [EL PAIS]

ROME - Activists engaged in acts of civil disobedience to draw attention to the climate crisis must stop their "absurd" attacks on the city's monuments and seek forms of confrontation that do not jeopardise art heritage, Rome Mayor Roberto Gualtieri said on Sunday.

His call came after member of Italy's Last Generation (Ultima Generazione - UG) poured

black liquid made from diluted vegetable charcoal into the Trevi fountain. [ANSA]

ITALY - Flooding in northern Italy has claimed at least 14 lives. How does a peaceful body of water become a raging torrent that sweeps up or swallows everything in its path?

Within minutes, catastrophic floodwaters in Italy toppled entire houses, swept away cars as if they were matchboxes and turned basements into death traps. Time and again, nature demonstrates its overwhelming force — and we find ourselves at its mercy.

But how is water so powerful? Michael Dietze of the geomorphology section at the Helmholtz Center Potsdam explains more on the website of the German Research Center for Geosciences.

Dietze said it's important to remember that a cubic meter of water weighs one metric ton, making it very heavy, adding that "water can exert tremendous pressure on an object in its path. And moving water is immensely powerful — powerful enough to sweep away cars or even shipping containers that haven't been anchored down."

But other factors also come into play, including erosion. Degraded surfaces that might appear stable can easily be swept away by fast-moving water. At the German Research Center



for Geosciences Potsdam, researchers are studying exactly how water mobilizes sediments, how flood waves travel and how powerful floodwaters sweep their way through a landscape. [Deutsche Welle]

SPAIN - Spain is running out of water. After a long and painful drought, the country has been hit by an unusually early heat wave, evaporating even more of the "blue gold" it still has left in its reservoirs. While farmers fear for their survival, environmentalists say it is time for "Europe's back garden" to rethink how it uses and manages its increasingly scarce water supply.

There's an expression in Spain: "En Abril, aguas mil" — April will bring the rains. Only this year, it didn't. The month of April was the driest month on record, and several Spanish cities registered their highest April temperatures yet. In Cordoba, the mercury rose to 38.7°C (almost 102°F) at one point, and in the province of Seville in Andalusia to 37.8°C.

Coming on the heels of a long-term drought and an unusually

warm and dry winter, the latest heat wave has sparked a real fear of shortages. [France 24]

ANTIGUA - Prime Minister, Gaston Browne, has defended the public funds spent on a delegation from Antigua and Barbuda to attend the coronation of King Charles III on Saturday, May 6.

Governor General, Sir Rodney Williams, his wife, Lady Williams, along with the Prime Minister and his wife, Public Works Minister, Maria Browne, headed the official delegation to London, while officials from the defence and police forces also travelled, albeit apparently at the cost of a sponsor, rather than the Treasury.

The PM was questioned on the matter by Member of Parliament for Barbuda, Trevor Walker, after concerns were raised by the opposition about the monies spent on that trip, during a time when the government has pledged to adopt a cost-effective approach to public spending.

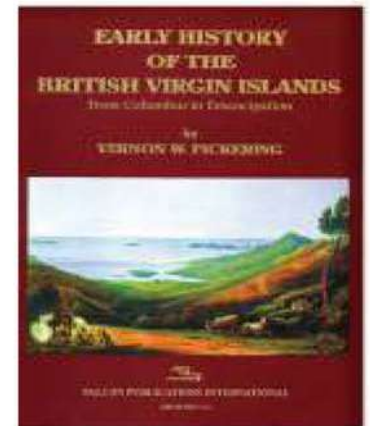
Browne confirmed that US\$10K was spent on tickets and EC\$7K was spent on per diems for him and his wife to attend the coronation. [Antigua Observer]

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC - During the first three months of this year, the country registered more cases of dengue, malaria, leptospirosis, diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis than those reported last year in the same period.

According to epidemiological surveillance records of notifiable diseases, as of March 25, the system had captured 1,331 cases of dengue, 31% more than last year; 66 of malaria, 24% more and 100 of leptospirosis, 107% more (including 10 deaths).

Also, they report 14 cases of diphtheria, with one death; 12 cases of tetanus in non-neonatal ages, with seven deaths, and two cases of pertussis, including one death from that cause.

While the records for the year 2022 up to the same period, reported 1,007 cases of dengue fever captured by the system;



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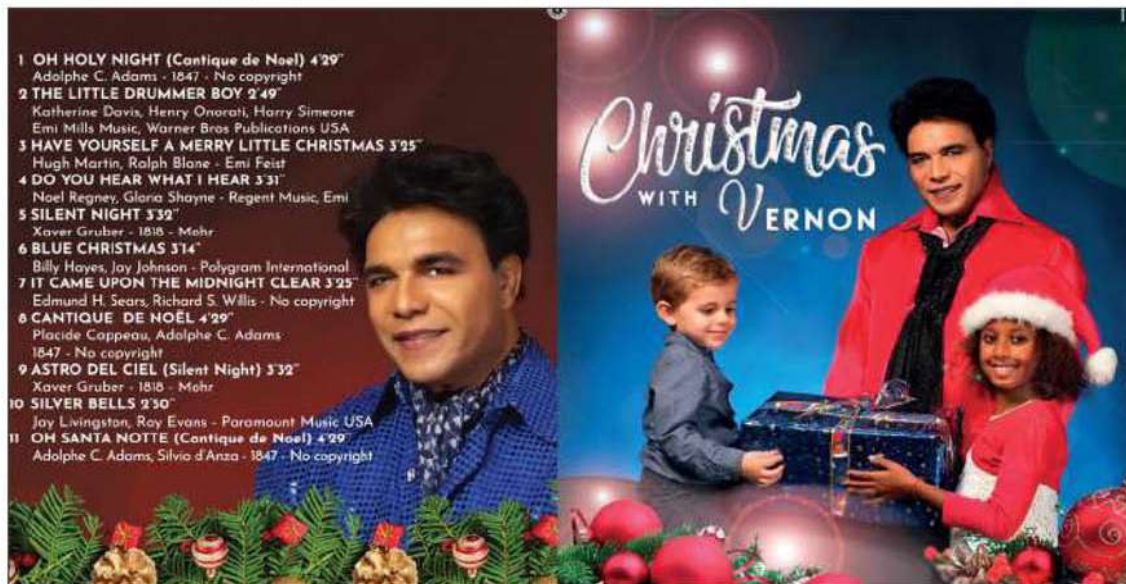
The data are contained in epidemiological bulletin number 12 of the General Directorate of Epidemiology of the Ministry of Public Health.

The report details that in epidemiological week 12, which ended last March 25, 62 probable cases of dengue were reported, 21% of the cases are distributed in the province of Santo Domingo, and 303 cases were reported during the last four weeks of registration.

In relation to malaria, the accumulated cases as of that date were 66, of which 50% came from the outbreak in the province of Azua.

During week 12, the report indicates that five suspected cases of leptospirosis were reported, in three men residing in María Trinidad Sánchez, Peravia, and Santiago Rodríguez provinces, and one woman in Hermanas Mirabal province.

The provinces with the highest cumulative incidence of this disease, transmitted to humans through contact with the urine of infected animals, especially rats, are Santiago Rodríguez, Peravia, Azua, La Romana, and Monseñor Nouel. [Dominican Today]



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Tennis players gearing up for weekend Red Ball Tournament in Long Look

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Fashion designer Kristin Frazer of Trèfle Designs celebrates 15th Anniversary with a Cultural Exhibition

BVI Fashion Designer, Kristin Frazer is set to begin her 15th anniversary celebrations with several events spread throughout the year – the first being at The Old Government House Museum on Monday 15 May, 2023.

THE EXHIBITION was the event theme and introduced a different type of experience outside of a regular fashion show.

“The Exhibition was a concept that came to mind in 2022 along with the hashtag #roadtothe15th. I knew that the brand had to be highlighted in various ways and one of the

most important things that I could do was to showcase the journey through my eyes by way of an exhibition of culture, heritage, recycling, and design. The visuals each had to tell a story and all pieces had to be hand-made to perfection. The overall aim was to capture the essence of our BVI Culture while infusing my 14-year journey as a designer and show the evolution of Trèfle through a new lens...and I think that I did just that”, says Kristin.

The Exhibition highlighted clothing and accessories with surprises that also gave

guests an insight into a few surprises for the evening. Fabric usage included recycled canvas materials, netting, scraps of Trèfle printed fabric used over the years, hangtags used by customers that purchased Trèfle over the years, ornaments, and even woven labels. These items all helped to create costume wearable items and were displayed throughout the gardens of the Old Government House Museum.

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The Exhibition Designer Kristin and Creative Kyra James Douglas



The Exhibition Happy Fringe Design



The Exhibition Canvas Bag Recycled



The Exhibition Food by Chef Brentfield Lettsome



The Exhibition Heaven of Plait Entrance Piece



Ladyburd Talks...

Dear Readers: Ways to Simplify Your Life (Part 2 of 2)

Here's why simplifying your life is important—everything in your life takes up space. Whether it's mental space, physical space, or calendar space, you only have so much room.

3. Cut out toxic people:

Whether you have a friend who finds a problem for every solution or a cousin who calls every day to complain about how unfair the world is, negative people can take up a lot of space in your life.

While you shouldn't cut people out of your life just because they're going through hard times, setting healthy boundaries is important.

Even if you don't spend much time together physically, the time you might invest into dreading a visit, combined with the time it takes to calm down after the visit, can take a toll.

Sometimes, the kindest thing you can do for yourself and for someone else is to say no or sever ties altogether. Cutting out toxic people frees up space for those who matter most in your life.

4. Take charge of your money:

It doesn't matter how much money you have. If you're not taking control of your financial situation, money will occupy too much space in your life.

Commit to taking charge of your money. Create a budget and establish clear goals, and your financial decisions will become much simpler.

You'll spend less time, effort, and energy thinking about money once you've taken control of your income. There's a sense of peace that comes with financial freedom.

5. Gain control of your time:

You can never earn more time. It's your most valuable resource. Yet, it's easy to waste time complaining, mindlessly scrolling through social media, or waiting for things to happen.

Don't go through life being busy and passing time. Stop doing things that are wasting your precious minutes. Schedule time to do the things that matter most.

But don't focus on doing—set aside some time for just being.

Go for a walk, play with the kids, watch a sunset, and be in the moment. **Simplifying things can feel overwhelming** — which, of course, is exactly the opposite of what simplifying your life is all about. But you don't have to change everything at once.

Start subtracting one thing from your life every day: Get rid of some clutter, clear some mental space, carve an hour into your calendar—make some room somewhere so you can feel lighter and freer.

Source: <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/what-mentallystrong-people-dont-do/201807/5-ways-simplify-your-life>



Light Bulb Moments

"Experience is not what happens to you; it is what you do with what happens to you." — Aldous Huxley

"Kindness is one thing you can't give away. It always comes back." — George Skolsky

"Try to be a rainbow in someone else's cloud." — Maya Angelou

Source: <https://www.rd.com/list/uplifting-quotes/>

Poetry Corner

'Thinking'

If you think you are beaten,
you are
If you think you dare not, you
don't,
If you like to win, but you think
you can't
It is almost certain you won't.
If you think you'll lose, you're
lost

For out of the world we find,
Success begins with a fellow's
will

It's all in the state of mind.
If you think you are
outclassed, you are
You've got to think high to
rise,
You've got to be sure of
yourself before

You can ever win a prize.
Life's battles don't always go
To the stronger or faster
man,

But soon or late the man
who wins
Is the man **WHO THINKS
HE CAN!**

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Tickle My Funny Bones



Short Jokes

I really can't stand it when homeless guys
shake their cups of money at me.
Do they really have to rub it in that they've got
more cash than I do?

Did anyone notice that the "&" symbol looks
like a dog dragging his butt across the floor?

What kind of lights did Noah have on the ark?
Flood-lights!

You know what I saw today?
Everything I looked at.

Where Did I Come From?

"Dad, where did I come from?"
asks this ten year old.

The father was shocked that a ten-year-old would
be asking a question like that.

He was hoping to wait a few more years before he
would have to explain the facts of life,
but he figured it was better a few years early than
a few days too late, so, for the next two hours he
explained everything to his son.

When he was finished, he asked his son what
prompted his question to which his son replied
"I was talking to the new kid next door,
and he said he came from Anguilla,
so I was just wondering where I came from.

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"I sold my vacuum the
other day.
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Dear Ladyburd: I am upset because I planned a nice weekend girl's trip with my sister and she ended up bringing her husband, who has tried for years to destroy our bond, I think I could overlooked it and still try to have fun, then suddenly everything was about him, all of our plans had to be altered, because nothing that was on our list seemed appropriate or fun enough for him, in the end I left feeling like the third wheel.. Am I over-reacting?

Upset Sister:

Ladyburd: Dear Upset Sister: Yes you are the third wheel. My question is: Did your sister discuss the trip with her husband, so that he could be made aware that the trip was meant for sisters only. If it was not discuss with him you cannot blame him, because if she is planning a trip, obviously, he is going to assume that he is included unless he was given specific details about the trip, remember they are now one and you cant blame her husband to want to be wherever his wife is. You also said that he is trying to destroy the bond with you and your sister, are you sure about that, or you are just jealous and think you have lost your sister. I hope not, because you will make their lives miserable. Why not embrace him as a new brother and try to get along, after all he is now family whether you want to believe it or not. I strongly believe the problem is communication. Have a talk with your sister. I dont think you need to start a fued, it's not worth it.(Repeat)

Fashion designer Kristin Frazer of Trèfle Designs celebrates 15th Anniversary with a Cultural Exhibition

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The Exhibition Steel Pan Player Akim Johnson



The Exhibition Past vs Present Design



The Exhibition Sponsor Botella



The Exhibition Silent Auction Item Conch Shell Cedric Turnbull



The Exhibition Silent Auction Partner Cisne Benjamin



The Exhibition Silent Auction Table

A new look was also a highlight of the evening as Trèfle officially launched its third and final re-brand with a new word and symbol logo. A clean and polished logo with the waves of the islands and a special tribute to the legacy that was created by Kristin's late grandmother Ruth Clover Penn-Anthony comes a new version of the Clover leaf. "It's special, it's heritage,

it's historical and it's the beginning of a new direction. This is truly the road to the 15th" – says Kristin.

All the exhibition pieces will be donated to the Lower Estate Sugar Works Museum. The aim will be to start conversations about the importance of continuing tradition, culture, and creativity.

The event would not be possible without our amazing sponsors: Supa Valu Ltd, Botella, DJ Bertrum, Chef Brentfield Lettsome, Kishumoto Melodies by Akim Johnson and all of our Silent Auction Partners.

For more information, please contact Kristin at 284.440.3006 or via email at kfrazier@treffledesigns.com.



bell peppers, zucchini, summer squash and red onion, all marinated in Italian dressing for incredible flavor. And let's not forget about the Easy Tzatziki Sauce with Feta -- it's the perfect complement to these tasty kabobs. Simply grate some cucumber, mix with Greek yogurt, garlic and feta, and you're ready to go.

So, fire up the grill, thread those skewers and get ready for a meal that's sure to impress!

EASY TZATZIKI SAUCE WITH FETA

Yield: 4 (1/3 cup) servings

• Time: 5 minutes

- 1 (approximately 10 ounce) cucumber
- 1 cup plain Greek yogurt
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/4 cup feta cheese, crumbled
- Black pepper
- Lemon wedges for serving, optional

Using a box grater, grate the cucumber on the largest grating side then squeeze it to remove most (but not all) of the liquid. Place the cucumber in a medium bowl and add the yogurt, garlic and feta. Stir to combine and set aside so the flavors can marry. This can be made in advance and refrigerated, if desired. Before serving, add black pepper to taste and squeeze a lemon wedge over the bowl and stir once more.

Mediterranean Chicken and Veggie Kabobs

Yield: 4 kabobs

Total Time: 1 hour

4 long metal skewers or bamboo skewers

1 1/2 pounds boneless, skinless chicken thighs, cut into 1 1/2-inch pieces

2 large red bell peppers, cut into 1 1/2-inch pieces

1 medium zucchini, sliced into 1/2-inch rounds

1 medium summer squash, sliced into 1/2-inch rounds

1 medium red onion, cut into 1 1/2-inch pieces

1 cup bottled Italian dressing

Pita bread for serving

If you're using bamboo skewers, soak them in water for 30

minutes prior to use.

Artistically thread the chicken and vegetables onto the skewers. Place the kabobs into a 9-by-13-inch casserole dish and pour the Italian dressing on top. Cover with plastic wrap and marinate, refrigerated, for at least 30 minutes or up to 24 hours.

When you're ready to cook, preheat the grill to medium-high heat. Make your tzatziki sauce if you haven't already. Place the chicken kabobs on the grill and close the lid. Cook for 8 to 10 minutes per side, or until the chicken is cooked through. Let the kabobs rest for 5 minutes before serving. While you wait, warm the pita bread on the grill.

Serve the kabobs with pita bread and tzatziki sauce for dipping or schmearing on the pitas.

A good wine pairing for these kabobs would be a light-bodied red wine (like pinot noir, grenache or Beaujolais) or a crisp white wine with bright acidity (like sauvignon blanc, a pinot grigio or a chenin blanc). Any of these wines would make for a delicious and complementary pairing. So, fire up the grill, savor the flavors and cherish the memories with loved ones. Have a safe and happy Memorial Day weekend.

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Grill and Chill: Memorial Day BBQ With a Mediterranean Twist

As we approach Memorial Day weekend, it's time to honor and remember those who have served our country and made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. While we enjoy time with friends and family, take a moment to reflect on the meaning of this important day.

This weekend also marks the unofficial start of summer and the beginning of backyard BBQ season. Get ready to add some pizzazz to your celebration with a scrumptious Mediterranean Chicken and Veggie Kabobs recipe, paired with a cool and creamy dipping sauce and warm pita bread.

These kabobs are fresh, healthy and won't break the bank. They're loaded with juicy chicken thighs, red



POLICE NEWS

HLSCC/RVIPF HOST COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES FOR 32 OFFICERS



President's Award for Best in Recruit Keimar Greene

Monday, May 22 – Some 32 new officers are now officially on duty signaling their completion of six months of basic police training.

At a commencement ceremony held last Thursday, His Excellency the Governor John Rankin, Commissioner of Police Mark Collins, and HLSCC President Dr. Richard Georges offered their commendations and support while celebrating with the new officers, instructors, serving officers and the many families and friends in attendance.

The keynote speaker, Head of the Financial Investigation Agency Mr. Errol George shared sage words of advice in

the service of justice.

Recipient of the President's Award for Excellence for Best Recruit, the Commissioner's Award for Best Recruit and the DCP Award for Best All-Around Recruit was Constable Keimar Greene. The Commandant's Award for Best Auxiliary and Highest Academic Achievement went to Auxilliary Ronesha Jackson. Awards were also given to officers who excelled in the areas of academic excellence, integrity, perseverance, drills, leadership, discipline, evidence gathering, and physical fitness.

This is the sixth graduating class since the establishment of police training in the BVI.

Cohort 6 is made up of 14 constables and 18 auxiliaries, with an even number of males as females.

The new officers are expected to fill vacancies in the newly restarted community policing division which is intended to forge greater or more lasting relations between the public and the Force. This boost in the number of officers will also provide more visibility on the streets and needed public assurance.

The commencement ceremony was held on the grounds of the HLSCC where Inspector Beverly James, who is also the Chief Instructor, led the commencement parade as the first female commander.

(Group photo on page 1)

POLICE MARINE OFFICERS INVESTIGATE FATAL BOATING ACCIDENT

Saturday, May 20 – Officers of the RVIPF Marine Branch are gathering the needed details to determine the cause of a boating accident that claim the life of one man. Bakimba George, 28, of the Valley, Virgin Gorda was injured and subsequently died of injuries sustained in the incident.

Initial investigations indicate that about 6:30pm Wednesday evening a male captain and the deceased were leaving the dock in Anegada on a 17-foot speedboat when the boat collided into the dock.

Both occupants were thrown forward and sustained injuries to their upper bodies. The men were transported to the Dr. D. O. Smith Hospital, however Bakima George subsequently died of his injuries. The captain was treated and released.

The boat received extensive damage in the incident. Investigations are ongoing

COHORT #6 AWARDS

President's Award for Excellence to the Best Recruit	Constable Keimar Green
Commissioner's Award for Best Recruit	Constable Keimar Green
DCP i/c Operations Award for Best All-Around Recruit	Constable Keimar Green
Highest Academic Achievement Auxiliary	Auxiliary Ronesha Jackson
Commandant's Award for Best Auxiliary Award	Auxiliary Ronesha Jackson
Dean's Award of Excellence	Constable Danniff Charles
ACP Integrity Award	Auxiliary Dondre Davis
Human Resources Award for Best at Leadership	Constable Keimar Green
Ag. C/Insp. Dean Robin Award for Best at Physical Fitness	Constable Isaiah Glasgow
Constable Award for Best at Physical Fitness Auxiliary	Auxiliary Shemall Letteen
Supt. Dariel Robinson Award for Best at Evidence Auxiliary	Auxiliary Sheriss Telemarque
Mr. Westmore Jeffers Award for Best at Evidence Constable	Constable Keimar Green
Armorer's Award for Best Shot	Constable Oshane Rose
Yohan Browne Memorial Trophy for Most Improved Student	Constable Nigel Nedd
VGCS Security Award for Most Discipline Constable	Constable Sephile Arthurton
C/Insp. Saif Kaddoura Award for Most Discipline Auxiliary	Auxiliary Deborah Joseph
Supt. i/c Territorial Award for Best Police Duty Subject	Constable Malicia John
Supt. Of Crime Award for Best at Drills	Auxiliary Dondre Davis
Commandant's Award for Perseverance	Constable Nigel Need
Spanish for Law Enforcement Award	Constable Danniff Charles
Report Writing for Law Enforcement Award	Constable Danniff Charles



Commandant's Award for Best Auxiliary Ronesha Jackson

THE WEEK IN CORRUPTION

BY TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL

The nation held its breath on Sunday as Turkey's historic presidential election unfolded, bringing with it a critical choice between twenty-year incumbent, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, and his main challenger, Kemal Kılıçdaroğlu.

Tens of millions of people turned out to vote on election day, but neither candidate was able to secure a majority. Consequently, the election will head into a run-off at the end of May, prolonging a decision between democracy and authoritarianism.

Erdoğan is the longest-running president in the history of Turkey. During his tenure, the checks and balances have been dismantled, and violations of human rights have been normalised. These factors have led to increased corruption, as reflected in Turkey's decline on the Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI). It reached a score of 36 out of 100 in 2022, an all-time low.

Kılıçdaroğlu has emerged as Erdoğan's main challenger with calls for significant changes to improve Turkey's standards for democracy and freedoms as well as promises to address corruption and increase accountability. Many expected the end of the Erdoğan rule, especially given his administration's inadequate response to rising inflation and inaction following the devastating earthquakes that occurred in February. But him receiving 49.5 per cent of votes in Sunday's election suggests Erdoğan's popularity is driven more by ideology than by results.

Against the backdrop of the presidential and parliamentary elections, a man traverses through the wreckage of buildings, a stark reminder of the destructive earthquake. Photo: Can Erok via AFP

Scrambling to secure the majority vote, Erdoğan is

strengthening his links with smaller ultra-nationalist parties. It is still uncertain if Sinan Oğan, the leader of a right-wing alliance who came third in the election, will support Erdoğan or Kılıçdaroğlu in the second round and potentially swing the election.

Casting our minds back to previous elections in Turkey in 2018 and 2019, the lack of transparency as well as the role of the police in the electoral process was concerning. Several political party candidates

were detained and, therefore, unable to campaign effectively. Distrust remains among opposition parties, who claimed there were irregularities during Sunday's vote.

This year's election once again highlights broader concerns in the country regarding election integrity. Throughout his presidency, Erdoğan has severely undermined institutions responsible for ensuring free

and fair elections, and made significant changes to electoral law, permitting the use of state resources during the election period. What is more, without adequate mechanisms to monitor and control election financing, public funds are at risk of being misused, if they haven't already.

As the country prepares for the runoff, a main concern over media control remains – the Turkish government is said to control 90 per cent of national media, which disrupts voter access to impartial and unbiased information.

And Erdoğan's administration implemented severe disinformation laws last year, which undermine independent journalism and restrict freedom of speech. The integrity of this election remains the ultimate decisive factor between continued authoritarianism or a chance for democracy that many people envisage, both inside and outside of Turkey. Is a return to democracy on the horizon? All will be revealed on 28 May.





by Dana Jackson

Q. What is singer Fergie's real name, and wasn't she in a sitcom when she was little? — H.Y.

A. Fergie, the 48-year-old former lead singer of the Black Eyed Peas, was born Stacy Ann Ferguson and started acting doing voiceover work for animated series, such as "The Charlie Brown and Snoopy Show." She went on to act and sing in the syndicated Disney series "Kids Incorporated," which aired from 1983 to 1992. This show was also the launching pad for the Hollywood careers of Jennifer Love Hewitt ("9-1-1") and Mario Lopez ("Saved by the Bell").

Q. Is it true that Clint Eastwood is directing another movie? How old is he now, and has he ever won an Oscar? — S.J.

A. Clint Eastwood is still directing movies at 93 years old and has won four Academy Awards, but none for acting. He was nominated for Best Actor in a Leading Role in 1993 for the western "Unforgiven," but lost to Al Pacino for "Scent of a Woman." However, he didn't go home empty-handed, having won the Oscar for Best Picture as a producer and the Oscar for Best Director. In 2005, he would again become a two-time recipient of the Oscar for Best Director, for the film "Million Dollar Baby."

Many thought his last directorial effort, "Cry Macho," a film released in 2021, would be his final project before enjoying retirement in his 90s, but that was news to him. His next project is "Juror #2" starring Nicholas Hoult ("The Great") and Toni Collette ("The Staircase"). The film is reportedly still in the pre-production stage.

Hopefully, the project will get off the ground soon. Gossip site RadarOnline published an article back in March that Eastwood hadn't been seen in over a year, having missed attending the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am Golf Tournament only miles from his Carmel, California, home, where his son, Scott, was a participant.

Q. Who is going to replace Tucker Carlson on Fox News? Is it



Fergie

true that CNN is going to become a conservative news network and hire him back? — D.E.

A. Tucker Carlson has headlined shows on all three of the big cable news networks: CNN, MSNBC and Fox News. He was abruptly fired from his show "Tucker Carlson Tonight" this past April on the same day CNN host Don Lemon was given his walking papers. Some have speculated that Carlson would be returning to CNN, where he co-hosted "Crossfire" from 2001 to 2005, but that doesn't appear to be happening. Instead, Carlson announced that he'll be hosting a new show on Twitter, the website owned by Elon Musk.

"Fox News Tonight" is the title given to Carlson's old 8 p.m. ET time slot on Fox. It now features a set of rotating hosts until a permanent one is found. Brian Kilmeade ("Fox & Friends") took over for Carlson the first week, followed by Lawrence Jones ("Lawrence Jones Cross Country"), former White-House-Press-Secretary-turned-commentator Kayleigh McEnany and Will Cain ("Fox & Friends Weekend").

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

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Nurse Claims Wound Must Heal From the Inside Over Time

DEAR DR. ROACH: Whenever I got a wound while I was young, my mother would take me to the hospital to get stitches. I am now 94. I went to get a wound seen, and the nurse said that it needed to heal from the inside. They treated it with gauze, wrapping and then a stocking. It took months to heal. Why the big change? Why couldn't they have just put in stitches and saved me months of healing? — D.J.

ANSWER: A wound can be sutured (stitched) closed when it is new, clean and regular. A wound cannot be closed if it is infected or irregular. Most chronic wounds cannot be closed by stitching. Also, if there is a lot of swelling around the wound, there may be so much pressure that the wound cannot be closed and must be allowed to heal over time. This is often the case with larger wounds.

Basic principles of wound healing are to treat and prevent infection by bacteria or other germs, control pain and bleeding, and avoid treatments that are toxic to open wounds. I hear very frequently from people who have mistreated wounds. Strong agents like hydrogen peroxide, iodine, bleach and even soaps will kill more of your body's healing cells than bacteria, and they should not be used in open wounds.

I also hear people say wounds "need air," but wounds heal faster when they are moist. A barrier like petrolatum (Vaseline or many other proper wound-care agents) and a clean cover will accelerate wound healing. Most wounds do not need topical antibi-

otics, and these should only be used when recommended by an expert. The best experts for wound care are wound-care nurses and, in extreme cases, vascular or plastic surgeons.

It takes time for a wound to heal. How much time depends on many factors, but a time span of months is not unusual, especially with a person in their 90s, who may not have the same blood supply they had when they were much younger.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I take 25 mg of quetiapine at night as a sleeping aid, and one of the side effects is an increase in blood sugar. I am curious if that will also show a rise in my A1C blood work as well? — T.F.

ANSWER: Quetiapine (Seroquel), an antipsychotic medication that is often used as a sleep aid due to its side effect of sedation, has at least two ways that it can increase blood sugar.

The first is that it directly acts against insulin, causing the body to try to release more insulin. At the same time, it reduces the ability of the body to make insulin. The combination means that in people who don't have much reserve (such as people with prediabetes or diabetes), this will increase their blood sugar. Secondly, the resistance to insulin helps promote weight gain, which worsens the resistance to insulin even more.

Any condition that raises blood glucose significantly for a long enough period will increase the A1C. The A1C measures the amount of sugar on hemoglobin molecules in red blood cells. The higher the blood sugar and the longer it stays high, the higher the A1C level.

A dose of 25 mg of quetiapine is relatively small, so it doesn't usually have these metabolic changes the way that quetiapine used for schizophrenia does — at the usual dose of 400 to 800 mg daily in adults. Still, I do not prescribe quetiapine as a sleep aid, since I greatly prefer nonmedication treatments such as cognitive-behavioral therapy whenever possible.

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

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By Lucie Winborne

• At just 15 years old, actor Sylvester Stallone's classmates voted him "most likely to end up in the electric chair."

• One day in 1930, the BBC announced on air that "there is no news," and played piano music.

• Fulmars, a type of seabird, vomit putrid fishy oil on predatory birds in self-defense, which not only smells awful but is lethal to the attackers, as it permanently glues their feathers together.

• If viewed from space or a high altitude, the sun appears to be white.

• Larry Lemieux, a Canadian sailor at the 1988 Olympics, was about to win a silver medal when he abandoned the race to save two other competitors whose boat had capsized. While he lost the silver medal, he was given the Pierre de Coubertin medal for sportsmanship.

• A hydrangea flower's color is determined by the relative acidity of the soil in which it's grown: Acidic soil will produce a blue flower, while alkaline soil will yield a pink blossom.

• The Sami people of Northern Finland have a unit of measurement called the "poronkusema"— the distance a reindeer can walk before it needs to urinate.

• Had a solar eruption happened nine days earlier than it did in 2012, the Earth would have been hit by a massive solar storm that would likely have caused major X-ray and UV radiation and power failure over the planet. It also would likely have cost trillions of dollars and taken four to 10 years to recover from. Timing really is everything!

• The hotel that inspired Stephen King to write "The Shining" plays the Stanley Kubrick film of the same name on a continuous loop on channel 42 for guests.

Thought for the Day: "Great opportunities to help others seldom come, but small ones surround us every day." — Sally Koch

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ADDITIONAL POLICE NEWS

ARREST BLOTTER

MAY 7 - 20, 2023

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED DRUG

1. On 09-05-2023 about 1200hrs, Police arrested and charged Vibert Morgan, 33, of Belle Vue for Possession of a Controlled Drug with Intent to Supply and Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Drug. He appeared before the Magistrate's Court and was placed on remand.

2. On 09-05-2023 about 1200hrs, Police arrested and charged Okello James, 33, of Belle Vue for Possession of a Controlled Drug with Intent to Supply and Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Drug. He appeared before the Magistrate's Court and was placed on remand.

3. On 09-05-2023 about 1821hrs, Police arrested and charged Antwon Robinson, 20, of Long Look with two counts of Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Drug, Driving an Unlicensed Vehicle, Driving without Front Identification Plate, Driving without Rear Identification Plate, Driving Unlicensed Vehicle, Driving Uninsured Vehicle, Driving Unregistered Vehicle, Driving Without Crash Helmet and Failing to Apply for Change of Ownership of Vehicle. He was granted bail in the sum of \$5,000 with one signed surety to appear before Magistrate's Court on 13-06-2023.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF ILLEGAL FIREARM AND AMMUNITION

On 09-05-2023 about 0148hrs, Police arrested and charged Brandon Neshawn Benjamin, 18, of Belle Vue for Carrying an Unlicensed Firearm and Unlawful Possession of Ammunition.

ILLEGAL ENTRY

1. On 17-05-2023 at 1235hrs, Police arrested and charged Ariel Peres, 22, a national of Dominican Republic for Illegal Entry.

2. On 18-05-2023 at 1336hrs, Police arrested Jose Castillo, 39, a national of Dominican Republic for Illegal Entry.

3. On 18-04-2023 at 0915hrs, Police arrested and charged Francisco Javier Troncoso Pimentel, 21, a national of Dominican Republic for Illegal Entry.

4. On 18-04-2023 at 0938hrs, Police arrested and charged Gerson Vidal Bonilla Nunez, a national of Dominican Republic for Illegal Entry.

RAPE

On 19-05-2023 at 1930hrs, Police arrested and charged a 45-year-old male of The Valley, Virgin Gorda for Rape. He was granted bail in the sum of \$60,000 with a \$10,000 cash component.

INDECENT LANGUAGE

On 15-05-2023 about 1029hrs, Police arrested and charged Ashemba Frett, 29, of Belle Vue with two counts of Indecent Language. He was granted bailed in the sum of \$5,000 with one surety to appear before Magistrate's Court 29-06-2023.

THEFT

On 17-05-2023 at 1730hrs, Police arrested and charged Jaquan Omarie Penn, 26, of Little Harbour, Jost Van Dyke for Theft. He was granted bail in the sum of \$5,000 with one surety to appear before Magistrate's Court on the 21-06-2023.

RECKLESS DRIVING

On 19/05/2023 at 2200hrs, Police arrested and charged Kenroy Joseph, 22, of Long Look with Reckless Driving, Driving without a Driver's Licence, Driving a Motor Vehicle without a Front Licence Plate, Riding without a Crash Helmet, Driving an Unlicensed Vehicle, Driving an Uninsured Vehicle and Unlawful Possession of Cannabis.

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Caribbean News / Regional News

CARICOM extends condolences as death toll from school fire in Guyana revised downward



Officials said that an estimated 57 children were housed in the dormitory. - CMC photo.

GEORGETOWN, Guyana, CMC – The Secretary General of the 15-member Caribbean Community (CARICOM) grouping, Dr Carla Barnett, says the body has received with great sorrow the shocking news of the deadly fire that razed the dormitory at the Mahdia Secondary School in Guyana early Monday morning.

“We mourn with the families, friends, and communities who are impacted by this horrifying event.

“On behalf of CARICOM, I extend sincere condolences to the Government and people of Guyana. We pray for a speedy recovery for those injured and otherwise impacted and offer the support of CARICOM member states as the community returns to normalcy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of unimaginable loss,” said Barnett in a statement.

The Guyana Fire Service today said that 19 children died in the fire.

A government statement had

initially stated that 20 people died.

But, the fire service, in a statement, said, 19 children had lost their lives by the time the fire was extinguished.

“Firefighters did manage to rescue some 20 students by breaking holes in the northeastern wall of the building. Our team is still on the ground investigating as we seek to provide clarity regarding how the fire started and all other necessary information.

“It is a sad day for Guyana and the entire fire department mourns with you over the loss of so many young children. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the relatives and friends of those young souls and our prayers remain with you,” it said in the statement.

Officials said that an estimated 57 children were housed in the dormitory.

The students were from the mountain villages of Chenapau, Karisparu, Micobie, and El Paso.

A government statement said that Prime Minister Mark Phillips, Education Minister Priya Manickchand, and Minister of Home Affairs, Robeson Benn, have begun to visit affected students and distressed families.

“A full-scale medical emergency action plan has been launched. We ask that our prayers continue to be with these children, their families, and their communities,” the statement added.

Medical officer at the Georgetown Public Hospital’s burn unit, Dr Vickita Nandan, told reporters that six girls who were airlifted to the facility are battling serious burns with a 13-year-old girl receiving limb-saving treatment because of the extent of her burns.

She said the girls are also suffering from smoke inhalation challenges.

The main opposition coalition, A Partnership for National Unity-Allinace for Change (APNU+AFC), expressed condolences to the families, relatives, friends, residents of Mahdia.

Meanwhile, indigenous Amerindians in Chenapau Village are demanding compensation from the government.

(Source *Jamaican Gleaner* onlinefeedback@gleanerjm.com or editors@gleanerjm.com.)

CARICOM Secretary-General extends Sincere Condolences to the Government and People of Guyana after Fire Tragedy at Mahdia Secondary School in Region 8

(CARICOM Secretariat, Turkeyen, Greater Georgetown, Guyana - Monday, 22 May 2023): The Caribbean Community (CARICOM) has received with great sorrow the shocking news of the fire at the Mahdia Secondary School in the Guyanese town of Mahdia, where a number of children

died.

We mourn with the families, friends and communities who are impacted by this horrifying event.

On behalf of CARICOM, I extend sincere condolences to the Government and people of Guyana.

We pray a speedy recovery

for those injured and otherwise impacted and offer the support of CARICOM Member States as the community returns to normalcy.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of unimaginable loss.

DR. CARLA N. BARNETT
Secretary-General

CIBC FIRSTCARIBBEAN ADVANCES THE SALE OF ITS ASSETS IN GRENADA TO GRENADA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED

Bridgetown, Barbados, 19 May 2023 -- FirstCaribbean International Bank Limited (“FirstCaribbean”) and Grenada Co-operative Bank Limited announced today that the sale of FirstCaribbean’s business in Grenada to Grenada Co-operative Bank Limited has received approval from the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank.

The banks further announced that the process of transferring FirstCaribbean’s clients to Grenada Co-Operative Bank Limited is expected to be completed by 14th July 2023.

CIBC FirstCaribbean announced the proposed divestiture of its business in St. Vincent, Grenada, St. Kitts & Nevis and Dominica in October of 2021. CIBC FirstCaribbean successfully transferred its St. Vincent clients to Bank of St. Vincent & Grenadines last month. Donna Wellington, CIBC FirstCaribbean’s Managing Director for Barbados & OECS, noted: “We are pleased at the approval of the sale in Grenada. This helps us deliver on our strategy of simplifying our business. We give our clients in Grenada our commitment that while we are working with Grenada Co-operative Bank Limited to complete the transfer, we will continue to provide them with first class service right until the moment we close our doors for the last time; and our employees with the best possible work experience.”

Larry Lawrence, Managing Director of Grenada Co-Operative Bank Limited, commented: “We wish to thank all the stakeholders involved in this process thus far and express our delight in having received the approval of the sale. We are working assiduously to ensure a smooth transition of FirstCaribbean’s customers and look forward to welcoming them to the Co-op Bank family.”

The two banks will shortly begin communicating to clients about the plans and dates for the withdrawal of services from CIBC FirstCaribbean and the transfer of client information to GCBL, as part of the transition process.

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Negotiations Between US House Republicans and White House to Raise Debt Ceiling Resumed last Wednesday



Top Republican debt crisis mediators Rep. Garret Graves, left, and Rep. Patrick McHenry, chairman of the House Financial Services Committee, center, speak with reporters about progress in the talks with the Biden administration, at the Capitol in Washington, May 23, 2023.

Negotiations between the administration of Democratic U.S. President Joe Biden and lawmakers in the Republican-controlled House of Representatives over the government's debt limit will resume Wednesday.

Talks between the two sides broke off Tuesday without any apparent progress towards an agreement that would give the U.S. Treasury permission to exceed the current \$31 trillion ceiling and continue borrowing money to pay the government's outstanding debt. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen has warned that the department will run out of money by Thursday, June 1, which could force the government to default on its debts, plunging the U.S. into a catastrophic recession and creating turmoil on global markets.

House Republicans are demanding the Biden administration agree to reduce federal spending back to 2022 levels. Republicans also want to impose strict work requirements

for Americans enrolled in such low-income relief programs as food and cash assistance and the Medicaid health insurance program.

The White House has proposed freezing federal spending at this year's current levels, and wants to end tax breaks for wealthier Americans and some corporations. The administration has also proposed that defense spending be included in any potential spending cuts.

Both President Biden and House Speaker Kevin McCarthy have rejected the competing proposals, but news outlets say a potential deal could include taking back up to \$30 billion in unspent COVID-19 pandemic relief funds and reforms to simplify the approval process of new energy projects.

White House spokeswoman Karine Jean-Pierre told reporters Tuesday that the negotiations were "moving forward," but insisted that both Democrats and Republicans

"have to understand that they're not going to get everything they want." She said the goal is "to get to a budget that is reasonable, that is bipartisan, that Democrats and Republicans in the House and the Senate will be able to vote on and agree on."

But Representative Garret Graves, one of the House Republican negotiators, said Tuesday there were still "significant gaps" between the two parties.

A group of hardline conservative Republicans are urging Speaker McCarthy — who needed their support to be elected to his post back in January — not to reach a compromise with Biden and instead force the president to give in to their demands. Biden is also being pressured by House Democrats not to give into Republicans and simply declare that the government will continue to borrow money by invoking the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which states that the "validity of the public debt of the United States, authorized by law...shall not be questioned."

The negotiations are also complicated by the need to convert the agreement into legislation and allow House lawmakers 72 hours to review the bill before bringing it to a vote. It then must go to the Democratic-controlled Senate for passage before it goes to Biden for his signature.

Some information for this report came from The Associated Press, Reuters and Agence France-Presse.

Fewer Venezuelan Arrivals Lead to Drop in Illegal Entries to US

A 98% drop in Venezuelans arriving at the U.S. southern border has helped lead to a steep decline in migrants crossing illegally from Mexico since pandemic-related asylum limits expired last week, U.S. officials said Wednesday.

The Border Patrol has stopped migrants an average of 4,400 times a day since Friday, when a public-health rule known as Title 42 ended. The average includes less than 4,000 migrants each of the last two days, said Blas Nunez-Neto, assistant homeland security secretary for border and immigration policy. That's down from a daily average of more than 10,000 in the four days leading to the end of Title 42.

"We continue to see encouraging signs that the measures we have put in place are working," Nunez-Neto told reporters, adding on a cautious note, "It is still too soon to draw any firm conclusions here about where these trends will go in the coming days and weeks."

April figures released Wednesday further illustrate how Venezuelans drove much of the rush to the border in the waning days of Title 42. Authorities stopped Venezuelans crossing illegally nearly 30,000 times during the month, up nine times from March.

The Biden administration has been promoting a carrot-and-stick strategy that couples new legal pathways to the U.S. with consequences for those who don't use them.

In the days leading up to the end of Title 42, the Border Patrol stopped 2,400 Venezuelans daily, followed by 1,900 Mexicans and 1,400 Colombians, Nunez-Neto said. After Title 42, Mexicans replaced Venezuelans as the top nationality at 1,000 a day, followed by 510 Colombians and 470 Guatemalans. The number of Venezuelans plummeted to 50.

There are "early promising signs" that migration through Panama's notoriously dangerous Darien Gap is falling, Nunez-Neto said.

Migration from Venezuela also plunged in October after Mexico began taking back people from the South American country who were expelled from the U.S. under Title 42, which denied asylum on grounds of preventing the spread of COVID-19. But Venezuelans began arriving again in large numbers just before Title 42 expired, walking for days through Panama.

The U.S. has been sent back "thousands" of Venezuelans, Cubans and Nicaraguans to Mexico under a new policy, in effect since Friday, that denies asylum to anyone who travels through another country, like Mexico, to cross the U.S. border illegally, with few exceptions, Nunez-Neto said.

The new legal pathways include allowing up to 30,000 Venezuelans, Cubans, Haitians and Nicaraguans to enter the U.S. monthly if they apply online with a financial sponsor and arrive by plane. Figures released Wednesday show all four nationalities took advantage of the parole offer in April but, among the four, only Venezuelans also crossed the border illegally in historically large numbers, second only to Mexicans.

The Border Patrol stopped migrants of all nationalities 182,114 times in April, up 12% from March but down 11% from the same period last year.

The U.S. has also been admitting 1,000 people a day at land crossings with Mexico if they apply in northern Mexico on a mobile app called CBPOne. Nunez-Neto said the number allowed on the mobile app will increase soon but did not say when or by how much.

So far, President Joe Biden's warnings that the border will be "chaotic for a while" have not unfolded as some thought.

The Border Patrol had more than 28,000 people in custody last week, doubling in two weeks and prompting the agency to release thousands without notices to appear in immigration court. They were instead given notices to report to an immigration office within 60 days, drastically cutting down on processing time and allowing agents to open space in holding facilities.



SPORTS

Wolues fend off VG United, 1-0, for BVIFA President's Cup

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

FOOTBALL

Forward Marcus Robinson scored in the 11th minute and the Wolues' defense withstood a relentless attack from visiting Virgin Gorda United, to claim their first BVI Football Association President's Cup on Sunday in Greenland, with a thrilling 1-0 victory.

The Wolues—who finished third in the league and earned \$7500—advanced to play for the \$2,000 winner's prize, after shutting down two times defending cup champions Sugar Boys, 1-0 on Virgin Gorda. The Sugar Boys finished second in the league and earned \$10,000.

"It's fantastic. It's our second major trophy in the last few years so we're very pleased to have won it," said Wolues' Manager Nick Messum, after collecting the President's Cup, the \$2,000 prize and Manager of the Year Award. "It was a hard game, doing down

to 10 men after about 35 minutes was difficult, but I think we deserved it in the end. We held it there. We scored a great goal and a fantastic effort for the lads and put everything in."

Messum said the key was playing as a team and they went quite narrow in the second half to try and combat them, because they knew they only had 10 men and they really held it together.

VG United Coach Jermaine Abrams, said they came ready to play, they were well prepared, they practiced for Wolues, but noted that in the first 15 minutes, they were a little uneasy and didn't stick to the game plan.

"With not sticking to the game plan, I think it really threw us off," noted Abrams whose team won \$1,500 from the game and \$5,000 for finishing fourth in the league. "They got a goal in the first half and we were confident at halftime as a team we could pull it off. We got there and still didn't execute—that started from the coaches and the manager—if you put a gameplan in, it should be executed. And the seniors on the field, we made some



Surrounded with Wolues players, VG United Midfielder Jadon Abrams, left, and Goalkeeper Mekhi Waters, blocks the ball off a corner kick, by out jumping their opponents

subs, put in some veterans who we thought would settle the game and that didn't happen—tough luck. Wolues put played their heart out—they deserved to win."

Awards were doled out after the game. Decked out in matching attire, One Love collected the 2022-23, Men's National League

Championships trophy—their second after winning in 2019. The Golden Boot winners were Johari Lacey of Rebels and the Virgin Gorda Sugar Boys' Derol Redhead, who both scored 22 goals respectively. Devon Letteen of One Love, won the Golden Boy award as the league's newcomer,

and also added the Golden Glove as the best Goalkeeper. Islanders also collected another award, with Collin Lavia walking off with the League's MVP Award. The Fair Play award went to Positive FC, the Manager of the Year was named as Nick Messum of Wolues and the Referee of the Year award went to James Ramprasad.

Dawson overcome injuries to finish 2nd in JUCO Long Jump

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

TRACK & FIELD

On his first jump in the National Jr. College Indoor Championships in February, New Mexico Jr. College Freshman Long Jumper Khybah Dawson injured himself. His outdoor season saw further injuries that slowed his progress.

On Thursday during the Jr. College's Outdoor Nationals on his home track in Hobbs, New Mexico, Dawson put together the best series of his career, starting with two marks of 7.64m (25'0¾") and 7.69m (25'2¾") past his 7.58m (24'10½") best and led the

competition through the fourth round.

"I felt like my performance was really good. I shocked myself once again," Dawson told Island Sun Sports. "Leading for the first three rounds, I was feeling good but not comfortable, because I knew what those boys did indoors and they did better in the final three jumps, so I wanted to come in, hit another big jump and put pressure on them."

By virtue of being the leader after three rounds, Dawson was last to jump in the order. His teammate Kelsey Daniel, who won Indoor Nationals, passed him to start round four, with 7.78m (25'6¼"). Then Daniel was passed

by Coffeyville's Anthony Woods' 7.86m (25'9½") wind aided leap. Dawson responded with another personal best and National Jr. Record, 7.84m (25'8¾") (+1.2).

"I felt like I had to hit a big jump, so I hit the jump putting me in second and then kept trying to go further and further," he said, after following up with 7.76m (25'5½") and 7.75m (25'5"), to finish second in the competition. "Overcoming all these injuries, it was a lot on my mind. Sometimes I felt like I was mentally drained. Sometimes I wanted to give up, but I kept at it. I never gave up and listened to the people around me who were giving me advice and it helped me in the

long run."

Dawson, the eight male and 17th BVI athlete to earn Jr. College All American honors since 1996, said coming second by a slight margin, he wasn't really paying attention to it as he got personal bests on his first two jumps and another on his fourth. "The place didn't matter to me because I knew where I was ranked for this whole outdoor season and it felt good to be placed anywhere in the top three," he said. "What I learned about myself, is (just to) stop doubting myself and go out and do what I have to do all the time. Do what I do in practice and good things will happen."



Khybah Dawson displays his medal after finishing 2nd in the Jr. College's Long Jump nationals

SPORTS



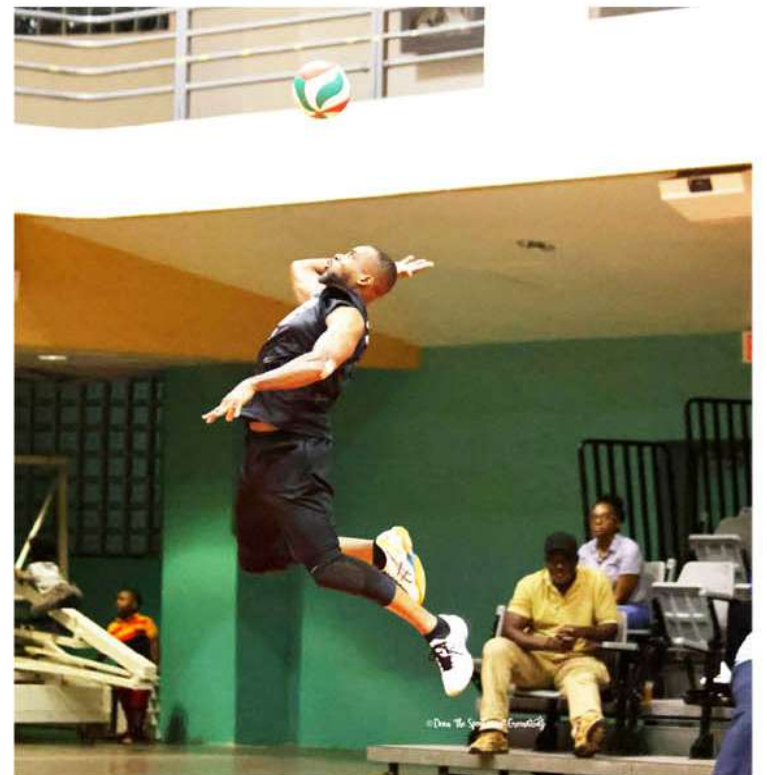
More than 200 participated in the CIL 5K Run/Walk to benefit the BVI Alzheimer's Association



A Vikings batsman retreated safely during their game with Cavaliers, before coming up short in a loss, after digging themselves out of a 5-for-16 hole to score 198



Tennis players gearing up for weekend Red Ball Tournament in Long Look



Dream Team's Canis Marquis prepping for Volleyball title defense vs Gunz on Saturday



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The Lord, the God of their ancestors, sent word to them through his messengers again and again, because he had pity on his people and on his dwelling place. But they mocked God's messengers, despised his words and scoffed at his prophets until the wrath of the Lord was aroused against his people and there was no remedy. 2 CHRONICLES 36: 15,16



Etching by Kathe Kollwitz (1910)

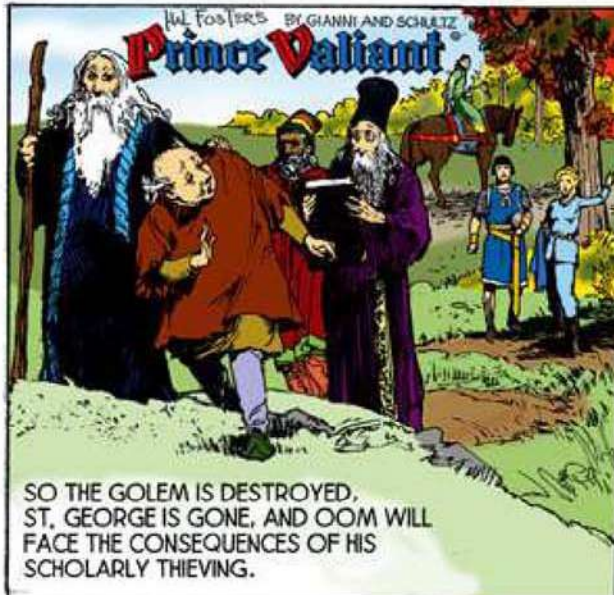
Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

GIVE ME A BREAK. IT'S BEEN SIX MONTHS. THIS ISN'T GOING TO AFFECT MY SCORE AT ALL.



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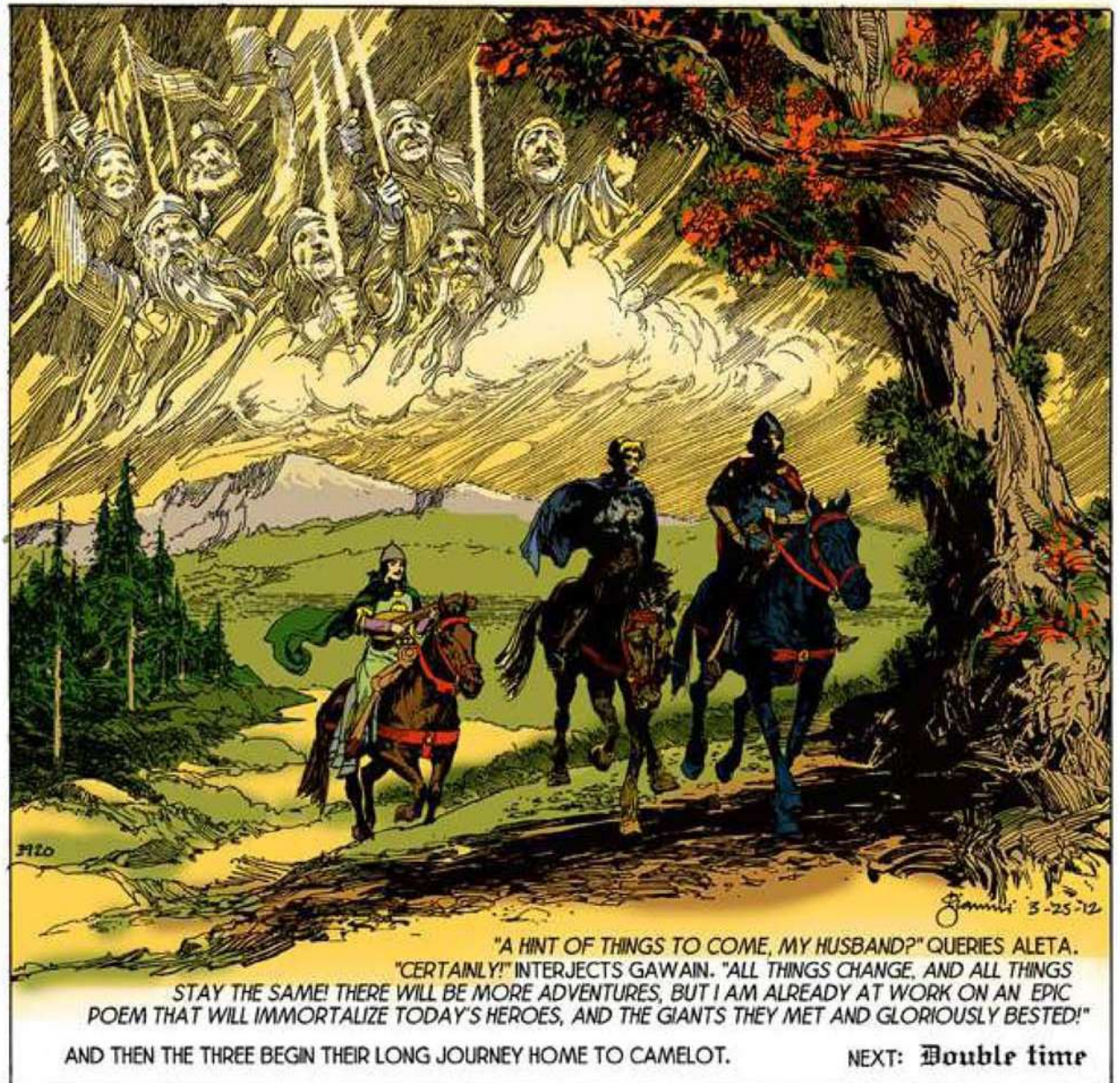


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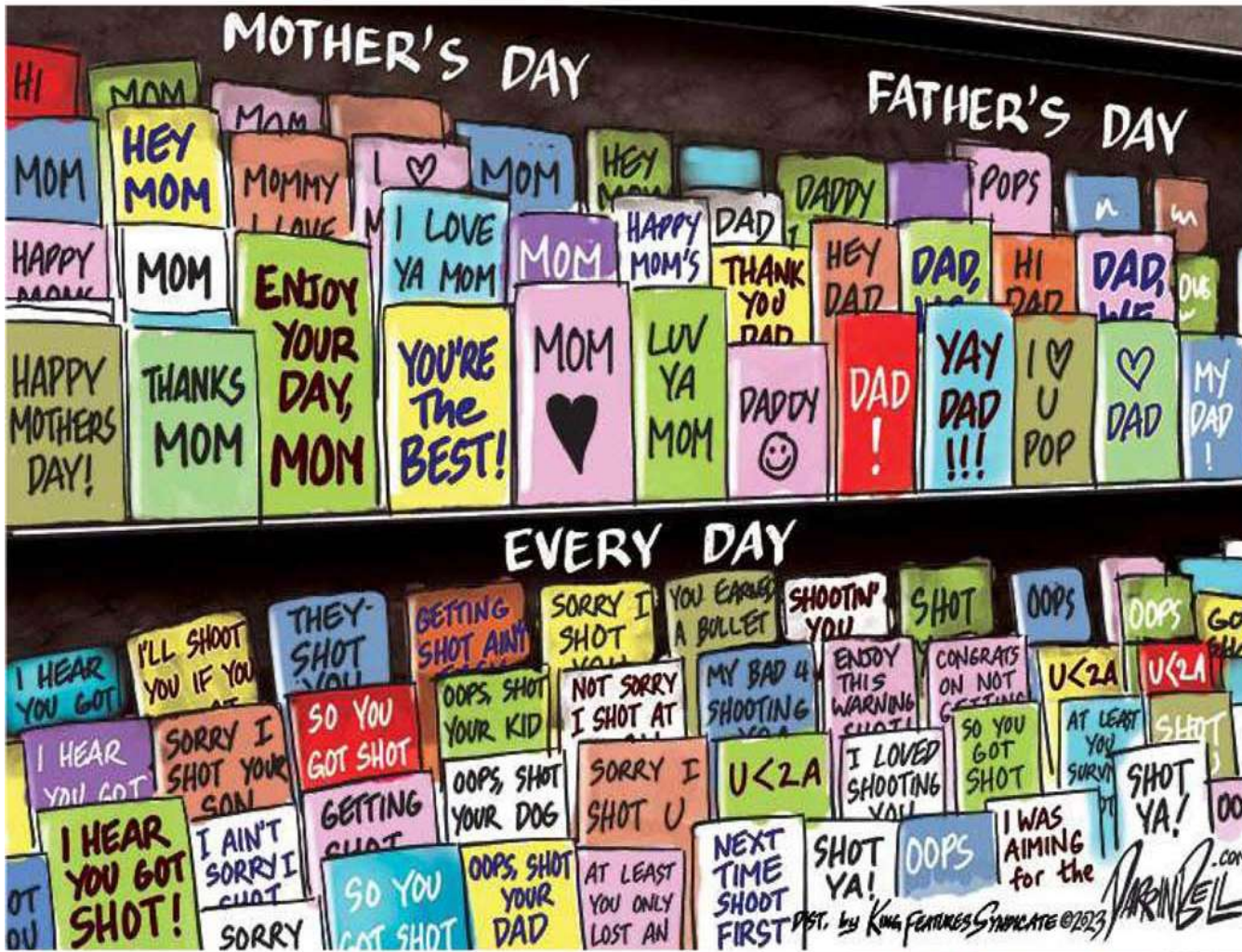
VAL SMILES AT THE WISTFUL ALETA: "YOUR ST. GEORGE IS GONE HOME. ALL'S WELL - AND I FEEL A FRESH BREEZE COMING..."



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"A HINT OF THINGS TO COME, MY HUSBAND?" QUERIES ALETA. "CERTAINLY!" INTERJECTS GAWAIN. "ALL THINGS CHANGE, AND ALL THINGS STAY THE SAME! THERE WILL BE MORE ADVENTURES, BUT I AM ALREADY AT WORK ON AN EPIC POEM THAT WILL IMMORTALIZE TODAY'S HEROES, AND THE GIANTS THEY MET AND GLORIOUSLY BESTED!" AND THEN THE THREE BEGIN THEIR LONG JOURNEY HOME TO CAMELOT. NEXT: Double time



BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Lamentations (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. In 1 Timothy 5:23, what did Paul suggest to Timothy for his frequent ailments? *Water, Wine, Bread, Honey*
3. From Genesis 41:41-42, which Hebrew became prime minister of Egypt? *David, Joseph, Nehemiah, Joel*
4. Where did Jesus spend his youth as found in Luke 4:16? *Smyrna, Tarsus, Antioch, Nazareth*
5. Who was stoned to death in the valley of Achor? *Abinoam, Achan, Ahilud, Abitub*
6. Jesus and who else walked on water? *Thomas, Andrew, Peter, James*

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Wine, 3) Joseph, 4) Nazareth, 5) Achan, 6) Peter (Matthew 14:29)

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

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Problems begin to affect relationships, both personal and professional. Act now to shore up those weak foundations before it all comes crashing down around you.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Take a break from all that hard work you've been doing. There's nothing like some well-earned fun and games to charge up those Bovine batteries and send you back fully energized and ready to go.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Deception can sometimes affect perception. You should take a longer, deeper look at what you're being offered. Things might not be quite what you first thought they were.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A friend's loyalty suddenly comes into question. But, before you rush to judgment, listen to what they have to say. This could be an important learning lesson for you.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The time has come for you to set things right. Your courage will help you meet the difficult challenge ahead. Others will be inspired by your actions and rally to support you.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A stubborn insistence that your way is the only way to solve problems could make things worse than they are. Open your mind to suggestions from others.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A close associate reveals a secret that could affect an upcoming decision. Rely on your natural instinct to weigh everything carefully, to help you get through this dilemma.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Congratulations! Your decision to take action and deal with a long-simmering situation in the workplace begins to pay off. In addition, a family member has some good news.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You still need to persuade your partner that you're sincere in wanting to save this relationship. Remember: Performance speaks louder than promises.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A disappointment in the workplace can be a blessing in disguise. Take another look at your goals and see if this is the path you really want to follow.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Avoid winding up in the middle of an unpleasant family situation by reassuring your cantankerous kinfolk that you love them all — but that you won't take sides.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A successful workplace move begins to pay off with offers of new opportunities, but some might come with strings attached. Check them all carefully before deciding.

BORN THIS WEEK: You love to entertain. You appreciate fine food and elegant surroundings. You're happiest when you make other people feel good about themselves.

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LITTLE STEPS CAN ADD UP TO BIG SAVINGS AT THE PUMP

Everyone is looking for ways to reduce “gas pains” from high fuel costs. There are some easy things you can do to put yourself on the road to gas economy.

- **Light on the Pedal**-Ease on the accelerator when you start from a red light. Your car will run leaner and won't use as much gas. On the highway, run about five miles under the posted speed limit to save.

- **Crank the A/C**-It used to be true that not using the air-conditioning (A/C) in warmer months would save on fuel economy. That's not true anymore. With the aerodynamics of today's vehicles, by turning off the A/C the resistance created by the wind causes more drag on the vehicle when the windows are rolled down.

- **Use the Right Fuel**-Never use a higher octane gasoline than your engine needs. It's like trying to put 16 ounces of fluid into a 12 ounce glass. Use the right octane and you can save about a dime or more per gallon at each fill-up.

- **Keep Up the Pressure**-Make sure you have the correct pressure in each of your tires. With too little air in the tires, the friction that it takes to roll the car is much greater, thus reducing fuel economy.

- **Keep It Clean**-Keep your engine clean of debris by changing its oil and fuel filter.

- **Get It In Gear**- Most modern transmissions are electronically operated by controllers. Transmission fluid that's broken down may keep your car from going into its highest gear. Have the transmission fluid changed in the 36,000 to 50,000 mile range.

- **Stir It Up**- There are lots of different gadgets on the market that claim to increase fuel economy. In all of our testing, we have virtually found no improvement in anything, with one exception. It is a device called Tornado that's put into the air intake, closest to the throttle plate, and stimulates the air to get it really turbulent. That causes a good fuel atomization within the engine itself that caused an increase in fuel economy in the applications we tested by an average of one to two miles per gallon.

With gas prices over \$2 and approaching the \$3 mark, if

you can save one or two miles per gallon every time you fill up, that can translate to about \$300 or \$400 of savings per year under normal driving conditions. I think everybody's interested in that.

HERE ARE SOME WAYS TO SAVE MONEY ON GAS:

- * Switch to synthetic motor oil. It reduces engine friction and may make your car a little less ravenous at the gas station. (There are brands available claiming 5%-20% increases in fuel economy.)

- * Use the manufacturer's recommended grade of oil.

Manufacturer specs are based on what is best for your specific vehicle.

- * Buy gas with the recommended octane rating. **Premium can actually be detrimental to many engines.**

- * Fill up during the coolest times of the day. You get more gas in each gallon, because liquids expand in the heat. The pumps are measuring gallons, not weight.

- * Make sure that the gas cap is tight after you fill up. Gas evaporates easily – you can lose an appreciable amount through an improperly seated cap.

- * Check your tires before your holiday and inflate them to the manufacturer's recommendations. Underinflated tires create drag and increase gas consumption. Always carry a tire gauge

in your glove compartment.

- * Never drive on bald tires! Besides being unsafe, they also increase fuel consumption.

- * Don't leave your engine idling for long periods of time. This includes pre-warming – one minute is all you need. Start off slowly, then use normal speeds after a couple of minutes.

- * Don't continually start and stop your engine. Each start burns about the same amount of gas as one minute of idle time.

- * Drive the speed limit on highways – **speeding devours gas.** Activate your cruise control whenever possible, and when cruise is not engaged remember the 'egg' trick: drive like you have a raw egg between the floorboards and the gas pedal.

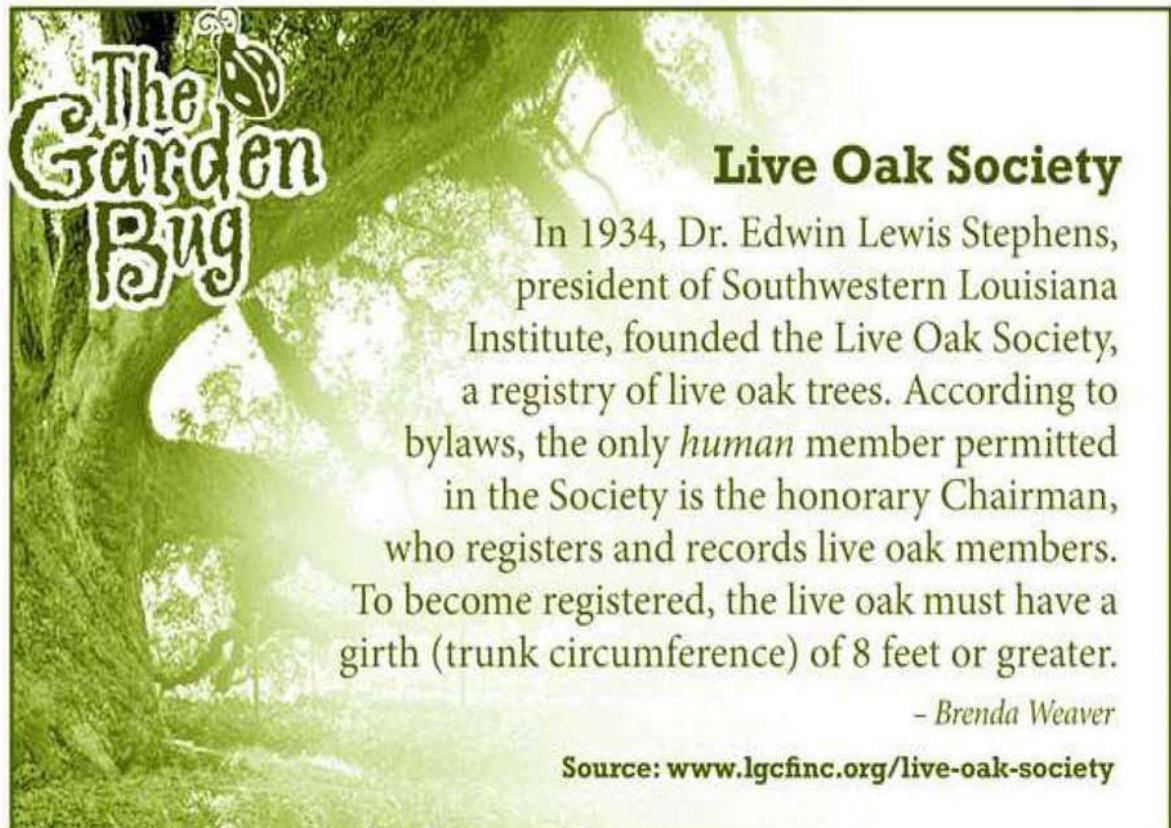


Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



The Garden Bug



top ten

Oldest Chain Restaurants

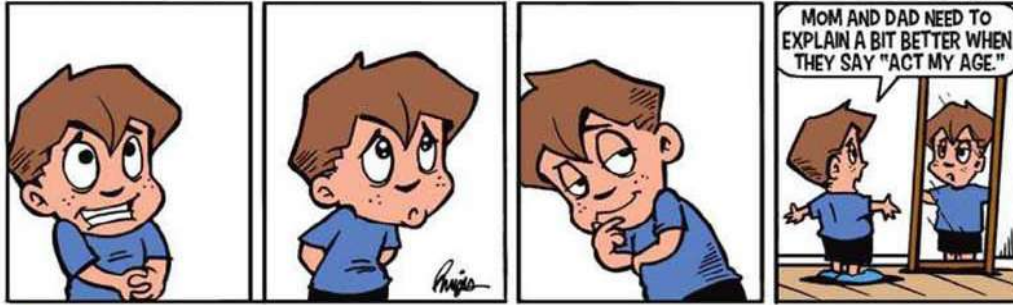
1. A&W
2. White Castle
3. Dairy Queen
4. McDonald's
5. Dunkin' Donuts
6. In-N-Out
7. Jack in the Box
8. KFC
9. Denny's
10. Sonic

Source: Reader's Digest



Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



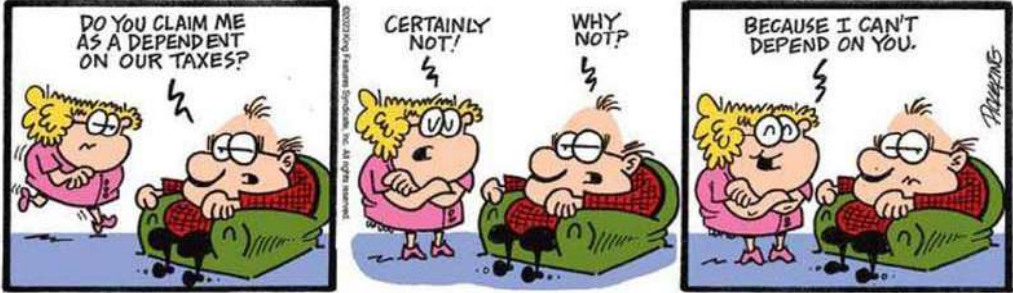
TIGER

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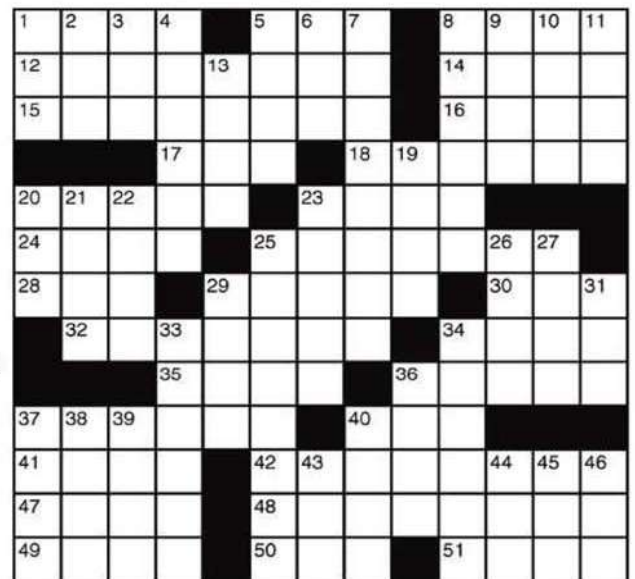
by Jeff Pickering



King Crossword

ACROSS

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- 5 Adj. modifier
- 8 Taverns
- 12 "The Middle" actress
- Heaton
- 14 Denny's rival
- 15 Susan of "Dead Man Walking"
- 16 Donated
- 17 Business mag
- 18 Rose and fell on the sea
- 20 Chicago cagers
- 23 Seethe
- 24 God of war
- 25 Adirondack lake
- 28 Martini ingre-dient
- 29 "Star Wars" baddie
- 30 Pirate's chart
- 32 Arabian nomad
- 34 Minus
- 35 Melodies
- 36 Blitzzen's boss
- 37 Two-piece suit
- 40 Jazzy style
- 41 Greek vowels
- 42 Revolutionary War battle
- 47 Hamlet, e.g.
- 48 Stumble on



- 9 Melville cap-tain
- 10 Peregrinate
- 11 Raced
- 13 Hostels
- 19 Sharif of "Funny Girl"
- 20 Purse
- 21 "Topaz" author
- 22 Sultry Horne
- 23 Loses color
- 25 Clerics' rob- ing room
- 26 "So be it" president
- 27 Group of actors
- 29 Futile
- 31 Unpaid TV ad
- 33 Elevated
- 34 Portable PC
- 36 Daytime drama
- 37 Hotel furniture
- 38 Slanted type (Abbr.)
- 39 Welles role
- 40 Edge
- 43 Coach Parseghian
- 44 Eggs
- 45 Berlin's coun- try (Abbr.)
- 46 Museum dis- play

DOWN

- 1 AWOL pursu-ers
- 2 Bond rating
- 3 USPS delivery
- 4 Nature walks
- 5 Outlet letters
- 6 God, in Roma
- 7 Eighth U.S. president
- 8 London land- mark

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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. Sneaker is different. 2. Sleeve is shorter. 3. Paper is smaller. 4. String is missing. 5. Sail is different. 6. Log is missing.

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Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 22 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. TELEVISION: What is the name of the high school in "Buffy the Vampire Slayer"?
2. MOVIES: Who voiced the character Woody in "Toy Story"?
3. LITERATURE: Who are the tragic lovers in the novel "Wuthering Heights"?
4. AD SLOGANS: Which product invites consumers to "taste the rainbow"?
5. FOOD & DRINK: Which root vegetable is known as Japanese horseradish?
6. ANATOMY: What substance gives skin its color?
7. GEOGRAPHY: Where are the Great Pyramids of Giza located?
8. HISTORY: Who was the first female prime minister of Great Britain?
9. SCIENCE: What is the hollow, woody tissue that carries water and nutrients from a plant's roots to the entire plant?
10. U.S. STATES: Which is the only state that doesn't have a mandatory seat belt law for adults?

MORE READERS: THE ISLAND SUN

Trivia Test Answers:
 1. Sunnydale High; 2. Tom Hanks; 3. Heathcliff and Catherine; 4. Skittles; 5. Wasabi; 6. Melanin; 7. Egypt; 8. Margaret Thatcher; 9. Xylem; 10. New Hampshire.

1.5°C IS UPON US. ARE WE PREPARED?

By Ronald Sanders

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The report on May 17, from the World Meteorological Organization, (WMO) that global temperatures are likely to surge to record levels in the next five years should have sent all Caribbean institutions, such as the CARICOM Secretariat, the Caribbean Development Bank, and the Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre, into overdrive to explore further ways in which the region could accelerate efforts to avert this calamity.

Immediately, there should also have been a loud and collective cry from government ministers, responsible for the environment and climate change, deploring this recent news, and insisting that the world's biggest emitters of harmful greenhouse gases be held to account.

It should further have been made clear that the existential threat, which has been plaguing small island states and countries with low-lying coastlines, is now agonisingly imminent, and that no country will sleepwalk into their own catastrophe. In the latter regard, victim states of climate change and global warming, should have been very vocal in emphasizing that, in their determination to save their own societies, there can be no ideological or other political considerations.

Instead of expressions of outrage, alarm, and anger, there has only been silence at the deeply troubling announcement by the WMO that, "There is a 66% likelihood that the annual average near-surface global temperature between 2023 and 2027 will be more than above pre-industrial levels for at least one year."

At 1.5°C, conditions will be intolerable for many small states. As the UN Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres, has repeatedly pointed out, "the alarm bells are deafening and the evidence is irrefutable": climate change is a "code red for humanity," and we must use all our resources to build a sense of urgency" to limit global temperature rise to 1.5°C

of pre-industrial levels.

He and the great body of science have stressed that the failure to meet this target will have certain and catastrophic consequences for humankind as a whole, and Small Island States in particular some of which may vanish as a result of rising sea levels.



Why then, the silence? Is it because the problem is too great to contemplate, yet alone to act; or is it because it is considered undiplomatic to call out countries with whom there are other relations?

If it is the latter, then it is misplaced diplomacy. Large countries, especially those who are members of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) have no hesitation on putting small countries on blacklists, damaging their reputations and killing their nascent financial services industries.

In other institutions, such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the World Bank (WB) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) their dominance on governing boards, ensure that their policies of denying some Caribbean counties access to concessional financing, or special and differential treatment in trade, severely limit the possibilities for social development and economic growth.

It is fair game, therefore, for victim states to deploy every possible diplomatic tool to advance their interest, regardless of which countries are identified as the main polluters. It should be evident now, if it wasn't urgently so before the WMO report, that victim states have virtually run out of time.

Therefore, in every council of the UN, the Commonwealth, the Organization of American States, victim states should be finding ways of speaking out collectively and vociferously on this disturbing issue.

And, if it is paralysis that has gripped government officials, generated from what would appear to be the overwhelming nature of the problem, they need shake themselves out of unresponsiveness and dig deep into their creative minds to act strongly and swiftly.

They have nothing to lose. The dreadful impact of climate change is no longer creeping up on their peoples and their countries; it is now speeding along.

In the end, the peoples of victim states



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will hold their political leaders to account first, Inaction will be an indictment.

At best the crippling rise in temperature of 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels should not have happened until 2030. Even though that date is only a mere 7 years away, it did present a brief and small space for victim states to formulate a more aggressive survival plan than they have deployed so far.

But with the knowledge that, "There is a 98% likelihood that at least one of the next five years, and the five-year period as a whole, will be the warmest on record", as the WMO report states, even that brief opportunity has narrowed.

The alarm bells should be ringing everywhere and governments should be alerting the business community and non-governmental organisations of every kind to begin the process of building greater resilience to the impact of climate change, as well as joining an international campaign to fight for the rights of victim states.

It is alarming that the initiative by small island states, led by the Prime Ministers of Antigua and Barbuda and Tuvalu, with the support of the leaders of Niue, St Lucia and Vanuatu, to establish a Commission of Small Island States on Climate Change and International Law (COSIS) mandated to seek justice for small states, did not receive immediate support from other small states.

Part of COSIS' mandate is to seek an advisory opinion from the International Tribunal of the Law of the Sea (ITLOS). Persuaded that there is a case to be heard, ITLOS has scheduled a hearing for September 11 in Hamburg, Germany.

Leaders of small states do themselves and their countries a disservice by delaying a decision to join the case before ITLOS. After all, it is their future that is at stake and that now hangs thinly in the balance.

Professor Petteri Taalas is the Secretary-General of the WMO. He says: "A warming El Niño is expected to develop in the coming months and this will combine with human-induced climate change to push global temperatures into uncharted territory [-]"

This will have far-reaching repercussions for health, food security, water management and the environment. We need to be prepared." But are we?

PUBLIC NOTICES

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

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 18th, 2023. The Joint Liquidators are **Michele Hibbert with address at Sea Cow's Bay, Tortola, British Virgin Islands and Saajid Jasat Bhana with address at Obarrio, Calle 59, Casa 5, Apartado 0816-04554 Ciudad de Panamá, República de Panamá.**

Dated: May 18th, 2023.

(Sgd.) **Michele Hibbert and Saajid Jasat Bhana**

Joint Voluntary Liquidators
[02/1]

NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)
Blue Flexagon Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 18th day of May, 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register

The Liquidator is:-

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

[02/2]

NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)
S SKY Co. Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 18th day of May, 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register

The Liquidator is:-

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

[02/3]

NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)
FANGWJ WDAI LTD

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 17th 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 Liquidator is:-

Wayne S. Francis
of Sertus Chambers, P.O. Box 905,
Quastisky Building, Road Town,
Tortola VG 1110, British Virgin
Islands

[02/4]

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

Fintopia Future Holding Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 17th 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 Liquidator is:-

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

[02/5]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 17th 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 Liquidator is:-

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

[02/6]

NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)
Unitel Technology Corp

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 16th 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 Liquidator is:-

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

[02/7]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
KERRY CONSULTANTS GROUP S.A.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1694148

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 19, 2023.

Dated: May 19, 2023

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

Voluntary Liquidator

[02/8]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004
Huayi Global Holding Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1909382

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 17th May, 2023.

Dated: 17th May, 2023

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

Voluntary Liquidator

[02/9]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.
WISE NETWORK INTERNATIONAL LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 651118

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 18th May 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: 18th May, 2023

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

Voluntary Liquidator

[02/10]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act
TINO HOLDING COMPANY S.A.

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)

Company No. 1850079

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to section 204, subsection 1 (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in Voluntary Liquidation. The Voluntary Liquidation commenced on 18th 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 18th May 2023

(Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**

Voluntary Liquidator

[02/11]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004
CYNGBEL INC.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 655394

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 18th day of May, 2023.

Dated 18th day of May, 2023

(Sgd.) **Cassandra Glasgow-Penn**

Voluntary Liquidator [02/12]

DIAMOND WAY CAPITAL LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company Number 1591620

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, Subsection (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 19th day of May, 2023. The Liquidator is **Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated this 19th day of May, 2023

Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson

Voluntary Liquidator

[02/13]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act. 2004
FORTUNE HOLDINGS GROUP LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 598257

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 23rd May, 2023.

Dated: 23rd day of May 2023

(Sgd.) **Philippa V O'Sullivan**

Voluntary Liquidator

[02/14]

LEADER TRIUMPH LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company Number 1801087

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, Subsection (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 22nd day of May, 2023. The Liquidator is **Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated this 22nd day of May, 2023

Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson

Voluntary Liquidator

[02/15]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act. 2004
STEPPINGHOME LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 265188

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 5th day of May 2023.

Dated: 5th day of May 2023

(Sgd.) **Philippa V. O'Sullivan**

Voluntary Liquidator

[02/16]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 388170

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act, 2004

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 19, 2023.

Dated: 24th day of May, 2023.

Sgd. Sgd. Philippa V. O'Sullivan

Voluntary Liquidator

[02/17]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act
South Park Holders Corp.

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)

Company No. 1585448

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 19th 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 19th May 2023

(Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**

Voluntary Liquidator

[02/18]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act
LAVANDULA PROPERTY S.A.

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)

Company No. 1604669

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 23rd 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 23rd May 2023

(Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**

Voluntary Liquidator

[02/19]

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

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)

Company No. 1664460

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 19th 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 19th May 2023

(Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**

Voluntary Liquidator

[02/20]

PUBLIC NOTICES

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

BVIHPB2023/0091

**IN THE ESTATE OF ELIHU RUDOLPH RHYMER
late of TORTOLA BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS,
deceased**

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by PATRICIA RHYMER TODMAN (hereinafter referred to as "the Applicant") of Tortola British Virgin Islands for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above-named deceased who died on the 4th day of February 2023 at Road Town, Tortola domiciled in Tortola British Virgin Islands without revoking a Will bearing the date 9 June 2016 wherein the Applicant is named executrix thereof.

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

Dated this 18th day of May 2023

Filed by: Harbour Chambers BVI
12 Chalwell Street Road Town
Tortola Virgin Islands
Legal Practitioners for the Applicant [02]

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

CLAIM NO. BVIHPB2023/

**IN THE ESTATE OF GERALD EUGENE ROUX LATE OF
1ST STREET, NORTH NO. 63, MEERSIG, WALVIS BAY,
NAMIBIA, DECEASED**

ADVERTISEMENT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Desiree Roux of 1st Street, of North No. 63, Walvis Bay, Meersig, Namibia for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above-named deceased who died on the 29 August 2022 at Walvis Bay Rural, Namibia, without revoking a Will bearing the date of 2 July 2001 wherein the applicant is named executor.

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

Dated this 23rd day of May 2023

Filed by McW. Todman & Co., Attorneys-at Law for the Executor(s) whose address for service is:
McNamara Chambers, 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands; email: nstjean@mctodman.com
[03]

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

**COMASAGUA
COMPANY LTD.**

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)

Company No. 1664460

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 19th 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 19th May 2023

(Sgd) Myron Walwyn
Voluntary Liquidator
[02/21]

**STRUCK OFF
Liquidator's Final Notice
PERSONNEL
INTERNATIONAL
LIMITED**

("the Company")

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 647277

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to section (208) (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 22nd May 2023.

Dated 24th May 2023

Carmine Bailey
Voluntary Liquidator
[02/22]

**STRUCK OFF
Liquidator's Final Notice
TRETHERNE LIMITED**

("the Company")

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1061589

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to section (208) (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 22nd May 2023.

Dated 24th May 2023

Carmine Bailey
Voluntary Liquidator
[02/23]

**STRUCK OFF
Liquidator's Final Notice
SPIRAL GOLD LIMITED**

("the Company")

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 593338

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to section (208) (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 22nd May 2023.

Dated 24th May 2023

Carmine Bailey
Voluntary Liquidator
[02/24]

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

CLAIM NO. BVIHPB2023/

**IN THE ESTATE OF GERALDO FERREIRA DE SÁ, LATE
OF LUGANO VIA VICARI 4, SWITZERLAND, DECEASED**

ADVERTISEMENT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by AMAURY COSTA of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above-named deceased who died on the 11 March 2020 at Magliaso, Ticino Canton, Switzerland without revoking a Will bearing the date of 23 December 2011 wherein the applicant is named executor.

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

Dated this 23rd day of May 2023

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

[03]

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

BVIHPB2023/0096

**In the Estate of Ann B. Omohundro, late of 7230 University
Parkway, Sarasota, Florida 34240,
United States of America, deceased**

TAKE NOTICE that LAURA ANN HRISKO of 1328 Orwell Road, Naperville, Illinois 60564, United States of America, a beneficiary of the Ann B. Omohundro Revocable Trust of 1995 which is the residuary beneficiary named in the Last Will and Testament made and dated 04 October 2005 in respect of ANN B. OMOHUNDRO, deceased who died on the 17th day of January, 2022 domiciled in Florida, United States of America (the Deceased), has applied to the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the Probate Division for a Grant of Letters of Administration with Will Annexed in the estate of the Deceased.

ANY PERSON having an objection to the Grant of Letters of Administration with Will Annexed to the said LAURA ANN HRISKO, 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.

 O'Neal
Webster

Solicitors for the Administratrix
[03]

PUBLIC NOTICES

BLACKBIRD HYPERSONIC INVESTMENTS LTD (THE "COMPANY")

NOTICE TO CREDITORS TO PROVE DEBTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the Creditors of the Company, BVI company number 1829369, to send in their names and addresses, full particulars of their debts and claims, and the names and addresses of their solicitors (if any) to the Joint and Several Liquidators ("the Liquidators") of the Shareholder of the Company, (Hong Kong) Nuo Rui Investments Limited (in liquidation) at Room 1502, 15/F., Tung Hip Commercial Building, 248 Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong, or fax to +852-29500433, on or before 31st May 2023.

If so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidators, either by themselves or by their solicitors, Creditors must come in and prove their said debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof, they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution before such debts are proved.

Dated this 22nd May 2023.

Lee Cham Sum Sam

Director of Blackbird Hypersonic Investments Ltd

Wong Sun Keung

Joint and Several Liquidator of Nuo Rui Investments Limited

[02]

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

PROBATE NO. 80 OF 2023

In the Estate of IAN MICHAEL GROVES late of 6 Beaufort Road, Bryanston, 2191, South Africa, deceased

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by WILLIAM JOHN SEAGRAVE SUTTON of La Ravenelle, La Rue les Raisies, St Martin, Jersey JE3 6AT, for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above named deceased who died on 8 October 2022 without revoking a Will bearing the date of 28 April 2010 wherein the applicant is named sole executor.

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

Dated: 22 May 2023

Filed by Conyers Dill and Pearman, Legal Practitioners for the Applicant, whose address for service is Commerce House, Wickhams Cay 1, P.O. Box 3140, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands VG1110. Tel: 1 (284) 852 1000 Fax: 1 (284) 1001
Email: Robert.Lindley@conyers.com

[03]

STRUCK OFF Liquidator's Final Notice DERAMONA LIMITED

("the Company")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 609247

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to section (208) (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 22nd May 2023.

Dated 24th May 2023

Carmine Bailey

Voluntary Liquidator

[02/25]

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

Overboard Premier Group Inc.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1966226

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 25th day of May 2023.

Dated: 25th day of May 2023

(Sgd.) Philippa V. O'Sullivan

Voluntary Liquidator

[02/26]

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

UAIP INVESTMENTS LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1445599

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 7th day of March 2023. The Liquidator is Ray A. George, of Long Trench, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Ray A. George

Voluntary Liquidator

[02/27]

Bullion Assets Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1631852

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

Dated this 25th day of May, 2023.

Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson

Voluntary Liquidator

[02/28]

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

Probate: BVIHPB2023/0088

IN THE ESTATE OF GERDA FRETT of Tortola British Virgin Islands, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that NATOYA DENISE FRETT of Tortola British Virgin Islands, and NATASHA DIANE FRETT of Tortola British Virgin Islands, children of the deceased aforesaid, who died on the 31st day of May, 2022 intend to apply to the High Court of Justice in the Probate Division for a Grant of LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION to the Estate of the said GERDA FRETT, deceased.

ANY PERSON or persons who has or have any objections to the Grant of LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION to the said NATOYA DENISE FRETT of Tortola British Virgin Islands, and NATASHA DIANE FRETT 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 15th day of May, 2023

Harbour Chambers BVI

Legal Practitioners for the Applicants

[02]

The Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE Virgin Islands

In the Estate of ADRIANUS RUDOLFUS HENRICUS MARIA DE KROON late of 3 Bulhoes de carvalho 563 ap 903, Rio de Janeiro, RJ – Brazil, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by FABRIZIO BITTAR VIENTE DA SILVA of Barao de Jaguaripe 381, suite 101, Rio de Janeiro – RJ, Brazil, and VIVIAN COLMBINI DELLAI of Barao de Jaguaripe 381, suite 101, Rio de Janeiro – RJ, Brazil for a Grant of Letters of Administration of the above named deceased who died intestate on the 4th day of October 2022.

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

Dated this 25th day of May 2023.

Filed by Walkers Attorneys-at Law

whose address for service is

171 Main Street

Road Town, Tortola

British Virgin Islands, VG 1110

[03]

PUBLIC NOTICES



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

BY EMAIL AND VIRGIN ISLANDS GAZETTE
BVILR/PRE/4/2023

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION BY PRESCRIPTION

SECTION 135 OF THE REGISTERED LAND ACT
CAP 229 OF THE 1991 EDITION OF THE REVISED LAWS OF
THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Virgin Gorda Central	5345B	258 (Lot 1)

The Chief Registrar of Lands hereby gives NOTICE that Algernon George, of North Sound, Virgin Gorda, Virgin Islands, Antis Birmingham of 10737 Belle Maison Dr. Orlando, Florida, USA 32832 and Olga Stevens, of 1411 S. Sheridan Bridge Court, Olathe Kansas, USA 66062 through their legal practitioners Hunte & Co. Law Chambers, 123 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, Virgin Islands have applied to be registered as the proprietors by Prescription for 0.622 acres of Parcel 258, Block 5345B, Virgin Gorda Central Section measuring 5.87 acres. A joint Affidavit was file in support of their application.

Parcel 258 is registered to:

- Olanzo George 1/6th Share
- Moralus George 1/6th Share
- Heirs of Osmund George 1/6th Share
- Arnold George of North Sound, BVI, as Personal Representative of Estelle Creque
- Percival, also known as Estella Creque Percival (deceased) 1/6th Share
- Cynthia Iyanthie Hodge nee George, the Personal Representative of Alturo Flowell George (deceased) 1/6th Share
- Eileen Roberts, Wendell George, Allan George, Bernard George, and Calvin George, North Sound, Virgin Gorda, BVI 1/6th Share

Anyone who has just cause to object to Algernon George, Antis Birmingham and Olga Stevens being registered as the proprietors for the aforementioned 0.622 acres. of Parcel 258, Block 5345B, Virgin Gorda Central Registration Section should file their objection at the Lands Unit on or before Thursday 29th 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 22nd day of May 2023

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

To: Hunte & Co. Law Chambers
123 Main Street
Road Town, Tortola, VG1110
Virgin Islands
Legal Practitioner for Algernon George, Antis Birmingham and Olga Stevens, Applicants
lewis.hunte@hunteandco.com

Olanzo George
Moralus George
Heirs of Osmund George
Arnold George, North Sound, Virgin Gorda, BVI, Personal Representative of Estelle Creque Percival also known as Estella Creque Percival (deceased)
Eileen Robert, Wendell George, Allan George, Bernard George and Calvin George, North Sound, Virgin Gorda, BVI [03]

Tel: Lands Unit: (284) 468-2017, Survey Unit: (284) 468-4321 | Email: Lands Unit: landregistration@gov.vg, Survey Unit: landandsurveydept@gov.vg | Website: www.bvi.gov.vg

Monte Cristal Investments Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1543069

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

Dated this 25th day of May, 2023.
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[02/29]

CTG Evergreen Investment XXVI Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1930965

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

Dated this 25th day of May, 2023.
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[02/30]

Eastern China Group Limited

Company No. 2066076
(the "Company")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to 204(1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 25th May 2023. The Liquidator is Cassandra Glasgow-Penn of Chapel Hill, East End, P.O. Box 2433, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG 1120.

Dated: 25th May 2023
Sgd. Cassandra Glasgow-Penn
Liquidator
[02/31]

"You've got to realize that you are your own hero and you can make yourself feel happy."...
Tina Turner

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

PROBATE NO. 79 OF 2023

In the Estate of NG, LUNG TAT (吳龍達),
late of House 38, Boulevard De Fontaine, The Beverly Hills,
Tai Po, New Territories, Hong Kong Special Administrative
Region of the People's Republic of China, deceased

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by NG, TIK HONG (吳錫榮) of House 39, Boulevard De Fontaine, The Beverly Hills, Tai Po, New Territories, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China ("Hong Kong"), merchant, for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above named deceased who died on 14 October 2020 without revoking a Will bearing the date of 19 January 2016 wherein the applicant is named sole executor.

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

Dated: 22 May 2023

Filed by Conyers Dill and Pearman,
Legal Practitioners for the Applicant,
whose address for service is Commerce House,
Wickhams Cay 1, P.O. Box 3140,
Road Town, Tortola,
British Virgin Islands VG1110.

Tel: 1 (284) 852 1000 Fax: 1 (284) 1001

Email: Robert.Lindley@conyers.com [03]

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS PROBATE NO. OF 2023

IN THE ESTATE OF MABEL TODMAN nee VANTERPOOL,
DECEASED
PUBLIC NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that REUBEN W. VANTERPOOL and JOSEPH E. VANTERPOOL, of Great Mountain, Tortola in the British Virgin Islands, being the lawful brothers and intended Administrators of the estate of Mabel Todman nee Vanterpool the deceased, who died intestate on 20th August 2018 at Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, have applied to the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the Probate Division for a Grant of Letters of Administration in the estate of the said Mabel Todman nee Vanterpool, deceased.

ANY PERSONS having objections to a Grant of Letters of Administration to the said REUBEN W. VANTERPOOL and JOSEPH E. VANTERPOOL shall within fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of this Notice lodge with the Registry of the High Court in the Territory of the Virgin Islands a proper document setting out the said objections.

Dated this 23rd day of May, 2023.

Reuben W. Vanterpool
Joseph E. Vanterpool
In Person

[03]

PUBLIC NOTICES



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

BY EMAIL AND GAZETTE
BVILR/PT/03/2023
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PARTITION

SECTION 103 OF THE REGISTERED LAND ACT
CAP 229 OF THE 1991 EDITION OF THE REVISED LAWS OF THE
VIRGIN ISLANDS

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Jost Van Dyke	1640A	273

TAKE NOTE that LORNA SEWER JOHNSON of 4512 Annas Retreat, St. Thomas 00802, United States Virgin Islands has applied to the Chief Registrar of Lands for the aforementioned parcel to be partitioned in accordance with the Survey Plan No.: CA-1640A -126-J drawn by Burton Chalwell a licensed Surveyor dated 10th October 2019.

Parcel 273 registered as follows:

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| • Maud Sewer | 1/7th Share |
| • Inger Sewer | 1/7th Share |
| • Alberta Sewer | 1/7th Share |
| • Rudolphus Sewer | 1/7th Share |
| • Lorna Sewer Johnson as Administrator of the Estate of Victor Frederico Sewer also known | |
| • As Victor Sewer (deceased) | 1/7th Share |
| • Jeanita Milliner | 1/7th Share |
| • Carol Elfreda Jones-Gunter, as Administrator of the Estate of Alice Maude Sewer Amey (deceased) | 1/7th Share |
| • Lorna Sewer Johnson | Proprietors in Common |

Anyone who has just cause to object to the proposed Partition of the aforementioned parcel should submit their objection in writing to the Chief Registrar of Lands no later than Thursday, 29th June, 2023.

An Interim Restriction has been placed on Parcel 273, Block 1640A Jost Van Dyke Registration Section pending the outcome of the Application for Partition.

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 22nd day of May 2023.

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

To: llarose@vigilatelaw.com
Legal Practitioners for Lorna Sewer Johnson
Vigilate Law
PO Box 2097
Carrot Bay, Tortola, VG1110
Virgin Islands

Maud Sewer
Inger Sewer
Alberta Sewer
Rudolphus Sewer
Lorna Sewer Johnson as Administrator of the Estate of El Victor Frederico Sewer
Also known as Victor Sewer
Jeanita Milliner
Carol Elfreda Jones-Gunter, as Administrator of the Estate of Alice Maude Sewer Amey
[03]

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

**Everest Investment No.4
Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2067270

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 24th May 2023. The liquidator is Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated: 24th May 2023
(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator
[02/32]

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

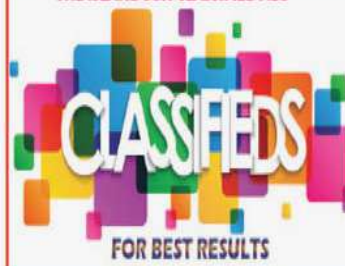
SEAWINGS GROUP LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1627855

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 25th, 2023. The Liquidator is Nelcia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated: May 25th, 2023
(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean
Voluntary Liquidator
[02/33]

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P.O. Box 142
Road Town, TORTOLA, VG1110
VIRGIN ISLANDS

BY EMAIL AND VIRGIN ISLANDS GAZETTE
BVILR/PRE/03/2023

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION BY
PRESCRIPTION

SECTION 135 OF THE REGISTERED LAND ACT
CAP 229 OF THE 1991 EDITION OF THE REVISED LAWS OF THE
VIRGIN ISLANDS

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
West Central	2738B	177

The Chief Registrar of Lands hereby gives NOTICE that Elroy Thomas of Pasa Estate, Tortola, British Virgin Islands and Cecil Abednego of Chalwell Estate Tortola, British Virgin Islands through is legal practitioners Harbour Chambers (BVI), 12 Chalwell Street, Road Town, Tortola, Virgin Islands has applied to be registered as the proprietor by Prescription of Parcel 177, Block 2738B, Sea Cows Bay Registration Section measuring 0.680 acres. Affidavits was file in support of their application.

Parcel 177 is registered to:
• Norris Christopher

Anyone who has just cause to object to Patrick Conway being registered as the proprietor for the aforementioned Parcel 177 Block 2738B, West Central Section should file their objection at the Lands Unit on or before Thursday 29th 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 22nd day of May 2023

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

To: David Abednego
Harbour Chambers (BVI)
12 Chalwell Street
Road Town, Tortola, VG1110
Virgin Islands
Legal Practitioner for Elroy Thomas and Cecil Abednego,
Applicants dabednego@harbourchambersbvi.com

Norris Christopher

[03]

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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
Long Look	3339B	251

The Chief Registrar of Lands hereby gives NOTICE that Jose Lettsome of Tortola, British Virgin Islands and 12115 Buckingham Ave. Cleveland, Ohio 44120 USA through his legal practitioners Maximea & Co. Law Chamber, Road Town, Tortola, Virgin Islands has applied to be registered as the proprietor by Prescription of Parcel 251, Block 3339B, Long Look Registration Section. Affidavits was file in support of his application.

Parcel 251 is registered to:
• Belvienna Turnbull

Anyone who has just cause to object to Jose Lettsome being registered as the proprietor for the aforementioned Parcel 251 Block 3339B, Long Look Registration Section should file their objection at the Lands Unit on or before Thursday 29th 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 22nd day of May 2023

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

To: Maximea & Co. Law Chambers
Glancina George Building
2nd Floor
Road Town, Tortola, VG1110
Virgin Islands
Legal Practitioner for Jose Lettsome
nbute@maximeaandco.com

Belvienna Turnbull

[03]

Tel: Lands Unit: (284) 468-2017, Survey Unit: (284) 468-4371 | Email: Lands Unit: landregistration@gov.vg,
Survey Unit: landsandsurveydept@gov.vg | Websites: www.zvi.gov.vg

Plans For Road Town To Be Presented At Community Meeting

Plans for the city of Road Town will be presented to the public at a Community Meeting on Tuesday, 30th May 2023, at the Road Town Market Square at 5:30 p.m. The community meeting will also include plans for the control of vending as well as give venders, businesses and residents the opportunity to voice their concerns.

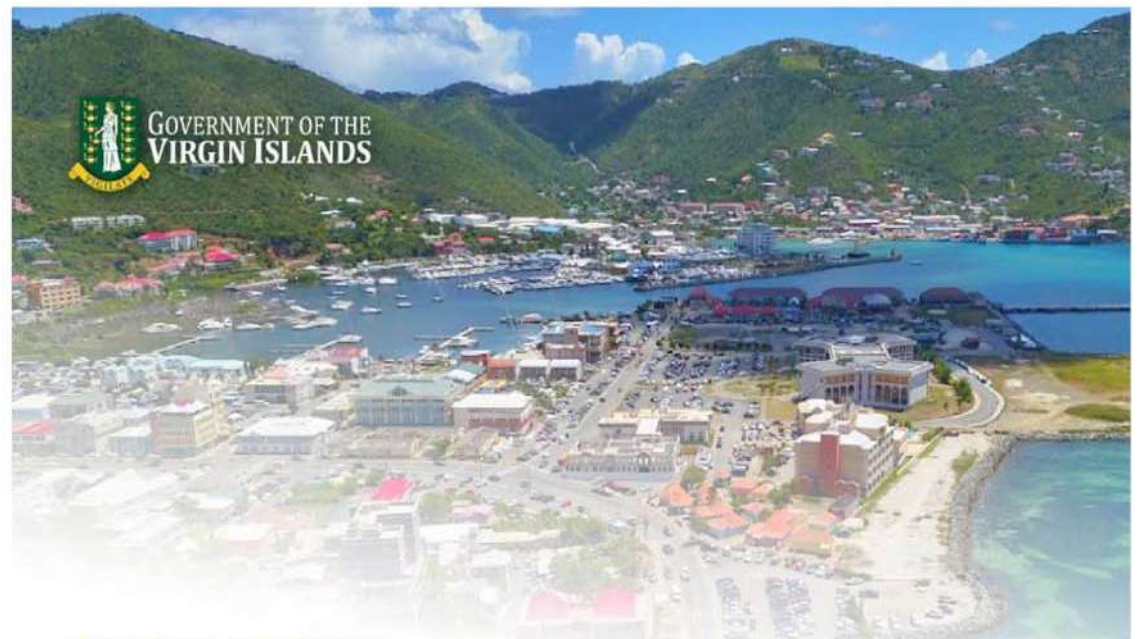
Minister for Communications and Works, Honourable Kye Rymer encouraged the public to attend and participate in this vital part of the community building process that is taking place. He said, "There's work to be done in every community,

this work should be carried out in a collaborative manner. I encourage the public to come out and have their voices heard so that we can focus on the key areas that we can improve so that we can continue working to have a capital that we can all be proud of."

The Director of the Public Works Department, Mr. Jeremy Hodge will conduct the presentation of the plans including remarks by the Deputy Premier, Honourable Lorna Smith MBE, Minister for Communications and Works, Honourable Kye Rymer, Minister for Health

and Social Development, Honourable Vincent Wheatley, Junior Minister for Culture and Tourism Honourable Luce Hodge-Smith, and City Manager, Mrs. Janice Braithwaite-Edwards.

The Ministry of Communications and Works continues to ensure the continued development and maintenance of public infrastructure in keeping with international standards so that public utilities are reliable and affordable in support of an enhanced community life for every resident and visitor in the Virgin Islands.



ROAD TOWN COMMUNITY MEETING

Tuesday, 30th May, 2023
Road Town Market Square | 5:30 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to present the plans for the city, including the control of vending and also hear the concerns of vendors, businesses and residents.

SPEAKERS

Honourable Lorna Smith, OBE
Deputy Premier and Minister for
Financial Services, Labour and Trade

Honourable Kye M. Rymer
Minister for Communications and Works

Honourable Luce Hodge-Smith
Jr. Minister for Culture and Tourism
& Fourth District Representative

Honourable Vincent O. Wheatley
Minister for Health and Social Development

Mr. Jeremy Hodge (Technical presentation)
Director, Public Works Department

Mrs. Janice Braithwaite-Edwards
City Manager

New Public Service Transformation Manager Appointed



Mrs. Kishann Cupid Brathwaite

The Government of the Virgin Islands is moving forward with the transformation of the Public Service and has appointed Mrs. Kishann Cupid Brathwaite to manage the initiative.

Mrs. Cupid-Brathwaite was appointed Public Service Transformation Manager, effective March 1, 2023 and will oversee the management, execution, monitoring, evaluation and reporting of all elements of the Public Service Transformation Programme. She will also provide the necessary programme support and guidance to ministries.

Mrs. Cupid Brathwaite will ensure the systematic alignment of the Government's policies, priorities and objectives with priority areas of the programme such as good governance, customer service, public administration/ human resource management and digital transformation.

Deputy Governor, Mr. David Archer Jr., stated that Mrs. Cupid Brathwaite is capable of managing the responsibilities of overseeing Public Service Transformation.

"Mrs. Cupid Brathwaite has

been with the Public Service for many years," the Deputy Governor said, adding, "In consequence, she has an in-depth understanding of how the Service has traditionally functioned and can use her experience and qualifications to chart the way forward to its advancement in line with each ministry's transformation goals."

Meanwhile, Mrs. Cupid Brathwaite said she felt privileged for the opportunity to fill this important role and to coordinate the Public Service Transformation Programme on behalf of the Public Service.

"I sincerely believe that we have the potential, experience, and knowledge to achieve our vision of creating a World-Class Public Service that is respected, trusted, and efficient with people at the centre of everything we do," Mrs. Cupid Brathwaite said.

"My years of experience in human resources, management, workforce planning and development, and my qualifications in psychology will allow me to offer the best support and advice that I can give to Heads of Department and other public officers," she added.

The new Public Service Transformation Manager pledged to work collaboratively with every ministry as well as the newly appointed Director of Customer Service to improve customer service delivery, progress digital transformation, modernise services, strengthen abilities to meet good governance standards, and continue to enhance capacity among public

officers, which will ultimately change the way that clients are served.

Prior to her appointment as Public Service Transformation Manager, Mrs. Cupid Brathwaite held the post of Senior Assistant Human Resources Manager at the Office of the Deputy Governor. Her career as a public officer began in 1996 as a clerical trainee at the Ministry of Finance. After almost three decades in the service, she has held positions such as Personal Assistant to the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Health and Social Development, -Employee Assistance-Programme (EAP) Counsellor, Workforce Development Manager, and Acting Labour Commissioner.

Mrs. Cupid Brathwaite holds a Master of Science degree in Mental Health Counselling from Nova Southeastern University in Florida and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Florida International University. She also holds a Certificate in Leadership from Caribbean Centre For Development Administration (CARICAD) and is a court mediator certified by the University of the West Indies and the Eastern Supreme Court.

To review the complete Virgin Islands Public Service Transformation Programme Plan, persons can visit the Governor's Group/Deputy Governor's Office page on the Government of the Virgin Islands website at www.bvi.gov.vg and access the document under the publications tab.

Tina Turner: legendary rock'n'roll singer dies aged 83



Era-defining music ... Tina Turner performing in 1987. Photograph: Sipa/Rex/Shutterstock

Wed 24 May 2023 19.40 BST

Tina Turner, the pioneering rock'n'roll star who became a pop behemoth in the 1980s, has died aged 83 after a long illness.

She had suffered ill health in recent years, being diagnosed with intestinal cancer in 2016 and having a kidney transplant in 2017.

Turner affirmed and amplified Black women's formative stake in rock'n'roll, defining that era of music to the extent that Mick Jagger admitted to taking inspiration from her high-kicking, energetic live performances for his stage persona. After two decades of working with her abusive husband, Ike Turner, she struck out alone and – after a few false starts – became one of the defining pop icons of the 1980s with the album *Private Dancer*. Her life was chronicled in three memoirs, a biopic, a jukebox musical, and in 2021, the acclaimed documentary film, *Tina*.

In a statement on Wednesday night, a representative said: "Tina Turner, the 'Queen of Rock'n Roll' has died peacefully today at the age of 83 after a long illness in her home in Kusnacht near Zurich, Switzerland. With her, the world loses a music legend and a role model."

"Turner's musical character has always been a charged combination of mystery as well as light, melancholy mixed with a ferocious vitality that often flirted with danger," scholar Daphne A Brooks wrote for the *Guardian* in 2018.

Turner was born Anna Mae Bullock on 26 November 1939 and raised in Nutbush, Tennessee, where she recalled picking cotton with her family as a child. She sang in the tiny town's church choir, and as a teenager talked – or rather, sang – her way into Ike's band in St Louis: he had declined her request to join until he heard her seize the microphone during a Kings of Rhythm performance for a rendition of BB King's *You Know I Love You*.

After her vocal talents became apparent, Ike gave her the name Tina Turner – and trademarked it in case she left him and he wanted to replace her in his act. He quickly became abusive: when Turner tried to leave the group early on after having got a sense of his mercurial character, he hit her with a wooden shoe stretcher "My relationship with Ike was doomed the day he figured out I was going to be his moneymaker," Turner wrote in her 2018 biography *My Love Story*. "He needed to control me, economically and psychologically, so I could never leave him."

She made her recorded debut under the name with the Ike and Tina Turner single *A Fool in Love* in July 1960, which broke the US Top 30 and started a run of respectable chart success. But it was their live performances that made them a sensation. Ike toured the Ike and Tina Turner Revue aggressively on the Chitlin' Circuit – including in front of desegregated audiences, such as their commercial power. In 1964, they signed to Warner Bros imprint Loma Records, which released their first album to chart: *Live! The Ike & Tina Turner Show*. In the second half of the 60s, the duo were courted by many of rock's biggest names. Phil Spector produced the 1966 single *River Deep – Mountain High*; they supported the Rolling Stones in the UK and later the US, and stars including David Bowie, Sly Stone, Cher, Elvis Presley and Elton John came to their Las Vegas residency.

They were a chart-making, Grammy-winning force in the 1970s – a run that came to an end when Turner left Ike, who had been consistently violent and unfaithful, in 1976. Her last single with the group was *Baby, Get It On*, from the 1975 film adaptation of the Who's rock opera *Tommy*, in which she starred as *Acid Queen*, a character of the same name of her second solo album. In the divorce, finalised in 1978, Turner came away with just two cars and the rights to her stage name. "Ike fought a little bit because he knew what I would do with it," she said in the documentary *Tina*.



Remarks BY Honourable. SHARIE B. de CASTRO Observance of Early Childhood Awareness Wk



Hon. Sharie B. de Castro

This week, 21st to the 27th of May, the Territory of The Virgin Islands through the Ministry of Education, Youth Affairs and Sports pauses to observe Early Childhood Awareness Week. The theme for the week is, 'Supporting Early Childhood Development.' The United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 4 targets Quality Education.

Quality education has been identified as the strategy that enables upward socioeconomic mobility, is key to escaping poverty and ensures that we produce citizens who are can compete globally.

Early Childhood Education is the bedrock of any thriving education system and any thriving society.

The science of brain architecture presents clear evidence that, during pregnancy and the first three years after birth, critical elements of our health, well-being and productivity are established, which will last throughout childhood, adolescence, and adulthood.

A new-born baby's brain contains almost all the neurons it will ever have. By age 2, massive numbers of neuronal connections have been made in response to interactions with the environment, and especially interactions with caregivers. This rapid brain development is driven by a genetic pattern established over hundreds of thousands of years, but it is steered by the young child's experiences (World Health Organisation, 2018).

While the interplay of biology and the environment are present at birth, they continue through to age 8. Thus, early childhood

is recognised as that period of a person's life from the time they are born until the age of eight.

Interactions with the environment and interactions with caregivers are two key concepts proven to have significant impact of the development of the brain during the early childhood stages. Caregivers here include parents, guardians, childcare workers, early childhood practitioners, and teachers.

Interactions are the keys to unlocking the brain's potential during those critical years. Recognising the importance of positive interactions, we must improve on our strategic action of increasing access to quality early childhood experiences.

For us at the Ministry of Education, it means increasing and improving on access to quality early childhood services. We cannot do it alone. Quality early childhood services means access to quality services for families, prenatal care, neo-natal healthcare, nutrition, and when observed, the provision of effective and sustainable early childhood-intervention.

It is about ensuring that families and caregivers of young children receive support to provide nurturing care to young children, and that those with additional needs get extra support and services.

As we seek to re-imagine education in the Virgin Islands, one of our mandates is to strengthen our legislative framework for guiding and guarding the provision of early childhood services in the territory. We already have Early Childhood Regulations and Standards for those regulations in place. We are currently working to finalise a Comprehensive Policy for Early Childhood Care and Education.

We are working towards strengthening our relationships with other key stakeholders to close the gaps that currently exist. This will allow us to identify where and how we can work more cohesively to effectively support young children and families.

As Minister for Education, I encourage all stakeholders to

review current policies and practices to ensure that they are family-friendly and that more child-friendly spaces are created.

At the Ministry, we will be working more closely with early childhood centre providers to identify and implement ideas to enhance the programmes being offered, whilst supporting the universal implementation of developmentally appropriate practices.

We are collaborating with the Institute of Education at the H. L. Stoutt Community College to provide on-going training and continuous professional development for early childhood practitioners, a practice supported by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

As we embark on Early Childhood Awareness Week 2023, I urge the community to get involved, as we collectively move Early Childhood Education, full steam ahead.

During this week's activities several activities have been planned. On today, Monday Open houses are taking place around the territory at early childhood centres and classrooms in primary schools. Take the time to visit one near you. A LIVE panel discussion will be held on Tomorrow, Tuesday, 23rd at 2:00 p.m. on the Government's Facebook page.

On Wednesday, 24th, and Thursday, 25th professional development sessions will be held for teachers and practitioners working in early childhood.

On Friday, 26th the annual Preschool Games held in collaboration with VI Sports for Life will be held at the Multi-Purpose Sports Complex from 9am. to 1pm.

An opportunity for fun, relaxation, and networking among practitioners is planned for Saturday, 27th.

For more information on any of these activities please contact Ms. Genevieve McMaster, our Early Childhood Officer in the Ministry of Education via telephone number 468-2757.

It is my pleasure and privilege to declare Early Childhood Awareness Week 2023 open.

VI Water Distribution Network To Receive Upgrade



Hon. Kye M. Rymer

The Government of the Virgin Islands is making moves to replace and upgrade the existing water distribution network.

Minister for Communication and Works Honourable Kye M. Rymer said his ministry would be issuing an expression of interest to obtain the services of a reputable and qualified company to replace and upgrade the water distribution network, through a public private partnership engagement.

Honourable Rymer in his statement at the Swearing-In Ceremony of the First Sitting of the First Session of the Fifth House of Assembly said, "We must focus, and our ministry we will focus on improving our water supply, improving our sewage system, and developing renewable energy, road improvement, enhancing transportation, and improving the city of Road Town."

He added, "We have quite a lot of projects to complete, we have some policy changes to make as well, and we will be bringing those to this honorable House of Assembly."

The minister's full statement can be viewed on the Government's website at www.bvi.gov.vg.

The Ministry of Communications and Works continues to ensure the continued development and maintenance of public infrastructure in keeping with international standards so that public utilities are reliable and affordable in support of an enhanced community life for every resident and visitor in the Virgin Islands.

(Photo credit: GIS)

Remarks by Honourable Sharie B. de Castro on Guyana's Dormitory Fire Incident

As the Minister for Education, I am deeply saddened by the news of the recent fire in Guyana that claimed the lives of 19 students. My heart goes out to the families and loved ones of those affected by this tragedy. We offer our condolences and stand in solidarity with the people of Guyana during this difficult time. We urge all school authorities to take necessary measures to ensure the safety and well-being of their students, and we will continue to work with our international partners to prevent such incidents from happening again in the future.

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VI Real Estate & Development is seeking a full-time Real Estate Consultant. Interested applicants can submit their CV/ Resume with cover letter at P.O Box 386 Road Town, Tortola, BVI or call 284-494-1300.-
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[s02]

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Structural Engineer
CSE (BVI) Ltd are seeking a Civil/Structural Engineer. The successful candidate must have an M.Eng or M.Sc in Civil or Structural Engineering and must have a minimum of 5 years' office-based design experience, with some relevant site experience.

The Candidate must be proficient in the use of Revit, AutoCad, MasterSeries and Tekla Tedds software.

The applicant must be able to work on his own design projects, and in site conditions checking for compliance of the contractor's work to the structural drawings.

Please send CV by email to:- email: careers@csecaribbean.com or Telephone: Cell # 346 7392.
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P&N Construction Company Ltd requires the following Full and Part Time positions to be filled: Mason, Carpenter, Laborer, Steel Worker, Painter, Tiler, Heavy Equipment Operator. Must have a minimum of 5 years experience. Contact 541-2831. BVI Islander or Belonger preferred.
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STONE'S-NEST URGENTLY NEEDS full time JERK CHEF and ONE PASTRY MAKER/ JOHNNY CAKE MAKER. PERSONS MUST have at least five years experience. Please call 346-3036
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2 J's Welding & Fabrication is looking for full time Apprentice Welder with experience in aluminum. BVI Islander or Belongers preferred.- Interested-applicants please send resume to 2JsWelding@gmail.com or Telephone: (284) 543-5686
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Senior Structural Engineer
CSE (BVI) Ltd are seeking an IStructE Chartered or near Chartered Senior Civil/ Structural Engineer. The successful candidate must have an B.Eng, M.Eng or M.Sc in Civil or Structural Engineering and a minimum of 10 years' office-based design experience, including at least 5 years in a senior engineer position, with the ability to mentor junior staff.

The Candidate must be proficient in the use of Tekla Tedds, Tekla Structural Designer, CADS RC, AutoCad, Autodesk Revit, MasterSeries and CSC Fastrak software. Please send CV by email to:- email: careers@csecaribbean.com or Telephone: Cell # 346 7392.
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De La Santa Bakery and Restaurant Plus is seeking an experience person to fill the position of a full time kitchen helper to assist with the preparation of the Jerk Chicken and Jerk Pork and any other related duties assigned to the Jerk Stand. Please call 343-0603 or 4994308 for further information.
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ISLAND SUPPLIES - We are seeking a Bookkeeper and Business Administrator with at least 2 years experience and knowledge of basic bookkeeping entry skills. Please contact us at 496-6407.
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THE MACHINE SHOP VI needs a Full Time Welder, person must have at least 10 years experience in required position. Please call 284-340-9032 for further details.
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Total Homecare BVI's now hiring persons in the capacity of housekeepers and caregivers. You must have some experience and have a passion for housekeeping or caregiving. Rate of pay is BVI's minimum wage. Send resume to info@totalhomecarebvi.com or call 284 341-0783
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G&S GAS STATION on Jost Van Dyke needs 1 Full Time Gas Station Attendant. Must be able to do Accounting and live on Jost Van Dyke. Please call 284-499-0943.
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REAL ESTATE

PROPERTY FOR SALE: Registration Section: East Central, Block: 2840B Parcel 175 Lot Size: 0.51 acres Selling Price: US \$75,000. Interested Belongers please contact Akeem Wheatley from Emerald Properties BVI at 284-541-6861 or email: akeem@emeraldpropertiesbvi.com
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