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SURPRISE CROSSOVER HEAVILY CRITICISED BY OPPOSITION MEMBERS

Days after Hon. Lorna Smith was sworn in as Deputy Premier in the new Virgin Islands Party (VIP) administration persons in the community have been expressing their concerns about her decision. The members of the Opposition were among the most vocal about the actions of their former colleague.

In a joint press conference on 27 April, the leaders and elected members of the three opposition parties criticised Smith's decision to join the VIP. Leader of the Opposition and PVIM leader Hon. Ronnie Skelton said, "We had negotiations between the three leaders... while we were negotiating, the rug was pulled from under us, that's the reason we are not in government." Similar sentiments were expressed by NDP Chairman Hon Marlon A. Penn, who added that the decision to form an alliance with the VIP was made by Smith without any discussion

with the opposition parties. "While those discussions were being had, a decision was made, as we learned during that discussion, was made by Hon Lorna Smith to form an alliance with the Virgin Islands Party," he said.

Penn dismissed the notion that Smith's move to the VIP camp was made for the good of the Territory, claiming instead that it was purely self-interest. "Her decisions were solely self-interest and for power, and we focused on doing what is in the best interest of the country, and that's why we are still here standing unified as an opposition," he said.

Penn agreed that Smith's actions demonstrated a betrayal of the voters and contended that the evidence of this was clear from their expressions. "The voters were betrayed because persons voted on the basis of our [NDP's] vision, on the basis of our campaign that we espoused to the voters

that, 'Look, we are running an anti-corruption, anti-maladministration campaign. We are not in any way running to support what has happened to this

country over the last four years," he said.

The NDP Chairman went on to say that the debacle resulted in first-time voters now insisting that they were

misled about the NDP vision and promising never to vote again at future general elections. "We all have our responsibility. We have a

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civic duty to vote, and those young persons who I know, who've expressed to me the sense of betrayal in the way that they feel, [I want to say] that there's hope. There's hope on the way forward. Do not allow this to deter you from participating in the democratic process," he urged.

WALWYN SAYS VOTERS WANTED COALITION

During the press conference Sixth District Representative Hon. Myron Walwyn stated that the lack of an outright majority victory at the polls for the incumbent Virgin Islands Party was a clear indication that the people voted against them.

Walwyn stated: "I personally believe that when you look at the results — even though you don't have the statistics yet from the election office — the people voted against the Virgin Islands Party."

According to the Sixth District Representative, the Opposition Parties had an obligation to ensure that voters got the government they wanted by fully working through the machinations and resolving any issues that arose during negotiations between the three parties.

The Representative said that he fears how the failure to form the government in the manner the people wanted would affect already frustrated voters. Hon.

Walwyn noted that during the election campaign people told him that they were unwilling to vote due to an apparent mistrust of politicians. He said: "Because the psyche of the public has been damaged by politicians. And when things like this (Lorna Smith's crossing of the floor) happen, you further erode and further damage the psyche."

Hon. Walwyn acknowledged that if the negotiations between the Opposition Party broke down and someone had to make a move, he understood. However, he felt that all members had an obligation, and the people of the BVI expected them to do so. Walwyn apologized to the electorate

for not being able to deliver the results he felt they voted for but added that he believed a formidable opposition was now in place in the House of Assembly (HOA), and he urged the Territory to move forward.

FORMIDABLE OPPOSITION

Third District Representative Julian 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.

According to Fraser, the last time the opposition had this many members in the HOA was in 1999.

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's 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."

OUTSTANDING INCREMENT PAYMENTS: PREMIER EXPLAINS THE SITUATION



Hon. Natalio D. Wheatley

Public service workers in the British Virgin Islands (BVI) who are awaiting long outstanding increment payments have been told that the responsibility for those payments is no longer within the remit of Premier Dr Natalio Wheatley.

The government had previously announced that the payments, some of which cover a five-year period extending as far back as 2018, would be paid out, with several payments expected to be completed by

the end of June 2023.

In an interview with JTV News on Wednesday, 26 April, Dr Wheatley explained that while the money had been made available and Cabinet had given instructions for the increments to be paid, the Human Resources Department, which falls under the Deputy Governor's Office, was responsible for processing the payments. He said: "That's out of my hands as a Minister of Finance and an elected representative."

Dr Wheatley also emphasized that government ministers are often blamed for issues that fall outside their remit. "What you have to realise in a government, different actors have different responsibilities," he explained.

"The governor under our Constitution is responsible for the public service, responsible for the terms and conditions of employment for public officers. That doesn't fall under the responsibilities of the Minister

of Finance. [The] Minister of Finance must make sure money is available, and we made the monies available."

He added that while different actors have different responsibilities, it is a partnership, and he has a good working relationship with both the Governor and Deputy Governor. His government will continue to work together with them to ensure public officers get what they are entitled to under the law.

The issue of outstanding public service increment payments has been a contentious one in the BVI, with public service workers calling for their payments to be made. Dr Wheatley's announcement that the responsibility for those payments is no longer within his remit may further raise concerns among those who have been waiting for their payments.

Water Distribution Network Power Restored

The Water and Sewerage Department's water distribution network's power service has been restored following disruptions over the weekend that left many residents without water.

Acting Director Mr. Brian Davis said the disruption to the water supply was caused by power outages at the distribution plant from April 29 to May 1. The disruption affected areas within and surrounding Road Town.

Mr. Davis said, "The plant is back online, however water levels were completely depleted. To restore levels, a hard distribution shutdown was done to restore tanks equalising storage levels. A leak detection exercise was also done to pinpoint the major leak that impacted Road Town and the surrounding areas."

The Acting Director thanked customers and residents for their patience and understanding during the disruptions, adding that the department remains committed to providing potable and reliable water service to the Virgin Islands.

The Department of Water and Sewerage seeks to ensure the provision of a continuous supply of potable water to all residents of the Virgin Islands. Persons can contact the department's telephone numbers, 468-9213/468-9860 East; 499-2924/499-0500 Road Town and Central; and 499-2620 West.



“GRAVY TRAIN” SECTIONS OF “GREEDY BILL” TO BE REPEALED

Premier and Minister of Finance, Dr. Natalio Wheatley has confirmed that the Retiring Allowances Legislative Service Amendment Act 2021, commonly referred to as the ‘Greedy Bill’, will have its offending sections repealed upon his return from a scheduled trip to London. The Premier made this announcement during a press conference and General Update on 2 May, discussing various issues in the Territory. “Soon at the cabinet meeting, perhaps after I return from London, we will have a

Cabinet paper which will put forward a decision to have the offending sections of that act repealed,” the Premier stated.

He also highlighted the importance of going through the legislative process and not skipping steps, as advised by Attorney General Dawn J. Smith. Nevertheless, he promised that a decision would be made as soon as possible to repeal the problematic sections of the legislation, as pledged during the 2023 election campaign trail in the BVI.

During the recalled House

of Assembly in April 2023, a decision was taken not to repeal the bill on the Attorney General’s advice. According to critics, some of the problematic parts of the bill included sections specifying that a legislator who had served three terms in the House of Assembly would receive a gratuity of \$250,000-300,000 immediately upon retirement if they were 50 years or older. Additionally, the same legislators would receive their current salary per month for a fixed number of years as if they were still working. Such a “gravy

train” had infuriated large segments of the population. The Premier acknowledged that legal advice would be required for persons already entitled to benefits, as such individuals cannot be disenfranchised. “That is something that we are going to need legal advice on, persons who have already become entitled to benefits. We certainly don’t want to disenfranchise anyone from a legal perspective and taking away rights, which they have already earned,” he stated.

He further added that an independent body like

Pricewaterhouse Coopers is currently reviewing salaries and would recommend salaries for legislators that consider roles and responsibilities, as well as other professions.

“For me, the ideal situation is to come up with salaries from an independent body. Pricewaterhouse Coopers is currently conducting a review of salaries and we would want for them to recommend salaries for legislators, which is commensurate with the roles and responsibilities and also takes into consideration all other professions,” he explained.

REFERENDUM ON SAME SEX MARRIAGE TO BE HELD SOON

Premier and Minister of Finance, Dr. Natalio D. Wheatley, has announced that the British Virgin Islands (BVI) will hold its first-ever referendum on the issue of same-sex marriage ahead of a June 2023 court case.

Speaking at a press conference on 2 May, Premier Wheatley confirmed that the referendum will likely be held before a legal case involving a same-sex couple, who were married abroad and are suing the BVI government to have their union

legally recognised in the Territory. “We want to do that, actually very soon...I think there’s a case which is slated for June, so we wanted to be able to have the referendum ahead of that,” he said.

The Premier had previously stated that the BVI government would vigorously defend its local laws that clearly define marriage as being between a man and a woman.

The proposed referendum will also consider whether the state should introduce new legislation to provide

any person in a domestic partnership with certain legal rights, such as the ability to pass on one’s estate to their partner regardless of sex.

This announcement comes after Kinisha Forbes and Kirsten Lettsome, a same-sex married couple who are both Virgin Islanders, sued the VI government in June 2022 after being denied a marriage license from the Registrar General. If the couple is successful, Section 13(1) (c) of the Matrimonial Proceedings and Property Act, which defines

marriage as between a man and a woman, would be declared unconstitutional and null and void, leading to same-sex marriage becoming legal in the VI.

The referendum will be an opportunity for the people of the BVI to have their say on the issue of same-sex marriage. The Premier hopes that it will be held ahead of the June court case, although no official

date has been set yet.

“Ostracizing minorities and ignoring their human rights is totally anti-democratic and unconstitutional, to say the least, also beware that such a referendum might well fire back and become the starting point of endless referenda in the Territory,” a commentator told this newspaper.



Post-Election Update on Government Administration and Other Matters



Hon. Natalio D. Wheatley

Good morning to the Press Corps and people of the Virgin Islands.

I am very pleased to hold this press conference, which is the first by the new Government Administration that I lead. Today kicks off our plans for bi-monthly press conferences to ensure regular communication with the press. We are fully committed to transparency and keeping the public informed on what is taking place in government.

Before going any further, I want to extend my heartfelt and deepest condolences to the family and friends of my cousin Mr. Kemo Lettsume, another young man lost to gun violence. His murder has deeply hurt his loved ones and the wider District 7 community. The murders we are experiencing are a very worrying development for us as a Territory.

Yesterday, His Excellency the Governor Mr. John J. Rankin, CMG convened a meeting of the National Security Council which I attended, along with the Minister for Communication and Works Hon. Kye Rymer and other members of the Council, to discuss the situation.

We are resolved that more must be done to arrest crime and solve murder cases. I have requested of the National Security Council an action plan to confront the

challenge of violent crime in our community, so it can be rooted out from these Virgin Islands. Later today, the Governor and I will be making a joint statement making a firm commitment to tackling crime and preserving our security. These senseless deaths must stop! It is imperative that we remove illegal guns from our Virgin Islands now. It is time for action, and your Government will make this a priority.

I call on everyone to do their part, including providing information to the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force, which can be done anonymously. I also urge you to report any suspicious activity that you see taking place in your neighbourhood. The fight against violent crime cannot be won without the support of the community.

Ladies and gentleman, I would now like to provide a post-election update on where things stand following the incident-free General Election held on 24th April 2023. I again want to thank everyone who exercised their right to vote and will do everything in my power to restore the confidence of those persons who did not in the general elections. The only way to accomplish this is to ensure the political system delivers for everyone, which I am committed to achieving.

Following the General Election, the new Government was sworn into office on 25th April. Subsequently, Ministerial appointments were confirmed on 28th April.

I remain the Premier and Minister of Finance, and I

am also the Minister with responsibility for Natural Resources that now sits within the Premier's Office.

I will be supported in my Ministerial responsibilities by Dr. the Honourable Karl Dawson, Junior Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries, and the Honourable Luce Hodge-Smith, Junior Minister for Tourism and Culture.

The Honourable Lorna Smith, OBE is Deputy Premier and Minister for Financial Services, Labour and Trade. This a new and necessary Ministerial portfolio that places these three interrelated subjects and others under one Ministry, which will allow for greater policy coherence in their administration. We had discussed the establishment of a Ministry for a long time. Hon. Smith is highly qualified and competent to successfully lead and oversee the new Ministry.

The Honourable Kye Rymer remains Minister for Communication and Works and is a member of the National Security Council. He will lead on our much needed infrastructure development and improvement.

The Honourable Sharie de Castro remains Minister of Education, Youth Affairs and Sports. Her competency will deliver better outcomes in education, youth development and athletics, among other sports.

Finally, The Honourable Vincent Wheatley is Minister of Health and Social Development. He will lead our efforts to fix the National Health Insurance,

to deliver better medical care in the Territory including the Sister Islands, and fix the incinerator problem once and for all.

Our Ministerial team is ready to serve the people of the Virgin Islands. Yesterday, an orientation session for Members of Cabinet was conducted to ensure everyone has a clear understanding of what is required and what is expected of them.

At the level of the Public Service, Permanent Secretaries are in the process of being briefed on their assignments and their respective Ministries, as well ongoing initiatives which are taking place within the Ministries. They will soon initiate the process of converting the Virgin Islands Party (VIP) manifesto, which has been mapped to the National Sustainable Development plan into a Government policy agenda, which the Public Service will be tasked with delivering over the course of our term.

The Government's overarching policy framework is the National Sustainable Development Plan (NSDP). Implementation of the Plan will begin later this year, supported by the United Nations (UN) system in the Eastern Caribbean.

I look forward to detailing our comprehensive policy agenda in a statement in the near future.

Ladies and gentleman, in terms of the legislative branch of government, I am very pleased that on 18th May, all District and At-Large Representatives will be sworn in at the First

Sitting of the First Session of the Fifth House of Assembly.

The wheels of democracy are turning as we continue the new era of democratic governance.

More immediately, I will travel to London on Wednesday to attend the coronation of King Charles III. I will then attend the Joint Ministerial Council (JMC) between the United Kingdom (UK) and the Overseas Territories Ministers. I will be joined at the JMC by Deputy Premier Lorna Smith, whose wealth of experience as a former Director of the BVI London Office and Executive Director of BVI Finance, will add great value to my delegation.

Honourable Smith and I will also resume engagement with our United Kingdom partners to continue the process of building a new modern partnership that is stable and supports the aspirations of the people of the Virgin Islands. Among other things, we will meet UK OT Minister Lord Goldsmith, other UK Ministers and the BVI All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) in the United Kingdom Parliament to discuss how the UK Government can support my Administration's agenda on reform, economic resilience, infrastructure, sustainable development, climate change, environment, education, health and security.

Ladies and gentleman, this wraps up my introductory statement and I am happy to take any questions the press may have.

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Statement By Honourable. Vincent O. Wheatley Minister For Health And Social Development

Fellow Virgin Islanders, residents, and friends:

Every May, since 1989, the Virgin Islands have embarked on a month-long celebration in recognition of our senior citizens. On this 34th

anniversary, I am delighted to announce the commencement of Senior Citizens Month 2023. This year, we focus on the inspiring theme: "Ageing Unbound." This powerful message emphasises the

resilience, vitality, and strength of our seniors, who continually strive to surpass the limitations traditionally associated with age.

The theme "Ageing Unbound" serves as a call to action, urging us to

challenge stereotypes surrounding ageing and senior citizens, and acknowledge the tremendous potential of our seniors and their vast reservoir of knowledge, experience, and wisdom. This theme encourages everyone, regardless of age, to work towards creating a more inclusive and supportive environment that allows our seniors to thrive, contribute, and engage in meaningful ways.

This year, our emphasis is on promoting the concept of ageing in place, allowing seniors to comfortably and safely remain in their own homes as they grow older, and live independently within their communities for as long as possible. We acknowledge and understand that each individual's preferred and necessary ageing environment is unique to their circumstances, and this is what we aim to emphasise.

As your Minister for Health and Social Development, I pledge my commitment to improving 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. Within the coming months, the Social Development Department will expand its senior engagement services in several communities, including Sea Cows Bay and Virgin Gorda. I wholeheartedly encourage seniors across the Territory to join in these activities, embracing the chance to connect with others, pursue your passions, and continue your journey of lifelong learning.

It is equally important for all sectors to work together to create a more age-friendly society, by implementing measures to enable seniors to maintain their independence. To achieve this, we must focus on providing accessible and affordable home modification services, such as installing grab bars, ramps, and stairlifts, to ensure that homes are safe and adapted to the evolving needs of our seniors. Additionally, we must work closely with community organisations to develop and expand services like meal delivery, transportation assistance, home health care, and assistance with daily living activities. By fostering a network of accessible and reliable resources, we can create a supportive environment that caters to the physical, emotional,



Hon. Vincent O. Wheatley

and social well-being of our senior citizens, allowing them to age with dignity, grace, and a true sense of belonging in their communities.

Throughout this month, we will host a variety of events and activities aimed at empowering and supporting our senior citizens. These events, which range from social and physical activities to arts and entertainment, offer opportunities for personal growth, social interaction, and intellectual engagement. By participating in these events, you have the opportunity to form new friendships, create lasting memories, and share your invaluable experiences and wisdom with others.

I would also like to acknowledge and extend my sincere appreciation and thanks to caregivers, family members, and organisations who tirelessly devote their time and energy to supporting our senior citizens. Your unwavering dedication plays a critical role in ensuring that our seniors can live their golden years with dignity.

As we observe Senior Citizens Month 2023, let us recognize the unique strengths and abilities of our older generations and recommit ourselves to fostering a society that values and cherishes the wisdom and contributions of its elders. We can all learn from their wisdom, and it is our responsibility to guarantee that their voices are heard, respected, and included in the conversations that shape our future.

In closing, I once again encourage everyone to work together to create a more inclusive, empowering, and joyful environment for seniors, ensuring that we can all age unbound and truly flourish in every aspect of life at all ages.

May God continue to bless you, and these beautiful Virgin Islands.



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)

Customs Officials Engage In Endangered Species Workshop

Representatives from His Majesty's Customs were engaged in a two-day workshop on the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).

The participants were trained in areas covering legislation, science and enforcement aspects of the convention.

Environmental Officer Argel Horton said CITES is an international agreement between governments with the aim of ensuring that international trade in specimens of wild animals and plants does not threaten the survival of the species.

Ms. Horton added, "The importance of the CITES permitting system is to ensure that international trade of listed species in the convention are sustainable, the process is legal and all specimens can be traced."

Ms. Horton reminded the public that CITES permits are required to enter into other countries with animals, plants or their by-products that are listed under CITES. Products and pets that fall under this list can be confiscated; fines can be issued and/or even arrest.

Marine Biologist Mr. Mervin Hastings said the Virgin Islands has been a party of the CITES international agreement since 1976 and has upheld the agreements with the 1987 Endangered Animals and Plants Ordinance.

Mr. Hastings said, "Now, we have updated this legislation and we now have the 2020 Virgin Islands Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) Act. The Environment Unit continues to do its part as the CITES authority within the Territory to ensure that agencies such as His Majesty's Customs are well versed in the subject."

"We encourage all persons that are considering leaving or entering the Territory to familiarise themselves with the CITES website to verify if the item they are travelling with is or is not considered an endangered species," Mr. Hastings said, adding, "If they are part of the endangered species list, persons are asked to apply to the ministry for a CITES permit."

Participants were also engaged in interactive learning sessions during the workshop, and also enhanced their knowledge about the purpose of the

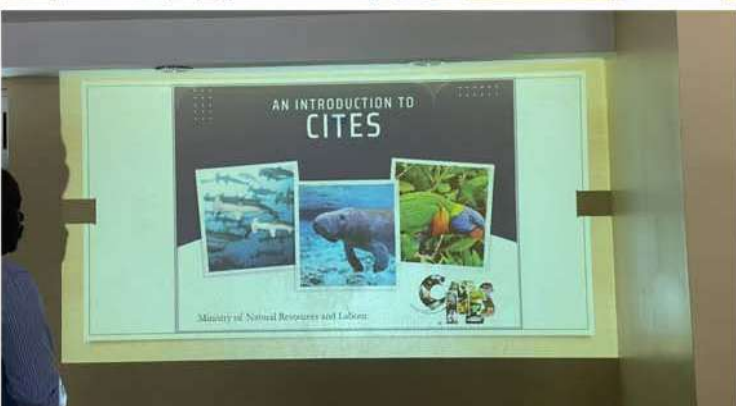
convention, its rules, and the legislations that aim to protect endangered species as well as the enforcement aspects concerning the wildlife trade which is governed according to the convention.

Discussions also focused on identifying species, how they are listed in the CITES appendices, rules around the issuances of permits, species that regularly enter and leave the VI that require CITES permits include but are not limited to; Conch Meat, Conch Shells, Conch Products (jewellery, pearls etc.), Corals and Coral Products, Pet Snakes, Pet Parrots and Wild Orchids. The CITES website is <https://cites.org/eng>.

Persons wishing to apply for a CITES permit may contact the Environment Unit via telephone at 1 (284) 468-2147, by email at nrl@gov.vg, or by visiting the unit on the

Third (3rd) floor of the Pusser's Warehouse in Lower Estate (Top floor of the New One Mart Lower Estate Store).

The Environment and Climate Change Unit is the local authority on CITES matters and administration, it continues to effectively administer the natural resources of the Territory in a manner that ensures long-term sustainability.



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Trike and Libertas Win 2023 Governor's Cup

The 2023 Governor's Cup took place on Sunday 30 April with seven boats competing across two classes. A sparkling BVI

sailing day with a gentle breeze set the scene for the two-race event.

Race 1 was started off Nanny

Cay with a leg up the channel to round Deadchest to starboard and then finish in Deadman's Bay. After a raft up for a lunch

break and swim to cool off, race 2 took the fleets back the way they came, leaving Deadchest to port, reaching across to Hog Valley Green and then finishing off the Yacht Club balcony at the entrance to Road Harbour.

The two monohulls, Libertas skippered by Kevin Wrigley and Alex England's WannaB were away first and sailed a close race up to the final moments. Leading around Deadchest and into the final leg an unfortunate kite wrap for WannaB enabled Libertas to sneak past the and claim line honours by just 10seconds.

In the multihull fleet it was no surprise to see the largest of the five trimarans, Triple Jack, appear first around Deadchest, pop their kite and head down to the finish. Hot on their heels were Trike and finishing just 2 and half minutes later was enough to take the race win on corrected time. Third place in race 1 went to Gilbo Simpson and the Flying Pig team.

Race 2 got underway at 13:20 for the monohulls and it would be a winner takes all race. Choosing opposite ends of the startline, it was Libertas who nailed their tactics up the short beat and stretched away as they sailed past Deadchest and headed back across the channel to Tortola. With two race wins Libertas was the overall winner and with His Excellency Governor John Rankin joining the crew it was the perfect day for his first BVI yacht race!

With two race wins, Sam Talbot and his team aboard Trike took the overall win in the trimaran fleet whilst the rest of the pack switched around to finish the day with two ties. As per the Racing Rules, it is the final race that is used to break the tie so the second race was crucial

The start for the trimaran

fleet produced some exciting moments as the fleet bunched together at the committee boat end. The Flying Pig found themselves pushed out and a subsequent late start was impossible for them to fight back from. Finishing in 5th place they ended their day tied on points with Whoop Whoop. A better race from the bright orange tri gave them a 3rd place in the race and 4th overall.

The battle for second and third also came down to the position in the last race as a second place for Nathan Hacycraft on Ting a Ling tied them with Richard Wooldridge's Triple Jack who finished fourth. This meant a second overall for Ting a Ling and third for Triple Jack.

Thank you His Excellency the Governor for joining the race and presenting the beautiful Governor's Cup trophy, first presented in 1997 when it was donated by then Governor David Mackilligin.

Thank you the Race Committee team for organizing a great day on the water and for all the sailors who came out to race and join the after party at the Club House in the gorgeous Club 1973

Results

Monohull

Libertas, Kevin Wrigley, 2 pts

WannaB, Alex England, 4 pts

Trimaran

Trike, Sam Talbot, 1,1 - 2 pts

Ting a Ling, Nathan Haycraft,

4, 2 - 6 points

Triple Jack, Richard Wooldridge, 2, 4 - 6 points

Whoop Whoop, Team Whoopsie, 5, 3 - 8 points

The Flying Pig, Gilbo Simpson, 3, 5 - 8 points



Images: Kevin Wrigley and Sam Talbot receive the Governor's Cup; Libertas; Trike; Ting a Ling; Triple Jack; WannaB; The Flying Pig and Whoop Whoop.
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Flow Introduces Faster Internet Speeds for Customers

New plans now feature Equal Upload and Download Speeds

ROADTOWN, Tortola, Wednesday May 3, 2023: Flow customers have received free upgrades to faster internet connections with the introduction of Symmetrical Speeds. As part of the new 'Symmetrical Speed' plans being offered, customers will now experience the same speed when they upload data as they do when they download and stream. The new plans start at 300 megabits per second for both upload and download speeds.

Country Manager, Ravindra Maywahlall said "Flow continues to be a game changer within the British Virgin Islands' telecommunications sector. We are committed to improving the lives of those in our communities and ensuring that they have the fastest speeds and services needed to create moments that matter with friends and loved ones. We were the first to introduce LTE,

Fiber to the Home internet, 1 Gigabit per second internet and now we are giving our customers even more value by introducing symmetrical speeds." He explained that cloud-based tools, like Zoom or Google Meetings work best with equal upload and download speeds, which support the sharing of large files, livestreaming over videoconferencing platforms and posting content online.

Maywahlall further explained that an internet connection with equal upload and download speeds delivers a better Internet performance and experience, even when multiple people are streaming, gaming, watching Netflix or using multiple devices at the same time.

Additional benefits include the improved performance of cloud-based technology like home security cameras, which require large upload speeds to work well, especially those that feature the ability to stream live

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Premier Wheatley Assigns Ministerial Portfolios

Premier and Minister of Finance Dr. the Honourable Natalio D. Wheatley has assigned ministerial responsibilities to Ministers to constitute the Cabinet of the Virgin Islands.

Following the swearing in ceremony of the Premier and Ministers of Government that took place on Tuesday, April 25, Ministries have been assigned by Governor John Rankin CMG.

The assignments are as follows:

Premier Dr. the Honourable Natalio Wheatley has retained the Ministry of Finance.

Deputy Premier Honourable Lorna Smith is the Minister for Financial Services, Labour and Trade, which is a newly formed portfolio.

Honourable Kye Rymer is assigned to the Ministry of Communications and Works.

Honourable Sharie de Castro is the Minister for Education, Youth Affairs and Sports.

Honourable Vincent Wheatley is the Minister for Health and Social Development.

Honourable Luce Hodge Smith is the Junior Minister in the area of Culture and Tourism.

Honourable Karl Dawson is the Junior Minister in the area of Agriculture and Fisheries.

The newly appointed Ministers are also responsible for the administration of the departments within their respective Ministries.

Premier Wheatley indicated that the development of the Financial Services, Labour and Trade Ministry is in alignment with the strategic position that the Government of the Virgin Islands has taken to fully harness the economic potential of the Virgin Islands.

Premier Wheatley said, "As a Territory, we have engaged in a series of serious discussions

about creating a new Ministry that focuses more keenly on one of the two main pillars of our economy. Since Honourable Lorna Smith has such a wealth of experience and is going to bring to bear her expertise in this area in a more direct way, we as a Government have determined that now is the opportune time to take this important step in the formation of this new Ministry."

According to Section 56 of the Virgin Islands Constitution, "the Governor shall, acting in accordance with the advice of the Premier, by directions in writing, assign to any Minister responsibility for the conduct (subject to this Constitution and any other law) of any business of the Government of the Virgin Islands, including responsibility for the administration of any department of government."

Deputy Governor David D. Archer Is Acting Governor

Deputy Governor, Mr. David Archer, Jr. will act in the Office of Governor until May 14 in the absence of His Excellency the Governor, Mr. John J. Rankin, CMG who will be out of the Territory.



Deputy Governor Archer, Jr.'s appointment is in accordance with section 37 (1) (a) of the Virgin Islands Constitution Order 2007 which states, "During any period when the office of Governor is vacant, or the Governor is absent from the Virgin Islands or is for any other reason unable to perform the functions of his or her office, the Deputy Governor shall during Her Majesty's pleasure, act in the office of Governor and shall perform the functions of that office accordingly."



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Let's continue to be vigilant and restore hope to all of our islands.

INGRID MOSES-SCATLIFFE



WE ARE BACK! THE 19TH ANNUAL 2023 LEVERICK BAY POKER RUN

VIRGIN GORDA, British Virgin Islands (April 26, 2023) – After a three-year hiatus due to COVID-19 restrictions, Leverick Bay Resort and Marina is excited to welcome all sponsors, participants and guests back to the 19th Annual Leverick Bay Poker Run, Sunday, May 28th, 2023.

We are excited to have new stops on this year's Poker Run, including Loose Mongoose and Saba Rock, and we are grateful for the continued support of Pirate's on Norman Island, Foxy's Taboo on Jost Van Dyke, and the Tortola Pier Park. The event would not

be possible without the support from these venues. The after party at Leverick Bay is powered by Mr. Nice Guy and begins at 5pm with the Fashion Show and followed by buffet, drinks, and the prize giving ceremony at 7pm.

In 2019, we welcomed a record number of participants to the Poker Run, with approximately 150 boats in attendance and a crowd of some 2,000 guests at Leverick Bay, with more spectators at each stop across the territory. We anticipate 2023 to be an even bigger year, as we welcome

everyone back after a long hiatus. An enormous thank-you to sponsors and volunteers, who generously gave their time, sponsorship dollars and in-kind gifts – without them the event could not happen. Volunteers Nick and Monica Willis founded the event in 2001, and the checkered flag has been passed to Alex Yates and Joel Brillert, who look forward to welcoming you in 2023. Net proceeds from the event will be distributed to the Virgin Gorda Charitable Trust, who in turn will make announcements regarding additional contributions to local charities including

the Animal Rescue Control of Virgin Gorda and others. In 2019, a donation of \$31,000 was given to the Trust, with cumulative donations exceeding \$155,000 USD since the inception of the event. Prize giving of \$16,000 was distributed to three winners. Lastly, a sincere thank you to all participants for your support of the event, the

community of the BVI, and the affiliated charities. The Leverick Bay Poker Run team looks forward to welcoming you back on Sunday, May 28th, 2023. Get ready to Start Your Engines!

For more information, or to become a sponsor of the 2023 Leverick Bay Poker Run, please visit our website at www.bvi-pokerrun.com





GLOBAL NEWS BRIEF

STORIES SELECTED BY **GIORGIO MIGLIAVACCA**

SOUTH AFRICA-The slayings and other cases have fueled outrage over widespread graft linked to government contracts, which has plagued Africa's most developed economy for years. An accountant working on a high-profile corruption case was killed along with his son by unknown gunmen while traveling on one of South Africa's main highways. A government health department employee who warned of illegal dealings worth nearly \$50 million was shot 12 times in the driveway of her home.

The slayings and other cases have anti-corruption groups urging South African authorities to provide far better protection for whistleblowers. They also have fueled outrage over widespread graft linked to government contracts, which has plagued Africa's most developed economy for years but appears to continue unabated.

The Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime counted a total of 1,971 assassination cases in South Africa between 2000 and 2021, with whistleblowers accounting for many of the targeted individuals.

The specialist accountant and liquidator, 57-year-old Cloete Murray, was working on the financial accounts of a company that was heavily implicated in allegedly bribing government

ministers and others to win huge state contracts.

The company, previously known as Bosasa and now named African Global Holdings, was one of the most prominent subjects of the Zondo Commission a judicial inquiry into government and other high-level corruption during the 2008-2019 presidency of Jacob Zuma, who is on trial on separate corruption allegations.

Murray was shot in the head while driving with his son in an SUV on the N1 highway just outside Johannesburg in March. He died in the hospital. His son, Thomas Murray, who worked with his father, was declared dead at the scene. No one has been arrested in the killings, which police said had the hallmarks of a professional hit. [El Pais]

SWITZERLAND - Michelin-starred restaurants are synonymous with high cost. However, there is a wide price range and some offer meals for 30 Euros or less.

Prices for a three-course meal at Michelin-starred restaurants in Europe go as high as 595 Euros at the Ciel Bleu in Amsterdam while descending as low as 20 Euros at the L'Antic Moli in Uldecona in Spain.

This week, Ioana Neamt put together a list of the most expensive and least expensive Michelin-starred restaurants in Europe and set them out on the

two maps below.

Affordable ones closest to Switzerland are Le France (1 star) near Le Doubs river in the Jura region of France – a three-course lunch here costs 26 Euros – and Le Bon Accueil (1 star) nearby in Malbuisson, France. A lunch here (Wednesday and Friday) costs only 28 Euros. These are the closest two most affordable Michelin-starred restaurants to Switzerland. After this Drusenheim in France and Turin in Italy are the next closest destinations. In Drusenheim you'll find the Au Gourmet (1 star) hotel and restaurant, where you can dine for 29 Euros. And in Turin, there is the restaurant Vintage 1997 (1 star) in the middle of the city where a set menu is 30 Euros. [LE News]

RUSSIA - On 31 March, Russia released its latest foreign-policy concept setting out its official view of the world, its major interests and goals, and how it will pursue them. It is Russia's sixth, and darkest, such statement, following those published in 1993, 2000, 2008, 2013, and 2016.

The 9,000-word document might invite skepticism. It is a committee product in a personalistic autocracy. It espouses principles of international law, human rights, and peace that Russia has violated outrageously. It was drafted with its propaganda value in mind. Indeed, for the first time, propagandistic terms such as "Russophobia," "neo-Nazism" and "the collective West" are mentioned in this version of the

concept. But the concept matters. It is Russia's first systematic foreign policy statement since it invaded Ukraine in February 2022. It codifies Russia's evolving response to the adverse changes in its international position that the invasion triggered. [Moscow Times]

PHILIPPINES - The United States called on China to stop intimidating Philippine ships in the South China Sea, pledging to stand with its ally. Beijing claims sovereignty over almost the entire South China Sea. The United States on Saturday called on China to stop its "provocative and unsafe conduct" in the South China Sea. It followed a tense encounter between a Chinese coast guard ship and a Philippine patrol vessel last weekend.

In a statement, the State Department criticized China's "harassment and intimidation" of Philippine vessels in the contested waterway.

It added any attack on Philippine armed forces would trigger a US response.

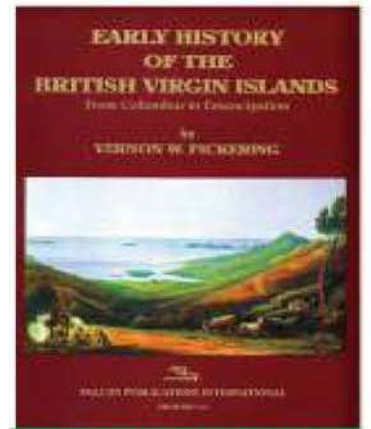
The State Department said the US "stands with our Philippine allies in upholding the rules-based international maritime order."

"We call upon Beijing to desist from its provocative and unsafe conduct," State Department spokesman Mathew Miller said.

The Philippines on Friday accused China's coast guard of "dangerous maneuvers" during the incident in the contested waterway. [Deutsche Welle]

CARIBBEAN - MEXICO CITY (Reuters) – High rates of gun violence in the Caribbean are being fueled by small-scale trafficking, largely from the United States, via shipping firms, commercial airlines and by post, according to a new report by the Geneva-based Small Arms Survey. Caribbean countries suffer three times more violent deaths than the global average, often caused by firearms, despite tight regulations on gun ownership and little domestic manufacturing, the report found.

Last week, Caribbean heads of state vowed to ban civilian assault weapons across the region and stand with a lawsuit launched by the Mexican government seeking to hold U.S. gun-makers accountable for arms trafficking out of the country. Matt Schroeder, a senior researcher for the Small Arms Survey, told Reuters that shipments to the Caribbean often consist of up to

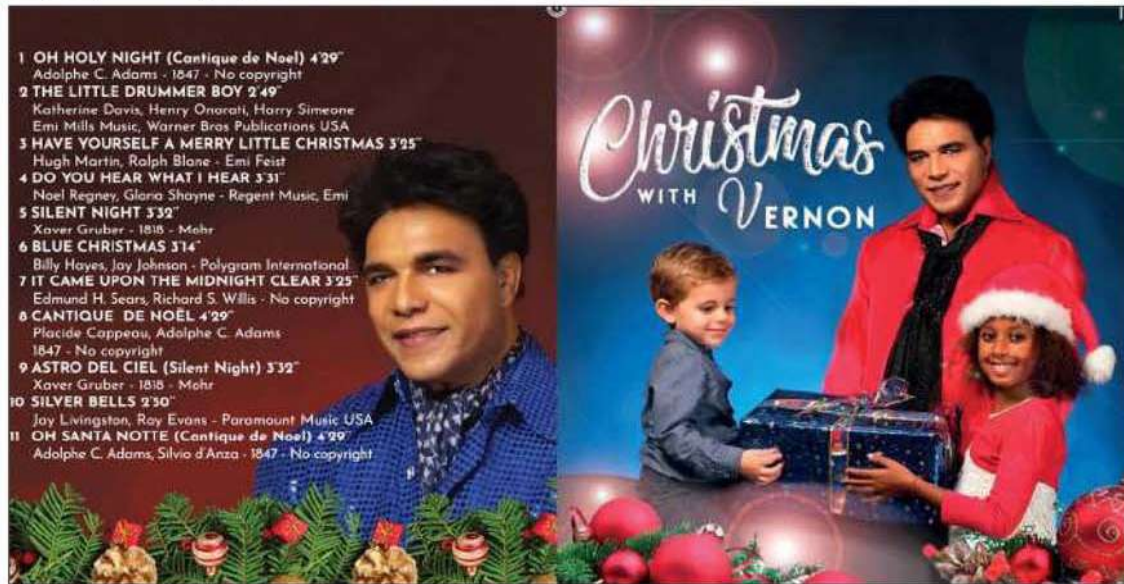


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DOMINICAN REPUBLIC - Bavaro.- In response to alerts issued by Canada and the United States to their citizens regarding crime in the Dominican Republic, the Minister of Tourism, David Collado, stated that there have been no reported incidents involving Canadian tourists. In fact, he noted that the Canadian market is growing significantly, with a higher number of Canadian tourists arriving in the first three months of 2023 compared to 2019. Collado believes that if analyzed by the number of inhabitants, Canada could become the number one country in terms of tourist arrivals to the Dominican Republic. He further stated that they are taking steps to improve safety by strengthening the Tourist Police and recovering the boardwalks. Collado emphasized that they are working with transparency and honesty to ensure that the Dominican Republic is a much safer destination. During the interview at DATE 2023, he stated that it is important to understand that Canada's warning to the Dominican Republic is the same as what the country had in 2019, and it has not been increased. [Dominican Today]



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Through the Lens of The Sunny Side



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Pilot Inter-secondary Chess Tournament A Huge Success

The pilot Inter-secondary Chess Tournament hosted by the Ministry of Education on 29 April at the Elmore Stoutt High School Lecture Room was a success.

This Chess tournament was held between the Territory's top three secondary schools. These schools were: The Bregado Flax Educational Centre, the Elmore Stoutt High School, and

the St George's Secondary School. At the end of the tournament, it was decided that the best team for the Juniors was team St George's, capturing the 2nd and 3rd positions. And Bregado Flax for the Seniors with 1st and 2nd place finishes.

Winners were: Eight-year-old Isiah Smith who played in the Junior category [12-15). Coming in a

close second was Rayjon George, 12 years old of St. George's in the Seniors category (16-18) Jamin Brito with a perfect score after 6 rounds of play won the tournament. She represented the Bregado Flax Secondary. In 2nd place was her teammate Alexis Ganigan, also female.

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Ladyburd Talks...

Dear Readers: Your mother has done a lot to make sure that your life was great. Now that Mother's Day is just around the corner this is the time to remember Mom with a special Mother's Day gift to show that you care.

Mother's Day gift baskets make a fantastic present for your mother because they can be personalized to include the things that she especially enjoys. Perhaps your mother could use a day at the spa. Why not give her that pleasure in the comfort of her own home, with a gift basket focused on a spa theme. You could include such items as fancy bath soaps and gels, as well as moisturizers, massage oils, bathing sponges and more for her enjoyment.

If Mom is into sports, a sports-themed basket is something that she will enjoy. Let's say that she loves to golf. You could include a new attractive visor, some golfing gloves, golf balls and tees, and a great pair of sunglasses along with wonderfully scented sunscreen in a basket focused on a golfing theme. Because the gifts in the basket center around one of your mother's favorite hobbies, this will help to show her that you took the time to think about what she will enjoy and then put them all together in a beautiful basket.

Your mother would definitely appreciate a gift basket that featured gourmet foods and cooking items, if just likes to eat delicious foods. Beautiful tins of caviar, anchovies, and thin water crackers, along with jars of Kalamata olives and Nicoise olives will make her mouth water.

Whatever you do make mom feel special

(Source from ezine article .com)



Light Bulb Moments

"Be yourself; everyone else is already taken."
— Oscar Wilde

Poetry Corner

For All You Do

Mom, I should have told
you
a long time ago
how very much I admire
and respect you
for all you do.

You are extraordinary
in your ability to manage
so many different tasks
and projects,
often simultaneously.
What really amazes me
is that you do all these
things,
while showing your love
for me,
true, devoted, mother
love,
making me feel nurtured
and cared for.

Mom, words don't exist
to express the deep ap-
preciation and love
I feel for you this Moth-
ers' Day
and every day,
for all you do.

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Tickle My Funny Bones



Act of God

There was a Minister whose wife was expecting a baby. The Minister went to the congregation and asked for a raise.

After much consideration and discussion, they passed a rule that when the Minister's family expanded, so would his pay check.

After five or six children, this started to get expensive. The congregation decided to hold a meeting again to discuss the Minister's pay situation.

You can imagine there was much yelling and bickering. Finally, the Minister got up and spoke to the crowd, "Having children is an **act of God!**"

In the back of the room, a little old man with a full beard stood up, and in his frail voice said...

"Snow and Rain are also 'acts of God', but when we get too much, we wear a Coat."

Not Good At Maths

"It's no good, sir," said the hopeless pupil to his
English teacher,
'I try to learn, but everything you say goes in both
ears and out the other.'

"Goes in both ears and out the other?" asked the
puzzled teacher,

"but you only have two ears, son."

"You see, sir,"

See, I'm no good at maths, either!"

PUN INTENDED

**"I don't trust stairs
because they're always up to
something....."**



Ladyburd's Mail Box

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Dear Ladyburd: I have a boyfriend who is not working right now, (he should be getting a job soon). and all he does is sit at home and watch Movies. I work long hours and Ladyburd, would you believe he sit at home and wait until I get home to cook for him. When I get home he says how hungry he is. I am really getting upset about this, I am at my whits end right now, **Please help....C.J**

Ladyburd: Dear CJ: The first thing is, he is not even your husband and even if he was your husband, he should have some conscience, to not expect after a hard day at work you are to come home and make him dinner, when he was at home all day. That cannot be right, and you should tell it to him, I am sure you did not walk with the pots and pans or the stove to work with you. This is a two way street and I am sure if it was the other way around he would get his meals when he comes home. You have to really have a serious talk with this boyfriend of yours.

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National Pick Strawberries Day: Celebrate with Fresh, Affordable, and Fun U-Pick Farms

Get ready to pick some juicy, ripe strawberries! National Pick Strawberries Day is May 20, and it's the perfect opportunity to enjoy some fresh air, sunshine and delicious fruit.

If you're not blessed with space for a garden, or a green thumb, you can always visit farms where they let you pick produce. Not just strawberries, but lots of fruits and veggies. There's nothing quite like the satisfaction of harvesting your own produce straight from the source, for several reasons.

It's affordable. U-pick farms offer an affordable way to get high-quality, fresh produce. By picking your own fruits and vegetables, you are eliminating the cost of labor and transportation, which makes the

produce more affordable than buying it at a store. Many farmer's markets participate in the Double Up Food Bucks program, which matches the value of SNAP benefits when used to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables at participating retailers, effectively doubling the purchasing power of the SNAP benefits up to \$10.

It's better quality. U-pick farms provide high-quality produce that is fresher than what you would find in a grocery store. You can pick your produce at the peak of ripeness, which means it will be more flavorful and nutritious.

It's a fun family activity. Picking fruit and veggies is a great way to spend time and make lasting memories with your family and friends. Children love to pick their own produce and learn about where their food comes from. It's also a great way to teach young people about healthy eating habits and the importance of supporting local farmers.

You can support sustainability. U-pick farms promote sustainability by reducing the carbon footprint of transportation and storage. By supporting local farmers, you are also supporting the local economy and helping to reduce food waste.

Not sure where to go? Here are several national directories that can help you find u-pick farms in the United States, as well as information on what's in season, recipes, and canning and freezing tips. Some examples include: **PickYourOwn.org**: This website provides a directory of u-pick farms across the United States.

LocalHarvest.org: This website allows you to search for u-pick farms in your area by zip code, state or product.

USDA Farmers Market Directory: This directory lists farmers markets, roadside stands and u-pick farms across the United States. You can search by state, city or zip code. (www.ams.usda.gov/local-food-directories/farmersmarkets)

Now, what to do with your bounty of ripe, delicious strawberries? Here's an idea!

As much as everyone loves fresh fruit, especially strawberries, you can make the occasion extra special with a festive dessert dip, and this one's stellar! With only two ingredients

and less than five minutes to prepare, I hope you keep this recipe handy to enjoy all summer long.

FLUFFY FRUIT DIP

- Yield: 2 cups
- Time: 5 minutes
- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese
- 1 (7 ounce) tub marshmallow cream

Warm cream cheese to room temperature. In a mixing bowl, with handheld mixer, beat cream cheese until loose and light. Add the tub of marshmallow cream and mix until thoroughly blended. Refrigerate until chilled. At this point, the dip is firm enough to pipe like frosting if you'd like to get all fancy pants. Serve with your favorite fruits or eat directly from a spoon when no one is watching.

Overall, u-pick fruit and vegetable farms are a great way to enjoy fresh, affordable produce while having fun with family and friends. So, grab a basket, head out to your local farm and join in the fun on National Pick Strawberries Day.

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POLICE NEWS

RVIPF TO BE REPRESENTED AT CORONATION

Tuesday, May 2 – Acting Chief Inspector Dean Robin and Acting Inspector Jacqueline Tom will represent the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force at events to mark the coronation of Majesties King Charles III and Queen Camilla to take place in London on Saturday, May 6.

The two police officers, selected by the Senior Management Team in recognition of their work within the community, will join officers representing other police forces within the U.K. Overseas Territories as well as within the United Kingdom.

Highlighting the events of the day will be a coronation service at Westminster Abbey in Central London just after midday on Saturday. A ceremonial procession will precede and follow the coronation service.

The coronation is expected to draw thousands of persons from overseas and tens of thousands from around the United Kingdom to view the events.

MURDER VICTIM IDENTIFIED

Tuesday, May 2 – Officers of the Major Incident Team are confirming the identity of the male victim in Sunday night's shooting at a residence near to the Stickett in Long Look as Kemo Lettsome, 37, of Long Look

Lettsome was fatally wounded and pronounced dead at the scene.

Initial inquiries indicate that the shooter drove by the residence in a vehicle around 6:30pm, discharged several bullets and left in the same vehicle. Much more information is needed to

help with investigations into this incident.

His Excellency the Governor John Rankin and Premier Dr. the Hon. Natalio Wheatley joined the RVIPF in making an appeal for information into the murder of Kemo Lettsome, and the first two murder victims of 2023.

Both the Governor and the Premier condemned the vile and senseless actions of the perpetrators and encouraged those who saw something or heard something, to say something. They also both

pledged their support the RVIPF in bringing to account those responsible for these murders and other acts of gun violence.

Detectives are asking for witnesses to this shooting or persons with information about the perpetrator(s) of this murder contact the Major Incident Team at 368-9410. Alternatively, persons can give this information anonymously through the Crimestoppers hotline number 800-8744.

E.E./LL COMMUNITY POLICE BRIDGES GAP, DRIVES BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

Tuesday, May 2 – RVIPF Community Officers within East End and Long Look District continue their efforts to forged relationships in these communities by offering an opportunity for businesses online and in stores to showcase their wares.

This past Saturday, community officers led by Acting Inspector Jacqueline Tom, set up tents and tables in the parking lot next to the East End Police Station for businesses to display local craft and specialty items to include crafts, sweets and jewelry offered by businesses in the 7th and 8th district. Eight businesses took advantage of the Business Drive which was free of charge.

Since its relaunch, community officers have also spearheaded several Family Fun Nights in coordination with the Chamber of Secrets Girls Club, Movie Nights for families, the annual Christmas party, Back-to-School Giveaways, Mother's Day and Father's Day events.

These officers are also actively participating in school assemblies, youth forums, community meetings district beautification projects, reading programmes, resolving disciplinary issues in schools, offering business security advice and are committed to building bridges with the community.



THE POSITIVES AND NEGATIVES OF DIET PILLS

Diet pills are such a hit today for so many reasons, one of which is the huge variety of diet pills available in the market.

However, not all diet pills can work wonders in your figure. Before anything else, there are things to consider before relying on one.

1) BUSY AS A BEE.

The fast standard of living of an individual can affect ones eating habit. Today, many people are getting heavier, that is why they try to look for alternative ways aside from exercising and dieting the natural way.

Many people simply do not have enough time to exercise anymore because they are either too busy at work or they are much occupied in taking care of their families.

Hence, they opt for diet pills. They are the fastest ways to loose weight. If you are the kind of person who wants to see results fast and gets bored with a healthy weight reduction plan, diet pill is the thing for you.

2) LOOSING POUNDS WHILE EATING.

More people patronize diet pills because it is very convenient. Most people cannot stop eating or cannot change their food preference. The pills can only help you loose weight.

3) THE DOCTOR IS IN.

Given these information on diet pills, it is better to consult your doctor first before taking anything into your body. Follow the doctors prescription. Do not get excited and too much in a hurry by taking more than the number of pills prescribed to you.

If you are under other medications, make sure to ask your doctor if it is ok to take the diet pill with it. This is to prevent drug mix up because some may cause you trouble if the medicines simply do not go together.

4) SOME NEGATIVE EFFECTS.

Such pills could sometimes affect your body in a negative way. It can affect your metabolism and your health in general. There are negative effects from the mildest to the serious ones. Such effects are diarrhea,

insomnia, palpitating, hypertension and heart disease and a whole lot more.

Some studies say that some people could also become immune with the diet pill. In other words, after half a year of taking the diet pill, they start to gain weight again.

5) DRUG DEPENDENCY

Diet pills are really designed to combat obesity, but some people just become addicted to it. Even doctors stick to some guidelines when prescribing them. They also base it on your health history and if you used to be an alcoholic or drug dependent.

It is better to think more than twice if you really need one. Who knows you might loose those extra pounds on your own.

6) LOOK FOR NATURAL INGREDIENTS.

Check the ingredients of the diet pill. Some contains chemicals and unsafe products which can give you bad side effects. Choose diet pills which contain natural ingredients. It can be extract from plants, fruits, vegetables and flowers.

7) FRIENDS ARE FRIENDS.

Do not self medicate or rely on what your friends use. What is good for other may simply not be good for you. They are your friends, but not your doctor! It is not just some simple cosmetic, a shoe or a bag to go with the color

of your dress that you and your friends can decide on. Diet pills are much complex than those things.

8) PIRATED STUFF

Make sure you are buying the real thing. Some retailers might be selling imitation products. You do not know what it contains and what it can do to you.

People should keep in mind that exercising and natural way of dieting still is the best of all. Change your choice of lifestyle little by little until you get used to it and find ways to strengthen your self-discipline.

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



celebrity extra

by Dana Jackson

Q. Whatever happened to the TV show "UnREAL," which was a parody of "The Bachelor"? I thought it was really good, and not overly silly. Is it coming back? —H.T.

A. "UnREAL" originally aired on the Lifetime network for three seasons before concluding with a short fourth and final season on Hulu. It starred Shiri Appleby ("Roswell") as a young producer of a "Bachelor"-style reality show titled "Everlasting." She was directed by an even more unscrupulous executive producer behind the monitors, played by Constance Zimmer.

"UnREAL" was based on the short film "Sequin Raze," which was directed by Sarah Gertrude Shapiro, who once was a field producer on ABC's "The Bachelor." "UnREAL" ended up winning a Peabody Award "for illustrating how masterfully parody can work when it shines its light fearlessly and for smartly blending the dichotomy between high and low culture."

Hulu didn't order any new episodes after the fourth season in 2018, and a return doesn't seem to be in the works. Appleby recently had a role in the Reese Witherspoon rom-com "Your Place or Mine," but has been more busy directing than acting, having recently directed several episodes of the sitcoms "Young Sheldon" and "Grown-ish." Zimmer, too, had found herself drawn to leadership positions behind the lens. She's returning to Lifetime to direct her first feature-length film, "Boy in the Walls." She also was a regular on the ABC series "Big Sky," a show that remains in limbo as it hasn't been canceled or renewed.

Q. Is the police drama "The Rookie" with Nathan Fillion connected in any way to "The Recruit"? My friend told me they were created by the same person. —A.P.

A. It's true that producer Alexi Hawley created both ABC's "The Rookie" and Netflix's "The Recruit," but they are not a shared "universe," according to PopCultureReferences.com. "The Recruit" stars Noah Centineo as an attorney who finds himself in the midst of some international drama involving the CIA, while "The Rook-



(From left) Constance Zimmer, Shiri Appleby and Craig Bierko ("UnREAL")

ie" stars Nathan Fillion ("Castle") as a member of the LAPD.

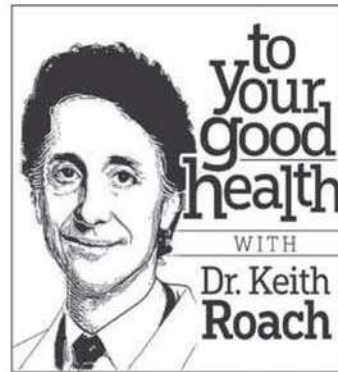
"The Rookie" does, however, have a spinoff series on ABC titled "The Rookie: Feds," which stars Niecy Nash-Betts ("Dahmer — Monster: The Jeffrey Dahmer Story"). It stands a good chance of lasting as long as its predecessor, which was recently renewed for a sixth season.

Q. Is the beautiful New York City apartment building in the series "Only Murders in the Building" a real place, or is it a set? —C.C.

A. It's a combination of both. What is known as the Arconia on the series is a real residential building in Manhattan, located at 86th and Broadway, but it's called the Belnord. It earned recognition when it was listed on the National Register of Historic Places back in 1980, and currently, the apartments — which are being converted into condos — cost as high as \$11 million. The Belnord is only used for exterior shots on the Hulu series, while the inside scenes where Steve Martin, Martin Short and Selena Gomez's characters live are actually filmed on a set in the Bronx.

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

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Exercise Builds Strength and Improves Limits in Those With Arthritis

DEAR DR. ROACH: I so appreciated your recent column on arthritis, specifically osteoarthritis. I'm a big exerciser; however, I have always heard that this arthritis is caused or exacerbated by wear and tear. I was surprised to hear otherwise!

I have modified or given up a handful of exercises that seem to cause my joints more pain, specifically full-body weight-bearing on my wrists. Are these exercises I can incorporate back into my routine? I have found that certain activities, i.e. card shuffling, buttoning, etc., hurt my thumbs, so I have made adaptations. Should I work through the pain, assuming that I am not causing any more damage to my joints? —L.D.

ANSWER: Most exercise is not damaging to joints, but high-impact or high-frequency activities can certainly worsen arthritis pain.

For arthritis of the knees and hips, I recommend walking as the best exercise, starting slow and building up based on what a person can tolerate. It's the movement, not the resistance, that's most important, so swimming (or just walking in a pool) is a great option for people who feel too much pain from walking.

For the smaller joints of the hands and wrists, I would recommend activities that don't hurt you as much. Stretching the joints and movements like squeezing are a good place to start. You might consider a "stress ball" or a hand therapy ball to provide some

resistance and build up hand strength.

Adapting your activities to your limitations is a good idea, but you also want to work on improving those limitations. A physical or occupational therapist is your best partner in designing a program.

Don't forget that over-the-counter topical anti-inflammatory medicines, like diclofenac, are pretty effective with small joints and are very safe.

DEAR DR. ROACH: Would you discuss the difference between rheumatoid arthritis and the ankylosing spondylitis? —S.Y.

ANSWER: Both rheumatoid arthritis and ankylosing spondylitis are uncommon (each affecting about 1% of the population), inflammatory, multi-system diseases. RA affects the synovium (the lining of the joint) and tends to affect the hands first, but it can affect nearly any joint. The major area of activity of AS occurs where bones connect to ligaments, cartilage and tendons.

There is an auto-immune component to both diseases. Without treatment, RA leads to joint deformities, whereas AS causes new bone formation, leading to pain and reduced movement of the joints. The back and neck are most often affected in AS, but the hips and other joints may also be affected.

RA is treated early and aggressively with disease-modifying agents, such as methotrexate and hydroxychloroquine, or with biological agents.

Physical therapy is useful in RA, but is a mainstay of therapy with AS. Medications are often needed in AS, usually starting with anti-inflammatory drugs and progressing to more potent agents if needed. About 30% will need biological agents, whereas 94% of people with RA need a disease-modifying drug.

A rheumatologist is the expert for both conditions, and a person with either condition should be referred to an expert as soon as the diagnosis is made.

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

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Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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COMMENTARY

Low Voter Morale in the Virgin Islands

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April 25, 2023

The fragmentation of the two party system has left the Virgin Islands Party the undisputed powerhouse of Virgin Islands politics. The opposing three parties are a work in progress. However, of the three, the Progressive Virgin Islands Movement and National democratic Parties are the more permanent fixtures. Will they survive in their present form? Time will tell.

OK. What can be learned from the April 24, 2023 Virgin Islands Election?

For this eternal observer, the much earlier Commission of Inquiry had spurned a culture of lack of trust in government in the Virgin Islands. That lack of trust may have been there well before the start of the very public inquiry. The inquiry simply exacerbated that trust deficiency: it revealed the underbelly of the beast.

Subsequent events including the arrest of the previous leader of the country on drug conspiracy charges did not help. The low voter turnout is clear evidence of the preceding assertions. A deficit in engagement with the political process especially from young

voters is never a good thing. Now, in an earlier story, I stated that politics is science: social science. It is always best to treat politics as math and not poetry. Albeit the cliché is appropriate that politicians campaign in poetry but govern in prose. In other words, they campaign as painters but rule as bureaucrats.

I described politics as linear in that it looks back at past narratives of political power: and how the present play affects the future. Politics was asymmetrical in that it observed the sideways and peripheral factors that affected public opinion, power and governance: the holistic.

The habit of religious societies of Africa and the Caribbean using prophecy to predict political outcome, instead of polling and statistics was flawed. The Virgin Islands Election of April 24 2023 had its prophets and soothsayers, they were mainly wrong in their predictions, as usual

Then the strength of the district game, especially of the Virgin Islands party district campaign, left the VIP as the party with the most seats: six. District decided outcome over At Large. Albeit the VIP was short of one seat to form a government. Three remaining parties got between one and three seats.

There is a caveat: the three opposition parties got more votes than the VIP did signaling the people may have wanted change.

The rumor mill is a key component of the Virgin Islands political system. The Virgin Islands is a large village.

The public knew the outcome of negotiations to form a new government, and the crossing over of an opposition party member to the incumbents, well before it was news on the national media.

In the past four elections, the At Large vote decided the success of a political party and the outcome of an election in the Virgin Islands. This time it would appear this factor in Virgin Islands elections was less a decider. The strength of the district candidates was paramount in delivering a victory for the VIP, in addition to its one At Large Representative. The At Large vote remains crucial to the process however, and the April 24 2023 election may have been a one off in the lesser effect of the At Large votes on the trajectory of the election.

The Virgin Islands Party Government will continue to manage the affairs of the country

under the Damocles Sword of the Order in Council and a much more vigilant UK, for the next four years, hopefully. Thankfully, the key players in the present government appear not to be under the cloud of Commission of Inquiry driven investigations.

Public frustration remains at a high level as revealed in lower turnout numbers, than previous elections. Anger remains, as the outcry at a politician crossing the floor and enabling the Virgin Islands Party form the government showed.

The lesson going forward, assuming the constitution remains the same is that parties must compete in all districts with candidates on the ground. The better the ground game – boots on the ground going door to door – the greater the likelihood of success at an election. The VIP has a sustainable grassroots game, possesses structure and

organization, and is the more unified organization. The party understands that it is better to compete at local level and lose, than not compete at all, for success.

Going forward, politicians cannot take low voter turnout of 50% as a new norm. Low morale of a country's citizens is never a good thing for democracy. The political party is wise that takes every effort to address this matter. The party and politician that causes low morale to improve will increase turnout in their favor. That will be a trump card in four years.

That means engaging with voters at grassroots level daily over four years, and not just at election season. The party that has the best ground game over the next four years will have the better chance of success at the next General Election.

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CARICOM HEADS CALL FOR END TO RUSSIA-UKRAINE WAR

(CARICOM Secretariat, Turkeyen, Greater Georgetown, Guyana - Tuesday, 2 May 2023): The Heads of Government of CARICOM remain deeply concerned at the severe impact of the ongoing invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation on energy, nuclear security and safety, the environment

and global food security. We register, in particular, our grave concern at the negative impact of the war on the global economy, and on the economies in our Region, where disruptions in trade and high fuel prices have resulted in extremely high rates of inflation reflected in increased prices for goods and services for the

people of our Region.

The Region urges a return to mature diplomacy and calls on all relevant bodies to intensify engagement, to propel an urgent and enduring resolution to the conflict and to build peace.

We call for full adherence to the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter.

TOURISM MINISTER ANNOUNCES MAY 26 DEADLINE FOR CHRISTMAS IN JULY TRADESHOW APPLICATIONS

KINGSTON, Jamaica; May 01, 2023: Tourism Minister, Hon. Edmund Bartlett, is encouraging local manufacturers and artisans to seize the opportunity to participate in the annual Christmas in July event.

This showcase, organized by the Ministry of Tourism through the Tourism Enhancement Fund (TEF), provides a valuable platform for small and medium-sized entities to display their locally made gifts and souvenir items to various market segments.

"Locally produced goods play an integral role in the growth and sustainability of Jamaica's tourism industry. Our visitors are always seeking unique, authentic experiences and products, and our local manufacturers and artisans have abundant talent and creativity to offer," said Tourism Minister, Hon. Edmund Bartlett.

"I, therefore, urge all our talented artisans and manufacturers to register today for the Christmas in July event, where they can showcase their

unique Jamaican gifts and souvenir items to a diverse range of market segments. Let's continue to highlight the beauty and ingenuity of Jamaica's local products and take our tourism industry to new heights," he added.

To participate in this exciting opportunity, interested individuals can conveniently access the user-friendly application form directly on the TEF website at www.tef.gov.jm by May 26, 2023. The goods may fall under desktop solutions, spa and aromatherapy, décor, clothing, fine art, jewellery, souvenirs, food, and products created from organic and natural fibres. Products submitted by potential exhibitors for the trade show will undergo evaluation, assessment, and, if necessary, suggestion. They are selected based on design and aesthetics, labelling and tagging, pricing, product relevance, already-existing market outlets, durability, construction,

packaging and accessories, functionality, cultural affinity, and product spectrum.

Christmas in July' is a collaborative effort of the Tourism Linkages Network, a division of the Tourism Enhancement Fund, and its partners, the Jamaica Business Development Corporation (JBDC), the Jamaica Hotel and Tourist Association (JHTA), Jamaica Promotions Corporation (JAMPRO) and the Jamaica Manufacturers and Exporters Association (JMEA).

The main goal of the event is to enhance the consumption of locally competitively sourced goods and services while simultaneously generating jobs and the opportunity for the country to earn foreign exchange. It also aims to build and reinforce enduring ties between tourism and other economically productive sectors—such as industry, entertainment, and agriculture—with which it is closely entwined.

DOMINICA'S JAZZ 'N CREOLE IS THREE DAYS AWAY



(L-R) Nathalie Walsh, Festival & Events Manager, DFC; Frederic Cernota, Pirates, Ltd.; His Excellency Ambassador Jose Moros; Zaida Augustine & Zeoni George, Ngaska; Shalina Samuel, Jazz n Hoops; Kimberly King, Destination Marketing Manager, DDA

ROSEAU, Dominica – April 27, 2023 Dominica's 12th Jazz 'n Creole is only three days away with everything in place for an enjoyable event. Situated atop the lush Cabrits National Park, the historic Fort Shirley provides incredible views of Prince Rupert Bay and surrounding Portsmouth, making it an ideal venue for a festival of this nature.

This year's lineup will deliver jazz-and-creole-infused performances with international flair from Black Violin, Swingin Stars, Island Jazz Collective, Phyllisia Ross, Signal Band, and recently added Venezuelan orchestra, Octeto Kanaima. The musical experience will be enhanced by the festival's amenities including the Kid's Zone, Chill Zone, VIP, Fashion Show, Boutik Domnik (comprised of craft vendors and service providers), multiple food and beverage bars, and ample washroom facilities. Distributors Belfast Estate Ltd., Fine Foods Inc., and Pirates Ltd. will also be onsite to offer premium wines, cocktails and liquors. A scannable QR code will be widely visible at the event to assist patrons onsite with their jazz experience.

Regular tickets cost \$150 for adults, \$75 for children aged 12-17, and free for younger children; however, fringe events continue to offer the special price of \$135 per ticket. Groups of 10 and more may also receive the ticket special of \$135 per ticket through Discover Dominica Authority (DDA). Limited VIP tickets remain at DDA and the Roseau and Portsmouth locations of HHV Whitchurch & Co. Ltd. For details on fringe events, travel, accommodations, tours, and ticketing, please visit www.dominicafestivals.com. Jazz 'n Creole is presented by the Commonwealth of Dominica's government through the Ministry of Tourism and Discover Dominica Authority (DDA). DDA expresses its warmest gratitude to VIP sponsor – HHV Whitchurch & Co. Ltd.; gold sponsor – Belfast Estate and Kubuli; silver sponsors – National Bank of Dominica, Tranquility Beach Resort, Fine Foods, Inc., Pirates Ltd., and National Co-operative Credit Union Ltd.; and business sponsors – Josephine Gabriel & Co. Ltd., Coulibri Ridge, ShopBox Dominica, Arden Sounds, Insurance Company of the West Indies (ICWI), and Sutton Place Hotel.

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Jazz 'n Creole Partners with DFC's Festivals & Events Manager



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US, Mexico Agree on New Policy on Border Crossings

The United States and Mexico have reached agreement on a new plan to control the flow of illegal border crossings while also allowing migrants to enter the U.S. on humanitarian grounds.

The plan was announced

Tuesday after a meeting between Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador and U.S. Homeland Security adviser Liz Sherwood-Randall in Mexico City.

Under the plan, the United States will accept migrants

from Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua and Venezuela as part of a humanitarian parole program, while Mexico has agreed to accept migrants from those four nations who entered the United States illegally.

Biden Sends 1,500 Troops to Southern Border, Expects Migrant Surge

WASHINGTON — The Biden administration will send 1,500 troops to the U.S.-Mexico border ahead of an expected migrant surge following the end of coronavirus pandemic-era restrictions, Pentagon press secretary Brigadier General Pat Ryder said in a statement Tuesday.

Military personnel will do data entry, warehouse support and other administrative tasks so that U.S. Customs and Border Protection can focus on fieldwork, the officials said. The troops will not do law enforcement work and will be there for roughly 90 days, though their presence can be extended if necessary.

The COVID-19 restrictions allowed U.S. officials to turn away tens of thousands of migrants crossing the southern border, but those restrictions will lift May 11, and border officials are bracing for an expected surge of migrants. Even amid the restrictions, the administration has seen record numbers of people crossing the border, and President Joe Biden has responded by cracking down on those who cross illegally and by creating new pathways meant to offer alternatives to a dangerous and often deadly journey.

Biden's actions follow similar moves by then-President Donald Trump, who deployed active-duty troops to the border

to assist border patrol personnel in processing large migrant caravans, on top of National Guard forces that were working in that capacity. There are roughly 2,700 National Guard members at the border.

The Pentagon on Tuesday approved the request for troops by the Department of Homeland Security, which manages the border, one of the officials said.

But the deployments have a catch: As a condition for Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin's previous approval of National Guard troops to support the border mission throughout fiscal 2023, which ends October 1, DHS had to agree to work with the White House and Congress "to develop a plan and implement solutions to staffing and funding shortfalls to maintain border security and the safe, orderly, and humane processing of migrants that do not involve the continued use of DOD personnel and resources after FY2023," said Pentagon spokesman

Air Force Lt. Col. Devin Robinson.

As part of the agreement, DOD requested quarterly updates from DHS on how it would staff its border mission without service members throughout this fiscal year; it was not immediately clear if those updates have happened

or if DHS will be able to meet its terms of the agreement — particularly under the strain of another migrant surge.

For Biden, who announced his Democratic reelection campaign a week ago, the decision signals his administration is taking seriously an effort to tamp down the number of illegal crossings, a potent source of Republican attacks, and sends a message to potential border crossers not to attempt the journey. But it also draws potentially unwelcome comparisons to Biden's Republican predecessor, whose policies Biden frequently criticized. Congress, meanwhile, has refused to take any substantial immigration-related actions.

It's another line of defense in an effort to

manage overcrowding and other possible issues that might arise as border officials move away from the COVID-19 restrictions. Last week, administration officials announced they would work to swiftly screen migrants seeking asylum at the border, quickly deport those deemed as not being qualified, and penalize people who cross illegally into the U.S. or illegally through another country on their way to the U.S. border.

They will also open centers outside the United States for people fleeing violence and poverty to apply to fly in legally and settle in the United States, Spain or Canada. The first processing centers will open in Guatemala and Colombia, with others expected to follow.



FILE - President Joe Biden walks along a stretch of the U.S.-Mexico border in El Paso Texas, Jan. 8, 2023.

SPORTS

Hodge lowers 100m record, climbs to No 5 All Time U18

TRACK

Adaejah Hodge returned to competition after missing last month's Carifta Games action and continued to lower the 100m record she claimed from Tahesa Harrigan-Scott on April 23 and climbed the World U18 All Time list in the process.

Hodge, who came into 2023 with an 11.29 seconds best, went into the Pure Athletics meet after a season opening with 11.18 seconds. She then lowered her 100m best to 11.16 in the semis. Hodge won the final in 11.12 seconds to break Tahesia Harrigan-Scott's 17-year old mark of 11.13 established in 2006.

On Saturday, Hodge shaved the time to 11.11 seconds to finish second at the Texas Tech Corky Shootout, in Lubbock, Texas. Her time is =No 4 All Time mark in the U.S. High School list and No 5 on the All Time World U18 List. It's also =No 24 on the World U20 List. She followed up by riding a 5.0 meters per second tail wind to victory in the 200m, stopping the clock at 22.31 seconds, avenging a 100m loss to Oklahoma's Kennedy Blackmon, who ran 22.56 after taking the century in 11.06.

Hodge is scheduled to compete against Jamaican high school stars who she did not face at the Carifta Games, at the Puma East Coast International Showcase in Maryland this weekend.

At the same meet, New Mexico

Jr. College's Khybah Dawson returned to action with a sixth place finish in the Long Jump, after cutting the sand at 7.14m (23'5¼").

University of Texas El Paso's Josh Hill, became just the fourth BVI male athlete to break 47.00 seconds in the 400m. Competing at the Desert Heat Classic in Tucson, Arizona, Hill chopped his best from 47.31 seconds to 46.66 in winning his heat. His time moved him to No 3 the BVI All Time List.

Coming off a 10.76 seconds for second in the Scotts Invite 100m after a 10.79 prelim, Tennessee Wesleyan's K'Andre Campbell, was fifth in the Appalachian Athletics Conference century in 10.74 seconds. Campbell settled for third in the 200m, after stopping the clock at 21.65 seconds.

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway



Aadaejah Hodge competing in the 2022 Carifta Games in Jamaica. Photo credit: Anthony Foster, Trackalerts

Ricketts, Human leads field in taming Trident Trust 5K 'Beast'

RUNNERS

Jermaine "JJ" Ricketts and Carli Human, topped the Trident 5K Series tour stop in Paraquita Bay on Saturday, competing on the famed 'Beast.'

Ricketts had a winning time of 19 minutes 01 seconds. Mark Stephenson was second in 20:45 and James Ramprashad third in 21:27.

"It was good. It (course) was a little better than the original, because you don't have to go around that bushy (off road) area," Ricketts said. "It was hot at the end, that's the only thing but otherwise from that, it was awesome. I didn't have much competition today because Julius (Farley) and Clif (Struiken) weren't here and I didn't see Kat (Lindsay) but it was good either

way."

New comer Ryan Porter—in his third race of the series but debuting on the Paraquita Bay course—said it was challenging. "My aim basically all the time is not to stop, but at some point when I reached up (the hill) at the Marine College, I actually had to stop when I reached the top," he told Island Sun Sports. "I walked a little then tried to overtake one of the persons who passed me on the way up. It was challenging, but I did it and I'm proud."

Human was the women's winner in 25:08, with Vicki Francis placing second in 25:49. Rosmond Johnson was third in 26:10.

"I'd never run this course before so I had no idea what to expect," Human said. "I found it really hilly and on the last hill, I almost went the wrong way so I lost about 15 meters, but the hills are quite hectic."

Human, who ran the first leg of

a 2-man team from the Tortola Sports Club to Sage Mountain in the 33.74 miles Tortola Torture and won the Queen of the Mountain segment from Stoutt's Look Out to Sage, said Saturday's race was much harder. "That's because I ran much faster,

she said. "The longer races are a bit easier I think because I'm not running this fast. But in this one, I was on max all the way from start to finish."

New comer Priya Mattu, fifth overall in 26:31, found the course to be a challenge. "That was a really hard route. Who came up with it?" she asked. "It feels okay now that we've done it, but it's the hardest one I've done so far of the series—harder than Carrot Bay. It's hotter now because in Carrot Bay, we weren't running in the sun, which I think made this one even worse. It's too hot."

Race Director Kay Reddy, said the race was fast at the front, lots of

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

battles going on in the middle and some people really pushing around the course in the end. "This course is called the Paraquita Beast and it's a beast," she noted. "Today didn't disappoint. As well as the course, we had some big heat reminding us that summer is underway. So it was a push up three or four hills."

The Trident Trust 5K Series will

conclude on May 13 with the City Circuit race, starting and ending at the A. O. Shirley Grounds. The race will loop out to the Port Purcell Roundabout, then down the James Walter Francis Dual Carriageway, by the banks and return to the grounds. Awards will be doled out following the race



Runners take off in Saturday's race in Paraquita Bay

SPORTS



Runners competing in the Trident Trust 5K in Paraquita Bay



Sparks' Shamica Glasgow jumps out the way of a pitch against West End Warriors



Virgin Gorda United Goalkeeper Mekhi Waters, blocks a shot during the 4-2 win over Rebel



Phoenix Blue's Chelsea Hodge, serves up a pass against Who's Next

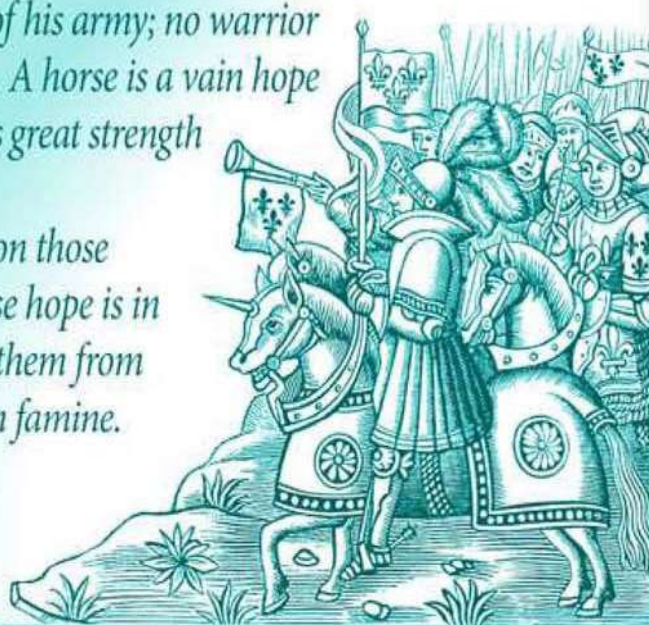


THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

No king is saved by the size of his army; no warrior escapes by his great strength. A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; despite all its great strength it cannot save.

But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love, to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine.

PSALM 33: 16-19



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

AHH YES, THE 4 SEASONS- SUMMER, FALL, WINTER AND GARAGE SALES.



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Prince Valiant
BY GIANNI AND SCHULTZ

ALL THROUGH THE LONG DAY, VAL AND OOM LEAD THE GOLEM ON A MERRY CHASE, BUYING TIME...

...TAUNTING THE VENGEFUL CREATURE BY REPEATEDLY PAUSING, ALMOST WITHIN ITS GRASP...

...ONLY TO DART AHEAD AT THE LAST MOMENT. THE MONSTER NEVER LOSES INTEREST.

FINALLY, AS HIS STEED WEARIES, VAL SEES A PLUME OF SMOKE - IT IS THE SIGNAL FOR WHICH HE HAS WAITED - HIS FRIENDS HAVE SET THE TRAP.

NOW ALL IS TIMING, AS HE BAIT THE GOLEM INTO THE DENSE WOODS.

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MUCH TO HIS RELIEF, GAWAIN AND ST GEORGE'S DEADFALL WORKS PERFECTLY! NOW THE THING MUST BE FINISHED...

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NEXT: Wiped clean



BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Deuteronomy (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. What city mentioned in Revelation is also the name of a city in Pennsylvania? *Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Erie, Bethlehem*
3. How many times does the word "eternity" occur in the Bible? *0, 1, 74, 212*
4. From Numbers 12:3, who was the most humble man on earth? *Jacob, Elijah, Noah, Moses*
5. "Here am I; send me" comes from which book? *Genesis, Exodus, Isaiah, Malachi*
6. What's the longest book of the Old Testament? *Esther, Job, Psalms, Proverbs*

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Philadelphia (Rev 1:11, 3:7), 3) 1 (Isaiah 57:15), 4) Moses, 5) Isaiah 6:8, 6) Psalms

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

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) That sometimes contrarian Arian streak emerges and could affect an important decision. Try to keep your mind open to the possibilities, even if they currently seem remote.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It could be a long wait before you get an answer to a question involving financial matters. Meanwhile, check on other interesting possibilities.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A misunderstanding shouldn't keep you from continuing to work. Pursue a reconciliation with someone who really cares. Talk it out before you consider walking out.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Exercise some discipline — don't keep changing your mind. An upcoming decision requires that you stay focused on the direction you need to follow.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Although family matters take up much of your time these days, you still need to deal with important workplace issues. Try to balance both obligations wisely.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your on-the-job problems appear close to being resolved. Now, make time to repair those personal relationships that you might have ignored for too long.

LIBRA (September 23 to October

22) Someone might suddenly balk at fulfilling an important agreement. There could be a hidden reason that you'll need to uncover before you take this to arbitration.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A friend seeks to confide a secret, knowing it will be safe with you. But, given your friend's history, you might not want to know what you'll be told.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your new "self-improvement" course will continue to hit bumps in the road until you start shedding those unnecessary loads you've toted for too long.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A decision to move to a new home needs to be delayed until you have accurate reports about its condition. Rely on facts, not assurances.

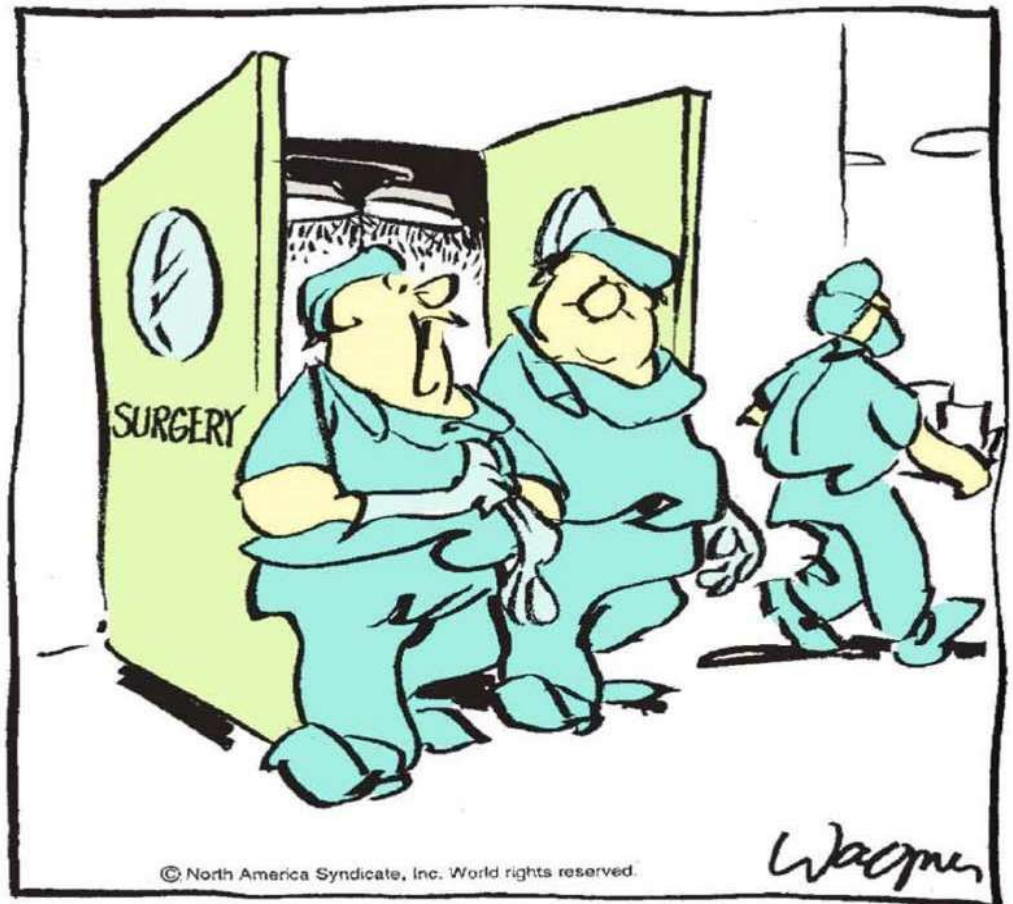
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Congratulations! Your good work is beginning to pay off. Reward yourself. Take some much-needed rest and recreation time with loved ones.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Fishing for compliments isn't always wise. Build your self-esteem on your own worthy achievements, and don't rely on others to tell you how good you are.

BORN THIS WEEK: People who meet you want to get to know you better, but you tend to be difficult to please when it comes to forming friendships.

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GRIN and BEAR IT



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"And I thought YOU were the surgeon."

HUNGARY'S YOUNG PEOPLE APPRECIATE POPE'S "CLEAR VOICE TO GUIDE THEM"

Pope Francis meets with young people at the Papp László Sport Arena in Budapest and encourages them to "aim high in life", reminding them that no one can take their place in the history of the Church and the world.

By Lisa Zengarini (Vatican News)

"Invest in the great goals of life! Then, train through dialogue with Jesus, who is the best of coaches". In the last public event of the second day of his Apostolic Journey to Hungary, Pope Francis encouraged youths to "aim high" in their lives, overcoming their fears and stepping forward, always dialoguing with Jesus, their best friend and brother.

The event, attended by some 12,000 people, was introduced by the greeting speech of the Hungarian lead bishop for Youth Ministry, Bishop Ferenc Palánki, and the testimonies of four youths: Bertalan, Dóra, two high-school students, Tódor, a young Greek-Catholic, and Krisztina, a university student.

WHO DARES WINS

Taking his cue from the first testimony, Pope Francis reminded those gathered that "Jesus wants us to accomplish great things" in life and "never disparages our expectations".

"Jesus doesn't want us to be lazy "couch potatoes"; he doesn't want us to be quiet and timid; instead, he wants us to be alive, active, ready to take charge. Jesus would agree with a proverb of yours, which I hope I pronounce well: Aki mer az nyer [Those who dare, win the prize]."

But how do we win in life?", the Pope asked. "Just as in sports, there are two basic steps". The first step, he said, is "to aim high", putting our talents "to good use", investing them "in the great goals of life".

"WE DON'T ACHIEVE GREATNESS BY TREADING UPON OTHERS, BUT BY SERVING OTHERS!"

Dialoguing with Jesus

The second step is to train through dialogue with Jesus, "who is the best of coaches". Indeed, said the Pope, "Jesus encourages you, believes in you" and "constantly invites you to be a team player, never alone but with others: in the Church, in the community, sharing your experiences with others".

Another important element of this training, the Pope further remarked, is silence which was recalled in the testimony of Krisztina. In a world "bombarded with the message that we have to be fast, efficient and practically perfect, like machines", said the Pope, "we have to learn how to stop and fill our tanks, to recharge our batteries", without however, indulging "in moodiness or brood" over our troubles.

Silence, he remarked, "is not sitting glued to your cell phone, or on social media", but rather "the soil on which we cultivate good relationships". It "allows us to entrust to Jesus whatever we are feeling, (...), to share our difficulties, to remember our friends and to say a prayer for them".



Pope Francis with faithful on the streets of Budapest (Vatican Media)

Silence is therefore, "the door to prayer", which is a "dialogue with Jesus", with whom we freely share our vulnerability "without hiding or disguising anything".

"Prayer is not boring, it is an encounter with Christ"

The Lord wants authentic people

Indeed, "the Gospel tells us that the Lord does not do great things with exceptional people, but with ordinary people. Those who count on their own abilities and are anxious always to look good before others", the Pope noted, "keep God away from their hearts".

"JESUS LOVES YOU THE WAY YOU ARE"

Helping the world to live in peace by serving others

Pope Francis then reflected on the words of Tódor, a young Greek-Catholic, who in his testimony noted that the zeal for the mission "can be blunted by living in security and comfort", while not far from us "war and suffering are daily realities".

"This - the Pope commented - is the real challenge: to take control of our lives in order to help our world to live in peace", by generously and selflessly serving others, "as Jesus taught us".

FAITH STARTS WITH GIVING

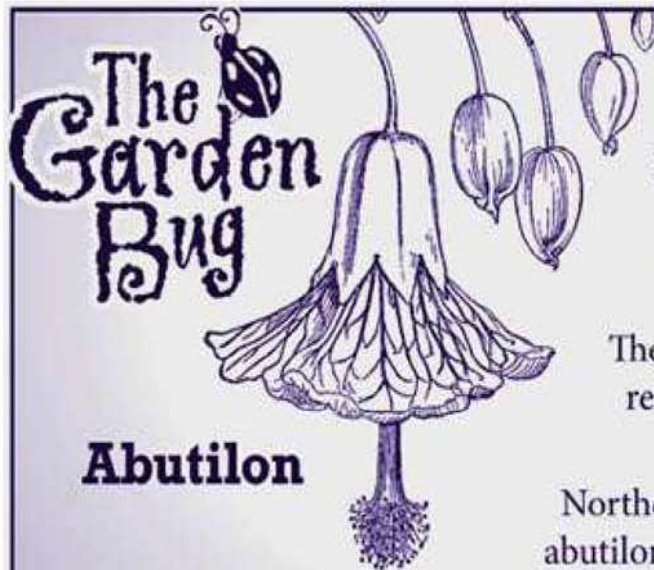
Faith, "starts with giving freely, with enthusiasm and generosity, overcoming our fears and stepping forward!", insisted Pope Francis at the end of his discourse, recalling the miracle of the Multiplication of the five Loaves and two Fish recounted in John's Gospel in which a young man shares the little bread and fish he has with Jesus to feed the multitude.

"WE HAVE TO LEARN TO LEAVE THINGS IN THE HANDS OF JESUS."

"Each of you is precious to Jesus, and also to me!", the Pope concluded. "Remember that no one can take your place in the history of the Church and the world: no one can do what only you can do".

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



The Garden Bug

Abutilon

These broadleaf evergreen shrubs can be grown outdoors year-round in warmer climates, growing as high as 10 feet. Abutilon plants like full sun to partial shade and rich soil. They bear large flowers that can be red, salmon, pink, yellow, orange, white or bicolored.

Northern gardeners may wish to keep abutilon in containers outdoors during summer, then bring them indoors before the first frost. When keeping them indoors, keep the light exposure and watering levels moderate. You can battle any pests seen on your abutilon by spraying neem oil on main trunks and stems. - Brenda Weaver

Source: www.thespruce.com

top ten

Most Favorite U.S. States, according to Americans

1. Hawaii
2. Colorado
3. Virginia
4. Nevada
5. North Carolina
6. Florida
7. Arizona
8. New York
9. Georgia
10. Texas

Source: YouGov



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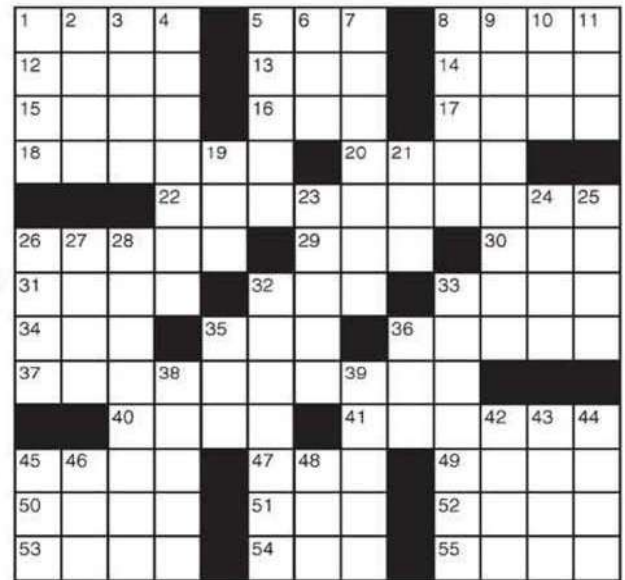
by Jeff Pickering



King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Cuts off
- 5 Cookout, briefly
- 8 Gridlock sound
- 12 Jacob's brother
- 13 Actress Lucy
- 14 In — land
- 15 Goatee's spot
- 16 Here (Fr.)
- 17 Saharan
- 18 Submit
- 20 Give temporarily
- 22 Blue blood
- 26 Tour vehicles
- 29 Toe count
- 30 Actress Hagen
- 31 Sciences' partner
- 32 Auction signal
- 33 Urban haze
- 34 Vitamin stat
- 35 Architect I.M. —
- 36 Stinging insects
- 37 Administrative worker
- 40 Lean to one side
- 41 Redacted
- 45 Poker variety
- 47 — Victor
- 49 Art Deco master
- 50 Carton sealer



- 6 Pen name language
- 7 Took part in a bee
- 8 Mel of many voices
- 9 Hearing aids?
- 10 Inventor Whitney
- 11 Knee protector
- 19 1040 org.
- 21 Many millennia
- 23 Unemotional
- 24 Perched on parlor orders
- 25 Labels
- 26 Biting remark
- 27 Pakistani
- 28 New companies
- 32 Uncharged particle
- 33 Full feeling
- 35 Crony
- 36 Bankroll
- 38 Duck down
- 39 Kingdom
- 42 Loyal
- 43 Sicilian spouter
- 44 Beloved
- 45 R-V link
- 46 Prof's helpers
- 48 Spy org.

DOWN

- 1 Nobelist
- 2 Job-safety org.
- 3 Ache
- 4 Ice cream
- 5 Russian pancakes

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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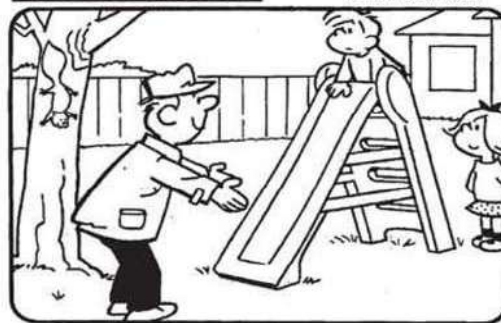
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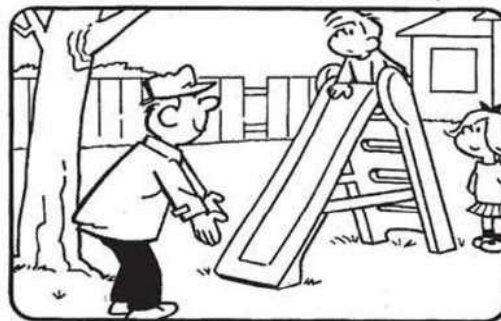
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 25 mins.

Answers

King Crossword



1. GEOGRAPHY: How many U.S. states border Canada?
2. THEATER: The musical "My Fair Lady" is based on which play?
3. SCIENCE: Who was the first person to win Nobel prizes in two different sciences?
4. MOVIES: Which 1997 movie featured a character named Jack Dawson?
5. TELEVISION: What is the name of Ross's pet monkey in "Friends"?
6. LANGUAGE: How many languages exist worldwide?
7. FOOD & DRINK: Which country produces Manchego cheese?
8. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: How many track and field events are in a decathlon?
9. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president had the most children?
10. MUSIC: What is the title of Britney Spears' first album?

MORE READERS: THE ISLAND SUN

Trivia Test Answers
 1. 13; 2. "Pygmalion," by George Bernard Shaw; 3. Marie Curie, physics and chemistry; 4. "Titanic"; 5. Marcel; 6. More than 7,000; 7. Spain; 8. 10; 9. John Tyler, who fathered 15 children; 10. "...Baby One More Time."

WHAT FUTURE, VENEZUELA?

By Ronald Sanders

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

The President of Colombia, Gustavo Petro, hosted a Conference on Venezuela in his nation's capital, Bogota, on April 25. The European Union (EU) and 19 countries from the Americas, including the Caribbean, attended, but it is doubtful that they all had the same goals in mind.

For several years, under Colombia's former President Iván Duque, relations between the governments of Colombia and Venezuela were openly hostile. Immediately after his inauguration as President, Petro began to engage with Venezuela's President Nicolás Maduro. Since then, relations between the two countries have significantly improved.

Despite thawing the earlier icy relations between the governments of Colombia and Venezuela, Petro remains concerned about democracy and respect for human, political and civil rights in Venezuela and other Latin American countries. Addressing a meeting of the Permanent Council of the Organization of American States (OAS) on April 19, just 6 days before hosting the Conference on Venezuela, Petro said that now could be "Latin America's time in the world", but not "through authoritarianism [or] through dictatorships." And he restated his interest "in seeing Venezuela re-join the Inter-American Human Rights system".

In a meeting with US President, Joe Biden, on April 20, the day after his OAS address, Petro pressed an argument for removing US sanctions against the Maduro government in exchange for a return to democracy in Venezuela.

It was with that unofficial theme that Petro appeared to approach his bold initiative to gather representatives of the EU and 19 nations with diverse and - in some cases - divergent interests to discuss Venezuela. At the end of the conference, there appeared to be consensus - though no unanimity - on trying to promote two objectives. According to statements by Colombia's Foreign Minister, Álvaro Leyva, the first aim is to persuade Venezuela's governing and opposition political parties to set an electoral calendar for free and fair elections, which, presumably, would include the release of political prisoners, so that they could fully participate in the process. The second is that there should be gradual lifting of sanctions



directly linked to progress of negotiations between the Venezuelan political parties to reach an agreement on elections and the restoration of democratic processes.

Leyva is reported to have said, after the Conference, that countries, which attended the meeting, "will inform President Maduro and opposition parties and civil society of the results of the summit". The only official response from the Maduro government was a statement from Foreign Minister, Yvan Gill, on Twitter in which he assured that "note" had been taken "of the deliberations carried out" at the Conference and reiterated "the prevailing need to lift sanctions".

Representatives of some of the Latin American and Caribbean countries, which were invited to attend the Colombia Conference, unrealistically focussed only on lifting the sanctions and ignored the issue of free and fair elections and the restoration of democracy through a negotiated agreement on these goals by all the Venezuelan parties. That position was obviously untenable. There is clear need for compromise, concessions and flexibility in any negotiations between the political parties in Venezuela. There must also be agreement on absolute tolerance for political dissent; the development of constitutional guarantees for the independence of the judiciary and the media; and provision for power-sharing in the National Assembly.

Importantly, at the Colombia Conference, the US representatives said that the Biden Administration has "no desire to maintain US sanctions in perpetuity". They argued that sanctions "are only a tool" to urge the government to take the steps necessary for free and fair elections and the restoration of democracy. Furthermore, they undertook to the Conference that "if, and as, Venezuelan leaders take these steps, we are more than ready to reduce and ultimately end our sanctions pressure".

Therefore, the Colombia Conference can take credit for a frank exchange of views leading to consensus on the two symbiotic paths that have emerged: the Venezuelan parties must get back to the negotiating table to agree on a process for free and fair elections, and a gradual but progressive lifting of sanctions as steps are implemented.

Significantly, the US representatives told the other nations at the Conference that all of them should encourage that "any agreement include some guarantees that the loser will not face persecution". They said that the Biden administration "does not support regime



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change" and if and when there are free and fair elections, "the US will accept the outcome and work with the government they produce".

Against this background, there is cause for cautious optimism that there could be renewed efforts by the Venezuelan



President of Colombia, Gustavo Petro, and Antigua and Barbuda Ambassador Sir Ronald Sanders at the OAS on 19 April 2023

parties to achieve an agreement at revived negotiations, which, so far, have failed. However, there were some key players - at least on the Maduro side - that were not at the Colombia Conference. They include Russia, Iran, China and Turkey which have helped the Maduro

government to weather the storm of sanctions. Another is Cuba which has played a key advisory role to Maduro.

It is more than likely that, for other geopolitical considerations, particularly the conflict over Ukraine embodied by Russia and the US, at least Russia and Iran might continue to embolden the Maduro government to continue the same hard-line that it has taken so far in the negotiations with the opposition parties. If that happens, the political impasse in Venezuela could persist with all its unfortunate consequences, including an increase in the 7.2 million Venezuelan migrants and refugees of which 2.5 million are in Colombia alone; and a growth beyond the 2.3 million people who are "severely food insecure and in need of immediate humanitarian assistance", according to the UN World Food Programme.

Countries, such as the US, Canada and the members of the EU, should also make it clear to the Venezuelan opposition parties that they do not enjoy unqualified support, and they, too, are expected to work diligently toward a resolution of the political deadlock.

The countries of CARICOM have a vested interest in a politically stable region where economic progress can thrive. Consequently, CARICOM governments should urge all Venezuelan parties to negotiate their future between them and present the world with a plan, free of retribution, which would rebuild Venezuela in a democratic mould with guaranteed constitutional freedoms, based on free and fair elections.

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(Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**
Voluntary Liquidator [99/4]

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

BC#1045141
(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 20 April 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St Jean of 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated 20 April 2023
Nelcia St Jean
(Liquidator) [99/5]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 14th day of April, 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register
The Liquidator is:-
Wayne S. Francis
of c/o Sertus Chambers,
P.O. Box 905,
Quastisky Building,
Road Town,
Tortola VG 1110,
British Virgin Islands
[99/6]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 14th day of April, 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register
The Liquidator is:-
Wayne S. Francis
of c/o Nerine Trust Company (BVI) Limited,
Nerine Chambers,
Road Town, Tortola,
British Virgin Islands
[99/7]

NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004) YSEDF Technology Co., Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 14th day of April, 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register
The Liquidator is:-
Wayne S. Francis
of c/o Sertus Chambers,
P.O. Box 905,
Quastisky Building,
Road Town, Tortola VG 1110,
British Virgin Islands [99/8]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 14th day of April, 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has 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
[99/9]

NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004) CGC Team Project Enterprises Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 26th day of April, 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register
The Liquidator is:-
Wayne S. Francis
of c/o Sertus Chambers,
P.O. Box 905,
Quastisky Building,
Road Town, Tortola VG 1110,
British Virgin Islands
[99/10]

NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004) CGC Power Perfect International Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 26th day of April, 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register
The Liquidator is:-
Wayne S. Francis
of c/o Nerine Trust Company (BVI) Limited,
Nerine Chambers,
Road Town, Tortola,
British Virgin Islands
[99/11]

NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004) CGC Plenty Leader Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 26th day of April, 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register
The Liquidator is:-
Wayne S. Francis
of c/o Sertus Chambers,
P.O. Box 905,
Quastisky Building,
Road Town, Tortola VG 1110,
British Virgin Islands
[99/12]

NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004) CGC Sky Win Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 26th day of April, 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register
The Liquidator is:-
Wayne S. Francis
of c/o Sertus Chambers,
P.O. Box 905,
Quastisky Building,
Road Town, Tortola VG 1110,
British Virgin Islands
[99/13]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 26th day of April, 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register.
The Liquidator is:-
Wayne S. Francis
of c/o Sertus Chambers,
P.O. Box 905,
Quastisky Building,
Road Town, Tortola VG 1110,
British Virgin Islands
[99/14]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 24th day of April 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.
The Liquidator is:-
Wayne S. Francis
of c/o Sertus Chambers,
P.O. Box 905,
Quastisky Building,
Road Town, Tortola VG 1110,
British Virgin Islands
[99/15]

NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004) KonaTechnology Co., Ltd

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 24th day of April 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.
The Liquidator is:-
Wayne S. Francis
of c/o Sertus Chambers,
P.O. Box 905,
Quastisky Building,
Road Town, Tortola VG 1110,
British Virgin Islands
[99/16]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 29th day of March, 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register
The Liquidator is:-
Wayne S. Francis
of Sertus Chambers,
P.O. Box 905,
Quastisky Building,
Road Town, Tortola VG 1110,
British Virgin Islands
[99/17]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act. C&C FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1557109
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 2, 2023.
Dated: May 2, 2023
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator
[99/18]

CTG Evergreen Investment XXVI Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1930965
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 28th day of April, 2023. The Liquidator is **Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated this 28th day of April, 2023
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[99/19]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act TWO SIGMA INVEST & TRADE LIMITED

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company No. 498825
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to section 204, subsection 1 (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in Voluntary Liquidation. The Voluntary Liquidation commenced on 1st 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 1st May 2023
(Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**
Voluntary Liquidator
[99/20]

PUBLIC NOTICES

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

Probate: BVIHPB2023/0077

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

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

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

Dated this 25th day of April, 2023

Harbour Chambers BVI
Legal Practitioners for the Applicants

[99]

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

**IN THE ESTATE OF LING HOI SANG ALSO
KNOWN AS HOI SANG LING, LATE OF FLAT C,
23rd FLOOR, TOWER 6, THE WATERFRONT,
NO.1 AUSTIN ROAD WEST, KOWLOON,
HONG KONG, DECEASED**

NOTICE is given that after the expiration of eight (8) days application will be made to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the resealing of the grant of probate of LING HOI SANG also known as HOI SANG LING, late of Flat C, 23rd Floor, Tower 6, The Waterfront, No.1 Austin Road West, Kowloon, Hong Kong, Deceased, granted to LAI MEE LAN alias MEE LAN LAI alias MEE LAN LING by the Deputy Registrar of the High Court of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region with Grant No. HCAG017429/2016 on the 20th day of February 2017.

Harney Westwood & Riegels LP
Legal Practitioners for the Applicant

[99]

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

Bell Wine Season Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2068440

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

Dated: 28th April, 2023
(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator
[99/21]

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

**Youth Media Holding
Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1885017

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 27th April, 2023. The liquidator is Jason Jagessar of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated: 27th April, 2023
(Sgd.) Jason Jagessar
Voluntary Liquidator
[99/22]

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

Victor Elite Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2062975

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 26th day of April, 2023.

Dated: 26th April, 2023
(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator
[99/23]

STRUCK OFF

Liquidator's Final Notice

**VALE ASSET
MANAGEMENT
LIMITED**

("the Company")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1055100

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 27th April 2023.

Dated 1st May 2023
Carmine Bailey
Voluntary Liquidator
[99/24]

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

Probate: BVIHPB2023/0054

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

TAKE NOTICE that DELROY DAWSON of Tortola, British Virgin Islands and RODGER DAVID of St. Thomas, United States Virgin Islands, siblings of the deceased aforesaid, who died on the 17th day of July 2021 intend to apply to the High Court of Justice in the Probate Division for a Grant of LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION to the Estate of the said BRIAN SYLVESTER DAWSON deceased.

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

Dated this 21st day of April, 2023

Harbour Chambers BVI
Legal Practitioners for the Applicants

[99]

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

CLAIM NO. BVIHP 2023/0039

IN THE ESTATE OF CHEN, HSIANG-CHI, DECEASED

ADVERTISEMENT

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

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

Dated this 1st May 2023

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

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

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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

PROBATE NO. OF 2023

**IN THE ESTATE OF LING CHEE SING LOTHAI, LATE
OF FLAT A, 17TH FLOOR, BOARDWOOD PARK, NO. 38
BROADWOOD ROAD, HONG KONG, DECEASED**

NOTICE is given that after the expiration of 8 days application will be made to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the resealing of the grant of the letters of administration of the estate of LING CHEE SING LOTHAI, Deceased, late of Flat A, 17th Floor, Broadwood Park, No. 38 Broadwood Road, Hong Kong, Deceased, granted to LING LUK SAU KING by the Deputy Registrar of the High Court of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region with Grant No. HCAG010360/2019 on the 26th day of February 2021.

Harney Westwood & Riegels LP
Legal Practitioners for the Applicant

[99]

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

BVIHPB 2023/

**IN THE ESTATE OF MOHAN RAMCHAND CHATTARAM
late of Mumbai, India, deceased.**

**ADVERTISEMENT (RESEALING) OF A GRANT OF
PROBATE**

Notice is given that after the expiration of 8 days application will be made to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the resealing of the Probate in the Estate of MOHAN RAMCHAND CHATTARAM late of Mumbai, India granted by the High Court of Judicature at Bombay Testamentary and Intestate Jurisdiction on 11th day of January, 2023.

Dated this 1st day of May, 2023.

Dancia Penn & Co.
Solicitors for the Executor

Filed by Dancia Penn & Co, Legal Practitioners whose address for services is 49 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands. Tel. (284) 494 4197.

[99]

**RAYLEENA
PARTNERS LIMITED**

(In voluntary liquidation)
(Company No 1851882)
(the Company)

NOTICE is given pursuant to section 204(1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation of the Company commenced on 24 April 2023. The voluntary liquidator of the Company is David Abednego of West End, Tortola Virgin Islands.

Dated 2 May 2023.

David Abednego
Voluntary Liquidator [99/25]

NOTICE

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

DEVANSH GROUP LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 27th day of April, 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.

The Liquidators is:-

Wayne Francis
Nerine Chambers,
Quastisky Building
P.O. Box 905
Road Town, Tortola,
British Virgin Islands
VG 1110 [99/26]

NOTICE

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

**DIVA RECREATION
INTERNATIONAL S.A.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 26th day of April, 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.

The Liquidators is:-

Wayne Francis
Nerine Chambers,
Quastisky Building
P.O. Box 905
Road Town, Tortola,
British Virgin Islands
VG 1110 [99/27]

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

**Overboard Premier
Group Inc.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1966226

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 2nd May 2023. The liquidator is Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, Blackburne Highway (PO Box 116) Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated: 2nd May 2023

(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator [99/28]

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

AND

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dated the 27th day of April, 2023.

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

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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

VIRGIN ISLANDS

In The Estate of CHENG CHIT MING also known as CHENG, CHIT MING late of Flat A 58/F, Block 5 Coastal Skyline, 12 Tung Chung Waterfront Road, Tung Chung, New Territories, Hong Kong, deceased

Notice is given that after the expiration of 8 days application will be made to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the resealing of the grant of probate of the estate of CHENG CHIT MING also known as CHENG, CHIT MING late of Flat A 58/F, Block 5 Coastal Skyline, 12 Tung Chung Waterfront Road, Tung Chung, New Territories, Hong Kong, granted by the High Court of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Court of First Instance on the 27th day of February 2023.

Signed: Walkers
Attorney-at-Law for Administrator
171 Main Street
Road Town, Tortola
British Virgin Islands
VG 1110
[99]

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

BVIHPB 2023/

IN THE ESTATE OF ANWER IBRAHIM ISSA ISMAIL PATEL (also known as ANWER IBRAHIM PATEL) late of 4 Breckland Drive Bolton BL1 5BQ, United Kingdom, deceased

ADVERTISEMENT (RESEALING)

Notice is given that after the expiration of 8 days application will be made to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the resealing of the probate of ANWER IBRAHIM ISSA ISMAIL PATEL (also known as ANWER IBRAHIM PATEL) late of 4 Breckland Drive Bolton BL1 5BQ, United Kingdom granted by the District Registrar of the Principal Registry of the Family Division of the High Court of Justice of England and bWales at Harlow, CM20 9QE, United Kingdom, on the 7th day of March, 2023.

Dated this 3rd day of May, 2023.

Signed: VIGILATE LAW,
Legal Practitioners for the Executors,
whose address for
service is at C/o VIGILATE LAW,
Lagoon Plaza,
Ground Floor, 185 Main Street,
Road Town, Tortola,
Virgin Islands
[99]

FORM "A"

"NEW"

To: The Licensing Magistrate
And

The Officer in Charge of Police

I, SIDNEY WHEATLEY dba POMATO POINT RESTAURANT-now residing at SETTLEMENT ANEGADA, BVI in the Territory of the Virgin Islands do hereby give notice that it is my intention to apply to the Licensing Magistrate at the Special Sitting of the Magistrate's Court to be held at Road Town, Tortola, on the **1st day June, 2023** for **BAR & RESTAURANT Licence** to sell intoxicating liquor at my premises situated at **POMATO POINT, ANEGADA, BVI**, in the territory of the Virgin Islands and registered Parcel Number **10 of Block 5170A** of the ANEGADA, Registration Section in the Land Registry of the Virgin Island

Dated this 17th day of April, 2023.

Signed *Sidney Wheatley*

[99]

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

LOUCIA INTERNATIONAL LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1704056

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 2nd day May, 2023.

Dated: 2nd May, 2023

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

[99/29]-

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

LTC GB Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company Number: 1910512

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204(1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 3 May 2023. The Joint Liquidators are Anton Goldstein and Rachael Pape of Conyers Dill & Pearman, Commerce House, Wickhams Cay 1, P.O. Box 3140, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110, British Virgin Islands.

Dated: 3 May 2023

Rachael Pape
For and on behalf of Anton Goldstein and Rachael Pape
As Joint Liquidators

[99/30]

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

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

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

ANY PERSON having any objection to the grant of Letters of Administration to the said CECIL ORR, shall within fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of this Notice lodge with the Registry of the High Court in the Territory of the Virgin Islands a proper document setting out the said objections.



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

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

Vultima Holding Ltd

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)

Company No. 1933725

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 3rd 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 3rd May 2023

(Sgd) *Myron Walwyn*
Voluntary Liquidator

[99/31]

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

Knightsbridge Worldwide Corporation

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)

Company No. 1397217

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 3rd 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 3rd May 2023

(Sgd) *Myron Walwyn*
Voluntary Liquidator

[99/32]

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

COLCHESTER GROWTH LTD.

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)

Company No. 660833

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 3rd 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 3rd May 2023

(Sgd) *Myron Walwyn*
Voluntary Liquidator

[99/33]

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

DOLERTON ASSOCIATED INC.

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)

Company No. 437979

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 3rd 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 3rd May 2023

(Sgd) *Myron Walwyn*
Voluntary Liquidator

[99/34]

Government Of the VI Seeks Solutions to Waste Management



The Government of the Virgin Islands continues to look at possible solutions and directions to manage waste in the Territory.

To this end, Minister for Health and Social Development Honourable Vincent O. Wheatley has met with the staff at the incinerator at Pockwood Pond and the Department of Waste Management surrounding the management and security of the dumpsite.

Honourable Wheatley met with Manager for the Department of Waste Management Mr. Neville Allen, Assistant Manager for the Department of Waste Management Mr. Anselm Myers, and the First District Representative Honourable Dr. Karl Dawson.

Discussions were held on the best strategy for ensuring that persons do not have access to the area after it is closed as it was disclosed that most of the fires started at the site are intentional.

Additionally, the group explored different pathways to getting the incinerator repaired

and back on stream to assist with the Territory's waste management challenges and the removal of derelict vehicles and equipment from the Territory which is currently an ongoing process.

Honourable Wheatley stated that waste management, in general, in the Virgin Islands has been a longstanding issue across successive administrations. He said as a new government, a message must be sent that the voice of the people, especially those in the First and Third Districts, must be heard.

The Minister said, "We want to be seen early on giving the incinerator and dumpsite their due attention. I want to come and get a fresh look at what the current reality is, and this here is not sustainable going forward. So, we must look at the possible solution and the possible direction that we want to take waste management into."

Honourable Wheatley highlighted that the needs of the people are at the epicentre of his goals, and as Minister,

he wants to be visible on the ground which he hopes will reflect in the Government's action plan.

While the Minister acknowledged that waste management across the world has been a cause for concern, he said because the Virgin Islands relies heavily on tourism, safeguarding the environment is paramount.

"It is important as the Minister for Health to ensure we can do what we can to get the waste management issue under control in as short a time as we can. So, from day one I want to be on the ground working with my colleagues to support what we are trying to do here," Honourable Wheatley said.

Meanwhile, Dr. the Honourable Karl Dawson noted that the degradation of the incinerator along with the recent fire has become a cause of concern for residents of the First District.

He said, "The impact is great for us, and we intend to do our part in the district. This includes leading the way in recycling efforts and certain efforts to ensure there is less waste coming to any landfill that we create because we realise the solution is not simply to build better incinerators but to have less waste. It calls for a mind shift and we want to lead that shift in the VI."

The Ministry of Health and Social Development through the Department of Waste Management is committed to transforming and implementing innovative ideas and strategies to manage waste in the Virgin Islands.



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Premier Wheatley to Attend Coronation of King Charles The III

Premier and Minister of Finance Dr. Honourable Natalio D. Wheatley will be absent from the Territory from today Wednesday, May 3 until Saturday, May 13, for the purpose of attending the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III alongside The Queen Consort in the United Kingdom.

Premier Wheatley will also attend a series of meetings namely the Overseas Territories Political Conference and the meetings of the Joint Ministerial Council.

The objective of this official visit is to continue to advance the socio-economic and political interests of the Virgin Islands.

Premier Wheatley during his recent Press Conference said, "My Government will resume engagement with our United Kingdom partners and continue the process of building a new modern partnership that is stable and supportive of the aspirations of the people of the Virgin Islands."

The Premier also indicated that he anticipates engaging in strategic discussions with Lord Zac Goldsmith and other United Kingdom Ministers at the Joint Ministerial Council meetings, the Overseas Territories Political Conference, and the BVI All Party Parliamentary Group.

Premier Wheatley stated, "I will be seeking the United Kingdom Government's support on my administration's agenda on reform in the areas of economic resilience, infrastructure, sustainable development, climate change, the environment, and health. I believe the United Kingdom's partnership with the Virgin Islands must add value to the relationship and support the work being undertaken by the local Government to improve the lives of the people in the Territory."

According to the Premier, Deputy Premier Honourable Lorna G. Smith, OBE is also scheduled to be away from the Territory commencing May 5 and Minister for Communication and Works Honourable Kye Rymer is scheduled to be away from the Territory during the same period May 3 to 13 for both personal and duty travel accordingly.

In light of the foregoing, Honourable Lorna G. Smith will be appointed to carry out the duties of Premier and Minister of Finance for the period May 3 to 4 and then Honourable Vincent Wheatley be appointed to carry out the duties of Premier and Minister of Finance for the period May 5 to 13.

Honourable Smith's appointment is in accordance with Section 55 (1) of the Virgin Islands Constitution Order, 2007 which states, "If the Premier is expected to be absent from the Virgin Islands for more than forty-eight hours, the Governor shall authorise the Deputy Premier to perform the functions of the office of Premier; and the Governor shall revoke this authority on the return to the Virgin Islands of the Premier."

Honourable Vincent Wheatley's appointment is in accordance with the Virgin Islands Constitution Order, 2007 Section 55 (2) which states, "If both the Premier and the Deputy Premier are expected to be absent from the Virgin Islands for more than forty-eight hours, the Governor shall authorise another Minister designated by the Premier to perform the functions of the office of Premier; and the Governor shall revoke this authority on the return to the Virgin Islands of either the Premier or the Deputy Premier."

The Government of the Virgin Islands remains committed to the overall development of the Territory through the strengthening of its relationship with the United Kingdom.

VI Government Moves To Promote Turtle Conservation



The Government of the Virgin Islands facilitated a series of workshops and public consultation meetings to promote and improve turtle conservation in the Territory.

The workshops were facilitated to advance and improve turtle conservation, and is a collaborative effort with the local non-profit Association of Reef Keepers (ARK) and the United Kingdom-based Marine Conservation Society (MCS).

Director of Agriculture and Fisheries, Mr. Theodore James indicated that the workshops have been instructive, useful, and deeply engaging. He stated that the sessions have provided an opportunity for interested persons to be involved in a two-way flow of information that will help the department in its data-gathering process.

Mr. James added, "The viewing of a film on turtle conservation also addressed the challenges that are being faced with the responsible

fishing of sea turtles in the Virgin Islands, and the feedback that was provided was informative and will aid in the department's efforts to better manage this issue."

Head of Ocean Recovery at the Marine Conservation Society, Dr. Peter Richardson stated that the level of involvement by persons in the community is indicative of the commitment that people in the Virgin Islands have towards the preservation of local culture while simultaneously engaging in responsible turtle fishing.

Dr. Richardson said, "The feedback from participants shows that a lot is being learned at the workshops, not only from scientists about our turtle populations, but also from the wisdom of those attending. The attendees include fishermen, tourism business representatives, visitors, and other key decision-makers."

He also noted that one participant said the project provides the perfect bridge between community

and conservation science, where ideas can be openly discussed in a positive, friendly and enjoyable atmosphere.

The final workshop was held on May 2, at 6:00 p.m. at Foxy's Bar in Jost Van Dyke. This project is funded by the Darwin Plus United Kingdom Government fund. The University of Exeter has also provided technical support and research resources for this project.

The Department of Agriculture and Fisheries is a department under the Premier's Office of the Government of the Virgin Islands. It is responsible for ensuring that food is safe, nutritionally sound, produced and harvested in an environmentally sustainable manner that builds resilience to internal and external shocks while contributing to economic growth, social well-being and protection of the natural environment.

Notes:

The Association of Reef Keepers (ARK) is a non-profit, non-governmental organisation dedicated to ensuring the preservation and sustainability of the BVI marine environment for the benefit of all future generations.

Darwin Plus is a UK government grants scheme that funds projects that aim to protect the unique biodiversity and improve resilience to climate change within the UK Overseas Territories. See <https://darwinplus.org.uk/>

The Marine Conservation Society is the United Kingdom's leading ocean charity, advancing cleaner, better-protected, healthier seas. The charity works to highlight the importance of our ocean, and the life within it, through working with government, industry and education, to take action to restore and protect the marine environment.

The University of Exeter combines world-class research with excellent student satisfaction, from campuses in the South West of England, in Exeter and Cornwall. They are one of the very few universities to be both a member of the Russell Group and have a Gold award from the Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF).



ADDITIONAL POLICE NEWS

ARREST BLOTTER

MARCH 26 – APRIL 22, 2023

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF CANNABIS WITH INTENT

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

ASSAULT CAUSING ACTUAL BODILY HARM

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

CRIMINAL TRESPASS

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

DISORDERLY CONDUCT AND ARMED WITH AN OFFENSIVE WEAPON

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

BREACH OF TRUST

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

BREACH OF PROTECTION ORDER

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

THEFT

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

Tenders Invited For Transport Of Students From Festival Grounds

The Government of the Virgin Islands invites tenders from local qualified and reputable companies to supply daily transport of Althea Scatliffe students from the Festival Grounds to Enis Adams and Francis Lettsome Primary Schools for a period of two (2) years.

The proposed scope of service is comprised of lots for daily transportation of Althea Scatliffe Students from the Festival Grounds round trip to attend school at the Enis Adams and Francis Lettsome Primary Schools. Lot 1 is from the Festival Grounds round trip to Enis Adams Primary School and Lot 2 is from the Festival Grounds round trip to Francis Lettsome Primary School.

Procurement Coordinator, Mrs. Ishma Rhymer said eligible tenderers are required to have a valid Trade 2023 Licence and submit Certificates of Good Standing in respect of the Social Security and taxes, including Payroll and Income Tax, from VI Social Security Board, National Health Insurance and Inland Revenue.

Bid documents will be available from, Monday, 8th May 2023 between the hours of 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday to Friday. Bidding documents will be sent to bidders electronically upon request to procurement@gov.vg with the subject title "Supply of Bus Services for the Transportation of Althea Scatliffe Students from the Festival Ground to Enis Adams and Francis Lettsome Primary School".

A virtual pre-tender meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 18th May 2023 at 10:00 a.m. The access code and password will be provided prior to the meeting. All prospective tenderers are invited to attend.

Interested tenderers should submit one (1) original, three (3) copies and one (1) flash drive containing the bidder's documents. The original bid should be placed in a sealed envelope and marked "ORIGINAL" and the additional copies placed in another sealed envelope and marked "COPIES". Both envelopes should then be placed in an outer envelope and marked "Supply of Bus Services for the Transportation of Althea Scatliffe Students from the Festival Ground to Enis Adams and Francis Lettsome Primary School" and addressed to:

The Chairman

Central Tenders Board

Ministry of Finance

Procurement Unit

Rita Frett Georges Building, 2nd Floor

Waterfront Drive, Road Town, Tortola

British Virgin Islands

All tenders must be deposited in the Tender Box at the Ministry of Finance (Procurement Unit), Rita Frett Georges Building, Second Floor, Waterfront Drive, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands by the bearer not later than 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 6th June 2023. Tenders will not be received after the Tender Box is closed.

Tenders will be opened on Tuesday, 6th June, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at Procurement Unit, Ministry of Finance, Rita Frett Georges Building, Second Floor. Tenderers are invited to witness the opening via Webex. Tenderers will be provided with the access code and password prior to the opening of Tenders.

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

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LEGAL CLERK/ MESSENGER

APPLICATIONS are invited from suitable qualified individuals with a valid driver's licence to fill the vacancy of a Legal Clerk/Messenger.

DUTIES include:

- (a) Assisting with simple legal research and preparation of routine correspondence and legal documents;
- (b) Delivery of documents outdoor;
- (c) Filing of Court documents and liaising with Court Clerks;
- (d) Conducting searches at High Court and Land Registry;
- (e) Internal filing of documents;
- (f) Updating Office Library periodically;
- (g) Assisting with general office-administrative matters;

Apply by submitting application and resume to Managing Partner, P.O. Box 3342, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands or to eryan@mctodman.com.

BVI Islanders/Belongers/Work Permit exempt preferred. [00]

ROAD TOWN FAST FERRY needs one (1) Full Time Boat Captain. Please call 284-499-2405. [s00]

M and M Livery need full Time Shuttle Driver. Please call 284-540-542 for further details. [s00]

Terrific job opportunity!

For a well- rounded General Maintenance individual, must be versatile with handy-man experience which includes a broad range of duties such as, woodwork, general maintenance, painting, equipment installations, plumbing etc. This individual is also required to assist with other responsibilities including but not limited to: Assisting in the warehouse with picking, deliveries etc.

Potential candidates must forward their CV with a minimum of three (3) references to Ms. Coneila Gumbs neliag@ticobvi.com. BVI Islanders / Belongers preferred. Candidates must be able to work on weekends and bank holidays. Covid-19 vaccination is a pre-requisite. Individuals who meet the above criteria will be contacted for interview. [s00]

Quito's Ltd is seeking a Full Time Line Cook & Chef with at least five years' experience with Caribbean & International Food. The applicant should have a positive attitude, excellent communication skills, must be mature & a team player. For consideration, please, submit resumes by email to: generalmanager@quitosbvi.com or (284) 495-4837. BVI Islander & Belongers preferred. [00]

THE GLAM BEAUTY SALON needs ONE full time-HAIRDRESSER. Telephone 541-8155 [s00]



PUBLIC NOTICES

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

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company No. 1974053
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 3rd 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 3rd May 2023
(Sgd) Myron Walwyn
Voluntary Liquidator
[99/35]

BELLINO GLOBAL LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1761131

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 4th day of May, 2023. The Liquidator is Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated this 4th day of May, 2023
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[99/36]

FORM "A"

"NEW"

To: The Licensing Magistrate
And

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

Dated this 17th day of April, 2023.
Signed Michel Conseillant
[00]

CTG Evergreen Investment R Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1989915

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 4th day of May, 2023.

Dated this 4th day of May, 2023
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
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Voters Encouraged To Complete 2023 Post-Election Survey

A survey has been created for voters to provide feedback on the execution of the 2023 General Elections.

The thirteen-question survey is completely anonymous and covers topics including, but are not limited to, the accessibility and efficiency of polling stations, the effectiveness of ballots and electronic machines, and the overall voting experience.

Supervisor of Elections, Ms. Scherrie N. Griffin said, "The purpose of this survey is to gather information about each individual's unique experience voting in the 2023 General Elections. We hope that this information can be used to guide the way in which elections can and should be conducted after highlighting what worked well and what areas may need improvement."

May 15 is the deadline for completion of the survey which can be accessed directly at surveymonkey.com/r/RC8HK5K or at bvi.gov.vg/elections under the '2023 Post-Election Survey' tab. Persons with questions or concerns should contact the Office of the Supervisor of Elections at 468-4380 or electionsvi@gov.vg.

The Office of the Supervisor of Elections remains committed to providing with integrity the general direction and supervision over the registration of voters, the administrative conduct of free and fair elections in the Virgin Islands and to impart efficient, reliable and courteous service to the public.



Supervisor of Elections

Before you discipline a child

- S** - stop! Calm yourself and your child
- T** - take a few deep breaths
- O** - observe the needs of your child
- P** - proceed in a kind but firm manner



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[s00]

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BVIlanders or Belongers preferred. To apply, send application and resume to Chad James, Director of Human Resources, P.O. Box 211, Road Town, Tortola, BVI or email: cjames@peterisland.net
[s99]

Hard working Mechanic with over twelve years’ experience is urgently needed to fill out a position at C & H Car/Jeep Rental Tire World. Only seriously interested applicants will be considered. Please send your CV to P.O. Box 4696, Road Town, Tortola. For more enquiries please call 340-9138 [s00].

Rockford Construction Co. is seeking two (2) Project Managers for a construction project for a period of up to twelve (12) months.

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

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

Remuneration commensurate with experience.
All-suitable-candidates should-submit-their resume-to:-dobrien@rockfordconstruction.com. or call Tel. #239-300-1355. BVIlanders or Belongers preferred. [s98]

EMCS Caribbean is looking for an Equipment and Boat Mechanic
Interested applicants can submit their CV/Resume with cover letter to P O Box 386 Road Town, Tortola, BVI or call 284-494-1300
[s99]

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[s99]

EMCs Caribbean Ltd is looking for a Steel Fixer interested applicants can submit their CV/ Resume with cover letter at P.O Box 386 Road Town, Tortola, BVI or call 284-494-1300
[s00]

WBV Management Ltd. is seeking the following full and part time positions: Accountant/Book-Keeper, Bartender, Kitchen Manager, Cook, Kitchen Assistant, Server, Assistant General Manager, Guest-Services/Reservations Coordinator, Housekeeper, Housekeeping-Supervisor, Handyman/Gardner. Applicants must be reliable, personable and a team player willing to work on Jost Van Dyke with flexible hours/days. BVIlanders and Belongers preferred. Interested persons should send resume and work history via email to: hrwbvmgt@gmail.com or telephone: 1-631-682-6800
[s01]

Technical Staff needed for Medical Complex in areas of Medical Laboratory, Pharmacy, Medical Imaging and Eyecare & Dentistry.

Contact B&F Medical Complex Ltd. at P.O Box 412 Road Town, Tortola, VG1110
Email: bfmedicaloffice@yahoo.com and or bfmedical@hotmail.com
Telephone: 494-2196
[s00]

EMCs Caribbean Ltd is looking for a Welder interested applicants can submit their CV/ Resume with cover letter at P.O Box 386 Road Town, Tortola, BVI or call 284-494-1300 [s00]

Swing Inn Bar & Restaurant Cane Garden Bay ’s favorite Bar is seeking One (1) Bartender to work full time in the evenings.
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D&D Property Maintenance seeks 2 Carpenters, 2 Mason and 2 Maintenance persons for a renovation project located on Peter’s Island.
Experience in the construction field is mandatory for this position.
[s00]

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PROPERTY FOR SALE:
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[s03]

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[s99]

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