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TRIAL OF FORMER BVI PREMIER POSTPONED TO JANUARY 2024

Former Premier of the Territory Andrew Fahie, who is currently in the USA on bail will have to wait until January for his drug and money laundering trial following a postponement issued by a Florida High Court judge. The trial was originally scheduled to begin in mid-July, but Fahie, aged 52, filed a motion requesting a delay beyond 1 November. He is facing charges of conspiracy to import a controlled substance, conspiracy to engage in money laundering, and attempted money laundering, with an additional charge of Interstate and Foreign Travel in Aid of Racketeering added last November.

The former Premier was arrested in Miami Florida on 28 April last year as a result of a sting operation that involved DEA agents. His arrest on drug and money laundering charges resulted from an undercover operation involving a US

DEA informant.

Fahie's attorney, Theresa Van Vliet, filed an unopposed motion last week, citing various new developments and the court's refusal to disclose the identity of a confidential source as reasons for the requested delay. Van Vliet argued that there was insufficient time to file motions, receive the prosecution's response, allow for any reply, and provide the court with ample time to consider the matter or hold an evidentiary hearing before the previously scheduled trial date of 17 July.

In a paperless order issued recently, Judge Kathleen Williams agreed to the request, setting Fahie's jury trial to take place on 8 January before her Miami Division Court. In the order Justice Williams stated: "The court finds that the ends of justice served by granting this continuance outweigh the interests of the

defendant and the public in a speedy trial."

The St Thomas Source news media reported that Fahie's attorney had filed a series of sealed motions, not visible to the public, requesting the court to compel prosecutors

to disclose the identities of individuals who recorded over 8,000 minutes of audio tape, allegedly capturing Fahie's enthusiastic involvement in the drug-running plot.

Fahie's attorney argued

on 20 June that the refusal to reveal the confidential source name, along with information regarding potential payments received from federal officials,

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*Attendees at the financial services sector Solutions Forum held on June 27.
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hindered Fahie's ability to mount an adequate defense. The issue of the confidential source identity, the transcription of the tapes, and the large volume of evidence extracted from Fahie's digital devices and other data has been a contentious point since October 2022.

According to court records, US prosecutors delivered the most recent set of tape transcriptions on 9 June. Fahie's two co-accused, former BVI Ports Authority Director Oleanvine Maynard and her son Kadeem Maynard, have both pleaded guilty to a

single count of conspiracy to import cocaine. They have promised full cooperation with prosecutors in exchange for leniency from the court during sentencing. As part of Oleanvine's plea bargain, four other counts, including money laundering and racketeering, will be

dropped by US prosecutors. Kadeem, considered a "minor participant" in the criminal activity, will receive a reduced sentence for his cooperation. Unless eligible for the "safety valve" provision, which allows for a sentence below the mandatory

minimum, both Maynards face a minimum prison term of 10 years. Their sentencing is now scheduled for 21 August, while Fahie remains under home confinement with his two daughters, held on a \$1 million bond, until his trial begins in January.

QUARTER MILLION \$\$ CONCERT TO GO AHEAD: PREMIER TAKES FULL RESPONSIBILITY

Deputy Speaker Stacy 'Buddha' Mather has openly voiced his opposition to the government's Non-Stop Concert, which is scheduled for this weekend.

In a recent interview on the Morning Braff radio show, Mather echoed the sentiments of concerned citizens, stating his belief that the \$250,000 designated for the concert could be put to better use within the community. Nevertheless, Mather acknowledged that despite his disagreement, the government has made the decision to proceed with the event. He shared his conversation with the Premier, during which he questioned the rationale behind organizing the concert. Hon. Mather explained: "I do not agree with it. I have received numerous calls from

individuals who feel the funds could have been directed elsewhere, and I wholeheartedly concur with them. The Premier provided his reasons, and the decision has already been made to move forward."

In contemplating the situation, Mather expressed a hope that valuable lessons could be learned from such actions. He highlighted the parallel with the 'Greedy Bill', emphasizing the need to find a way to retract unpopular decisions made in the public's disfavor. "The public did not support it, yet it is happening. How can we move forward and prevent it from reoccurring?" Mather asked. Looking to the future, Mather urged the government to proactively plan events like the Non-Stop Concert, allowing for the possibility of retraction

if public opposition arises. The concert has faced considerable criticism since its announcement earlier this month, with residents advocating for the government to prioritize investments in crumbling infrastructure and address other pressing social issues within the community.

However, Premier Wheatley has remained steadfast in his decision to host the event, asserting that it is part of a broader strategy to cultivate entertainment tourism in the BVI. In a recent appearance on the Morning Braff radio show, Wheatley took full responsibility for pushing ahead with the Non-Stop Concert, encouraging residents not to hold other government ministers accountable as he assumes the full weight of the controversial show.

MINISTER LORNA SMITH SHARES VISION AND PLANS FOR FINANCIAL SERVICES INDUSTRY AT THE SOLUTIONS FORUM



Hon. Lorna Smith, OBE

Speaking to an engaged audience of close to 100 professionals, she outlined the strategic direction for the Ministry and its role in shaping the future of the financial services industry and emphasised the critical role of integrating labor and trade to achieve its success.

Her plans include streamlining bureaucracy, reducing red tape, and expediting decision-making processes to foster entrepreneurship and business growth in the British Virgin Islands (BVI). She further announced the appointment of a new Chair of the Labor Arbitration Tribunal, demonstrating the government's dedication to supporting the financial services and wider business community.

Recognising the importance of a strong economy, Minister Smith highlighted the need to nurture local talent and attract outstanding individuals from the BVI community. She called for increased leadership and mentoring from the financial services sector and proposed the establishment of an industry-wide programme to support young people.

In terms of trade, Minister Smith emphasised the untapped potential to attract investment, support innovation, and build resilience in the BVI. Plans for a more integrated approach to trade missions were unveiled, aiming to benefit not only the financial services industry but also other sectors of the BVI. She announced the upcoming trade mission to Guyana in August which will serve as an example to this approach.

Despite the challenges faced globally by the BVI, Minister Smith expressed confidence and assured the audience of her Ministry's commitment to collaborating with senior officials from the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office. Minister Smith went on to explain the need to refresh the narrative for BVI's financial services, expand and diversify the sector, and harness the BVI's position as a large ocean state. She proposed quantifying natural assets to protect and restore them, enabling the establishment of businesses based on their value, contributing to government revenues, and creating new opportunities. Concluding her speech, Minister Smith announced the Fintech on the Seas 2024 conference, set to take place in the beautiful waters of the British Virgin Islands. The conference aims to bring together fintech innovators, startups, investors, regulators, and other stakeholders to foster collaboration, showcase innovative solutions, and promote the BVI as a leading fintech and digital assets hub. Minister Smith conveyed her enthusiasm and determination to work with industry stakeholders to continue to develop a strategic vision and plan for the business and financial services industry. She encouraged practical measures to address current challenges and invited input and collaboration from the private sector.

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An advertisement for the website islandsunbvi.com. It features a stylized sun logo with rays and the text 'Island Sun' in a large, bold, red font. To the right, the website name 'islandsunbvi.com' is written in a black, sans-serif font. Below that, the text 'Advertise on our Website' is written in a green, cursive font. At the bottom, the phrase 'GREAT RESULTS - LOWER RATES' is written in a red, bold, sans-serif font. The entire advertisement is enclosed in a double-line border.

KUDOS TO HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES & THEIR FAMILIES

Some 177 students recently completed their studies at Elmore Stoutt High School (ESHS) and celebrated their graduation at the Multi-Purpose Sports Complex in Road on 22 June.

During the ceremony, Premier Natalio Wheatley delivered a congratulatory message to the graduating students. He acknowledged the challenges they had faced, including the 2017 hurricanes, the COVID-19 pandemic, and the impact of the Russia/Ukraine War on the BVI economy. The Premier also expressed appreciation for the parents' unwavering commitment to supporting their children throughout their high school education.

Furthermore, the Premier encouraged the students to

express gratitude to their parents and assured the parents that the government recognized their sacrifices in ensuring their children's success. He emphasized the importance of acknowledging and appreciating the collective efforts made by everyone in overcoming the obstacles faced during these challenging times.

The Premier highlighted the significance of cooperation and support among the people of the British Virgin Islands, stating that their ability to endure and overcome these trials was a testament to their unity. He affirmed that this spirit of cooperation would continue to shape the future of the British Virgin Islands.

Dr. Wheatley encouraged the graduates to remain focused

on their goals, while reflecting on their journey and the strength they demonstrated in overcoming obstacles. He also emphasized that true accomplishments in life require sacrifice and the ability to overcome challenges.

Meanwhile, Minister of Education Hon Sharie deCastro commended the students for their resilience since the 2017 hurricanes and congratulated them on successfully completing their high school education as members of the class of 2023.

The High School graduating class of 2023 achieved an impressive 96% pass rate, with Aenya Meade being named the Valedictorian and Desarie Maynard as the Salutatorian.

SUMMER READING BOOK LIST 2023

KINDERGARTEN

This list does not replace the required reading list of each school. While students are not required to read all the books on the list, they are encouraged to read at least two. Selected titles will be used during Reading is Fun Week 2023.



1. Dr. Seuss Collection

by Dr. Seuss

2. ABC-Animals Coloring Book

by Carlyn Benjamin (Local author)

3. First Day, No Way! *

By Lori Mortensen

4. Little Lizard's First Day *

by Melinda Melton Crow

5. When I Grow Up

by Rick Grant (Local author)

6. Where I Live

by Rick Grant (Local author)

*digital book

In an effort to continue to foster the love for reading, students from kindergarten to grade 12 are encouraged to read more.

GOVERNOR AND UK FCDO DIRECTOR TO EXAMINE OPTIONS AND SOLUTIONS FOR POCKWOOD POND

Following a visit with the His Excellency Governor John Rankin, CMG and UK Director General for the Foreign and Commonwealth Development Office (FCDO) Vijay Rangarajan; Minister for Health and Social Development, Hon Vincent Wheatley has come to the realization that the current operations at the Pockwood Pond Incinerator are virtually unsustainable.

Presently, due to the incinerator's inoperable state, there is no incineration taking place, and the garbage is being buried with topsoil as a precaution against spontaneous combustion.

Hon. Wheatley, who is responsible for waste

disposal matter in the Territory noted the recent issues that have been plaguing the Pockwood Pond dumpsite including the issues relating to the burning of garbage. During the meeting Hon. Wheatley commented that the current method of getting rid of waste is not adequate for the environment nor for the Territory.

His Majesty's Representative in the BVI, Governor Rankin, while also addressing the visit, acknowledged his awareness of the issues associated with the continued use of landfills and the resulting smoke and disturbances affecting the people of the British

Virgin Islands as a result of operations at the Pockwood Pond dump. As such, His Excellency expressed a strong desire to collaborate with the government and find a solution.

The Governor emphasized the importance of an ideal incinerator that not only addresses the environmental concerns, but also has the capacity to generate energy for the grid, subsequently reducing electricity costs for residents. He further highlighted the dual significance of the issue, stating that it encompasses both environmental and economic aspects. Governor Rankin also mentioned the potential for improvement in

the lives of all Virgin Islands residents if the matter is handled effectively.

Following the Governor's comments, Minister Wheatley stated that he agreed that a better solution was needed and expressed gratitude for the visit of both His Excellency and the FCDO to the Pockwood Pond dump. Hon. Wheatley also noted that the issues with waste disposal in the Territory spanned decades, and he pledged to bring the issue to an end by finding a viable solution.

The Minister also embraced the concept of harnessing energy from waste at Pockwood Pond. He said that even a small

amount of energy generated could contribute to offsetting greenhouse emissions and reducing the overall carbon footprint of the Territory.

Meanwhile, Mr. Rangarajan conveyed his appreciation to the Governor and the Minister for the opportunity to explore waste processing options that are more environmentally viable and capable of producing energy. He reaffirmed the UK's commitment to supporting the British Virgin Islands, offering assistance in any capacity to help the Territory maximize its potential and preserve its natural beauty.



VACANCY

BVI Electricity Corporation ("BVI EC") is seeking an energetic, innovative and result-oriented professional candidate to fill the position of INTERNAL AUDITOR. The Internal Auditor will be accountable to the General Manager and to the Audit Committee for providing Management with an independent appraisal of the effectiveness and efficiency of corporate operations. To carry out a broad program of internal auditing in the Company, ensuring that audit work achieves the general purpose and responsibilities approved by the Board.

1. QUALIFICATIONS:

- A Master's Degree in Accounting or Finance or Business Management from an accredited University
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- Certified Fraud Examiner
- Certified Internal Auditor

2. EXPERIENCE:

- At least 8-10 years' working experience in Accounting and Auditing.
- At least 3 years' supervisory experience in a similar capacity.

3. PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES AND COMPETENCIES:

- Proficiency in Microsoft Office
- Ethical decision making skills
- Complex principles and practices of internal financial and operational auditing methods and procedures in a utility environment;
- Auditing computerized financial reporting and management information systems;
- Principles of budget preparation and control
- Knowledge of applicable laws relating to income taxes, company organisation and management and electricity regulation;
- Strong teaching, coaching, and mentoring skills
- Effective oral, written, and interpersonal communication skills
- Able to work well under pressure and meet tight deadlines
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4. SALARY:

Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

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- Interfaces with and supports management, including senior management, in an advisory role regarding strategic and tactical planning, developing managerial control systems, and evaluating the impact of operational situations on the company.
- Evaluates and makes recommendations for addressing operational problems.

How to Apply

Candidates meeting the above criteria should submit a cover letter, resume, two business references and two personal contact information references, recent salary history and a recent passport size photograph to humanresources@bvielectricity.com or the below address:

The General Manager
BVI Electricity Corporation
P. O. Box 268
Road Town, Tortola
British Virgin Islands

Disclaimer

This description of the position is meant to outline the general nature and level of work required. The responsibilities, duties and skills listed for the position are non-exhaustive and the successful candidate will be required to follow any other job-related instructions and to perform other job-related duties as requested.

CLOSING DATE: Wednesday July 26, 2023.

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Harneys advises ACG on US\$1 billion SPAC mine deal

Harneys is acting as legal counsel to ACG Acquisition Company Ltd, a BVI company, on a US\$1 billion-plus M&A transaction involving the purchase of mining rights in Brazil. The deal is backed by global miner Glencore, Chrysler parent Stellantis, and Volkswagen's battery unit PowerCo. The transaction is expected to close in July 2023 and is subject to the customary shareholder consents and conditions precedent.

ACG is a London-listed special purpose acquisition company (SPAC) and will buy the Santa Rita nickel sulphide and Serrote copper mines from private equity funds advised by Appian Capital. Only a few such deals have taken place in mining, and at listing, ACG was the first BVI-incorporated SPAC to list in London under the new listing rules.

The Harneys team was led by Partner George Weston with support from Partner Rachel Graham, Senior Associate James Kitching, and Associates Charlotte Allery, Rhonda Brown, and Priya Mattu.

George said: "We have been working closely with ACG for a number of years now and are delighted to see them reach agreement on this transaction. We wish them every success with their exciting future."

The Corporate team at Harneys excels at complex cross-border transactions involving BVI, Cayman Islands, Luxembourg, and Cyprus vehicles. The firm's significant track record includes complex mega-deals, high value private equity transactions, landmark IPOs, and the full spectrum of public and private M&A and joint ventures.

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Government Streamlines Work Permit Renewal Collection Process

The Government of the Virgin Islands has announced that effective immediately, employers, agents, and Human Resources Managers (HRMs) will now be able to

collect renewal work permits on behalf of their employees. This initiative is part of the ongoing efforts by the Ministry of Financial Services, Labour and Trade to streamline the work permit

process, with the aim of making it more convenient for employers and their valuable workforce. The initiative is through the Department of Labour and Workforce Development to

enhance the efficiency of the work permit process and improve the ease of doing business in the Territory.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Financial Services, Labour and Trade Honourable Lorna Smith, OBE, is encouraging all eligible businesses to take advantage of this initiative.

Honourable Smith highlighted the importance of providing a seamless experience for both employers and workers acknowledging the pivotal role the Department of Labour plays in supporting the Territory's workforce.

"Allowing employers, agents, and HR Managers to collect renewal work permits on behalf of their employees will enable organisations to optimise productivity by freeing up valuable time and resources for other critical business activities," Honourable Smith said, adding, "By allowing authorised representatives to collect renewal work permits, the Ministry expects a more efficient and convenient experience for all stakeholders, contributing to the overall growth and prosperity of the Territory."

Honourable Smith said the decision to authorise employers, agents, and HRMs to collect renewal work permits is based on careful consideration and valuable feedback from customers.

During a consultation meeting held on June 21 with business leaders representing Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs), the Minister mentioned that the matter as



Hon. Lorna Smith, OBE

actively being considered. She said that recognising the time-consuming nature of administrative procedures for employers and employees, this streamlined process aims to enhance efficiency and convenience while ensuring compliance with established guidelines.

Labour Commissioner, Michelle McLean, explains that this initiative is a testament to the Department's commitment to assisting its customers in fulfilling their workforce management needs. Over the next few months, the Ministry of Financial Services, Labour, and Trade, in collaboration with the Department's management, will explore further policies and procedures to minimise potential delays and improve overall operational efficiency.

To qualify for this initiative, the following criteria must be met:

Authorised Representation: Employers, agents, and HRMs must obtain written authorisation from the respective employee to collect their work permit. Written documentation must also be received from the employer, identifying the HRM or agent as the authorised representative of



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)

Ministry Of Health Finalises Social Protection Policy

The Ministry of Health and Social Development's Social Protection Policy and Action Plan for the Virgin Islands has been finalised following a workshop with key stakeholders.

Minister for Health and Social Development Honourable Vincent O. Wheatley addressed the stakeholders and emphasised that special attention should be paid to the relationship between mental health, climate change and social protection.

Honourable Wheatley

said, "At COP28 2023 (United Nations Climate Change Conference) in the United Arab Emirates, they have a full day dedicated to health including mental health. So, as we go through the exercise, bear in mind climate change, mental health and social protection. Think of it as one package because each one phases into the other."

Consultation on the development of the National Social Protection Policy and Action Plan for the Territory began in 2021 with support

from the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and lead consultant Dr. David Cownie of the Social Impact Assessment and Policy Analysis Corporation (SIAPAC).

SIAPAC produced a draft policy, action plan and monitoring, evaluation, and learning framework after extensive research which

included document reviews and virtual consultations.

The policy and action plan are expected to serve as a key policy framework for new social protection legislation and supporting institutional arrangements. The National Council for Human and Social Development (COHSOD) for the Virgin Islands

will be the coordinating body to ensure cohesive policy development and implementation of the social policy.

The Ministry of Health and Social Development remains committed to the development and improvement of the health and social well-being of the people of the Virgin Islands



St. George's Episcopal Schools



St. George's Episcopal Schools are searching for the following vacancies to be filled for the school year 2023-2024:

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Consideration will also be given to the candidate who is energetic, a team player and who is willing to support the continuing development of the St. George's Episcopal Schools.

Applications must include a cover letter, complete academic records, including a transcript and copies of degrees, diplomas, and certificates, as well as two character references.

All applications should be addressed to: Mrs. Cheryl Anderson-Rogers, Executive Principal, St. George's Episcopal Schools and emailed to:

sgps@stgedotvi.org (for primary applications)

sgss@stgedotvi.org (for secondary applications) no later than July 14th, 2023.

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DESCRIPTION:

Quijano & Associates (BVI) Limited (“QUIJANO BVI”) is a Class 1 Licensed British Virgin Islands Trust Company offering a comprehensive range of fiduciary and corporate management services. QUIJANO BVI is now accepting applications for an experienced professional to join its firm as a Compliance Officer & MLRO. Key Responsibilities Include:

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- preparing and submitting to the board of directors an annual compliance report;
- ensure annual training, provide advice and guidance to employees on subjects that relate to money laundering, terrorist financing and proliferation financing;
- informing senior management of compliance initiatives, compliance deficiencies, corrective action required and undertaken, new high-risk customers;
 - sanction screening and monitoring;
 - reporting suspected designated persons and sanction breaches to the Governor’s Office, FSC and FIA receiving and maintaining records of SARs/STRs;
 - promptly reporting every suspicious customer or transaction related to money laundering, terrorist financing, or proliferation financing relating to the Licensee to the Agency acting as liaison between the Licensee and the Agency;
 - ensuring staff compliance with internal reporting and compliance manual procedures relating to money laundering, terrorist financing and proliferation financing;
 - ensuring staff compliance with the Regulations, Proceeds of Criminal Conduct Act, the Code and any other enactment relating to money laundering, terrorist financing, and proliferation financing;
 - inform the Compliance Committee and/or the Board of Directors of suspicious activity reports filed with the FIA and any advice or guidance issued by the FIA; and all other functions as set out in the Regulations and Code.

Skills Knowledge and Expertise:

- Approved senior officer status
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- ICA/ACAMS or equivalent qualification preferred;
- Willing to take the lead in setting the tone for compliance culture;
- Willingness to stand by difficult decisions;
- Excellent IT skills, including Microsoft Outlook, Excel and Word;
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills; and
- Good analytical and organisational skills and ability to prioritise work load and meet tight deadlines.

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the business.

Valid Identification: Employers, agents, and HRMs must provide valid identification, such as government-issued identification cards or company-issued identification badges, when collecting work permits. This requirement ensures a secure and reliable collection process.

Employee Presence in the Territory: The employee must be physically present in the BVI during the work permit renewal collection process.

Valid Immigration Stamp: The employee must possess a valid immigration stamp in their passport, which must be presented during the collection of the work permit.

Recent Passport-Sized Photo: A recent passport-sized photograph, taken within the last six (6) months, must be provided. This photo will be uploaded onto the employee’s work permit card.

Compliance with Legal Requirements: Employers and employees must comply with all applicable labour laws and policies regarding work permits, including adhering to immigration laws and related legislation.

The Department of Labour and Workforce Development remains dedicated to offering solutions that foster a favourable business environment while prioritising the well-being and interests of both employees and employers.

For more information on the streamlined work permit renewal collection process, please contact the Department of Labour and Workforce Development at 468-4707/4708/9960 or by email at labour@gov.vg.

‘Sea Salps Are Harmless’- Public Concerns Addressed

Officials from the Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources, and Climate Change are addressing the public’s concerns about the presence of some marine creatures resembling jellyfish within the Territory’s waters.

Environmental Officer II/Marine Biologist Ms. Argel Horton explained that the creatures causing concern are not jelly fish but are in fact sea salps which are gelatinous creatures that are found in warm seas and are often overlooked in the world of marine biology.

“They are part of the tunicate family also known as sea squirts and are not harmful to humans, so residents don’t need to be nervous or scared when enjoying their usual visit to the beach,” Ms. Horton said.

The Marine Biologist said the appearance of sea salps on beaches correlates to phytoplankton blooms within the water, which is their food source.

“The more phytoplankton is present in the water, the more abundant the sea salps will be as they reproduce themselves through cloning,” she said, adding that the sea salps reproduce to match their food source.

“Their numbers will continue to increase until their food source is gone. They will then die off and wash up on the beach or sink to the ocean floor. They are important for cycling nutrients throughout the water column as they excrete nutrients to ocean communities,” Ms. Horton further stated.

There are about fifty species of salps in different parts of the ocean with some bearing the resemblance of little tubes, long snakes, and chandeliers hanging in the water. They can survive between two weeks and three months before being eaten by mackerel and tuna, or slowly fall to the seafloor where they are collected in vast quantities.

Persons are encouraged to telephone the ministry at 284-468-2147 for more information.

The Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change ministry is responsible for the effective management of natural resources of the Virgin Islands.



Leaders Plan Coordinated Response For Hurricane Season

Government agencies and key partners pledged to continue to work in close partnership to ensure that the Virgin Islands is as prepared as possible for the hurricane season during the annual meeting of the National Disaster Management Council (NDMC) held June 22.

His Excellency the Governor, John J. Rankin, who chairs the NDMC, said that close collaboration has been key to ensuring adequate preparedness in recent years.

“This is an area where the Premier and I are working together with the Deputy Governor and the Permanent Secretaries, as well as the Department of Disaster Management,” Governor Rankin said. He added, “We all must be prepared and the current warm temperatures are perhaps yet further evidence of the climate change affecting

the planet and the risk of more disruptive weather patterns to come.”

Council members shared updates on key actions taken so far such as marine and land-based emergency shelter inspections; structural integrity checks for key public facilities; repairs at schools; ghut clearance; training for first responders, and testing of emergency plans.

Premier, Honourable Dr. Natalio Wheatley thanked the council for their demonstrated commitment to improving the Territory’s resilience.

“I look forward to our continued collaboration toward integrating resilience into all of our systems,” Dr. Wheatley said, adding that in light of the early formation of named storms this season, the Territory cannot afford to rely on hope.

“We have to be on top of

our game and take action to be prepared for the possibility of storms or hurricanes,” the Premier said.

Deputy Governor David D. Archer, Jr. gave an overview of the 2023 Public Service Readiness Assessment, which gathers data about response plans, emergency operations plans, and measures to protect public officers and equipment.

“We know that the hazard environment is constantly evolving, so we likewise seek to constantly improve the levels

of readiness within the Public Service,” Mr. Archer said.

The group also heard a report on key public sector readiness from Director of Disaster Management Jasen Penn; a report from BVI Red Cross Director Stacy Lloyd on the organisation’s disaster risk reduction activities; and a hurricane season outlook from DDM Meteorologist Andrew Jackson.

The June 22 meeting was the group’s first time meeting in person since the start of the

COVID-19 pandemic. NDMC is the inter-agency body that sets Territorial disaster risk reduction policy. This body is responsible for carrying out actions that are in keeping with the Disaster Management Act and the Virgin Islands Comprehensive Disaster Management Strategy. The group includes Permanent Secretaries, the Financial Secretary, as well as leaders from key government departments, statutory bodies, and non-governmental partners.



British Virgin Islands

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FOR

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The British Virgin Islands Electricity Corporation (BVIEC) wishes to invite suitably qualified consultants to provide advice and guidance to the Board of Directors on the establishment of a comprehensive procurement framework for BVIEC. The assignment is expected to be executed on a part-time basis over five (5) months.

The BVIEC now wishes to procure the services of a Procurement Consultant for the assignment to write the procurement policy of BVIEC, to draft the job description for the Head of Procurement and supporting staff etc. For further information regarding this consultancy including a detailed copy of the Terms of Reference, please refer to the following website: <https://bvielectricity.com/> or email: humanresources@bvielectricity.com

Expressions of Interest should include a detailed resume and cover letter in a sealed envelope outlining your relevant academic qualifications/certifications, which must be received by BVIEC no later than **4:00 PM on Friday 14th July 2023**. The sealed envelope should be clearly marked “**Expression of Interest: Procurement Consultant**” and a return address.

The proposals must be addressed to:

**The General Manager
B.V.I. Electricity Corporation
P.O. Box 268
Road Town, Tortola
British Virgin Islands**

The BVIEC reserves the right to accept or reject late expressions of interest or to cancel the present invitation partially or in its entirety. It will not be bound to assign any reason for not engaging the services of any applicant and will not defray any costs incurred by any applicant in the preparation and submission of Expressions of Interest.



Community Learns, Moves and Discovers at 4th annual Sports Festival celebrating Olympic Day

Tortola, British Virgin Islands, June 27, 2023 – Adults and children celebrated Olympic Day with activities on Tortola, Virgin Gorda and Jost Van Dyke on Saturday, June 24.

The 4th annual free Sports Festival organised by the BVI Olympic Committee (BVI OC) took place at the A. O. Shirley Grounds. The morning event, featuring 14 activity stations hosted by National Federations and the BVI Heritage Dancers, was abuzz with excitement and energy. Moving from one sport to the next, attendees of all ages and abilities shot, ran, pitched, dunked, cycled, volleyed, side-stepped, kicked and danced their way around the field.

BVI OC 1st Vice President Sabinah Clement opened the morning with the “Let’s Move” invitation from International Olympic Committee President Thomas Bach. The call was to discover an inspiring activity to incorporate as a daily movement to optimise physical and mental wellbeing.

“Olympic Day is an annual

celebration focused on improving the quality of life of our community. The annual Sports Festival, brought to life by our national federations, and the events across the sister islands hosted by LTAD ambassadors, provide a window of opportunity for everyone to move together and discover an array of activities from walking to dancing for a happier and healthier lifestyle,” said Ms. Clement. “I encourage you to use the morning to learn, move and discover.”

His Excellency the Governor Mr. John Rankin lent his voice to the call to action, citing in particular his support of events that get the youth engaged and active. Highlighting the remarkable achievements of the sportsmen and -women of the Virgin Islands, Governor Rankin made special mention of 400m hurdles Commonwealth champion Kyron McMaster, sprint phenomenon Adeaajah Hodge and the NBA draft D’Moi Hodge recently signed to the L.A. Lakers - the roll call indicating an unusual wealth of

talent per capita to be discovered and developed starting at events such as the Sports Festival.

BVI OC Athlete Representative and Athletes’ Association Chair, Olympian Ashley Kelly echoed the encouragement to get active.

Participating National Federations included the Virgin Islands Archery Association, BVI Athletics Association, BVI Basketball Federation in collaboration with Mr. Milton McClean, BVI Cycling Federation, BVI Rugby Football Union, BVI Royal Yacht Club for sailing, Virgin Islands Softball/Baseball Association, BVI Squash Rackets Association, Boynes Taekwondo Academy, BVI Triathlon Federation and the Virgin Islands Volleyball Association. The Netball association also was represented while the BVI Heritage Dancers participated for the first time this year. Each station host reported signing up new recruits to their sport and dance troupe.

Dr. Harlan Vanterpool and Dr. Ryan Kelly representing the BVI National Anti-Doping Commission were in attendance to speak on the anti-doping regulations and clean sports.

San Salvador 2023 CAC Games’ athletes and coaches attending the first major Games of the year were also acknowledged and congratulated on making the team. In person at the Sports Festival were the Gumbs twins - Djimon (shot put and discus) and Diamante (discus) and Ritseeniyah Georges (compound archery), who all make their first appearances at a CAC Games. The VI will be represented at San Salvador 2023 from June 26 – July 8 in track and field, sailing and – for the first time in the territory’s sporting history – archery.

The Trident 10K Championship and Olympic Day 10k, 5k and 1k Race kicked off at 6:30am on Tortola as the community on Virgin Gorda took part in a walk/run followed by a friendly game of softball. Early risers joined in a roundtrip walk from Great Harbour to White Bay on Jost Van Dyke.

BVI OC President, Ephraim



Penn, who was in El Salvador for the Centro Caribe Sports AGM ahead of the opening of the 24th CAC Games, acknowledged the station hosts, sponsors and event supporters for a successful day. “The Executive Board is pleased with the collaborative effort between the BVI OC, National Federations and community groups to celebrate Olympic Day and act in unity for the greater good,” said Mr. Penn.

Sponsors and supporters

included Road Town Wholesale, distributor of Coca-Cola products Dasani water and Powerade, and the National Bank of the Virgin Islands.

Olympic Day was established in 1948 as an annual occasion where everyone everywhere can get together in their communities to celebrate the Olympic values of Respect, Excellence, Friendship and Peace while celebrating the Olympic Day pillars: move, learn discover together for peace.



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Contract Signed For Long Swamp Pump Station

The Government of the Virgin Islands has signed a contract for the construction of an Inspection Chamber, Wet Wells and Mechanical Components for the Long Swamp Pump Station at the Cutlass Tower.

The contract in the amount of five hundred and eleven thousand, seven hundred and eighty-six dollars and ninety-seven cents (\$511,786.97) was awarded to Mr. Patrick Mitchell of Bio-Safe Treatment and Septic Solutions and will also see the procurement and installation of pumps at the station.

Premier and Minister of Finance, Honourable Dr. Natalio Wheatley stated that his Government is working to upgrade the sewage and road infrastructure to a better condition in areas including Cane Garden Bay and in Road Town as well as Burt Point.

The Premier said, "We are making a strong effort, sometimes those efforts are frustrated or delayed, but I have made a commitment and a determination that before the end of this term we are going to have our sewage situation sorted out in East End Long Look and we are going to have better roads. Part of the delay

in being able to improve the road network in East End Long Look has to do with the works that we have to do with the sewage. I am determined as well that we will replace the old water lines in the distribution network."

Minister for Communication and Works Honourable Kye Rymer gave a synopsis of the works to be completed at the Long Swamp Pump Station and noted that the project has experienced some setbacks.

Honourable Rymer said as the minister responsible for the Territory's sewerage network, he is constantly faced with questions of when would the decades-old issue of sewerage in East End and Long Look area be addressed.

Honourable Rymer said, "Today I am happy that we can get this major component of the project signed and I am also pleased that in short order we should be back to sign another major contract for the repair of the Paraquita Bay Waste Water Treatment Plant and the construction of a Sludge Treatment facility."

Chief Executive Officer for Bio-safe Treatment & Septic Solutions, Mr. Patrick Mitchell thanked the

Government of the Virgin Islands for choosing his company to complete the works at the Long Swamp Station and called for the creation of an educational platform where business owners of restaurateurs, laundromats and garages can learn about the importance of proper disposal of their by-products.

Mr. Mitchell said, "I know this was something that was supposed to happen a long time ago as the Premier said, but it's great to see it happening for the first time at least in the East End area. I hope that we do an educational programme in terms of what we are going to do in East End."

The full video of the contract signing can be viewed on the Government's Facebook page at [BVIGovernment](https://www.facebook.com/BVIGovernment).

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



(Left to right): Minister for Communication and Works Honourable Kye Rymer, Acting Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Communications and Works Mrs. Elvia Smith-Maduro, Mr. Patrick Mitchell of Bio-safe Treatment & Septic Solutions, Premier and Minister of Finance Dr. the Honourable Natalio Wheatley.



Contracts being signed (Photo credit: GIS/R. Frazer)





GLOBAL NEWS BRIEF

STORIES SELECTED BY **GIORGIO MIGLIAVACCA**

ROME- Manuela Costantini, a young medical researcher in the urology department of the Regina Elena National Tumor Institute (IRE), has received a special mention for precision medicine at the 13th edition of the prestigious "Taobuk Festival SeeSicily" at Taormina for designing an electronic nose capable of making early diagnoses of urological tumours.

The results of Costantini's research were recently published in the journals *Cancers* and *Biosensor* Basel.

The 'e-Nose' is able to identify olfactory molecular traces that are specific to different types of urological tumours. (ANSA).

USA -U.S. intelligence services on Friday declassified a report on the potential links between the Wuhan Institute of Virology (WIV) and the origin of the Covid-19 pandemic. Although some excerpts remain censored, the report points to two alternative hypotheses and is inconclusive. Some U.S. agencies believe SARS-CoV-2, the novel coronavirus that causes Covid, evolved in nature while others suspect it was developed in a laboratory.

The report was issued in compliance with a law approved by the U.S. Congress and signed by President Joe Biden last March, which obliged the government to produce the information available

to the intelligence services on the possible links between the WIV and the origin of the coronavirus pandemic within 90 days.

The report, conducted by the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, warns at the outset that it does not weigh up the merits of the two most likely pandemic origins hypotheses, nor does it provide information about other biological facilities in Wuhan, where the first cases were detected, beyond the WIV. [El Pais]

LIVER CANCER - More and more scientific evidence supports public health interventions through taxes on harmful products, such as tobacco, alcohol and sugary drinks. A new study, presented this week at the Congress of the European Association for the Study of the Liver (EASL), predicts that the establishment of minimum prices, combined with a tax increase, could reduce cases of liver cancer by around 5% and chronic liver disease by 7% by 2030.

The research is based on a model with data from three countries (France, the Netherlands and Romania), but according to Maria Buti, EASL Public Health Councillor, who invited EL PAÍS to this congress, the figures can be extrapolated to practically all of Europe, "the continent with the highest rates of alcohol consumption in the

world."

A study published in *The Lancet* in December 2021 estimated that 287,000 people die every year on the continent due to liver diseases, which are not only caused by alcohol, but also due to other bad nutritional habits, a sedentary lifestyle and infections, though the latter are less and less common. Since 1990, deaths from chronic liver disease have increased by 25% and from liver cancer by 70%.

A model being presented in Vienna collects epidemiological and alcohol intake data from the three countries, calculates the foreseeable drops in consumption (which have already been seen in countries like the United Kingdom) and projects their impact on liver diseases.

The researchers have tested this simulation with three tax and price models. The one that yields the best results is to impose a minimum price of one euro for each unit of alcohol, a measure used in research that is equivalent to 10 grams of pure alcohol, regardless of what drink it is served in. It would be less than what a can of beer contains. If applied, a bottle of any distillate with 40% alcoholic volume could not be sold for less than €24, nor a bottle of wine for less than seven. [El Pais]

TEMPERATURES RISING - Dangerous heat in European countries in 2022 disproportionately affected people with disabilities, who faced risk of physical, social and mental health distress and even death due to temperature

extremes, according to a report by leading watchdog Human Rights Watch.

People with disabilities are more likely to have health conditions or use medication that can affect the body's ability to respond to heat, with HRW calling for more support.

The report comes not long after other recent research found that 2 billion people will live in hazardous heat conditions by the end of the century if climate policies continue on their current trajectory. That represents 23% of the projected global population.

If the climate warms more drastically — a potential scenario under current policies — about 3.3 billion people could face extreme temperatures by the end of the century, according to a study published in the *Nature Sustainability* journal in May.

The study, led by scientists at the UK's University of Exeter and Nanjing University in China, found that 60 million people are already exposed to dangerous heat levels, characterized by an average temperature of 29 degrees Celsius (84.2 degrees Fahrenheit) or higher. [Deutsche Welle]

CARIBBEAN CLIMATE - The Caribbean Climate Outlook Forum (CariCOF) on Friday said that tropical Pacific and Atlantic Ocean temperatures should remain well above average, steadily amplifying heat stress in the Caribbean by increasing temperatures, humidity, and heat wave frequency.

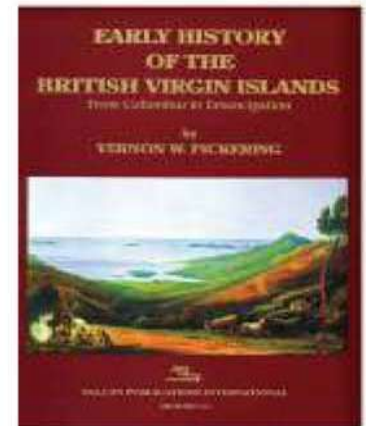
In its forecast for the period July to September, the Barbados-based entity noted that the coinciding unusually warm Pacific and Atlantic have opposing effects on Caribbean rainfall and hurricane season activity.

"For now, the record-warm Atlantic appears to dominate, resulting in little concern for drought due to copious wet season rains," CariCOF said in its latest Caribbean Climate Outlook Newsletter. [CNW]

ANTIGUA - The International Monetary Fund (IMF) says economic activity is on a solid recovery path in Antigua and Barbuda after a sharp decline during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

It said growth is projected at 7.8 and 5.5 per cent for 2022 and 2023, respectively, on the back of robust tourism and construction activity.

According to the Washington-based financial institution, which



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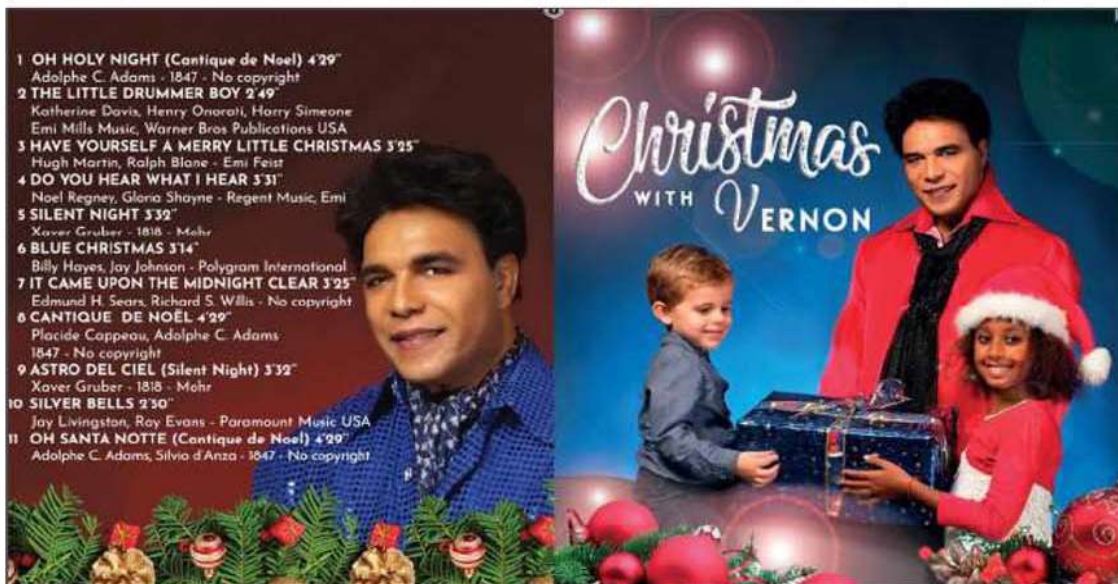
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concluded a mission to the Caribbean island last weekend, the number of stayover tourists bounced back, reaching 98 per cent of pre-pandemic levels during the first four months of 2023, with arrivals from the United States and the United Kingdom taking the lead. [CMC/CNW]

SANTO DOMINGO.- The Dominican Republic has been selected by the FIFA Council as the host country for the 2024 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup. This historic decision marks the first time the Dominican Republic will host a World Cup event and the second time a Caribbean nation has been chosen as a host.

In addition to the Dominican Republic, the FIFA Council also designated other host countries for upcoming tournaments. Indonesia will host the FIFA U-17 World Cup 2023™, Colombia will host the FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup 2024, and Uzbekistan will host the 2024 FIFA Futsal World Cup. FIFA has stated that the schedule for these competitions will be confirmed at a later date. Rubén García, the president of the Dominican Football Federation, expressed his delight with the country being chosen to host the U-17 Women's World Cup, emphasizing the significance of this opportunity for the Dominican Republic. [Dominican Today]



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Through the Lens of The Sunny Side



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Green Sprouts Eco Club Champions Environmental Resilience at Symposium

In a remarkable display of dedication to environmental sustainability, the Green Sprouts Eco Club (GSEC) made a lasting impact at the Mangrove and Environmental Resilience Symposium hosted at the H. Lavity Stoutt Community College on 12 June.

At the event Founder and Program Director, Julie Swartz, and her Colleague Jahnai Caul engaged in interactive discussions and networking sessions with distinguished guests and organizational colleagues. The symposium served as a platform for environmental enthusiasts to come together and exchange ideas on fostering environmental resilience.

With heartfelt appreciation, the Green Sprouts Eco Club extended their gratitude to the Unite BVI Foundation, Well Beings, and other contributors who have consistently supported their mission.

During the symposium, the GSEC team had the privilege of connecting with Mark Martin and his team from the esteemed Vieques Conservation & Historical Trust (VCHT). This invaluable encounter allowed for the exchange of knowledge and experiences, enhancing the club's understanding of conservation efforts. Additionally, the team was fortunate to receive invaluable advice from Ms. Masha Kalinina on the implementation of charitable initiatives.

The GSEC's impactful initiative, known as the 'GSEC - Welcome to Wetlands Programme,' was also highlighted during the event. Through this program, the club endeavors to introduce students to the diverse and awe-inspiring world of the Virgin Gorda Wetlands. By fostering environmental resiliency at their Gun Creek Restoration Site, the GSEC aims

to instill a deep sense of responsibility and respect for nature in the younger generation.

The Green Sprouts Eco Club, a renowned environmental youth club in the British Virgin Islands, remains steadfast in their commitment to educating and empowering youths on sustainable practices. Their eco-educative youth outreach programs focus on fostering environmental accountability, youth leadership, and marine development.

Swartz, expressed her enthusiasm for the symposium and the club's ongoing efforts, stating, "Our goal is to nurture a generation of environmentally conscious individuals who will become the custodians of our precious ecosystems. The symposium has provided us with inspiration, guidance, and valuable connections to further our cause."

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Ladyburd Talks...

Dear Readers: It's the summer... Are you going on vacation this year or is it a staycation. Well, whether you opt to take a staycation rather than a vacation in order to save money, avoid holiday travel, or any other reason, these staycation strategies can help you plan a staycation that's worth it.

- **Set the Time and Date**---Give your staycation a start and end date -- otherwise, it runs the risk of feeling like just another string of nights in front of the tube. So coordinate your calendars, synchronize your watches, and settle on specific days when the two of you can officially be on staycation.
- **Put Out the "You're Not Welcome" Mat**---You wouldn't take your friends or relatives with you on a romantic getaway, would you? Then don't invite them to participate in your staycation: Lock the door, close the blinds, silence the phones. A staycation just for the two of you.
- **Follow a Staycation Budget**.... Chances are, one big reason for planning a staycation rather than a vacation is that cash is short. Good news: You can take a staycation for next to nothing. An evening of inexpensive red wine and pizza, when savored together by candlelight, can be very romantic, especially if you turn off the tube and play music for lovers. If you can afford to splurge on fine staycation dining, consider ordering some Anegada lobster dinner complete with chowder, corn on the cob, or your special dish.
- **Make a Home Spa Night Part of Your Staycation.** Why pay strangers good money to pummel and pick at you when your beloved is willing to do it for free? Find out here how to create a home spa that replicates the experience of a real one.
- **Read a Book You've Been Meaning to:** No need to wait till summer vacation to tackle War & Peace any more. On your staycation, you have the luxury of time to sit back, relax, and immerse yourself in a great book. Whether your taste runs to bestsellers, contemporary literature the classics, or travel titles, a staycation is your opportunity to mentally visit other places and times.
- **Or Check Into a local Hotel for a few days,** and walk around town like a tourist that is seeing the place for the first time.
- Have fun on you vacation or staycation.

Source : About.com for more staycation ideas.



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Dear Ladyburd: I just moved in a new Apartment, and it seems as if my Landlord is coming into my Apartment when I am not home. I was so upset when I saw signs that someone was in my apartment. Do you think I should confront him or report it to the Police?...**George**

Ladyburd: **Dear George:** I would suggest before you report the matter, Have a talk with your Landlord and ask him if he came into your apartment when you were not at home. If he says he came to check on something or give you some sort of story, Let him know you do not appreciate it, and if it happens again, you will be reporting the matter to the Police.

Dont start a war.



Light Bulb Moments

"Perfection is not attainable. But if we chase perfection we can catch excellence." —
Vince Lombardi

"Generosity is giving more than you can, and pride is taking less than you need. "

Khalil Gibran

Poetry Corner

A Summer Night

I feel the breath of
the summer night,
Aromatic fire:
The trees, the vines,
the flowers are a stir
With tender desire.

The white moths
flutter about the
lamp,
Enamoured with
light;
And a thousand
creates softly sing
A song to the night!

But I am alone, and
how can I sing
Praises to thee?
Come, Night! unveil
the beautiful soul
That waiteth for me.

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Tickle My Funny Bones



The Patient

The nurse is registering a new patient, "When is your birthday?"

The patient replies, "October 22."

The nurse asks, "What year?"

The patient shrugs, "Every year!"

Straight As

Little Johnny's already been expelled from many schools because of his bad marks and mean behavior.

His dad is out of his wits and finally decides to put him in a catholic school.

And all of a sudden,

Little Johnny starts bringing home straight As

and glowing behavior reports.

His daddy is shocked

and asks him what changed.

"You know dad," says Little Johnny, "I come to our classroom – there's a guy nailed to the wall.

I go to another room – a guy nailed to the wall.

Third room – same, a guy nailed to the wall. Dad, they're not messing around there!"

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"I got a new pair of gloves today, but they're both lefts, which, on the one hand, is great, but on the other, it's just not right."

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**DIVAS
ON A DIME**
By Patti Diamond

**Homemade Ice Pops to
Beat the Summer Heat**

Independence Day is just around the corner. Celebrating the Fourth of July brings a sense of patriotism and community as people gather to enjoy parades, fireworks and barbecues. The summer heat adds an extra sizzle to the festivities, making it the perfect time to cool down by indulging in ice pops.

Before you dash to the grocery store, why don't we make popsicles at home? Here's a refreshing treat bursting with red, white and blue colors and fresh fruity flavors that bring relief on hot summer days.

Store bought pops are often full of sugar, artificial flavoring and dyes. How else can you get those neon colors not found in nature? While it's fun for the kiddies to stick out their electric blue tongues, we can make healthy,

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Savor the season with patriotic ice pops

delicious and nutritious pops they will love.

Do-it-yourself popsicles are so easy, you can literally put any flavorful fluid you wish in a popsicle mold, freeze it and make people happy. The molds can be found online, in practically any grocery store, even at dollar stores. Or you can opt for a nostalgic throwback and use craft sticks in little paper cups like back in the day. Remember ripping the paper off those chunky juicy ice pops?

Making popsicles at home can be as healthy and virtuous or as indulgent and decadent as you wish. They don't have to be complicated; you can simply freeze fruit juice, soda or instant pudding, and the kids will love them. Make them with yogurt, fresh fruit, and roll them in granola, and they're a breakfast treat. Make them with coffee or your favorite cocktail ingredients, and they're an adult treat. And the best part, you can have an infinity of flavors, and they're still totally cheap!

The recipe I'm sharing today is meant to truly help you beat the summer's heat. We're making a very healthy, light, refreshing popsicle brimming with electrolytes. Electrolytes are minerals (which include calcium, magnesium, potassium and sodium) your body needs. Electrolytes regulate hydration, muscle and nerve function, blood pressure and your body's pH levels. Imbalances or deficiencies in electrolytes can cause everything from muscle cramps and fatigue to irregular heartbeat and seizures. When we perspire, we lose electrolytes. How fun to concoct a popsicle that helps to replace them!

We start with a coconut water base and add a simple syrup made with ginger. Coconut water rehydrates and replenishes electrolytes, especially potassium. When choosing coconut water, look for one that's 100% juice with minimal ingredients -- ideally just "coconut water." Ginger is a powerful anti-inflammatory with antioxidant properties. Next, we add watermelon and blueberries, both packed with antioxidants, vitamins and minerals.

**PATRIOTIC
ICE POPS**

- Yield: approximately 3 3/4 cups
- Servings: 10 (3-ounce) ice pops
- 2 tablespoons candied ginger, minced
- 1/4 cup sugar

The Sunny Side Up

- Pinch sea salt
- 2 cups coconut water
- 1 1/2 cups watermelon, cubed
- 1/2 cup blueberries or blackberries

In a small saucepan, bring ginger, sugar, salt and 1/4 cup water to a boil. Let this reduce for about 5 minutes or until approximately 1/3 cup. Set aside to cool. When cooled, add the coconut water and stir. Use either a small melon baller or knife to make bite-size pieces of watermelon that will fit into your ice pop molds. Divide the watermelon pieces and berries among the popsicle molds. Fill with the coconut ginger mixture, and add your popsicle sticks. Freeze at least 4 hours, or better, overnight.

What a perfect way to end a summer evening on the patio, feeling like a kid again. See you next week!

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POLICE NEWS

ARREST BLOTTER

JUNE 4 – JUNE 18, 2023

BREACH OF PROTECTION ORDER

On 04-06-2023 at about 1000hrs, Police arrested and charged Leroy Thomas, 46, of Sea Cows Bay for Breach of Protection Order. He was taken before the Magistrate's Court and granted bail in the sum of \$20,000 to appear before Magistrate's Court on 29-06-2023.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A CONTROL DRUG

1. On 06-06-2023 at about 1416hrs, Police arrested and charged a 16-year-old male of Belmont Estate with the offences of Possession of a Control Drug with Intent to Supply to Another and Possession of a Control Drug. He was granted bail in the sum of \$10,000 with one surety to appear before Magistrate's Court on 18-07-2023.

2. On 12-06-2023 at 2100hrs, Police arrested and charged Tyler Vanterpool Christian, 22, of Horse Path for the Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Drug. He was granted bail in the sum of \$3,000 with one surety to appear before Magistrate's Court on 27-07-2023.

WOUNDING

1. On 07-06-2023 at 1655hrs, Police arrested and charged Walter Springette, 40, of Sea Cows Bay for Wounding and Causing Grievous Bodily Harm with Intent. He appeared before Magistrate's Court and was placed on remand.

2. On 12-06-2023 at 1618hrs, Police arrested and charged Ke'moi Cadore, 28, of Windy Hill for the Wounding. He was granted bail in the sum of \$5,000 with one surety to appear before Magistrate's Court on 24-07-2023.

CARRYING AN UNLICENCED FIREARM

1. On 10-06-2023 at about 2330hrs, Police arrested and charged Casheem Walters, 31, of Josiah's Bay for Carrying an Unlicenced Firearm and Unlawful Possession of Ammunition. He was granted bail in the sum of \$70,000 to appear before Magistrate's Court at a later sitting.

2. On 10-06-2023 at about 2330hrs, Police arrested and charged Khalil Jason Winter, 25, of Major Bay for Carrying an Unlicenced Firearm and Unlawful Possession of Ammunition. He was granted bail in the sum of \$70,000 to appear before Magistrate's Court at a later sitting.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A FIREARM

On 15-06-2023 at about 1226hrs, Police arrested and charged Travis Osbourne, 29, of Carrot Bay with two counts of Keeping an Unlicensed Firearm. He appeared before the Magistrate's Court and was placed on remand.

CRIMINAL DAMAGE

On 11-06-2023 at 1720hrs, Police arrested and charged Miguel A Encarnacion, 38, a native of Dominica Republic for Criminal Damage and Criminal Trespass. He appeared before Magistrate's Court and was placed on remand.

DRIVING WITHOUT DRIVER'S LICENSE

On 12-06-2023 at about 1710hrs, Police arrested and charged a 17-year-old male of Parham Town for Driving without Driver's License, Drive Unlicensed, Uninsured vehicle, Tinted Windows, Driving without Seatbelt and Giving Police False Information. He was granted bail with one surety to appear before Magistrate's Court on 24-07-2023 at 0900hrs

THE WEEK IN CORRUPTION

By *Transparency International*

When discrimination and corruption go hand in hand, they perpetuate injustice and exclusion. In the spirit of the month of June, we want to emphasise there is no pride in corruption.

With this year's Pride Month coming to a close, it's important to reflect on the progress the LGBTQI+ community has achieved. The world has come a long way! But it's equally important to be aware there is still a long journey ahead before full equality can be realised around the world.

On Tuesday, Estonia became the first ex-Soviet state to legalise same-sex marriage, reflecting a commendable increase in acceptance rates among the population. The Baltic state joined 34 other countries to legalise same-sex marriage and is the second in the eastern bloc, just after Slovenia.

While this is a step forward for Estonia, many other European countries have taken two steps back. Violence

against the community is becoming more prevalent in many places, **most notably in Russia and Poland.** And just this week, there was an attempted attack during the Pride parade in Vienna.

This drastic swing of the pendulum for human rights is a concerning global problem. We've seen a sharp increase in anti-LGBTQI+ legislation in the US, with at least 417 new anti-LGBTQI+ laws this year alone – making it the

highest number in the nation's history.

Meanwhile, the Ugandan president introduced one of the "harshest" anti-LGBTQI+ laws in the world. The new law outlaws and criminalises same-sex relations and even punishes those who support LGBTQI+ rights, including healthcare workers.



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The LGBTQI+ community continues to experience discrimination. Anti-LGBTQI+ laws not only violate human rights but also fuel corruption. The effects of these laws are intersectional, with trans folks enduring higher rates of violence on a global scale.

Members of the community face heightened

corruption risks and are systematically targeted by law enforcement agents. Because of historical discrimination and an understandable lack of trust in institutions, LGBTQI+ individuals are less inclined to report incidents of corruption. This further perpetuates the cycle of discrimination, leaving them more vulnerable to corruption.

Corruption within the health sector also poses significant challenges for the community, since LGBTQI+ persons can face barriers in accessing vital healthcare. These barriers are exacerbated by corruption when healthcare providers exploit their position, demanding bribes in exchange for necessary services. With the newly passed law in Uganda, experts predict that those seeking medical support for sexually transmitted infections will be driven underground, creating a surge in HIV cases.

Corruption also impacts LGBTQI+ individuals' access to political participation. How are discriminatory laws supposed to change if political parties lack representation? LGBTQI+ individuals are wildly underrepresented in politics, and corruption serves as an obstacle for members of the community to run for office to eventually amend anti-LGBTQI+ laws and drive inclusive policymaking.

Although there is a long road ahead to ensure everyone can live their truth and love without fear, there is still reason for hope. Here's the thing: **our advocacy and support of the LGBTQI+ community cannot be confined to this month; it is a year-round commitment to keep standing up for equality and freedom every day.**

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THE ISLAND SUN

celebrity extra

by Dana Jackson

Q. I know that HBO's "Succession" got a lot of praise and will probably clean up at the Emmy's, but I enjoyed the show "Billions" much more. When does it return with new episodes? — *M.F.*

A. Showtime's "Billions" will return for its seventh and final season this August. Damian Lewis, who left the series at the end of season five, is back for several episodes, reuniting with cast members Paul Giamatti, Corey Stoll and Maggie Siff.

Unlike "Succession," which appears to be over for good with no announced spin-offs, "Billions" has several planned spin-off series in the works, including the tentatively titled "Millions" and "Trillions." Paramount Pictures president and CEO Chris McCarthy stated, "This final season is packed full of the incredible, complex dialogue and character dynamics fans have come to love, and we are thrilled to partner with them on turning this hit series into a global franchise."

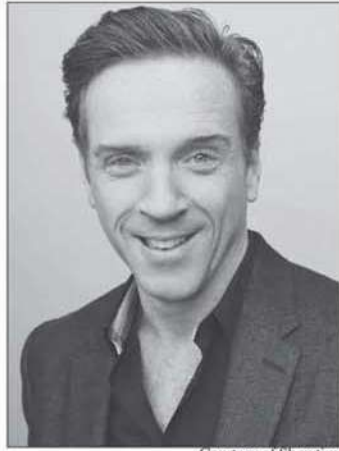
"Billions" will premiere first for subscribers of Paramount+ with Showtime on Friday, Aug. 11, before airing on Showtime on Sunday, Aug. 13.

Q. I was disappointed to hear that the sitcom "American Auto" has been canceled. Is there any chance it will end up somewhere else? — *T.T.*

A. Justin Spitzer, the creative mind behind the NBC sitcom "American Auto," recently revealed on Twitter what he had in store for the third season of his critically acclaimed comedy series. Unfortunately, unless another network or streaming service picks it up, we won't get to see Ana Gasteyer's Katherine Hastings and Payne Motors "finally finding success and taking the world by storm."

NBC also gave the ax to two other beloved sitcoms: "Grand Crew," which starred Nicole Byer ("Nailed It!") and Echo Kellum ("Arrow"), and "Young Rock," which was based on Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson's childhood.

On a positive note, NBC has renewed a dozen of its shows, including modern takes on classics like "Magnum P.I.," "Night Court" and "Quantum Leap." The hit futuristic drama "La Brea" will also return, and the trio of "Law &



Courtesy of Showtime
Damian Lewis
(*"Billions"*)

Order" and "Chicago" shows will all be back with new episodes.

Regarding "Magnum P.I.," it was picked up by NBC after CBS canceled it, and not only has NBC saved it, they've renewed it for not just one, but two seasons! Perhaps "American Auto," too, will get a second chance somewhere, someday.

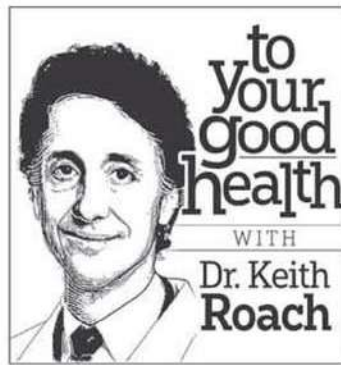
Q. Where have I seen the actor who stars in "Citadel" with Priyanka Chopra? Has he been in any series I might have seen? — *S.A.*

A. Scottish actor Richard Madden has been around for quite a while, but is probably most recognizable as Robb Stark in the first three seasons of the iconic HBO series "Game of Thrones." He went on to star as Prince Kit in the 2015 release of "Cinderella," which also starred Lily James and Cate Blanchett. He was nominated for a Golden Globe Award for his title role in the British miniseries "Bodyguard." He played Elton John's manager in the film biopic "Rocketman," and then became part of the Marvel Universe as Ikaris in "Eternals."

"Citadel" has been renewed for a second season by Amazon Prime Video.

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

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High Blood Pressure Readings Call for Additional Medication

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am a 68-year-old female who was diagnosed with high blood pressure at 32. I am 5 feet, 5 inches tall and weigh 130 pounds. I've been taking 240 mg of verapamil for all of these years.

A few years back, my medication started coming in 120-mg dosages, so I started taking one in the morning and one at night. My blood pressure both at home and at the doctor's office is often higher than I think it should be, averaging 138/88.

Recently, I used a 24-hour blood pressure monitor, which showed that more than 50% of my daytime readings were above 140/90, while my nighttime readings averaged 118/82. I am still waiting to hear back from my doctor regarding the results of this test, but I wanted to get your thoughts. Should I be on some other type of medication? Should I alter the timing to get better daytime readings? — *E.T.*

ANSWER: In my opinion, these readings are not ideal. Twenty-four-hour, ambulatory blood pressure readings are usually 5 to 10 points lower than office blood pressure readings, so your average daytime readings are correspondingly higher.

There is strong evidence that in people at high risk for heart attack (such as those who are already known to have blockages), controlling blood pressure to an average of less than 120 systolic (the first or top number) and less than 70 diastolic (the second or bottom number) reduces risk. It's not as clear for people who are at a lower risk, such as people who have high blood pressure without any additional risks.

In my own practice, however, I will

usually try to get my patients close to those optimal numbers, as long as the medication does not cause side effects. In a situation like yours, I would consider additional daytime medicine. More verapamil might be reasonable, but many doctors might use a different medication, such as a diuretic, in the morning to try to get the optimal blood pressure with less risk of side effects.

Very often, the choice of blood pressure medication depends on any other medical issues a person may have. Only your doctor knows enough about your medical condition to make a personalized recommendation.

DEAR DR. ROACH: Can you eat eggs if you have a severe allergy to them? I ask this because my grandson vomited after eating scrambled eggs for the first time, so my daughter-in-law took him to four doctors until she found one who agreed with her that he had a severe allergic reaction. (The first three said he did not.) Since then, he has eaten baked foods with eggs in them without getting a reaction. — *G.A.*

ANSWER: Egg allergies are among the most common childhood food allergies, second only to cow's milk. Symptoms of a severe egg allergy can start within minutes of eating an egg product, with skin changes (flushing, itching or swelling) and problems with the airway (swelling of the throat or a change in voice). Not all people — whether they're adults or children — get skin changes, and gastrointestinal symptoms are also common. Although vomiting may occur, other symptoms (looking pale, lethargy or diarrhea) commonly occur.

A single episode of vomiting is not strong evidence of a food allergy. Blood and skin testing are sometimes used to evaluate whether an allergy is truly present.

More importantly, repeated exposure without symptoms is evidence against the diagnosis of a food allergy (although it is possible there was not enough egg in what your grandson ate to trigger a reaction). I strongly recommend a consultation with an allergist.

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

- The largest volcano in the solar system is Olympus Mons, on Mars, standing at an impressive 13.6 miles high with a diameter of approximately 370 miles. That's nearly three times the height of Mt. Everest.

- During World War II, a U.S. naval destroyer won a battle against a Japanese submarine by throwing — wait for it — potatoes at them. The Japanese thought they were grenades.

- Lettuce is a member of the sunflower family.

- Gennaro Pelliccia, a taster for Costa Coffee, had his tongue insured for \$22 million.

- To leave a party without telling anyone is called, in English, a "French exit." And in French? Appropriately enough, it's known as a "partir à l'anglaise," or, to leave like the English.

- The rotund Buddha so commonly depicted in statues and pictures isn't at all an accurate representation. Instead, his real-life counterpart was actually quite thin, due to self-deprivation.

- GPS may be free to use, but it still costs \$2 million per day to operate. The funds are supplied by American tax revenue.

- No, the color red doesn't make bulls angry — they're colorblind.

- One of the World Trade Center towers was purposely built to a height of 1,776 feet to reference the year the Declaration of Independence was signed.

- Want to generate electricity from mud? Crazy as the concept may sound, it is indeed possible, thanks to geobacter sulfurreducens, which belongs to a group of organisms known as electrogenic bacteria that are able to transfer electrons from organic matter to metals or other conductive materials.

- According to a study done by French researchers, if you listen to loud music, you are more likely to drink more in less time.

Thought for the Day: "Faith is the bird that feels the light and sings when the dawn is still dark." — Rabindranath Tagore

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Remarks by Honourable Sharie B. de Castro Minister for Education, Youth Affairs and Sports Elmore Stoutt High School Graduation

June, 22nd 2023



Hon. Sharie B. de Castro

Esteemed faculty members, distinguished guests, proud parents, and most importantly, the resilient Elmore Stoutt High School Class of 2023, good afternoon.

Today, I stand before you with immense pride and admiration for the remarkable journey you have undertaken. As I thought on what to say today, I considered telling you a story to inspire you. However, I chose to use your story, to inspire us all.

Your high school years have been a testament to the power of resilience and the unwavering spirit that resides within each one of you. Let us reflect. In 2017, right before you began your high school journey, nature unleashed its fury in the form of the August Floods and then Hurricanes Irma and Maria and changed the course of your high school experience forever.

These Category 5 monsters descended upon our islands, leaving a trail of devastation in their wake. The familiar landscapes we once knew were transformed into scenes of destruction and disrepair. It was a time of catastrophe and fear—a time when dreams seemed distant and hope felt fragile.

Yet, from the midst of this chaos, a remarkable spirit emerged. The indomitable strength of the Virgin Islands community was evident, as neighbors became family and strangers became friends. Together, we rebuilt, brick by brick, and heart by heart. We turned tragedy into triumph, and disrepair into determination.

Through it all, you, the graduating class of 2023, stood

tall amidst the wreckage. You refused to let the storms define you. Instead, you channeled your resilience and determination to rebuild not only your lives but also the foundations of your education. You proved that adversity could not extinguish the flame of knowledge burning within you.

And then, just a few years later as the winds of the COVID-19 pandemic swept across the globe, they found their way to our shores, disrupting the very fabric of our lives. It was a time when school bells fell silent, and the vibrant halls of the Elmore Stoutt High School stood empty. The classroom walls were replaced by computer screens, and the joy of face-to-face interactions was replaced by pixelated faces on video calls.

Yet, in the face of this adversity, you adapted. You embraced the challenges head-on, exhibiting a resilience beyond measure. The virtual realm became your new frontier, and you navigated it with courage, determination, and an unwavering commitment to your education. You mastered the art of self-discipline, turning living rooms into classrooms and bedrooms into sanctuaries of knowledge. Despite the physical distance, you remained connected, you supported each other and showcased the strength that can be found in unity.

And today, as we gather to celebrate your graduation, like a beacon of hope rising from the ashes, you sit here in caps and gowns and stoles, as a testament to your unwavering, resilient spirit.

Due to the completion of the Elmore Stoutt High School Redevelopment Project you were finally able to experience some semblance of a "normal" high school experience. In January of this year, you stepped through the doors of these new buildings, feeling the warmth of camaraderie and the joy of reconnection. You no longer had to settle for fragmented days or virtual interactions. Instead, you experienced the joy of a full day of in-person learning—the sound of laughter echoing through the corridors, the shared moments of discovery in the classroom, and

the friendships forged in the truest sense.

Class of 2023, you have journeyed through turbulent waters, but you have emerged stronger, wiser, and more resilient than ever before. The challenges you have faced have molded you into extra-ordinary individuals, equipped with the tools necessary to make a profound impact in these Virgin Islands.

As you prepare to embark on the next chapter of your lives, always remember the lessons learnt during these transformative years. Carry with you that spirit of resilience, the power of unity, and the appreciation for the strength that lies within each and every single one of you. Let your experiences serve as a constant reminder that you possess the fortitude to overcome any obstacle and the tenacity to achieve greatness.

To the parents, principals, teachers, and mentors who have guided and supported these incredible individuals, thank you for your unwavering dedication. Your steadfast belief in their potential has played a vital role in the success that we see here today.

And to the graduating class of 2023, as you stand here on the cusp of a new beginning, know that the Virgin Islands community stands behind you. Your resilience has inspired me, it has inspired us all and we have no doubt that you will shape a future filled with promise and possibility.

Remember that education is not merely the acquisition of knowledge; it is the spark that ignites change. Change is necessary. Always remember, you can't get change if you give exact but if you give more, you get change. Change is the key that opens doors of opportunity and empowers you to create a brighter tomorrow.

Ladies and gentlemen, I ask that as I close you help me to acknowledge the definition of resilience, the Elmore Stoutt High School, Class of 2023!

Please give them a round of applause.

God bless you all and thank you.

New Emergency Alerting App Launched

Virgin Islands residents and visitors can get real-time mobile alerts about storms, earthquakes and other hazards from the Department of Disaster Management's new emergency alerting app.

The app was developed with the support of the Government of the United Kingdom. His Excellency the Governor John J. Rankin CMG said he was pleased that his Government was able to contribute two thirds of the development costs of this app, which can play a vital role in disaster preparedness and response.

"I would encourage all those who can to download the app as part of the further building of the BVI Government's resilience in response to changing weather patterns," the Governor stated.

Director of Disaster Management Mr. Jasen Penn said that the app reflects the DDM's commitment to enhance early warning capabilities in the Territory.

"We strive to make early warning messages available to all persons in the Territory. This new mobile alerting app helps to ensure that lifesaving hazard alert messages can reach anyone who chooses to download the app," Mr. Penn said, adding that it's a good practice to have more than one means of receiving emergency alerts.

The BVI DDM Emergency app is primarily developed as an alerting tool but also has preparedness resources such as safety tips and emergency shelter lists. The app also facilitates individual post-disaster needs such as sharing damage reports, and requesting location-based assistance. The app's social media integration enables users to share "I'm safe" messages on their social profiles.

The BVI DDM Emergency app is available now in the App Store and on Google Play and replaces the previous DDM Alert app. It is available free of charge on a variety of mobile devices including most smartphones. Technical development costs for the new app were shared by the Government of the Virgin Islands and the Foreign and Commonwealth Development Office.



Screenshots of the new BVI DDM Emergency App.

Caribbean News / Regional News

Region-wide movement to end violence against women and girls boosted by CARICOM Model KAP Tool

Wednesday, 28 June 2023 (CARICOM Secretariat, Turkeyen, Greater Georgetown): The Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat has produced its first Compendium of Model Knowledge, Attitudes and Practice (KAP) Tool for the Region on Social Gender Norms and Violence against Women and Girls. The Secretariat's Gender and Development Programme developed the Tool in May 2023 in partnership with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) under the Regional Spotlight Initiative Caribbean Programme. The KAP Tool is a survey with pre-determined questions formatted in standardised questionnaires that provides access to quantitative and qualitative information. Designed to support regional organisations working with women, girls and other vulnerable populations experiencing violence, the tool facilitates capturing the authentic voices of persons experiencing violence with the aim of using the data to identify trends, which will inform recommendations for curbing violence. According to Ms Ann-Marie Williams, Deputy Programme Manager, Human and Social Development - Gender Development, CARICOM Secretariat, during the development of the CARICOM Model Tool surveys, focus group discussions and testing were done as part of the consultative

process with Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, Guyana, Jamaica, Saint Lucia and the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago. The participants included heads of the National Gender Machineries, civil society organisations, academia, feminist groups and vulnerable groups who mainly work in Violence against women and girls (VAWG) and with vulnerable populations.

"To ensure that the tool will not be shelved, the Gender and Development Programme is organising a two-day Training of Trainers Workshop at the Secretariat in Georgetown, Guyana on 29-30 June 2023 to equip citizens of the Region with the skills to utilize the tool effectively", stated the Deputy Programme Manager.

Referring specifically to the Caribbean, a 2022 United Nations (UN) report stated that violence against women and girls is "systemic and persistent in the Region. It knows no borders, affects women and girls of all ages and happens everywhere, from the domestic setting to public places. It happens in workplaces, within the framework of political and community participation, on public transportation and in the street, in schools and other educational institutions, in cyberspace and certainly in the home". In addition, António Guterres, United Nations Secretary-General has referred it as a

"shadow pandemic".

In addition, the report underscored that despite the progress made in confronting violence against women and girls, national surveys in Latin America and the Caribbean, report that between 63% and 76% of women and girls have experienced gender-based violence in different settings. Moreover, estimates for 2018 show that in Latin America and the Caribbean, some 43 million women between the ages of 15 and 49 years—one in four women in that age range—have experienced physical and/or sexual violence by an intimate partner at least once in their lifetime (WHO, 2021).

The CARICOM Tool is a positive step towards finding solutions to the consistent rise of violence against women and girls in the Region. "Our goal is to provide organisations providing services to vulnerable persons, especially civil society, with an effective method of capturing the lived experiences of women and girls dealing with violence," stated Ms Williams, "these experiences will help us to paint a vivid picture of what is happening in the homes in which violence is perpetuated. The overarching goal is to create a roadmap for reducing violence against women and girls region-wide".

Antigua and Barbuda leads "historic" declaration by CARICOM and Central American countries

Washington, DC, 26 June An historic "first" was recorded at the General Assembly of the Organization of American States (OAS) when 20 countries, drawn from Central America and the Caribbean, issued a joint declaration, calling on international financial and development institutions "to prioritize the provision of funds and resources to support the efforts of Central America and the Caribbean in addressing climate change, recognizing the urgency and magnitude of the challenges faced by these regions".

The original declaration was drafted by Antigua and Barbuda's Ambassador to the United States and the OAS, Sir Ronald Sanders, who also presented the declaration

on behalf of the 20 Caribbean and Central American countries after securing unanimous support.

Ambassador Sanders explained that, hitherto, the countries of Central America and the Caribbean at the OAS had never joined together to express their shared concern about the evident heating-up of the planet. "Now, they have not only let the world know of their joint worry, but they have also collectively called for action".

The joint declaration calls for international financial and development institutions to prioritize the provision of funds and resources to Central America and the Caribbean, "recognizing the urgency and magnitude of the challenges faced by these regions

in building resilience to Climate Change"

Sir Ronald said that while small island developing states have been making their voices heard at meetings of the UN Committee of the Parties (COP) at many Climate Change meetings, there is a need to widen the alliance of states which are jointly seeking remedies for loss and damage to their economies and the livelihoods of their people.

The 20 countries that made the joint declaration at the OAS General Assembly on June 21, were the 14 independent states of CARICOM and six Central American countries – Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, and Panama.

CARICOM Statement on the passing of Sir Lloyd Erskine Sandiford, former Prime Minister of Barbados

The Caribbean Community is deeply saddened at the passing of Sir Lloyd Erskine Sandiford, former Prime Minister of Barbados.

Sir Lloyd's life was defined by selfless service to his country, as statesman for over three decades, and diplomat. He was an esteemed educator, and is credited with having pioneered significant national post-independence educational initiatives.

His contributions as a Member of CARICOM's Conference of Heads of Government were characterised by passion and professionalism, and helped to advance the Community's high aspirations for deeper integration set out in the Grande Anse Declaration and Work Programme for the Integration Movement.

We give thanks for the life of this distinguished son of our Community and extend heartfelt condolences to his widow Lady Angelita Sandiford and other family members, the Government and people of Barbados, and all who mourn his loss.

May his soul rest in peace.

ONLY PRACTICAL USE OF VENEZUELA'S SEAT AT THE OAS IS AS RESTING PLACE FOR ANTIGUA AMBASSADOR'S BRIEFCASE

In a bold statement during the 53rd General Assembly of the Organization of American States (OAS), Sir Ronald Sanders, Ambassador of Antigua and Barbuda, revealed an amusing yet compelling truth: the only practical use of Venezuela's seat at the OAS is as a convenient resting place for his briefcase.

The alphabetical seating arrangement at the OAS starts with Antigua and Barbuda and ends with Venezuela.

The Venezuela seat has been empty, since January when the purported presidency of Juan Guaidó collapsed, having not paid any money to the Organization.

By his playful observation, Ambassador Sanders raised a serious matter that has adversely affected the OAS since 2019 when the government of Venezuela withdrew from membership of the Organization, having given 2 years notice in accordance with the OAS Charter.

From the outset of the anointment of Juan Guaidó as the President of Venezuela by a few countries, many of which have since reversed their position, Antigua and Barbuda has argued that the recognition of Guaidó by the OAS was contrary to the rules of the Organization and is illegal.

Speaking at the OAS General Assembly on June 23, Ambassador Sanders expressed his deep reservations regarding the continued inclusion of "mythical" contributions from Cuba and Venezuela, both of which have severed their connections with the OAS. Sir Ronald stressed that by continuing to book membership subscriptions from these two countries, a misleading representation of the organization's actual financial situation is being perpetuated.

He also emphasized that Venezuela and Cuba are exercising an "unwanted veto" on decision making at the OAS since a two-thirds voting majority is being calculated on 35 member states or 24 votes, whereas there are now only 33 members and two-thirds should be 22". He said, "Membership of the OAS by Cuba and Venezuela is first a decision of their governments; it is impractical and unrealistic for any other governments to claim otherwise".

Ambassador Sanders has repeatedly urged the OAS member states to address this issue earnestly, recognizing the necessity to rectify both the misleading accounts of the Organization and the distorting effect on its decision making.

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White House Takes a Bet on ‘Bidenomics’ Amid Americans’ Pessimism on Economy



WASHINGTON — Ahead of President Joe Biden’s 2024 reelection campaign, the White House is promoting the term “Bidenomics” to make the case that his policies to “grow the economy from the bottom up and the middle out” have succeeded in taming inflation and lowering unemployment.

“The share of working-age Americans in the workforce is higher now than it has been for 15 years,” Lael Brainard, director of the White House National Economic Council, said Tuesday during a news briefing. “While we have more work to do, inflation has been coming down for 11 months in a row.”

She touted 13 million jobs created since Biden took office in February 2021 and an unemployment rate that has remained below 4% since February of this year.

Recent economic indicators give the administration reasons to be hopeful. While inflation still poses a challenge, employers continue to hire, and consumer prices rose at a slower pace in May compared with the previous year.

But so far most Americans do not share the administration’s optimism. The most recent Ipsos poll shows Biden’s approval rating remaining steady in the low 40s. The economy remains a top concern, and most are pessimistic about the direction of the country, a fact that Republicans have been eager to underscore.

“It’s frankly staggering to me that the president continues to have the audacity to say things like ‘hardworking families are reaping the rewards’ of his policies,” Senate Republican Whip John Thune said

earlier this month. “Hardworking families are certainly reaping something from the president’s policies, but it isn’t rewards.”

Disconnect from data

The disconnect between economic data and how people are feeling about their financial well-being may be attributed to the fact that Americans are not digesting the good news, said Ipsos spokesperson Chris Jackson. He pointed to surveys measuring Americans’ familiarity with positive economic developments such as low unemployment and falling inflation versus bad news such as supply chain issues and high inflation.

“The bad news, everyone knows about. The good news, very few Americans know about,” he told VOA. “In an environment like that, it’s hard to make a compelling case that you’re doing a good job, when nobody knows anything that’s good.”

The administration is aware of the disconnect. On Wednesday, Biden will be in Chicago to deliver a speech explaining Bidenomics and trying to convince Americans that the economy is thriving under his leadership.

The speech is part of a three-week push in which top officials will travel across the country to argue that legislation championed by the president is delivering results for Americans. This includes massive investments under the infrastructure law, the COVID-19 relief package and the CHIPS and Science Act that injects over \$52 billion in semiconductor research, development, manufacturing and workforce development.

Republicans believe some of

the administration’s policies are too costly and contribute to high inflation. They say that most of the job gains since 2021 were simply jobs that were being recovered from the pandemic, not new job creation.

Still, the decision to brand the country’s fortunes with the president’s name reflects the administration’s confidence that the trajectory is upward, and the economy will not fall into recession – at least before November 2024 when the presidential election will be held.

Last week, the Federal Reserve paused its aggressive rate hike campaign for the first time in 18 months but signaled that the battle against inflation isn’t over. More interest rate hikes are likely, even as early as July.

Move over, Reaganomics

Bidenomics is also an attempt to distinguish the president’s and the Democrats’ agenda from that of Republicans who favor cutting taxes and slashing government spending.

Biden and his aides have often criticized former Republican President Ronald Reagan’s agenda of lowering tax rates, deregulation and slashing spending on government programs. Since the push for Reaganomics in the 1980s, Republicans have credited low taxes with boosting corporate profits and ultimately all workers and the population in general.

“He rejected trickle-down economics, the theory that tax cuts at the top would trickle down, that all we needed was for government to get out of the way,” said Brainard, the director of Biden’s economic council.

“That failed approach led to a pullback of private investment from key industries, like semiconductors to solar. It led to a deterioration of the nation’s infrastructure. And it led to a loss of a path to the middle class for too many Americans and too many communities around the country.”

Brainard said that in Chicago, the president will outline the main pillars of Bidenomics, including strategic investments in critical sectors such as infrastructure, clean energy and semiconductors; empowering and educating American workers, particularly those who have been previously marginalized; and promoting

Biden Says Risks Posed by AI to Security, Economy Must be Addressed



FILE - President Joe Biden speaks in the East Room of the White House in Washington, May 17, 2023. The White House has announced new efforts to guide federally backed research on artificial intelligence.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA — The risks of artificial intelligence to national security and the economy need to be addressed, U.S. President Joe Biden said on Tuesday, adding he would seek expert advice.

“My administration is committed to safeguarding Americans’ rights and safety while protecting privacy, to addressing bias and misinformation, to making sure AI systems are safe before they are released,” Biden said at an event in San Francisco.

Biden met a group of civil society leaders and advocates who have previously criticized the influence of major tech companies, to discuss artificial intelligence.

“I wanted to hear directly from the experts,” he said.

Several governments are considering how to mitigate the dangers of the emerging technology, which has experienced a boom in investment and consumer popularity in recent months after the release of OpenAI’s ChatGPT.

Biden’s meeting on Tuesday included Tristan Harris, executive director of the Center for Humane Technology, Algorithmic Justice League founder Joy Buolamwini, and Stanford University Professor Rob Reich.

Regulators globally have been working to draw up rules governing the use of generative AI, which can create text and images, and whose impact has been compared to that of the internet.

Biden has also recently discussed the issue of AI with other world leaders, including British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak whose government will later this year hold a first global summit on artificial intelligence safety. Biden is expected to discuss the topic with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his ongoing U.S. visit.

European Union lawmakers agreed last week to changes in draft rules on artificial intelligence proposed by the European Commission in a bid to set a global standard for a technology used on everything from automated factories to self-driving cars to chatbots.

competition to lower costs and provide fair opportunities for small businesses.

Just two weeks ago, Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives unveiled a proposed series of new

tax breaks aimed at businesses and families, a proposal that would reverse some of Biden’s legislative victories.

Katherine Gypson contributed to this report.

SPORTS

Hodge signs with LA Lakers as undrafted free agent

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

BASEBALL

D'Moi Hodge created history by becoming the first BVI basketball player coming out of College, entering the NBA draft, then being signed by the Los Angeles Lakers to a two way contract as an undrafted free agent following the draft, held in New York last Thursday.

Hodge, who showcased his skills during workouts for 18 of the 30 NBA teams before the draft, became the second BVI player trying out for an NBA team. Long after he graduated and was playing professionally, McNeese State 7-foot big man Kleon Penn, was invited to the Minnesota Timberwolves preseason training, by St. Thomas' Milt Newton, who was the general manager at the time in 2016.

Hodge, who began his Collegiate career at State College of Florida then went to Cleveland State, is a 6'4" guard, who ended his career with the Missouri Tigers.

Al Leonard of Tropical Sports Agency, told Island Sun Sports that it's 'very difficult' to get a two way contract.

"I just want the BVI to know that we should be very proud of D'Moi Hodge

for getting a two way contract, instead of being drafted late in the second round," Leonard said. "With the two way contract, D'Moi had multiple choices in the process and that's why he was chosen fairly quickly."

Leonard said a two way contract is also an NBA contract. "He is one of the 18 guys on an NBA roster. So as of one something a.m., he is an NBA player and that's just as good as being drafted," he noted.

Leonard further explained that a two way contract is a non-guaranteed contract. It also allows developing players to simultaneously be rostered on an NBA team and its G League affiliate.

Hodge's mother Cleopatra "Cleo" King-DeFreitas who attended the draft, described it as an 'amazing experience.' Upon entering the building, present and past players were there.

"My belly was just churning and it keeps you in wonderment," King-DeFreitas told Island Sun Sports. "You're sitting there, and you're hoping that when the next pick comes, it might be him. But it was a really great experience for the family. There were about 30 of us there. It was one for the books for us."

She said that she was lost for words when she realized that her son was going to be on an NBA team. "It still

feels like I'm in a dream and I learned a lot sitting there with the other coaches, players, that it's sometimes better to go undrafted, because you get more," she said. "We have to open our minds and understand that it is better to be undrafted. Yes, he wanted his name to be called for the BVI—he kept saying that. 'I know who wants me. I know what I can do' and most of the teams did not have a draft pick that really wanted him, but he wanted his name called for the BVI. Although his name was not called to cross the stage, he still made a mark by signing with the Los Angeles Lakers."

King-DeFreitas said that she felt good hearing her son saying he wanted his name called for the BVI. "Mommy, I know that I'm going to be in the NBA tonight," Hodge told her. 'I know the conversations' I've had. I just want to cross the stage and my name to be called for the BVI.' It made me feel proud as a mom that he was so unselfish with just wanting his name to be called for the BVI, but his name is still going to be known, associated with the BVI going forward with the Los Angeles Lakers."

Hodge played with the Sea Cows Bay Basketball Club's 9-12 program and club president Milton McLean,

told Island Sun Sports that it's really 'unbelievable' that a young man from a country of just over 30,000 people, can get the opportunity to play at the NBA level.

"For the Sea Cows Bay Basketball Club, for me, it's like a dream come true. Players have their dreams and I too had a dream that one day I'll be able to see somebody from the club in my lifetime, actually play in the NBA," he said. "D'Moi is making that possible and given the opportunity, I know he'll make the best of it for sure."

McLean said he started playing in his leagues when he was about 10 and he had an astounding development over the three years and cleaned up the division awards. "You saw the talent from a young age and you knew this is somebody that could go on to do well," he said. "At that time, 12, 13 years ago, I didn't see him at that level—I really didn't—and my goodness, to see him at this level now, it's almost like goosebumps. It's exciting. It's wonderful. We have to say kudos to his mom, his granny—all the people who supported him—and we at the Sea Cows Bay Basketball Club, are especially proud of him."



D'Moi Hodge at the NBA draft
PHOTO: Ercia Smith

17 recognized for their contributions to sports on Virgin Gorda

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

FOOTBALL

Franka Pickering, a former BVI Football Association President and Irvin "King" Hendrickson, who was simultaneously the Virgin Gorda Football League and Virgin Gorda Cricket Association President, were among 17 persons honored on Saturday for their contributions to sports on Virgin Gorda. "I always say that we need to start recognizing people more regularly and show they appreciate whatever they used to do and what they do. Don't wait until they die to say 'she was such a nice person, she used to do so and so' let's do it now," Pickering said. "I felt elated that I was an honoree among the 17 persons. We must hand it all to

Clarky (Avanell Morton). He was the pusher behind things like this, it was a real fantastic night. Overall, everyone was so elated with the honorees. They really gave them a good round of applause when the time came for that, so you know they appreciated them. And the honorees were happy this was done for them." Hendrickson said that it was a wonderful evening and was surprised when he was told he would be honored for his contributions both as a player and administrator. "When I first heard about it, I was surprised," he said. "I didn't know people remember the good things that we've done. When I walked into the park, ready to take some pictures, there were two of my daughters taking pictures and I didn't know they were coming." Hendrickson said that he's happy Morton, his football successor and his group and said

they're doing 'really, really good.' Now retired, Hendrickson said he's like to work with youngsters again in cricket and was disappointed that his efforts were not supported by the BVI Cricket

Association during the Charlie Jackson presidency.

"I want to contribute as much to the sport, whenever I'm called on or get

the opportunity," he said. "I have more time now and I think my input will make a difference."

From start to finish, Morton said that it was a successful event. "Everybody was pleased, happy, comfortable and satisfied with the outcome of our first honorary dinner for football in Virgin Gorda. Everybody was happy and content," he said. "The recipients appreciated it. Some shed tears. Some were overjoyed. They didn't expect what we put out and what they saw. Everything was on point." Honorees were: Gloria George-Fahie, Jackson Rigobert, Orville Thompson, Myron Thomas, Patrick Caul, Anthony Walters, Elvis Demming, Franka Pickering, Ervin "King" Hendrickson, Shereen Flax Charles, Len DeFreitas, Alfred Reid, Glenn Bascombe, Thomas James, Calvin Daniel, Steven Caul and Arnold Collins.



Virgin Gorda honorees: L-R: Jackson Rigobert, Orville Thompson, (Shericka Thomas) rep for Myron Thomas, Patrick Caul, Anthony "Zanku" Walters, Elvis Demming, Franka Pickering, Irvin "King" Hendrickson, Shereen Flax Charles, Len DeFreitas and Alfred Reid PHOTO: Mia Lennard

SPORTS



Ashleigh Penn, left, S'Ryah Mitcham and DiaMonea Thomas were among ESHS track and field, football, volleyball and basketball graduates



Certified Track & Field official Dezarre Woodley, working at the Shot Put in the 11th Dag Samuels Development Series




Khamal Haynes, Elvis Pusey and Russel Jones, will compete in the Long Look Tennis and Education Center Green Dot Ball Tournament on July 6



*Franka Pickering, among 17 persons honored on Virgin Gorda for their contributions to sports, displays her award
PHOTO: Mia Lennard*

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE



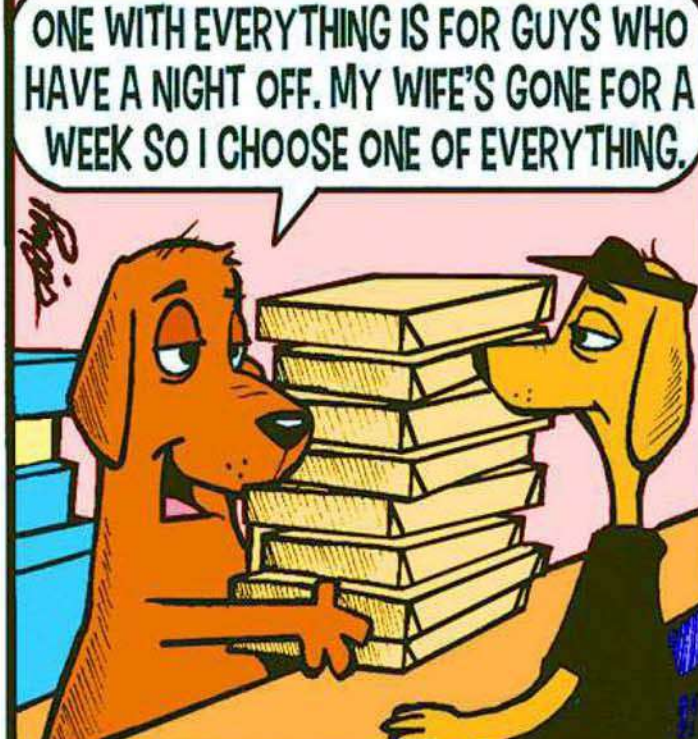
Laban said, "It's better that I give her to you than to some other man. Stay here with me." So Jacob served seven years to get Rachel, but they seemed like only a few days to him because of his love for her.

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Detail of "Leah and Rachel Catch Jacob" by Luba Lukova (2000)

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Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



ONE WITH EVERYTHING IS FOR GUYS WHO HAVE A NIGHT OFF. MY WIFE'S GONE FOR A WEEK SO I CHOOSE ONE OF EVERYTHING.

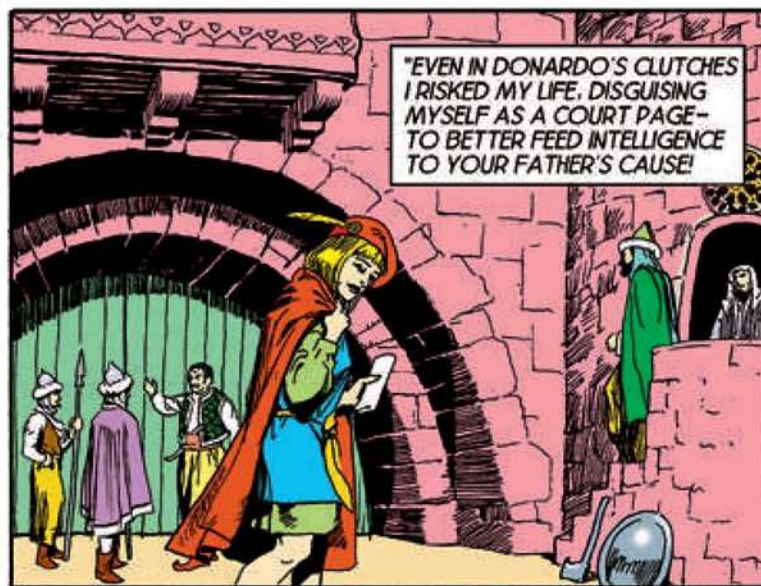
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HAL FOSTER'S **Prince Valiant**
BY SCHULTZ AND YEATES

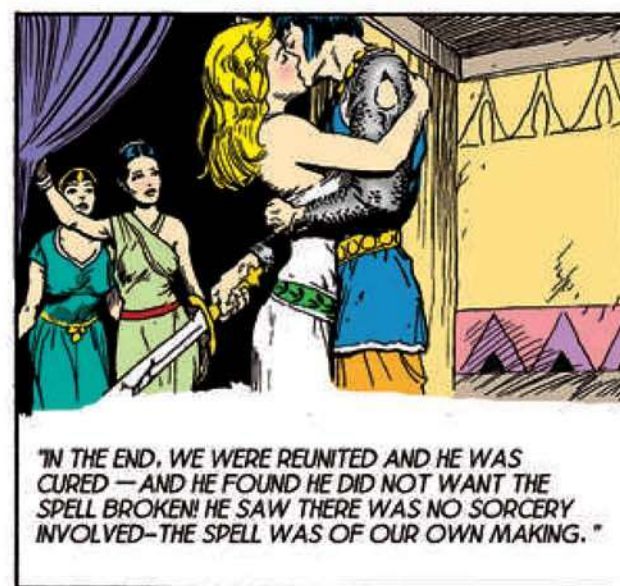


ALETA CONTINUES HER CORRECTIONS TO VAL'S STORY OF THEIR YOUTHFUL ROMANCE:

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"EVEN IN DONARDO'S CLUTCHES I RISKED MY LIFE, DISGUIISING MYSELF AS A COURT PAGE-- TO BETTER FEED INTELLIGENCE TO YOUR FATHER'S CAUSE!"



"IN THE END, WE WERE REUNITED AND HE WAS CURED -- AND HE FOUND HE DID NOT WANT THE SPELL BROKEN! HE SAW THERE WAS NO SORCERY INVOLVED--THE SPELL WAS OF OUR OWN MAKING."



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AND SO TWO MEMORIES COLLIDE...
VAL: "THAT'S NOT HOW I REMEMBER..."
ALETA: "BUT YOUR HEAD WAS SO BADLY HURT..."

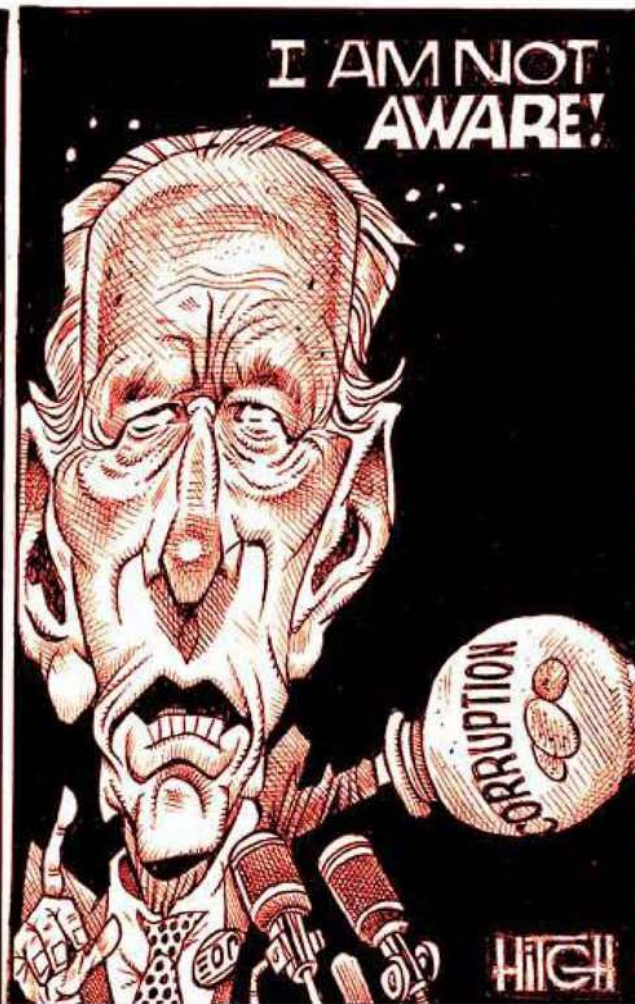
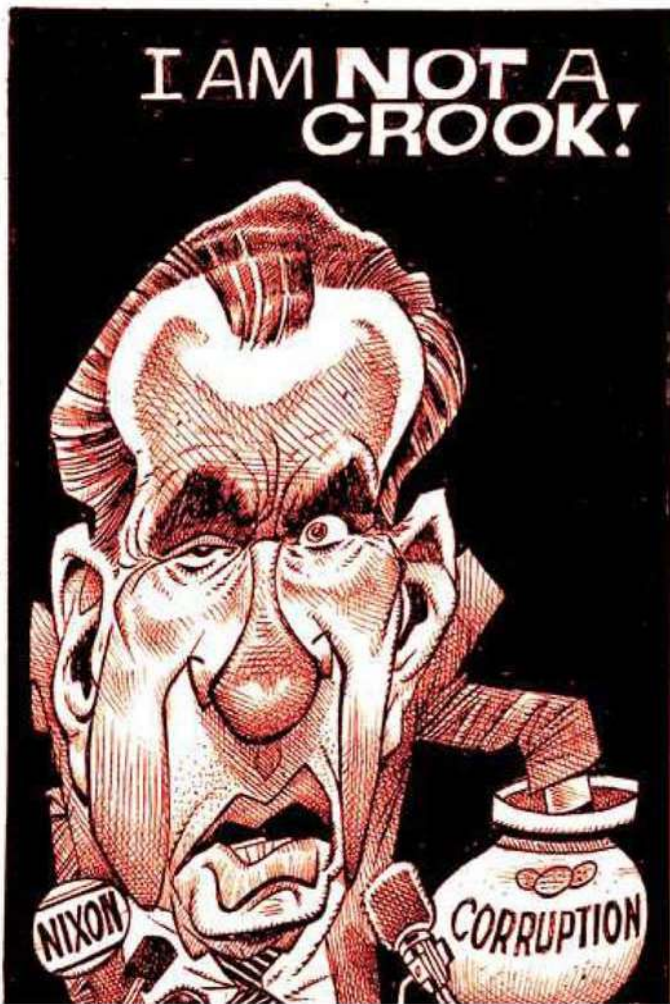


"IF ALL HISTORIES ARE SUBJECT TO SUCH UNRELIABLE MEMORIES," THINKS NATHAN, "THEN I WILL BE HAPPY TO ONLY DRAW TRUTHS AS I MYSELF OBSERVE THEM."

"MOTHER'S AND FATHER'S HUMORS WILL IMPROVE WHEN THEY SEE THIS FINE TURTLE I HAVE DRAWN!"

4/29/12

NEXT: An absentee lord



BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Numbers (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
 2. In which Gospel did Jesus say, "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth"? *Matthew, Mark, Luke, John*
 3. From Mark 15:23, while on the cross Christ was offered wine mingled with ...? *Salt, Water, Myrrh, Speck*
 4. In 2 Kings 5, who had his leprosy washed away in the Jordan? *Naaman, Zacchaeus, Elijah, Joshua*
 5. From Psalm 46:1, "God is our refuge and ..."? *Light, Builder, Wisdom, Strength*
 6. Who had a rod that God turned into a serpent? *Noah, Moses, Abraham, Isaac*
- ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Mark 9:23, 3) Myrrh, 4) Naaman, 5) Strength, 6) Moses

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) You are self-reliant and rarely ask anyone for help. But this time, you might want someone you trust to be there for you while you deal with a difficult matter. Cheer up. Things improve soon.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your patience begins to pay off. Look for the first sign that your goals are in plain sight. Also, take time out from all your hard work for some fun with someone special.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) There could be some lingering effects from a recent setback. But it's all for the best, as you're now beginning to appreciate. Use the lessons you've learned to start over.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) What seemed to be a difficult goal to reach is now — or soon will be — all yours. Congratulations. An unexpected travel opportunity holds an intriguing new prospect.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A chilly reception to your presentation shouldn't cause you to abandon your ideas. Instead, do tweak up those weaker parts and then, once again, show them what you have.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Hiding your feelings might make you feel safer against rejection. But this could be the time when you'll need to speak up or risk losing out on an important event in your life.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Some co-workers might try to talk you out of accepting a promotion. But you need to follow your own instincts — and if you believe you're right for the job, then take it.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Some changes are in order, as you come to realize that you need to sort out several areas in your life. Your remarkable insight helps you make the right decisions.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) It's time to act on your own behalf and separate yourself from those whose selfish needs threaten your personal and/or professional survival.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Resist your tendency to close yourself off from unpleasant situations. Instead, open up to how things are so that you can help change them to what they could be.

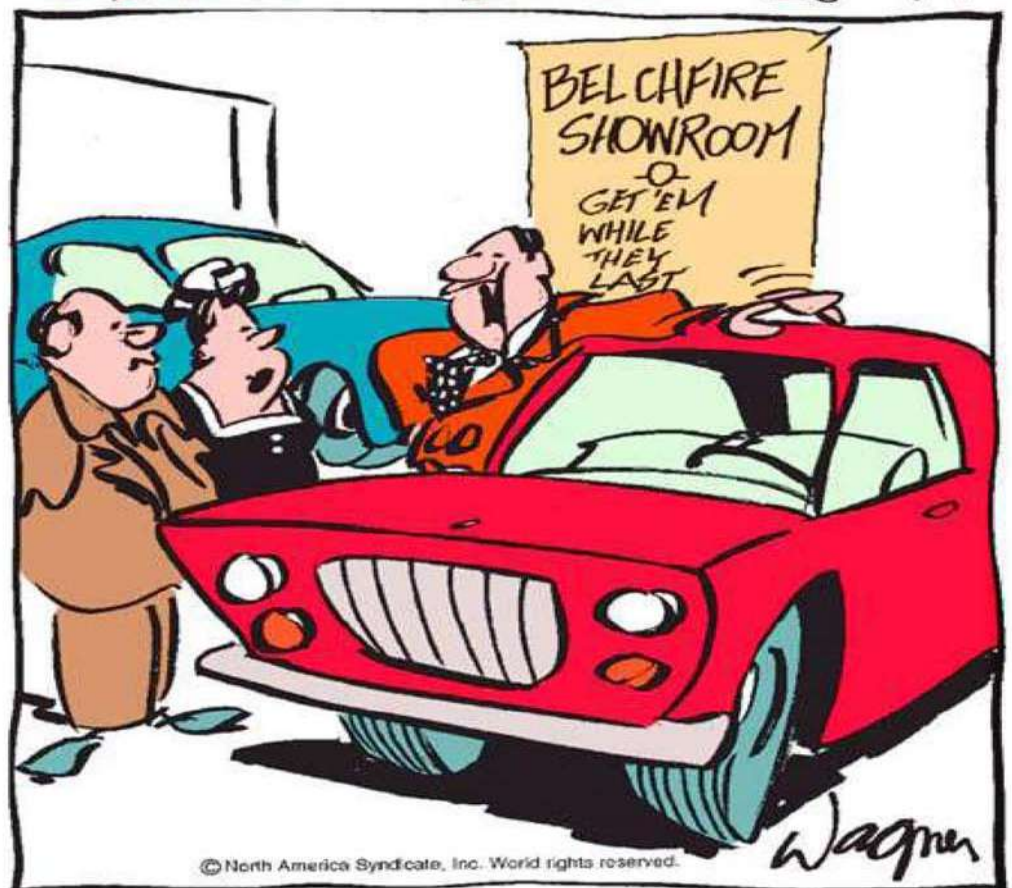
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) An unspoken problem could be driving a deep wedge between you and that special person. Some honest talking between the two of you starts the healing process.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You might feel you've been going around in ever-widening circles trying to deal with recent workplace problems. Lighten up. A successful end is finally in sight.

BORN THIS WEEK: You're authentic and unafraid of using the large emotions that overtake your heart. Originality is your super power.

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GRIN and BEAR IT



"We used all foreign parts to make the best domestic car available!"

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Event Calendar

Walk for the Cure 2023

Hike for the Cure
Sunday, 16 July, 2023

Hunt for the Cure
Saturday, 2 September, 2023

Walk for the Cure
Saturday, 7 October, 2023



Hike for the Cure



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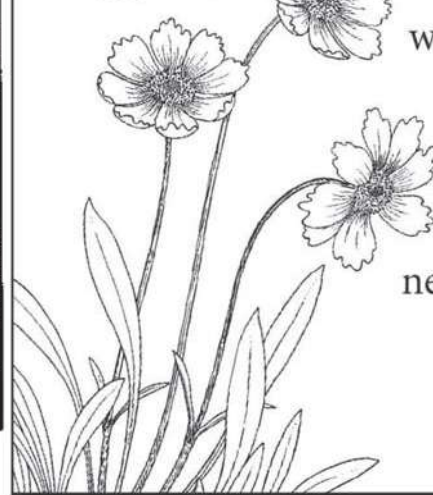
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LAFF - A - DAY



"Your husband is so kindhearted—I heard him tell my husband he put his shirt on a horse that was scratched."

The Garden Bug



Coreopsis

Also known as "tickseed" or "pot-of-gold," coreopsis is easy to grow. Sprinkle the seeds over a prepared area of soil in a very sunny location, and cover lightly with soil. Keep this area watered until the seeds germinate in about 3 weeks. This plant tolerates heat, humidity, and drought. It is well suited to beds, borders and containers. Not only do bees and butterflies love its nectar, but also small birds like goldfinches love its seeds. It's an excellent cut flower in a mixed bouquet. - Brenda Weaver

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TALLEST CHURCHES

1. Ulm Muenster - Ulm, Germany
2. Basilica of Our Lady of Peace - Yamoussoukro, Côte d'Ivoire
3. Cologne Cathedral - Cologne, Germany
4. Rouen Cathedral - Rouen, France
5. St. Nicholas Church - Hamburg, Germany
6. Cathedral of Our Lady of Strasbourg - Strasbourg, France
7. Basilica of Our Lady of Lichen - Lichen Stary, Poland
8. St. Peter's Basilica - Vatican City
9. St. Stephen's Cathedral - Vienna, Austria
10. Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception - Linz, Austria

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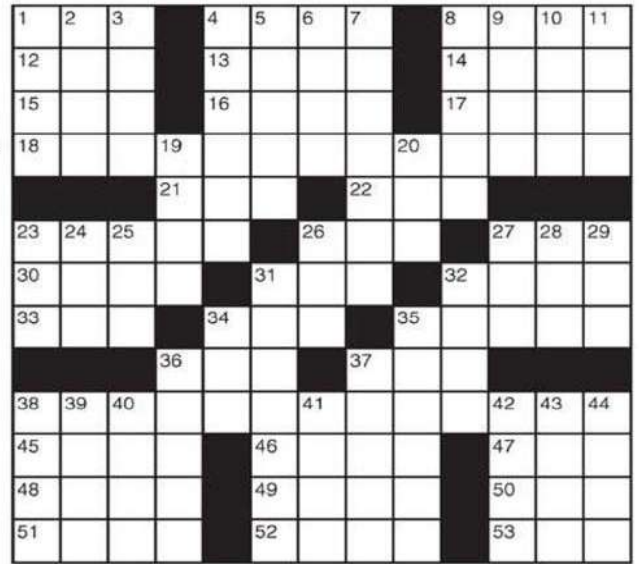
by Jeff Pickering



King Crossword

ACROSS

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- 4 "Dracula" author Stoker
- 8 Leftovers recipe
- 12 Chinese chairman
- 13 Roof overhang
- 14 Arizona tribe
- 15 Samovar
- 16 On the rocks
- 17 Hurler Hersheiser
- 18 "Syriana" Oscar winner
- 21 British ref. work
- 22 Caribou kin
- 23 Gold-loving king
- 26 "See ya!"
- 27 Scale abbr.
- 30 Privy to
- 31 "Of course"
- 32 Cheer (for)
- 33 Joke
- 34 Chic, to Austin Powers
- 35 Five dozen
- 36 Droop
- 37 Iota
- 38 1997 film starring Nicole Kidman and 18-Across
- 45 Only
- 46 Algeria's neighbor



- 7 Musical mixes to exercise class
- 8 Trembled
- 9 Undecided
- 10 Duel tool
- 11 Sly
- 19 Reddish horse
- 20 Flamenco cheer
- 23 "Top Gun" target
- 24 — jiffy
- 25 Pooch
- 26 Nap site
- 27 Bagel topper
- 28 Automaton, for short
- 29 Hog haven
- 31 Pad you bring
- 32 Ms. Moreno
- 34 West of Hollywood
- 35 Ape
- 36 Asparagus unit
- 37 Prove untrue
- 38 Despot
- 39 Vagrant
- 40 Exile isle
- 41 Give a darn
- 42 Hawaiian coffee
- 43 Historic periods
- 44 Filches

DOWN

- 1 Overconfident
- 2 Bern's river
- 3 Stereo alternative
- 4 Linen shades
- 5 Sped
- 6 Opposite of "sans"

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Pocket is smaller. 2. Neckline is different. 3. Sign is missing. 4. Glasses are different. 5. Number is missing. 6. Bat is shorter.

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Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 21 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: What is the tallest building in the world?
2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What does HTTP stand for in a website address?
3. LITERATURE: Which kind of animals are featured in the novel "Watership Down"?
4. HISTORY: When was the first iPhone released?
5. MOVIES: What kind of fish is Nemo in "Finding Nemo"?
6. GAMES: What is the final course on Mario Kart video games?
7. ASTRONOMY: How many planets in our solar system have moons?
8. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was licensed as a bartender?
9. MEDICAL: What is a more common term for somniloquy?
10. TELEVISION: How many castaways are on "Gilligan's Island"?

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Trivia Test Answers
 1. Bury Khalifa, Dubai, United Arab Emirates; 2. HyperText Transfer Protocol; 3. Rabbits; 4. 2007; 5. Clownfish; 6. Rainbow Road; 7. Six of the eight planets; 8. Abraham Lincoln; 9. Talking in your sleep; 10. Seven.

LGBT DISCRIMINATION, ABUSE, HARASSEMENT & MORE

Guest editorial by <https://www.genderequalitylaw.org/lgbtq>

Despite recent advances, people in the USA and many countries in the world are still being fired, harassed and targeted at work because they are LGBTQ. If you' have been discriminated against because of your sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression (in hiring, firing, promotion, benefits, or work conditions), you have rights. Call our hotline at **(888) 833-4363** and someone from our legal team will be able to speak with you and discuss your situation.

There has been progress over the past twenty years in the legal landscape and in the evolution of social opinions and attitudes related to an individual's sexuality, gender identity, and gender expression. Nonetheless, members of the LGBTQ community still suffer pernicious and blatant gender bias in all areas of public and private life, including housing, employment, opportunities in academic settings, in the ability to buy goods and services, and in the opportunities to participate meaningfully in your society's decision making processes.

There is a growing number of laws around the USA being enacted under the guise

of religious freedom that curtails - even eliminates - the rights of LGBTQ individuals. Furthermore, homophobia and discomfort with individuals who do not conform to antiquated stereotypes of sex and gender often manifests into heinous discrimination against these individuals. Nearly 41% of gay and lesbian adults face some form of hostility or harassment on the job, including being fired or forced to quit because of their sexual orientation.

Although federal laws protect people from workplace discrimination on the basis of sex, race, national origin, religion, age, and disability, there is no federal law that specifically outlaws workplace discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation by private employers. However, over the years, there has been more legal support for finding that Title VII's prohibition against "sex" discrimination also covers sexual orientation discrimination. The reasoning is that sexual orientation discrimination necessarily involves gender-based stereotypes of how men and women should behave and with whom they should be in romantic relationships.

There is more definitive protection offered at the state



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level. More than 20 states and the District of Columbia have laws that expressly prohibit sexual orientation discrimination in private jobs.

If you identify as an LGBTQ individual and your state does not have a law that protects you from workplace discrimination, you may still be protected by city and county ordinances. New York City, for instance, has broad protections against discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, and strongly prohibits discrimination on the basis of gender identity and/or gender expression.

Similarly, New York State, which recently passed the Gender Expression Non-Discrimination Act (GENDA), deems gender identity and gender expression a protected class under the State's human rights and hate crimes laws.

Coalitions and advocates at the federal level are working toward passing the proposed Equality Act, which would provide consistent and explicit non-discrimination protections for LGBTQ people by including sexual orientation and gender identity as protected statuses under the Civil Rights Act of 1964, among other federal laws.

GELC strongly supports the passage of The Equality Act, which would prohibit discrimination in employment, housing, education, public spaces and other areas.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
(NO. 16 OF 2004)
TYRFING INVEST & FINANCE LTD.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 9th day of June, 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 Francis
Nerine Chambers,
Quastisky Building
P.O. Box 905
Road Town, Tortola,
British Virgin Islands
VG 1110 [07/1]

NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
(NO. 16 OF 2004)
Aither Investments Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 9th day of June, 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 Francis
Nerine Chambers,
Quastisky Building
P.O. Box 905
Road Town, Tortola,
British Virgin Islands
VG 1110 [07/2]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.
Annans Investments Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on June 23, 2023. The Joint Liquidators are **Michele Hibbert with address at Sea Cow's Bay, Tortola, British Virgin Islands and Saajid Jasat Bhana with address at Obarrio, Calle 59, Casa 5, Apartado 0816-04554 Ciudad de Panamá, República de Panamá.**
Dated: June 23, 2023.
(Sgd.) Michele Hibbert and Saajid Jasat Bhana
Joint Voluntary Liquidators
[07/3]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.
MCRINK SURVEYORS (BVI) LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on June 22, 2023. The Joint Liquidators are **Michele Hibbert with address at Sea Cow's Bay, Tortola, British Virgin Islands and Saajid Jasat Bhana with address at Obarrio, Calle 59, Casa 5, Apartado 0816-04554 Ciudad de Panamá, República de Panamá.**
Dated: June 22, 2023.
(Sgd.) Michele Hibbert and Saajid Jasat Bhana
Joint Voluntary Liquidators [07/4]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.
BORDERSIDE OVERSEAS LTD.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on June 7, 2023. The Joint Liquidators are **Michele Hibbert with address at Sea Cow's Bay, Tortola, British Virgin Islands and Saajid Jasat Bhana with address at Obarrio, Calle 59, Casa 5, Apartado 0816-04554 Ciudad de Panamá, República de Panamá.**
Dated: June 7, 2023.
(Sgd.) Michele Hibbert and Saajid Jasat Bhana
Joint Voluntary Liquidators
[07/5]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.
Vulcan Maritime Ltd.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on June 7, 2023. The Joint Liquidators are **Michele Hibbert with address at Sea Cow's Bay, Tortola, British Virgin Islands and Saajid Jasat Bhana with address at Obarrio, Calle 59, Casa 5, Apartado 0816-04554 Ciudad de Panamá, República de Panamá.**
Dated: June 7, 2023.
(Sgd.) Michele Hibbert and Saajid Jasat Bhana
Joint Voluntary Liquidators
[07/6]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 203 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004
MCAM Holding Ltd.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1573869
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 203 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the day this notice of appointment of liquidator is filed with the Registrar of Corporate Affairs. The Liquidator is **Ray A. George, of Long Trench, Tortola, British Virgin Islands (the "Liquidator")**, who was in turn appointed on 20th March 2023.
Dated: 20th March 2023
Ray A. George
Voluntary Liquidator
[07/7]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004
GripOn Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2080724
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 12th June, 2023.
Dated: 12th June, 2023
(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator
[07/8]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.
Speedy Data Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2063844
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 21st day of June, 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O.Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: 21st day of June, 2023
(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator
[07/9]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act. 2004
ALYJ Holdings Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2085188
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 26th June, 2023.
Dated: 26th day of June 2023
(Sgd.) Philippa V O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator
[07/10]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act. 2004
CSJPB Holdings Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2080953
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 26th June, 2023.
Dated: 26th day of June 2023
(Sgd.) Philippa V O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator
[07/11]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act. 2004
China Base Industrial Co., Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 673458
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 26th day of June, 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa V O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: 26th day of June 2023
(Sgd.) Philippa V O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator
[07/12]

Notice of Appointment of a Voluntary Liquidator under Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004.
SS & F COMPANY LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1745289
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 31st day of May 2023. The Liquidator is **JOHN NICHOLAS GREENWOOD of FIN-LAW, Arawak Chambers, Mandar House, Johnson's Ghut, P.O. BOX 2196, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated this 31st day of May 2023

JOHN NICHOLAS GREENWOOD
Voluntary Liquidator
[07/13]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act
VIGOUR HOLDINGS LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number: 68337
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 26 June 2023. The Joint Liquidators are **Christopher Bickley of One Exchange Square, 8 Connaught Pl, Central, Hong Kong, and Rachael Pape of Conyers Dill & Pearman, Commerce House, Wickhams Cay 1, P.O. Box 3140, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110, British, Virgin Islands.**
Dated: 26 June 2023
Rachael Pape
For and on behalf of Christopher Bickley and Rachael Pape
As Joint Liquidators
[07/14]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004
Everest Investment No.4 Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2067270
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 27 June 2023.
Dated: 27 June 2023.
(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator [07/15]

APPOINTMENT
DESERT ROSE PETROLEUM LIMITED
(“the Company”)
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1655848
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that: **Desert Rose Petroleum Limited** is in voluntary liquidation. The date of commencement of liquidation is 26th June 2023. The liquidator is **Carmine Bailey of Kendall Corporate Services Limited, 87 Main Street, Waterfront Drive, P.O. Box 3169; PMB 425, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated 27th June 2023
Carmine Bailey
Voluntary Liquidator
[07/16]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.
VAUXHALL SOLUTIONS, LTD.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 668387
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 June 27th, 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: June 27th, 2023
(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean
Voluntary Liquidator
[07/17]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.
Hitbrand Consulting Corp.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1515247
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 June 27, 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean, with address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: June 28, 2023.
(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean
Voluntary Liquidator [07/18]

PUBLIC NOTICES

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

IN THE ESTATE OF JESUS SORIANO JALANDONI, JR.,
ALSO KNOWN AS JESUS S. JALANDONI, JR., LATE OF
153 SARANGANI STREET AYALA ALABANG VILLAGE,
MUNTINLUPA CITY, METRO MANILA,
PHILIPPINES, DECEASED

TAKE NOTICE that LOURDES JACINTO JALANDONI, also known as MARIA LOURDES OLORIZ JACINTO and MA. LOURDES O. JACINTO of 153 Sarangani Street, Ayala Alabang Village, Muntinlupa City, Metro Manila, Philippines, the intended Administrator of the Estate of the Deceased who died on the 4th day of May 2021 at the Asian Hospital and Medical Center, Alabang Muntinlupa City, Metro Manila, Philippines, has applied to the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the Probate Division for a Grant of Letters of Administration in the estate of the said JESUS SORIANO JALANDONI, JR., also known as JESUS S. JALANDONI, JR., deceased.

ANY PERSONS having any objections to the Grant of Letters of Administration to the said LOURDES JACINTO JALANDONI, also known as MARIA LOURDES OLORIZ JACINTO and MA. LOURDES O. JACINTO shall within fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of this Notice lodge with the Registry of the High Court in the Territory of the Virgin Islands a proper document setting out the said objections.

Dated the 23 day of June, 2023

Harney Westwood & Riegels LP
Solicitors for the Administrator
[07]

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

IN THE ESTATE OF WALTER CHINNERY, DECEASED

TAKE NOTICE that LYNNETTE MYRTH CHINNERY of 800 Ruskin Drive, Chapin, South Carolina, 29036, United States of America, the intended Administrator of the Estate of the Deceased who died on the 13th day of June 2010 in Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, United States Virgin Islands, has applied to the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the Probate Division for a Grant of Letters of Administration in the estate of the said WALTER CHINNERY, deceased.

ANY PERSONS having any objections to the Grant of Letters of Administration to the said LYNNETTE MYRTH CHINNERY shall within fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of this Notice lodge with the Registry of the High Court in the Territory of the Virgin Islands a proper document setting out the said objections.

Dated the 22 day of June, 2023

Harney Westwood & Riegels LP
Solicitors for the Administrator

[07]

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

**Open Process
Ventures GP Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2097603

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 June 28th, 2023. The Liquidator is Nelia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated: June 29th, 2023
(Sgd.) Nelia St. Jean
Voluntary Liquidator
[07/19]

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

Savoy Digital SPC Ltd
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No: 2066550

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 27th day of June, 2023.

(Sgd.) Philippa V O'Sullivan
Liquidator
[07/20]

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

TPWZ Holdings Ltd.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 29th day of June 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
[07/21]

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

IN THE ESTATE OF SANTOSA HANDOJO @ KANG
KIEM HAN, LATE OF 12 CUSCADEN WALK #25-02,
SINGAPORE 249694, DECEASED

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by BAMBANG WIDJAJA of 8 Cuscaden Walk #22-02, Singapore 249692 and TANDIP SINGH WASAN of 2G Jalan Jamal, Singapore 457601, for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above named deceased who died on the 25th day of September 2022 without revoking a Will (British Virgin Islands estate) bearing the date of the 22nd day of September 2022 wherein the applicants are named executors.

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

Dated the 23rd day of June, 2023

Filed by BAMBANG WIDJAJA and TANDIP SINGH WASAN, Propounders whose address for service is c/o Harney Westwood & Riegels LP, Craigmuir Chambers, PO Box 71, Road Town Tortola VG1110, British Virgin Islands

[07]

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

CLAIM NO. BVIHPB2023/

IN THE ESTATE OF IGO SALARU LATE OF RUA
BRAGANCA 55, PACAEMBU, SAO PAULO, BRAZIL,
DECEASED

ADVERTISEMENT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Daniel Russi Salaru of Rua Miguel Casagrande 200, CEP 02714-000 Sao Paulo, Brazil for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above-named deceased who died on 6 February 2021 at Hospital Beneficencia Portuguesa Mirante, Sao Paulo, Brazil without revoking a Will bearing the date of 10 January 2008 to which the applicant has been appointed executor by court order.

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

Dated this 29th day of June 2023

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

[08]

STATEMENT BY PREMIER DR. HON. NATALIO D. WHEATLEY ON INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

2nd Sitting of the First Session of the Fifth House of Assembly

Madam Speaker,
Since assuming office, my Administration has been active in advancing the interests of the Virgin Islands at both regional and international levels.

It is my privilege to update this Honourable House on the Territory's international affairs, as we have continued to represent the Virgin Islands in various regional and international forums.

Madam Speaker, in early May, I travelled to the United Kingdom (UK) where I attended the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III. The coronation was certainly a historic event for the UK, Overseas Territories (OTs), Crown Dependencies (CDs) and the Commonwealth.

Thereafter, I led a delegation to the Joint Ministerial Council (JMC) in London between UK and OT Ministers, which had been postponed in November 2022 because of political changes in the composition of the UK Government. I was joined by Deputy Premier, Hon. Lorna Smith, OBE, which strengthened our representation.

The meeting was hosted by OT Minister the Rt. Hon. Lord Goldsmith, and attended by Foreign Secretary, the Rt. Hon. James Cleverly, other UK Ministers and UK officials; as well

as the Premiers and Ministers of the Territories. Our discussions were aimed at strengthening UK support for the OTs and improving cooperation in key areas.

Lord Goldsmith announced that Prime Minister the Rt. Hon. Rishi Sunak had agreed that each UK Government Department would have a Minister that leads on OT matters.

My proposal for the Virgin Islands to host the preparatory meeting of an agreed UK-OTs Illicit Finance Dialogue, to deepen our engagement on protecting the global financial system, was accepted by both UK Ministers and OT Leaders. It was also agreed to establish a Technical Working Group on Public Registers. The Minister of Financial Services will elaborate on these in due course.

The outcomes of the meeting are set out in the JMC communique, and I look forward to further dialogue with Lord Goldsmith, particularly on climate change and environmental matters.

Madam Speaker, in early June, I travelled to the United Nations (UN) Headquarters in New York to appear before the Special Committee on Decolonization, also referred to as the C-24. I provided the Committee with an update on the steps we are taking to advance the sustainable development of the Territory, including the launch of the National Sustainable

Development Plan that took place in February. I also informed them of where things currently stand in the relationship between the UK and the Virgin Islands.

Madam Speaker, I did place on the record my Administration's objection to the UK continuing to maintain an Order in Council in reserve, that can immediately suspend the constitution. It is not necessary. UK Parliamentarians, CARICOM, OECS and the C-24 agree with our position. I also expressed our deep concern about recent statements by the Governor regarding him potentially obtaining additional powers over the Virgin Islands. This also is not necessary.

Madam Speaker, while in New York, I also had a bilateral meeting with His Excellency Ambassador James Kariuki, the Deputy Representative of the UK Permanent Mission to the UN. We discussed improving BVI-UK relations and exploring UK support at UN level, for BVI participation in climate change and sustainable development related initiatives.

Madam Speaker, here in the Virgin Islands, my Administration welcomed a high-level UN delegation to the Territory from 13th-15th June to participate in a BVI-UN Sustainable Development Forum. Ten UN agencies were represented at the High-Level

Dialogue with Government Ministers and Junior Ministers on 14th June, both in person and virtually. They included ECLAC, UNDP, UNICEF, UNESCO, ILO, WFP, UNFPA, IOM, FAO, and the Resident Coordinator's Office (RCO) for Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean. The UN delegation was led by UN Resident Coordinator Mr. Didier Trebucq.

The UN delegation also met the Sustainable Development Goals National Coordinating Committee (SDGNCC), comprised of the Permanent Secretaries of the Ministries of Government and chaired by Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sustainable Development Mr. Joseph Smith-Abbott, and co-chaired by Permanent Secretary in the Premier's Office Mrs. Carolyn Stoutt Igwe. Bilateral meetings were also held between respective Government Ministries and UN agencies with whom they are cooperating on programmes.

Additionally, Madam Speaker, Members of the Opposition received a briefing from UN representatives on the deliberations, and had an opportunity to share their views on the areas of sustainable development, they believe the Virgin Islands can benefit from through UN support.

By the end of the BVI-UN Sustainable Development Forum, we identified a number of areas in which the UN can provide additional technical assistance to the Territory. These include, among other things, migration and immigration policy support; revision of the youth policy; development of a student feeding programme; strengthening of social protection and support for vulnerable groups, such as the elderly, women and youth; a sustainable energy audit; an energy transition policy for a low-carbon economy; digitisation; collection and use of data; national planning; development of a national pension plan; design of an unemployment scheme; innovative financing for climate change and sustainable development; implementation of the Blue Economy Roadmap; and implementation of the National Sustainable Development Plan. We are following up with the UN on next steps in translating these identified areas into tangible support.

Madam Speaker, at the regional level, I attended the 73rd OECS Authority meeting in Saint Kitts and Nevis from 18th-19th June, where I had the privilege of addressing the Opening Ceremony as the most recently elected political Leader. I called for OECS to stay at the forefront of climate change and sustainable development issues at international

forums. During the deliberations, we discussed a number of issues aimed at deepening regional cooperation and integration.

Madam Speaker, I then travelled to Saint Lucia, where I attended the annual meeting of the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB), where the British Virgin Islands assumed its rotation as Governor on the Bank's Board, as a borrowing member. I commended the work of CDB on the new metric for use in their credit process, which they refer to as "internal resilience capacity." They have also given input to the UN on the development of a Multidimensional Vulnerability Index (MVI) that can be utilized when considering concessional financing and development assistance for Small Islands Developing States (SIDS) like the Virgin Islands that are classified as "Medium" or "High-Income", but highly vulnerable to external economic and environmental shocks.

Importantly, in advance of the CDB meeting of the Board of Governors, the CDB held its first ever consultative meeting with OTs in Anguilla. This was a highly productive engagement. The next such consultative meeting will be held here in the Virgin Islands, where I will host my OT Finance Minister colleagues and the President of the CDB and members of his team.

Finally, Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to inform this Honourable House that next week I will attend the 45th Regular Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of CARICOM.

The Virgin Islands has been an Associate Member of CARICOM for 32 years. Our Associate Membership is one of the primary means by which we engage in regional cooperation that benefits the Territory in a variety of ways, including the strong political support we have received over the past two years. It is highly appropriate that the Virgin Islands is present to demonstrate our solidarity with our neighbours, and find solutions to problems such as regional transportation and food security that affect the region.

Madam Speaker, I am grateful for the opportunity to update this Honourable House on international affairs matters, and will do so again at the next appropriate juncture.

PUBLIC NOTICES

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

**IN THE ESTATE OF CHAN SING CHUK, CHARLES,
FLAT M, 1ST FLOOR, KAISER ESTATE 3, 11 HOK
YUEN STREET, HUNGHOM, KOWLOON, HONG
KONG, DECEASED**

NOTICE is given that after the expiration of 8 days an application will be made to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the resealing of grant of letters of administration of CHAN SING CHUK, CHARLES, Deceased, late of Flat M, 1st Floor, Kaiser Estate 3, 11 Hok Yuen Street, Hunghom, Kowloon, Hong Kong, Deceased, granted to CHENG SIU YIN, SHIRLEY by the Deputy Registrar of the High Court of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region with Grant No. HCAG002470/2023 on the 17th day of March 2023.

**Harney Westwood & Riegels LP
Legal Practitioners for the Applicant**

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**NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
(NO. 16 OF 2004)
Wantai Social
Holdings Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)**

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 29th day of June 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

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CARICOM at the Crossroads: Rising to the Challenge of a New Era

- Dr. Carla N. Barnett
CARICOM Secretary-General



Dr. Carla N. Barnett, Secretary-General of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)

(CARICOM Secretariat, Turkeyen, - Greater Georgetown, Guyana - Wednesday, 28 June 2023): Following is an edited version of a presentation by Dr. Carla N Barnett, CARIC-Secretary-General, at a symposium 'CARICOM at 50' hosted by UWI St Augustine on April 14, 2023.

CARICOM is a Community of sovereign states which have agreed to act in concert in areas agreed within the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas. Unlike, for example, the European Union, which has a supranational personality where regulations and laws made at the level of the Union have direct national effect, in CARICOM, decisions taken by the Heads, although they may create rights for persons within the CARICOM sphere, also create obligations for Member States to implement the decisions through national laws and policies. This has complicated and

lengthened our decision-making and implementation process; notwithstanding, we have made significant accomplishments.

A model for similar integration movements

The four pillars of CARICOM - Economic Integration, Human and Social Development, Foreign Policy Coordination and Security Cooperation - provide a broad scope to develop an integration movement that is the longest lasting of its kind in the developing world. This is a reality that has resulted in our friends from Africa and the Pacific sending missions to study what we have been doing. CARICOM has been a model for similar integration movements.

Solid foundation

And what have we been doing? In the past 50 years, we have functioned as a collaborative mechanism which has established

several specialised Regional Institutions, including in the areas of Education, Health, Agriculture, Disaster Management, Climate Change, and Crime and Security, which all work to enhance the benefits of our integration.

We need to remind ourselves from time to time that, as a Region, we were successful in establishing the Caribbean Development Bank, the Caribbean Court of Justice, the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency, the Caribbean Catastrophe Risk Insurance Facility, the Caribbean Examination Council, the Pan Caribbean Partnership against HIV/AIDS, and the Caribbean Public Health Agency, among others.

The objective of the CARICOM Single Market and Economy (CSME) is to progressively and ultimately create a single, seamless economic space within our Community that provides a larger scale economic, trading and business environment. It is our platform for economic growth and development within our Region, as well our foundation for international competitiveness and effective insertion in the global economy.

We already have a Community Agricultural Policy and a Double Taxation Agreement and are creating a Community Industrial Policy among the Member States. We have harmonised standards, sanitary and phyto-sanitary measures, and a competition

policy. We have in place a CARICOM Multilateral Air Services Agreement.

The Revised Treaty created a rules-based Community. The Treaty, the binding decisions of the Conference of Heads of Government and the Ministerial Councils, and the rulings of the CCJ, together constitute an emerging body of Community law.

A security architecture has been put in place, including a CARICOM Arrest Warrant Treaty, an Agreement on the Recovery and Sharing of Assets derived from criminal activity and a Counter Terrorism Strategy.

We have leveraged our votes in the international arena along with sustained advocacy to become a respected voice in global affairs, most recently in Climate Change and Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs).

Our slogan for our 2023 anniversary celebration is most apt, "50 Years Strong: A Solid Foundation to Build On".

No insurmountable challenges

Let us be clear. There is more that could have been done to take us further along the road. The lag in the implementation of an efficient transportation system has adversely affected intra-regional trade and ease of travel for people throughout the Community. The non-tariff barriers that impeded the flow of trade have created unnecessary friction. Actions by officials at points of entry threaten to become a deterrent to

CARICOM citizens wishing to visit or seek employment in another Member State, as is their right under the Revised Treaty. The joy of the Single Domestic Space when our Region hosted Cricket World Cup in 2007 is now a distant memory!

None of those challenges is insurmountable, as intractable as they may seem. And the goal is to surmount them as we move on to the next 50 years and beyond.

The regional and global environments have changed considerably since signing of the original Treaty of Chaguaramas in 1973, and even since the Revised Treaty of 2001. However, the fundamental objectives and principles of regional integration remain more valid than ever. It is these objectives and principles that underpin efforts of our Community as we rise to the challenges of this new era. Our young people must now channel their greater facility with the technology, their creativity, and innovative skills to create value that will benefit our Region.

Unity of purpose

Much has been achieved in the past 50 years. A lot of it is taken for granted today. Some of the Regional achievements mentioned earlier are not even directly associated with the integration movement. The stories of regional success must be continuously shared across our Community to serve as a constant reminder of what we can achieve with unity of purpose.

POLICE SEEK ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING MISSING MAN

Thursday, June 29 – Police are seeking the public assistance in locating Roshanio Pope, 20, of Long Look who was reported missing today.

Pope's family reported that he was last seen on Monday, 26 June dressed in a black t-shirt, short grey pants and black crocs. He wears an afro, is slim built and black in complexion.



Roshanio Pope,

He frequents the Stickett in Long Look and other areas in East End.

Persons who have any information regarding the whereabouts of Roshanio Pope are asked to contact the Intelligence Unit at 368-9339 or 368-9593. Persons can also give information anonymously through Crimestoppers by calling 800-8477.

SUMMER READING BOOK LIST 2023

KINDERGARTEN

This list does not replace the required reading list of each school. While students are not required to read all the books on the list, they are encouraged to read at least two. Selected titles will be used during Reading is Fun Week 2023.



1. Dr. Seuss Collection

by Dr. Seuss

2. ABC-Animals Coloring Book

by Carlyn Benjamin (Local author)

3. First Day, No Way! *

By Lori Mortensen

4. Little Lizard's First Day *

by Melinda Melton Crow

5. When I Grow Up

by Rick Grant (Local author)

6. Where I Live

by Rick Grant (Local author)

*digital book

In an effort to continue to foster the love for reading, students from kindergarten to grade 12 are encouraged to read more.

Be SMART

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most commonly used for cooking.

DO'S

- Before using your LPG cylinder, check the valve and other joints to make sure there is no leakage
- Keep your cylinder in a vertical position with the valve on top
- Install cylinder at ground level on flat surface
- Replace rusty cylinders
- Keep cylinder away from electrical sources, air conditioners and switch boxes
- Ensure regulators to be used on cylinder are the same diameter as the cylinder valve
- Check your lines once a year, many leaks are due to corrosion

DON'TS

- **DO NOT** ever install your cylinder near any heat source or exposed to sun, rain, dust and heat.
- **DO NOT** place cylinder inside a closed compartment.
- **DO NOT** fill up above the 85% fill mark. You must leave 'dead space' to allow for the expansion of LPG from liquid state to gaseous.

IMPORTANT NOTE IN CASE OF LEAKAGE

- Open all doors and windows.
- Turn OFF the regulator.
- Call a qualified inspector.
- **DO NOT** switch ON/OFF any electrical equipment inside the house.
- **DO NOT** light matches, lighter or stove.



A message from the Department of Disaster Management and Sol

HISTORY, CULTURE AND FISHING TO MARK VIRGIN ISLANDS DAY

Premier and Minister for Tourism, Culture and Sustainable Development Honourable Dr. Natalio D. Wheatley said that the upcoming Virgin Islands Day would be significant for promoting the Territory's culture and history.

Premier Wheatley's comments come ahead of the 3rd July Virgin Islands Day celebrations. This year's day-long activities will be observed under the theme, "Virgin Islands Day Celebration: A Cultural Experience".

Honourable Wheatley said, "Virgin Islands Day presents an opportunity for us to fully embrace and appreciate how our history and cultural heritage have shaped our character as a people. Our cultural expression has implications for our ethical framework, our resilience, our spirit of togetherness and essentially what keeps us interconnected."

Premier Wheatley is also encouraging all residents and visitors to participate in the activities at Long Bay Beach at Beef Island.

The activities will feature a praise party hosted by Brent Hoyte and Oneyke, a culture

celebration service, and a Virgin Islands Day official ceremony that will provide insight and lessons on cultural and historical areas of significance.

Other activities will include traditional Virgin Islands games, cultural demonstrations, and a fishing competition organised in honour of Mr. Obell Penn.

The fishing competition will be aimed at promoting the revitalisation of fishing in the Virgin Islands. Fishing is a time-honoured activity that has provided employment opportunities for the people of the Virgin Islands and has contributed significantly to integrating socio-economic development with Virgin Islands culture.

Fisherman's Day was historically observed in conjunction with Territory Day, which was re-designated as Virgin Islands Day by Cabinet on December 2, 2020. The objective of the re-designation was to promote national consciousness and celebrate the unique identity of the Virgin Islands. Virgin Islands Day is observed annually on the first Monday in July.

The Government of the Virgin Islands' vision is a Virgin Islands where all Virgin Islanders feel

a sense of belonging and pride, and actively participate in cultural activities that reflect their

heritage and ultimately enrich their lives.



GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS



VIRGIN ISLANDS DAY Celebration

A Cultural Experience

MONDAY, 3RD JULY, 2023

📍 Long Bay Beach, Beef Island

4:00 A.M.	Lines In! The 2023 Obel Penn Fishing Tournament Begins
9:30 A.M.	Praise Party Brent Hoyte and Oneyke
10:00 A.M.	Celebration Service Pastor Jovan Cline and Pastor Alice James-Lemon
10:45 A.M.	Virgin Islands Day Official Ceremony
NOON	Cultural Music and Demonstrations
2:00 P.M.	VI Cultural Games Competition
3:00 P.M.	Lines Out! Fishermen Return
4:00 P.M.	Weighing of Catch at Long Bay Beach, Beef Island

Join us for a Day of Excitement and Fun Activities!
 Fisherfolks' Competition Registration: (284) 468-1235
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CLOSING DATE: 14 JULY 2023

REPAIRS TO THE BURT POINT WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

STATEMENT BY MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND WORKS HONOURABLE KYE M. RYMER AT THE SECOND SITTING OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTH HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

Thursday 29th June 2022---Madam Speaker, I am pleased to provide an update on the work progress at the Burt Point Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Madam Speaker, on 22nd August 2022, the Government of the Virgin Islands signed an agreement via the Ministry of Communications and Works with BiWater International Limited in the amount of two million, five hundred ninety-four thousand, three hundred seventeen dollars and eighty-six cents (\$2,594,317.86). To date Madam Speaker, a total of \$1,734,321.77 has been expended on the project.

I previously informed this Honourable House that the plant is currently inoperable, which continues to pose a significant threat to our marine environment. As a result, the importance of this project and reaching to a state where the plant is commissioned once again is a high priority for me and the Ministry.

Madam Speaker, as part of the repairs and commissioning of the plant, we have incorporated a receiving station to allow the sewage pump trucks to dump at the Burt Point plant. This will eliminate the need for the pump trucks to continue to dump sewage in the heart of Road Town at the main pump station at the Roundabout.

Madam Speaker, as we seek to improve our city of Road Town, we have to put measures in place to enhance our aesthetics and the way that we operate, including at our pump station. Madam Speaker, having these types of operations relocated to the soon-to-be commissioned plant at Burt Point will allow for monitoring and logging of pump trucks while avoiding the site of sewage being dumped in plain sight of tourists and residents alike.

Madam Speaker, my Ministry has engaged BiWater International Ltd. to procure the necessary equipment and material to replace the damaged equipment and material at the plant. As you would appreciate, this equipment and material are specialized and would have an extended lead time in the manufacturing process.

Madam Speaker, in accordance with the most recent work program and schedule, the plant is anticipated to be completed and commissioned in August 2023.

Madam Speaker, civil works are near completion at the Burt Point Waste Water Treatment Plant, which includes the construction of a new Main Control Center to house the control panels and associated equipment. The majority of the material has been procured and received at the Waste Water Treatment Plant site at Burt Point.

Madam Speaker, BiWater is currently setting up to send forward an Electrical Engineer to complete all electrical works to advance the project toward completion.

Madam Speaker, this project is a priority for my Ministry, and we look forward to the tertiary treatment of the sewage received from the Road Town environs once the plant is commissioned.

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 Must be polite and fast at a busy restaurant.
 Please contact us at 1284-344 - 3315
 Or email: sena.bvi88@gmail.com
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Bamboushay - Lounge and Restaurant is hereby seeking suitable person for the position of a Chef.
 Successful candidate must have at least 5 years experience with oriental foods and knowledge of Caribbean cuisine.
 Applicant will have to work Holidays and Weekends.
 Please send resume to info@bamboushaylounge.com or call 1284-494-7752
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THE GLAM BEAUTY SALON requires the following Full Time position: 1 Hairdresser, 2 Hair Stylist, 2 Barber, 2 Nail Tech & 1 Sales Clerk. Please call 284-541-8155/346-7478 for further information.
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THE BRAID STUDIO is seeking a full-time Hairdresser. Please call 442-3272 for further information.
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J&L WELDING GARAGE AND BODYSHOP is seeking a full-time Welder to work 5 to 6 days a week, able to work extra hours, for more information telephone 284-342-7180
 [s08]



GF Taxi Service

Po Box 3375, Road Town Vg1110
 Spring Ghut, Tortola
 Virgin Island Vg1120
 284-468-9716

Job Description:

We are seeking a friendly and competent experience driver to complete a range of day-to-day taxi concierge service duties.

You will be responsible for answering the telephone and taking appointments, greeting clients, data capturing, filing, responding to queries from the public, mailing, and maintaining and updating orders to our database.

The ideal candidate will enjoy interacting with people and have excellent organizational customer service and time management skills. Previous experience in a similar role is preferred.

Responsibilities:

- Welcome clients and offer services to potential clients or customers.
- To record sales transactions in within POS. Credit Card machine
- Maintain filing, database systems
- Operate vehicle transport and office equipment such as photocopiers and fax machines etc.
- Communicate with clients and employers, and respond to any queries or complaints.
- Sort and forward incoming mail and emails request for service, and prepare repondence send outgoing mail.
- Prepare sales reports and ensure that monies collected are deposited are daily.
- Coordinate activities and disseminate information to promote all Business services

Requirements:

- High School diploma with relevant experience.
- Certificate in office administration or associate degree in office management may be required.
- Marketing experience in sales optional
- Strong Computer skills and working knowledge of Microsoft Office. POS cashiering and inventory systems.
- Time management and organizational skills.
- Attention to detail.
- Personable demeanor.
- Ability to type 45 - 60 WPM (words per minute).
- Valid driver license

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 Waiter/ Waitress
 Bartender/ Barmaid
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 Dish washer
 Laundry Attendant
 Cosmetologist (Braider, Hair dresser, Nail tech, Masseur, Barber)
 Housekeeper
 General Cleaner
 Applicants should have some knowledge in the hospitality or in a similar position. Applications can be collected at Fischer's Cove Beach Hotel Monday- Friday between 10am- 4pm.
 Telephone 284-495-5253
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JASMIN BAR requires BARTENDERS for the establishment. Please call 345-7727 for more information.
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Jost Van Dyke Scuba seeks 3 Scuba Instructors, 2 - C a p t a i n / S c u b a Instructors, 2 Divemasters, one Office Administrator/ Diver- (minimum-requirement Open Water). These positions are available for Full Time 1 year contracts or 3 and 6 month Temporary Work Permits. Please send CV to bvi.jostvandykescuba@gmail.com BVI Islanders and Belongers preferred.
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Full-time-Positions Available: Doctors, Nurses, Eyecare, Dentistry, Lab Technicians, Pharmacists, Sonographers, Medical Assistants & Maintenance Personnel.
 Contact: B&F Medical Complex P.O Box 412 Road Town, Tortola VG1110
 Email: bfmedicaloffice@yahoo.com and or bfmedical@hotmail.com or Telephone: 284-494-2196
 [s10]

Sales Representative Required
 A boutique store is in need of an energetic and customer service oriented retail sales agent to join our team in the selling and promoting a specialized line of products.
 Applicants should possess a passion for fashion and design as well as be willing to familiarize themselves with, and ultimately share their knowledge of the store's unique merchandise with its customers.
 They should also have the ability to monitor stock and arrange product displays for effective presentation to the public.

Efficient and cheerful customer service is an important element of this position to ensure a pleasant rapport with the store's clients to facilitate fostering long term relationships. This would include providing guidance or recommendations as to the versatility of the merchandise. Retail sales experience of at least two years is required with proficiency in operating a Point of Sales cash register system (or be willing to learn same). The position is full time, 6 days per week Monday to Friday 10am to 5pm with a one hour break for lunch, and Saturdays 10am to 2pm to include a one hour break for lunch.

If interested please send your resume to : vijobz@outlook.com
 That's The Spirit! Limited (541-1212)"
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PIERRE MAINTENANCE SERVICE has a need for ELECTRICIAN, PLUMBER, MASONS, CARPENTERS and PAINTERS for the upcoming 2023/2024 season. Please call 341-3868 for more information.
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Paramedic

- Respond to 911 calls for emergency medical assistance.
- - C a r d i o p u l m o n a r y resuscitation (CPR) or bandaging a wound.
- -Assess a patient's condition and determine a course of treatment.
- -Provide first-aid treatment or life support care to sick or injured patients.

BVI Islanders 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 or call 284-340-8309.
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ROSE'S DEEP CLEANING SERVICE has a need for CLEANERS & HOUSEMEN for the upcoming season applicants must have at least two years cleaning experience. Please call 341-3868 for more information.
 [s07]

The Tortola Auto Group Ltd. (TAG) is accepting applications for the position of Service Advisor. This role includes check-in of vehicles, contacting customers to confirm Service Appointments, advising customers on preventative maintenance work for their vehicles, collection of payments and paint mixing. Two years of experience in a similar role in the Automotive Industry is required with a High School Diploma. Interested persons should contact and submit their CV/Resume to hr@tagbvi.com and/or 284-494-2600.
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B a m b o u s h a y - L o u n g e Restaurant and Bar is hereby seeking to employ:

1. A Barister. Interested person should have at least five years experience, customer friendly, and will have to work weekend and Holidays.
2. Waitress/ Bartender Applicant should have at least one year experience, will have to work weekends and Holidays

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 Telephone number: 1284-494-7752
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PROPERTY FOR SALE: Registration Section: West Central, Block: 2439B Parcel 153 Lot Size: 0.494 acres Selling Price: US \$140,000. Interested Belongers please contact Akeem Wheatley from Emerald Properties BVI at 284-541-6861 or email: akeem@emeraldpropertiesbvi.com or Info@emeraldpropertiesbvi.com
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