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GOVERNOR RANKIN CONCERNED ABOUT THE LEAKING OF UNREDACTED AUDIT

The investigation into the leaking of the Public Assistance Grants Audit back in March is still ongoing, and the His Excellency Governor John Rankin, CMG, is still unhappy about the unofficial sharing of the document.

The Governor made mention of the matter in his Third Quarterly Review on the Implementation of the Commission of Inquiry (CoI) Recommendations released on 9 June.

In his Third Quarterly Review, the Governor said that he is still interested in finding out who leaked the document, "On 1 March, I publicly condemned the leaking of part of an unredacted version of the Assistance Grants Audit (B12), noting the importance of Cabinet confidentiality. I await the findings of the leak inquiry carried out by the Cabinet Secretary."

The Audit report into Public

Assistance Grants made between January 2019 and May 2022 was allegedly leaked by a Member of Cabinet for political expediency, according to reports.

The Assistance Grants Audit Report was conducted by the Auditor General in accordance with the Commissioner of Inquiry Sir Gary Hickinbottom's Recommendation B12, as was outlined in the Commission of Inquiry Report.

When the leak was discovered, Governor Rankin issued a statement on 1 March explaining that he and Premier Wheatley received the Report on 30 December; and subsequently tabled the document in Cabinet.

The Governor said that at the time of the leak the Audit Report was due to be presented in the House of

Assembly, in redacted form, as required by the provisions of the Audit Act 2003. The redactions involved the removal of names of individual grant recipients. At that point, the report was

expected to be made public. However, the document was prematurely released with the names of recipients unredacted. In response to the leak, Governor Rankin stated that the widely circulated document

appeared to be a copy of the report considered by Cabinet, which was a confidential document. Governor Rankin emphasized the paramount importance of Cabinet

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Participants in the BVI Dance Fest, ranging from tots to adults, thrilled a sold out crowd with dazzling performances on Sunday at the H. Lavity Stoutt Community College's Eileen Parsons Auditorium (Photo Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway)



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confidentiality and ordered the Cabinet Secretary to conduct a leak inquiry regarding this matter.

He added: "If any criminal offense occurred in relation to the leak, it would also

be a matter for the Police and the Director of Public Prosecutions to consider and take forward as appropriate."

Following the leak the Assistance Grants Audit (B12) was officially released

to the public with appropriate redactions. The document was first laid in the House of Assembly. Upon its release, Governor Rankin described the Audit's findings as deeply concerning.

SPIKE OF SHOOTINGS & MURDERS STEMS FROM COCAINE TRAFFICKING: GOVERNOR SAYS

During a press conference on 9 June, Governor John Rankin, CMG, updated the public about his Third Quarterly Review on the Implementation of the Commission of Inquiry (CoI) Recommendations. He indicated that the BVI continues to maintain its status as a low-crime jurisdiction, however, the spike in shootings and murders in the area is a mutual concern shared by him and all residents of the Territory.

As the person responsible for internal security, the Governor has plans to provide more updates about the crime situation in the near future.

He explicitly noted: "Our Territory is overrun with guns, which are the very tools behind these shootings." He went on to acknowledge the need for more effective interventions

by the police, immigration, and customs departments to strengthen the control and supervision mechanisms in order to prevent the illegal importation of firearms.

The Territory has seen an unsettling number of targeted murders in recent times, many of which still remain a mystery. "A substantial number of the murders and shootings which do take place - not all of them but a substantial number - are related to the problem of illicit transport of drugs through the Territory."

Governor Rankin said. "I don't think this is talked about enough. The cocaine flow through this Territory and the gangs which run the cocaine flow are directly linked to a number of the murders and shootings which are taking place so we need to tackle that issue," remarked Governor Rankin.

Further, he observed:

"The trafficking of cocaine and the gangs operating these channels are directly implicated in numerous shootings and murders that have occurred. Addressing this issue could help mitigate the situation."

Governor Rankin also advocated the reintroduction of the Police Act to the House of Assembly. "There are proposed provisions yet to be approved that align with democratic standards in the Western world. It is crucial for our police force to possess the required powers in the 21st century to combat criminals who employ contemporary techniques and technologies for their criminal activities," the Governor emphasized.

However, Governor Rankin reiterated that the BVI, despite the rise in shootings and murders, is generally a Territory with low crime rates.



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PLASTIC LITTER REDUCTION TO BE IMPLEMENTED

Premier Dr. the Hon. Natalio Wheatley announced that the Government will be moving ahead with the legislation that will make the proposed ban on single use plastic use in the Territory possible.

Single use plastic items such as straws, plastic disposable water bottles, food containers and other items have been lamented for years as major contributors to the Territory's waste management problems.

At the start of last year the Government announced plans to introduce legislation to help with the enforcement of the ban, but not much was said after. However, the matter seems to be getting renewed attention as Premier Wheatley announced in his 5 June World Environment Day celebration that the legislation is advancing.

While announcing that Government will be leading by example, the Premier disclosed: "In the last two weeks, in partnership with Green BVI, the Ministry of Health and Social Development has made significant strides in getting the Ban of Single Use Plastic and Deposit Refund

Container Bill further along in the drafting process. There has been substantial effort by many persons over the years to get us to this stage and I look forward to being able to pass the Bill soon."

During the 2022 Speech from the Throne on 18 January 2022, His Excellency Governor John Rankin CMG announced that the Government of the Virgin Islands had planned to introduce legislation during the Fourth Session of the Fourth House of Assembly (HoA) to ban the use of non-biodegradable plastic bags, containers, and bottles.

This legislation, referred to as the Plastic Litter Reduction and Container Deposit Bill, was expected to be introduced with the aim of reducing the use of single-use plastics.

The Governor explained that the proposed Bill was also expected to promote the utilization of environmentally friendly alternatives through economic incentives, reduce litter from beverage containers in various locations such as roadsides, ghuts, coastal and marine areas, as well as public or private properties, and

encourage recycling.

Furthermore, Governor Rankin stated that the Bill would prohibit the importation, manufacture, sale, and distribution of non-compostable plastic food and beverage service-ware, as well as non-biodegradable single-use disposable plastic bags.

The King's Representative said: "The Plastic Litter Reduction and Container Deposit Bill will be introduced."

Governor Rankin added, "The Plastic Litter Reduction and Container Deposit Bill will prohibit the importation, manufacture, sale and distribution of food and beverage service-ware made of non-compostable plastic as well as single-use disposable plastic bags that are non-biodegradable. The Bill will also grant exemptions from import duty on all disposable plastic bags and food and beverage service-ware made of biodegradable or other compostable material. It will also establish a recycling fund for the collection and disbursement of the proceeds of a levy on prescribed items."



individuals who had been ordinarily residing for at least seven years."

As a consequence, His Excellency pointed out that around 64 individuals who obtained status under the Fast Track initiative did not meet the publicly-stated requirement of a 20-year residency period.

"Investigation revealed evidence indicating that certain decisions were influenced by policymakers who directly benefited in certain instances," stated the Governor in his report. "Some individuals closely connected to Members of the House of Assembly received status through the Fast Track scheme, despite not meeting the publicly-stated 20-year residency period."

This controversial matter was previously addressed when in an historical occurrence the Governor had to recall the House of Assembly on 17 April to allow Legislators to debate the 'Immigration and Passport (Validation) Bill, 2023 which sought to validate the Belonger status of persons who were regularized during the 2019 Fast Track programme.

During that sitting Minister for Works Hon. Kye Rymer addressed the matter of persons linked to Legislators being granted Belonger status under the Fast Track initiative. Hon. Rymer referred to the matter as deliberate attempts to spread misinformation about the programme.

He said: "It is unfair to present someone as corrupt for personal gain. The information being spread is inaccurate, and it does not represent the truth."

"This is absolutely not so, let me be perfectly clear, Honourable Neville Smith's wife was married to him for five years and qualified based on section 16 (6) of the law. Honourable Sharie de Castro's significant other satisfied the requirement for years required under Section 16(4). The Premier's wife by far satisfied the requirement of years required under the same section. When Cabinet approved applications, he recused himself and did not vote. Furthermore, Honourable de Castro and Honourable Smith were not part of Cabinet at the time," he added.

INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE 2019 ISSUANCE OF RESIDENCY & BELONGERSHIP STATUSES ARE IN THE PIPELINE

His Excellency Governor John Rankin has instructed the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force (RVIPF) and the Director of Public Prosecutions to launch an investigation into the issuance of Residency and Belongership statuses in 2019. The focus of the investigation is to determine if any offenses were committed, particularly in cases involving individuals closely associated with

elected officials.

This disclosure was made on 9 June in the Governor's Third Quarterly Review on the Implementation of the Commission of Inquiry (CoI) Recommendations.

The Fast Track programme was an initiative launched by the VIP government in 2019 to regularise persons who were living in the Territory for a long time. During the programme persons were granted both their Residence

and Belonger status.

Governor Rankin noted that based on public consultation the qualifying period for the 'Fast Track scheme for Belongership' was 20 years. However, he noted that amendments made to the Immigration and Passport Act during that time granted the Cabinet discretionary powers to grant a certificate of Belonger status in exceptional cases or "for any other reason" to

Climate Change Trust Fund Board Reinstated

Premier and Minister of Finance, Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change, Dr. the Honourable Natalio Wheatley has pledged his support to the members

of the re-established Virgin Islands Climate Change Trust Fund Board. The board serves as a vehicle to mobilise, manage and strategically disburse large-scale

international financing to support the implementation of local projects, programmes, research and education initiatives and to respond to the issue of climate

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Premier Wheatley said, "When I met with the environment team a few weeks ago, I indicated to them that the environment and climate change will be high on the Government's agenda under my leadership. I assure you that you will have this Government's full support and respect as you fulfil your mandate on the board."

The Premier further reminded members of the important role they play which will shape the Territory's climate change adaptation story.

He said, "As members of the board, you have an important charge and you will lead the Trust Fund through the critical stage of its operation – moving the Trust Fund from an institution conceived in law to a functional entity ready and able to deliver for the people of The Virgin Islands."

The Premier also highlighted the level of commitment the Members of the Board have exhibited thus far, and stated that the Virgin Islands is fortunate to have such a committed group at the helm which is not only extremely passionate about the future of the Territory in the face of climate change, but possesses varied and expert skillsets to manage the Trust Fund.

Meanwhile, Permanent Secretary Mr. Ronald Smith-Berkeley, stated that while the Territory's carbon footprint is negligible when compared to other jurisdictions across the globe, small island nations and territories are caught in a cruel paradox as they are collectively responsible for less than one percent of the global carbon emissions, but will suffer the greatest effects.

Mr. Smith-Berkeley said, "According to NASA, earth's current warming is happening at a rate not seen in the past 10,000 years. According to the Panel on Climate Change, since the 1970s

the influence of human activity on the warming of the climate system has evolved from theory to established fact".

Chairman of the board, Mr. Edward Childs indicated that the priority task will be securing the committed seed funding to support establishment of a secretariat, enable international fund-raising efforts and ultimately launch the Trust Fund's first public call for proposals for projects to be funded.

The Virgin Islands Climate Change Trust Fund will be able to finance a wide variety of local projects and programmes such as environmental restoration projects to help restore critical natural ecosystems, projects to diversify and green the tourism industry, projects to help the agricultural sector adapt to more severe drought and heat stress for livestock, resilient infrastructure projects, and renewable energy projects.

The board will be advertising for members to represent an academic or research organisation and the financial services sector. These roles were previously held by Dr Katherine Smith and Ms Shelly Bend, respectively, who were unable to continue serving at this time and who were recognised for their service during the ceremony to re-appoint members.

Members of The Virgin Islands Climate Change Trust Fund include Financial Secretary and Ex-Officio Member - Mr. Jeremiah Frett; Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change and Ex-Officio

Member - Mr. Ronald Smith-Berkeley; Chairman - Mr. Edward Childs; Deputy Chairman Mr. John Klein; Member representing a non-governmental organisation or community-based organisation - Dr. Shannon Gore; and Member representing a resident in the Territory who possesses relevant knowledge, expertise or experience - Mr. Ronnie Lettsome.



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Statement by Governor Rankin on the Commission of Inquiry Quarterly Review

Today I have published my Third Quarterly Review of the implementation of the recommendations of the Commission of Inquiry (COI).

My Review welcomes the free and fair election that took place on 24 April and the continued commitment to reform made by the Hon. Dr. Natalio D.

Wheatley in the opening days of his new Premiership.

It also recalls however, the concern of the UK Minister for the Overseas Territories,

Lord Goldsmith, after my Second Quarterly Review, that progress in implementing the COI Recommendations lagged substantially behind in too many areas.

I remain concerned that progress is still too slow.

I recognise that there have been positive developments in the last quarter in some areas. For example, a Protocol for Statutory Board appointments was agreed and the Public Service Management Code was finalised. Four of the Reviews carried out in response to the COI Recommendations were finally made public. This was after they were laid in the recalled House of Assembly in advance of the General Election, following the findings of the audit on the Fast Track scheme for Residency and Belonger status applications.

But publication of a Review is not itself reform. The urgent need now is to take action on the findings and recommendations in the reviews, consulting where necessary, to address the governance failings identified in the COI Report. In my report, I have summarised each of the reviews which have been published so far, and I have included links to the full documents so that people can see for themselves what is proposed.

We also need to address the findings in the audit reports that have been published. A number of the audits expose systems which were open to abuse and a culture within which individuals within the orbit of the political arena may have received preferential treatment, for example in the awarding of assistance.

So we need now to speed



His Excellency John James Rankin CMG

things up. I recognise that some of the initial deadlines in the Framework Agreement proved unrealistic and have had to be revised, but the deadlines need to remain ambitious and we cannot leave delivery to the last minute. Lord Goldsmith set out in his letter that reforms must have "taken root" no later than May 2024. That means, for example, that it is not simply a matter of passing a piece of legislation by that date. Rather the need is for the legislation to be fully in force and applied in practice with, for example, the Integrity Commission, the Whistleblower legislation and a revised Register of Interests Act being fully established and fully operational.

One of the commitments made in the Framework Agreement was for the Government to provide the necessary resources for reforms. In this Quarterly Review, I have identified two particular areas which require urgent investment. First, it is vital that the police investigations carried out in line with the COI report and audits are thorough and completed swiftly so that those who may have broken the law are held to

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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)

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account. The Royal Virgin Islands Police Force must have sufficient resources to do this and of course more generally to tackle crime in the Territory. I am accordingly pleased that the Premier had committed to providing the necessary additional resources by July 2023.

Secondly, as I previously made clear, we need to deal with the continued backlog of applications for Residency and Belonger status which as at 1st June was reported to stand at 2,226 applications. I recognise that this is a sensitive area, but we need to resolve the applications of those who have been lawfully living and contributing in the BVI for many years and who are entitled under the law to receive status. I am pleased to report in my Review that the Premier has committed to an early action plan to clear the backlog.

I very much hope that the next Quarter will see real and substantive progress in these and other areas of COI Implementation and I will work constructively towards that end. In his letter, following my last quarterly review Lord Goldsmith asked me to consider whether I need additional resources, a grant of additional powers or technical expertise to support and/or accelerate reform. I don not see any immediate such need, but should we not see significant progress in the next few months then additional action will be necessary.

I look forward in the period ahead to continuing to work closely with and supporting the Premier on the reform programme. We must make further progress and I believe we both want the same thing – the best for all the people in the Virgin Islands. By addressing the failings identified in the COI Report and by delivering the necessary reforms, we can achieve the good governance that the People of the Virgin Islands deserve.



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in USD 1,000	2022	2021
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Interest expenses	-4,424	-657
Net interest income	9,977	7,907
Fees and commission income	1,943	1,878
Fees and commission expenses	-128	-122
Net fees and commission income	1,815	1,756
Net trading income	144	116
Net operating income	11,936	9,779
Personnel expenses	-2,168	-2,001
General and administrative expenses	-1,962	-2,356
Gross income	7,806	5,422
Depreciation and impairment losses	-143	-221
Credit loss income	729	843
Provisions and losses	-1	3
Net profit for the year	8,391	6,047
Other comprehensive income for the year	0	0
Total comprehensive income for the year	8,391	6,047

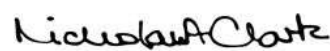
Statement of financial position

in USD 1,000	31.12.2022	31.12.2021
Assets		
Cash	81	34
Due from banks	367,450	269,216
Due from customers	24,216	20,521
Mortgages	142,574	149,786
Derivative financial instruments	40	20
Property and equipment	144	287
Accrued income and prepaid expenses	2,965	46
Other assets	547	505
Total assets	538,017	440,415
Liabilities		
Due to banks	1,913	791
Due to customers	463,829	372,261
Derivative financial instruments	40	19
Accrued expenses and deferred income	2,650	450
Other liabilities	196	299
Provisions	113	110
Total liabilities	468,741	373,930
Shareholders' equity		
Share capital	10,000	10,000
General reserves	22,393	22,393
Retained earnings	36,883	34,092
Total shareholders' equity	69,276	66,485
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	538,017	440,415

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Key figures of VP Bank Group

	2022	2021	Variance in %
Key income statement data in CHF million^{1,2}			
Total net interest income	121.5	110.0	10.5
Total net income from commission business and services	139.6	156.5	-10.8
Income from trading activities	65.5	50.0	31.0
Income from financial instruments	9.4	11.5	-18.3
Total operating income	336.4	329.9	2.0
Operating expenses	291.2	272.1	7.0
Group net income	40.2	50.6	-20.7
Key balance-sheet data in CHF million^{1,2}			
Total assets	12,631.1	13,196.4	-4.3
Due from banks	1,539.9	1,688.9	-8.8
Due from customers	5,758.9	6,237.3	-7.7
Due to customers	10,833.7	11,458.7	-5.5
Total shareholders' equity	1,102.1	1,085.6	1.5
Equity ratio (in %)	8.7	8.2	6.1
Tier 1 ratio in accordance with Basel III (in %)	21.7	22.4	-3.1
Leverage ratio in accordance with Basel III (in %)	8.0	7.6	5.3
Liquidity coverage ratio in accordance with Basel III (in %)	232.6	160.2	45.2
Net stable funding ratio (NSFR) in accordance with Basel III (in %)	158.4	n.a.	
Total client assets under management in CHF million			
On-balance-sheet customer deposits (excluding custody assets)	10,684.4	11,439.7	-6.6
Fiduciary deposits (excluding custody assets)	493.0	415.8	18.6
Client securities accounts	35,268.4	39,421.2	-10.5
Custody assets in CHF million	5,837.2	7,495.3	-22.1
Total client assets in CHF million	52,283.2	58,771.9	-11.0
Business volumes in CHF million³			
Net new money in CHF million	1,050.4	276.9	279.3
Key operating indicators²			
Return on equity (in %) ^{1,4}	3.7	4.9	
Cost/income ratio strategy 2021 (in %) ⁵	86.6	82.5	
Headcount (expressed as full-time equivalents, excluding student apprentices) ⁷	935.0	938.5	
Total operating income per employee (in CHF 1,000)	359.8	351.5	
Total operating expenses per employee (in CHF 1,000) ⁶	267.7	251.9	
Group net income per employee (in CHF 1,000)	43.0	54.0	
Key indicators related to shares of VP Bank in CHF¹			
Group net income per registered share A ⁸	6.57	8.33	
Group net income per registered share B ⁸	0.66	0.83	
Dividend per registered share A ⁹	5.00	5.00	
Dividend per registered share B ⁹	0.50	0.50	
Dividend yield registered share A (in %) ¹⁰	5.7	5.2	
Payout ratio registered share A (in %)	76.1	60.0	
Total shareholders' return on registered shares A (in %) ¹¹	-3.93	-10.18	
Shareholders' equity per registered share A on the balance-sheet date	179.92	178.21	
Shareholders' equity per registered share B on the balance-sheet date	17.99	17.82	
Quoted price per registered share A	87.80	96.60	
Quoted price per registered share B	8.80	9.70	
Highest quoted price per registered share A	107.00	125.00	
Lowest quoted price per registered share A	80.20	93.20	
Market capitalisation (in CHF million) ¹²	581	639	
Price/earnings ratio per registered share A	13.36	11.59	
Rating Standard & Poor's	A/Negative/A-1	A/Negative/A-1	

¹ The reported key data and operating indicators are computed and reported on the basis of the share of the net profit and shareholders' equity attributable to the shareholders of VP Bank Ltd, Vaduz.

² Details in the notes to the consolidated income statement and consolidated balance sheet.

³ Assets under management and due from customers.

⁴ Net income / average shareholders' equity less dividend.

⁵ Total operating expenses / total operating income.

⁶ In accordance with legal requirements, apprentices are to be included in headcount statistics as 50 per cent of equivalent full-time employees.

⁷ Operating expenses excluding depreciation and amortisation, valuation allowances, provisions and losses / headcount.

⁸ Based on the weighted average number of shares (registered share A) (note 11).

⁹ Subject to approval by the annual general meeting.

¹⁰ Based on closing price at year end.

¹¹ Price change compared to previous year closing price plus dividend / closing price previous year.

¹² Including registered shares B.

The definitions are available at vpbank.com/apm

MEN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

MESSAGE BY HONOURABLE VINCENT WHEATLEY
MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
IN OBSERVANCE OF
12 - 18 JUNE, 2023



Hon. Vincent Wheatley

The Virgin Islands joins the rest of the world in acknowledging Men's Mental Health Week 2023 from 12th to 18th June. Men's Health Week is an annual observance that aims to raise awareness about the health challenges faced by men and promote strategies for better physical and mental well-being. The World Health Organization defines mental health as a state of mental well-being that enables people to cope with the stresses of life, realise their abilities, learn well and work well, and contribute to their community.

This significant event encourages men of all ages to prioritise their health, seek preventive care, and engage in conversations about important health issues. This timing provides an excellent opportunity to engage fathers, brothers, sons, and male friends in discussions about their health while emphasising the significance of men's well-being within the context of family and community.

The theme for this year's observation is 'Men's Health and the Internet'. This emphasises the impact of technology and social media on men's mental health. We all know that a stigma exists regarding men's mental health, and unfortunately, some men are still uncomfortable discussing their problems openly. We have seen it worldwide and here in the Virgin Islands. Because of the stigma, many individuals resign to suffer in silence.

However, in recent years, we have witnessed a significant shift in conversations surrounding mental health. People are now prioritising their mental well-being with the same level of seriousness as their physical health. While the topic is certainly changing with more awareness campaigns and observations, we still have a long way to go to help men feel comfortable enough to speak out about their mental health. Although you might feel embarrassed or uncomfortable talking about your mental health; the bravest thing you can do is tackle the issue before it becomes a problem. Remember, you are not alone. Many others here in the Virgin Islands are experiencing the same emotions and struggling to find ways to cope. Let us create an environment to accommodate them as they speak up.

While we create an environment to speak up, it is important to know and understand the signs that you might be dealing with a serious issue. According to the World Health Organization, there are some common signs and symptoms associated with mental illness such as:

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Message By Dr. The Honourable Karl Dawson



Dr. The Hon. Karl Dawson

Happy World Oceans Day!

Legendary caribbean musician Harry Belafonte sang the famous line, "Oh, island in the sun, willed to me by my father's hand, all my days I will sing in praise of your forest, waters, your shining sand."

Being surrounded by water is part of the very definition of a being an island. As islands, we don't exist without the ocean.

In fact, we are more ocean than land! When we consider The Virgin Islands' 200 nautical-mile Exclusive Fisheries Zone, we have more than 500 times more ocean real estate than land.

Our ancestors had a very close and personal relationship with the sea. We come from a long line of sea-faring people for whom our waters were a means of survival. Those traditions are reflected today in The Virgin Islands being the sailing capital of the world. Yet, today we do so much to impact our marine environment, we know so little about our waters - the life that inhabits them and the other resources that lurk beneath the sea, and we have yet to really capitalize on our "Blue Economy."

As we join the world in celebrating World Oceans Day, today June 8, under the theme "Planet Ocean: Tides are Changing," let us pause to reflect on our marine environment in The Virgin Islands. How is it changing; how can it better serve us; and how can we better protect it to ensure its benefits can be reaped for generations to come?

So, how is it changing?

The truth is, we don't have nearly as much data as we should but we do know that the general state of our marine environment is declining. We see the symptoms in sensitive ecosystems like coral reefs which are bleaching, becoming diseased and covered in algae due to a myriad of impacts, many of which we can control.

As one indicator, we know that Stony Coral Tissue Loss Disease has now infected coral at more than 45 of our dive sites, including sites that are fisheries protected areas and RMS Wreck of the Rhone, our only marine park.

I am pleased to say that by World Ocean Day next year, we should have a much better understanding of coastal water quality in the Territory through expanded and new testing that will be supported

under the project "Strengthening The Virgin Islands' Water Quality Monitoring Programme" with the European Union (EU) funding through the Resilience, Sustainable Energy and Marine Biodiversity Programme (RESEMBID).

The second question - How can it better serve us?

You've probably heard the buzz term, the "Blue Economy". According to the World Bank, the Blue Economy is the "sustainable use of ocean resources for economic growth, improved livelihoods and jobs, while preserving the health of the ocean ecosystem." The Blue Economy has been recognized as a growth opportunity for both developed and developing countries.

What does the Blue Economy mean for The Virgin Islands specifically?

It could be mean the growth of fisheries as a third pillar of our economy.

It could mean harnessing marine renewable energy - that is energy harnessed from the natural movement of water, including waves, tides, and ocean currents.

It could also mean exploring the tourism potential of our marine environment outside of sailing, swimming and diving. For example, very initial research by Beyond the Reef has found over 4 species of whales and 2 species dolphins in the waters north of Anegada. We are just starting to understand the extent and behaviour of these magnificent creatures in our waters and their presence may hold potential for eco-tourism.

In November 2022, Cabinet approved the Strategic Blue Economy Roadmap, which was developed with support from the United Nations Development Programme.

The Blue Economy Roadmap outlines the direction and development pathways for future investment in and development of a sustainable ocean-based economy in The Virgin Islands. Specifically, the Roadmap aims to create a revitalisation process that results in healthy ecosystems that are able to sustain growth in a number of economic sectors and provide an opportunity for building equitable societies. In other words, the Roadmap provides the framework to ensure that the sort of opportunities highlighted a few moments ago can be realized, and this Government commits to its implementation.

And the third and most important question - How can we better protect it?

As signatories to the St George's Declaration of Principles for

Environmental Sustainability in the Organisation of the Eastern Caribbean States (OECS), better protection of our marine environment is incumbent upon us.

When the Premier shared his message for World Environment Day just a few days ago on June 5, he highlighted that he looks forward to sparking an Environmental Revolution in The Virgin Islands over the next 4 years and will be soon coming to the public to outline that vision and how you can be a part of it.

Leveraging and better protecting our marine environment will be part of that Environmental Revolution and, today, I'll highlight just a few things that will include:

Reconnecting the youth to the ocean - If our efforts to protect and harness the benefits of our waters are to be sustainable, we have to reconnect our youth to the sea. Every child's education should include environmental education, including experiential learning at sea. No child should, for instance, grow up without the awe-inspiring experience of seeing a coral reef.

2. Increasing the percentage of our marine real estate that is protected. There is a global movement to protect 30% of our blue planet by 2030. Over 50 countries have committed to the goal of 30% marine protected area by 2030. You may be shocked to know that the percentage of the Territory's marine environment that is protected is just 0.06%. Virgin Islands - we can and will do better than that! Under this Administration, we will work through the National Parks Trust and the Ministry of Environment, National Resources and Climate Change to significantly increase that percentage by crossing the finish line to declare proposed national - parks under the Protected Areas System Plan.

The science and evidence on protected areas is clear. They are critical to ensuring the overall health of our marine environment and actually serve to enhance our fisheries.

3. Investing in marine monitoring and restoration programmes, including for coral reefs and related ecosystems, including seagrass beds, mangroves and salt ponds.

4. Unlocking resources from the Environmental Protection and Improvement Fund to support this important work. Just earlier this week we saw the re-establishment of The Virgin Islands Climate Change Trust Fund Board which will receive a percentage of the Fund as well the National Parks Trust.

5. As I close, let's remember that these beautiful islands and the ocean that is an integral part of our existence were willed to us by our fathers' hand. Let us not take our land and our waters for granted.

Remember that you have an important role to play as individuals. Kids, remember the words from Finding Nemo, "All drains lead to the

ocean." Whatever you dispose on land ultimately ends up in the sea! And, landowners, homeowners and farmers, remember that all soil, debris and pollution that washes from your land also ends up in the sea. Let's all be better stewards of our ocean by being better stewards of our land! Again, Happy World Oceans Day!

Senior Public Officers Recommit To Serving



Premier and Minister of Finance Honourable Dr. Natalio Wheatley has said that the recently held retreat provided Ministers of Government and senior Government officials with an opportunity to explore avenues aimed at achieving optimal performance.

Premier Wheatley stated, "We came together to engage, interact, and dialogue, which will be critical in assisting us in becoming more efficient and effective in delivering for the people of the Virgin Islands."

The Premier said the sessions attended by Government Ministers, Junior Ministers, the Attorney General, Deputy Governor, Financial Secretary, Cabinet Secretary and Permanent Secretaries proved to be informative and inspirational and will have direct implications on improving governmental systems and processes.

The overall object was to further functional and productive professional relationships between ministers and senior public officials.

Former Permanent Secretary Mr. Clyde Lettsome delivered the keynote address while the session was facilitated by former Deputy Governor and Senior Public Officer in Anguilla Mr. Stanley Reid.

Mr. Lettsome challenged participants to fully utilise their capacities to promote the Government's legislative agenda. He also discussed the relationship between Ministers of Government and Permanent Secretaries as outlined in the Constitution and provided insights on how to they could practically improve these partnerships.

Mr. Reid offered advice based on his experience and led guided interactions that allowed for roles and responsibilities to be clearly reiterated and expressed.

Premier Wheatley said the presentations were extremely powerful and illuminating," adding, "I believe that the session formed the basis for planned ongoing solution-driven engagement to occur throughout this Government's term in office."

During the retreat, the need for open and honest communication in maintaining successful working relationships was emphasised. To this end, public officials committed to their responsibilities with a renewed sense of purpose and dedication.

Meanwhile, Junior Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries, Honourable Dr. Karl Dawson, said, "Those who were involved in the retreat felt that it was a very worthwhile exercise. It promoted enhanced understanding about roles, and will contribute towards improving working relationships."

The Government of the Virgin Islands' mandate is to envision and foster the development of the people of the Virgin Islands through mobilising its resources towards providing the highest levels of service.

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Anger, irritability, or aggressiveness

Noticeable changes in mood

Difficulty sleeping

Avoiding friends and social activities

Drug or alcohol abuse

Ignoring personal hygiene

There are many ways to get involved in supporting men's mental health but for this year's observance, I am urging you to educate yourself and those around you. The internet has become a part of our society and daily lives. It continues to revolutionise the way we communicate, learn, work and access information. Even from a health perspective, it has never been easier to access expert medical advice, connect with online healthcare providers and also find valuable health resources and support groups.

However, as there are benefits, it is also important to recognise the potential negative impact the internet can have on our mental health and overall well-being. Social media has become a critical tool in our daily lives and because of this, many men develop compulsive behavior patterns and internet addictions. Similarly, social media and online forums can also create pressure to conform to unrealistic body and lifestyle standards, contributing to feelings of inadequacy, insecurity, and low self-esteem. In fact, some studies have shown that our overall happiness is decreasing in line with our reliance on technology.

So for Men's Mental Health Week, let us start a conversation and keep it going. For this year's observance, I suggest that all Virgin Islanders come together and do the following activities:

Encourage the men in your life to schedule regular check-ups with their healthcare providers.

Organise informative sessions or workshops that address men's health topics.

Promote and engage in physical fitness by organising group activities or sports events. Encourage participation in activities such as group walks, sports tournaments, or fitness challenges. Physical exercise not only enhances physical health but also supports mental well-being.

Utilise social media platforms, local newsletters, or community notice boards to share educational content related to men's health. Raise awareness about specific health concerns, prevention strategies, and available resources. Engage in discussions about the importance of mental health and destigmatise seeking help when needed.

Donate to or volunteer with organisations dedicated to promoting men's health. These organisations often provide valuable resources, support groups, and educational campaigns to raise awareness and facilitate access to healthcare services for men.

By actively participating in this empowering week, we can make a positive impact on the lives of men in our communities, every effort counts towards creating a culture of proactive and holistic health among men.

Let us embrace Men's Health Week 2023 as a time to raise awareness, foster open conversations, and empower men to take control of their physical and mental well-being. Together, we can make a difference and inspire a healthier future for all.

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GLOBAL NEWS BRIEF

STORIES SELECTED BY **GIORGIO MIGLIAVACCA**

USA - The indictment paints a picture of the former president's life at the Florida mansion, where he stored hundreds of top secret documents after leaving office. The case is set to test U.S. democracy and the judicial system. The details of the case, which promises to test the U.S. judicial system and the very workings of U.S. democracy, are outlined in an explosive 49-page indictment filed Friday by Jack Smith, the special counsel appointed by the Department of Justice. In total, Trump faces 37 felony counts: 31 for the willful retention of national defense information under the Espionage Act; three for withholding and concealing a document, two for false statements and representations; and one for conspiracy to obstruct justice with his aide, Walt Nauta. The indictment accuses Nauta of withholding records, concealing documents and making false statements. The classified documents kept at Mar-a-Lago included information about U.S. nuclear weapons, the nuclear capabilities of a foreign country and the military activities or capabilities of other countries, as well as response plans in the case of a nuclear attack. While there is no record that the people who accessed the papers without authorization intended to spy on the U.S., the indictment said the mere possibility posed a "risk

to the national security of the United States, foreign relations, the safety of the United States military, and human sources and the continued viability of sensitive intelligence collection methods." [El Pais]



MILAN - Former Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi has died. He was 86 years old. He passed away on Monday morning at 9.30 at the San Raffaele hospital in Milan, where his brother, Paolo Berlusconi, arrived shortly after, and shortly afterwards his children Marina, Eleonora, Barbara and Pier Silvio aboard different cars. The values of the leader of Forza Italia, hospitalized since last Friday for tests related to chronic myelomonocytic leukemia from which he had been suffering for some time, showed no signs of improving. Then the situation escalated.

He was the petty bourgeois who came from nowhere, the eponymous figure of a

long season. This pleased the average Italian, convinced that it would make them rich as it had made his companies immensely prosperous. Over time he surrounded himself with a group of loyal followers, for whom the Knight - as he was nicknamed thanks to a title obtained in 1977 - was a sort of divinity immune from any criticism: "A group of faithful who offer only pink legends", as Corrado Stajano noticed. This people sang at its rallies "thank goodness Silvio is here"; on the other stood his opponents, "the communists", the other Italy for which Silvio was the Cayman, and he denounced its egotria, the conflict of interests, the *ad personam* laws, the exorbitant habits. [La Repubblica]

RUSSIA - Russian President Vladimir Putin said Monday he was saddened by the death of his "dear friend" former Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi.

Berlusconi, who dominated Italian public life for decades as a billionaire media mogul, businessman and prime minister, was confirmed to have been suffering from leukemia "for some time" and had recently developed a lung infection, according to Reuters.

"For me, Silvio was a cherished person, a true friend," Putin wrote in a telegram of condolence to Italian President Sergio Mattarella, lauding Berlusconi's "wisdom" and "balanced, forward-looking decisions." "During each of our meetings I was literally charged with his incredible life energy,

optimism and sense of humor," Putin continued.

"His passing is an irreparable loss and a great sorrow," Putin said in the telegram released by the Kremlin.

Putin and Berlusconi have long enjoyed friendly personal ties, with frequent visits to each other and lavish gifts. [Moscow Times]

USA - Former President Trump has been indicted on federal charges for mishandling classified documents at his Mar-a-Lago resort. He's due in court in Miami next Tuesday and faces seven counts, including willful retention of information related to national defense and obstruction.

Former Dept. of Justice officials — including some that worked for Trump — have said that his refusal to hand over the documents made it hard not to indict him, according to NPR's Carrie Johnson. She reports on Up First this morning that this federal case is legally more serious than Trump's indictment in March and would carry more significant penalties.

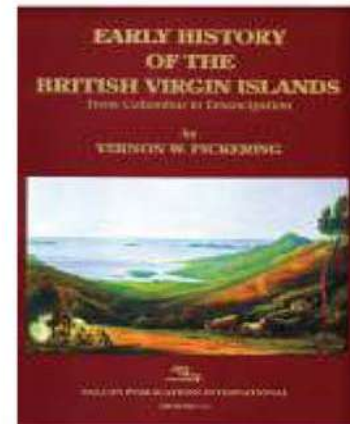
Trump's indictment raises questions for his 2024 run for president. Here are four takeaways to think about to make sense of it all. [NPR]

LONDON (AP)—Former U.K. Prime Minister Boris Johnson shocked Britain on Friday by quitting as a lawmaker after being told he will be sanctioned for misleading Parliament. He departed with a ferocious tirade at his political opponents — and at his successor, Rishi Sunak — that could blast open tensions within the governing Conservative Party. Johnson resigned after receiving the results of an investigation by lawmakers into misleading statements he made to Parliament about "partygate," a series of rule-breaking government parties during the COVID-19 pandemic.

CUBA - China has been operating a spy base in Cuba since at least 2019, part of a global effort by Beijing to upgrade its intelligence-gathering capabilities, according to a Biden administration official.

The official, who was not authorized to comment publicly and spoke on the condition of anonymity, said the US intelligence community has been aware of China's spying from Cuba and a larger effort to set up intelligence-gathering operations around the globe for some time.

The Biden administration has stepped up efforts to thwart the Chinese push to expand its



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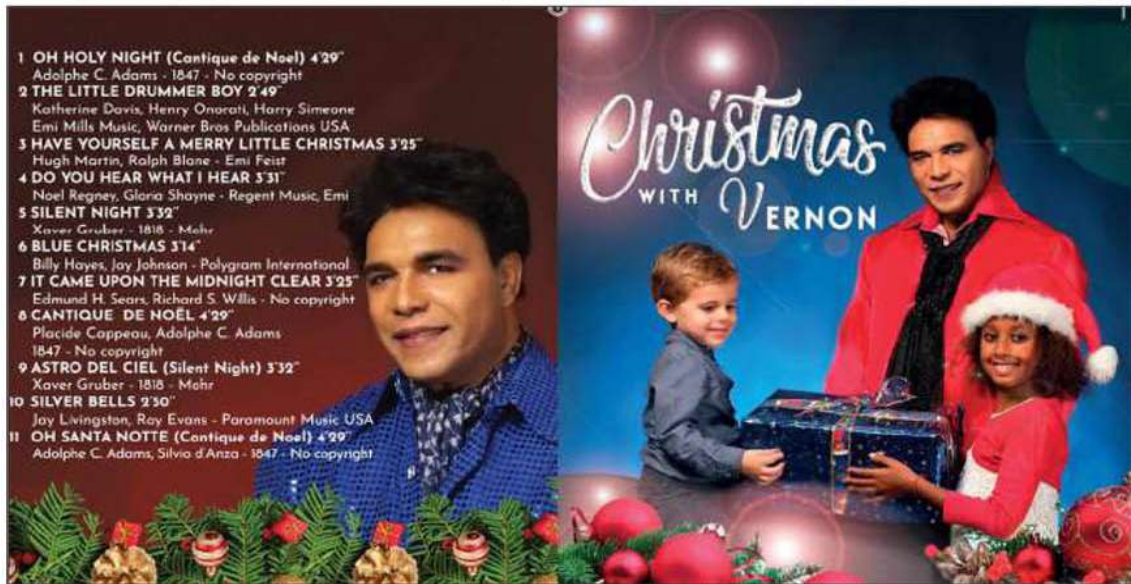
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 spying operations and believes it has made some progress through diplomacy and other unspecified action, according to the official, who was familiar with US intelligence on the matter. [AP/CNW]

CARIBBEAN ECONOMY - A new study by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) has found that the value of exported goods from Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) grew at an estimated rate of 2.9 per cent year-on-year in the first quarter of 2023, after increasing by 16.4 per cent last year.

According to the latest edition of the IDB's Trade Trends Estimates report, although the region's trade performance was better than the world average, exports slowed significantly due to lower commodity prices and weaker export volumes.

The report said looking ahead, the balance of risks is moderately weighted to the downside due to the impact of tight monetary policies on global growth, uncertainty surrounding the war in Ukraine, the depletion of the expansionary effect of the reopening of the Chinese economy, and the reversal of the upward trend in commodity prices. The report contains detailed data on the export performance of 20 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean. [CMC/CNW]



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The Sunny Side Up



Through the Lens of The Sunny Side



Premier Dr. Natalio Wheatley, left and Jr. Minister of Tourism and Miss BVI 2023, Luce Hodge-Smith, with contestants in the 2023 Miss BVI pageant, set for July 30.
L-R: No 1. Deborah Smith, 22; No 2. Lakeisha "Mimi" Warner, 25, No 3. Anika Christopher, 22 and No 4, Roshawna Stevens, 18 of Virgin Gorda
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THE SHINING STARS OF HLSCC CLASS OF 2023

On 8 June the H. Laverty Stoutt Community College hosted its 2023 Commencement Exercises at the Multi-Purpose Sports Complex in Road Town. This year's graduation ceremony was one of the largest as many turned out to celebrate with the class of 2023 which

comprised of 142 graduates. The graduates included: 96 females or 69% of the class and 43 males or 31% percent of the class. 102 graduates were from programmes in Arts, Sciences and General Studies and 40 were from Workforce Training.

The highlight of the graduation is the fact that 15 graduates received honours – eight Cum Laude (3 females; 5 males), five Magna Cum Laude (four females; one male) and two Summa Cum Laude (one female and one male).

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Ladyburd Talks...

Dear Readers: Here are some Meaningful Things to Do for Father's Day

Father's Day is that one special day every year to celebrate the fathers in your life. It can look different for everyone, whether you're celebrating your father, spouse, step-father, brother, or a role model. Finding things to do for Father's Day can be difficult. If you're having a hard time thinking of what to do to make the day special or what types of activities your father (or father-figure) might like, try some of the ideas below. Or use them as inspiration as you look for ways to honor and celebrate the men in your life! We hope we can help you with unique ideas on how to celebrate this special day.

Learn about his family tree.: Tracing your father's family tree can help you learn more about his family's past and cultural heritage. It can be a meaningful way to feel more connected to your family, past and present.

Do a puzzle together:

Combine a gift with an activity, and get a new puzzle as a gift for Father's Day. To make it extra special, order a custom puzzle made with family photos. You can even preserve the puzzle, and hang it up in your living room.

Share your favorite memories of your father:

Sharing and saving your favorite memories of your dad or a father-figure in your life will keep your favorite memories fresh in your mind.

Bake a Father's Day treat or dinner:

Making something delicious that you can enjoy as a family is a wonderful way to show your love for someone.

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/blog/things-to-do-for-fathers-day-20-idea>



Ladyburd's Mail Box

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Dear Ladyburd: I have a complicated situation. I have a boyfriend whom I have a liking for, I would not say I love him, because of the way he treats me, but I can truthfully say, the relationship is not that bad; however, I met another guy recently, and my gosh, Ladyburd, the guy is out of this world. He beckons to my every wants and needs and I believe I am falling in love with him, we have been secretly seeing each other for lunch, and when I can get away, but my boyfriend is getting very suspicious, he asked me if I am cheating on him and I told him no. This situation is becoming uncomfortable and I do not know what to do. Any suggestions?..**Trapped**

Ladyburd: Dear Trapped: This is really a complicated situation; but it does not have to be complicated, just decide who you want to be with, and come clean with the other person. It does not make sense to beat around the bush and not make up your mind who it is you want to have a relationship with. Your present boyfriend needs at least some courtesy, and the truth, he is already suspecting that something is wrong. Remember all that glitters is not gold, but at the same time everyone wants to be treated well and with respect and would gravitate to that sort of treatment.

So make up your mind, what you want to do.



Light Bulb Moments

• A father's tears and fears are unseen, his love is unexpressed, but his care and protection remains as a pillar of strength throughout our lives"

Ama H. Vanniarchchy

• A dad is someone you never outgrow your need for.

Poetry Corner

Life Lessons

*You may have thought I didn't see,
Or that I hadn't heard,
Life lessons that you taught to me,
But I got every word.*

*Perhaps you thought I missed it all,
And that we'd grow apart,
But Dad, I picked up everything,
It's written on my heart.*

*Without you, Dad, I wouldn't be
The person I am today;
You built a strong foundation
No one can take away.*

*I've grown up with your values,
And I'm very glad I did;
So here's to you, dear father,
From your forever grateful kid.*

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<https://www.poemsource.com/father-poems.html>

Tickle My Funny Bones



Short Jokes for Fathers:

Kid: Hey Dad, give me \$20 and I promise I'll be good.

Dad: No way, when I was your age I was good for nothing.

You look so much like your Dad, you must have a lot of his genes. I don't think my dad's jeans would fit me

The Answer is NO

Dear Dad,
\$chool i\$ great. I'm making lot\$ of friend\$ and \$tudying hard. I \$imply can't think of anything I need,
\$o ju\$t \$end me a card, a\$ I would love to hear from you. \$oon.
Love, Your \$on

Dear Son,
I kNOW astroNOmy, ecoNOmics and oceanNOgraphy are eNOugh to keep even an hoNOr student busy.
Do NOt forget that the pursuit of kNOWLEDge is a NOble task, and you can never study eNOugh.
Love, Dad

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"He used to be addicted to soap... But then he got clean."

THE SHINING STARS OF HLSCC CLASS OF 2023





The Sunny Side Up

There are many ways to make a great burger, but here's a goof-proof favorite. Let's make thin burgers rather than thick. Thin burgers have an advantage that I can describe in two words: "surface area." The edge, or crust, of a burger is full of flavor. This is the Maillard reaction, friends. This reaction happens when protein reacts with high heat. Thin patties cook quickly and evenly, and turn out crispy and caramelized outside, juicy inside. Want more beef? Stack 'em up.

A note regarding cheese: It's fun to splurge on high quality cheese, but you don't have to invest in a whole block. You can go to the deli counter and request exactly four thin slices of any cheese you desire, and that's very affordable.

Surprise Dad With the Best Burger for Father's Day

Father's Day is fast approaching, and if you're wondering what to do for dear ol' dad, I have a suggestion. How about a mouth-watering burger? There's nothing quite like a juicy burger, especially when made with love for the special father figures in your life.

Now, I'm not talking about the kind of hamburger you get at the drive-through, but a burger purists would love. A burger with a balance of textures, big beefy flavor, enrobed in cheese. No need to visit your local steakhouse to satisfy that craving. We can make them at home at a fraction of the cost.



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Grill up these cheeseburgers for Father's Day

The Classic Hamburger

The recipe below makes four single burgers. To make double burgers (and why wouldn't you?), simply double beef and cheese in the recipe.

- Yield: 4 (6-ounce uncooked weight) burgers
- Total Time: 20 minutes
- 1 1/2 pounds (85/15) ground beef
- 1 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt, plus more for crust
- 1/4 teaspoon ground pepper
- 1/4 cup green onion, white and green parts, thinly sliced
- 1 tablespoon olive or canola oil, grill only
- 4 thin slices cheese of your choice
- 4 hamburger buns of your choice
- Serve with your preferred condiments and lettuce, tomato, pickles

Place ground beef in a large bowl and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Add the green onion, and gently mix the beef to distribute the seasoning and onions. Divide your ground beef into four equal portions. Roll into a ball then place onto a cutting board or other clean work surface. Use your hands or a rolling pin to gently press the burger to between 1/4- and 1/2-inch thickness. At this time, you can cook your burgers immediately, or refrigerate them for later. Right before cooking, sprinkle evenly with a small amount of kosher

salt.

To cook:

In a skillet: Heat skillet to medium heat, and place burgers in the pan without crowding. Depending on the size of your pan, you might need to cook in batches. Once you place the burger, don't move it for 3 minutes. This allows the crust to form. Flip burgers, top with cheese and cook until the bottom is browned and the cheese is melted, about 2 minutes. Repeat with remaining burgers.

On a grill: Preheat the grill to medium-high. Brush the burgers with oil and sprinkle with kosher salt. Place on grill, without moving, for 3 minutes on the first side. Then flip, add cheese and grill for 2 minutes more.

Serve on a toasted bun with your favorite condiments.

This Father's Day a simple yet delicious burger is sure to make all the dads feel loved and appreciated. Whether you grill it up or fry it in a pan, this classic recipe is a foolproof way to make sure that Dad's taste buds are satisfied.

Happy Father's Day!

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POLICE NEWS

RVIPF RECORDS RISE IN DWELLING BURGLARIES IN 2023

Thursday, June 8 – The Royal Virgin Islands Police Force recorded 11 more dwelling burglaries in 2023 when compared to the same period last year.

Main areas affected are within the Road Town area to include Huntums Ghut, Horse path, Pasea Estate, Lower Estate, Free bottom, Main Street and McNamara. Perpetrators often gain entry to homes during the day through unsecured windows, especially those obscured from public view.

Head of the Criminal Investigations Department Acting Detective Chief Inspector Vernon Larocque says homeowners often report that they secured all the windows except for one window which needed to be repaired.

“In too many instances,

this is the window that a perpetrator uses to gain access. Homeowners should take the time to repair the locking mechanism for any inoperable windows and lock all windows that allow for easy access. Burglars are looking for any weak points of entry. If there is not an easy way to enter, a burglar will likely move on,” Larocque said.

The Detective Inspector also advises the installation of home security cameras.

“Another easy deterrent is closed circuit television. In this modern era, CCTV is accessible, inexpensive, and easy to install.

The footage can be stored remotely on the cloud and can be monitored in real time from any location around the world. Law enforcement

can also be alerted while the offence is being committed. “While there are no full-proof measures to prevent burglaries, there is some peace of mind knowing that even if you are not at home, there are eyes keeping watch and recording activities in and around your property,” he added.

Recent burglaries showed that cash, jewelry and tools were the items predominately stolen.

Persons who can assist police with information into any burglary can confidentially call the Crime Stoppers line 800-8477 (TIPS) or overseas call 1-284-800-8477 with the relevant information or contact the RVIPF Intelligence Unit at 368-9339.

POLICE INVESTIGATE ROBBERY OF STORE IN PURCELL ESTATE

Friday, June 9 – Officers of the Criminal Investigations Department are investigating a reported robbery of a store in the building at the entrance of the Purcell Estate Road near Pasea yesterday afternoon.

Initial inquiries indicate that around 4:45pm, one armed masked male entered

the establishment, demanded money and left with the store’s proceeds along a gold chain from the neck of an employee. He was then joined by another masked male who then both fled the scene on foot in the direction of Davis Funeral Home

Persons who may have seen any suspicious behaviour in

the area yesterday afternoon or have information on the identity of the perpetrators can confidentially call CrimeStoppers at 800-8477 800-(TIPS) or overseas call 1-284-800-8477 with the relevant information. Persons can also contact the RVIPF Intelligence Unit at 368-9339.

SPRINGETTE CHARGED WITH WOUNDING

Friday, June 9 – Officers of the Criminal Investigation Department yesterday charged Walter Springette, 37, of Sea Cows Bay with wounding and inflicting grievous bodily harm.

His arrest follows investigations into a shooting in Sea Cows Bay early Tuesday evening resulting in one man being injured.

The victim reported to the hospital with a single wound to his back.

Springette will appear before the Magistrate’s Court at the next available sitting. Investigations into the matter are ongoing.

TWO FIREARMS SEIZED, TWO CHARGED OVER THE WEEKEND

Monday, June 12 – Officers of the Armed Response Team seized two Glock handguns and arrested two men in Parham Town early Saturday morning as a result of continued patrols particularly in hot spot areas around the Territory.

Casheem Walters, 33, of Josiah Bay and Khalil Winter, 23, of no fixed place of abode were each charged with carrying an unlicensed firearm and unlawful possession of ammunition.

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

While officers carry out patrol operations, detectives of the Criminal Investigations Department continue to investigate the robbery that occurred in Purcell Estate last Thursday as well as a reported robbery which occurred early Monday morning where four persons were held up by a lone armed assailant in a parking lot along Pickering Street near the Elmore Stoutt High School. Cash and jewelry were taken, and two victims sustained minor injuries.

The RVIPF is continuing to do its part to reduce the number of illegal firearms on the streets and to capture those in possession of the weapons. The Force is appealing to the public to get involved in saving lives and keeping the community safe by providing information on suspected persons or the locations where these firearms are being hidden or imported.

Persons can confidentially call the Crime Stoppers line 800-8477 (TIPS) or overseas call 1-284-800-8477 with the relevant information or contact the RVIPF Intelligence Unit at 368-9339.

TWO UNRELATED DEATHS OF FEMALE TOURISTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 11 – Police are confirming two unrelated deaths of female tourists while at the Baths this week.

On Tuesday, female tourist Diana Wright, 63, of Texas was found unresponsive by members of her family while snorkeling in waters near The Baths around 3pm. She was transported to shore where attempts were made to resuscitate her by personnel from the Iris O’Neal Clinic and Virgin Islands Search and Rescue. She was later pronounced dead.

Around noon on Friday, another female tourist, native of California, was snorkeling at the Baths when she began experiencing difficulty. She was transported to shore where attempts were made to restore breathing. She was later pronounced dead.

The name of the second female is being withheld until the next of kin has been notified.

Cause of death in both cases is still to be determined.

Investigations are ongoing.

THE WEEK IN CORRUPTION

By Transparency International

Each day, technology is becoming more and more advanced. Machines can now write poetry, song lyrics and have sophisticated conversations that aren't so different from those we have with our friends and co-workers.

AI could even write this newsletter for us... But for now, it's humans behind this anti-corruption movement.

While it's appealing to quickly embark on a journey into the realm of artificial intelligence, we should pause and ask: why are many of the creators of AI software sounding the alarm over their own creations?

Recently, top AI experts – including the CEO of OpenAI, the creators of ChatGPT, Sam Altman and AI godfather Geoffrey Hinton – issued a powerful statement expressing their concern about the potentially harmful effects of this rapidly growing technology. In the statement, they call on world leaders to recognise “the risk of extinction from AI” as a global threat comparable to pandemics and nuclear war.

This is not the first time experts in the field have issued a warning. A few weeks ago, many called for a pause on large-scale AI experiments, citing profound risks to society and humanity. The Center for AI Safety noted major concerns with the exponential growth of AI, including risks of weaponisation, the spread of misinformation and growing power imbalances as well as human dependence on tech. All akin to the cautionary themes depicted in Pixar's iconic film, WALL-E.



A crucial issue that has yet to be explored at length is the connection between AI and corruption.

While many industry figures have pointed to AI's potential contribution in curbing corruption – referencing its ability to detect fraud and predict corruption risks – it can also have negative consequences, whether intended or not.

The problem of AI perpetuating human biases has already been well documented, with multiple studies pointing to racism

in predictive policing algorithms and instances of ChatGPT relying on sexist stereotypes.

Where AI is intentionally abused by power holders for private gain, it's likely to have serious impacts on economic, political and social life, depending on how it is designed, manipulated and applied. In the political field, for instance, AI can and has been used to influence elections and even to damage the reputation of candidates – especially women – using hyper-realistic deepfakes.



Since AI is a frontier technology, policymakers are still getting to grips with how to set up proper rules and systems to keep things in check. In the meantime, AI systems that rely on machine learning operate in ways that are opaque and even incomprehensible to humans, making them difficult to hold to account.

This is the perfect scenario for shady and powerful figures waiting to perpetuate corrupt acts. Bad actors can exploit AI's vulnerabilities that increase corruption risks. AI training data can be manipulated to favour certain outcomes over others.

The models or settings of AI algorithms may also be tweaked to privilege private interests over the common good.

Because of confidentiality and data protections, powerful people can easily manipulate the results of AI systems to serve their own interests. As this technology continues to advance rapidly, it becomes tempting and convenient to shift the blame onto machines or algorithms rather than taking responsibility as humans. This growing disconnect from the actual suffering of people can create ethical loopholes, making it easier to commit crimes in the first place.

So where do we go from here? As highlighted in our paper, a starting point is to establish adequate AI regulations to prevent misuse, combined with the creation of professional codes of conduct and ethics training for those developing AI codes and technologies.

Last week, G7 officials met for the first AI working group to discuss how this new technology should be regulated. This is a step in the right direction. But until we have some concrete action items, the question remains: Is AI our friend or foe? Maybe you can ask ChatGPT.

New AI developments are exciting, but we cannot lose sight of the undesirable implications of these emerging technologies. AI and machine learning bring new corruption risks and it is essential to take them seriously.

MORE READERS: THE ISLAND SUN

celebrity extra

by Dana Jackson

Q. What is next for the great Jeremy Strong now that "Succession" is over? — C.L.

A. Before landing his Emmy-winning role of Kendall Strong on the recently concluded HBO series "Succession," actor Jeremy Strong had several film credits under his belt. It wouldn't be surprising if he was aiming for an Oscar next. But before that, he's headed to Broadway, so perhaps a Tony will be awarded first. In an adaption of Henrik Ibsen's 1882 play "An Enemy of the People," he'll play a whistleblower.

Strong, who grew up admiring the work of Al Pacino and Dustin Hoffman, is no stranger to the stage. He's studied at Yale and the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts in London. In 2008, he appeared on Broadway alongside Frank Langella in "A Man for All Seasons." Look for "An Enemy of the People" to open in early 2024.

Q. Is "The Winchesters" returning for a second season? I heard a rumor it was canceled, but that the network changed its mind. — L.E.

A. Surprisingly, "The Winchesters," a prequel series to the wildly successful series "Supernatural," didn't wow audiences like its predecessor. The CW network canceled it and other promising shows because of a retooling of its business plan; shows like "Kung Fu," a reboot of the 1970s series of the same name, and "Walker Independence" have also been given the axe. Meanwhile, "Walker," which stars Jared Padalecki, who previously co-headlined the above-mentioned "Supernatural," will be back on the CW for its fourth season.

According to an article in The Hollywood Reporter, ever since CW was bought by Nexstar, it's earned the unflattering nicknames "Castoffs Wanted" and "Curated Wreckage." Most of its content will soon consist of shows that originally aired in other countries, such as the Canadian series "The Spencer Sisters," with Lea Thompson ("Caroline in the City"), and "Sullivan's Crossing," with Chad Michael Murray ("One Tree Hill"). Other programming this fall includes unscripted shows that previously streamed elsewhere, like Netflix's



Jeremy Strong ("Succession")

"Down to Earth With Zac Efron."

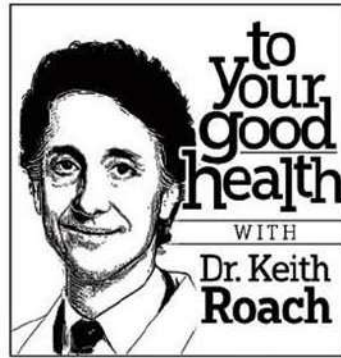
Perhaps "The Winchesters" will be saved by another network or streamer once the WGA Writers Strike is resolved, but for now, consider the show a one-and-done.

Q. Whatever happened to "The Partridge Family" actor Danny Bonaduce? He was everywhere in the early 2000s, but I haven't heard anything about him lately. — K.E.

A. The 63-year-old former child star has been busy co-hosting a morning radio show in Seattle for the past 11 years. However, he recently had to take a leave of absence to undergo brain surgery. According to Entertainment Weekly, Bonaduce has had a mysterious neurological issue for more than a year, saying a doctor finally diagnosed him with hydrocephalus, which is when fluid builds up in the brain. Bonaduce admits he's done "so many stupid things on reality TV," including celebrity boxing, that could have contributed to his brain injury; however, he can't pinpoint the exact cause.

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

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WITH
Dr. Keith
Roach

Bout of Pneumonia Leads to Shocking Breast Cancer Diagnosis

DEAR DR. ROACH: My 73-year-old wife has been diligent in getting her mammograms done, plus blood tests and doctor's visits every three months. In November 2021, she came down with what seemed like a very bad cold that was actually confirmed by X-ray to be pneumonia. After two rounds of different antibiotics, she had lost 35 pounds, and it left her with weakness and a lingering cough. A CT scan later indicated that she "either has cancer or had cancer in the past."

Multiple tests later, it was determined that there was a tumor at the 12:00 position in her breast and a tumor in her stomach that had spread to her pelvis and bones in her legs. She started taking letrozole and Ibrance, and although extreme fatigue is the most common side effect, they appear to be working.

My question is, how could this initial breast cancer have gone undetected for some time with all of the regular testing and not set off alarms? As bad as the pneumonia was, it allowed her to receive a diagnosis of a disease that eluded detection by current screening methods and very good physicians. — Anon.

ANSWER: I am so very sorry to hear about your wife. Breast cancer is not just one disease. We think of breast cancer as something that can be easily cured if it is found early, but if you wait too late, it becomes difficult or impossible to cure. Some breast cancers do act that way, but others are much more indolent — they grow slowly and may never get to the point where they threaten a person's life.

Unfortunately, there are some breast cancers that can become metastatic (spreading to different sites such as

the lymph nodes, bones, liver or lungs) before they are detectable at all by even the most sensitive tests, such as a mammogram or MRI. By the time they are found, because of symptoms, they are incurable by surgery and require systemic treatments like chemotherapy and hormonal therapy.

Most metastatic breast cancer is incurable, but newer treatments have improved life expectancy, with the average being three years. Screening for breast cancer is unable to save all lives. More effective treatment, in combination with regular screening, will be necessary to continue to progress against this horrible disease.

DEAR DR. ROACH: If a male inherits the BRCA1 gene, what should his medical concerns be? — B.D.

ANSWER: Men with the BRCA1 gene (mutations in this gene predispose patients to several types of cancer) are at high risk for male breast cancer and prostate cancer. They should perform a monthly breast self-examination and receive a clinical breast exam every year, starting at age 35.

Screening mammography is not recommended for men with a BRCA1 mutation. Prostate cancer screening should certainly be done, possibly starting at age 40, rather than age 55, for average-risk men. There are some medicines that reduce risk of prostate cancer, but these aren't generally recommended. A diet high in plants, especially tomatoes, which are high in lycopene, has a suggested, but not definitively proven, reduction in risk of prostate cancer.

There is an increased risk for pancreatic cancer among both men and women with this gene, and one guideline recommends screening for pancreatic cancer in a person with a BRCA mutation who also has a first-degree family member (parent, sibling or child) with pancreatic cancer. Colon cancer screening should begin at age 45, just as it does for the general population.

I recommend a visit with a genetic counselor, especially in a person with a BRCA gene mutation who is considering starting a family.

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

• Amazon founder Jeff Bezos originally wanted to name the company Cadabra, but thought better of it after people kept mishearing the moniker as "cadaver."

• The unenviable record for longest sneezing fit belongs to U.K. resident Donna Griffiths, who began "kerchooing" Jan. 13, 1981 and by July 26 broke the previous record of 194 days. Griffiths sneezed an estimated million times in the first 365 days and finally stopped on Sept. 16, 1983, after 977 days. The exact reason behind her ordeal is still not fully clear.

• Scientists believe Earth's core, made up primarily of iron and nickel, may be even hotter than the surface of the sun, with temperatures reaching up to 9,932 degrees F.

• Smoking a cigarette causes damage not in years, but minutes.

• Speaking of smoking, a Japanese company awards employees who don't indulge in the habit an extra six days of paid leave per year. The incentive was launched after it became clear that workers who took smoke breaks had more than 15 minutes of extra time away from their desks each day.

• Platypuses may be cute, but are also so odd-looking that when scientists first discovered them, they thought the animal was a hoax.

• People are 30 times more likely to laugh at something if they're with someone else.

• In the early 20th century, radium was commonly mixed with water, sold as an over-the-counter "energy" drink under the brand name Radithor, and marketed with the slogan "A Cure for the Living Dead," until the federal government stopped its production in 1932.

• Ancient Roman soldiers sometimes wore breastplates encrusted with diamonds in the belief that the gems offered them extra protection.

Thought for the Day: "I always wanted to be somebody, but now I realize I should have been more specific." — Lily Tomlin

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Deputy Premier Honourable Smith To Meet Business Leaders

Minister for Financial Services, Labour and Trade, Honourable Lorna Smith, OBE will begin a series of district consultations to identify how the Government of the Virgin Islands can best support the Territory's business community.

The first consultation will take place on June 21 and will focus on the Territory's small and medium-sized business leaders.

Honourable Smith said, "Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SME)s are the economic lifeblood of any country and in order to fully understand the needs of our SME leaders, it is important to hear from them directly on their priorities and challenges in order for them to continue to contribute to this economy."

The Deputy Premier said she is making inroads on some of these matters but, to ensure that businesses can thrive, they need to be able to access the right skills and services.

"We were elected on a promise to help them do this, and I am committed to an ongoing working relationship with them to make sure it happens. I am truly looking forward to a good turnout and frank engagement between us," she said.

Honourable Smith added that while tourism and financial services account for the majority of government revenues, 57% of the VI economic output in 2018 came from outside these sectors, and that there is a need to ensure that businesses have what they need to help drive economic growth.

Honourable Smith also announced that a review of the work permit system, has commenced and that she has met with banking leaders to see how they can better serve the people of the VI.

The schedule for the meetings is as follows:

June 21 Districts 4 and 5 - Maria's by the Sea, Norman Island Room

June 26 Districts 7 and 8 - TBC

June 27 District 2 - TBC

June 28 District 3 - TBC

June 29 District 6 - TBC

June 30 District 1 - TBC

July 3 District 9 - TBC

All meetings will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The first meeting will combine Districts 4 and 5 and is scheduled to take place at Maria's By the Sea. Venues for the other meetings will be announced shortly.

The Labour Commissioner will also be in attendance. Please contact Mrs. Darlene Forbes at 468-2096 for further information.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE BVI CHILDREN'S DANCE FEST 2023

"Bringing Young Talent into the Spotlight"
Held at HLSCC Eileen Parson Auditorium
(Photos by Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway)



BVI Dance School's Companies 1 and 2 after performing Beethoven's Ballerina's



Little Girls - Grade 2 Ballet Class in Part of the World during Sunday's Dance Fest at HIsCC



Caribbean News / Regional News

MEETING BETWEEN HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE CARIBBEAN AND THE US VICE PRESIDENT, KAMALA HARRIS NASSAU, THE BAHAMAS 8 JUNE 2023



CARICOM Heads of Government welcomed the meeting between Heads of State and Government of the Caribbean and the Vice President of the United States. They noted that it presented a useful platform for productive discussions and was indicative of a longstanding relationship characterized by collaboration on many issues of mutual importance, including trade and investment, security, health, energy, disaster management and climate change.

Leaders noted the progress of the work of the High-Level Committee on Food Security between the USA, CARICOM and the Dominican Republic resulting from the Summit of

the Americas process. They reaffirmed that the matter of food security must continue to be given priority as part of the enhanced Caribbean-US engagement. They emphasized that, to this end, commitments already made must be implemented, and that the two sides should examine additional ways to address this challenge, which affects the Region and the global community.

Leaders welcomed the announcement of increased resources to respond to trafficking of firearms and gun crimes. However, they underscored their grave concern at the continued increase in the illegal exportation

of guns from the United States of America, which contributes significantly to crime and violence in the Region, causing death and disabilities, and compromising safety and democracy.

They called on the United States to support efforts to manage porous borders and share intelligence to combat the increasing destabilization due to firearm proliferation and related crimes in the Region.

With respect to the situation in Haiti, leaders underscored that social and economic development is critical to the country's future stability. They outlined ongoing CARICOM Good Offices Initiatives, including appointment of an Eminent Persons Group (EPG) to broker discussions with Haitian stakeholders scheduled to formally start with meetings in Jamaica from 11-13 June 2023.

The Caribbean leaders stressed the importance of reform of the global financial system to mobilise short-term liquidity for crisis response and long-term funding for sustainable development, as proposed under the Bridgetown Initiative. They acknowledged the progress made to include Climate Disaster Clauses and noted that

support is needed to finance Global Public Goods that address mitigating their vulnerability.

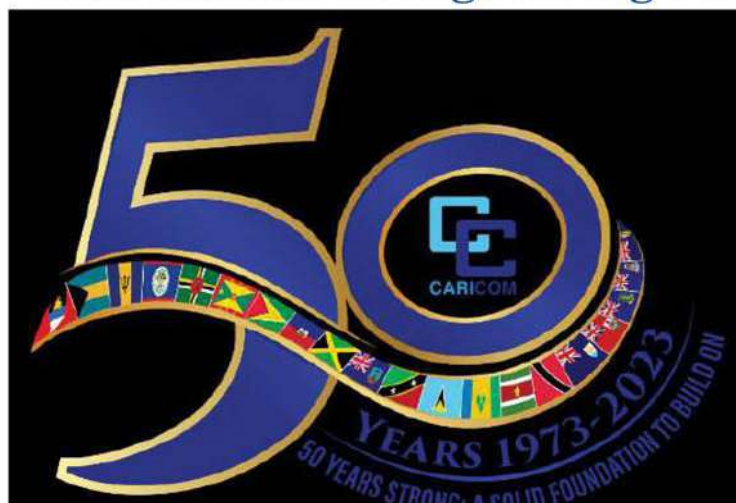
Leaders recognised that to address the challenge of energy security, there must be a balanced approach to develop the region's hydrocarbon resources and to maximize renewable energy potential. They agreed that the Caribbean-US engagement must continue to examine areas for deepened collaboration where opportunities exist.

In the context of the bilateral relationship with the United States, CARICOM Heads of Government urged for the removal of sanctions on Venezuela to allow countries

in the Region to benefit from the PetroCaribe initiative and for progress on the exploitation of cross-border natural gas fields between Trinidad and Tobago and Venezuela. The leaders also reiterated CARICOM's consistent call for the removal of sanctions against Cuba.

Both the Heads of State and Government of the Caribbean and the US acknowledged that the Meeting ventilated issues critical to the current and future prosperity and security of the Region and committed to ongoing dialogue and concerted action towards mutual benefit.

CARICOM Heads congratulate Guyana and Trinidad and Tobago on high-level UN Elections



(CARICOM Secretariat, Turkeyen, Greater Georgetown, Guyana - Tuesday, 13 June 2023) Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) extend heartfelt congratulations-to-the Government and people of Guyana on its election, by an overwhelming majority, to a Non-Permanent Seat

on the United Nations Security Council (UNSC).

This selection is testament to Guyana's distinguished record of service in the United Nations and assumes heightened significance against the background of the challenges to current global peace and security for which the Council

has responsibility.

As a Member State of CARICOM, which strategically designated security cooperation as one of its four pillars, Guyana is positioned to offer unique perspectives to UN Security Council matters as a voice for Small Island and low-lying coastal Developing States (SIDS).

We also noted with great pride the election of His Excellency Dennis Francis of Trinidad and Tobago to the Presidency of the 78th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA). President-elect Francis will undoubtedly bring to bear his trademark professionalism, negotiating skills and wide-ranging experience on his new role.

We are confident that our Region will be represented with integrity, distinction and honour under their tenures and extend our best wishes for impactful and successful terms of office.

MINISTER BARTLETT MEETS WITH ROYAL CARIBBEAN



Kingston, Jamaica; Tuesday, June 13, 2023: Minister of Tourism, Hon. Edmund Bartlett (3rd L) shares lens time with (from L - R) Philip Rose, Deputy Director of Tourism, Americas - with responsibility for the U.S., Caribbean and Latin America; Mario Egues, Manager, Destination Development - Americas & Caribbean, Royal Caribbean Group; Christopher Allen, Vice President of Global Deployment and Itinerary Planning, Royal Caribbean International; Bryan Attree, Senior Manager, Worldwide Port Operations, Royal Caribbean Group and Delano Seiveright, Senior Strategist, Ministry of Tourism. Minister Bartlett and members of the Ministry team met with these and other members of the senior executive leadership team of Royal Caribbean Group yesterday (June 12), including Royal Caribbean International President and CEO, Michael Bayley, at their Headquarters in Miami, Florida as part of a major blitz in the United States to engage and shore up key tourism players. Royal Caribbean is expecting over 340,000 cruise visitors on their lines into Jamaica this year. Royal Caribbean Group is the second largest cruise operator in the world. As of January 2021, Royal Caribbean Group fully owns three cruise lines: Royal Caribbean International, Celebrity Cruises, and Silversea Cruises. They also hold a 50% stake in TUI Cruises and Hapag-Lloyd Cruises.

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Trump Pleads Not Guilty to Federal Charges



Former President Donald Trump, center, flanked by his defense attorneys, signs his bond in federal court, June 13, 2023, in Miami. (Elizabeth Williams via AP)

Former President Donald Trump appeared before a federal magistrate in Miami on Tuesday to plead not guilty to charges that he illegally retained dozens of classified national security documents after he left the White House and obstructed government efforts to retrieve them.

Trump became the first former U.S. president to face a federal indictment when a grand jury in Miami last week indicted him on 37 counts in connection with his alleged mishandling of classified documents.

The indictment, which was unsealed on June 9, charges Trump with 31 counts of "willful retention" of national defense information, each count representing a different document that Trump allegedly took from the White House to Mar-a-Lago and refused to return even after being subpoenaed.

The indictment also alleges that Trump showed classified documents on two occasions to others and that he conspired with an aide, Walt Nauta, to keep the documents out of the hands of investigators.

"We most certainly enter a plea of not guilty," Todd Blanche, one of Trump's lawyers, told magistrate judge Jonathan Goodman.

Trump was released on his own recognizance and ordered not to communicate with Nauta and witnesses about the facts of the case. Nauta, a former White House valet and Trump assistant, didn't enter a plea because he hasn't hired a Florida lawyer yet; his arraignment was set for June 27. He faces six counts of obstructing the investigation and lying to investigators.

Each count of "willful retention" of defense information carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison. The obstruction charges are punishable by up to 20 years.

Trump's arraignment took place under heavy security at a federal courthouse in downtown Miami. Hundreds of the former president's supporters converged outside the building. Authorities had feared the rally might turn violent, but the crowd remained peaceful. The court proceedings lasted less than an hour and went without incident.

The case against Trump is seen as the most serious legal threat facing the former president since he left the White House in 2021. His former attorney general, William Barr, recently called the charges "very, very damning."

The documents Trump is

accused of taking from the White House were among the government's most closely kept secrets. According to the 49-page indictment, they contained information about U.S. nuclear programs, the potential vulnerability of the U.S. and its allies to an attack and plans for a possible response. Their disclosure, the indictment says, could endanger U.S. national security.

Trump has claimed that he had a "standing order" to declassify any documents that he took from the Oval Office to his residence in the White House.

But the indictment alleges that Trump was aware of laws governing classified national security information and willfully flouted them.

In one case, in July 2021, Trump allegedly showed a document about a "plan of attack" to a group of visitors at his New Jersey golf club, telling them it was "highly confidential" and "secret" and that he could no longer declassify it.

In another instance in September 2021, Trump showed a classified map to a representative of his political action committee, telling him that he "should not be showing it to [him] and that [he] should not get too close," according to the indictment.

Under U.S. law, all presidential records must be handed over to the National Archives when a president's term ends.

While Trump handed over dozens of documents to the National Archives, the indictment says the former president clung on to more and impeded efforts to retrieve them.

After he received a subpoena for the documents in May 2022, Trump allegedly instructed one of his lawyers to declare to investigators that he did not have the documents in question, according to the indictment.

When the lawyer suggested a search of Mar-a-Lago, Trump allegedly instructed Nauta to move the documents from a storage room to his residence to hide them from the lawyer, according to the indictment.

Trump, now the leading Republican presidential candidate, has reacted defiantly to the indictment, calling it a "vicious persecution" by "the Biden administration's weaponized department of injustice" and vowing to continue campaigning even if

he is convicted.

"I'll never leave," Trump told Politico in an interview Saturday.

The case has been assigned to Judge Aileen Cannon, a Trump appointee who drew fire for her handling of a lawsuit Trump brought to challenge the FBI's search of Mar-a-Lago last August.

Cannon granted Trump's request for a special master to review the seized documents and temporarily blocked investigators from using the material in their probe.

But an appeals court overturned her ruling, saying she did not have the authority to rule as she did. It remains unclear whether Cannon will preside over the trial.

The start date of the trial also remains uncertain. Some experts speculate that it could take months to begin and might even be postponed until after the 2024 election.

After his arraignment, Trump left for New Jersey, where he was expected to deliver remarks and host a fundraiser at his golf club.



People rally outside the Wilkie D. Ferguson Jr. U.S. Courthouse, June 13, 2023, in Miami.



SPORTS

Powell set to showcase her Volleyball skills at AAU

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

VOLLEYBALL

Makaila Powell has had an under the radar athletic season over the last seven months like no other High School athlete in any sport in the British Virgin Islands. Volleyball wasn't even on the Elmore Stouff High School senior's radar until she played in a interhouse league game with O'Neal House while in third form. That defeat sparked an interest in the sport that laid the foundation for her meteoric rise, to becoming laser focused on becoming a pro volleyball player.

Powell helped the BVI to a silver medal in the ECVA Women's Volleyball Championships in November. In March, she contributed valuable points to O'Neal House's first inter-house title in 22 years. She helped Elite to the Virgin Islands Volleyball Association final in May. Last week, she helped another Elite team to victory in the USVI

Olympic Committee Volleyball tournament in St. Thomas where she was the MVP. Now, she's heading to the AAU Nationals in Orlando, Florida, to showcase her talents before college recruiters, then returning to her graduation from ESHS on June 22.

"I am really excited because this is the AAU, the biggest national tournament for youths and since I'm going into college, I want to perform when I go to Orlando," Powell told Island Sun Sports. "I really want to go out there and play my best, so that I can be recognized by colleges. Basically, I live for Volleyball."

During the ESHS spring college fair, Powell spoke with West Virginia University officials who told her they offer scholarships. She's awaiting her final grades and collecting her high school certificate next week, so that they can communicate with her. The AAU is an opportunity for more colleges to see her skill set in person.

"I really want to go to a DI College, because I want to be a pro Volleyball player," the outside hitter, who also plays middle blocker, but prefers outside said.

"I want to have that experience of playing in DI."

Since her introduction to Volleyball in third form, Powell has been focused on becoming 'the best.'

"When we lost, I got upset and it showed I had passion for the sport—even though I wasn't good," she recalled. "I promise you, I wasn't good in Form Three. But since then, I've been training, working hard and volleyball has become a passion of mine."

Powell said Sharonda Pickering and Valissa "Val" Brathwaite made everything in the sport so much easier for her. Pickering on whose Elite team she plays, trained her and as she improved. Brathwaite helped with her technique and was introduced to the Elite team in St. Thomas. Derwin Scatliffe then introduced her to Mark Daniel, paving her way to go to the AAU.

"I was in St. Thomas and they saw that I have some talent and these are the three persons that really pushed me the hardest and Mr. Payne (Stephen) my national team coach, these were the people who encouraged me a lot in volleyball," she said.



Makaila Powell of Elite, right, prepares to hit a ball vs Kiss My Ace in the VI Volleyball Association Championships

Powell said she cried when she was informed that she's going to the AAU and realized she's getting an opportunity to further her dream. "Most people say a lot of athletes on Tortola don't make it anywhere, but I put my mind to it and now that I'm going to the biggest youth tournament, that's a game changer for me," Powell said. "I've been really stepping it up these past few months."

With exposure to more

competitions in St. Thomas, Powell said the girls there can play, they're skilled and are taller than those she faces at home. "It showed that the competition is real—this is where the game is at," she said. "St. Thomas is just on the bottom floor. When we go to Orlando, there's a lot more young ladies with potential, more aggressiveness towards the game, that's where my talent is going to showcase."

Adaejah Hodge adds 200m National Record to her portfolio

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

TRACK

After claiming the 100m National Record earlier in the season, Adaejah Hodge on Saturday had her first wind legal 200m race of the year, when she stopped the clock at 22.60 seconds, while winning the Star Athletics Sprint Series event. Her time is No 1 among US high schoolers and also broke Beyonce DeFreitas' 22.81 seconds National Record mark from last month.

Hodge's race had a 0.6 meters per second wind, unlike her seventh place 100m time of 11.08 seconds which had a +2.6 wind,

over the allowable 2.0. Had it not been an illegal wind, the 17-year old would have qualified for the August World Championships in Budapest, Hungary in both events on the same day.

"It feels good because this is basically my personal best in the 200 outdoors," Hodge, whose previous best was 23.25 from last year, told Island Sun Sports, of her mark that's also a National Youth and National Jr. Record. "The wind hadn't really been my best friend in any of the meets in which I ran the 200. But coming back after six weeks of not running it and getting a legal time was great."

With the 100m in which she has run seven races 11.20 seconds or faster with a personal best of 11.11, Hodge said that there are still

things to work on in the century, as she's not at her best but has another 10 weeks left in her training cycle. This weekend she's competing in the New Balance Outdoor Nationals. "I'm definitely looking forward to running the 200m and getting the opportunity to run it more often and definitely the 4x4 against the US No 1, team Bullis."

At the same meet, a +2.6 mps wind robbed Rikoi Brathwaite of a personal best, national record and World Championships qualifier, when he won his heat in 9.93 seconds. He skipped the final after feeling discomfort. Deya Erickson was seventh in the 400m Hurdles in 1:08.89.

At the Paris Diamond League, Kyron McMaster ran a season's best 48.65 seconds, to finish fifth in his pet event.



Adaejah Hodge claimed her second spring record in Florida
PHOTO: Anthony Foster

SPORTS



Sebastian Hoffman of The Netherlands, right, makes a shot against the BVI's Ollie Henderson, during his 3-0 victory in the Carey Olsen Tortola Classic PSA Tour Challenge



West Mobsters Pitcher Amari Maduro, makes a delivery against Power Outage



BVI Dion Anslem stretching for a shot against Egypt's 15 year old Mohamed Zacharia, during a 3-0 setback



West End Warriors' Kaynesha Smith is safe at third base as Lady Wings' Perline Scatliffe-Leonard catches the ball



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For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

GALATIANS 3:27,28



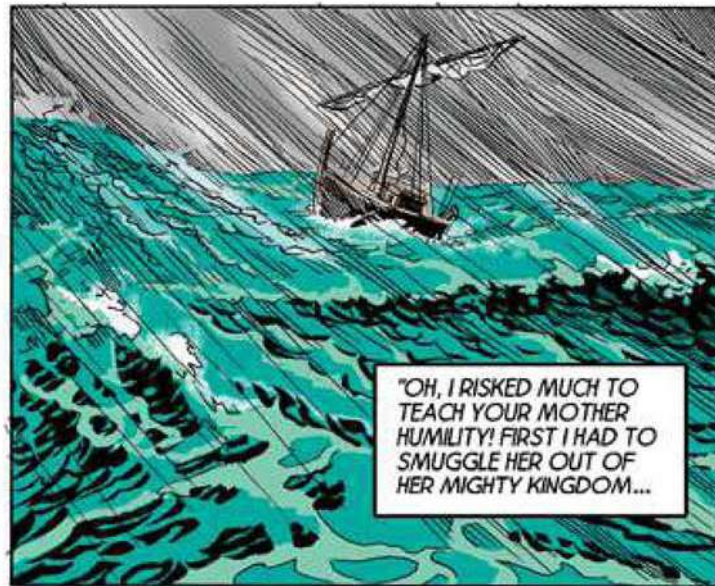
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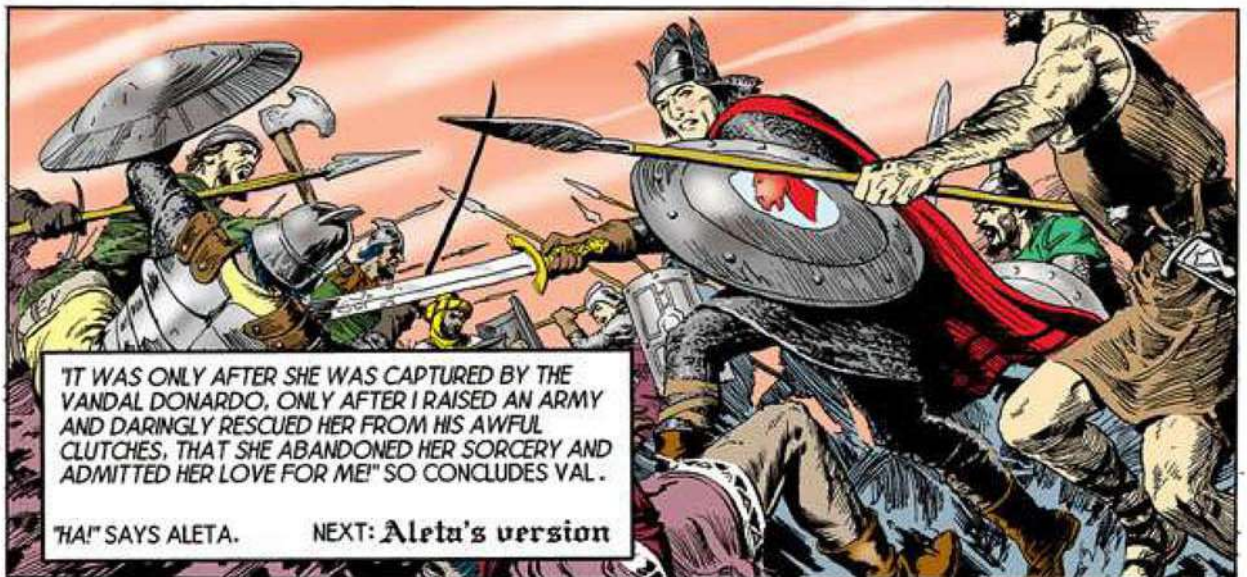
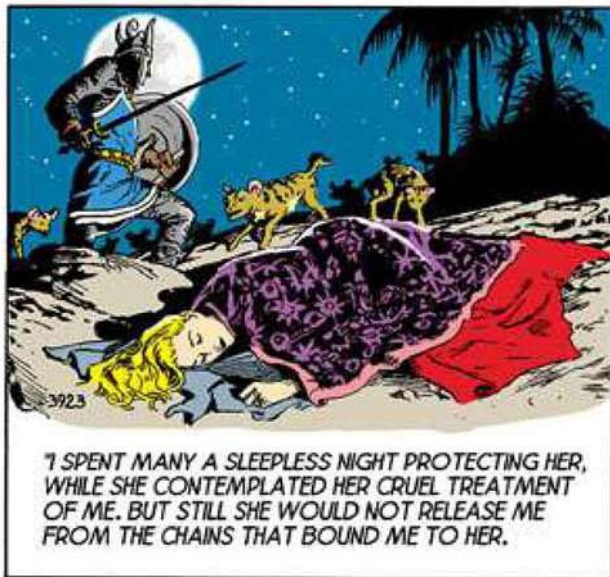


VAL CONTINUES GRANDLY TO TELL NATHAN OF HOW HE WON ALETA - AS HE REMEMBERS EVENTS.

"OH, I RISKED MUCH TO TEACH YOUR MOTHER HUMILITY! FIRST I HAD TO SMUGGLE HER OUT OF HER MIGHTY KINGDOM..."

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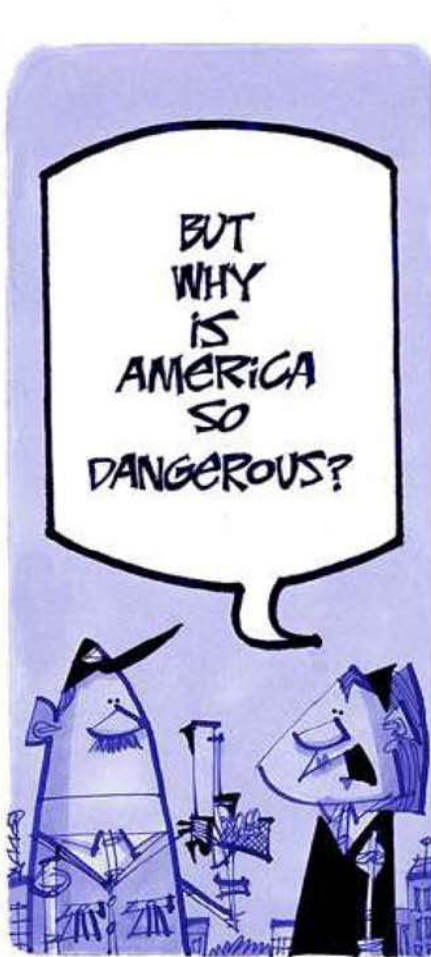
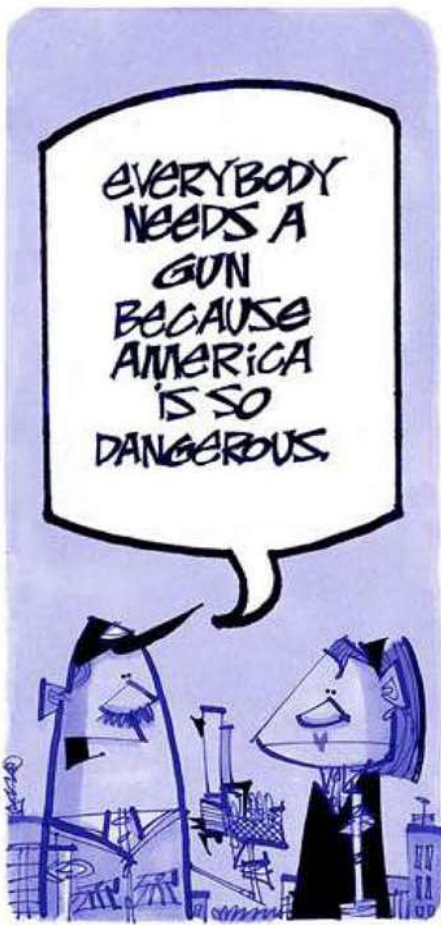
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"I SPENT MANY A SLEEPLESS NIGHT PROTECTING HER, WHILE SHE CONTEMPLATED HER CRUEL TREATMENT OF ME. BUT STILL SHE WOULD NOT RELEASE ME FROM THE CHAINS THAT BOUND ME TO HER."

"IT WAS ONLY AFTER SHE WAS CAPTURED BY THE VANDAL DONARDO, ONLY AFTER I RAISED AN ARMY AND DARINGLY RESCUED HER FROM HIS AWFUL CLUTCHES, THAT SHE ABANDONED HER SORCERY AND ADMITTED HER LOVE FOR ME!" SO CONCLUDES VAL.

"HA!" SAYS ALETA. NEXT: Aleta's version



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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of James (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From 2 Samuel 18:18, who erected a memorial to himself because he did not have a son? *Onesimus, Absalom, Spartacus, Isaiah*
3. Where is Satan called "the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience"? *Galatians 1, Ephesians 2, Colossians 3, Titus 4*
4. What widowed prophetess was 84 years old on seeing the young Jesus in the temple? *Anna, Jezebel, Hagar, Abigail*
5. Which book foretold of the Messiah being born in Bethlehem? *Ezra, 1 Kings, Amos, Micah*
6. From Genesis 35:22, how many sons did Jacob have? *1, 3, 6, 12*

ANSWERS: 1) New, 2) Absalom, 3) Ephesians 2:2, 4) Anna, 5) Micah 5:2, 6) 12

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

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A stubborn refusal to go ahead on a project mystifies colleagues who expected more flexibility. But once you explain your position, they'll understand and even applaud you.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A relationship seems to be stuck in the same place. Now it's up to you, dear Bovine, how far you want it to go and how intense you want it to be. Choose well and choose soon.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A relationship progresses more slowly than you would prefer. Best advice: Insist on a frank and open discussion. What is learned could change minds and, maybe, hearts.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) It's all right to be grateful to a workplace colleague who has done you a good turn. But gratitude shouldn't be a life-long obligation. The time to break this cycle is now.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) It's going to be especially nice to be the King of the Zodiac at this time. A recent money squeeze eases. Plans start to work out, and new friends enter Your Majesty's domain.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Before you make a commitment on any level (personal, professional, legal), get all of the facts. There might be hidden problems that could cause trouble later on.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Personal relationships improve. Professional prospects also brighten. A job offer could come through by month's end, and an old friend seeks to make contact.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your senses detect that something is not quite right about a matter involving a workplace colleague. Best advice: Follow your keen instincts, and don't get involved.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A prospect offers rewards, but it also demands that you assume a great deal of responsibility. Knowing you, you're up to the challenge, so go for it — and good luck.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A favor you did a long time ago is repaid, as a trusted colleague steps in to help you with a suddenly expanded workload. A family member has important news as well.

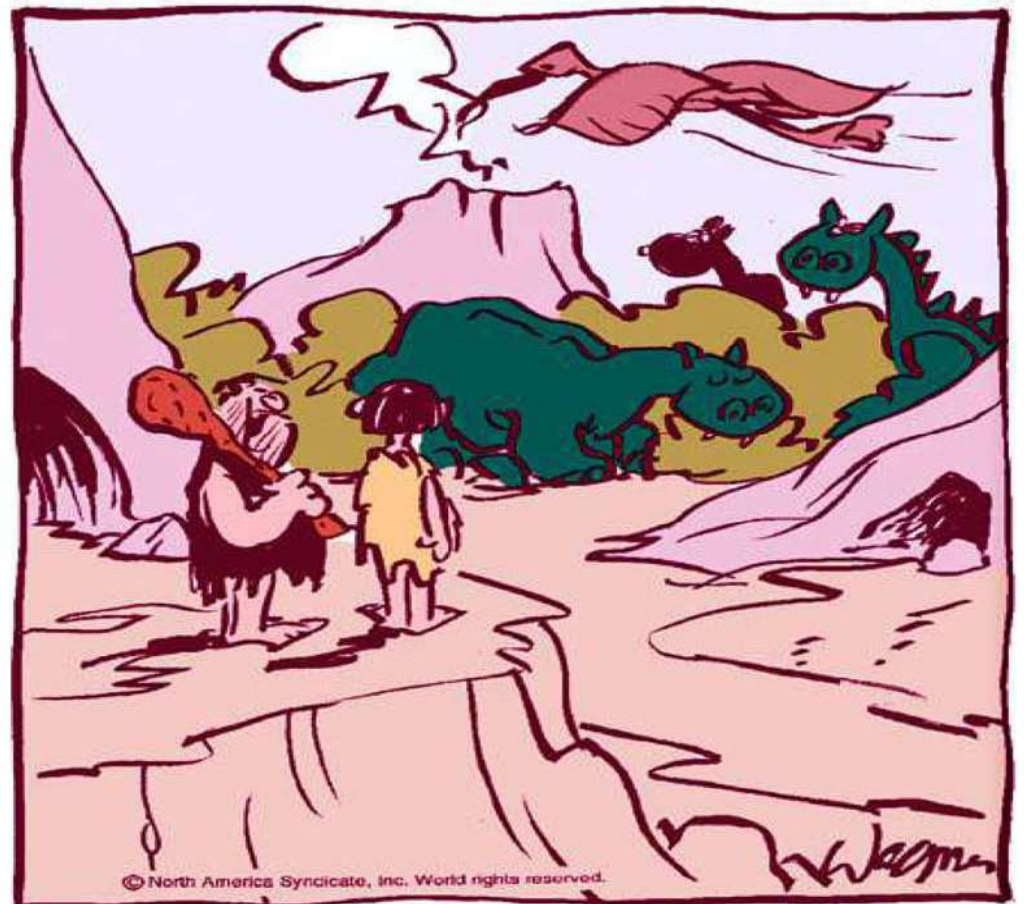
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A new job offer could require moving across the country. But before you let your doubts determine your decision, learn more about the potentials involved.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your sense of fair play doesn't allow you to rush to judgment about a friend who might have betrayed you. Good! All the facts on the matter are not yet in.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a romantic nature that allows you to find the best in people. You would excel at poetry and drama.

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GRIN and BEAR IT



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"They're not real. ... They're

TEACHING A CHILD RESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOR BEGINS AT HOME

Parents are teachers, too. When it comes to child rearing, one of the most important lessons a parent can teach their youngster is responsible behavior. This means helping the child learn how to interact with others in a way that displays self-respect, as well as respect toward others.

No child comes into this world pre-programmed with good manners and virtuous attributes such as a willingness to share, consideration for the feelings of others, respect for others possessions, respect for authority figures, and a selfless attitude.

Considerate, responsible behavior must be taught while a child is very young so that it is instilled by the time they are older, when irresponsible behavior risks evolving into criminal behavior.

Teaching a child about responsible behavior begins at home. It is accomplished by setting a good example on a daily basis. Parents do this by being conscientious about exhibiting maturity in the ways they deal with other people, react to stressful situations, disagree with others, make choices, etc.

Parents can help their children grow into responsible adults by being a positive role model. Helping them learn how to think, feel, and act responsibly, and to pursue their own interests without becoming insensitive of the needs and feelings of others.

Accountability, fairness, honesty, courage, and respect toward self and others are important character traits. Many parents help instill these qualities by sharing deeply held religious and moral convictions with their children. Showing why these attributes are important as a foundation for ethical behavior, even when difficult or not materially rewarding.

Responsible behavior is a cultivated trait. It is a characteristic formed over time, made up of our outlook on life and daily habits. Responsible people behave that way whether or not anyone is watching, and regardless of how others may act.

There are several aspects of responsible behavior that should be highlighted to children. At the top of the list is Respect and Compassion toward others. This should be the

corner stone for all other aspects of responsible behavior:

- * HONESTY
- * COURAGE
- * SELF-CONTROL
- * SELF-RESPECT

Respect and Compassion: Responsible behavior is impossible apart from respect and compassion toward other people, as well as other life forms. Compassion dictates kindness and an unwillingness to intentionally cause suffering or pain. Respect dictates basic manners and consideration toward others. Concern is exhibited through both feelings and actions.

Honesty: To be honest means not only telling the truth to others; it means being honest with ones own self. It means making decisions based upon truth and evidence, not upon self-serving motives or prejudice.

Courage: When a person is courageous, they take a position and do what is right, even when there is risk involved. It means facing duties instead of behaving irresponsibly, recklessly, or carelessly.

Self-control: Self-control is the ability to act responsibly, and resist inappropriate behavior. It involves sticking to long-term commitments, and dealing with anger and other emotions in a responsible manner.

Self-respect: When a child is raised to be honest, courageous, and to exhibit self-control, they automatically learn to respect themselves. It is as they respond to people and circumstances in a responsible manner and learn to make responsible choices that they discover self-respect.

And it is self-respect that will hold your child in good stead as they grow, mature into adults, and then perhaps become responsible parents with children of their own to rear.

For specific ways to teach children responsible behavior, visit the Savvy Baby Gear web site.

Teaching Manners Super Duper Publications

- 1 Model appropriate behavior.
- 2 Teach "polite" words.
- 3 Role-play good manners for different situations.
- 4 Praise your children when they use good manners.
- 5 Provide replacement behaviors for inappropriate behaviors.
- 6 Make rules and stick to them!

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by Dave T. Phipps



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The Garden Bug



National Pollinator Week

JUNE 19-25

Pollinating animals travel from plant to plant, carrying pollen on their bodies. This allows the transfer of genetic material critical to the reproductive system of most flowering plants. These plants bring us countless fruits, vegetables, and nuts, half of the world's oils, fibers and raw materials. They prevent soil erosion, and increase carbon sequestration.

This nearly invisible ecosystem service is a precious resource. Go to pollinator.org to learn how your actions can help support healthy and sustainable pollination. - Brenda Weaver

Source: www.pollinator.org/pollinator-week

top ten

World's Coldest Places

1. Vostok, Antarctica
2. Plateau Station, Antarctica
3. Oymyakon, Russia
4. Verkhoyansk, Russia
5. North Ice, Greenland
6. Eismitte, Greenland
7. Snag, Yukon, Canada
8. Prospect Creek, Alaska
9. Fort Selkirk, Yukon, Canada
10. Rogers Pass, Montana

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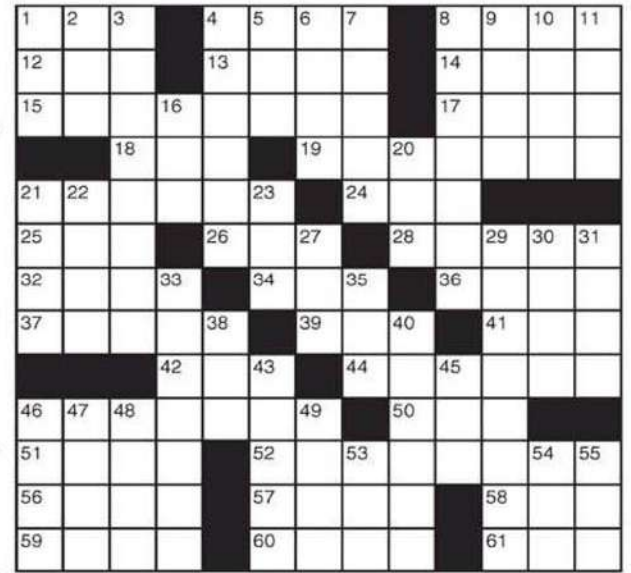
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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Potential syrup
- 4 Ship's front
- 8 Dutch cheese
- 12 Family card game
- 13 One with will power?
- 14 Cover with blacktop
- 15 Kind of stove
- 17 Mid-month date
- 18 Solo of "Star Wars"
- 19 Pie chart divisions
- 21 Exact
- 24 Fan's cry
- 25 "East of Eden" brother
- 26 Blend
- 28 Interior design
- 32 Curved molding
- 34 Signing need
- 36 Chicago paper, briefly
- 37 Irritable
- 39 "Mayday!"
- 41 Blackbird
- 42 Summer mo.
- 44 Orders of pancakes
- 46 Snarls
- 50 Annoy
- 51 Pulitzer winner James
- 52 Soup cooker



- 56 Katy Perry hit
- 6 Monet's supply
- 7 More ironic
- 8 Disparaging term
- 9 Pedestal part
- 10 Declare
- 11 GI dining hall
- 16 Slugger's need
- 20 Scoundrel
- 21 Highlander
- 22 Senate staffer
- 23 Chill in the air
- 27 Ballot marks
- 29 Eccentric
- 30 Sty cry
- 31 Baseball stats
- 33 Curio cabinet
- 35 Refusals
- 38 Actor Brynner
- 40 Viscid
- 43 Bas-relief medium
- 45 Noah's boat
- 46 Poi base
- 47 Awestruck
- 48 Patricia of "Hud"
- 49 Dance move
- 53 "— the ram-parts ..."
- 54 Gigi's "yes"
- 55 Three, in Rome

DOWN

- 1 Dine
- 2 Year in Cancun
- 3 Driving hazards
- 4 Wunderkind
- 5 Seminary

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

Solution time: 25 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: When did "Sesame Street" debut on PBS?
- MOVIES: What is the name of the moon where "Avatar" takes place?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which country is home to a tall rock structure called the Finger of God?
- HISTORY: What was Babe Ruth's real first name?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: How many of Snow White's seven dwarfs have names ending in "y"?
- MUSIC: Which country did the band AC/DC come from?
- LITERATURE: How many books are in the primary Harry Potter novel series?
- GOVERNMENT: How many national parks are in the United States?
- FOOD & DRINK: In which country was the Caesar salad invented?
- ANATOMY: Where is the uvula in the human body?

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Trivia Test Answers
 1. 1969; 2. Pandora; 3. Brazil; 4. George; 5. Five; Happy, Sleepy, Dopey, Sneezy and Grumpy. The other two are Doc and Bashful; 6. Australia; 7. Seven; 8. 63; 9. Mexico; 10. Throat.

CARIBBEAN'S ROLE AS A VOICE OF REASON IN A FRACTURED OAS

By Sir Ronald Sanders

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On May 31, the Organization of American States (OAS) faced a prolonged and contentious debate that lasted from 2:30 in the afternoon until well past midnight. This episode, marked by acrimony and political undercurrents, which was webcast publicly and instantly to the world, is likely to be revisited during the upcoming OAS General Assembly from June 21 to 23 in Washington, D.C., the headquarters of the OAS.

The discussion on May 31, was officially about the Budget of the Organization, but there were many undercurrents in the contentious debate. Among them were antagonistic attitudes by a few countries toward the OAS Secretary-General which were unreasonably morphed into hostility to the OAS as an institution.

At the end of the debate, which was characterized by classic filibustering techniques by representatives of 4 countries, a ceiling for the Budget, proposed by Antigua and Barbuda on behalf of all 14 CARICOM countries, was adopted by 25 of the 32 active member states of the Organization, with 5 countries against and 2 abstentions. The 5 countries that opposed were: Bolivia, Chile, Costa Rica, Colombia and Mexico, and the abstaining countries were El Salvador and Honduras.

The current estimated cost for the Organization to fulfil its mandates is \$115 to \$120 million, but its real Budget for 2023 is a mere \$82.8 million. This had led to a severe reduction in staff and many of the beneficial programmes in development, security, functional



cooperation, technical assistance and even in human rights monitoring. The proposal by CARICOM countries for a Budget ceiling was \$92.1 million, woefully short by as much as \$28 million of actual costs but, nonetheless, an attempt to keep the Organization from ineffectiveness and inefficiency. Yet, resistance persisted.

The OAS has been in a financial crisis for many years. Over the last 7 years, there has been no increase in the contributions of the member states to the Organization, except by 14 countries since 2021. The quota increase for the 14 countries was occasioned by a decision of the U.S. Congress to limit the U.S. share of the Budget to no more than 49.9 percent. It fell to 14 countries to fill the gap; among them were 9 CARICOM countries whose quotas increased by 33.33 percent. At no time did the 14 affected countries threaten or seek to disrupt the functioning of the Organization by refusing to pay the increased burden that fell upon them.

Yet, a few countries, faced with an increase in their quotas - at the highest end, of approximately 36 per cent - a mere 3 percent higher than the sum that 9 CARICOM countries have been paying for the past 3 years (2021-2023) - strenuously objected to the Budget ceiling proposed by CARICOM countries in the contentious budget debate of May 31.

The OAS is the only regional or international organization in which there is no penalty if member states never pay their assessed contributions. Hence, there are member states that have not paid for years, affecting both the actual money available to the Organization and its cash flow. The truth is the organization is limping along, a shattered shadow of its former self.

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the OAS has officially warned the member states that "For over a decade, the in-year budget is dramatically insufficient to meet the programmatic and administrative requirements of the OAS." It repeated 5 recommendations to improve the dire situation. But no action has been taken as the OAS drifts relentlessly into paralysis.

Ministers and Ambassadors of the 32 active member states of the OAS will gather from June 21 to 23 for the OAS General Assembly with little prospect of revitalizing and rejuvenating the OAS whose ancient Charter and outdated rules desperately require change to save the Organization from being strangled by them. The Charter has not been amended since 1993 and it is not fit for purpose in a world where events connect every nation. The Organization's rules also urgently need change.

So why should CARICOM countries care? The answer is that, properly functioning, the Organization has the capacity to maintain peace and security in the Hemisphere, which is crucial to trade and investment, political stability and economic growth. The OAS also provides valuable mechanisms for functional cooperation between states on a range of issues such as combating crime; drug abuse control; advancing the interests of women; and education.

Further, the OAS is the only hemispheric organization in which small states have a voice and a vote equal to the larger states, like Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Mexico and the US.

It is in the OAS that CARICOM countries can influence decisions and advance ideas in the Americas that redound to the benefit of its own peoples. That is why CARICOM's role in the work of the OAS, including at the General Assembly in a few days' time, should be that of an honest broker, providing a bridge to narrow differences between others, and a voice of reason when reasonableness can be of the greatest benefit to all.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Shenghong Refining & Chemical (Hanyungang) Co., Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 2087093
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, Subsection (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 8th day of June, 2023. The Liquidator is **Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated this 8th day of June, 2023
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[05/1]

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

Hope Family Holdings Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 18th day of May, 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.
The Liquidators is:-
Wayne Francis
Of Nerine Chambers,
Road Town, Tortola,
British Virgin Islands
[05/2]

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

Crowley Properties Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 26th day of May, 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.
The Liquidators is:-
Wayne Francis
Of Nerine Chambers,
Road Town, Tortola,
British Virgin Islands
[05/3]

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

Kalyvia Entity Ltd

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 7th 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 Liquidators is:-
Wayne Francis
Of Nerine Chambers,
Road Town, Tortola,
British Virgin Islands
[05/4]

APPOINTMENT
RAZIEL INVESTING LIMITED

("the Company")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1988829
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that: **Raziel Investing Limited** is in voluntary liquidation. The date of commencement of liquidation is 17th May 2023. The liquidator is **Carmine Bailey of Kendall Corporate Services Limited, 2nd Floor Abbott Building, 87 Main Street, Waterfront Drive, P.O. Box 3169; PMB425, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated 12th June 2023
Carmine Bailey
Voluntary Liquidator [05/05]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
SEAWINGS GROUP LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1627855
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 June 9th, 2023.
Dated: June 12th, 2023
(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean
Voluntary Liquidator [05/06]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2091213
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on May 12th, 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: May 12th, 2023
(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean
Voluntary Liquidator [05/07]

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

Circle Ventures Holdings Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1673104
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (a) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 27th August 2021. The Liquidator is **Nadine Benchaffai of Villa 672, Al Barsha South Second, PO Box 73521, Dubai UAE**
Dated this 12th June 2023
(Signed) Nadine Benchaffai
(Liquidator)
[05/08]

NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT

Arkada Invest Ltd.

("the Company")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 9th June, 2023; under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck from the Register.
The Liquidator is:-
Wayne Francis
Nerine Chambers
P.O. Box 905 Quastisky Building
Road Town, Tortola
British Virgin Islands
[05/09]

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

Weave Net Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 5th 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
[05/10]

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

WEALTH RISE HOLDINGS 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 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
[05/11]

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

FVR Digital Tech Co., 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 S. Francis
of Sertus Chambers,
P.O. Box 905, Quastisky Building,
Road Town,
Tortola VG 1110,
British Virgin Islands
[05/12]

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

Dongjiang Holding Company 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 S. Francis
of c/o Sertus Chambers,
P.O. Box 905,
Quastisky Building,
Road Town, Tortola VG 1110,
British Virgin Islands [05/13]

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

Wanheng ZC Holding 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 S. Francis
of c/o Sertus Chambers, P.O. Box 905, Quastisky Building, Road Town, Tortola VG 1110, British Virgin Islands [05/14]

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

LUNG CHENG ENTERPRISES CO., LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 6th 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 S. Francis
of c/o Nerine Chambers,
3rd Floor, Quastisky Building,
P.O. Box 905,
Road Town, Tortola,
British Virgin Islands [05/15]

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

POWERLAN HOLDINGS LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1391540
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 12th, 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: June 12th, 2023
(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean
Voluntary Liquidator [05/16]

DALVEY ASSET HOLDING LTD

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1715520
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, Subsection (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 12th day of June, 2023. The Liquidator is **Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated this 12th day of June, 2023
Sgd. Brian Jackson
Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator [05/17]

Shanghai International (Hong Kong) Holdings Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1650308
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, Subsection (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 12th day of June, 2023. The Liquidator is **Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated this 12th day of June, 2023
Sgd. Brian Jackson
Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator [05/18]

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

SWANSON FINANCE HOLDING S.A.

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company No. 1928857
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to section 204, subsection 1 (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in Voluntary Liquidation. The Voluntary Liquidation commenced on 9th June 2023. The Liquidator is **Myron Walwyn of Travers Thorp Alberga, 2nd Floor Jayla Place, P.O. Box 216, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110.**
Dated 12th June 2023
(Sgd.) Myron Walwyn
Voluntary Liquidator [05/19]

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

Glory Serv Corporation

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1747472
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 13th, 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: June 13th, 2023
(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean
Voluntary Liquidator
[05/20]

PUBLIC NOTICES



Lands and Survey Commission
P.O. Box 143
Basseterre, TORTOLA, VIRGIN ISLANDS

BY EMAIL AND VIRGIN ISLANDS GAZETTE
BVILR/PRE/7/2023

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

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Road Town	2837D	23

The Chief Registrar of Lands hereby gives NOTICE that VALENCIA MADURO and FLOYD STOUT of Long Bush, Tortola, Virgin Islands through his legal practitioners NR. Samuel & Co. 3rd Floor Chevelle Centre, PO Box 341, Road Town, Tortola, Virgin Islands have applied to be registered as the proprietor by Prescription the portion of land as shown on unauthenticated Survey Plan ALS-J26/22-PA1 of Parcel 23 Block 2837D Road Town Registration Section. An Affidavit was filed in support of their application.

Parcel 98 is registered to:

- Calvin Baronville, of Baughers Bay Tortola

Anyone who has just cause to object to VALENCIA MADURO and FLOYD STOUT being registered as the proprietor for the aforementioned 0.016 acres of Parcel 23, Block 2837D, Road Town Registration Section should file their objection at the Lands Unit on or before Friday 21st July 2023.

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

Dated this 14th day of June 2023

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

To: NR Samuel & Co.
3rd Floor Chevelle Centre
PO Box 341
Road Town, Tortola, VG1110
Virgin Islands
Legal Practitioner for Valencia Maduro and
Floyd Stout, Applicants
nelson.samuel@nrsamuel.com

Calvin Baronville
Baughers Bay
Tortola, VG1110
Virgin Islands
[06]

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

Company No. 410142
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (a) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 14th day of June, 2023. The Liquidator is Mrs. Cassandra Glasgow-Penn of Chapel Hill, East End, Tortola, VG1120, British Virgin Islands.

Dated this 14th day of June, 2023
(Signed) Mrs. Cassandra Glasgow-Penn
Liquidator
[05/21]

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

Company No. 410141
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (a) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 14th day of June, 2023. The Liquidator is Mrs. Cassandra Glasgow-Penn of Chapel Hill, East End, Tortola, VG1120, British Virgin Islands.

Dated this 14th day of June, 2023
(Signed) Mrs. Cassandra Glasgow-Penn
(Liquidator) [05/22]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2085330

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 14th, 2023. The Liquidator is Nelia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated: June 14th, 2023
(Sgd.) Nelia St. Jean
Voluntary Liquidator
[05/23]

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

AND

**IN THE MATTER OF LENIA HODGE
AND TORTOLA HOMES PROPERTIES**

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that in exercise of the power of sale conferred on the Chargee by the Registered Land Act, Cap. 229 of the Laws of the Virgin Islands and in right of the said power vested in TORTOLA HOMES PROPERTIES, the Chargee by virtue of a certain Charge of the undermentioned land created by LENIA HODGE as Chargor and TORTOLA HOME PROPERTIES as Chargee and registered in the Land Register of the Virgin Islands as an encumbrance in the register relating to the said land TORTOLA HOMES PROPERTIES will put up for sale by public auction at the office of McW. Todman & Co., Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands on Wednesday the 28th day of June, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. the undermentioned parcel of land together with a dwelling house standing thereon with the upset price set at \$565,000.00.

ALL THAT piece of parcel of land together with the dwelling house thereon situated at Long Bush, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands containing 0.26 of an acre and described in the Land Register of the Virgin Islands as Parcel #166 of Block #2738B of the West Central Registration Section.

Interested persons are asked to submit a sealed offer or provide a written notice confirming interest in the property and an intention to bid at the time of the Auction anytime up to 4:00 p.m. on 27th June, 2023 to the office of McW. Todman & Co.

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

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

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

Dated the 8th day of June, 2023.

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

[06]

PUBLIC NOTICES

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

CLAIM NO. BVIHPB2023/

IN THE ESTATE OF LEE HOU-SHENG, LATE OF 14F., NO. 39, LN. 120, TIANMU W. RD., BEITOU DIST., TAIPEI CITY 112063, TAIWAN, REPUBLIC OF CHINA, DECEASED

ADVERTISEMENT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Lee Huang, Hsun-Hui of 14F., No. 39, Ln. 120, Tianmu W. Rd., Beitou Dist., Taipei City 112063, Taiwan (R.O.C.) for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who is the widow of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate at No. 95, Wenchang Rd., Shilin Dist., Taipei City 111045, Taiwan (R.O.C.) on 21 November 2020.

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

Dated this 7th day of June 2023

Filed by McW. Todman & Co, Attorneys-at Law for the Administrator whose address for service is:

McNamara Chambers, 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands; email: nstjean@mctodman.com

[05]

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

VIRGIN ISLANDS

BVIHPB 2023/

In the Estate of RICHARD CHUNG-HO CHU also known as RICHARD C CHU late of 814 Merrick Dr. Sugar Land, Texas 77478, United States of America, deceased

ADVERTISEMENT (RESEALING)

Notice is given that after the expiration of 8 days application will be made to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the resealing of the Probate of the Estate of RICHARD CHUNG-HO CHU also known as RICHARD C CHU late of 814 Merrick Dr. Sugar Land, Texas 77478, United States of America, deceased was granted by the County Court of Fort Bend County, The State of Texas, United States of America on 24th February, 2022.

Signed:

SAMUELS RICHARDSON & CO
Legal Practitioners for the Personal Representative

[05]

CUSTOM MARINE
VENTURES LTD.

("the Company")

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1406861

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that: Custom Marine Ventures Ltd. is in voluntary liquidation. The date of commencement of liquidation is 14th 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 14th June 2023

Carmine Bailey
Voluntary Liquidator [05]

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

In the Estate of Chang Pui
Yin also known as Cheung
Pui In, late of Flat 604
on the 6th Floor, No. 23
MacDonnell Road, Hong
Kong, deceased

Notice is given that after the expiration of 8 days, application will be made by CHANG CHEN THERESA LINDA of Flat 604 on the 6th Floor, No. 23 MacDonnell Road, Hong Kong to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the resealing of the Grant of Probate of the Last Will of CHANG PUI YIN also known as CHEUNG PUI IN, late of Flat 604 on the 6th Floor, No. 23 MacDonnell Road, Hong Kong, deceased granted to her by the High Court of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (Court of First Instance) on the on the 4th day of April, 2023.



Solicitors for CHANG CHEN
THERESA LINDA, the
Executrix

[05]



Lands and Survey Commission
P.O. Box 146
Road Town, Tortola, Virgin Islands
VI 0144

BY EMAIL AND VIRGIN ISLANDS GAZETTE
BVILR/PRE/6/2023

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

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Road Town	2837D	98

The Chief Registrar of Lands hereby gives NOTICE that Richard Ogan Baronville of Long Bush, Tortola, Virgin Islands through his legal practitioners Sabals Law, 87 Main Street, 2nd Floor Abbott Building, Waterfront Drive, PO Box 3169, Road Town, Tortola, Virgin Islands have applied to be registered as the proprietor by Prescription for 1882 sq.ft. of Parcel 98 Block 2837D, Road Town, Registration Section measuring 1.007 acres. An Affidavit was file in support of his application.

Parcel 98 is registered to:

- Calvin Baronville, of Baughers Bay Tortola

Anyone who has just cause to object to Richard Ogan Baronville being registered as the proprietor for the aforementioned 1882 sq.ft. of Parcel 98, Block 2837D, Road Town Registration Section should file their objection at the Lands Unit on or before Wednesday 12th July 2023.

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

Dated this 5th day of June 2023

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

To: Sabals Law
87 Main Street
2nd Floor Abbott Building
Waterfront Drive
PO Box 3169
Road Town, Tortola, VG1110
Virgin Islands
Legal Practitioner for Richard Ogan Baronville, Applicant
asmith@sabalslaw.com

Calvin Baronville
Baughers Bay
Tortola, VG1110
Virgin Islands

[05]

Business Round Table Meeting Scheduled For June 21

Deputy Premier and Minister for Financial Services, Labour and Trade, Honourable Lorna Smith, OBE will be hosting a Business Round Table meeting with the business community of Districts 4 and 5 on Wednesday, June 21 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Maria's by the Sea, Norman Island Room.

The purpose of the meeting is to identify how the Government of the Virgin Islands can best support the business community in order to help drive economic growth.

The Labour Commissioner will be in attendance to answer any labour-related questions. For further information, please contact the Ministry for Financial Services, Labour and Trade at 468-2096.

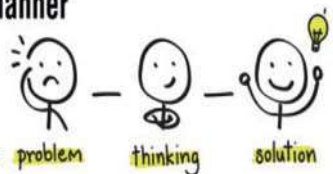
Before you discipline a child

S - stop! Calm yourself and your child

T - take a few deep breaths

O - observe the needs of your child

P - proceed in a kind but firm manner



problem

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when using Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG)
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- 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
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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.



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A message from the Department of Disaster Management and Sol

Population and Housing Census 2023

Statement by Hon. Lorna G. Smith, OBE,

Deputy Premier and Minister for Financial Services, Labour and Trade

Ladies and gentlemen,

I extend my warmest greetings to all those who proudly call the Virgin Islands their home.

Allow me to address a crucial matter concerning our Government's active engagement with you as we develop plans that cater to the diverse needs of our population.

It has been announced that the national population and housing census will commence on the 15th of June 2023. This census, initially scheduled for 2020, regrettably had to be postponed due to the disruptive impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

As the Minister responsible for statistical services, under the auspices of the Ministry of Financial Services, Labour and Trade, I am reaching out to you today, as valued members of our community. I implore you to recognise the paramount importance of participating in this year's census, under the theme: "Participation from you and me, is the key to Census 2023."

Ensuring the accurate and adequate representation of all residents in the Virgin Islands remains a primary priority for this year's census. The data generated from this census holds immense value in determining the fair allocation, distribution, and utilisation of government resources to effectively manage and maintain our Territory.

Questions of utmost importance arise when

considering the quality of our housing stock, our unique vulnerabilities to natural disasters, the demographic makeup of our population, the health conditions of our people, the level of education within our society, the employment situation, the dominant industries driving our economy, the susceptibility of our economy to external shocks, and the percentage of households with Internet access.

The answers to these questions will directly inform and justify the allocation of resources towards improved public health, housing, political representation, and educational initiatives. Furthermore, they will provide us with a clear understanding of our dynamic society and its ever-changing needs, enabling us to respond effectively and optimally.

In the past, there has been some reluctance among members of our community to participate in the census for various reasons. I want to emphasise that the Statistical Act of 2005 strictly prohibits the Central Statistics Office from disclosing any personal information collected during the census, including data-sharing among government agencies. You can rest assured that the strictest levels of confidentiality will be upheld and maintained through our democratic institutions. Also rest assured that your information will not be used for any other purpose than stated in the

census.

I would like to emphasize that our primary goal is to leverage the data collected through this household survey, ensuring that our decision-making processes are grounded in evidence and responsive to the needs of all communities.

It is crucial for you to understand that this information will amplify the voices of all communities and increase visibility for those who often feel unseen.

Without accurate census data we cannot make adequate plans to avoid issues such as overcrowded classrooms, impractical infrastructure, and underfunded social programmes. Achieving our objectives requires meaningful collaboration and engagement with all communities across the Virgin Islands.

Every person counts, and therefore, each of us must be accounted for. Let us therefore capitalise on this opportunity to wholeheartedly embrace the principles of mutual trust and cooperation.

In conclusion, I earnestly urge everyone living in the Virgin Islands to participate in the upcoming census. Your participation holds immense significance! Remember the guiding theme: "Participation from you and me is the key to census 2023."

Thank you, and may we move forward together towards a brighter future for the Virgin Islands.

OVERSEAS TERRITORIES BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY

Opening Speech at the UKOT Biodiversity Strategy Workshop Wednesday 14 June, 2023

The Joint Ministerial Council Meeting in London in May addressed a number of issues of key importance for both the Overseas Territories and the United Kingdom Government.

One of these was the Foreign Secretary's announcement of a new UK Government Strategy on the Overseas Territories, which will be developed on a collaborative basis and will set the direction for a relationship firmly based on principles of collaboration and mutual interest.

A second set of key issues of course related to environment and climate change, and indeed Trudy Harrison MP, Minister for Natural Environment and Land Use in the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, took part in the discussions with Overseas Territories Leaders on this subject.

The Joint Communique that was adopted at the end of the Conference recognised the unique environments of the Overseas Territories and their vulnerability to the impacts of climate change. The UK Government's support for biodiversity and conservation projects in the Overseas Territories was also noted, and it was made clear that for each year until 2025 UK Government will continue to make available £10M for applicants to the Darwin Plus Programme.

And it was also noted that the UK Government and the Overseas Territories are developing a new Joint Biodiversity Strategy expected to be published in 2024.

My strong hope is that this Biodiversity Strategy Workshop here in Tortola over the next two days will play an important role in the development of that strategy. I know that our colleagues from the Joint Nature Conservancy Council and Defra who are with us will want to use this workshop to learn more about the vision of the Virgin Islands for protecting the Territory's biodiversity.

The need for that protection is beyond doubt. We already know that climate change and nature loss are existential challenges. The decade ahead is critical for action in face of the rapidly closing window to limit global temperatures increases to 1.5C and to halt and reverse biodiversity loss. The development of a new Overseas Territories Biodiversity Strategy can serve to define the priorities for our respective Governments in tackling the challenges ahead, including by helping to guide funding in line with agreed objectives and ensure maximum impact.

As Governor I know that the strategy needs to be led by people here in the BVI if it is to be effective. But as Governor I would also confirm my commitment to UK support for that strategy.

And I am pleased to note that the UK Government is currently funding no less than 16 environmental projects here in the BVI with \$3M funding through the Darwin Plus Initiative. These projects include:

Habitat restoration of Great and Little Tobago National Parks;
Sustainable sargassum management in the BVI and in Anguilla and Montserrat;

Development of Coastal Resource Atlas;
A multipurpose soil survey to inform environmental management and climate mitigation;

And of course our collaborative work in tackling disease and damage to our coral reefs.

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Government Officials Trained In Underwater Survey Processes



Government officials from several departments were trained in a two day workshop to preview the underwater survey processes that were used to create the updated Coastal Resources Atlas.

The workshop follows the Government of the Virgin Islands officially receiving the completed Coastal Resources Atlas product which is a detailed map of the entire BVI territorial sea area comprised coral, sand, mud, rock, rubble, seagrass and other marine habitat types.

Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change Mr. Ronald Smith Berkeley stated, "The Coastal Atlas and MSP Tool Training workshop will no doubt be of great benefit for participating officers, who in turn will be able to assist in the protection and preservation of the BVI environment. The BVI/UK partnership, lends opportunities to our public officers so they can achieve this objective of protecting the environment".

Meanwhile, Environment Officer with specialisation of Geographical information Systems for Environmental Management Mrs. Rozina

Norris-Gumbs said that there was the need for an update of the data that was being used for the past 15 years which covered a small portion of the coastal areas of the Virgin Islands.

Mrs. Norris-Gumbs said, "At the end of this training we hope to be able to learn how to input accurate information into this tool, so we are able to obtain answers that we may have about our marine resources such as preventative measures that would not put unnecessary stress to sensitive areas; and what harmful activities to refrain from that would negatively affect our natural environment."

Officers also received training in the utilisation of the newly acquired MSP tool which will be able to assess the effects of human activities such as pollution, development practices, illegal fishing, recreation, etc. on our marine habitats.

The training was conducted by Dr. James Strong, a member of the National Oceanic Centre in the United Kingdom, Mr Shane Pinder and Neil Thurston of WSP Global Inc. who designed the MSP toolbox utilising geographical information systems (GIS)

software. Their previous work in the Virgin Islands includes the creation of the Hazard Vulnerability Assessment Tool that is currently being utilised by the Department of Disaster Management.

Government officials from the Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources, and Climate Change, Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, Town and Country Planning Department, National Parks Trust of the Virgin Islands, Lands and Survey Department, and the Virgin Islands Shipping Registry participated in the workshop.

The two-day training was part of an ongoing programme which started back in 2019 for the "underwater survey training" which took place during that period. The workshop is part of two Darwin Plus funded projects along with Joint Nature Consultation Committee (JNCC), National Oceanic Centre (NOC) and MSP Global Inc. all based in the United Kingdom.

The Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources continues to manage the natural resources of the Territory in a manner that ensures long-term sustainability.

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I have the privilege of having lived and worked here in the BVI for the past two and a half years and I have seen and learned for myself the importance of our coral reefs, our mangroves and the wider biodiversity across our islands. I also know that the risks we face to this biodiversity are immediate. But I also know that tackling those risks is an investment not just for today or tomorrow but also for the long term, and that preservation of our biodiversity makes not only environmental sense but also economic sense. It makes economic sense in terms BVI's tourism market and its future growth, and also in terms of ensuring stability and sustainability of our seas and land for all those who live and work here.

So I hope very much that this workshop will be a success, helping all those present to understand the BVI's vision and strategic priorities for supporting the Territory's biodiversity and how the new UK Overseas Territories Biodiversity Strategy can best support this vision.

Together we need to tackle the barriers and support the opportunities ahead and I look forward to I and my Office supporting all of your efforts in future work.



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BVI-UN Development Forum Deepens Cooperation

Premier and Minister for Tourism, Culture and Sustainable Development Honourable Dr. Natalio D. Wheatley said that the VI-UN Sustainable Development Forum proved to be instrumental in ensuring that the Territory achieves its development goals.

The forum hosted by the Government of the Virgin Islands from June 13 to 15 allowed for United Nations Resident Coordinator, Mr. Didier Trebucq and several UN Heads of Agencies to reaffirm their commitment to support Government-led initiatives towards securing a more sustainable future, through the provision of technical assistance and policy coordination.

Premier Wheatley said, "I am appreciative of the United Nations' support in mobilising critical resources, as we collectively seek to transform the social, political and economic framework of the Virgin Islands, in a manner that confronts the unique challenges that we face."

The Premier added, "This cooperation between the Government of the Virgin Islands and the UN Agencies represented here will ultimately contribute to strengthening our institutional capacity to mitigate against national development issues. I am looking forward to the positive actions that will result from our engagement on implementing the Country Implementation Plan (CIP)."

The Country Implementation Plan is a

multi-faceted framework that details a specialised institutional system, tailored to the Virgin Islands that directly addresses national concerns and regional priorities. The plan functions as the official framework for collaboration between the Government of the Virgin Islands and the United Nations.

This collaboration involves the occurrence of high-level meetings occurring on a continuous basis, to ensure that the Virgin Islands is on course to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030.

In addition to the existing partnership that currently obtains between the Government of the Virgin Islands and the United Nations, the forum provided the opportunity for the exploration of avenues through which additional funding can be accessed.

Discussions also focused on acquiring additional technical support, aimed at increasing human resource capabilities of the Virgin Islands people, in efforts to promote sustainable socio-economic expansion. The UN delegation's current and future support will lead to enhanced economic and social conditions that will improve resilience, and reinforce the Government's ability to respond holistically to the Territory's needs.

The delegation also met with Permanent Secretaries and members of the Opposition, in order to conduct a comprehensive assessment of the priority areas of stakeholders.

In addition to the UN Resident Coordinator Office, the UN agencies that were involved in forum included the International Labour Organisation (ILO), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (UNECLAC), United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

The Government of the Virgin Islands remains committed to fostering national political, economic, and social development in the Territory.

GIS PHOTOS



“Let’s Move” invitation to 4th annual Sports Festival and walk/runs celebrating Olympic Day



Tortola, British Virgin Islands, June 12, 2023 – The BVI Olympic Committee (BVIOC) in collaboration with its member National Federations will host the 4th free annual Sports Festival at the A.O. Shirley Recreation Grounds from 9:00am – 12:00pm on Saturday, June 24. The event will be preceded by the Trident Trust Championship and Olympic Day race with a 10k, 5k and 1k run/walk starting from the grounds at 6:30am. Walks will take place on Virgin Gorda and Jost Van Dyke at 6:30am and at 5:30am respectively.

The roundtrip walk/run from the recreational field in Spanish Town to the Baths will culminate with a friendly softball game on the fields on Virgin Gorda. For people on Jost Van Dyke, the dawn walk will start from the Albert Chinnery Administration Building in Great Harbour to the Soggy Dollar parking lot in White Bay and return to Great Harbour.

The events across the islands will mark Olympic Day which is internationally recognised each year on June 23. This year, the International Olympic Committee has themed the event “Let’s Move”.

The world is moving faster than ever, but people

are moving less. Research has found that one in four adults and over 80% of young people are not able to meet the recommended minimum activity levels needed for optimum health (WHO, 2022).

"Encouraging physical activity throughout the wider community is one of the remits the BVIOC has been working on through the Long Term Athlete Development programme," said Mr. Ephraim Penn, President of the BVIOC. "Our Olympic Day celebrations through the Sports Festival has embraced the concept of helping people of all ages and abilities to move by finding an activity that appeals to them. Walking is also an activity that's easy to do and the community walks help to remind people of the pleasure and satisfaction of that exercise. We are pleased that our LTAD partners in Virgin Gorda and Jost Van Dyke are helping to promote the message."

The walk/runs on VG, JVD and the early morning run/walk on Tortola hosted by the BVI Runners, the road racing affiliate of the BVIAA, is a traditional global Olympic Day event.

The collaboration on Tortola with the different

National Federations, the National Anti-Doping Commission, the Public Health Unit and, new for this year, the BVI Heritage Dancers, provides an opportunity for the public on Tortola to combine discovering an activity that they can engage in, understand what is meant by “clean sports” and learn about optimizing their nutritional intake.

The morning will feature interactive stations suitable for adults and children alike. Skills can be tested in archery, athletics, basketball, cycling, football, rugby, sailing, softball, squash, taekwondo, triathlon and volleyball. Director of Culture, Dr. Katherine Smith will provide insight to the history of the dances to be taught by the BVI Heritage Dancers. Olympian and chair of the BVI Athletes' Commission, Ashley Kelly will run an outdoor fitness circuit and host Olympian Q & A sessions. Dr. Harlan Vanterpool, Chief Anti-doping Officer will speak about clean sport and the importance of understanding prescription and over the counter medication as well as the impact of recreational drug usage. Ms. Patrice Maduro of the Public Health Unit will be providing guidance on health and

nutrition.

Free Olympic Day tee shirts on registration and subject to availability and complimentary Dasani water, and Powerade will be provided courtesy of Road Town Wholesale.

In the run up to Sports Festival and in marking Olympic Day values, National Federations are hosting training sessions which the public are welcome to join in as follows:

- Archery at the HLSCC, Paraquita Bay – 1:00pm – 5:00pm on Saturday, June 17 and Sunday June 18;
- Athletics at the A.O. Shirley Recreation Grounds 1:00pm – 5:00pm on Saturday, June 17;
- Squash will host an open session with visiting professional players at the Tortola Sports Club starting at 3:30pm on Monday, June 19;
- Rugby will have a

training session with visiting professional rugby player, ex All Black, Norm Maxwell at 6:00pm on Wednesday, June 21 at the A.O. Shirley Recreation Grounds.

• Taekwondo will host open sessions for youths Monday, June 19 through Thursday, June 22 at 3:30pm – 4:30pm and 5:00pm:45pm – 6:45pm. Adult sessions will take place on Monday and Thursday, 7:00pm – 8:00pm.

More information on these sessions can be sought from the National Federations whose contact details can be found on www.bviolympics.org.

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.



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Mambo Night Club Bar & Restaurant requires Full Time Bartenders, Waitress, Cook/Chef, Kitchen Helper, Disc Jockey, Cleaners/Domestic, Handyman, Maintenance, and Administrative Assistant. Please call 542-3900. [s06]

King Ghut Plantation looking for 2 Full Time experience Farmers to work. Must be able to farm the ground, plant and reap the product and also be good at selling. Must also be able to work with minimum or no supervision. Reply to Email: virgo2691.vc@gmail.com or Tel: 248-543-2763 by June 30th, 2023. [s06]

Chiquito Bar is looking for a Full Time Bartender person should have at least one (1) year of experience. For further information please call 341-6350. [s06]

OV's Nite Spot in The Valley, Virgin Gorda needs a Full Time Barmaids. Interested persons should apply in person or call 284-544-0133. [s06]

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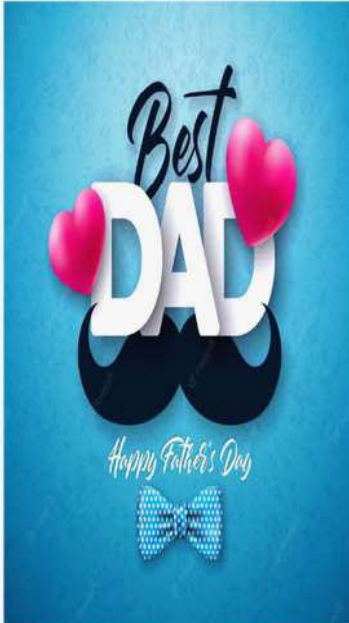
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NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to section 204, subsection 1 (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in Voluntary Liquidation. The Voluntary Liquidation commenced on 13th June 2023. The Liquidator is Myron Walwyn of Travers Thorp Alberga, 2nd Floor Jayla Place, P.O. Box 216, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110.
Dated 13th June 2023
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