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PREMIER SPEAKS ABOUT CYBERBULLYING AND RESPONSIBLE USE OF TECHNOLOGY

Premier and Minister for Finance Dr. the Hon. Natalio Wheatley disclosed recently that he is immune to some of the hurtful things that are said about him on the blogs. The BVI Leader who was at the time speaking at a

Cyberbullying Symposium held on 19 May, at the Eileene L. Parsons Auditorium, H. Lavity Stoutt Community College (HLSCC).

The Symposium featured students from schools such as: Elmore Stoutt

High School, St George's Secondary School, the Virgin Islands Technical School, Cedar International School, Ciboney Centre for Excellence, Bregado Flax Educational Centre Secondary Division, and the

Claudia Creque Secondary Division.

In what can be deemed a highlight speech, Hon. Wheatley spoke candidly about his cyberbullying express as he addressed a group of young individuals on the responsible use of technology and the harmful consequences of cyberbullying.

In his astonishing

revelation, the Premier stated, "I, too, have been a victim of cyberbullying. It's quite astonishing, really. You go on the blogs and people have the audacity to call me Slowande. Can you believe it?" questioned the Premier during a symposium called 'Don't Be Mean Behind the Screen.'

The Premier cautioned the
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Premier Natalio Wheatley, 6th right, is joined by American Airlines officials, BVI Airports Authority, BVI Airports Board and BVI Tourist Board officials as he cuts the ribbon for the first commercial flight from Miami to the BVI

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Premier Dr. Natalio Wheatley and Communications and Works Minister Kye Rymer, are the first passengers off the American Airlines flight from Miami

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young audience against getting caught up in the negativity and encouraged them to focus on positive aspects rather than seeking out controversial content. "I'm thick-skinned, and I can handle it," he reassured them. "You know, sometimes I feel like a cyborg, constantly checking if my heart is still beating... but I have learned to cope."

However, Dr. Wheatley acknowledged the profound impact cyberbullying can have on others. "Some people, when they find themselves targeted in

news stories or exposed to hurtful messages in WhatsApp groups, may even contemplate suicide. It's heartbreaking to witness individuals feeling like they don't want to live anymore."

He expressed concern about the detrimental effects of cyberbullying, which can lead to depression, affecting a person's eating habits, sleep patterns, and even their desire to attend school or interact with others.

"This is a significant challenge in our society," emphasized Dr. Wheatley. "I urge you to consider

the consequences when you engage in negative conversations online or use technology as a tool for spreading hurtful messages. It's important to remember that technology is just a medium, and we should use it responsibly."

In addition, the Premier briefly touched upon the Cyber Crime and Computer Misuse Act, highlighting the potential fines ranging from \$200,000 to \$400,000 for violating the legislation. He encouraged the young audience to familiarize themselves with the act and

its provisions.

"Take the initiative to educate yourselves," Dr. Wheatley advised. "Recognize the impact of our actions when we engage in mean-spirited behavior online. Let's foster a culture of love, compassion, and empathy among ourselves."

The Premier also admonished the students to take a stance and help to rid the Territory of cyberbullying. While noting that this movement must be championed by the Territory's youth the BVI

Leader stated: "I am happy that the room is filled with young people, because only young people can change what has really become a culture in the BVI, a culture of negativity. It takes each and every one of us to fight against that culture."

Hon. Wheatley noted that the bullying has in the past has deterred persons from returning to the Territory. He said, "some people just can't wait to get on a plane, leave and never come back."

"Fieldwork for this project represents the diversity of soil types on Tortola and on key locations on the Sister Islands," Ms. Daway said. "This means that the final data mapped and shared will reflect the information needs of the partners and other stakeholders."

The lead researcher for the Darwin Plus-funded study is University of Portsmouth Professor of Geoinformatics and Disaster Risk Reduction Dr. Richard Teeuw. Virgin Islands partners in the project are the Ministry of Natural Resources and Labour, Department of Agriculture

and Fisheries, Environmental Health Division; H. Lavity Stoutt Community College; Land Survey Department; National Parks Trust; and the Town and Country Planning Department.

So far the study has helped to train 23 public officers and farmers in soil sampling, soil analysis and soil chemistry. It has also helped to establish the Territory's first local soil analysis laboratory at HLSCC. Forty-six high school and college students have benefitted from training in basic soil analysis and soil chemistry in the soils laboratory. The study is expected to wrap up in March 2024.

OLEANVINE MAYNARD CHANGES HER PLEA TO GUILTY

One of the co-defendants in the case involving former Premier Andrew Fahie has decided to plead guilty. In a shocking turn of events co-defendant and former Managing Director of the BVI Ports Authority Oleanvine Maynard has indicated her intention to change her plea to guilty just as her son and co-accused Kadeem "Blacka" Maynard recently did.

Both Fahie and the Maynards were arrested in Miami Florida on 28 April 2022 as a result of

a sting operation that involved DEA agents. Their arrests on drug and money laundering charges resulted from an undercover operation involving a US DEA informant.

Within a week of her son's plea change the former Managing Director of the Port filed a motion in a federal court in Miami on 30 May regarding her change of plea. This move was announced and as a result it was explained that the change-of-plea hearing is set for 12 June.

Both Oleanvine and Kadeem have remained in custody without seeking bail since their 2022 arrest. On the other hand, the co-defendant Fahie has been granted bail. He is however confined to an apartment in Florida with his daughters.

The trial for the former Premier is slated for 18 July, and the change of plea by the two other persons involved in the case has tongues wagging about what this new turn of events means for the Fahie trial.

Sister Islands Soils Sampled As Study Continues

Officers from the Department of Disaster Management (DDM) were joined by colleagues in the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries to carry out sampling and analysis on Virgin Gorda and Jost

Van Dyke as part of the ongoing Virgin Islands Comprehensive Soils Study.

The team collected soil samples and tested the water permeability at three locations in Jost Van Dyke and six locations on Virgin Gorda. Anegada fieldwork is scheduled for early June.

Since the November launch, the soils study team has gathered and analysed

samples from dozens of sites around Tortola. In addition to informing decision making for disaster risk reduction, the study aims to gather data to help with land use decisions related to conservation, building, and agriculture, said DDM Senior Technical Planning Manager Melanie Daway.



BVI MOURNS DEATH OF 20 GUYANESE CHILDREN IN THEIR COUNTRY

There was a solemn gathering at the Cyril B. Romney Tortola Pier Park on Friday, 26 May, as persons from the community united with Guyanese residents for a vigil aimed at mourning the heartbreaking loss of the 20 children that lost their lives in the devastating school dormitory fire that occurred in Guyana on 21 May 21. Under the banner of the 'Light up the Night Vigil,' the park became a gathering place for individuals from diverse backgrounds, who came together to share their grief.

The event featured a display

of photographs and names of the young victims and a banner prominently placed. In a moment of profound silence, candles were lit, and the participants arranged themselves in the form of a heart, symbolizing solidarity with Guyana and its people. Leaders of the Territory conveyed their condolences, offering heartfelt words of solace.

His Excellency Governor John Rankin reflected: "To lose one child is a tragedy, but to lose 19 young lives in the circumstances that unfolded last Sunday is an almost incomprehensible,

inexplicable tragedy." Governor Rankin also extended sympathies on behalf of King Charles III and the British High Commissioner in Guyana. Premier and Minister of Finance, Dr. the Hon. Natalio Wheatley sought to uplift the grieving families and friends, encouraging them to find solace in their faith. He emphasized the importance of placing trust in a higher power, stating: "Even in the midst of pain and sorrow, it is the divine force, known by various names, that can truly provide solace and healing."

Several legislators addressed the gathering, including Deputy Governor David Archer, Deputy Premier and Minister for Financial Services and Trade Hon. Lorna Smith, Junior Minister for Tourism Hon. Luce Hodge-Smith, Junior Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries Dr. The Hon. Karl Dawson, Opposition Members Hon. Julian Fraser RA, Hon. Melvin Turnbull, and Hon. Marlon Penn.

Guest speaker Ms. Lachmi Sammi, an educator who has taught in the area where the tragedy occurred

explained what life is like for the indigenous people in Guyana on a quest for higher learning. She shared insights into the efforts made to ensure access to learning such as the Dorm that is at the centre of the unfortunate tragedy.

The deadly fire which caught international attention with many countries expressing their sympathies reportedly began in the bathroom area of the dorm building and blazed through the entire building in record time.

At the time of the incident there were 57 students in the building.

HEALTH MINISTER EMPHASIZES HIS COMMITMENT TO POSITIVE CHANGE

Expressing his enthusiasm for initiating necessary upgrades and refinements within the Ministry, Departments, Units, and Boards under his jurisdiction, Minister of Health and Social Development, Hon. Vincent Wheatley, emphasized his commitment to driving positive change.

Speaking at the swearing-in ceremony and First Sitting of the First Session of the Fifth House of Assembly, which took place at the Multi-Purpose

Sports Complex on 18 May Hon. Wheatley addressed key concerns and outlined his proactive approach to addressing them.

Acknowledging the significance of the National Health Insurance, which was a prominent topic during the recent general elections, the Minister stated: "I have already begun engaging the relevant stakeholders to move forward with the solutions."

Regarding the Social Assistance Grants, Hon. Wheatley said he recognizes

the concerns voiced by residents. To that end the Minister announced: "I hear the concerns of the residents, and I have encouraged the Social Development Department to increase their public relations campaign to ensure that everyone is well aware and understands the process."

Furthermore, Hon. Wheatley expressed his full support for providing the Social Development Department with additional resources to enhance their ability to serve the public effectively. "I am 100% supportive of the department receiving additional resources to better assist the public," he stated.

June 16 Is A Public Holiday In Lieu Of June 9

The public is reminded that Friday, June 16 has been declared a public holiday in observance of the Sovereign's Birthday. This declaration replaces the previously issued date of June 9. As such, June 9 will not be observed as a public holiday.

The public is invited to attend the King's Birthday Celebration to be held on June 16 in the form of a ceremonial parade beginning at 8:30 a.m. from the Police Headquarters at Waterfront Drive to the Queen Elizabeth II Park.



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Direct Flights From U.S Projected To Boost Tourism

Premier and Minister of Finance Dr. the Honourable Natalio Wheatley said that direct flights to the U.S mainland signals the re-establishment of a relationship with a major U.S airline, maximizing the capacity of the Terrance B. Lettsome Airport International Airport, and ultimately significant development to the tourism industry and the Virgin Islands as a host destination.

Premier Wheatley, who is also the Minister responsible for Tourism, said that "I am happy that there will be greater accessibility, affordability and convenience which will serve as a catalyst for enhanced opportunities to expand our tourism product. I am anticipating that restaurants, hotels, cultural artisans and transportation services, will benefit from this initiative, which will impact the Territory's overall Gross Domestic Product (GDP)."

He further explained that direct flights to and from the U.S mainland can generate potential positive implications for the cruise and charter boat industry. "The development of the Blue Economy is contingent on fully capitalising on the economic impact of sailing, yachting, and

cruising events. With American Airlines committing to direct flights to the Virgin Islands, we will be positioned to better meet the needs of tourists interested in chartering boats, who will be able to do so with more ease and accessibility."

Premier Wheatley also explained that "One significant aspect of having American Airlines as a partner, is that persons can earn credit, and use advantage miles to travel to an American Airlines destination, which creates a new niche of passenger, with direct access to the BVI".

Direct air access to the Virgin Islands is a major achievement of the Government of the Virgin Islands, since it has been a long-term goal spanning several administrations, increasingly since 2013, when American Eagle discontinued its services in the Virgin Islands after 27 years of service. On June 1, the Virgin Islands will welcome the inaugural American Airline flights, after a successful test flight launched on May 25.

This achievement is also in direct alignment with the National Sustainable Development Plan which encourages the diversification and expansion of the tourism sector as

a mechanism to facilitate economic development through encouraging foreign direct investment.

The Government of the Virgin

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STATEMENT BY NEW MINISTER WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL SERVICES

Honourable Lorna Smith, OBE

Road Town, Tortola – 26 May 2023 - As the first Government Minister with a specific titular portfolio of Financial Services, I am excited to lead a team of professionals who continue to set the bar which permits the Territory to stay on the cutting edge of global financial services business. I am no stranger to financial services, as I have worked in the industry for decades, in various capacities. I believe,

however, that this will by far be my most important role in supporting the industry. Those of you whom I have had the pleasure of meeting, know my passion for seeing the industry's sustainability and continued success.

Through BVI Finance, the Territory has been tirelessly marketed as a jurisdiction of choice. That pitch has not been simple lip-service. The Commission's dedication to best practices and maintaining canons set by global standard setting authorities is reflected in policies, legislative directives, and the involvement of industry players. Likewise, the BVI continues to make strides and to achieve remarkable levels of success in the financial services arena. We can agree that one of the most important things that underpins the success which this important industry characterizes is our maintained strong and independent regulatory regime.

With the compliance of our regulated entities, and guiding support from international partners, I believe that we can continue to maintain our leading position in the international financial-services marketplace, as a model trendsetter when it comes to not only product offerings but also commendable regulatory and supervisory leadership.

I mention all of this to say that as the subject Minister, I pledge to support continued good regulation.

I also commit to do whatever is necessary and required to assist and promote the industry to better represent the interests of its clients.

To this end, I pledge the full support of my government to uphold the competitive and cutting-edge strategic direction of the BVI financial services toward the industry's anticipated long-term viability.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Financial Services, Labour and Trade

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- (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)

Food Handlers Session Coming Up On June 13

The Environmental Health Division will be hosting a virtual Food Handlers Training Course on Tuesday, June 13 at 5:00 p.m.

Food handlers interested in attending the virtual training are asked to register individually utilising their personal email before 12 noon on June 12 using the link below:

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Phase 1 Of Long Bay Beach Management Plan Nears Completion

Members of the community are advised that Phase 1 of the Long Bay, Beef Island Beach Management Plan is nearing completion.

Phase 1 includes the construction of public and taxi parking lots, and a beach dune protection barrier to protect the eastern sand dune from vehicular traffic while also facilitating its restoration.

The Permanent Secretary in the Ministry responsible for Natural Resources, Mr. Ronald Smith-Berkely, stated that “Drop-off points at the central and eastern accesses of the beach will allow persons to offload vehicles and will also facilitate easy access to the seashore by persons with mobility challenge. Implementation of Phase 1 will work towards creating a beach we can all be proud of.”

As the first phase of the project nears completion, as of Saturday, May 27, persons will be required to park in the public parking lots that are now established at the central access point and the eastern end of the beach.

The taxi parking lot is also available for spill-over parking, on days when cruise ships are not scheduled to make calls at the port.

Speaking to the rationale for Phase 1 works, Ms. Angela Burnett Penn, environmental

officer, explained, that “At present over 75 percent of the eastern beach dune vegetation has been destroyed, and many of the remaining trees are invasive species. The goal is to restore the beach dune to its former healthy state, while leaving room for a picnic zone and other facilities.

Installation of the beach dune protection barrier is critical to this effort as vehicles compact the soil, and degrades its habitat quality for nesting turtles and its function as an important sand reservoir, integrate to the long-term health and stability of the beach.

The final aspects of Phase 1 will include erection of signage, screening of the parking lots with hedges of plants, native to the beach environment to maintain the natural aesthetic of the beach. Volunteers will be sought to assist with the tree planting effort in addition to a comprehensive clean-up of the beach dune.

Phase 2 of the Plan will follow shortly, and will continue throughout this year. It will involve with the establishment of the public picnic area within the beach dune, inclusive of picnic tables, shade trees, purpose-built barbeque pits, and receptacles for garbage collection and recycling. Implementation of the Plan

will include replanting of seagrass trees, restoration of the beach dune with native trees, as well as construction of vending units. The Long Bay, Beef Island Beach Management Plan was finalised in December 2022 following interagency planning efforts and public

consultations under the authority of The Virgin Islands Beach Policy 2020.

The public is reminded that permission must be sought from the Ministry responsible for Natural Resources for commercial uses of beaches and non-commercial activities in

cases where there would be groups larger than 50 persons, loudspeakers or open fires.

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

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Contracts Signed For Three Social Homes On Sister Islands

Three contracts were signed for the construction of three social homes on the sister islands as part of the Housing Recovery Assistance Programme.

Minister for Health and Social Development, Honourable Vincent Wheatley said he was happy to see the resumption of social homes. The Minister noted the program had stopped for a while, but he is happy that the three homes will be built on the sister islands.

Of the three homes, two will be built in North Sound, Virgin Gorda and the other in White Bay, Jost Van Dyke. The beneficiaries of the social homes are Gladynet Walters of North Sound, Virgin Gorda, Sydney and Elmore Wheatley of North Sound Virgin Gorda and Lucien Callwood of White Bay, Jost Van Dyke.



for Gladynet Walters who has been living in a temporary shelter for the last six years I believe. I am happy to see she is getting her home started and young Sidney who lost his parents and he has not been home for a very long time, getting a place he could call his home”.

The minister added, “I think since the hurricane, he has been living on Tortola with friends and he is finally getting his home on Virgin Gorda to move back there. It is very pleasing to see a young person receiving the much-needed help. Hopefully, we can get more funding to create more social homes for other persons who may need help since the hurricane and so forth. I am very pleased we can sign this contract”.

K&C Construction was awarded the contract valued at \$215, 919.70 for Sydney Wheatley’s house in Northsound, while Construction and Engineering Systems (BVI) Limited was awarded the contract for Gladynet Walters’ home valued at \$225,701.75 and Lucien Callwood valued at \$210,836.50.

Since the beginning of the Housing Recovery Assistance Programme, over 20 homes have been built and over 200 have been repaired.

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



BVIHSA's Blood Bank Enhanced with Equipment Donation from Rotary Club of Tortola



Road Town, Tortola, 25 May, 2023 – The BVI Health Services Authority (BVIHSA) is pleased to announce the official handover of essential equipment donated by the Rotary Club of Tortola to the Dr. D. Orlando Smith Hospital's Laboratory. This significant contribution aims to enhance the services provided by the laboratory's blood bank, ultimately improving patient care and safety.

Last year, the Rotary Club, in partnership with the BVIHSA and the BVI Red Cross, spearheaded a successful fundraising campaign, raising \$45,000 to acquire the much-needed equipment. This commendable achievement was made possible through the generous support of both the local community and dedicated donors. Notably, a significant portion of the funds was generated through the participation of community members in the Grand Raffle that was held in September.

The newly acquired equipment empowers the blood bank to maintain an immediate inventory of blood units, significantly improving response times in critical situations. The laboratory will now have the capability to extract vital components such as plasma and platelets locally, thereby enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of the blood bank's operations.

Motivated by the urgent need to address the blood and blood product shortage faced by the territory's blood bank, the Rotary Club initiated the fundraising efforts. Particularly, the Club was moved by the difficulties faced by women in need of blood and blood

products during childbirth. The successful campaign now enables the hospital laboratory to test blood locally before administration, ensuring optimal patient care and safety.

With the installation of this advanced equipment, the Dr. D. Orlando Smith Hospital's laboratory is poised to better serve its patients. The significantly upgraded capacity to store blood guarantees a more readily available supply, enabling medical professionals to promptly meet the diverse needs of their patients.

Dr. June Samuel, Acting CEO of the BVIHSA, expressed gratitude for the equipment donation and the collaborative efforts between the BVIHSA, the Rotary Club, and the BVI Red Cross. She stated, "This equipment donation is a significant step forward in improving our blood bank services and enhancing patient care. We sincerely thank the Rotary Club and all those who contributed to this successful fundraising campaign. Together, we are making a tangible difference in the lives of our community members."

The BVIHSA remains committed to delivering high-quality healthcare services to the British Virgin Islands community. Collaborative partnerships, such as this equipment donation, are essential in achieving this goal. The BVIHSA extends its appreciation to the Rotary Club of Tortola for their dedication and support in enhancing the capabilities of the Dr. D. Orlando Smith Hospital's blood bank.



BVIPA and FCCA Form Strategic Partnership to Drive Cruise Development, Training and Economic Growth in the BVI

Tortola, British Virgin Islands, 26 May 2023 – The British Virgin Islands Ports Authority (BVIPA) is thrilled with its strategic collaboration with the Florida-Caribbean Cruise Association (FCCA) in a joint effort to accelerate the growth of the cruise industry, enhance training initiatives, and create a multitude of economic opportunities within the destination.

The partnership was solidified during a productive zoom meeting where Territory leaders engaged with the FCCA Operations committee, comprised of senior executives from eight different cruise partners, alongside industry experts from the FCCA. The meeting served as a platform to discuss collaborative strategies aimed at bolstering the development of the cruise sector, leveraging the exceptional features of the port, and tapping into the FCCA's extensive expertise and industry network. Through this partnership, both organizations aim to unlock the full potential of cruise tourism and contribute significantly to the economic prosperity of the British Virgin Islands.

"We are proud of our past work with the British Virgin Islands and honored that they have again put their faith in us and the cruise industry," said Michele Paige, CEO of the FCCA. "Through this agreement, FCCA is fully committed to fulfilling the British Virgin Islands' individualized initiatives, which focus on assisting the private sector, improving

employment, fostering cruise lines' purchase of local goods and more that will help locals prosper from the economic impact that the industry brings."

A primary objective of this collaboration is to increase demand for the Territory as a destination, promote summer cruising, and extend hours for port calls. The British Virgin Islands Tourist Board (BVITB) is also partnering in this collaboration and will play an integral role in accomplishing this objective. Additionally, the partnership will facilitate site visits for cruise executives, thus enabling them to provide feedback and engage the private sector with the aim of creating new products and improving both the spending and the experience of the cruise visitor in the Territory. By introducing innovative training initiatives, the BVIPA and FCCA will equip individuals with the necessary skills and knowledge to excel in various roles within the cruise sector. Furthermore, the partnership will provide support on engineering and logistical issues, ultimately enhancing the overall cruise experience for passengers. As the cruise industry continues to thrive, the Territory's ports will serve as gateways to exciting careers in cruise operations, hospitality, entertainment, and beyond. This collaboration will create a favorable environment for local businesses, entrepreneurs, and job seekers, fostering sustainable economic growth and

stability.

"We are delighted to forge this strategic partnership with the FCCA," expressed Vance Lewis, CEO of Cyril B Romney Tortola Pier Park. "This collaboration marks a significant milestone in our mission to become a premier cruise destination, offering unparalleled experiences for both passengers and the local community. By joining forces with the FCCA, we can leverage their expertise and resources, amplifying our efforts to provide top-notch training opportunities and generate sustainable economic growth. We are confident that this partnership will yield remarkable results for the Territory."

Natasha Chalwell, Marketing Director of BVIPA, remarked, "The FCCA, with its extensive experience and unwavering commitment to the cruise industry, has played a pivotal role in driving tourism growth throughout the Caribbean and Latin America. By partnering with us, the FCCA aims to extend its impact and support the British Virgin Islands in becoming a prominent hub for cruise tourism in the region."

This collaboration between the BVIPA and the FCCA showcases a shared vision for the future, characterized by increased cruise development, a highly skilled workforce, and thriving economic opportunities. Through this partnership, both organizations will work hand in hand to shape a thriving and sustainable cruise industry that benefits the people of the Virgin Islands, passengers, and businesses alike.

PETER ISLAND RESORT & SPA

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

Peter Island resort is hiring for the position of Executive Chef

Duties / Responsibilities:

- Provide leadership, vision, and direction to the Kitchen team to accomplish resort and department goals and cultivate a strong team atmosphere focused on guest and team member engagement and satisfaction. Lead with trust, respect and by example.
- Assign, in detail, specific duties to all employees under supervision to ensure efficient kitchen operation.
- Assist in preparation of food items according to standard recipes and/or as specified on guest check to ensure consistency of product.
- Confer with the F&B Director/F & B Manager regarding any new selections and changes.
- Audit food storeroom items and direct items to maintain consistent quality products that ensure adherence to all health code requirements.
- Enforce safety procedures and cleanliness standards throughout the kitchen including walk-in and reach-in boxes.
- Special projects and assignments for continuous improvement.
- Manages the food preparation for all food and beverage outlets in the club.
- Creates, plans, and writes menus for all restaurants, room service, banquets, and F & B operations.
- Handles daily food purchasing.
- Oversees monthly food inventory under the guidelines provided by the Director of Finance.
- Trains and supervises all food preparation and stewarding personnel in the performance of their duties.
- Schedules staff based on projected revenue and covers, and staffing guides.
- Conducts monthly departmental meetings, attends Department Head meetings and Food and Beverage meetings. Attends pre-shift meeting in outlets to review menu changes and solicit feedback from service staff.
- Communicates regularly with Food & Beverage Director and General Manager.
- Ensures proper care of equipment and controls operating costs.
- Maintains professional appearance and conduct at all times. Ensures staff appearance and conduct are impeccable.
- Remains current on industry trends and marketing.
- Monitor and enforce compliance with regulations regarding receiving, storage, and rotation of food products. Adhere to cost and quality control procedures.
- Provide clear directions to staff, through both verbal and written instructions.
- Monitor dispersion of work assignments and adjust staff accordingly.
- Supervise staff to include training, counseling, and discipline.
- Recommend policies, procedures, and training to provide enhanced service and increase productivity.
- Monitor and control food costs through ordering and inventory control.
- Maintain cleanliness of workstation to hotel standards.
- Report any equipment in need of repair or service to the engineering.
- Hire, train, supervise, schedule, and participate in activities of chefs, cooks, and other personnel involved in preparing, cooking, and presenting food in accordance with productivity standards, cost controls, and forecast needs.
- Listen actively and communicate clearly while interacting with customers to promote food products and direct staff activities. Analyze feedback from clients and team members, make judgments and take action to implement suggestions for improvement. Maintain working rapport with all hotel staff for efficient operation and service to the customer.
- Organize and conduct meetings with culinary team.
- Monitor team performance, product quality and production flow; foster continuous improvement where necessary.
- Create and implement new menus and individual menu items for all outlets including Villas based on current food trends and regional tastes.
- Invent menu selections for special banquet themes and parties in accordance with client budgetary guides and expectations.
- Perform any related duties as assigned by supervisor. Assisting all other employees in their duties when required.

Specific Technical / General:

- Strong experience working in a 4-5-star luxury island resort.
- Previous Caribbean/international experience helpful, but not mandatory.
- Strong 4-5-star Resort experience.
- Must possess exceptional, "full-rounded" experience.
- Must have strong financial background, with exceptional.
- Experience in management.
- Must be a self-starter, energetic, & motivated.
- Should have at least five years' experience in the culinary world.
- Must be a team player who enjoys challenge and working with others.
- Must be creative, however willing to work with existing core resort philosophy and style.
- Should have background computer Should have background computer systems (Peter Island systems: Lotus Notes, Windows 98, Fidelio).
- Property location makes it important that applicant be in good physical shape.
- Ability to work at a physically demanding pace.
- Ability to lift fifty (50) pounds to a maximum height of six (6) feet.
- Ability to remain standing for lengthy periods of time; climb steps and stairs; stoop, bend, and kneel; push.
- Ability to climb ladders and work at high heights.
- Ability to load and unload supplies.

**BVI Islanders or Belongers preferred. To apply, send application and resume to Chad James, Director of Human Resources,
P.O. Box 211, Road Town, Tortola, BVI
or email: hr@peterisland.net
Telephone ; 1-284-340-8309**

36 Problems Solved Through BVI GOV Report It App

A total of 36 problems have been solved to date through the “BVI GOV Report It” App.

The BVI GOV Report It App allows members of the public to take photos, and file live, trackable reports of Public Service non-emergencies such as potholes, broken pipes and signage, stray animals, derelict vehicles, and other related issues.

“As we transform the Public Service, initiatives such as the BVI GOV Report It App allow us to deliver services, whilst placing the needs of our clients first.” Deputy Governor Mr. David Archer, Jr. said.

Customer Service Manager, Ms. Abbarah Brown, was pleased to report that since the App’s launch in April, a total of 92 reports were made. Of those 92 reports, 36 problems have been solved to date, while 56 solutions are in progress.

Ms. Brown explained that of the 36 problems solved, 25 of them were handled by the Water and Sewerage Department.

“I would really like to commend the Water and Sewerage Department for working swiftly to address the reports filed by the public. Closing 25 claims in such a brief period was not easy, but they were able to rise to the occasion.” The Customer Service Manager stated.

She further noted that the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, the Department of Waste Management, the Customer Service Care Centre, the Public Works Department and the Department of Information Technology also resolved a number of issues respectively.

Ms. Brownsaid that the remaining issues are projected to be resolved in a timely manner and noted that the numbers change each day.

“We are so grateful for the positive feedback we have received surrounding the new app and the members of the public who continue to take advantage of the platform. We urge you to use the tracking feature on the app for all of your reports made, to stay abreast of any updates or resolutions.”

The Customer Service Care Centre seeks to enhance the customer service relationship between the Government and its clients, by utilising Customer Service Specialists that serve as the single point-of-contact for the public to communicate with the Government.



TENDERS FOR A GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN

The B.V.I. Electricity Corporation is inviting tenders for the renewal from any Virgin Islands Licensed Insurance companies for a **Group Health Insurance Plan** to provide comprehensive supplementary coverage for all employees, retirees and their dependants that are members covered under the existing plans at August 31, 2023.

Terms of Reference

The plan should provide (but not limited to) the following benefits:

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| 1. Coverage of Pre-existing Conditions | 20. Outpatient Services | 21. Hospitalization |
| 2. Major Medical Insurance | 22. Accidents & Emergency Care | |
| 3. Worldwide 24 hours a day coverage | 23. Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Rehabilitation | |
| 4. Customer Service Call Center- 24 hours access | 24. Critical Illness | |
| 5. Local Office/Agent | 25. Organ Transplant | |
| 6. Maximum Lifetime Benefits | 26. Private Duty Nurse | |
| 7. Maximum Out of Pocket | 27. Chiropractic Benefits | |
| 8. Substantial Term Life Insurance for Insured and Dependants | 28. Accidental Death and Dismemberment | |
| 9. Preferred Provider Network (Puerto Rico, US Virgin Islands & USA) (Network Information must be accessible via internet and regularly updated) | 29. Annual Physical | |
| 10. Hospital Room and Board | 30. Preventive Care for Newborns inclusive of Immunizations | |
| 11. Maternity | 31. Surgical Expense Benefits | |
| 12. Psychiatric Care | 32. Rehabilitation | |
| 13. HIV/AIDS related illnesses and lifetime benefits | 33. Doctors and Specialist Visits | |
| 14. Vision Care | 34. Birth abnormalities, congenital conditions, premature birth, or other defects in newborn children. | |
| 15. Prescription Drugs | 35. Radiation and Chemotherapy etc. | |
| 16. Air Ambulance and Mortal Remains Coverage | 36. Physical Therapy | |
| 17. Second Opinion | 37. Prosthetic Devices | |
| 18. Lab/X-ray Scan and other Diagnostic Procedures | | |
| 19. Dental Care | | |

Optional Benefits

38. Disability Insurance
39. Cosmetic Surgery (in the event of an accident)
40. Experimental Treatment
41. Extended Care Benefits
42. Home Health Care

Instruction to the Tenderers

Tenderers are required to furnish the following:

- a) A valid Insurance License issued pursuant to the Insurance Act 1994 OR
- b) Copy of Insurance License Application submitted to Commissioner of Insurance.
- c) Good Standing certificates in respect of National Health Insurance, Social Security and Taxes including Payroll taxes and Property Taxes.
- d) Certificate of Good Standing from Commercial Registry.
- e) Trade License.
- f) Independently audited financial statements for the last two financial years
- g) Names of local Insurance Agent and curriculum vitae outlining the professional skills and qualifications of the Manager, including details of experience in the field together with valid Certificate of Authority issued pursuant to the Insurance Act 1994.
- h) Premium for employee, employee and dependents (spouse), employee and dependent (child/ren) must be submitted for the required services separately. In addition, the premium for same for the required and optional services combined.

The tenders must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with “Tender for Group Health Insurance Plan 2023” and the tenderers return address.

These tenders must be addressed to:-

The General Manager
B.V.I. Electricity Corporation
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GLOBAL NEWS BRIEF

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USA - For the parents of a teenager, adolescence can be a challenging time. But to a brain scientist, it's a marvel.

"I want people to understand that adolescence is not a disease, that adolescence is an amazing time of development," says Beatriz Luna, professor of psychiatry and pediatrics at the University of Pittsburgh.

That development is on display most afternoons at the Shaw Skatepark in Washington, D.C. It's a public site, filled with teens hanging out, taking risks, and learning new skills at a rapid pace. "When you're younger, your mind is more open, and you're more creative, and nothing matters," says Leo De Leon, 13. "So you'll really try anything." [NPR]

SPAIN - Vegan and vegetarian diets are associated with a lower concentration of lipids like cholesterol in the bloodstream. As some lipids produce arteriosclerosis when they accumulate along the arterial walls, following these diets can reduce the risk of suffering some cardiovascular diseases. That is the conclusion of an analysis of 30 clinical studies, conducted over the last 40 years, which was just published in the European Heart Journal. The researchers, led by Ruth Frikke-Schmidt at the University of Copenhagen, frame the relevance

of their results within the United Nations' sustainable development agenda, which proposes reducing premature mortality by non-transmittable diseases, like cancer or cardiac illnesses, by a third. [El Pais]

LISBON - "The landlady's been chasing me since 2018, she says she needs the flat - now there's an eviction notice."

Georgina Simões is a caregiver at a nursing home in the Portuguese capital Lisbon. She earns just above the minimum wage.

Her rent, at €300 (£262) a month, is low by the city's current standards.

But she still has to work two jobs to afford it. And conditions at the property are poor - she can't shower because water leaks into the neighbours' flat. "I don't leave because when I look for houses my salary isn't enough, even to pay rent. Rent prices are above the wages we have in Portugal." [BBC News]

SANTO DOMINGO.- The sale of uncertified medicines through social media platforms without any medical endorsement is a growing concern for health authorities in the Dominican Republic. Minister of Public Health, Daniel Rivera, raised the alarm about these "miracle drugs" being promoted without scientific backing, often using influencers or false advertising to attract buyers.

Many of these products are being advertised on social networks, claiming numerous benefits and even employing popular figures and influencers to entice consumers. People often fall victim to scams when purchasing these products. Rivera stressed the need for increased controls and intervention to address this issue, while also urging the public to remain vigilant and ensure that the products they buy or consume have proper regulation and certification.

Rivera cited an example from last year when his own image was used without consent to endorse blood pressure products, a situation he promptly denounced. The responsibility of verifying the regulation and certification of medicines, as well as suspending and removing counterfeit or expired products, falls under the General Directorate of Medicines, Food, and Health Products of the Ministry of Public Health (Digemaps). [Dominican Today]

BAHAMAS - United States Vice President, Kamala Harris, will meet with Caribbean Community (CARICOM) leaders early next month in the Bahamas. Government Press Secretary Clint Watson said that Harris, who will be the highest US government official to visit the Bahamas since 1973, will arrive in the country on June 8 to meet with the heads of government.

CARICOM chairman and Bahamas Prime Minister Phillip Davis will co-host the US



Caribbean leaders meetings with Harris.

"This gathering will convene leaders from CARICOM and other key regional stakeholders," Watson said during an Office of the Prime Minister press briefing.

The agenda for the discussion comprises pressing global concerns including climate change, energy management, food security, and the process of rebuilding in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Watson said that the dialogue will continue to highlight the importance of climate change and mitigation and will address the region's energy crisis.

He noted strategies will also be discussed to reduce the region's reliance on fossil fuels.

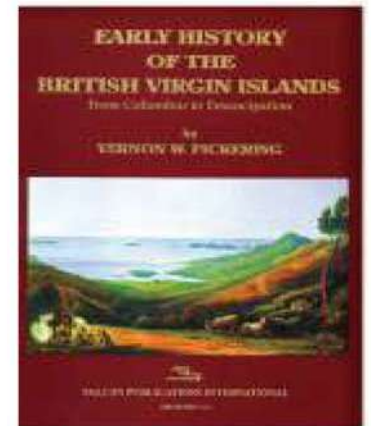
Harris previously met Caribbean leaders at the June 2022 Summit of the Americas in Los Angeles. [CMC/CMW]

UWI - An interdisciplinary group of researchers who worked collaboratively to address cancer and health disparities in patient populations of African descent, has received the prestigious American Association for Cancer Research Team Science Award for their innovation and meritorious science.

Lecturer in Public Health at The University of the West Indies' Cave Hill Campus, Dr. Natalie Greaves, was a member of the winning African Caribbean Cancer Consortium Team (AC3).

The team, led by Professor Camille Ragin of the Fox Chase Cancer Center, Philadelphia, was recognized for furthering the study of viral, genetic, environmental, and lifestyle risk factors for cancer in patient populations. These factors have demonstrated far-reaching implications for the improvement of cancer etiology, detection, diagnosis, treatment, and prevention in black patient populations worldwide. [CNW]

BARBADOS - Barbados is being described as one of the



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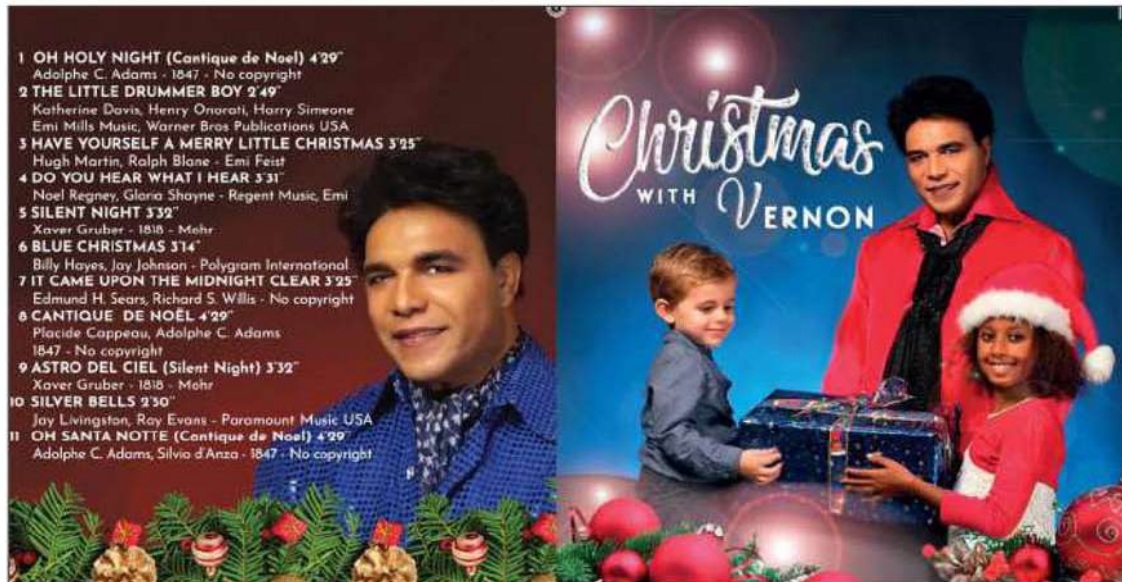
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best black-run societies in the world and a small nation that is becoming a global powerhouse.

Barbados' Ambassador to the United States and the Organisation of American States, Noel Lynch, disclosed that this view was shared with him during the 'Barbados Comes to Atlanta' (BCTA) Business Forum, this morning at the Clayton County International Park, Atlanta, Georgia.

He noted that this perspective was discussed during his many engagements with global commentators in his job as Ambassador, which he described as "the best job in the world", because "every day I get to articulate the vision of Mia Amor Mottley for the development of a small nation that's becoming a global powerhouse". "Barbados, like all the other countries has gone through some difficult times, but we are recovering and we're recovering maybe better than people didn't even envision that we would have recovered.... And in a country that is moving ahead and doing the kind of stuff that we're doing, putting Barbados on the map, we're showing that a small developing state can be a global powerhouse," Ambassador Lynch stated. He cited the Bridgetown Initiative as one example as to why Barbados was being viewed as a global powerhouse. [Barbados Today]



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Through the Lens of The Sunny Side



VI Students Participate In Cyber Bullying Symposium----Pictured above students engaging in an ice breaker activity
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The 2023 Leverick Bay Poker Run which was held on 28 May was a resounding success! The event attracted a large number of attendants and many announced that it was one of the best that they have attended.

Organizer stated that, "This year's Leverick Bay Poker Run marks the 19th anniversary of the legendary event that has drawn the attention of thousands of nautical enthusiasts to the waters of the British Virgin Islands."

The excitement of the event lies in the race along the predetermined competition route, along which participants stop at various places along the way to get a playing card until they complete the itinerary at Leverick Bay Resort & Marina. At the end of the journey, participants holding the best five-card poker hand are crowned as the Poker Run victors. The Poker Run has become a national holiday in the BVIs, attracting a large number of

visitors from the USVI and Puerto Rico. Besides the Prize Giving Ceremony during which the 2023 winners were awarded, the event also featured the Mr. Nice Guy Fashion Show. The winners are: First place: Anegada's Peter Penman \$8000, Second Place: Tortola's Enos Aaron \$5000, and Third Place: Virgin Gorda's Tiger Nickie \$2000.

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Ladyburd Talks...

Dear Readers: When it comes to planning a wedding, there's not one couple out there who isn't looking for the best wedding ideas to incorporate into their day. But with so many to choose from - how can you possibly know where to start?

The key is to consider what kind of wedding theme you want, what your priorities are, and what you can do within your budget.

Whether it's a June wedding ideas you're after, or something for a festive celebration, there's one thing that almost all wedding planning couples have in common - they want their wedding day to be different and unique. But it's important to remember that some of the best ideas for wedding celebrations are actually the tried and tested classics.

For us, planning a stellar wedding celebration is all about pairing the classic wedding ideas that everyone knows and loves, and combining them with unique wedding ideas no one else would have thought of. Having a bit of both will guarantee a wedding to remember, but most importantly, a wedding that represents you as a couple!

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Ladyburd's Mail Box

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Dear Ladyburd: My best friend flirts with my boyfriend every chance she gets, and I do not know how to confront her and tell her to stop it, or to tell her get out of our lives. I don't really want to lose her friendship, but if she continues I'll have to do something very drastic. I badly need some advise as to how I can handle this mess. I am not really the overly jealous type. But this situation does not look normal, I believe something is wrong, because I saw her giving him seductive glances.. **Cyndy.**

Ladyburd....Dear Cindy: Have you done the obvious thing and ask your boyfriend, what is going on. It might not be the way you are thinking, however, it might be, so you should find out from him, he might not tell you the truth, so you will have to read the non-verbal signs (his body language) when you are speaking to him about it, you will know whether he is lying to you or not, we women normally do.

You need to ask him to come clean with you, because you do not want to waste your life with someone who has other interest elsewhere.

Speak to him like you mean what you are saying, so that he knows you are serious

{Repeat}



Light Bulb Moments

"Don't let yesterday take up too much of today." — Will Rogers

"Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work." — Thomas Edison

<https://www.shopify.com/blog/motivational-quotes>

Poetry Corner

Be The Best Of Whatever You Are

If you can't be a pine on the top of the hill,
Be a shrub in the valley — but be
The best little shrub by the side of the hill;
Be a bush if you can't be a tree.

If you can't be a bush be a bit of the grass,
And some highway happier make;
If you can't be a muskie then just be a bass —
But the liveliest bass in the lake!

We can't all be captains,
we've got to be crew,
There's something for all of us here,
There's big work to do, and there's lesser to do,
And the task you must do is near.

If you can't be a highway then just be a trail,
If you can't be the sun be a star;
It isn't by size that you win or you fail —
Be the best of whatever you are!

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Tickle My Funny Bones



Only those who catch my eye

A man who lived in a block of apartments thought it was raining and put his head out the window to check. As he did so, a glass eye (contact) fell into his hand. He looked up to see where it came from just in time to notice a young woman looking down.

"Is this yours?" he asked.

She said, "Yes, could you bring it up?" and the man agreed.

On his arrival she was profuse in her thanks and offered the man a drink.

Because she was very attractive, he agreed. Shortly afterward she said, "I'm about to have dinner--there's plenty.

Would you like to join me?"

He readily accepted her offer and both enjoyed a lovely meal. As the evening was drawing to a close the lady said,

"I've had a marvelous evening.

Would you like to stay the night?"

The man hesitated then said,

"Do you act like this with every man you meet?"

"No," she replied.

"Only those who catch my eye."

Four Sons

A man had four sons from different mothers **Brodwel, Kenneth, Conrad and Dominic** His sons called for a meeting with their father to ask him why he gave them these names, and what do they mean?

The father replied ... "Take the first three letters of your names and join them together, there you will find the answer... and please, I won't explain myself about it any further."

PUN INTENDED

"I lost my mood ring and I don't know how to feel about it!"

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DIVAS
ON A **DIME**
By Patti Diamond

powerhouses than in a classic dish like Shakshuka? For those who are new to this dish, Shakshuka is a Middle Eastern breakfast dish made with eggs poached in a flavorful tomato sauce. It's a delicious, easy-to-make one-pan wonder. And it's versatile enough to accommodate a range of dietary needs.

The history of Shakshuka is a bit murky, with some claiming it originated in Tunisia, while others say it was invented in Israel or North Africa. Regardless of its origins, Shakshuka has become a beloved dish around the world, and for good reason. It's a comforting, warming dish that's perfect for breakfast, brunch, lunch or dinner.

So, without further ado, here's the recipe for Shakshuka:

Shake up your morning with delicious Shakshuka

Did you know that National Egg Day is coming up on June 3? I hope you're ready to celebrate and start your day with a delicious and nutritious meal, because I've got a recipe for you that's sure to impress: Shakshuka!

But first, let's talk about egg prices. Yes, it's true, the cost of eggs has doubled since this time last year, but there's hope on the horizon. Eggs are expected to drop a total of about 30% by the end of the year, according to the USDA. The price isn't back to where it was, but at least it's going in the right direction.

But fear not, dear readers, because even with these prices, eggs are still a nutritional bargain. Not only are they an affordable source of protein, but they're also packed with nutrients like vitamin D, choline and omega-3 fatty acids.

And what better way to enjoy these little nutritional

SKILLET SHAKSHUKA

- Yield: 4 servings
- Total Time: 30 minutes
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 2 bell peppers (any color), seeded and chopped
- 1 (4 ounce) can mild green chilis
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon paprika
- 1 tablespoon cumin
- 1 (28 ounce) can diced tomatoes
- 8 eggs
- 1/2 cup feta cheese, crumbled or sliced
- Parsley or cilantro, chopped
- Salt and pepper
- 4 thick slices of crusty bread

Add the tomatoes and their juices. Reduce heat and let this simmer for at least 10 minutes to allow the flavor to marry. At this time, if you choose, you can place the skillet on very low heat and let it simmer until you're ready to cook the eggs.

Using the back of a spoon, make wells in the tomato mixture. Crack the eggs into the sauce, spacing them evenly apart. Cover and allow the eggs to cook until the whites are set and the yolk is cooked to your desired consistency, about 5-7 minutes. Taste and adjust seasonings.

Serve immediately, sprinkled with feta cheese, chopped parsley and lots of crusty bread.

Diva Tip: Use a vegetable peeler to thinly slice the feta cheese so it melts beautifully over everything.

And there you have it, folks. Celebrate the humble egg with Shakshuka. It's a delicious and affordable meal that's perfect any time of day.

Bon appetit!

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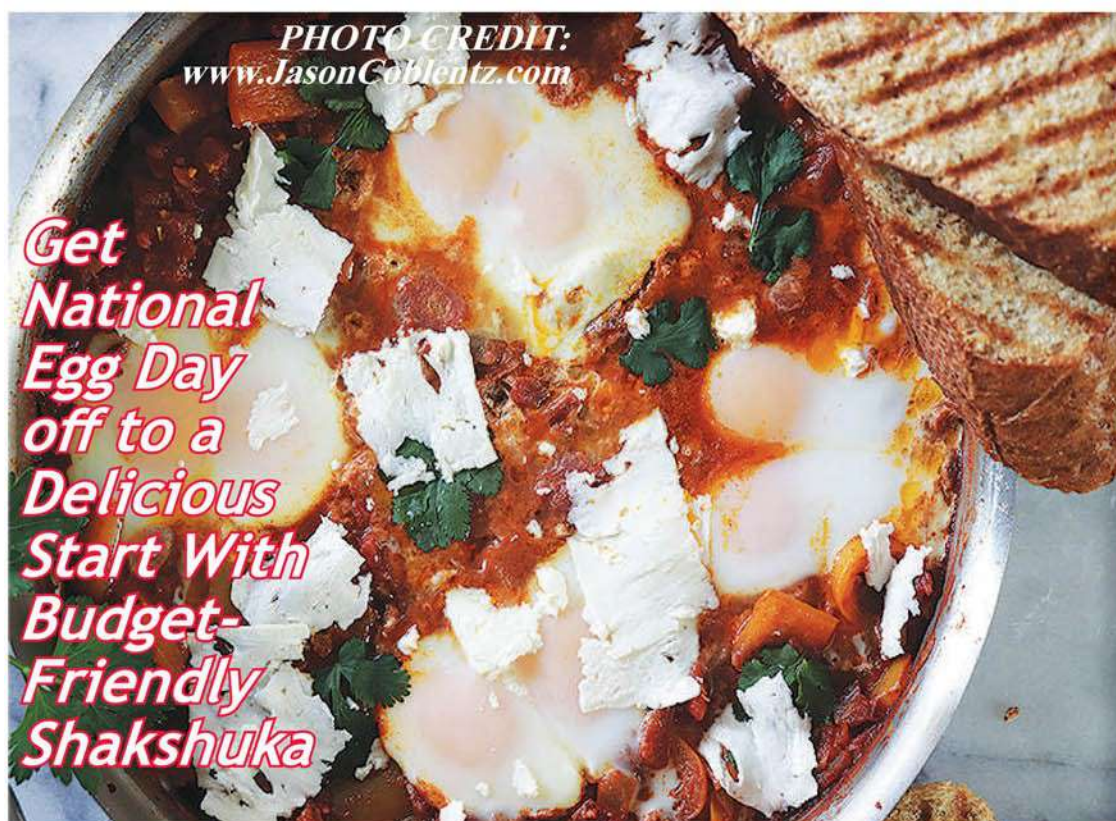


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Get National Egg Day off to a Delicious Start With Budget-Friendly Shakshuka

Note: Don't use a cast iron or aluminum skillet, as the highly acidic tomato sauce may cause a reaction with the metal. It won't hurt you, but the Shakshuka will taste metallic and may harm the seasoning of your cast iron pan.

In your skillet, warm the oil over medium heat. Once hot, add the onion and let that cook for a few minutes to soften. Add the bell peppers and green chilis, cooking for 5 minutes, stirring as needed.

Add the garlic, paprika and cumin and cook until fragrant, about 30 seconds.

POLICE NEWS

THREE CHARGED WITH FIREARMS/ AMMUNITION OFFENCES

Friday, May 26 – Three of the five arrested in Thursday’s firearm seizure in Spooners Estate were charged and will appear in Magistrate’s Court at the next available sitting.

Spooner’s Estate residents Ramone David, 38, Blugh Mongra, 39, both natives of Trinidad, and Renia Fahie, 39, were each charged with keeping an unlicensed firearm. David was charged additionally with two counts of possession of a prohibited firearm and unlawful possession

of ammunition. Two arrested yesterday were released pending further investigations.

The early morning operation led by the RVIPF detectives resulted in the seizure of four firearms including two high-powered weapons, a significant amount of ammunition and the arrest of five persons.

Several divisions within the Force participated in the search conducted on two residences in Spooner’s Estate.

The RVIPF is continuing

to do its part to reduce the number of illegal firearms on the streets of the Territory and individuals in possession of these weapons and is appealing to persons with information on suspected persons or the locations where these firearms are being held.

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

WEEKEND SHOOTINGS LEAVES ONE DEAD, ONE INJURED

Monday, May 29 – Detectives of the RVIPF Major Crime Team have not yet linked the two shootings over the weekend that has left one dead and one injured but appeal for witnesses or persons with information to come forward and assist with inquiries.

Police received a report just after midnight on Saturday of shots fired in the Manchester area. Vicardo Farrell, 33, a resident of Major Bay was wounded and subsequently died from his injuries. A male victim of another shooting in Long Bush on Sunday before

9pm was taken to hospital for treatment. He is presently in stable condition.

Commissioner of Police Mark Collins noted that while the RVIPF’s fight to remove illegal firearms from the streets continues, the community must join in the battle.

“We are all at risk of injury or death in these premeditated acts of violence. Do not keep the secrets of these perpetrators. If they fear exposure, they will stop. Help us to restore a sense of calm and peace in our communities,” the

Commissioner said.

Four firearms, including two semi-automatic-weapons, were seized in the search of residences at Spooners Estate last week. The week prior another firearm was confiscated from an 18-year-old scooter rider.

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THE ISLAND SUN**

Virgin Islands Reminded Of The Dangers Of Smoking

Residents of the Virgin Islands are reminded of the dangers of smoking as the Territory observes World Tobacco Day 2023.

Public Health Officer in the Ministry of Health and Social Development Ms. Renee Leonard said that smoking is one of the major risk factors for the development of chronic non-communicable diseases.

“Among the greatest concerns are heart and lung disease and various forms of cancer,” Ms. Leonard said, adding, “We want to advise persons to refrain from this practice and encourage smokers to quit.”

According to Ms. Leonard, there are many benefits to smokers quitting including improved circulation in the hands and feet, improved blood pressure, easier breathing, and a decrease in the risk of lung cancer.

“The bad habit of smoking can reduce your life expectancy, diminish your quality of life and ultimately kill you, so do not think about doing it and if you are already doing it stop,” the Public Health Officer said.

The community is also reminded that the Tobacco Products Control Act 2006 prohibits smoking in public places including office buildings, restrooms, elevators, stairways, health and educational institutions, any premises in which children are cared for a fee, restaurants, bars, nightclubs, beaches accessible to the public and any other facilities.

“We are reminding proprietors and other occupiers of public places that ‘no smoking’ signs must be placed in a prominent area, clearly indicating that the establishment is smoke free and any infractions should be reported to the authorities,” Ms. Leonard said.

The Public Health Officer stated that “No Smoking” signs must be flat and rectangular at a minimum size of eight and a half by eleven inches; must display the symbol for no smoking and carry the message in English, “It is unlawful to smoke in this location”.

Owners or managers of public places who fail to prominently display the prescribed signs that clearly indicate smoke-free zones will be liable to pay a fine of \$125.

Each year, the World Health Organization (WHO) holds World No Tobacco Day on May 31. Their goal is to spread awareness about the risks of tobacco use and what can be done to make the world tobacco-free. The day is being observed under the theme, “Grow Food not Tobacco.”

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



THE WEEK IN CORRUPTION

BY TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL

Presidents are just like us: counting down the days until an arduous job is over.

During an official engagement earlier this week, Nigeria's President Muhammadu Buhari went off-script and said that he was "desperately looking forward" to the end of his tenure. The outgoing president bemoaned the pressure of his final days in office with which he can hardly cope. Buhari will hand over the reins to his fellow party member President-elect Bola Tinubu in three short days.

The president should be relieved to know that civil society wants to simplify at least one decision for him: we are urging him to resist any pressure to halt Nigeria's ongoing litigation against oil giants Eni and Shell.

It is alleged that the two multinationals paid over US\$1 billion in bribes to high-level Nigerian officials for the rights to a lucrative OPL 245 offshore oilfield back in 2011. After Buhari came to power in 2015, Nigerian authorities launched investigations and litigation - both at home and abroad - stalling the oil block's development. Now, the attorney general is reportedly advising Buhari to order Nigerian authorities to terminate all related disputes. In a letter seen by journalists, the official argues that Nigeria has no chance of winning and, after a series of high-profile losses, should give up.

Investigations into the deal went on for years - in no small part due to the dedication of our friends at Global Witness, Corner House, HEDA and ReCommon, which all kept up the pressure on authorities around the world. The most promising of these were investigations led by the Italian prosecutors. The Netherlands and the US were also investigating, but dropped the case in favour of letting Italian justice take its course.

Devastatingly, Italian authorities acquitted the two

oil companies in 2021 and then again in 2022, shocking the anti-corruption community. The surprising outcome was also highlighted by an intergovernmental group working on international corruption, which now considers Italy incompliant with its obligation to punish companies engaging in foreign bribery.

Convinced that the case remains unresolved, this week we called on the other countries that were initially investigating to reopen their probes. Together with our chapters, we wrote to the Dutch and US authorities to

explain why controversial exonerations in Italy should not stop them from seeking accountability.

The Nigerian government must not give up its fight either. Because of the poorly negotiated fiscal terms under the OPL 245 deal, the country's economy could lose as much as US\$5 billion. No president should sign off on this.

For years, Buhari has positioned himself as tough on corruption. Unfortunately, we don't see any evidence of that in Nigeria's performance

on our Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI). When asked by a journalist

this week, the executive director of our Nigerian chapter Auwal Musa Rafsanjani gave the outgoing administration a low score of four out of 10 for their anti-corruption efforts.

Rather than reconsidering Nigeria's position on the OPL 245 case, President Buhari can do more for the country and his legacy by doing nothing in his last days. We're happy to take one thing off his plate.

Transparency International and our chapters in the Netherlands and the US urge authorities in the two countries to reopen investigations into Eni and Shell for alleged bribe-paying in Nigeria. Simultaneously, the Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre (CISLAC) - our chapter in Nigeria - urges the Nigerian government to refrain from terminating its own disputes.



President Buhari speaks during the opening of a new - Africa's biggest oil refinery in Lagos on 22 May. Photo: Pius Utomi Ekpei/AFP

MORE READERS: THE ISLAND SUN

celebrity extra

by Dana Jackson

Q I really enjoyed a series of movies with Noah Wyle called "The Librarians." I read that it's being turned into a series. Where and when can I watch? — H.H.

A Noah Wyle ("ER") starred as librarian Flynn Carsen in three separate TV movies beginning in 2004: "Quest of the Spear," "Return to King Solomon's Mines," and "Curse of the Judas Chalice." The action-adventure telefilms were later spun off into a successful weekly series called "The Librarians," which ran for four seasons on TNT with Wyle, Rebecca Romijn ("Star Trek: Strange New Worlds") and John Larroquette ("Night Court").

Now, five years after its cancellation, the CW network has announced that it will launch another series, "The Librarians: The Next Chapter," with original executive producer and showrunner Dean Devlin at the helm. According to "TVInsider," the new version "centers on a 'Librarian' from the past, who time traveled to the present and now finds himself stuck here." There will also be a "new team to help him clean up the mess he made, forming a new team of Librarians."

Due to the ongoing writer's strike and the fact that the show is still in the development stage, it's uncertain whether the show will be part of the CW's fall line-up.

Q Where have I seen the actress who plays Det. Muncy on "Law & Order: SVU?" Was she ever on a soap? — A.E.

A If you're a "Days of Our Lives" fan then, yes, you've seen actress Molly Burnett before. She played Melanie Jonas on the NBC (now Peacock) soap from 2008 to 2016. She was also a regular on the USA network series "Queen of the South" before making the leap to "Law & Order: SVU."

Her role as Det. Muncy on "SVU" began as a recurring one before turning into a series regular by the seventh episode of season 24. However, during a crossover episode with "Law & Order: Organized Crime," her character announced that she's leaving for a new assignment on the DEA task force. So far, Burnett hasn't comment-



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Noah Wyle starred in "The Librarians" TV movies as well as the weekly spinoff series.

ed on her departure from the show, but hopefully she'll bounce back with a new gig soon.

NBC recently announced that "SVU" will be back for an impressive 25th season this fall, which will solidify stars Mariska Hargitay and Ice-T as the longest running male and female actors in television. Some are speculating whether Burnett's exit might mean they're making room for Kelli Giddish to return as Det. Rollins, but at this stage, it's just speculation.

Q What happened to Christine Quinn on the Netflix series "Selling Sunset"? Is she still selling houses? — W.J.

A After five years as the villain on the real estate reality series "Selling Sunset," Christine Quinn either left or was fired from the Oppenheim Group, the brokerage firm featured on the show. She doesn't appear to miss it, however, hinting that she might someday start her own firm, and she's also said in interviews that she'd like to get back into "scripted" acting again. Her previous credits include parts on "Ballers" and "Drop Dead Diva."

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

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People who get COVID-19 vaccine less likely to die from any cause

DEAR DR. ROACH: In a recent column, you referred to a U.K. source that stated "all-cause mortality is very significantly reduced in people who have had the COVID-19 vaccine, compared to unvaccinated people." I wasn't sure what you meant by all-cause? Does this mean any and all deaths, with or without COVID-19, for any reason, have been very significantly reduced just by getting the COVID-19 shot? Or does it mean that any and all deaths associated with COVID-19 have been reduced in those who have been vaccinated? If it is the first, then fewer people should be dying, people should be living longer, and we should not see a decrease in life expectancy (except for the addition of those dying from COVID-19, which brings the age down). Anyway, if the first is true, then I will definitely continue getting the COVID-19 shot just to live longer, with or without getting COVID-19! — C.P.

ANSWER: The U.K. study looked at all-cause mortality, which means anyone who dies from any reason. The study found that getting the COVID-19 vaccine reduced the likelihood of dying from COVID-19 and non-COVID-19 causes.

One potential problem studies face is assigning cause of death. If a person with a very serious cancer who is expected to pass away within a few months gets COVID-19 and dies, did the cancer kill them, or did COVID-19? If you have to choose just one cause, the answer could be misleading. That's why the results of the U.K. study (and a Florida study that showed similar results) were so important. People who get the COVID-19 vaccine are less likely to die from any cause.

In the last few years in the U.S., the

longstanding trend of improved mortality has reversed, and death rates are going up, partially due to COVID-19.

DEAR DR. ROACH: My husband has been diagnosed with cardiac amyloidosis. The doctor has started him on Vyndamax, a very expensive drug. Without this drug, he is lucky to live, at the most, two years. Is this drug a miracle, and does it guarantee that he will live many more years? — T.W.

ANSWER: There are several types of cardiac amyloidosis — a disease in which abnormal proteins are deposited in many tissues, including the heart, where the protein interferes with heart function and leads to heart failure. Tafadamis (also known by its brand name, Vyndamax) is used in transthyretin amyloid cardiomyopathy (ATTR, of which there are two types that both get treated with tafadamis).

Subjects in the trial on tafadamis were followed for two-and-a-half years. Half of the group were given tafadamis, while the other half were given a placebo, which looked like the real drug but had no activity. Of those who got the inactive placebo, 43% died in the two-and-a-half-year time span of the study, but of those who received tafadamis, 30% died. Thirteen percent, or about one in eight people, who received tafadamis lived, when they were expected to die. In addition, there were fewer hospitalizations and less loss of ability to exercise in those taking tafadamis, compared with the placebo. There were no serious side effects that were more frequent in the tafadamis group.

Tafadamis definitely affords a big improvement in the outcome of people with ATTR-CA. However, I would not call the drug a "miracle," nor is there a guarantee of living many more years. To me, a miracle is when someone recovers when no doctor expected them to. I have seen a few in my career, and they are very powerful. I have seen many treatments that have incremental improvements in outcomes, and over time, that has led to dramatic improvements in many diseases.

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

• In a study to improve hospital design for children, researchers polled 250 kids about their opinions on clowns. The verdict was unanimous: Every single one reported disliking or fearing them. Well, so do some adults.

• A Texas woman named Verda Byrd, adopted by a Black family in the 1940s, only discovered she was white after finding her adoption papers in 2013.

• In 1987, a barge left New York for North Carolina with a whopping 3,168 tons of trash on board. North Carolina didn't want it either, so the barge traveled for seven long months trying (and failing) to find someone to take it, launching a national conversation on the subject of landfills and recycling.

• The town of Dull in Scotland has been twinned with the town of Boring, Oregon, since 2012.

• Because goats can eat poison ivy with no ill effects, some farmers rent out the animals to clear parks, golf courses and historical sites without having to use chemicals or herbicides.

• A nuclear bomb is stuck somewhere in the ice on the coast of Greenland.

• Retired NFL wide receiver Steve Smith left his cleats on the field after every game to raise awareness of homeless people who don't have shoes.

• In 1993, a Missouri man purposefully damaged a levee on the Mississippi River to delay his wife coming home from work so he could party. The plan spectacularly backfired when the river flooded 14,000 acres, leading to his arrest and conviction for causing a catastrophe and a life sentence in prison.

• There are cases of identical twins in which only one is born with Down syndrome.

Thought for the Day: "Pay no attention to what the critics say. A statue has never been erected in honor of a critic." — Jean Sibelius

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VI Students Participate In Cyber Bullying Symposium



Photo of Premier and Minister of Finance Dr. the Hon. Natalio D. Wheatley

High school students from across the Virgin Islands were engaged in a one-day "Don't Be Mean Behind the Screen" symposium on Cyber Bullying.

The event was addressed by Premier and Minister of Finance Dr. the Honourable Natalio Wheatley and other ministers of Government who shared on the importance of changing the culture of cyber bullying and cybercrime in the Virgin Islands.

Premier Wheatley said, "I am happy that the room is filled with young people, because only young people can change what has really become a culture in the VI, a culture of negativity. It takes each and every one of us to fight against that culture."

Minister for Communications and Works Honourable Kye Rymer encouraged the students to use the support systems that are in place to fight against cyber bullying.

Honourable Rymer said, "When you are being cyber bullied, report it. If you are nervous about it, speak to a friend, speak to your family, and speak to your parents. You do not want to fall into depression or be afraid to go out because persons may look at you funny based on what was said on social media platforms."

Meanwhile, Minister for Education, Culture, Youth Affairs and Sports Honourable Sharie de Castro admonished the students to strengthen their core values as they travel through life.

"Whether it is school or in the workforce, you will find yourself in some environments that may potentially not be the best, some could be what I consider to be poisonous," the minister said. Honourable de Castro added, "If you take the individual responsibility and strengthen the core values of love, empathy and respect for every person, then it can really make a dent in the reality of cyber bullying potentially happening."

The symposium featured an anti-bullying workshop with keynote speaker Dr. Stephanie Fredrick and remarks by Guidance Counsellors Mr. Jacob Edwards and Ms. Keri-Ann Malone. There were raffles, a movie, One on One with Brent Hoyte and a performance by Raul "Jougo" Sprauve. Director of Public Prosecution Mrs. Tiffany Scatliffe and Detective Inspector in charge of the Family and Juvenile Unit, Mr. Kendolph Bobb also gave remarks at the event.

Schools represented at the symposium included the Elmore Stoutt High School, St. George's Secondary School, the Virgin Islands Technical School, Cedar International School, Ciboney Centre for Excellence, Bregado Flax Educational Centre Secondary Division, and the Claudia Creque Secondary Division.

The symposium can be viewed on the Government of the Virgin Islands Facebook page at BVIGovernment.

The Telecommunication Regulatory Commission continues to accelerate communications development in the BVI to empower consumers and foster a progressive environment.



Photo of Minister for Communications and Works Hon. Kye M. Rymer

PETER ISLAND RESORT & SPA

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

Peter Island resort is hiring for the position of Assistant General Manager/Director of Rooms

Duties/ Responsibilities:

- Provide leadership, vision, and direction to the Resort team to accomplish resort and department goals and cultivate a strong team atmosphere focused on guest and team member engagement and satisfaction. Lead with trust, respect and by example.
- Provide leadership, vision, and direction to the PIR team to accomplish resort and department goals and cultivate a strong team atmosphere focused on guest and team member engagement and satisfaction. Lead with trust, respect and by example.
- Create and sustain a work environment that embraces the Peter Island Resort culture; ensure fair and equitable treatment and associate satisfaction to enable business success.
- Tour and visually inspect property daily. Monitor property cleanliness, quality of product and service throughout the island.
- Motivate, inspire, and excite our team to create the casual elegant experience of Peter Island Resort
- Assist with developing our management team.
- Ability to use standard software applications and hotel systems.
- Active participation in budgeting/forecasting and profit maximization. Duties include writing and reviewing reports (profit and loss statements/critiques, yield management, capital planning, payroll, etc.); understanding of our purchasing system and inventory controls/process within all departments and purchasing team.
- Work on solid relationships with all vendors and always ensure we are getting best products and service from each of our vendors.
- Provide exceptional customer service to all hotel guests, making their stay as comfortable and accommodating as possible while achieving team and island goals.
- Achieve and maintain elite guest service, inspection, and loyalty scores.
- Maintain strong knowledge of the local market, including demand generators, competitor strategies, and community impact opportunities.
- Work to determine areas of concern and develop strategies to improve performance.
- Coach and support hotel team to effectively manage occupancy and rates, wages, and controllable expenses.
- Manage costs within the hotel, including supplies, utilities, and labor expenses, within budgeted parameters, combining with sales/revenue to deliver an efficient and profitable operation.
- Analyze any service issues and identify trends. Facilitate the development of creative solutions to overcome obstacles and ensure implementation to continually improve guest satisfaction results.
- Ensure property is a safe and secure facility for guests and associates.

Specific Technical / General:

- Minimum three years related hospitality management experience required.
- 5+ years minimum in a luxury resort
- Caribbean island/remote destination experience preferred.
- Should have a strong background in Rooms and F&B.
- Experience with marina operations a plus but not required.
- Previous Caribbean experience
- Must possess excellent communication, planning, and organization skills.
- Should have a strong background in computers.
- Strong 4-5-star Resort experience
- Must be a self-starter, energetic & motivated.
- Due to the small island environment, must be a team player who enjoys challenges and working with others.
- Must be creative; however willing to work with existing core resort philosophy and style.
- Ability to work at a physically demanding pace.
- Ability to lift fifty (50) pounds to a maximum height of six (6) feet.
- Ability to remain standing for lengthy periods of time; climb steps and stairs; stoop, bend, and kneel; push.

BVI Islanders or Belongers preferred.

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Caribbean News / Regional News

SUMMER TOURISM BOOM AS CELEBRITIES FLOCK JAMAICA

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Sunday, May 28, 2023: Coming out of the best winter tourist season ever, Jamaica is now set to achieve record visitor arrivals for the summer.

“As of May 10, 2023, the island has welcomed just over 1.5 million total visitors, with provisional gross earnings exceeding US\$ 1.6 billion for the same period. The 2023 summer is gearing up to be the best summer in the history of tourism in Jamaica,” says Minister of Tourism, Hon. Edmund Bartlett.

Already, 1.4 million seats have been secured, representing a 16% increase over the previous best in 2019. Jamaica’s main source market, the United States of America, has locked in 1.2 of these seats. “We are expecting a load factor of some 87.5%, which means that 1.2 million visitors will come to Jamaica over the summer period and will bring revenue of some US\$1.5 billion just within that period of June to August,” says Mr Bartlett.

Travel bookings are currently showing a rise of 33% compared to summer 2022 and the anticipated boom is being weighed against Jamaica having welcomed approximately 3.3 million visitors for 2022/23 to register a remarkable recovery of earnings compared to pre-Covid earnings of 2019.

In the meantime, Minister Bartlett

is also upbeat over the increasing number of celebrities flocking to Jamaica. “Making Jamaica their place of choice for a vacation is testimony to the post-Covid impression we have made and the appeal that we now have in the marketplace as well as confidence in what we offer as a leading destination,” he says.

The most recent celebrity to grace our shores is American actress Angelina Jolie, who was spotted Saturday at the 15th Calabash International Literary Festival in Treasure Beach, St. Elizabeth, which has become a cultural mecca that attracts thousands of writers and literary enthusiasts from across the globe.

Another celebrity recently on the island was top U.S. rapper ‘2Chainz’ whose real name is Tauheed Epps. He stood out at a party at Elevate Lounge and Nightclub in Montego Bay Wednesday night for the launch of Mochafest Jamaica 2023.

Mocha Fest is an Afro-American and Afro-Caribbean destination festival brand that promotes freedom of self and expression and since 2014, has been creating life-changing vacation experiences for thousands of people across the world. The series of party events started as a single festival in Jamaica with only 200 people and has now grown to multiple

destinations worldwide with events as large as 5,000 attendees.

‘2Chainz’ was joined by Senior Advisor and Strategist in the Ministry of Tourism, Delano Seiveright, other government officials and scores of largely American party vacationers. He has been sharing his time in Jamaica with his over 12 million Instagram followers, giving the country tremendous exposure.

‘2Chainz’ and Angelina Jolie join a slew of other celebrities, including Canadian Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau and his family; Senior US President Joe Biden administration Cabinet member and U.S. Treasury Secretary, Janet Yellen; Maryland Governor Wes Moore; Hollywood screen actors Michael Douglas, his wife Catherine Zeta-Jones, John Amos and Tracee Ellis Ross; Nigerian Afrobeat mega-star Burna Boy as well as American music stars Dua Lipa, Cardi B, Offset, Rick Ross, Omarion and Chance the Rapper, who have made Jamaica their preferred vacation spot in recent months.

Meanwhile, capitalizing on the goodwill being generated, Minister Bartlett is gearing up to lead a high-profile team from the Ministry of Tourism to sure up business in the lucrative North American travel market.

Embassy of Antigua and Barbuda

Washington, DC, 18 May... Antigua and Barbuda’s Ambassador to the United States of America, Sir Ronald Sanders, announced today that the Government of Antigua and Barbuda has been successful in its discussions with the Government of the United States of America, concerning its application for a license to proceed with the unfettered sale of the Super Yacht, Alfa Nero.

On 18th May, the US Department of the Treasury issued license, No. RUSSIA-EO14024-2023-1060959-1, to the Government of Antigua and Barbuda, authorizing persons licensed by the US Treasury to “participate in the Government of Antigua and Barbuda auction of the vessel M/Y Alfa Nero”. It also authorizes “transactions that include but are not limited to, bidding on the purchase of the vessel; paying deposits; and providing financing, insurance, or funding in connection with the purchase”.

This authorization was announced in the National Assembly of Antigua and Barbuda today by Prime Minister Gaston Browne, opening up the way for the Port Authority of the Government of Antigua and Barbuda to proceed with a sale of the Alfa Nero by auction, to any persons who are not on a sanctioned list and who have applied for, and received, a license from the US Treasury to engage in financial transactions related to the vessel. It is understood that several interested bidders have already received individual licenses from the US Treasury Department.

Ambassador Sanders said that, while the license permits the Government of Antigua and Barbuda to proceed with the auction and to sell the vessel, other matters, such as the formal delisting of the Alfa Nero, from the US Treasury’s Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons (SDN) list, are still being pursued.

The Ambassador remarked that “this entire process broke new ground; there were no rule books or patterns to follow. In this sense, much has been achieved by a small state.”

for growing airlift demand,” said Honourable Marsha T. Henderson, Minister of Tourism. “Since the initiation of interCaribbean’s presence on the island in February, flights have continued to perform exceptionally well, and we are thrilled to continue fostering this partnership.”

In addition to supplemental flight service, interCaribbean Airways is upgrading the aircraft for its St. Kitts flights from the 30 seater EMB 120 to the 48-seat ATR on a full-time basis.

“The success of the existing interCaribbean Airways flights between St. Kitts and Barbados is an excellent

testament to the growing demand for regional travel to St. Kitts,” said Ellison “Tommy” Thompson, CEO of St. Kitts Tourism Authority. “We are thrilled to continue expanding island accessibility alongside interCaribbean Airways and look forward to the opportunities resulting from the new flight capacity.”

More information on the interCaribbean Airways flights can be found here: <https://www.intercaribbean.com/>

Visitors are reminded to regularly check the St. Kitts Tourism Authority website (www.visitst Kitts.com) for updates and information.

REGIONAL CARIBBEAN ACCESS TO ST. KITTS EXPANDS WITH UPGRADED INTERCARIBBEAN AIRWAYS SERVICE

interCaribbean Airways Increases Lift Surrounding St. Kitts Music Festival With Addition of Larger Aircrafts

Basseterre, St. Kitts (23 May 2023) – The St. Kitts Tourism Authority today announced additional interCaribbean Airways service between St. Kitts (SKB) and Barbados (BGI) throughout the week of the St. Kitts Music Festival, offering festival goers

additional opportunities to travel to St Kitts.

In addition to interCaribbean Airways’ flights on Friday, Wednesdays and Sundays, the airline has provided additional support on Thursday, 22 June, and Saturday, 24 June, bolstering opportunities for

regional travel for one of the Caribbean’s most anticipated music events.

“The 25th Annual St. Kitts Music Festival is gearing up to be one like never before, and we are thrilled that interCaribbean Airways has supplemented its weekly schedule to accommodate

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Here's What's In, What's Out of the Debt Limit Bill to Avert US Default



U.S. House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries speaks to the media at the U.S. Capitol in Washington on May 30, 2023.

President Joe Biden and House Speaker Kevin McCarthy have been working the phones in an intense push to sell Congress on the 99-page bill that would suspend the nation's debt limit through 2025 to avoid a federal default while limiting government spending.

The Democratic president and Republican speaker have to win their respective parties' support for the plan in time to avert a default that would shake the global economy. On Tuesday, lawmakers will begin scrutinizing and debating the legislation, which also includes provisions to fund medical care for veterans, change work requirements for some recipients of government aid, and streamline environmental reviews for controversial pipelines and other energy projects.

The modest deal gives both men wins to tout, with Biden protecting major parts of his agenda from Republican cuts and McCarthy scoring several conservative spending caps and changes to government programs.

McCarthy has pledged that the House will vote on the legislation Wednesday, giving the Senate time to consider it before June 5, the date when Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen said the United States could default on its debt obligations if lawmakers did not act in time.

But passage of the bill could be a heavy lift. A growing number of hard-line conservatives have already expressed early concerns that the compromise does not cut future deficits enough, while Democrats have been worried about proposed changes to work

requirements in programs such as food stamps.

With the details of the deal now released, here's what's in and out:

Two-year debt limit, suspension, spending limits

The agreement would keep non-defense spending roughly flat in the 2024 fiscal year and increase it by 1% the following year, as well as suspend the debt limit until January 2025 — past the next presidential election.

For the next fiscal year, the bill matches Biden's proposed defense budget of \$886 billion and allots \$704 billion for non-defense spending.

The bill also requires Congress to approve 12 annual spending bills or face a snapback to spending limits from the previous year, which would mean a 1% cut.

The legislation aims to limit federal budget growth to 1% for the next six years, but that provision would not be enforceable starting in 2025.

Overall, the White House estimates that the plan would reduce government spending by at least \$1 trillion, but official calculations have not yet been released.

Aid for veterans

The agreement would fully fund medical care for veterans at the levels included in Biden's proposed 2024 budget blueprint, including a fund dedicated to veterans who have been exposed to toxic substances or environmental hazards. Biden sought \$20.3 billion for the toxic exposure fund in his budget.

Unspent COVID-19 money

The agreement would rescind about \$30 billion in unspent coronavirus relief money that Congress approved through previous bills. It claws back unobligated money from dozens of federal programs that received aid during the pandemic, including rental assistance, small business loans, and broadband for rural areas.

The legislation protects pandemic funding for veterans' medical care, housing assistance, the Indian Health Service, and some \$5 billion for a program focused on rapidly developing the next generation of COVID-19 vaccines and treatments.

IRS funding

Republicans targeted money that the IRS was allotted last year to crack down on tax fraud. The bill bites into some IRS funding, rescinding \$1.4 billion.

The White House has said that the deal also includes an agreement to take \$20 billion from the IRS over the next two years and use that money for other non-defense programs.

Work requirements

The agreement would expand work requirements for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as food stamps — a longtime Republican priority. But the changes are pared down from the House-passed debt ceiling bill.

Work requirements already exist for most able-bodied adults between the ages of 18 and 49. The bill would phase in higher age

limits, bringing the maximum age to 54 by 2025. But the provision expires, bringing the maximum age back down to age 49 five years later, in 2030.

Democrats also won some new expanded benefits for veterans, homeless people and young people aging out of foster care. That would also expire in 2030, according to the agreement.

The agreement also would make it slightly harder for states to waive work requirements for SNAP for certain individuals. Current law allows states to issue some exemptions to the work rules on a discretionary basis, but limits how many people can be exempted. The agreement would lower the number of exemptions that a state can issue and curb states' ability to carry over the number of exemptions they can hand out from month to month.

The agreement would also make changes to the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families program, which gives cash aid to families with children. While not going as far as the House bill had proposed, the deal would make adjustments to a credit that allows states to require fewer recipients to work, updating and readjusting the credit to make it harder for states to avoid.

Speeding up energy projects

The deal puts in place changes in the National Environmental Policy Act for the first time in nearly four decades that would designate "a single lead agency" to develop and schedule environmental reviews in hopes of streamlining the process. It also simplifies some of the requirements for environmental reviews, including placing length limitations on environmental assessments and impact statements.

Agencies will be given one year to complete environmental reviews, and projects that are deemed to have complex impacts on the environment will need to be reviewed within two years.

The bill also gives special treatment to the Mountain Valley Pipeline — a West Virginia natural gas pipeline championed by Senators Joe Manchin and Shelley Moore Capito — by approving all its outstanding permit requests.

Student loans

Republicans have long sought to reel back the Biden administration's efforts to provide student loan relief

and aid to millions of borrowers during the coronavirus pandemic. While the GOP proposal to rescind the White House's plan to waive \$10,000 to \$20,000 in debt for nearly all borrowers failed to make it into the package, Biden agreed to put an end to the pause on student loan repayment.

The pause in student loan repayments would end in the final days of August.

The fate of Biden's broader student loan relief, meanwhile, will be decided at the Supreme Court, which is dominated 6-3 by its conservative wing. During oral arguments in the case, several of the justices expressed deep skepticism about the legality of Biden's plan. A decision is expected before the end of June.

What's left out?

House Republicans passed legislation last month that would have created new work requirements for some Medicaid recipients, but that was left out of the final agreement. The idea faced stiff opposition from the White House and congressional Democrats, who said it would lead to fewer people able to afford food or health care without actually increasing the number of people in the workforce.

Also absent from the final deal is the GOP proposal to repeal many of the clean energy tax credits Democrats passed in party-line votes last year to boost the production and consumption of clean energy. McCarthy and Republicans have argued that the tax breaks "distort the market and waste taxpayer money."

The White House has defended the tax credits as resulting in hundreds of billions of dollars in private-sector investments, creating thousands of manufacturing jobs in the U.S.



Republican Representatives Scott Perry, left, and Chip Roy, members of the conservative House Freedom Caucus, discuss the debt limit deal during a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington, May 30, 2023.

SPORTS

Mother and son claim weekend Tennis titles in Long Look

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

TENNIS

A day after her son Kishawn Martin defeated Noah Wheatley for the Long Look Tennis and Educational Center Red Dot Ball title on Friday, Monet Burgin fended off Monique Hodge on Saturday for the Green Dot Ball crown.

"It feels really good," Burgin said. "He told me to go out and play and win mommy, win. So he won yesterday and I won today."

In the round robin tournament, Martin bested his opponents before overpowering Wheatley, 9-7.

"I thought I was going to lose," Martin told Island Sun Sports after being down 3-6. "But somehow I won."

Before the match, Wheatley predicted he'd beat everyone. "Kishawn was good," he said. "I wanted to finish fast so I kind of

rushed it."

Jnaii Guishard won the Girls division by defeating Le'ah "Sunshine" Lake, 7-5 in the final.

"It feels good, but I just want to celebrate, have some ice cream," she said of her victory. "I had fun. I had fun with my friends running around the court, it feels great."

Lake said she felt that she could have done better. "I hit my backhands wrong," she noted. "I've learned to be patient."

Tournament director Carol Mitchell said this tournament was the first of its kind in 13 years of operation and thanked the parents and supporters. "The development of these juniors, mini tennis is the most difficult area to control because you have to keep it in the box," she said. "And as you can see, Kishawn with his power serve, Noah with his movement Jnaii, also with her movement and control, all of them were phenomenal and they all are winners."

In the Women's match, Burgin described it as challenging. "It all paid off, the practices we did

for a couple months," she said, admitting that she was a surprise winner. "All of the players, they're very good, especially my opponent Monique," she said. "Monique played a couple of hard shots that went off the courts, double faulted and I got the points."

When she led 9-6, the only thing she was thinking she said was getting one more point but Hodge clawed with another point pulling within 9-7, before she won, 10-7. "I was marvelous," she said of the winning feeling. "I didn't expect it, really and truly."

Hodge said as the strongest players on the court, she expected to meet Burgin in the final as they train together and know each other's strengths and weaknesses.

"I think we really wanted to give a good show, because for us, if she won I'm happy and if I won, she's happy," Hodge said, noting that she was patient when asked. "Being grounded and having your mind on point on all the shots and knowing how to execute before the ball gets to you and delivering, is the big



Monet Burgin, left and her son Kishawn Martin, won the Women's and Juniors Tennis titles

thing. There were easy shots that I lost the game on."

Mitchell commended and applauded the players with whom she has been working for the last two years and were only interested in playing doubles, for playing singles.

"Even though they're adults, I applaud them because it takes courage to compete," she said, as they didn't think Monet would have won. "This is an upset and I applaud Monet, because she's one of our longest serving players since we started the adult program."

Dream Team 3-peats, Kiss My Ace wins 1st Volleyball title

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

VOLLEYBALL

Dream Team overcame four 4-point deficits including 20-24 in the fourth set, to beat the Gunz for a 3-peat, while Kiss My Ace needed five sets to land its first Virgin Islands Volleyball Association title from 2-year old Elite, early Sunday morning at the Multipurpose Sports Complex.

"Man it feels good. It shows the hard work we have put in and it paid off," Dream Team's Canis Marquis told Island Sun Sports after their 25-22, 25-19, 19-25 and 28-26 victory over Gunz. "We've been there before—that's nothing new to us—we see that on a daily basis, that's in our DNA. We overcame defeat."

Down 20-24 in the fourth set, Marquis said that their coach called a timeout and told them

to relax and play their game. He said most of the time, they were trying to play on the Gunz's level. "We stepped our level up and that was it," he said. "They're young. They play hard but don't have the techniques in playing the game—they play the game wild. I know they'll be back. They're a young and upcoming team."

Gunz coach Eric Brathwaite said experience is what prevailed over his team.

"We have the talent. We have the youth. We have some rookies on our side but I guess the game got to their head coming to the end because we had them again in the fourth set, 22-18 and again 24-20," he noted. "The little things got into their heads and they lost focus and we know that. They're young. Some of them are just learning volleyball for the first time. To get them hyped, but not consistently to the end, but they'll make it. I think this is the future. Most of them are getting ready to play in the Under

23, so we're trying to prepare them to end up playing for the territory."

In a matchup between first time finalists, Kiss My Ace needed five sets to pull out a 25-21, 18-25, 19-25, 25-15 and 15-10 victory over Elite.

"Boy, it's a great feeling," coach Jackie Weeks said of Kiss My Ace's victory. "I'm really proud of the young ones and this is their first time making it and even playing in the league and they made it all the way to championship, so I am proud of them. You're talking about Zoe (Richards), who is 16; Kala (Jacinto) is 13, Aman (Bisphan), the defensive specialist, she's 16. So it's a great feeling for them. I'm also proud of Sharonda (Pickering of Elite), all of them are my girls. I brought all of them up."

Pulling out a 5-set victory was rough, she said. "I had to tell them we have to step up, we have to suck it up," she said. "Everybody with injuries, foot hurting, knee hurting, I said we have to suck it up man,

leh we finish. One game. One chance. Do or die."

Pickering said it was a tough game. They started strong then ended up making lots of mistakes. "Zoe came out and served us back and forth with points and it was very difficult for our team to come

out of her service in the beginning but, closer to the end of the game, we were able to handle her service a lot better," Pickering noted. "I think our team gave up a lot of points off mistakes. We weren't able to capitalize on blocking and defending their best hitters."

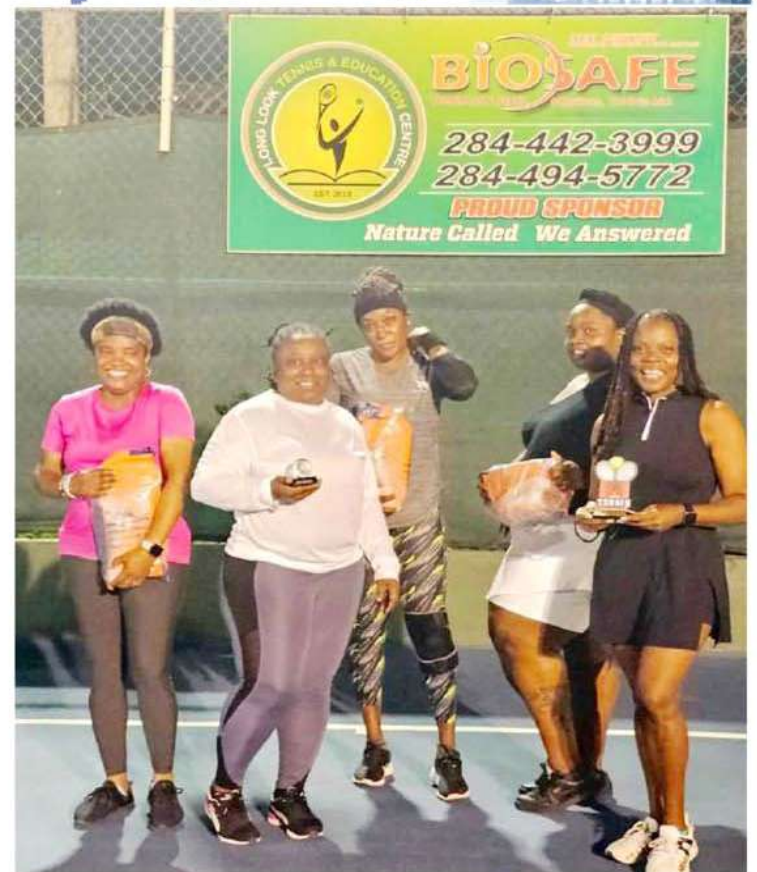


3-peat champions Dream Team and Kiss My Ace

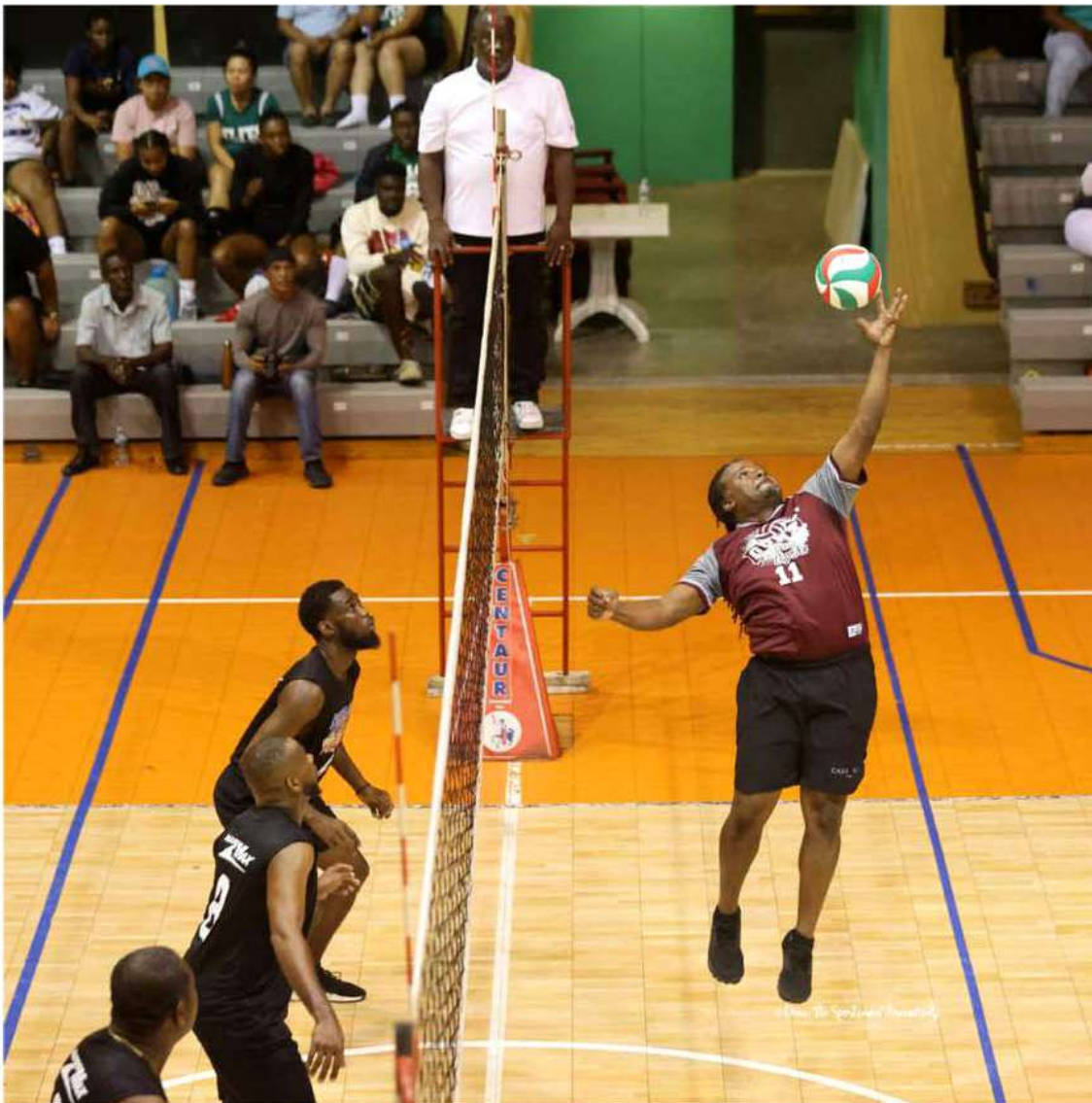
SPORTS



Jr. players in the Long Look Tennis and Education Center Red Ball Tournament



Women's players in the Long Look Tennis and Education Center Green Ball Tournament



Gunz veteran setter Norville "Porky" Brathwaite with his signature move



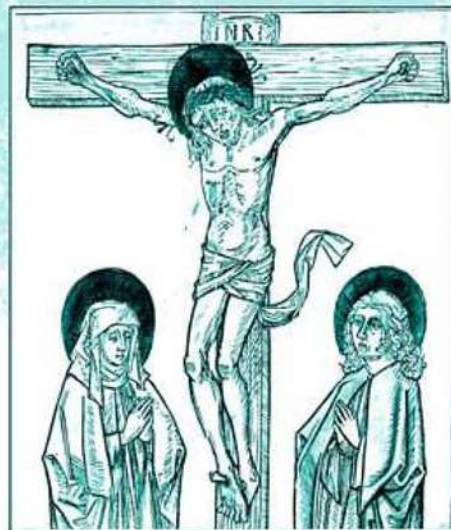
Kiss My Ace's Zoe Richards, gave Elite problems with her serve



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent."

1 CORINTHIANS 1: 18,19

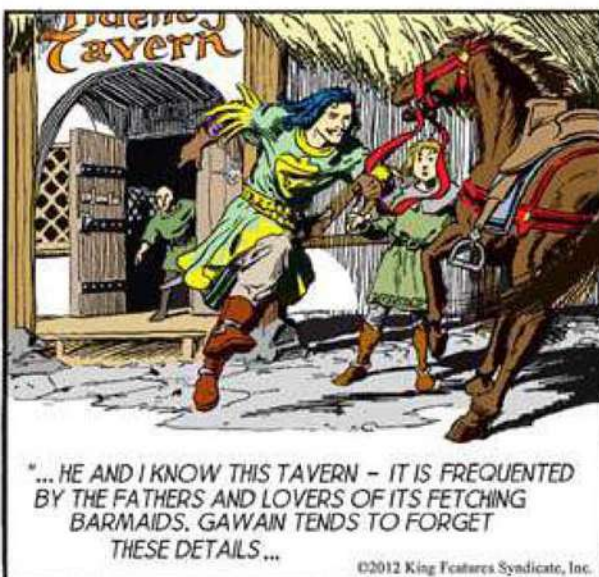
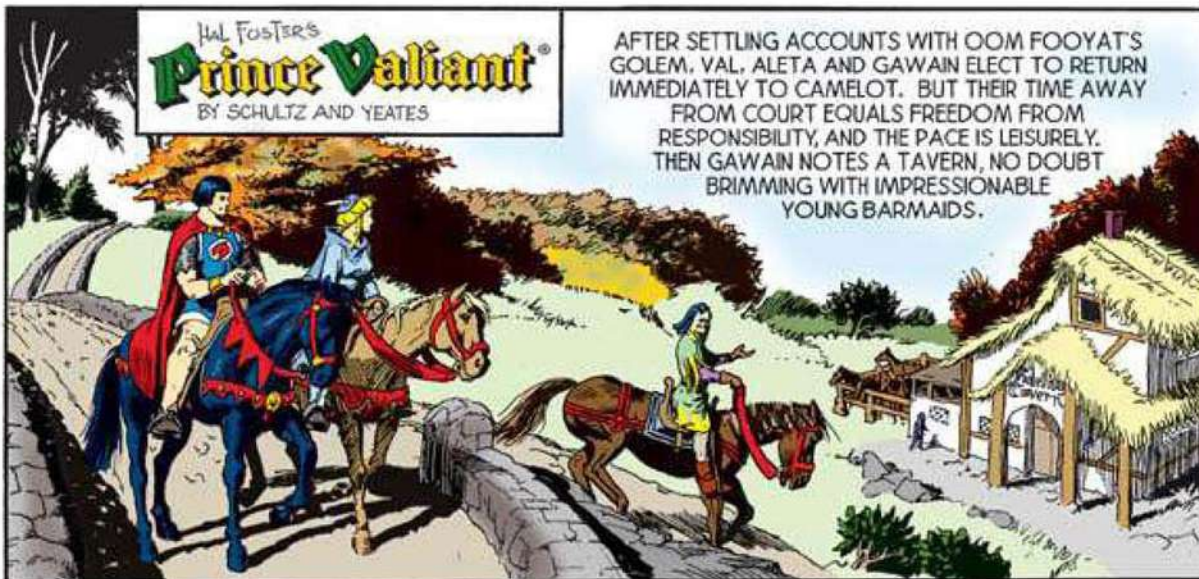


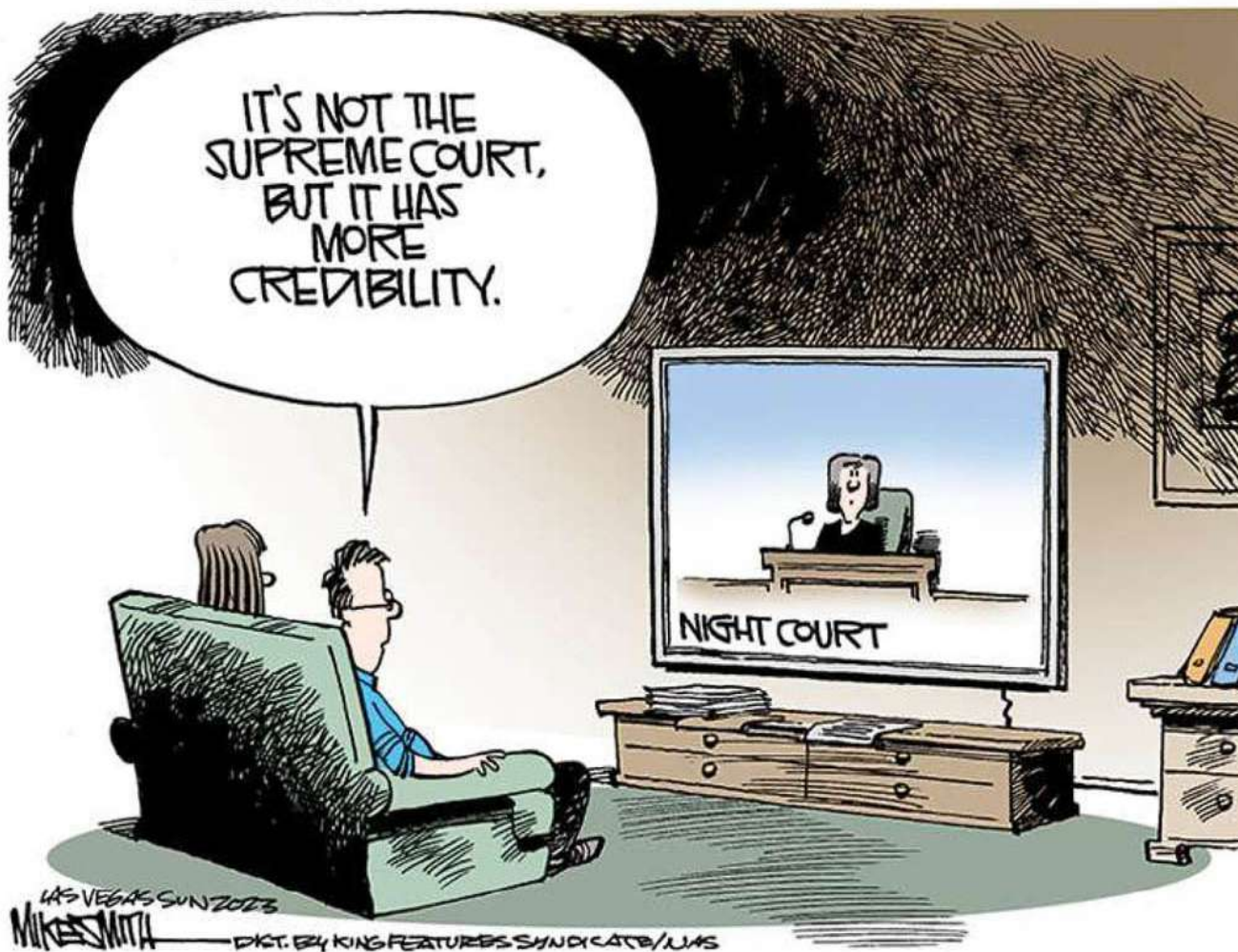
"Christ on the Cross with the Virgin and Saint John" (15th century woodcut)

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps





BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Hosea (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
 2. From Luke 8:2, how many demons did Mary Magdalene have in her? 1, 3, 5, 7
 3. Who wrote in Proverbs 13:24, "He that spareth his rod hateth his son"? *David, Solomon, Job, Ruth*
 4. From Judges 13-16, who was the strongest man on earth? *Hercules, Samson, Obadiah, Timothy*
 5. During the great flood, how many humans were on the ark? 2, 4, 6, 8
 6. In Psalms 68:5, who is "father to the fatherless"? *Oneself, Heaven, Fool, God*
- ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) 7, 3) Solomon, 4) Samson, 5) 8 (Gen. 7:13), 6) God

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

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The often skeptical Aries might find that an answer to a question is hard to believe. But check it out before you chuck it out. You might well be surprised at what you could learn.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your resolute determination to stick by a position might make some people uncomfortable. But if you're proved right (as I expect you to be), a lot of changes will tilt in your favor.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You might feel conflicted between what you want to do and what you should do. Best advice: Honor your obligations first. Then go ahead and enjoy your well-earned rewards.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) That financial matter still needs to be sorted out before you can consider any major monetary moves. Pressures ease mid-week, with news about a potential career change.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A workplace problem threatens to derail your well-planned project. But your quick mind should lead you to a solution and get you back on track without too much delay.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) An opportunity opens up but could quickly close down if you allow pessimism to override enthusiasm. A trusted friend can offer the encourage-

ment you need.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You've come through a difficult period of helping others deal with their problems. Now you can concentrate on putting your energy to work on your own projects.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Forget about who's to blame and, instead, make the first move toward patching up a misunderstanding before it creates a rift that you'll never be able to cross.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Good news for the travel-loving Sagittarian who enjoys galloping off to new places: That trip you put off will soon be back on your schedule.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A mood change could make the gregarious Goat seek the company of just a few friends. But you charge back into the crowd for weekend fun and games.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A decision you made in good faith could come under fire. Best advice: Open your mind to other possibilities by listening to your challenger's point of view.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You can avoid being swamped by all those tasks dangling from your line this week by tackling them one-by-one, according to priority. The weekend brings good news.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a fine business sense and a love of the arts. You enjoy living life to its fullest.

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GRIN and BEAR IT



"We used to mold them like clay. ...
Now it's Silly Putty!"

POPE TO POETS AND ARTISTS: YOU OFTEN SAY WHAT OTHERS CANNOT

Pope Francis addresses participants at a Conference entitled “The Global Esthetics of the Catholic Imagination”, attended by artists and writers from across the globe, whom he urges to continue expressing, through their work, what others often cannot.

BY FRANCESCA MERLO
[Vatican News]

Pope Francis on Saturday, 27 May, addressed participants in the conference “The Global Esthetics of the Catholic Imagination” sponsored by “La Civiltà Cattolica” with Georgetown University. In his address to the poets, writers, scripwriters and directors from various parts of the world- amongst them award-winning film director Martin Scorsese and his family - Pope Francis noted that he has “loved many poets in his life”, and revealed that he himself taught literature when he was young.

THE LESSONS LITERATURE BRINGS

“The words of those authors helped me to understand myself, the world and my people, but also to understand more profoundly the human heart, my personal life of faith, and my pastoral work, even now in my present ministry”. Literature, he continued, “is like a thorn in the heart; it moves us to contemplation and sets us on a journey”.

EYES THAT SEE AND DREAM

Pope Francis then chose to share some personal experiences with the participants. “First, let me put it this way: You are eyes that see and dream”, he said, recalling a Latin American writer who once said that we have two eyes: one of flesh and the other of glass. “With the eye of flesh, we see what is in front of us; with the eye of glass, we see our dreams”.

Artists are those who with their eyes both see and dream.

They see in greater depth, they prophesy, they show us a different way of seeing and understanding what is before our eyes. Indeed, poetry does not speak about reality beginning with abstract principles, but by first listening to reality: work, love, death and all the little big things that fill our lives. In this sense, it helps us to “pluck the voice of God even from the voice of time”. Today the Church has need of your gifts, stressed the Pope.



THE ‘RESTLESSNESS’ OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT

Pope Francis then went on to note that “You are also the voice of the ‘restlessness’ of the human spirit”. He explained that they are well aware that “artistic inspiration is not only consoling but also disquieting, since it presents both the beautiful and the tragic realities of life”. He explained that he is referring to social criticism, but also to the “deep struggles of the soul”, the

complexity of decision-making and the contradictions of our human existence.

As poets, stroytellers, filmmakers and artists, the Pope continued, your task is to give life to the things we are often unable to describe. “Never stop being original and creative, never lose the wonder of being alive”, he added.

SHAPING OUR IMAGINATION

Pope Francis turned to his third and final point, noting that “You are among those who shape our imagination”, as your “work has an impact on the spiritual imagination of the people of our time, especially regarding the figure of Christ”. In fact, as he has said before, the Pope stressed that “we need the genius of new language, powerful stories and images, writers, poets and artists capable of proclaiming to the world the message of the Gospel, allowing us to see Jesus”.

Finally, Pope Francis thanked those present for their service. “Continue to dream”, he urged them, “to be restless, to conjure up words and visions that can help us interpret the mystery of human life and guide our societies towards beauty and universal fraternity”.

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

DEAR, LOOK AT IT THIS WAY. ME EATING HEALTHIER IS FINANCIALLY IRRESPONSIBLE. WE DON'T HAVE THAT MUCH RETIREMENT.



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Recycling containers

Instead of throwing out all your "throw away" containers, clean and re-purpose them for the garden. Plastic tubs can hold cuttings or young plants, and plastic lids can prevent surface damage by clay pots. Glass jars can hold candles in sand, seed pods or flowers in water. Egg trays can be seed starters. Cardboard can block weed growth in flower beds. Make a funky garden art/birdhouse/collectables display by nailing cans to a board, using buttons, beads, rocks or shells to decorate it. - Brenda Weaver

top ten

MOST POPULAR DOG BREEDS*

1. French bulldog
2. Labrador retriever
3. Golden retriever
4. German Shepard
5. Poodles
6. Bulldog
7. Rottweiler
8. Beagles
9. Dachshund
10. German shorthaired pointer

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Source: American Kennel Club

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PORTRAIT OF A LOVE GUNMAN

Amber Waves

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TIGER

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The Spats

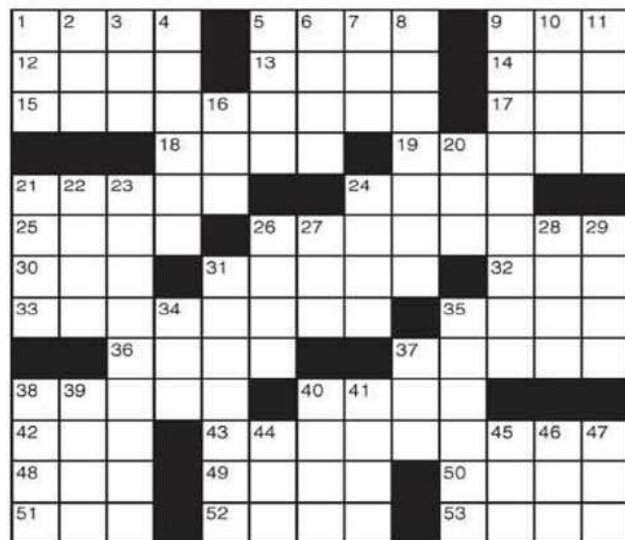
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King Crossword

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- 5 911 responders
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- 18 Charon's river
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- 26 Circus gymnasts
- 30 Call — day
- 31 Kathy of "Misery"
- 32 Pro vote
- 33 "No worries ..."
- 35 GI dining hall
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- 37 Third rock from the sun
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- 40 Stable diet place
- 42 Napkin's place
- 43 Coll. entrance considerations
- 48 Oahu or Maui (Abbr.)



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- 51 That lady
- 52 Tower city
- 53 Did the crawl

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- 21 It grows on you
- 22 Initial chip
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- 24 Glenn of the Eagles
- 26 Very small batteries

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- 28 Try out
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- 35 Brick workers
- 37 And so on (Abbr.)
- 38 Yale students
- 39 Cilium
- 40 Elevator name
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- 44 Blackbird
- 45 Tier
- 46 Epoch
- 47 Actor Waterston

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- 1 Einstein's birthplace
- 2 Short 'do
- 3 Actress Longoria
- 4 It had a big part in the Bible
- 5 Jittery
- 6 "Das Kapital" author

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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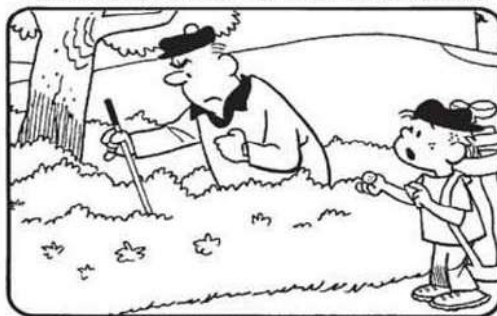
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 23 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. MOVIES: When was the first "Star Wars" movie released?
2. GEOGRAPHY: In which body of water is Bermuda located?
3. TELEVISION: Who was the first host of the game show "Jeopardy!"?
4. ANATOMY: Which part of the brain controls balance and coordination?
5. LITERATURE: Which short story is described as the first modern detective story?
6. ANCIENT WORLD: Which two cities were destroyed by a volcano in 79 A.D.?
7. U.S. CITIES: What is the nickname of Albuquerque's (New Mexico) minor league baseball team?
8. FOOD & DRINK: What does "en croute" mean?
9. U.S. PRESIDENTS: What kind of farm did Jimmy Carter have before he became president?
10. AD SLOGANS: Which restaurant urges customers to "Eat fresh"?

1. 1977; 2. North Atlantic Ocean; 3. Art Fleming; 4. Cerebellum; 5. "The Murders in the Rue Morgue" by Edgar Allan Poe; 6. Pompeii and Herculaneum; 7. The Albuquerque Isotopes; 8. Food baked in a pastry crust; 9. Peanut; 10. Subway.

Trivia Test Answers

MORE READERS: THE ISLAND SUN

WHY NURSING IS ONE OF THE STRONGEST AREAS OF THE US ECONOMY

Nursing is often considered the recession proof career. While it is possible to cut back in many areas of life when the economy goes south, medical care is not one of those areas. Whether you have plenty of money or very little, you still get sick, or you may get injured. This makes visiting a hospital or doctor a necessity. Very few people stop to think about medical bills before visiting the hospital in the case of an emergency.

Medical careers in general, and nurses in particular, are growing at a rate that is quicker than most other careers. The need for healthcare workers is across the board, with a growing demand in hospitals, worldwide, long term care facilities, home health care agencies and physicians offices. Nurses are also employed in other settings, such as community health departments, schools and as telephone consultants for managed care providers.

GROWING NEEDS FOR HEALTHCARE

One of the factors in the need for more nurses is the aging population of the US and in many countries. The baby boomer population, the largest in USA history, is getting older, and in growing need of medical care. Older patients have different needs than younger ones. This will lead to a growing demand for nurses that are willing to work in the long term care setting as well as nurses that work in home healthcare.

Another consideration in the aging population is skyrocketing medical costs. While advancements in medical care mean that many conditions can be treated more successfully than in past years, technology comes at a price. Patients are spending less time than ever in the hospital. Once their condition is managed, they are released to a nursing facility or their home. In the past, many home health agencies employed LPNs or nurse's aides to visit their in home patients. With the increased medical demands and need for training, registered nurses are becoming a sought after addition to many home health agencies rosters.

RECESSION-PROOF YOURSELF

While nursing is one of the most recession proof careers you could chose, there are many people with nursing degrees that are unemployed. Some of these people are not working by choice, and others may not be able to find a job in their area, or the wage is not high enough to justify hiring a babysitter. For some others, the only jobs available may require shift work, which some people are not interested in at all.

To best position yourself for the growing need for nurses, and make sure that you are recession proof, take some proactive steps.

-> Invest in a bachelor degree. Although you can become an RN with an associates degree, and you will still be an RN once you complete your bachelor degree, it is very worthwhile and beneficial to your career. Many healthcare settings require anyone in management to have a four year degree, and you will definitely need it



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if you want to pursue a nurse practitioner degree.

-> Consider a nurse practitioner program. Many hospitals offer tuition reimbursement, so pursuing a graduate degree is surprisingly affordable. As healthcare needs continue to grow, nurse practitioners, who can diagnose, treat and prescribe, just like a doctor, are becoming increasingly in demand.

SPECIALIZE. Whatever area you work in, or want to work in, consider a specialization program. Take continuing education in emergency care, pediatrics or any other field you work in. The point is, make yourself an expert.

-> Socialize. Get to know nurses at other care facilities. There are more job opportunities for nurses than you can imagine. If you find yourself on the hunt for a job, networking is the quickest way to find a new position.

-> Understand that recession proof does not mean lucrative. Although the pay scale for nursing today is strong, there is no guarantee that it will remain that way. As hospitals search for ways to cut costs, there are only so many ends to trim. At some point salaries and hours may be cut, and a nurse's patient load may increase. If this happens, the job becomes infinitely more stressful.

FINDING A BALANCE

Because of the demand for nurses, many in this profession work long hours in multiple positions. Per Diem positions are lucrative for the nurse who wants to stay home with her children, but desires a little extra cash. As more people realize the job security offered by nursing, it is expected that more people will choose it as a career. What is currently unknown is if the supply will keep up with the demand.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
Eufina Euro Finance Limited
(“the Company”)
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 25th May, 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 S. Francis
of Nerine Chambers,
Road Town
Tortola,
British Virgin Islands
VG1110
[03/1]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act
EAGLEHOUSE GROUP S.A.
(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company No. 1730761
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 24th May 2023. The Liquidator is **Myron Walwyn of Travers Thorp Alberga, 2nd Floor Jayla Place, P.O. Box 216, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110.**
Dated 25th day of May 2023
(Sgd.) **Myron Walwyn**
Voluntary Liquidator
[03/2]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004.
TROIS FRANCOIS HOLDINGS, LTD.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1756292
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 26 May 2023.
Dated: 26 May 2023
(Sgd.) **Philippa O’Sullivan**
Liquidator
[03/3]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004.
CARBONDALE HOLDINGS GROUP INC.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1901538
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 26 May 2023.
Dated: 26 May 2023
(Sgd.) **Philippa O’Sullivan**
Liquidator
[03/4]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004.
MIDDLE GATE WORLDWIDE GROUP LTD
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1719434
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 26 May 2023.
Dated: 26 May 2023
(Sgd.) **Philippa O’Sullivan**
Liquidator
[03/5]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004
L&D Logic Holdings Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2012987
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 26 May 2023.
Dated: 26 May 2023.
(Sgd.) **Philippa O’Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator
[03/6]

Notice of Appointment of a Voluntary Liquidator under Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004.
Blue Ice International Ltd.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1715430
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 3rd day of May 2023. The Liquidator is **Ray A. George, of Jennings Apartment, Apt. No. 2, Manchester, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: 15th day of May 2023.
Ray A. George
Voluntary Liquidator
[03/7]

GOLDEN DIGITAL GROUP LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1041949
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 25th day of May, 2023. The Liquidator is **Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, Johnson’s Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated this 25th day of May, 2023
Sgd. Brian Jackson
Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[03/8]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
SACURA INVESTMENT HOLDING LTD
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 600291
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from May 26, 2023.
Dated: May 30, 2023
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator
[03/9]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act
Brent Technologies Limited
(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company No. 473596
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 26th May 2023. The Liquidator is **Myron Walwyn of Travers Thorp Alberga, 2nd Floor Jayla Place, P.O. Box 216, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110.**
Dated 30th May 2023
(Sgd.) **Myron Walwyn**
Voluntary Liquidator
[03/10]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act. 2004
CONDOR SYSTEMS GROUP LIMITED
In Voluntary Liquidation
Company No. 1778833
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 26th day of May, 2023.
Dated: 26th day of May, 2023
Sgd. Philippa V. O’Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator
[03/11]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004
Tipsters Ltd
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2030997
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 24th May, 2023. The Liquidator is **Cassandra Glasgow-Penn of Chapel Hill, East End, Tortola, BVI VG1120.**
Dated this 24th May, 2023.
Sgd. Cassandra Glasgow-Penn
Liquidator
[03/12]

Oceanspray Holdings Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1040839
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, Subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from the 30th day of May, 2023.
Dated this 30th day of May, 2023
Sgd. Samuel Barnes-Barrington
Samuel Barnes-Barrington
Voluntary Liquidator
[03/13]

Gardese Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1016116
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, Subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from the 30th day of May, 2023.
Dated this 30th day of May, 2023
Sgd. Brian Jackson
Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[03/14]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004
Grand Welcom Fitness Management Ltd.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2092110
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 10. May, 2023.
Dated: 10 May 2023.
(Sgd.) **Philippa O’Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator
[03/15]

NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)
OAKLEIGH COMMERCIAL CORP.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 25th day of May, 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.
The Liquidators is:-
Wayne Francis
Nerine Chambers,
Quastisky Building
P.O. Box 905
Road Town, Tortola,
British Virgin Islands
VG 1110
[03/16]

NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)
LYNHURST VIEW HOLDINGS LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 25th day of May, 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.
The Liquidators is:-
Wayne Francis
Nerine Chambers,
Quastisky Building
P.O. Box 905
Road Town, Tortola,
British Virgin Islands
VG 1110
[03/17]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004
Bell Wine Season Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2068440
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 30th May, 2023.
Dated: 30th May, 2023
(Sgd.) **Philippa O’Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator
[03/18]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004
Youth Media Holding Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1885017
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 26th May, 2023.
Dated: 26th May, 2023
(Sgd.) **Jason Jagessar**
Voluntary Liquidator
[03/19]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.
G.I.M Maximum Ltd
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1413330
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 30th, 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: May 31st, 2023
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator
[03/20]

PUBLIC NOTICES

**INSOLVENCY ACT 2011
INSOLVENCY RULES 2014**

**FIRST MEETING OF CREDITORS OF COMPANY IN
LIQUIDATION**

Liquidator name: Desiree McHard
IP licence number: FSC0901FSA
Company name: AGM (GIBRALTAR) LIMITED
Company number: 107876

The first meeting of creditors of the company will be held at the place and on the date and time set out below

Address: 5.20 World Trade Center, 6 Bayside Road, Gibraltar

Date: 6th June 2023
Time: 2pm

All creditors of the company should submit their claims to Desiree.McHard@bdo.gi on or before 12:00 on 5th June 2023.

Dated: 23 May 2023
[03]

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

IN THE ESTATE OF JOSÉ LUIZ ZILLO, DECEASED

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by JOSÉ CARLOS MORELLI of Rua Manoel Caetano de Godóy, 107, Jardim Ubirama, Lençóis Paulista - SP, 18683-540, Brazil, the intended Administrator of the Estate of the deceased who died intestate on the 3rd day of February 2017, domiciled in Brazil, has applied to the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the Probate Division for a Grant of Letters of Administration in the Estate of the said JOSÉ LUIZ ZILLO, deceased.

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

Dated the 31st day of May, 2023

HARNEY WESTWOOD & RIEGELS LP
Solicitors for the Intended Administrator

[04]

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

**UPLONG TECH CO.,
LTD.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1677463

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 31st May, 2023.

Dated: 31st day of May 2023
(Sgd.) *Philippa V O'Sullivan*
Voluntary Liquidator
[03/21]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on May 31st, 2023. The Joint Liquidators are Michele Hibbert with address at Sea Cow's Bay, Tortola, British Virgin Islands and Saajid Jasat Bhana with address at Obarrio, Calle 59, Casa 5, Apartado 0816-04554 Ciudad de Panamá, República de Panamá.

Dated: May 31st, 2023.
(Sgd.) *Michele Hibbert and Saajid Jasat Bhana*
Joint Voluntary Liquidators
[03/22]

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

Jerboa Investments Ltd

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on May 26th, 2023. The Joint Liquidators are Michele Hibbert with address at Sea Cow's Bay, Tortola, British Virgin Islands and Saajid Jasat Bhana with address at Obarrio, Calle 59, Casa 5, Apartado 0816-04554 Ciudad de Panamá, República de Panamá.

Dated: May 26th, 2023.
(Sgd.) *Michele Hibbert and Saajid Jasat Bhana*
Joint Voluntary Liquidators
[03/23]

**INSOLVENCY ACT 2011
INSOLVENCY RULES 2011**

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF LIQUIDATOR

Company Name: AGM (Gibraltar) Limited
Company Number: 107876
Former company name: N/A
Trading names: N/A
Nature of business: Investment Company
Date of appointment: 16 May 2023

**Appointment made by members resolution under section
146 of the Insolvency Act 2011**

Name of liquidator: DESIREE MCHARD
IP Licence Number: FSC0901FSA
Address of liquidator: 5.20 World Trade Center, 6
Bayside Road, Gibraltar

Date: 23 May 2023
[03]

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

**IN THE ESTATE OF ALBERTO CANDEIAS NETO,
DECEASED**

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by JOÃO MANUEL GRISI CANDEIAS of Rua Luís Aires, 485, Vila Sao Judas Thadeu, Botucatu - SP, 18607-020, Brazil, the intended Administrator of the Estate of the deceased who died intestate on the 31st day of January 2018, domiciled in Brazil, has applied to the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the Probate Division for a Grant of Letters of Administration in the Estate of the said ALBERTO CANDEIAS NETO, deceased.

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

Dated the 31st day of May, 2023

HARNEY WESTWOOD & RIEGELS LP
Solicitors for the Intended Administrator

[04]

PUBLIC NOTICES

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

PROBATE NO. 80 OF 2023

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

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

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

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

Dated: 29 May 2023

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

[03]

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
Virgin Islands

Probate No.....of 2023

In The Estate of HO, STANLEY HUNG SUN also known as HO HUNG SUN STANLEY also known as HO STANLEY also known as STANLEY HO also known as DR STANLEY HO late of No. 1 Repulse Bay Road, Hong Kong, deceased.

Notice is given that after the expiration of 8 days application will be made to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the resealing of the grant of letters of administration of the estate of HO, STANLEY HUNG SUN also known as HO HUNG SUN STANLEY also known as HO STANLEY also known as STANLEY HO also known as DR STANLEY HO late of No. 1 Repulse Bay Road, Hong Kong, granted by the High Court of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Court of First Instance on the 21st day of March 2023.

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

[03]

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

THORNDON LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 368058

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 1st June, 2023.

Dated: 1st day of June 2023
(Sgd.) *Philippa V O'Sullivan*
Voluntary Liquidator
[03/24]

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

SWANFIELD LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company Number 21202

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1), subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 25 May 2023. The Liquidator is Lewis S. Hunte, KC of 123 Main Street, P.O. Box 3504, Road Town, Tortola VG1110, British Virgin Islands.

Dated: 1st day of June, 2023
Sgd. Lewis S. Hunte, KC
Voluntary Liquidator
[03/25]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

WOOLEY SECURITIES INC.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1526777

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from May 31, 2023.

Dated: May 31, 2023
(Sgd.) *Nelcia St. Jean*
Voluntary Liquidator
[03/26]

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

CLAIM NO. BVIHPB2023/

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

ADVERTISEMENT

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

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

Dated this 23rd day of May 2023

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

[03]

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

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

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

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

Dated this 25th day of May 2023.

Filed by Walkers Attorneys-at Law
whose address for service is
171 Main Street
Road Town, Tortola
British Virgin Islands, VG 1110

[03]

PUBLIC NOTICES

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

CLAIM NO. BVIHPB2023/

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

ADVERTISEMENT

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

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

Dated this 23rd day of May 2023

Filed by McW. Todman & Co., Attorneys-at Law for the Executor(s) whose address for service is:

McNamara Chambers, 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands; email: nstjean@mctodman.com
[03]

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

BVIHPB2023/0096

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

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

ANY PERSON having an objection to the Grant of Letters of Administration with Will Annexed to the said LAURA ANN HRISKO, shall within fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of this Notice lodge with the Registry of the High Court in the Territory of the Virgin Islands a proper document setting out the said objections.



Solicitors for the Administratrix
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Carheath Limited
(In voluntary liquidation)
(Company No 581910)
(the Company)

NOTICE is given pursuant to section 204(1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation of the Company commenced on 25 May 2023. The voluntary liquidator of the Company is David Abednego of West End, Tortola Virgin Islands. Dated 2 June 2023.

David Abednego

Voluntary Liquidator
[03/27]

Collection of Cargo during the 2023 Atlantic Hurricane Season

31 May 2023 – The British Virgin Islands Ports Authority (BVIPA) is reminding the public that during the Atlantic Hurricane Season it is important that cargo is collected quickly due to potential inclement weather.

Your cooperation is important to ensure the safety and efficiency of port operations during this possibly challenging period. Due to potential inclement weather from 1st June to 30th November it is crucial that cargo is collected within the allotted time. Doing so helps the BVIPA mitigate any potential risks and disruptions that may be caused by inclement weather and helps you safeguard your valuable shipments.

Let us work together to navigate the 2023 Atlantic Hurricane Season with preparedness and resilience and keep the BVI moving.

For more information, please contact (284) 494-3435.

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

PROBATE NO. 79 OF 2023

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

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

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

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

Dated: 29 May 2023

Filed by Conyers Dill and Pearman, Legal Practitioners for the Applicant, whose address for service is Commerce House, Wickhams Cay 1, P.O. Box 3140, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands VG1110. Tel: 1 (284) 852 1000 Fax: 1 (284) 1001
Email: Robert.Lindley@conyers.com
[03]

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

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

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

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

Dated this 23rd day of May, 2023.

Reuben W. Vanterpool
Joseph E. Vanterpool
In Person

[03]

PUBLIC NOTICES



Lands and Survey Department
P.O. Box 143
Road Town, TORTOLA, VIRGIN ISLANDS

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

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

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Jost Van Dyke	1640A	273

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

Parcel 273 registered as follows:

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

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

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

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

Dated this 22nd day of May 2023.

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

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

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

KINGSTON GROUP HOLDINGS LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 407435

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 31st day of May, 2023. The Liquidator is Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated this 1st day of June, 2023
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[03/28]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.
Tuofeng Jiuxi Ltd,
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2076038

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 1st June, 2023. The liquidator is Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated: 1 June 2023.
(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator
[03/29]



Lands and Survey Department
P.O. Box 143
Road Town, TORTOLA, VIRGIN ISLANDS

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

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION BY
PRESCRIPTION

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

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
West Central	2738B	177

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

Parcel 177 is registered to:
• Norris Christopher

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

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

Dated this 22nd day of May 2023

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

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

Norris Christopher

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PUBLIC NOTICES



Lands Unit
70, Main Street
Road Town, Tortola, Virgin Islands
Tel: 246-464-4141

BY EMAIL AND VIRGIN ISLANDS GAZETTE
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION BY PRESCRIPTION

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

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Long Look	3339B	251

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

Parcel 251 is registered to:
• Belvienna Turnbull

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

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

Dated this 22nd day of May 2023

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

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

Belvienna Turnbull

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Virgin Gorda DMV Reduced Schedule Of Operations

The public is notified that effective June 5th to 9th the Department of Motor Vehicles' Virgin Gorda office will be open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and closed on Tuesday and Thursday, in the first instance.

Persons will be able to access services at the main office in Tortola from Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. To ensure continued service, customers can call the Virgin Gorda office at 468-6502 or the Tortola office at 468-4080 to make an appointment.

Any inconvenience caused is regretted.



Lands Unit
70, Main Street
Road Town, Tortola, Virgin Islands
Tel: 246-464-4141

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

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION BY PRESCRIPTION

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

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

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

Parcel 258 is registered to:

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

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

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

Dated this 22nd day of May 2023

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

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

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

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PUBLIC NOTICES

The Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

Virgin Islands
BVIHPB2023/0105

In the estate of Chen Xun, late of Flat B, 15th Floor, Block 28, Hongkong Garden (Phase III), No.100 Castle Peak Road, Tsing Lung Tau, New Territories, Hong Kong, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that CHEN LIHUA of No. 5 Alley 5, Antang Street, Guancheng District, Dongguan City, Guangdong Province, China, and CHEN SHAOQIU and CHEN YANMEI, both of No. 3 Alley 2, Anjingxiang Street, Guancheng District, Dongguan City, Guangdong Province, China, the lawful children of CHEN XUN (□□), deceased who died on the 2nd day of April, 2017, domiciled in Hong Kong (the Deceased), have applied to the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the Probate Division for a Grant of Letters of Administration in the estate of the Deceased.

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



Solicitors for the Intended Administrators
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IN THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
VIRGIN ISLANDS
(PROBATE)

BVIHPB2023/0106

IN THE ESTATE OF ILVA RHYMER LATE OF ANNA'S FANCY, ST. THOMAS, UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS, DECEASED

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Helen Hart and Gracilda Dobbins both of St. Thomas, United States Virgin Islands for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicants, daughters of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate the 20th day of March 1996.

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

Dated this 30th day of May 2023.

Filed by Sabals Law, Solicitors for the Intended Administrators whose address for service is 87 Main Street, 2nd Floor, Abbott Building, Waterfront Drive, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

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Technical Issues BVI FARS Portal

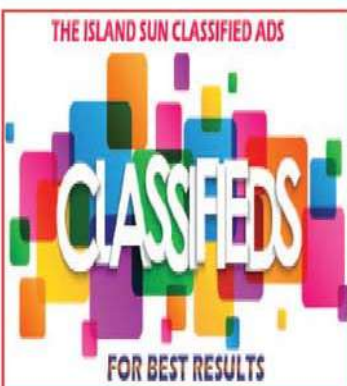
The International Tax Authority ("ITA") is informing all users of the BVI Financial Account Reporting System, ("BVIFARS"), that it is aware of the technical difficulties being experienced while attempting to file.

Our IT Team is diligently working to resolve this matter with the hopes of the portal being fully functional next week. Users are encouraged to continue to make attempts to file during this time.

Penalties will not be issued for late filings that are a result of technical difficulties.

We apologize for any inconvenience caused.

Visit our website at www.bviita.vg or email us at info@bviita.vg for further updates.



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[s04]

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

AND

IN THE MATTER OF NEIL CLINE AND REPUBLIC BANK (BVI) LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that in exercise of the power of sale conferred on the Chargee by the Registered Land Act, Cap. 229 of the Laws of the Virgin Islands and in right of the said power vested in REPUBLIC BANK (BVI) LIMITED, the Chargee by virtue of a certain Charge of the undermentioned land created by NEIL CLINE as Chargor and REPUBLIC BANK (BVI) LIMITED as Chargee and registered in the Land Register of the Virgin Islands as an encumbrance in the register relating to the said land, REPUBLIC BANK (BVI) LIMITED will put up for sale by public auction at the office of McW. Todman & Co., Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands on Wednesday the 14th day of June, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. the undermentioned parcel of Land and Residence together with any improvements standing thereon with the upset price set at \$720,000.00.

ALL THAT piece of parcel of land and residence situated at Georges North Side, Tortola, British Virgin Islands containing 0.461 of an acre and described in the Land Register of the Virgin Islands as Parcel #16 of Block #2740B 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 13th June, 2023 to the office of McW. Todman & Co.

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

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

Further particulars may be obtained on application to McW. Todman & Co. at Mail@mctodman.com, Telephone Nos. (284) 494 2810/3810.

Dated the 29th day of May, 2023.

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

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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

PROBATE NO. BVIHPB0107 OF 2023

IN THE ESTATE OF TRESSIE A.G. CONNOR MORRIS,
LATE OF ALBEMARLE AVENUE, HEMPSTEAD, NEW
YORK, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, DECEASED

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF
ADMINISTRATON

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by D'SHANIA LETTSOME of 14 Albemarle Avenue, Hempstead, New York for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who is daughter/issue of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 11th day of August, 2022.

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

Dated this 01 day of June 2023.

Filed by THORNTON SMITH, legal practitioners for the Applicants, whose address for service is: Capitol Chambers, Parson's Estate, Sea Cow's Bay, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, Applicants.

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PHOENIX-RISING CONSTRUCTION needs a Professional Mason/Tiler with a minimum of 10 years experience in construction. Multi-skilled in block laying, plastering, tiling and gypsum installation and finishing. Please Email: phoenixbvi@risingconstruction.com or call 284-547-3306.

[s04]

PETER ISLAND RESORT & SPA

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

Peter Island resort is hiring for the position of Director of Operations

Duties/ Responsibilities:

- Provide leadership, vision and direction to the Food and Beverage team to accomplish resort and department goals and cultivate a strong team atmosphere focused on guest and team member engagement and satisfaction. Lead with trust, respect and by example.
- Create and sustain a work environment that embraces the Peter Island Resort culture; ensure fair and equitable treatment and associate satisfaction to enable business success.
- Tour and visually inspect property daily. Monitor property cleanliness, quality of product and service throughout the island.
- Motivate, inspire, and excite our team to create the casual elegant experience of Peter Island Resort
- Ability to use standard software applications and hotel systems.
- Active participation in budgeting/forecasting and profit maximization. Duties include writing and reviewing reports (profit and loss statements/critiques, yield management, capital planning, payroll, etc.), understanding of our purchasing system and inventory controls/process within all departments and purchasing team.
- Work on solid relationships with all vendors and always ensure we are getting best products and service from each of our vendors.
- Provide exceptional customer service to all hotel guests, making their stay as comfortable and accommodating as possible while achieving team and island goals.
- Achieve and maintain elite guest service, inspection, and loyalty scores.
- Work to determine areas of concern and develop strategies to improve performance.
- Coach and support hotel team to effectively manage occupancy and rates, wages and controllable expenses.
- Manage costs within the hotel, including supplies, utilities, and labor expenses, within budgeted parameters, combining with sales/revenue to deliver an efficient and profitable operation.
- Analyze any service issues and identify trends. Facilitate the development of creative solutions to overcome obstacles and ensure implementation to continually improve guest satisfaction results.
- Ensure property is a safe and secure facility for guests and associates.

Specific Technical / General:

- Minimum three years related hospitality management experience required.
- 5+ years minimum in a luxury resort
- Caribbean island/remote destination experience preferred.
- Should have a strong background in Rooms and F&B.
- Experience with marina operations a plus but not required.
- Previous Caribbean experience
- Must possess excellent communication, planning, and organization skills.
- Should have a strong background in computers.
- Strong 4-5-star Resort experience
- Must be a self-starter, energetic & motivated.
- Due to the small island environment, must be a team player who enjoys challenges and working with others.
- Must be creative; however willing to work with existing core resort philosophy and style.
- Ability to work at a physically demanding pace.
- Ability to lift fifty (50) pounds to a maximum height of six (6) feet.
- Ability to remain standing for lengthy periods of time; climb steps and stairs; stoop, bend, and kneel; push.

BVI Islanders or Belongers preferred.

To apply, send application and resume to Chad James, Director of Human Resources,
P.O. Box 211, Road Town, Tortola, BVI
or email: hr@peterisland.net
Telephone ; 1-284-340-8309

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or
Telephone: 284-494-2196
[s10]

Wassi Construction seeks the following employees as Carpenters, Masons, Steel Benders, Electrician, Plumber, Sheet Rock Workers, Stone Masons, Cleaners and a Foreman. Please call 441-5108 for more information.
[s03]

ISLAND SUPPLIES - We are seeking a Bookkeeper and Business Administrator with at least 2 years experience and knowledge of basic bookkeeping entry skills. Please contact us at 496-6407.
[s03]

Total Homecare BVI's now hiring persons in the capacity of housekeepers and caregivers.
You must have some experience and have a passion for housekeeping or caregiving. Rate of pay is BVI's minimum wage.
Send resume to info@totalhomecarebvi.com or call 284 341-0783
[s03]

THE MACHINE SHOP VI needs a Full Time Welder, person must have at least 10 years experience in required position. Please call 284-340-9032 for further details.
[s03]

STONE'S-NEST URGENTLY NEEDS full time JERK CHEF and ONE PASTRY MAKER/ JOHNNY CAKE MAKER. PERSONS MUST have at least five years experience. Please call 346-3036
[s03]

G&S GAS STATION on Jost Van Dyke needs 1 Full Time Gas Station Attendant. Must be able to do Accounting and live on Jost Van Dyke. Please call 284-499-0943.
[s03]

The Anegada Reef Hotel has the following option positions: Waitresses, Bartenders, Grill Chefs, Cooks, Dishwashers, Groundsmen,-Maintenance Personnel, Office Assistants, Receptionists, Gift Shop Attendants, - General Assistants,-Restaurant-Manager,-Housekeeping-Manager, Driver, Gift Shop Manager,-Housekeepers,-Laundry Attendant, Office Manager.
Please forward resumes to:
info@anegadareef.com.
[04]

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[s04]

TORTOLA - GENERAL SERVICES LTD. is in need of a accountant . Must be hardworking and able to work flexible hours daily. Kindly call 543-3469.
[s04]

Clearwater Bvi is seeking to employ two(2) fulltime workers.
Serious applicants only call 345 2718
Or email us @ clearwaterbvi2718@gmail.com
[s04]

1 Cashier and office assistant needed to work in a Marine Store full time .

Must have extensive knowledge of Maths. and have ability to Use Measuring instruments.

Must have excellent customer service training.

Please send resume, references and certificates to Marine Depot BVI Inc P.O. Box 3074 Road Town Tortola. Email to rescuer1@surfbvi.com
Tel :284-494-0098
13 Mill Mall Road Town Tortola.
[s04]

Job Vacancy: A Value Ltd is seeking two full time, one parttime, and one temporary store assistant. Tasks include but are not limited to cleaning, cashing, driving and stocking. Applicants must have a strong command of the English language. Must be able to work as early as 5:00 am and as late as 10:00 pm weekends and holidays. Must have a pleasant personality and values positive customer service. Experience as a cashier is an asset but not necessary. Call 541-7012 to set an appointment for an interview.[s04]

Job opportunity at TICO
A competent, industrious individual is required for the position of Grounds keeper/ Handyman / Warehouse Assistant. Individual must be versatile with handy-man experiences and landscaping, this individual is also required to assist with other responsibilities including but not limited to: Assisting in the warehouse with picking, deliveries etc.
Potential candidates must forward their CV with a minimum of three (3) references to Ms. Coneila Gumbs neliag@ticobvi.com or call 494-2211 ext 308. BVI Islanders / Belongers preferred. Candidates must be able to work on weekends and bank holidays.
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