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GOVERNMENT OWES \$MILLIONS TO THE ELECTRICITY CORP – OPPOSITION DISCLOSE

Members of the Opposition bemoaned issues relating to the BVI Electricity Corporation (BVI EC) during the 7 July sitting of the House of Assembly. These issues ranged from frequent power outages, to high cost of service. The matters of concern were particularly raised by Third District Representative Hon. Julian Fraser and Eighth District Representative Hon. Marlon Penn.

The issues were heightened when the members of the House of Assembly rose in support of the appointment of Sheldon Scatliffe as Chairman of the Board of the BVI Electricity Corporation.

Like many persons in the community Hon. Fraser stated that he is also concerned about the recent frequent power outages that some parts of the Territory has been experiencing. While noting the situation Hon. Fraser said, “[It] is

unusual what’s taking place within these last two or three months with the power supply,” Fraser said.

He added: “In my case in particular, where I live, I suffer through having my power cut and looking up in the hills and seeing everybody else around me with electricity. And of course, you know in my position, I can’t get an emergency generator.”

Hon. Fraser who relocated back to the Territory in the 90s after living in the United States for years said that such frequent power outages are unheard of in such places. He also mentioned that when he first returned he was advised to get a generator but did not at the time because he couldn’t understand why that was necessary.

Hon. Fraser said: “Where I was, where I came from, there was never, for 20 years, never a power [cut]... not even a surge in electricity, much less a power outage.

And I came to Tortola and the next thing, every week the power was going off...I want to see that become an exception, where only very, very essential services like the hospital will have an emergency generator. I know there are those who think it’s impossible, but I think it’s possible,” the Third District Representative commented. Before taking his seat the Senior Opposition Member also called on the BVI EC to

add more street lights across the Territory. He clearly affirmed that there are too many dark spots which are security issues. Hon. Fraser declared, “it’s just simple, light the place up. That’s the least we can do.”

**HON. PENN BEMOANS
BVI EC PAYMENTS**
During his contribution to the Resolution’s debate Hon. Penn told the House of Assembly that many are bothered about the high cost

of electricity. The Opposition member said: “I don’t know about you, Madam Speaker, but every day before you log on to look at your electric bill, you have to say a prayer. You don’t know what number is going to show up this month.”

Hon. Penn further noted that the BVI EC seems to be working through various challenges and noted that the organization will be greatly

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**Virgin Islands Public Schools Receives Six New Principals
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assisted if government would pay its bills. In fact he firmly pointed out that government has racked up significant bills at the BVIEC.

Hon. Penn stated: "When you look at the bottom line, when you look at the financial constraints — particularly coming out of the storms of 2017 and the capacity issues that were faced by the corporation and just the public, their main customers were down

and they had a challenge getting revenue to where it needs to be. I understand that the government owes a tremendous amount of money to the Corporation and we have to find ways to get the resources to the corporation so they can function the way they ought to."

"I got an email last week which shows that one [government] entity owes over \$5 million — just

one entity alone that owes money to the corporation. That is something we have to fix to ensure the viability of this organisation continues. We cannot have the government owing in excess of \$10 million in fees to the Corporation," the Opposition Member pointed out. These disclosures urgently require many clear answers from the Electricity Corporation and Government.

BVI EARNS KUDOS FOR WELL-RUN ELECTIONS, BUT CAMPAIGN FINANCING REGULATIONS BADLY NEEDED

The 2023 General Election in the British Virgin Islands (BVI) has been thoroughly examined by the independent election observation mission of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA). After their visit to the BVI from 17 - 27 April the team of eight observers has released a comprehensive report assessing the electoral process and its compliance with both international obligations and domestic laws.

The observers unanimously concluded that Election Day was executed in an orderly, peaceful, and commendably well-run manner. The voting on Advance Polling Day also proceeded smoothly, highlighting the efficiency of the electoral process. Moreover, the observers praised the BVI's legal framework, which serves as a strong foundation for democratic elections within the Territory.

FAIRNESS & TRANSPARENCY PREVENT CORRUPTION

While acknowledging these positive aspects, the mission identified several areas for improvement and outlined 14 key recommendations in their

report. Notably, one major concern was the absence of campaign finance regulations: a crucial detail conveniently overlooked for decades. Despite the emphasis placed by international instruments on fairness and transparency in election conduct, no legal changes were implemented prior to this election. The mission also called for greater clarity regarding the policies and practices surrounding the "belongership" status, a requirement for voting eligibility.

Having observed the fourth election in the BVI since 2011, the CPA reaffirms its ongoing commitment to ensuring transparent and fair electoral processes.

Hon Fatoumatta Njai, Head of Mission from The Gambia, lauded the well-administered election and expressed her admiration for the professionalism demonstrated by the polling staff. The mission also commended the efforts made to encourage voting among elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities.

The complete report of the Election Observation Mission

is now available to the public, following the preliminary statement issued shortly after Election Day.

Governor John Rankin CMG of the British Virgin Islands welcomed the report, underscoring the crucial role of free and fair elections in democratic societies. He commended the Supervisor of Elections and her team for their diligent work in ensuring a well-executed election. Governor Rankin emphasized the importance of addressing the 14 recommendations made by the CPA, with particular emphasis on the need for campaign financing regulations — an issue routinely raised for 50 years and never addressed as it touched a very sensitive political "nerve".

Scherrie Griffin Supervisor of Elections emphasized the Office's commitment to strengthening electoral processes. She expressed hope that the newly formed administration would prioritize electoral reform early on, with the goal of enhancing the transparency and impartiality of future elections.

Self-Isolate If You Have Covid-19



Chief Medical Officer Dr. Ronald Georges is advising persons to self-isolate if they have tested positive for the COVID-19 disease.

Dr. Georges said while the disease is no longer a global health emergency and infection rates, hospitalisation and deaths are at the lowest levels in two years, persons are still advised to self-isolate.

The CMO stated, "COVID-19 continues to be present albeit at much lower levels than previously. Exposure risk will vary based on multiple factors and most persons who test positive with the disease continue to have mild disease."

According to Dr. Georges, factors which increase the risk of severe disease are persons 50 years and older, those with immunocompromised or weakened immune systems and individuals with underlying health conditions especially diabetes, hypertension, and heart disease.

Persons who are concerned or have symptoms of the disease should conduct a home test or visit a health care provider who can carry out a COVID-19 rapid test.

"Those who have tested positive for COVID-19 should see their physician or general practitioner to obtain the necessary sick leave certificate to facilitate home self-isolation," Dr. Georges advised. He added, "Individuals who test positive should also take the necessary precautions to protect others in their household and refrain from contact with persons outside their household until symptoms have cleared."

Elderly persons with chronic disease or those in care homes are at high risk of severe COVID-19 symptoms or complications and should consider wearing a properly fitted mask and getting vaccinated against the disease.

COVID-19 vaccinations are available through the BVI Health Services Authority by calling the Road Town Clinic at telephone number 284-852-6566.

The community is encouraged to wash hands frequently and properly cover coughs and sneezes to reduce the risk of infection and transmission.

The Ministry of Health and Social Development is committed to protecting and promoting the health of the people of t

FISHERIES COMPLEX PLANS RESURRECTED:

Dr. the Hon. Karl Dawson, the Junior Minister for Agriculture & Fisheries and First District Representative, has reaffirmed the government's commitment to moving forward with the long-awaited construction of a much-anticipated fishing complex for local fisherfolk.

The previous fishing complex was severely damaged during the 2017 hurricanes, but Dr. Dawson emphasized that the land where the complex once stood in Port Purcell is owned by the BVI Ports Authority, which has its own plans for the area.

During an appearance on the Talking Points show, Dr. Dawson assured: "The government is

still very serious about that." He explained that a statutory authority has been established, and legislation has been passed to facilitate the development of a new fishing complex. However as customary, the legislation has not yet been implemented.

"We have a consultant who is assisting us in bringing it into force, and part of that process involves the creation of a complex where fish will be brought and processed, as well as other agricultural products," Dr. Dawson elaborated.

He further emphasized that the complex will not only serve as a processing facility but also as a marketplace for consumers, including

retailers and individuals, to purchase these products.

Dr. Dawson also outlined a plan to establish landing sites in various communities such as Carrot Bay, East End, and Road Town. While these sites may not offer the same range of amenities as the previous fishery, they will serve as designated locations for fishermen to unload their catch.

"While the functionalities may be different from those of the former fishery, these landing sites will be the designated areas for fishermen to offload their catch," he explained.

Premier Hon. Natalio Wheatley announced last year that government has plans to create a new facility. A most recent update on this



Dr. the Hon. Karl Dawson,

matter was in September when Hon. Wheatley during a House of Assembly sitting disclosed that the drawings for the Fishing Complex were ready.

The Fishing Complex, which were previously

located at Port Purcell were destroyed by hurricanes Irma and Maria six years ago. On many occasions since taking office Hon. Wheatley has promised that a new Complex would be constructed.

DISCRETIONARY FUNDS NEEDED BY DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

Following the implementation of COI recommendations for certain funds to be transferred to the Social Development Department a huge funding gap currently exists and Dr. the Hon. Karl Dawson, the Representative for the First District, has expressed his challenges in providing assistance to constituents as a result.

Hon. Dawson complained that people in his District are in need, but there is not much financial assistance that can be given due to the elimination of discretionary funds that were once available to district representatives.

Previously, each representative had access to discretionary funds, which could be used without going through formal government processes. However, the Commission of Inquiry (COI) wisely put a halt to the allocation of these funds, making it more difficult for elected leaders to assist constituents and requiring them to be accountable for every dollar spent from the government's coffers.

Dr. Dawson acknowledged that other elected leaders had already lamented the removal of the funds. As a first-time legislator, he now realizes the significant impact these funds could

have in fulfilling a variety of requests he receives as a district representative.

During a recent appearance on the Talking Points radio show, Dr. Dawson explained, "It's challenging in the sense that you receive a lot of requests. There used to be a considerable amount of discretionary funds available to each district representative, but there wasn't a robust system in place to determine how those funds were spent. However, on the other hand, we have swung the pendulum entirely the other way, where all those funds have been taken away. As a district representative,

even the simplest things you may want to do to improve the lives of many people become difficult when your hands are tied." Compliments of abuses carried out by previous district representatives.

While Dr. Dawson disagreed with the previous distribution of funds, which had the potential for the misuse of public resources, he emphasized that the government has an obligation to review the COI's decision

if it hinders elected leaders from fulfilling their duties.

"At the end of the day, we are still the government, and if certain measures were put in place that still lacks the right system, we have an obligation to make adjustments and find a way to ensure we don't encounter the same issues that led to the COI. We need to establish a setup where some assistance is available," Dr. Dawson expressed.



Compensation Review Addresses Public Officers Feedback

Deputy Governor Mr. David D. Archer, Jr. has stated that the feedback received by Public Officers regarding compensation underscores and emphasises the necessity of the Compensation Review.

This comes as the third phase of the review has culminated in the submission of “a compensation philosophy” from consultancy firm Pricewaterhouse Coopers (PwC.) The compensation philosophy is a proposed new way for the Public Service to organise job positions. PwC suggests adopting

the Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities (ISIC) system for the assigning of job families, subfamilies, streams, stages and levels.

The updated classification system also seeks to address issues raised by Public Officers during the current state assessment such as expanding job scopes; disparities in roles, salaries and allowances; poor grading of technical positions; challenges to succession planning; and the circumstances surrounding employment of Public Officers on the Sister Islands.

In his June Monthly message,

Deputy Governor Mr. David D. Archer, Jr. addressed the findings and explained why they are important in the context of the review.

Beginning with expanding job scopes, the Deputy Governor noted that one major theme that came out of stakeholder meetings and survey feedback was the introduction of new initiatives that increased workloads and changed job portfolios without additional compensation.

“Any time new things become part of your job that is actually the best tagline as to why we are doing

the Compensation Review. That is to recognise currently, what is your role, what is your job, what is being paid, what is the value of that job compared to what it was ten years ago,” the Deputy Governor explained.

Equally, Mr. Archer addressed the poor grading of technical positions, noting that, “Over the years, there has been a professional track without the right recognition, for persons who bring the technical skills.”

The Deputy Governor explained, “If we have a technical officer that is also able to lead and motivate and manage people and who wants to become a manager, we are grateful. However, what we also want is a technical person to be within their field, be the best architect, be the best lawyer, be the best I.T. technician and be rewarded for doing that as they progress throughout the years; not having to cross over into an admin track, seeking additional compensation and possibly losing their passion for their technical roles.”

Mr. Archer Jr. similarly acknowledged that in order to address disparities in salaries and allowances between similar job positions in the service, role profiles will have to be evaluated alongside the practical scope of work being carried out by these officers.

“We have to take a look at that and make sure that the allowances across the board are consistent,” he said.

Mr. Archer additionally referenced concerns about Public Officers on the Sister Islands, stating that these circumstances continue to be addressed in addition to the Compensation Review through initiatives such as the Sister Islands Coordination Committee, the Sister Islands Programme and digital transformation.

Another finding discussed by the Deputy Governor was the steady decrease in the number of Public Officers throughout the last decade from 4495 public officers employed in 2010 to approximately 2895 employed to date.

“Since the world economic crisis, we have been aggressively trying to get the right size of the

Public Service, and you will see significant declines,” Mr. Archer Jr. said. He added, “You will see where decisions were made in terms of not rehiring certain positions and just trying to get the right balance with transformation, digital transformation and technology. It allows us to look at a leaner, more efficient public service.”

PwC has created the compensation philosophy in line with the Virgin Islands National Sustainable Development Plan and Public Service Transformation Framework, and has based their proposal on models from several different countries including: the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, Jamaica, Barbados, the Cayman Islands and Mauritius.

The Review has now moved into the fourth phase where both a draft and final Compensation Review Report will be created in three remaining steps namely: developing a compensation strategy, designing a compensation plan and package and adjusting the salary administration system to facilitate achieving strategic objectives.

The contract for the Compensation Review was signed with PwC in October 2022 and is valued at Three Hundred and Two Thousand, One Hundred and Three Dollars (\$302,103.00). The project is scheduled to conclude next month.

The Compensation Review seeks to address remuneration disparity, further support the retention, engagement and motivation of skilled and competent officers to effectively deliver public services, and to move toward a ‘Total Rewards’ Scheme that promotes high performance.

The Deputy Governor’s Monthly Message for June 2023 can be viewed in full on the Government of the Virgin Islands Facebook page.

The Government of the Virgin Islands is committed to effective human resources leadership and partnership to drive Public Service Excellence.



RE-TENDER

TENDER FOR THE PROVISION OF CLEANING SERVICES

The B.V.I. Electricity Corporation is inviting tenders for the provision of cleaning services at its offices at Long Bush and Pockwood Pond as follows for a period of one (1) year as follows:-

Duties:

- a) Daily cleaning, mopping and dusting of the Corporation’s Administration, Transmission and Distribution and Information Technology Offices at Long Bush;
- b) Daily cleaning, mopping and dusting of all rooms offices and general floor areas at the Henry Wilfred Smith Power Station and Inventory Management Unit at Pockwood Pond;
- c) Vacuuming of carpets, cleaning of blinds, desks ceiling fixtures and upholstery;
- d) Washing of all windows on a monthly basis;
- e) Responsible for supplying all cleaning materials and products;

Quoted prices must be presented in the following format:

Particulars	Monthly Rate (in US \$)
Labour	\$
Cleaning Supplies	\$
Other Costs <i>[As applicable -Tenderer to specify]</i>	\$
Total	\$

The tenderers must submit the following:

- 1) A copy of a valid trade license.
- 2) A copy of certificate of good standing from the Social Security Board, National Health Insurance, and the Inland Revenue Department. Must be issued by the relevant statutory body within three (3) months from submission deadline.
- 3) Two (2) references.

Tenders must be submitted in a sealed envelope with a return address and clearly marked “Tender for Cleaning Services 2023-2024” and delivered to:-

Attn: The General Manager
B.V.I. Electricity Corporation
P.O. Box 268
Road Town, Tortola VG 1110
British Virgin Islands

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 4:00PM on THURSDAY, 10th August 2023.

The Corporation reserves the right to accept or reject any tender and to annul the tendering process at any time prior to the award of contract without thereby incurring any liability to the affected tenderer or tenderers and is under no obligation to give any reason for such action.



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C&W Returns as Headline Sponsor of CANTO 2023

Miami, Florida, July 7, 2023 – Improving the Caribbean’s ability to access connectivity and data will take centre stage at CANTO’s 38th annual trade exhibition and conference in Miami, Florida from July 16 to 20. C&W Communications, operators of Flow, Flow Business, C&W

Business, and BTC, has renewed its commitment to serve as headline sponsor, which the company has done consecutively since 2019.

The annual event brings together regional heads of state and government, along with regulators, telecom operators, and other key stakeholders to network, build

alliances, review policy, and share best practices as it relates to the regional telecoms sector.

The 2023 conference will be held under the theme of “Fostering a Resilient Datasphere for All” and will advocate for more inclusive policy frameworks within the region’s digital ecosystem that

will help to drive growth and innovation, promote safe universal connectivity and a secure and resilient Datasphere.

The backdrop for the four-day event will be the JW Marriot Turnberry Resort and Spa, one of South Florida’s premiere destinations. “C&W Communications-remains focused on enhanced access to digital connectivity in the region and to enabling our customers to connect to the people and things they love. Our ongoing support for regional platforms like CANTO, underscores our commitment to providing safe, efficient, and reliable connectivity across the region,” said Inge Smidts, CEO C&W Communications. “Through our regional initiatives, like JUMP, we are working with Caribbean-governments, regulators, and stakeholders to connect the under connected and to ensure that more of the region’s households have access to the digital universe through data connectivity at affordable prices.”

C&W Communications will also host several discussions and events during the conference to spotlight important industry topics, including “Developing Frameworks for Smart Cities”, “Telehealth”, “Cyber-security and Gender”, “Transitioning



Inge Smidts

from Telco to Techco”, “Digital Governance” and “Enabling the Digital Revolution through narrowing the Digital Divide – JUMP, A Success Story”.

Featured company speakers include Keynote speaker, John Winter, Chief Legal Officer and Aamir Hussein, Chief Technical Officer for Liberty Latin America, the parent company of C&W Communications, as well as Sameer Bhatti and Stephen Price, Managing Directors of Flow’s Bahamas operations, BTC and Flow Jamaica respectively. CANTO is a non-profit association made up of operators, organizations, companies, and individuals primarily focused on leading the information and communications technology (ICT) sector across the Caribbean region and the Americas.



PROGRAM LISTINGS

MONDAYS

- (1:00 PM) OMOJA - WITH EDJU EN KA
- (5:00 PM) TALKING POINTS - WITH MRS. VIOLET GAUL
- (7:00 PM) INSPIRATION MONDAYS - WITH MEADE MALONE
- (7:30 PM) TRANSFORMING YOUR TOMORROW TODAY - BY TRANSFORMATION CHURCH INTERNATIONAL
- (8:00 PM) NDP RADIO PROGRAM (1ST & 3RD MONDAYS) - BY THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY
- (8:00 - 9:00 PM) NEW COVENANT PRAYER LINE (EVERY 2ND MONDAY) - NEW COVENANT MINISTRIES

TUESDAYS

- (5:00 PM) HONESTLY SPEAKING PROGRAM - WITH CLAUDE SKELTON CLINE

WEDNESDAYS

- (10:00 AM) THE MORNING SHOW - WITH PAUL HEWLETT
- (1:15 PM) OMOJA - WITH "EDJU EN KA"
- (7:00 - 8:00 PM) DYAS VOICE PROGRAM - (2ND AND 4TH WEDNESDAY) WITH DEPT. OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
- (7:00 - 9:00 PM) THE HOT SEAT REVISED PROG. - (1ST & 3RD WEDNESDAY)
- (8:00 - 10:00 PM) THE HOT SEAT REVISED PROG. - (2ND WEDNESDAY) WITH CARL DAWSON, JULIAN GORDON, AND WALWYN BREWLEY

THURSDAYS

- (5:00 PM) HONESTLY SPEAKING PROGRAM - WITH CLAUDE SKELTON CLINE

FRIDAYS

- (7:00 - 8:00 PM) BODY AND SOUL PROGRAM - WITH REV. DR. PASTOR MELVIN TURNBULL, DR. KEDRICK PICKERING, REV. MICHAEL ANTHONY, PASTOR CALVIN MILLS, AND REV. DR. KEITH LEWIS

SATURDAYS

- (8:00 - 10:00 AM) MORE TALK, LESS MUSIC - WITH ZOE AND JOE JACK
- (10:00 - 11:00 AM) KNOWLEDGE IS POWER HOUR
- (4:30 - 6:00 PM) SPORTS TALK - WITH CLEMENT "BONE CRUSHER" DONOVAN, AND ROY PICKERING (ALTERNATING WEEKS)
- (6:00 - 7:30 PM) A LOOK AT THE COMMUNITY - WITH HOSTS ULRIC SCATLIFFE & DR. HARLAN VANTERPOOL

SUNDAYS

- (7:15 - 7:30 AM) HOPE FOR TODAY B'CAST - BY: CHRISTIAN FAITH ASSEMBLY
- (7:30 - 7:45 AM) VOICE OF THE LAMB B'CAST - BY: TRINITY MORAVIAN CHURCH
- (7:45 - 8:00 AM) ADVENT EYE MINISTRY (2ND & 4TH SUNDAY) - BY: BRO. MICHAEL WILLIAMS
- (7:45 - 8:00 AM) FAITH BELIEVING B'CAST (1ST & 3RD SUNDAY) - BY: UPPER ROOM DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE, BOSTON, MA
- (8:00 - 8:15 AM) VOICE OF HOPE B'CAST - BY: APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH
- (8:30 - 9:00 AM) GOSPEL OF JESUS B'CAST - BY: GOSPEL OF JESUS EVANGELISTIC PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
- (9:00 - 9:30 AM) SHOCKING BIBLE PROPHECIES - BY: SEVENTHDAY ADVENTISTS CHURCHES
- (9:30 - 9:45 AM) AGAPE TOTAL LIFE BROADCAST - BY: AGAPE TOTAL LIFE CENTER
- (9:50 AM) HOLINESS AWAKENING B'CAST - BY: CHURCH OF GOD OF HOLINESS, BAUGHERS BAY
- (10:05 AM) REVEALED TRUTH B'CAST - BY: SHAMMAH DELIVERANCE MINISTRIES
- (10:35 AM) UNSHACKLED RADIO MINISTRY
- (12:30 PM) ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, SEA COWS BAY SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE
- (1:30 PM) ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL ANGLICAN CHURCH (EXCEPT 2ND SUNDAY)
- (4:30 PM) HYMNS & THEIR MEANINGS PROG. (1ST & 3RD SUNDAY) - WITH BRENDA HERBERT STEWART
- (6:00 PM) METHODIST CHURCH MONTHLY SERVICE (1ST SUNDAY)
- (6:00 PM) ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL ANGLICAN CHURCH (2ND SUNDAY)
- (7:00 PM) YOUR GOSPEL MUSIC PROGRAM - WITH VALERIE LETTSOME AND CLAUDE PARILLON (LAST 3 SUNDAYS)
- (7:30 PM) "VICTORIOUS PRAISES" B'CAST - WITH SIS. ESMIE POTTER (2ND SUNDAY)
- (8:15 PM) PRAISE & PRAYER SERVICE - BY: TRINITY MORAVIAN CHURCH (4TH SUNDAY)

Waste Management Invites Quotations For Waste Removal

The Department of Waste Management is accepting quotations for the removal of waste materials from the temporary derelict storage site at Pockwood Pond to the dumpsite at the Incinerator hillside.

Contract requirements include the separation and removal of the larger pieces of metals and spreading and leveling of the waste materials at the delivery site.

Interested heavy equipment companies are asked to submit their bids in a sealed envelope with the name of the company and reference “clean-up of derelict site” with the following documents enclosed.

Quotation for Removal of Waste Materials

Certificate of Good Standing from Inland Revenue Department, Social Security Board and National Health Insurance

Valid Trade Licence 2023

Proof of Ownership of equipment or access to it (picture, insurance, registration, etc.)

A brief outline of the company’s experience and estimated time required to complete the work

All bids will be evaluated based on price, equipment, experience and reliability. Please note that all documents must be included for consideration. The deadline for submission of quotations is Monday 24 July, 2023 at 12:00 noon.

All quotations must be hand delivered to the Department of Waste Management Office: 2nd Floor, O’Neal Building (located in the Property Union Building adjacent to Happy Lion Restaurant) Botanic Station, Tortola Virgin Islands.

For additional queries, contact Assistant Manager Mr. Anslem Myers at 284-468-4934.

Healthcare Is An Investment In The Virgin Islands

Minister for Health and Social Development Honourable Vincent O. Wheatley has said that health is an investment in the people and development of the Territory.

Honourable Wheatley in a statement at the Second Sitting of the First Session of the Fifth House of Assembly stated that it is important to not view health as a cost to society and the public purse, but more of an investment in the Virgin Islands' greatest and most important resource.

The Minister for Health was reporting to the House on the recently attended Ministerial Conference on Chronic Diseases and Mental Health organised by the Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO) and World Health Organization (WHO) Small Island Developing States in Barbados from June 11 to the 16.

Minister Wheatley said, "The WHO's Universal Health Care Strategy, underscores the importance of ensuring equitable access to health care. It is imperative for us to ensure that appropriate, needed, health care is accessible without bias."

The Minister added, "Without healthy people we do not have productive people. Without productive people we do not have a productive economy. Without these we cannot develop as a Territory. Interestingly enough, healthy people are also a sign of a thriving economy and well developed Territory. The two-go hand in hand."

Honourable Wheatley said the conference highlighted the need to involve all sectors of Government, civil society, and both service users and persons with lived experiences in the process of making policy and developing and evaluating programmes.

"Government cannot act alone and where commercial activity is having negative impacts on health the sector must be engaged as vigorously as when we engage them on positive matters," the Minister for Health said. He added, "The actions that negatively affect health and those required to positively impact health are not only in the Health Sector but also in every sector of Government and society. Hence a whole of society approach is needed."

Honourable Wheatley admitted that as the new Minister for Health, the exposure to best practices and networking with colleagues from SIDS around the world was invaluable. During his time in Barbados, he also visited the Winston Scott Polyclinic in Bridgetown and observed primary health care in action.

The Minister also met with the director of the Chronic Disease Research Center and took time to visit St. Michael's College, the premier secondary school in Bridgetown and discussed with the principal on how programmes such as Health and Family Life Education were incorporated across the curriculum and other health promoting interventions.

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

PETER ISLAND RESORT & SPA

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

Peter Island resort is hiring for the position of Spa Director

Duties/Responsibilities:

- Provide leadership, vision, and direction to the Spa 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.
- Hiring, training, and managing all staff.
- Coordination of guest correspondence.
- Creating and enforcing Policies and Procedures.
- Developing merchandising plans to maximize product sales.
- Overseeing finances, including P & L review, annual budgets, budget and performance controls, budgets and revenues, monthly financial variance reports, daily sales activities, inventory, and payroll.
- Oversee Spa purchases.
- Maintaining quality control, with regard to services, cleanliness, and products.
- Interacting with the press to plan media events.
- Achieving all Spa retail sales goals.
- All Spa functions, including Spa grounds area.
- Perform any related duties as assigned by supervisor. Assisting all other employees in their duties when required.

Specific Technical / General:

- Must possess a degree or diploma in a related spa field. AS degree in related field and/or equivalent combination of formal education and experience.
- Must have a minimum of 2 years management experience in a high-volume retail Spa/salon.
- Must possess a working knowledge of Spa operations and treatments in all applicable departments i.e., Salon Services and Products, Massage Modalities, Skin Care and Esthetic Services and Fitness/Wellness.
- Must possess excellent communication, organizational, and business skills.
- Must have strong computer/IT and Microsoft Excel skills.
- Must demonstrate a professional, effective demeanor and maintain standards of excellence in guest service.
- Must display the ability to work with a variety of people of different cultures, ethnicities and socio-economic backgrounds and remain calm and professional during stressful situations.
- Attends local spas and salons to assess variety of standards and continually to gain and implement new ideas.
- Retail and product knowledge, with experience in developing promotional strategies.
- Proven analytical, problem-solving, and decision-making skills, to handle critical situations utilizing good judgment.
- People-oriented with positive attitude, professional appearance, strong public relations, and customer-service skills.
- Team player with strong leadership and supervisory skills, to effectively work with and manage diverse personalities.
- Detail-oriented with strong organizational and administrative skills.
- Exceptional written and verbal communication skills.
- Flexible and available to work varied shifts, including evenings and weekends.
- Must be highly motivated with excellent interpersonal and customer service skills.
- 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.

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

1. QUALIFICATIONS:

- A Master's Degree in Accounting or Finance or Business Management from an accredited University
- Professional Accounting qualification, or membership of the Institute of Internal Auditors.
- Certified Fraud Examiner
- Certified Internal Auditor

2. EXPERIENCE:

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

3. PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES AND COMPETENCIES:

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

4. SALARY:

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5. DUTIES:

- a. Initiates, coordinates and enforces systems, policies and procedures.
- b. Manages the company's financial audit activities and approves audit reports resulting from financial and operational audits.
- c. Appraises the effectiveness and efficiency of corporate operations (including planning at all levels) and assures compliance with regulatory requirements, corporate policies and procedures, international financial reporting standards, and contractual terms. This includes audits regarding company contractors.
- d. Directs audits of new accounting systems and changes to existing systems before implementation to ensure adequacy of internal controls, to achieve objectives, and maintain security. Advises management and approves internal controls and security.
- e. Manages operational audit activities, including multidisciplinary auditing, and special studies.
- f. Promotes, directs, and coordinates the development of innovative and comprehensive approaches and techniques for performing operational audits and special studies and analyzing and evaluating the business and engineering functions. Determines whether current, relevant and suitable controls have been incorporated into operations
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- h. Evaluates and makes recommendations for addressing operational problems.

How to Apply

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

**The General Manager
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Road Town, Tortola
British Virgin Islands**

Disclaimer

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

CLOSING DATE: Wednesday July 26, 2023.

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Healthcare Is An Investment In The Virgin Islands

Minister for Health and Social Development Honourable Vincent O. Wheatley has said that health is an investment in the people and development of the Territory.

Honourable Wheatley in a statement at the Second Sitting of the First Session of the Fifth House of Assembly stated that it is important to not view health as a cost to society and the public purse, but more of an investment in the Virgin Islands' greatest and most important resource.

The Minister for Health was reporting to the House on the recently attended Ministerial Conference on Chronic Diseases and Mental Health organised by the Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO) and World Health Organization (WHO) Small Island Developing States in Barbados from June 11 to the 16.

Minister Wheatley said, "The WHO's Universal Health Care Strategy, underscores the importance of ensuring equitable access to health care. It is imperative for us to ensure that appropriate, needed, health care is accessible without bias."

The Minister added, "Without healthy people we do not have productive people. Without productive people we do not have a productive economy. Without these we cannot develop as a Territory. Interestingly enough, healthy people are also a sign of a thriving economy and well developed Territory. The two-go hand in hand."

Honourable Wheatley said the conference highlighted the need to involve all sectors of Government, civil society, and both service users and persons with lived experiences in the process of making policy and developing and evaluating programmes.

"Government cannot act alone and where commercial activity is having negative impacts on health the sector must be engaged as vigorously as when we engage them on positive matters," the Minister for Health said. He added, "The actions that negatively affect health and those required to positively impact health are not only in the Health Sector but also in every sector of Government and society. Hence a whole of society approach is needed."

Honourable Wheatley admitted that as the new Minister for Health, the exposure to best practices and networking with colleagues from SIDS around the world was invaluable. During his time in Barbados, he also visited the Winston Scott Polyclinic in Bridgetown and observed primary health care in action.

The Minister also met with the director of the Chronic Disease Research Center and took time to visit St. Michael's College, the premier secondary school in Bridgetown and discussed with the principal on how programmes such as Health and Family Life Education were incorporated across the curriculum and other health promoting interventions.

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

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS FILM COMMISSION HOSTS 2ND MEDIA “FAMILIARISATION” BREAKFAST

Tortola, British Virgin Islands, 30th June 2023 - The British Virgin Islands Film Commission, hosted a media familiarisation breakfast bringing together industry professionals for the purpose of networking. Also known as a “fam” event within the tourism industry, the event attracted 25 local media professionals.

The networking event comprised of videography, photography, animation, sound, writing and directing professionals. The day’s event consisted of engaging conversations aimed at understanding the Film Commission and its role and discussions on how media professionals and the Film Commission office can collaborate in efforts to grow the industry in the BVI, as well as the current challenges being faced. Accomplished London Academy of Music and Dramatic

Art (LAMBDA) actor and producer Sheldon Frett also made a presentation that challenged the film community to consider the state of the filming industry in the Virgin Islands. He encouraged them to “bet on yourself” and “invest in your talent”. “The “Fam” Breakfast is essentially a networking informal event that is curated for local media professionals, specifically those in the film and photography industry

to be able to meet and network with other like-minded professionals,” commented Natalie Hodge, Film Commissioner. “Our objective is to ensure that our local media professionals get to know their “Film Commission Office,” the role of the Film Commission and to identify and discuss ways how we can best support their endeavours as they navigate careers in this industry as well as to ensure the Film Commission’s presence.” Hodge continued, “We are pleased with the turnout and thankful to those persons who took the time to attend this year’s informative and interactive session. Last year, we discussed establishing initiatives to not only collaborate with local media professionals but to also support the development of their skills. The October 30th anniversary video competition, last year saw talent from across the territory and this is one such initiative we aim to grow.

The BVI Film Commissioner went on to encourage all filmmakers to participate in this year’s video competition titled the Say Less Film Fest. The Say Less Film Fest is aimed at displaying and developing local talent and will subsequently result in marketing and promoting BVI through shared talents and skills as a premier film

location. The BVI Film Commission celebrated it’s 30th year anniversary in 2022 and continue to

work to create an uptick in the number of film productions coming to BVI while strengthening and

encouraging local media professionals in developing their craft.



BITTER END YACHT CLUB

The Bitter End Yacht Club 2.0 has the following positions available. Interested candidates kindly email resume to kcharles@beyc.com or call 346-9763 for appointment.

Chef de Partie

Main Duties and Responsibilities:

- Report to Head Chef/Executive Sous Chef before starting shift in clean uniform and clean personal hygiene following company grooming standards for men and women.
- Report to Head Chef/Executive Sous Chef before starting shift to check for bookings for the meal period, dietaries and allergy for booked guests.
- Have a complete understanding of and adhere to the company’s policy relating to fire, hygiene and safety.
- During service, ensure to understand and take notice of turnaround time of orders.
- Ensure that all sanitation procedures are adhered to.
- At end of shift, ensure that workstation is left in a clean sanitary manner and mise-en-place list handover is completed for next shift.
- Ensure that training on a one-to-one basis has been carried out and comprehended.
- Responsible for completing the daily checklist regarding mise-en-place and food storage
- Advise Head Chef/Executive Sous Chef of any unordinary circumstances that may occur on shift eg. staff no show, spoilage, guest complaints etc.
- Responsible for supervising junior chefs or commis.
- Able to estimate the daily production needs and check the quality of raw and cooked food products to ensure that standards are met.

Qualifications

- Food Handlers Certificate
- College diploma in hospitality or at least 3 years in a quality professional kitchen

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PETER ISLAND RESORT & SPA

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

Peter Island resort is hiring for the position of Marina Manager

Duties/Responsibilities:

- Provide leadership, vision, and direction to the Marina 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.
 - Oversee and coordinate all operational activities including but not limited to scheduling, staffing and resource allocation to ensure efficient and effective day-to-day operation.
 - Fully responsible for the management of all mooring balls throughout the island. Ensuring they are kept in place, well maintained, keep an accurate account of how many there are. This will entail personal visits to the bays where vessels are moored.
 - Ensure each boater is aware of the cost of the balls and make sure every moored vessel is charged approximately, also ensure all revenues collected are handed over to accounting.
 - Manage dock operations, including movements of vessels, coordination of docking, undocking procedures, and regulations of docking spaces.
 - Issue & update marine procedures and implement them throughout the fleet.
 - Co-ordinate with and supervise the boat movement operations (including towage preparation or loadout & offloading) of the fleet.
 - Ensure compliance with safety regulations and best practices, conduct regular inspections of areas, and implement corrective measures as needed.
 - Train and supervise dock staff, provide guidance, feedback, and support to ensure high performance and adherence to protocols.
 - Collaborate with other departments, such as engineering, customer service and administration, to streamline processes and optimize operational efficiency.
 - Liaise with Marine Warranty Surveyors for certificates of approval (location approvals, approval of transportation, approval of specific operations).
 - Update the Marine Operation Manuals of the fleet, as needed.
 - Recommend competency & licensing profile for marine personnel to HR.
 - Attend and supervise Marine Audits, regulatory inspections/surveys on an as-needed basis.
 - Coordinate with appropriate parties on the clearance of all deficiencies and outstanding class and statutory requirements issued.
 - Interface with Project Team regarding all marine related issues.
 - Conduct meetings for the purpose of discussing on-going marine projects or other departmental issues within the company so goals and objectives are maintained and develop strategies to improve performance and reduce costs of marine operations.
 - Prepare the marine budget annually and present it to the General Manager.
 - Execute technical duties in a competent and professional manner.
 - Plan future tasks and solve critical problems related to marine issues.
 - Advise on any major decisions regarding marine operations, which may affect the resort.
 - Develops departmental standards, procedures, and systems.
 - Participate in work groups, task force, committees, and project teams as needed.
 - Maintain a strong focus on the latest trends and best practices with the resort and the oil and gas industry.
 - Manage special projects as assigned by management.
 - Reviews department performance against performance measures; establishes initiatives to achieve goals and objectives.
 - Oversees and monitors the effectiveness and quality of all programs in achieving resort goals and standards; provides summaries of system effectiveness.
 - Keeps management advised of best practice for systems and standards.
 - Manages the activities, priorities, work assignments, and performance of any work teams that may be established.
 - Keeps current on industry standards, practices, and methodologies, as well as regulatory marine requirements.
 - Perform any other duties as assigned by management. Assisting all other employees in their duties when required.
- Specific Technical / General:
- 10 years of experience in a similar position.
 - Sound marine and nautical knowledge.
 - Self-motivated and ability to work independently.
 - Proficient in Microsoft Office products.
 - Effective management and leadership skills.
 - Experience in contract negotiations and business terms.
 - Excellent analytical and quantitative skills.
 - Excellent problem solving and negotiating skills.
 - Strong written and verbal communication skills; Bi-lingual preferred.
 - Ability to understand & react with diverse groups & operations.
 - Ability to recognize & resolve conflict.
 - Proficient in leading and developing managerial reports.
 - Commitment to customer service.
 - Ability to work in a team-oriented environment.
 - Self-motivated and enthusiastic, with ability to adjust readily to change.
 - 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.
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Revised Schedule For July Business Round Table Meetings

Deputy Premier and Minister for Financial Services, Labour and Trade, Honourable Lorna Smith, OBE will be hosting the remaining Business Round Table meetings from Wednesday, July 12 to 19.

The schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, 12 July 2023 District 9 Olde Yard Inn – Valley, Virgin Gorda

Saturday, 15 July 2023 District 2 Methodist Church - Jost Van Dyke

Tuesday, 18 July 2023 District 3 Valerie O. Thomas Community Centre, Sea Cows Bay

Wednesday, 19 July 2023 District 1 West End Community Centre

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

The - Labour Commissioner, Chief Immigration Officer and Senior Trade Officer will be in attendance to answer any related questions.

For further information, please contact the Ministry for Financial Services, Labour and Trade at **468-2096**.



Ministry Of Education Launches ‘Let’s Teach VI’ Initiative

Minister for Education, Honourable Sharie B. de Castro has announced the launch of the Let’s Teach VI initiative, designed to support and train new, unskilled and inexperienced hires in the field of education.

Honourable de Castro said the initiative offers two pathways in teaching, namely a Teacher Trainee or a Teacher Recruit.

The Education Minister said, ‘The Let’s Teach VI’ initiative is a crucial step in building a pool of educators locally, as we continue to reimagine education in the Virgin Islands. We are dedicated to attracting talented individuals who are passionate about teaching and making a positive impact on the lives of our students.”

The initiative comprises two distinct categories namely the Teacher Trainees and Teacher Recruits.

The Teacher Trainee Programme targets recent high school graduates by offering a direct pathway into the teaching profession through on-the-job training, mentorship and academic enrichment. These persons will be assigned to a classroom to work alongside

a senior teacher.

The Teacher Recruit Programme is intended to attract college graduates from every academic major, occupation, and background into the teaching profession. These persons will be required to teach in schools for a minimum of two years.

Both Teacher Trainees and Teacher Recruits will be enrolled at the H. Lavity Stoutt Community College’s Institute of Education to become a qualified teacher.

Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Education, Dr. Marcia Potter said interested persons must complete the application form at <https://shorturl.at/fuyK0> to be considered for the programme.

Dr. Potter said, “The Ministry of Education will review applications and inform individuals if they have progressed to the interview stage. Upon completion of the process, applicants will receive an update on the status of their application.”

Persons requiring additional information may email letsTEACHVI@vischools.edu.vg or call 468-2757.

The Ministry of Education, Youth Affairs and Sports remains committed to providing high-quality educational services and promoting access to sports and recreation to enrich the lives of the residents of the Virgin Islands.



Sushi Chef

Main Duties and Responsibilities:

- Prepare all types of sushi, including maki, nigiri and sashimi.
- Monitor food stock and place orders, as needed.
- Recommend new, modern recipes.
- Report to Head Chef/Executive Sous Chef before starting shift in clean uniform and clean personal hygiene following company grooming standards for men and women.
- Report to Head Chef/Executive Sous Chef before starting shift to check for bookings for the meal period, dietaries and allergy for booked guests.
- Have a complete understanding of and adhere to the company’s policy relating to fire, hygiene and safety.
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GLOBAL NEWS BRIEF

STORIES SELECTED BY GIORGIO MIGLIAVACCA

HONOLULU (AP) — The town of Hauula packs hundreds of homes into a narrow strip of land sandwiched between verdant, towering cliffs of the Koolau mountain range and the Pacific. But the stunning views obscure an environmental problem beneath the ground.

This rural part of the island of Oahu is not connected to city sewers — and waste from toilets, sinks and showers is mostly collected in hundreds of pits called cesspools.

With climate change, rising seas are eroding Hawaii's coast near homes with cesspools. Sea rise also is pushing the island's groundwater closer to the surface, allowing the cesspool effluent to mix with the water table and flow into the ocean. And scientists say cesspool pollution may even percolate into streets and parks in low-lying former wetlands in the future.

USA - After major blows to his agenda by the Supreme Court, President Joe Biden is intent on making sure voters will have the final say.

When the court's conservative majority effectively killed his plan to cancel or reduce federal student loan debts for millions of people, Biden said, "Republicans snatched away the hope that they were given." When the justices ended race-based affirmative action in college admissions,

he said, "This is not a normal court." When they overturned Roe v. Wade and a national right to abortion last year, the president said, "Voters need to make their voices heard."

As Biden heads into the 2024 election, he is running not only against the Republicans who control one-half of Congress but also against the conservative bloc that dominates the nation's highest court. It's a subtle but significant shift in approach toward the Supreme Court, treating it more like a political entity even as Biden stops short of calling for an overhaul. [El Pais]

TANZANIA - In the village of Subutuni, in northern Tanzania, perforated concrete spheres emerge from the seaweed when the tide goes out in the late afternoon. Since 2008, the local fishing community and the Mwambao Coastal Community Initiative have been working on the construction and distribution of these artificial reefs, made by hand from limestone and concrete, and submerged in a designated no-fishing area. "The material we use is composed of a neutral pH," says Steve Atwell, who works with Mwambao and is in charge of submerging the artificial reefs. "We want to create a base for the reef to grow back naturally."

Ukasha Mlambo Kunema is

involved in making the concrete spheres. The man runs his hand around the inside of the holes, while giving a couple of taps to the concrete to demonstrate its resilience. The hope is that, once submerged, the holes will not be hollow, but covered with coral plants, contributing to the marine health of the area. "We have submerged a total of 65 artificial reefs and are now putting the finishing touches to the next 30," he says. [El Pais]

BRUSSELS - In remarks delivered on Monday morning, Erdoğan made a direct link between Sweden's bid to join the NATO military alliance, which his country continues to block, and Turkey's long-standing candidacy to become a member of the European Union, which has been on an effective standstill since 2018.

"Turkey has been waiting at the door of the European Union for over 50 years now, and almost all of the NATO member countries are now members of the European Union. I am making this call to these countries that have kept Turkey waiting at the gates of the European Union for more than 50 years," Erdoğan said, according to the Associated Press.

"Come and open the way for Turkey's membership in the European Union. When you pave the way for Turkey, we'll pave the way for Sweden as we did for Finland."

The quid pro quo made instantaneous headlines as it was put forward on the eve of a two-day summit of NATO leaders

in Vilnius, Lithuania, where the topic of Sweden's application will be top-priority on the agenda.

"I support Türkiye's ambitions to become a member of the European Union," NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg told reporters in Vilnius, without going into a detailed assessment of Erdoğan's comments.

The European Commission was however quick to dispel the notion that EU accession and NATO membership were somehow intertwined, insisting the two processes were "separate" and happening "in parallel." [EuroNews]

TRINIDAD - Students in Trinidad will be permitted to wear their hair in locs, twists, plaits, afros, and cornrows in compliance with new school rules beginning in September 2023.

The changes will also allow girls to wear hair extensions, including weaves and braids in the new academic year.

The relaxation of school hairstyle standards followed stakeholder conversations on the issue, which arose when a group of students graduating from Trinity College Moka was denied the opportunity to cross the stage with their fellow graduates owing, in part, to their hairstyles.

On Thursday, the Tobago House of Assembly (THA) and Denominational School Boards participated in discussions organized by the Ministry of Education.

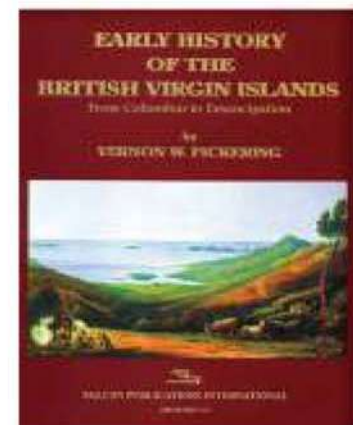
Other education stakeholders included the National Principals' Associations, the National Parent Teachers Association (NPTA), and Trinidad and Tobago Unified Teachers Association (TTUTA).

The Ministry indicated that as a result of this interaction and research that was conducted, it was concluded that the National School Code of Conduct should be updated to include a National Hair Code for Trinidad and Tobago. [CNW]

JAMAICA - Popular Jamaican-American actress Sheryl Lee Ralph (pictured here) will be among the entertainers to receive the stars on the Hollywood Hall of Fame.

The Abbott Elementary actress was overjoyed on Monday after receiving the news made by Ellen K, chair of the Walk of Fame Selection Panel.

The honorees were chosen from hundreds of nominations at a meeting conducted on June 16, 2023, and validated



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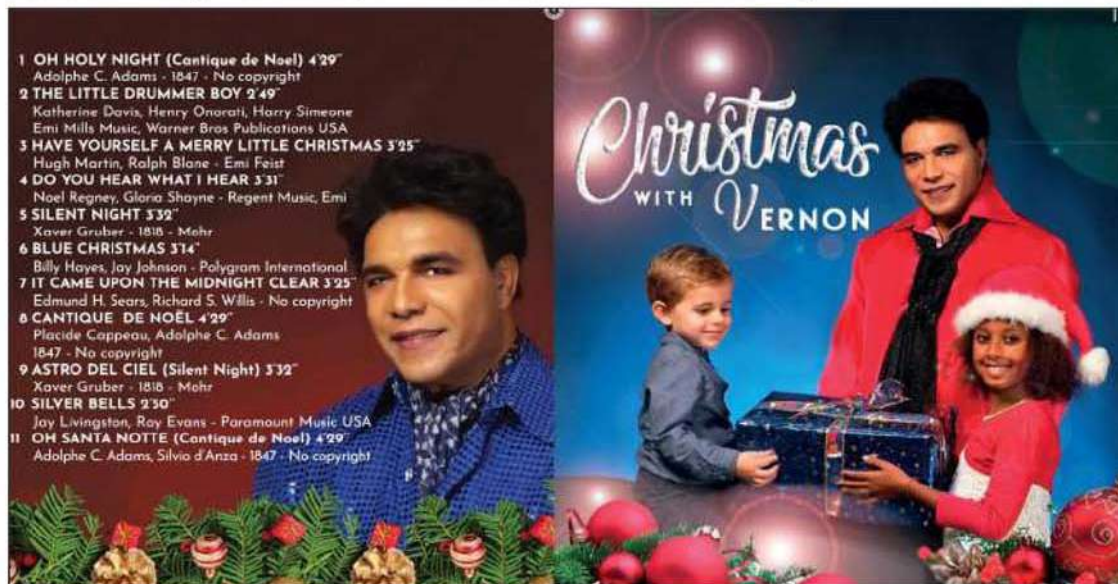


by the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce's board of directors on June 21, 2023, according to the selection panel's announcement.

"The committee did an amazing job choosing these very talented people. We can't wait to see each honoree's reaction as they realize that they are becoming a part of Hollywood's history with the unveiling of their star on the world's most famous walkway," Ellen K said.

The proud Jamaican actress is included in the television category of honorees who are now known as the Hollywood Walk of Fame Class of 2024.

Her compatriots in that category are Ken Jeong, Eugene Levy, Mario Lopez, Jim Nantz, Michael Schur, Kerry Washington, and Ra'el De Molina and Lili Estefan, co-hosts of the television show *El Gordo y La Flaca*. [CNW]



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The Sunny Side Up



Through the Lens of The Sunny Side



Little Litehous Child Development Center celebrated its Third Place title in the 'Decorate a Gate/Fence' competition that was held by the Social Development Department, on July 9.

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Divas On A Dime

Little Litehous Child Development Center celebrated its Third Place title

On July 9 the Little Litehous Child Development Center celebrated its Third Place title in the 'Decorate a Gate/Fence' competition that was held by the Social Development Department. Following the announcement of its impressive place earning, the Little Litehous Child Development Center team expressed gratitude. They stated, "We would

like to thank the judges for selecting Little Litehous as the Third Place Winner in the 'Decorate a Gate/Fence' competition...A huge thanks to The Social Development Department that honoured us with a special prize. Thank you!!" "Our own version of 'Buddy the Bear' still stands as a reminder that we all have a role in preventing Child Abuse, year-round," a

representative of the school stated. The 'Decorate a Gate/Fence' competition was part of the Social Development Department's observance of Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month in the Territory; which took place in April.

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Ladyburd Talks...

Dear Readers: Tips for Staying Hydrated During the Summer Heat (1 of 2)

Water. It's one of the most important elements for all living things. Up to 60 percent of the human adult body is made of water. It's essential for biochemical reactions, supplying nutrients throughout the body and removing waste, and maintaining blood circulation and body temperature. It aids in digestion, prevents constipation, cushions joints, stabilizes the heartbeat, and protects vital organs and tissues.

Without it, or without enough of it, we can become dehydrated. Dehydration might show itself in the form of muscle cramps, fatigue, thirst, and other unpleasant symptoms. Our thinking and cognition can suffer. We might lose appetite, experience mild constipation and lightheadedness, or kidney stones.

Getting enough water every day is important to keeping your body functioning correctly. Your body needs more water when you're in warmer climates, physically active, running a fever, and having diarrhea or vomiting. It's easy to go about your day without thinking about how much water you've had to drink or forget to take those sips until you start to feel bad. But, especially in the summer heat, water is vital to helping your body stay healthy and hydrated.

How Much Water Do You Need?

According to doctors, there's no one-size-fits-all formula for daily water intake. The amount of water you should drink daily depends on your body, your health conditions, your medications, and other factors. Certain conditions like thyroid disease or kidney, liver, or heart problems make it possible for some people to have too much water, while some antidepressants and non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) make people retain water.

There is no standard for how much plain water adults and children should drink daily, though there are general recommendations for both women and men. Here's one rule of thumb: women should drink approximately 2.7 liters of water each day while men should average 3.7 liters of total water. You can also divide your body weight in pounds by two and drink that number of ounces each day. Regardless, drinking water should be a part of your daily routine, not something you have to go out of your way to do.

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Dear Ladyburd: I hope this letter finds you well. I wanted to get your take on this: My boyfriend and I are in a relationship for a few years now and he has been pressuring me to have a child. Ladyburd I want to have a child, but I am not ready, I want to focus on other things, before I decide to have a child, and we are just not seeing eye to eye on this matter, and it is very frustrating...I would like your suggestion on this matter....**Mae**

Ladyburd: Dear Mae: Men do not have to go through the process of carrying a child for nine months, so they can say anything that come out of their mouths, you are the one who knows, when you are ready to bring a child into this world, speak with him, and find out if he is financially, morally, emotionally and mentally stable to sustain a child, because you do not want to give in and then he is nowhere to be found when you need help to take care of the child. So, if you decide to have a child, make sure certain things are in place., before you bring that bundle of Joy into this world.



Light Bulb Moments

"The pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity.

The optimist sees opportunity in every difficulty." —

Winston Churchill

"Take the attitude of a student, never be too big to ask questions, never know too much to learn something new." —

Augustine Og Mandino

Poetry Corner

Moonlight, Summer Moonlight

'Tis moonlight, summer moonlight,
All soft and still and fair;
The solemn hour of midnight
Breathes sweet thoughts everywhere,

But most where trees are sending
Their breezy boughs on high,
Or stooping low are lending
A shelter from the sky.

And there in those wild bowers

A lovely form is laid;
Green grass and dew-steeped flowers
Wave gently round her head. '

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Tickle My Funny Bones



BREAKING THE ICE

How do you pick up a girl at a bar?

Just smash some ice cubes in front of her
and say,

"Now that the ice between us is broken,
what would you like to drink?"

Late

A guy comes to work too late.

The boss is angry and asks where he's
been.

The guy replies, "I'm sorry, boss,
I fell out of the window."

The boss retorts,

"OK but come on,
you weren't falling for an hour!"

No one By The Name of Christian

Going over our church finances I found
a receipt from a local paint store signed
by someone named Christian.

I wasn't aware of anyone buying paint,
so I called the store to point out
its mistake.

"I'm sorry," I told the manager,

"but there are no Christians here...
at First Baptist Church."

PUN INTENDED

**"When my dog starts
itching, it really ticks me off.."**

Little Litehous Child Development Center celebrated its Third Place title





DIVAS
ON A DIME
By Patti Diamond

**Cooking Like a Pro,
Mastering Spaghetti
Squash**

Whether you wish to lose weight, improve digestive health, eat more veggies, lower your carbohydrates, go paleo or gluten free, or just love delicious food, you'll want to say hello to my little friend -- spaghetti squash.

This squash is cooked into long tender strands like, well ... spaghetti. I'm not going to tell you it tastes exactly like pasta, because it doesn't. But it's delicious! The taste is sweet and mild, so this guilt free spaghetti alternative is a perfect substitute in your favorite pasta dishes.

The health benefits are significant with this nutrient-dense squash. You'll get vitamins, antioxidants, fatty acids, minerals and fiber. One cup of cooked spaghetti squash has 31 calories and 5.5 grams of net carbs, compared to

221 calories and 43 grams of carbs in one cup of cooked pasta. And can we be honest? Does anyone eat just one cup of pasta?

Spaghetti squash is easy, inexpensive and versatile. Stock up when it's on sale, because it keeps for a month stored in a cool dry place and up to three months in the fridge.

This big yellow squash can look intimidating, but I promise it's easy to prepare. Like all hard-shell squash, the rind is hard to cut. To make this easier, pierce the squash with a knife and cook in the microwave for 3-4 minutes to soften before cutting.

The easiest preparation is to roast the squash in halves. Use a sharp knife to cut lengthwise and scoop out the seeds. Place it cut side down in a roasting pan. You can add a little water and cover with foil if you like, but it's not necessary. Bake at 400 degrees for 40 to 55 minutes depending on size. It's done when it's easily pierced with a knife.

You can also microwave spaghetti squash. Slice lengthwise and remove the seeds. Place squash cut sides down in a 9x13 glass baking dish. Add an inch of water and cover tightly with plastic wrap. Microwave the squash on high for 15 minutes; check to see if the squash is thoroughly cooked. If not, microwave for 5 more minutes. Carefully remove the squash from the microwave and let stand until cool.

After the squash is cooked, scrape the squash with a fork to remove the spaghetti-like strands. As an entree, try it with marinara, pesto or Alfredo sauce.

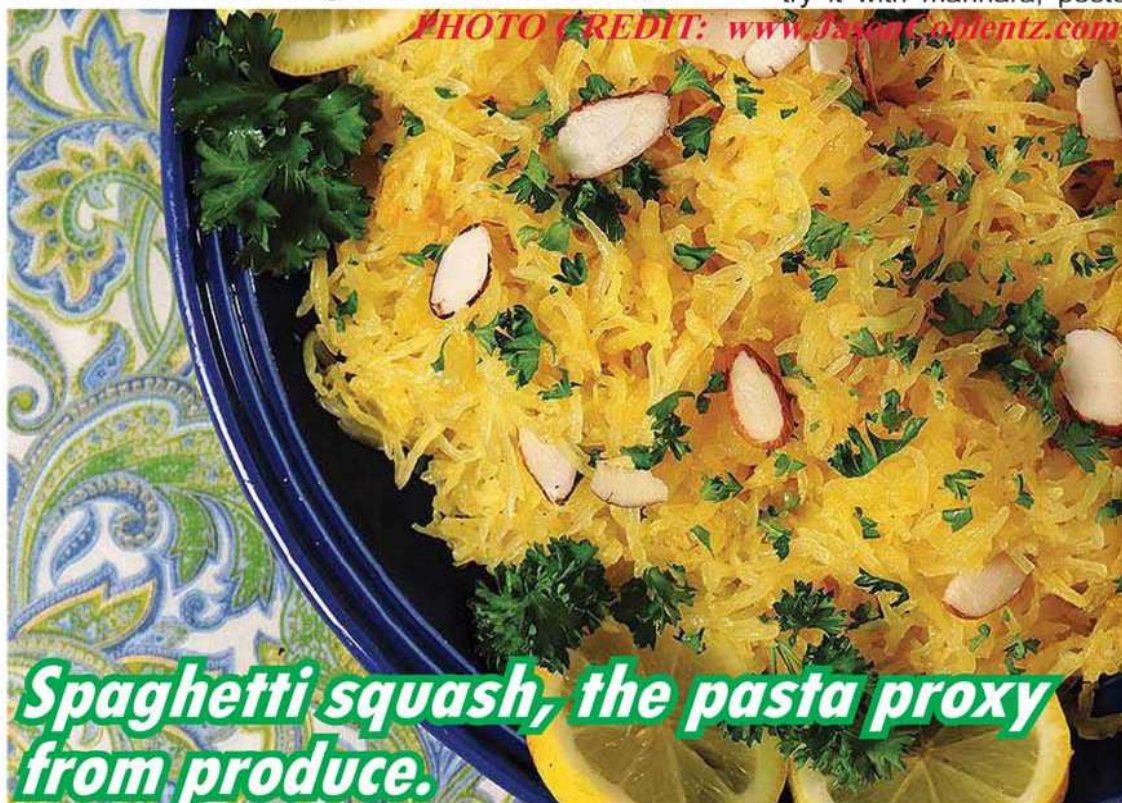


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**Spaghetti squash, the pasta proxy
from produce.**

The Sunny Side Up

- 1 garlic clove, finely minced
- 1 lemon, juice and zest
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley or basil
- 2 tablespoons sliced almonds, optional

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Line a baking sheet with parchment or foil.

Slice the spaghetti squash in half lengthwise, scrape out the seeds. Brush all sides lightly with olive oil and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Place it cut side down on the prepared baking sheet. Roast for 45 to 55 minutes, or until easily pierced with a knife.

About 5 minutes before the squash is finished roasting, heat a small saucepan over medium-low heat and melt the butter. Stir in the garlic and cook for 1 minute. Stir in the lemon juice, zest and a sprinkle of salt and pepper. Bring mixture to a simmer, then remove from heat.

Scrape the squash strands into a serving bowl or platter. Toss, gently, with the lemon butter mixture. Top with parsley and almonds. Enjoy!

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This fresh, versatile recipe is a favorite as a light lunch or smartly paired with chicken, fish or shrimp.

Yield: 4 servings

Time: 60 minutes

**LEMON
BUTTER
SPAGHETTI
SQUASH**

- 1 (2 pound) spaghetti squash
- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- Pinch of salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 2 tablespoons butter

POLICE NEWS

SIX ARRESTED, TWO VESSELS DETAINED IN COCAINE SEIZURE NEAR ANGUILLA

Saturday, July 8 – As result of a joint international anti-narcotic smuggling operation involving U.S. law enforcement authorities, international partners, the UK National Crime Agency and the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force, the RVIPF Marine Branch yesterday, in cooperation with the Royal Anguilla Police

Force and HM Anguilla Customs Department intercepted two vessels within - Anguillan territorial waters and took them to Anguilla.

Six persons were arrested and two vessels containing a total of 60 bales of what is suspected to be cocaine estimated to be over 1.5 metric tonnes, was seized. The RAPF and Anguilla Customs have

taken over investigations into this matter.

This - s u c c e s s characterizes - the ongoing international collaboration of law enforcement-entities throughout the Caribbean which continues to disrupt and dismantle organised criminality that can negatively impact the lives of everyone.

TWO CHARGED IN PIER PARK ROBBERY

Sunday, July 9 – The Royal Virgin Islands Police Force charged two men last night in relation to last Saturday's robbery of House of Luxury jewelry store at Cyril B. Romney Pier Park.

Charged for robbery and possession of a firearm with intent to commit an indictable offense are Shamul Mitchell, 35, of Sand Box Road and Jelani Marquis, 27, of Hannahs Estate. Both will appear before the Magistrate's Court at the next available sitting.

Last Tuesday, Acting Commissioner St. Clair Amory said that while no details could be disclosed, detectives with the Criminal Investigations Department were making steady progress in their investigations into the robbery.

"It is very difficult to resist

the temptation to respond and defend the Force when those in the community give commentary on its actions or inactions. However, compiling the necessary evidence to charge perpetrators of gun crimes takes time and requires a great deal more effort. In these types of investigations, unfortunately, the least said, the better for us," he said. He noted his gratitude to the officers for the long hours and dedicated teamwork and the assistance of members of community that brought about these arrests.

Last Saturday at around 2pm, officers were called to the scene of an armed robbery at Pier Park. Employees of the store reported that two armed masked individuals entered the store dressed in all white

and removed several pieces of jewelry from the showcases. Both fled the scene toward the parking lot with a quantity of the store's merchandise. The value of the stolen items is undetermined at this time.

One of the perpetrator's discharged a firearm while outside the compound, however no injuries were reported.

The RVIPF continues its appeal for witnesses to the robbery. Several persons were around the Pier Park at the time of the incident. Those who witnessed the robbery are asked to provide any information, no matter how insignificant it may seem, to the RVIPF Intelligence Unit at 368-9339. Alternatively, persons can give this information anonymously to Crimestoppers at 800-8477.

RVIPF RUNS SUCCESSFUL WEEKEND OPERATION

Monday, July 10 – An island-wide weekend roll and search operation which concluded about 4am Sunday morning successfully disrupted illegal activities in hotspots and resulted in the arrests of five persons and the seizure of a quantity of cannabis.

The operation carried out by the Armed Response Team and the Road Policing Unit resulted in searches of just over 30 persons. Eight scooters were seized, and five arrests were made for various offences.

The RVIPF has a number of such operations planned for the upcoming months.

Acting Chief Inspector of the Operations Division Dean Robin noted that persons came out within the various communities to show their support and appreciation to the officers during the operations.

He commended the team for the long, committed hours and their dedication to keeping the community safe.

STATEMENT FROM THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL ON THE RECENT ARRESTS

10 July 2023

The armed robbery at the Cyril B. Romney Tortola Pier Park on 1 July was a shocking incident which caused great concern for all present at the Pier Park that day and for the wider community.

The National Security Council (NSC) wish to assure everyone that safety and security of the Virgin Islands is of the highest priority and welcome the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force's (RVIPF) announcement that two persons have now been arrested and charged for the robbery. The NSC thanks Acting Commissioner St. Clair Amory and all those Police Officers who have engaged in investigating this matter. Regular Police patrols of the Pier Park will continue to help give assurance to those visiting and working in the area.

The NSC also congratulates the RVIPF Marine Unit for their successful operation on Friday, 7 July which led to the detention of two vessels in waters near to Anguilla, the arrest of six persons and the seizure of almost two tonnes of suspected cocaine. This was an example of successful collaboration between Overseas Territories, the UK and International Partners and testament to the commitment of the Marine Unit in helping to tackle the illicit trade in narcotics.

THE WEEK IN CORRUPTION

Real estate faux pas

By Transparency International

If you're familiar with Paris, you will know that the 6th arrondissement is one of the city's trendiest neighbourhoods. Oscar Wilde, Ernest Hemingway and Pablo Picasso have all once called it home, adding to the area's prestige today.

Among the district's current dwellers – at least on a part-time basis – is Brazilian businessman Márcio Lobão.

According to the investigations released by the Organized Crime and Corruption Project (OCCRP) this week, he bought his Rue de Dragon apartment in 2008 for a reported 1.4 million euros. Brazilian prosecutors allege that 2008 is also when Lobão would have started to receive bribes and launder money in the case of controversial Belo Monte dam's construction.



Márcio Lobão is one of the many individuals who have been targeted by Brazil's long-running Car Wash investigations. He is currently on trial alongside his father, former senator and minister of energy, Edison Lobão. Márcio's lawyers told OCCRP that their client declared his Paris apartment, but journalists could not find any mention of it in the court documents.

When OCCRP tried to pay him a visit, Lobão wasn't there but neighbours confirmed they had seen him around not long ago. The apartment's doorbell read "Guignard" – in reference to SCI Guignard, the company through which he owns the apartment.

SCI stands for société civile immobilière, which is a type of company that is commonly used for owning properties in France. There are 1.4 million active SCIs in France, and around 1.3 million of them own real estate. And even though all French companies are required to disclose their ultimate owners, it's impossible to identify the real individuals behind approximately half of them. This is a real problem considering that SCIs are particularly at-risk of being abused for money laundering through real estate.

We know all this because over the past few months, together with the Anti-Corruption Data Collective and Transparency International France, we worked tirelessly

to cross-reference the publicly available French beneficial ownership records with real estate data. It took countless hours of data scraping, analysis and research to understand the extent that recent transparency measures are working in practice. We also reviewed cases where property-holding companies were compliant with the rules and, together with our chapters, supported investigative journalists in identifying people of interest like Lobão.

The analysis resulted in concerning conclusions. Overall, it's impossible to identify the beneficial owners of 61 per cent of all companies that hold real estate in France.

Don't get us wrong: The French government deserves credit for making and maintaining these datasets publicly available. Authorities have also been responsive to researchers' requests. However, our findings indicate that they have more work to do in order to prevent, detect and sanction wrongdoing.

Still, it would be naïve to think that government agencies will ever be able to uncover all suspicious activity. That's why it's crucial for such important data to be accessible to independent actors like us, so we can identify cases of possible corruption or financial crime.

A few years ago, the EU recognised the important role of journalists and civil society groups in the fight against money laundering. But our ability to act as watchdogs currently hangs in the balance.

Unlike France, after last year's adverse ruling by the EU's top court, some countries have shut down public access to registers that contain data on companies' real owners. Over the next few months, bloc-wide legislation will be finalised which determines how independent actors will be granted access to this information. The European Parliament has already put forward ambitious amendments that are fully aligned with our own proposals. Now the responsibility to ensure that not all previous progress is lost rests with the European Commission and the Council.

If we can't know who's behind companies, EU real estate markets might forever conceal the secrets of criminals and the corrupt from around the world.

MORE READERS: THE ISLAND SUN

celebrity extra

by Dana Jackson

Q. What happened to Geraldo Rivera on Fox News? I've read conflicting information about whether he was fired or quit. — C.D.

A. According to Geraldo Rivera himself, he was both let go and left of his own accord. He was fired from the weekday show "The Five," but then decided to quit the network altogether. He stayed until the end of June and was even given a cake and balloons. Rivera also watched a montage of his career highlights with the network and received farewell messages from colleagues like Jesse Watters and Sean Hannity. Notably missing was any message from his former co-host Greg Gutfeld, of whom Rivera was not fond.

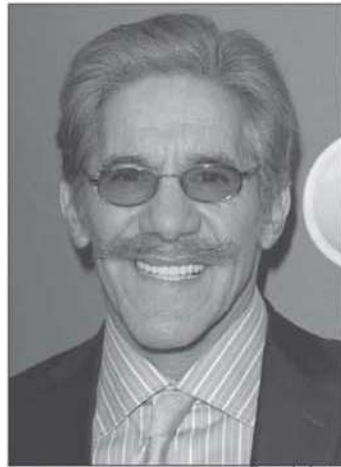
As for his firing, Rivera had been suspended briefly from "The Five" after he "profanely criticized some of fired prime-time host Tucker Carlson's theories." His return didn't last long, and that's when he departed the show. At first, he said he quit, but now says he was fired. Fox released a statement simply stating "we reached an amicable conclusion with Geraldo over the past few weeks."

Rivera, who turned 80 on July Fourth, isn't necessarily ready to retire. He recently told his fans that he has "restless energy when it concerns issues important to the American people."

Q. When is "Reacher" coming back to Amazon? I hope it hasn't been canceled. Wasn't it a pretty big hit? — L.K.

A. Not only was the first season of "Reacher" a success, apparently Amazon is leaning toward renewing it for a third season before the second one has even aired. According to TV Guide, expect season two to premiere in the latter months of 2023. They reportedly finished filming the episodes back in February, and the show promised to be bigger and better than ever.

If you're not familiar with the novels, there is a whole series of books based on the character of Jack Reacher. The character was originally adapted for the big screen with Tom Cruise in the titular role, but fans of the books never really took to Cruise, as the character was list-



Geraldo Rivera ("The Five")

ed as 6 feet, 5 inches tall in the books. As for the series, a perfect match seems to have been made in the form of actor Alan Ritchson.

Q. Is "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?" ever coming back in any form? I really enjoyed it when it was on during the weekdays, but I'd be happy if it came back in the summer during prime time again. — A.K.

A. As of now, everything is on hold due to the WGA Writers Strike, but even if that weren't an issue, "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?" has been canceled. Adapted from the British game show of the same name, "WWT-BAM" was a huge sensation when it debuted in the U.S. in 1999. Hosted by Regis Philbin, it became appointment TV when ABC aired it as a two-week daily special event.

It had a very successful run in syndication and later returned in the summer of 2020 for a special 20th anniversary run. It's since been put on indefinite hiatus, but I wouldn't be surprised if it returns for, perhaps, its silver anniversary?

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

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Hemorrhoid Surgery Doesn't Deserve Its Bad Reputation

DEAR DR. ROACH: My 30-year-old, and otherwise healthy, grandson has been suffering from, and treating, hemorrhoids for two years. He is anemic due to his loss of blood. He's had several bandings; they couldn't complete the last one because he was in too much pain. They said they couldn't anesthetize the area because his lack of feeling would prevent them from knowing if they were near a nerve. So, now they say he should have surgery, although it is said to be quite painful and difficult.

Do you agree that they can't anesthetize the area for banding, and is the surgery as horrible to deal with as they say? Under what conditions would you say it is advisable to have the surgery? — A.P.

ANSWER: Most people with a banding procedure do not need anesthesia, and nerve blocks are not used in hemorrhoidal banding because a feeling of pain is a useful indication that the band is not in the best position. When home treatments and office procedures (like banding, scleral therapy or infrared coagulation) are ineffective or can't be used, it is time to consider surgical treatment.

The surgery's reputation of being "horrific" is undeserved. I have had several patients in the last few years undergo this surgical procedure, and although they have certainly had a few days of pain after the procedure, all have been happy with the outcomes. Surgeons often use long-acting local anesthetics, and the pain is greatly

reduced when they are combined with better surgical procedures, compared to older surgical techniques and anesthesia.

DEAR DR. ROACH: My sister's dog ran through a swampy area while we were on a walk and ended up with a lot of ticks. We picked off about 10 that day.

The interesting part was that the dog had just gotten his flea and tick medication. So, aside from the first couple of ticks we picked off, the rest were dead, showing the effectiveness of the medicine!

Is there a reason that people, especially those who work or live in areas prone to ticks, cannot be treated in a similar way in order to ward off Lyme and other tick-borne diseases? (I am not suggesting using veterinary medicine on people; I'm just asking why there isn't a similar medical treatment for people when there's such an apparently effective preventative for dogs.) — J.D.

ANSWER: I'm, of course, not a veterinarian, but I did look up the toxicity for three of the most frequently prescribed oral flea and tick medicines for dogs. All of them have the potential for toxicity in humans, and none have been studied extensively. I hypothesize that the cost of conducting studies on humans is so great, and the expected demand for such a product is so low that drug companies have not thought it worth the costs to proceed.

In the meantime, there are topical treatments humans can spray on the skin to repel ticks, which — in combination with protective clothing and daily tick checks — is a moderately effective way of preventing tick-borne diseases such as Lyme disease, ehrlichiosis and babesiosis. There currently isn't an available vaccine for Lyme disease, but at least one is undergoing clinical trials at this moment.

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

• Because snow is composed of ice, it can be classified as a mineral.

• In 2018, the U.S. Navy equipped its submarines with Xbox360 controllers, as the control sticks for periscopes are not only expensive but challenging to master. But the change wasn't just designed to save cash: Since many periscope operators have used Xbox controllers, the skill was easily transferred.

• Movie trailers were originally shown after the movie, hence their name.

• A lion's roar can be as loud as 114 decibels, which is roughly 25 times louder than a gas-powered lawnmower, due to the shape of its vocal cords. The roar can also be heard up to 5 miles away.

• Because there is no true black color, all "black" pigments and dyes really only look black. They're made up of a combination of other pigments in specific combinations to reflect the least amount of light possible.

• Starfish digest food outside their bodies.

• Before designer Louis Vuitton's death, he and his son Georges developed a revolutionary new lock system to better protect their customers' luggage. Several years later, after patenting the system, Georges publicly challenged illusionist and escape artist Harry Houdini to break out of a Vuitton trunk. While Houdini declined, it served as a positive ad for the new feature.

• William Hung, famous for his rendition of "She Bangs" on "American Idol," is a 73rd-generation descendant of Confucius.

• The Vatican had music that was forbidden to be copied and was only played twice per year. It remained secret for nearly 150 years until a 14-year-old Mozart heard it and transcribed it from memory.

• Though most think it's Italian, pepperoni is an American invention.

Thought for the Day: "Almost everything will work again if you unplug it for a few minutes, including you." — Anne Lamott

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Businesses Encouraged To Participate In Survey

The Ministry of Finance is encouraging all relevant businesses and individuals to participate in the Business Conditions Survey. This survey is designed to assess changes in the business community, record market trends, and ultimately contribute to analysing the state of the economy.

According to Financial Secretary, Mr. Jeremiah Frett, “A Business Conditions Survey provides the Government with information that can be used to predict changes in business conditions and assess the current state of the economy. While there are informal methods for conducting this type of assessment, a formal observational instrument like a survey provides the Government with clarity on the health of the economy.”

He also added that, “A questionnaire combined with an analytical framework allows this survey to be administered frequently and information to be disseminated quickly to provide both the Government and businesses with timely information on the state of the economy and future trends.”

Evidence-based economic assessments are especially critical to Small Island Developing States (SIDS) like the Virgin Islands, due to their susceptibility to external shocks.

In addition to the overall utility of this data collection process, individual businesses will also benefit from the survey, since it is designed to capture the perceived changes in the economy over the past six months, and the expected path of the economy in the next six months. This means that businesses can be guided in implementation strategies for better performance, as well as administer mitigation plans as necessary.

Business persons can access the survey by clicking the link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8MM2YSX>. The approximate time to complete the survey is six (6) minutes and is intended to capture the following information on businesses:

- the sector in which they operate
- the breakdown of their employees by gender
- their perception of the economy
- their outlook for their business
- the changing dynamics of operating

The Business Conditions Index (BCI) is an indicator derived from the survey, which reports holistically how business conditions and expectations have changed.

Comparisons to previous BCIs allows for the tracking of development and documenting notable trends. The BCI is also used by the Government to inform the GDP annual forecasting exercise for the Territory.

The Ministry of Finance is committed to providing strategic, economic and fiscal leadership that promotes the sustainable economic development of the Virgin Islands.

Virgin Islands Public Schools Receives Six New Principals



The Virgin Islands Education System has recently welcomed six new public school principals.

Deputy Chief Education Officer (CEO) Mrs. Orlandette Crabbe said, “At the Ministry of Education, Youth Affairs and Sports we are pleased to announce the appointment of six new principals.”

Mrs. Crabbe said the Ministry’s aim is always to strengthen the leadership, and the appointment of these new principals is part of the Ministry’s ongoing efforts to improve the quality of education in the Virgin Islands.

The new principals are, Ms. NaTasha Marshall, Bregado Flax Educational

Centre Secondary; Ms. Ashkisha Maduro, Ebenezer Thomas Primary School; Ms. Janelle Rhymer, Leonora Delville Primary School; Ms. Magdalene Alister, Eslyn Henley Richiez Learning Centre; Ms. Akima Powell, Robinson O’Neal Memorial Primary School; and Mrs. Candice Bolondia-Fraites, as assistant principal at the Enis Adams Primary School.

The Deputy CEO added that the appointments are a testament to the Ministry’s dedication to reimagining education in the Territory.

She said, “The Ministry would like to congratulate the appointees and extends thanks to all those who applied for the positions.

Continue to pursue your passion in education, expand your experience, and apply innovative ideas, as this will undoubtedly raise the bar, foster greater transformation in the education sector and contribute to the success of Education in the Virgin Islands as we continue to move full S.T.E.A.M. ahead.”

The Ministry of Education, Youth Affairs and Sports remains committed to providing high quality education and rehabilitative services, as well as, to facilitate access to, and participation in sports and recreation, in an effort to enrich the lives of all residents of the Virgin Islands.

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Caribbean News / Regional News

ST. JOHN CARNIVAL IGNITES THE SPIRIT OF CELEBRATION WITH SPECTACULAR PERFORMANCES AND FESTIVE REVELRY



U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS (July 7, 2023) St. John Carnival, the pinnacle of holiday season festivities, drew crowds of enthusiastic revelers to the vibrant streets of Cruz Bay for an extravaganza of sensational concerts, delectable cuisine, and the highly anticipated carnival parade, and fireworks. The event showcased the rich cultural heritage of St. John, captivating audiences with a kaleidoscope of vibrant performances and immersive cultural experiences.

The festivities kicked off with the exhilarating Panorama, the renowned steel band competition that filled the air with infectious rhythms and melodies. Simultaneously, the food fair opened its gates, tantalizing taste buds with a mouthwatering array of local cuisine, drawing crowds of food enthusiasts.

On July 2nd, the island came alive with the spirited and energetic celebration of Jouvèrt, as revelers embraced the joyous atmosphere and danced to pulsating rhythms that echoed through the streets. The true essence of St. John's culture was on full display on July 3rd, as the island commemorated Emancipation Day with a captivating fusion of local cuisine, storytelling, traditional Quelbe

music performances, and dynamic quadrille and maypole dancing. This day served as a vibrant tribute to the island's history and heritage.

The grand culmination of St. John Carnival unfolded on July 4th, Independence Day, with a dazzling display of vibrant costumes and captivating performances. Leading this year's village lineup were Kes the Band, and Grammy-award-winning Jamaican singer-songwriter Koffee, whose mesmerizing talent and infectious energy took the stage by storm on July 3rd. Local talent shined bright as Adam O, Karnage and R. City brought the crowd live throughout the week. Additionally, performances from Afrobeats artist Flavour marked a first for the territory while Skinny Fabulous and Nailah Blackman provided the grand finale of the carnival village on July 4th adding to the electrifying atmosphere of celebration and joy.

Joseph Boschulte, Commissioner of the U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Tourism, expressed his delight, stating, "St. John Carnival is a shining example of our vibrant culture and the warm hospitality of our community. The performances and festivities captivate visitors from near and

far, providing an unparalleled experience of our rich heritage. We are proud to share the spirit of St. John with the world through this remarkable celebration."

St. John Carnival continues to be a highlight on the Caribbean calendar, attracting visitors from around the globe to revel in the spirit of celebration, cultural richness, and warm hospitality of the U.S. Virgin Islands. The unforgettable performances by the group of talented artists, combined with the lively atmosphere and immersive cultural experiences, have solidified St. John Carnival as a must-attend event for locals and visitors alike.

Ian Turnbull, Director of Festivals, added, "St. John Carnival embodies the essence of celebration and camaraderie. Our performers, organizers, and volunteers work tirelessly to create an unforgettable experience for all who attend. This year's carnival was a resounding success, bringing together people from diverse backgrounds to revel in the beauty and vibrancy of our island."

For more information about the U.S. Virgin Islands, visit <https://www.visitusvi.com/>. For additional images of St. John Celebration, click here.

CARICOM congratulates The Bahamas on its 50th Anniversary of Independence

"Honourable Prime Minister. On behalf of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), I extend heartfelt congratulations to the Government and People of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas on your 50th Anniversary of Independence, being celebrated under the theme, "One Nation. Our Legacy. Our Future."

This is truly a special year for The Bahamas and the Caribbean Community, as we celebrate twin Golden Jubilees and acknowledge the many achievements, challenges overcome, and milestones reached over the past 50 years.

Since Independence in 1973, The Bahamas has experienced remarkable economic and social growth, becoming a beacon of progress in the Caribbean Region. Prime Minister, the People of The Bahamas have consistently shown resilience in overcoming challenges such as the COVID-19 pandemic and the horrific destruction wrought by Hurricane Dorian, while maintaining a steady path towards economic growth.

Further, Honourable Prime Minister, your country's democratic, political and socio-economic achievements, and record of strong engagement on the international stage contribute to our collective efforts to achieve effective and equitable global solutions for Small Island Developing States.

Honourable Prime Minister, under your Chairmanship of the Community, the Region has benefited from The Bahamas' leadership and focused engagement on the Community's most pressing priorities, in particular, the crisis in Haiti.

I am pleased, on behalf of the Community, to extend best wishes for the continued development, prosperity, and well-being of the Bahamian people on this Fiftieth Anniversary of Independence."

MINISTER BARTLETT AND JOE BOGDANOVICH DISCUSS STRATEGIC VISION FOR REGGAE SUMFEST

KINGSTON, Jamaica; July 7, 2023: Minister of Tourism, Hon. Edmund Bartlett (right) leads discussion with Reggae Sumfest organizer and CEO of Downsound Entertainment, Joe Bogdanovich (left) about this year's staging and the future of the festival. Bogdanovich shared that he and his team are considering taking the Reggae Sumfest brand into overseas markets, creating an additional pull factor for visitors to Jamaica. In keeping with this, Minister Bartlett emphasized that as Sumfest's strategic vision becomes clearer, the Ministry would be better positioned to plan and provide support towards the festival's success.

Reggae Sumfest is the island's summer reggae festival held over a week with its main nights from Thursday to Saturday. The 2023 staging dubbed The Return, is scheduled for July 16 - 22 in Montego Bay, Jamaica.

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NATO Leaders Meet With Zelenskyy at Vilnius Summit



Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and U.S. President Joe Biden shake hands as British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg attend a meeting of the NATO-Ukraine council, in Vilnius, Lithuania, July 12, 2023.

VILNIUS, LITHUANIA — NATO leaders met Wednesday with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in Lithuania's capital as they close a summit that has included emphasis on supporting Ukraine in its fight against Russia's invasion and discussion of Ukraine's future within the alliance.

Zelenskyy said at a joint news conference with NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg that he understands some allies do not want to consider Ukraine joining the alliance at this time due to fears of a world war, and that it is clear Ukraine cannot join while the conflict with Russia is ongoing.

NATO leaders said in a written declaration Tuesday that the bloc "will be in a position to extend an invitation to Ukraine to join the alliance when allies agree and conditions are met," reiterating their position supporting

Ukraine's membership but stopping short of any specific commitments or timeline that Zelenskyy has sought.

Zelenskyy said Wednesday he understands the statement to mean the conditions will be met when Ukraine's territory is secure.

Stoltenberg highlighted a three-part package of more closely integrating Ukraine with NATO, including work on interoperability between Ukrainian and NATO forces, a new NATO-Ukraine council that held its first meeting Wednesday and removing a requirement for Ukraine to complete a membership action plan on its path to becoming a member. "Today we meet as equals," Stoltenberg said. "I look forward to the day we meet as allies."

Russia has issued several statements during the summit stating that security assistance for Ukraine and

NATO expansion represent a threat to Russia.

Asked about potentially inflaming the situation, Stoltenberg said there is already a "full-fledged war going on in Europe" and there is no risk-free option. He said the "biggest risk is if President [Vladimir] Putin wins."



This general view shows a working session on Ukraine during the NATO summit, in Vilnius on July 12, 2023.

Stoltenberg repeated NATO's position that it is only for Ukraine and NATO allies to decide if Ukraine will join the alliance and that "Moscow doesn't have a veto."

Britain said members of the Group of Seven, or G7, leading industrialized nations planned to announce a new framework for allies providing long-term security support for Ukraine.

Zelenskyy welcomed the move, saying that while the best security guarantee for Ukraine would be NATO membership, the G7 action would be a concrete step in support of Ukraine's security. He added that Ukraine has already spoken to nations outside of the G7 that are interested in joining as well. Stoltenberg said that while guarantees, documents and meetings are important, the most urgent task for

allies is to provide Ukraine with enough weapons.

Zelenskyy was also set to hold separate talks with U.S. President Joe Biden on Wednesday.

The U.S. leader is scheduled to deliver an address "highlighting how the United States, alongside our allies and partners, are supporting Ukraine, defending democratic values, and taking action to address global challenges," the White House said.

Following the two-day summit, Biden heads to Helsinki on Thursday to meet with leaders of Finland, Sweden, Norway, Iceland and Denmark. Once Sweden has joined NATO, all five Nordic countries will be members of the military alliance.

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

SPORTS

Controversy prematurely Kings and Queen's Softball Tourney early Monday morning

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

SOFTBALL

A matchup fans wanted to see that began at 11:35 p.m. on Sunday night between visiting St. Croix Feds Women's softball team and defending champions British Virgin Islands All Stars, came to a premature end in the top of the sixth inning around 1:46 a.m. on Monday morning.

There was still one game left to play between St. Croix Los Llacos and their BVI counterparts, after they beat Tortola's Los Domis, 7-1 and the All Stars overpowered St. Thomas' Griffith Park Massive, 11-5, in the Kings and Queen's Tournament at the E. Walwyn Brewley Softball Park. That men's game was never played.

The Feds, who beat St. Thomas' Griffith Park Massive 9-1 and advanced to meet the BVI All Stars, 12-5 winners over the Sparks, jumped to

a 2-0 first inning lead. In the third, Ladiqua Phillip hit a leadoff single, Rashida Rawlins walked and Dylisha Peter loaded the bases. All Stars pitcher Tia Cooke was relieved by Jelissa Potter and the Feds Elisha Ramirez lined a 1-1 pitch to right center for a three-run double and a 5-0 lead.

Marisa Malone had a leadoff homer in the bottom of the fourth, cutting the deficit to 5-1. The BVI came back with four runs to tie the game 5-5 in the bottom of the fifth, when Catcher Claury Scatliffe lined a shot to left that went under the glove of Feds charging left fielder, Dylisha Peter.

Feds Coach Khalid Gerard then made a series of position changes in the fifth. He moved Nia Francis from the pitcher's spot to second base and Reneah Guzman from second to left field. Left Fielder Peter was moved to right field and Dirajah O'Riley went from right field to

pitch. Rawlins, the designated hitter for Francis, was taken out of the game. After the changes, Gerard told the scorer of them—but not plate Umpire, Glenford "Chappy" Maduro—who needed to inform BVI All Stars Coach, Neville "Sheep" Smith.

In the top of the sixth, Javlyn Frett came on in relief of Potter. She walked Jandra Perez and struck out Brenda Rodriguez. Phillip hit into a fielder's choice, advanced to second, reached third on an error, then scored on Francis' single, for a 6-5 Feds lead.

Smith immediately protested and a lengthy discussion ensued. When the Feds took off their uniform and didn't return to the field after Maduro's instruction, he called off the game at 1:46 a.m. in favor of the BVI All Stars.

"If you're making a switch on the field, you don't have to go to the umpire to make a switch,



Los Domis' third baseman Nicos Penn, left, prepares to tag out a St. Croix' Los Llacos runner, during their 7-1 loss

but when you have a designated player in the game and you're taking them out for someone to bat, you have to let the umpire know that, because that's a change—you're changing the game completely," All Stars Coach Smith told The Daily News. "You aren't switching now. You're taking them out of the game and putting someone

else to bat so you had to go to the umpire for that. You just can't go to the scorer for that one and that's why I waited for the person to bat. If the person batted and struck out, all the umpire can say is one ball or one strike. But the fact that they put the ball in play, I went after the play, because then he can call the person out."

Hayes defeats Pusey for Long Look Tennis title

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

TENNIS

Kamal Haynes won the Long Look Tennis and Educational Center's green dot ball title by defeating Elvis Pusey on Thursday. Haynes defeated Pusey 10-8 in their first matchup, then bested Russel Jones, 7-2 before another 12-10 victory over Pusey for the title.

"I predicted that I would win, but in all honesty it shows that I'm making progress. I only started playing last September after a whole 15 years not playing Tennis," Haynes told Island Sun Sports. "I haven't played since I was a teenager. Winning today

shows that I'm a natural, one and two, I'm making progress and improving on my skill."

Haynes said that they call Pusey 'The Wall' because he goes for every shot and returns every stroke. Playing Pusey, he said, is more about technique, placement and strategy as opposed to using power.

"It was more about working his backhand the majority of the time and then capitalizing on his weak strokes to find placement or capitalize on unforced errors, that was my strategy for him," Haynes explained. "I was easier to play against Russel. Considering he made more unforced errors. I knew once I return a strong forehand to him, it's going to present difficulties. The strategy for Russel was pretty straightforward but for Elvis, it had to be adjusted now and then because he kept returning, sometimes the impossible."

Pusey said he made errors in

both games against Haynes, who capitalized on them and was a bit anxious.

"When we play, instead of leaving the balls when they're going out, I'm returning balls that I should have left, so just some really silly errors on my part," he said. "Again, give it up to Kamal. He's good and he is worthy of the championship. Since we started, I've seen a lot of improvement and hope to come back next season. I'll be out on weekends practicing. The serve, which is a big part of the game, is something I'll improve on for the next season."

Jones said there were some good matches. "I didn't do as well as I'd like in the second match, I was kind of cold when we switched sides—didn't get my mojo," he said. "I missed return serves and the second game was just a disaster, no other way to put it."



Kamal Haynes returns a backhand against Elvis Pusey to win the Long Look Tennis title, 12-10

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Kamal Haynes, center, won the Long Look Tennis Center Green Dot Ball Tournament, by beating Elvis Pusey, right, 12-10 in the final and Russell Jones



BVI All Stars' Kaynesha Smith beats the throw to third against the Sparks' 3rd Baseman



Long Jumper Khybah Dawson cuts the sand at 6.99m into a -3-3 meters per second headwind, to win the national title




St. Croix's Los Lacos' Khalid Gerard, slides safely into third, ahead of St. Thomas' Griffith Park Massive's Geary Smith's tag

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.

COLOSSIANS 4:2-4



Detail of "Yaroslavna's Lament" by Jacques Hnizdovsky (1950)

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Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



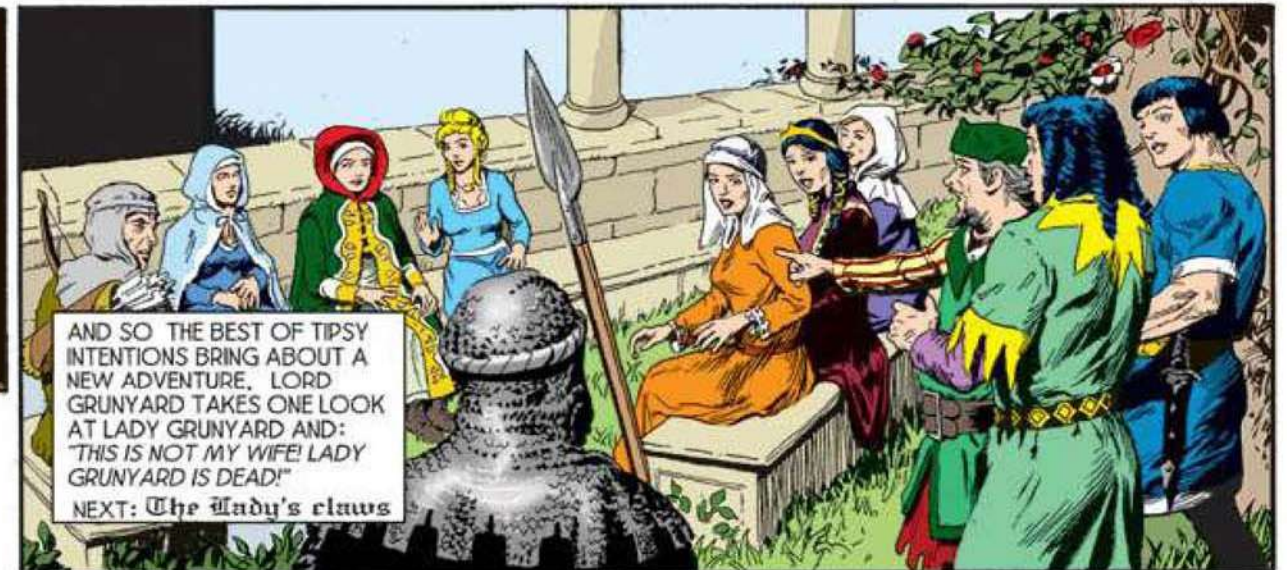
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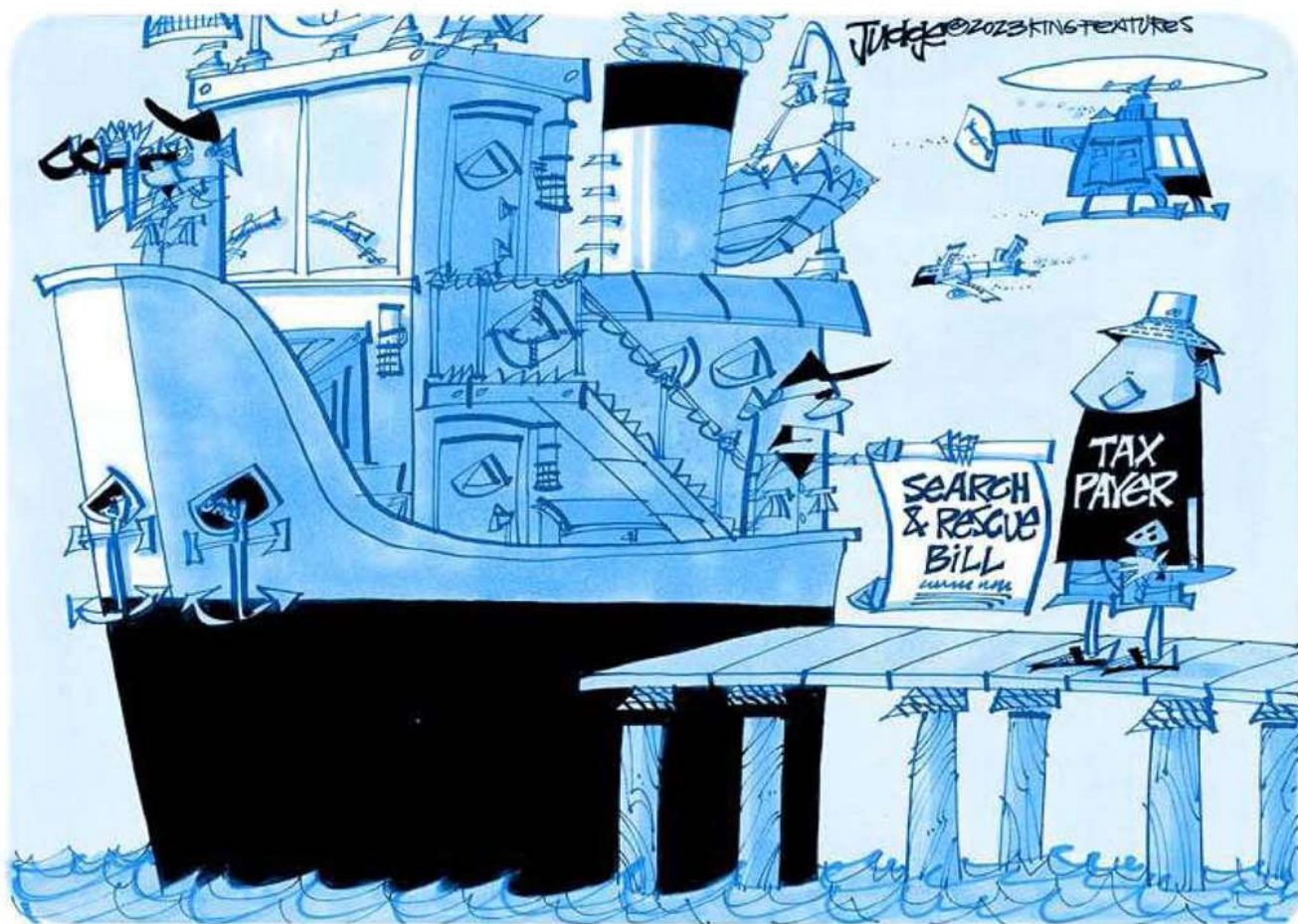


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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Colossians (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Song of Solomon and which other book specifically mention the "apple tree"? *Genesis, Ezra, Joel, Nahum*
3. What chapter of Psalms has four verses (8, 15, 21, 31) that are alike? *4, 58, 107, 133*
4. From Genesis 4:26, who was Adam's youngest son? *Ishmael, Cain, Abel, Seth*
5. In John 11:16, who was also called Didymus? *Simon Peter, Thomas, Silas, Judas*
6. Which book has the longest verse in the Bible? *Psalms, Proverbs, Esther, Revelation*

ANSWERS: 1) New, 2) Joel 1:12 (Song of Solomon 2:3, 8:5), 3) 107, 4) Seth, 5) Thomas, 6) Esther 8:9

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

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You enter a more positive period, both personally and professionally, but trouble spots can appear. Avoid them by keeping lines of communication open.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Don't fret about the competition. Since Taurus rules the throat, you could have the advantage of conveying your ideas in tones that are sure to please your listeners.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Of course, as a Gemini, you love to talk. But watch your words very carefully this week. What you say could come back to cause you some unpleasant moments.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The Grabby-Crabby side of you dominates. You want it all. But try to temper that urge to splurge so that you can take advantage of an upcoming investment opportunity.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Spread that natural sunshine all you loving Leos and Leonas radiate, and brighten up those gloomy hearts around you. Also, expect a visit from someone from your past.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You like things neat and tidy. That's fine for your closets and desktops, but you need to be more flexible in your relationships. Give a little, and you'll get a lot back.

LIBRA (September 23 to October

22) Your financial aspects continue to dominate. There still might be problems to work out from past business decisions before you can make plans for the future.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Travel plans might be up in the air — literally — now that your spouse or partner would rather fly than drive. A thorny workplace issue is close to being resolved.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Use your natural leadership qualities to guide a troublesome workplace project through to completion. Meanwhile, a personal relationship is smooth sailing.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Aspects for moving to a new location appear to be increasingly favorable. Meanwhile, your loyalty to a friend soon pays off in ways you never expected.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Your ability to be flexible helps get you through changes you hadn't expected, either on the job or at home. Remember to take things one step at a time.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your creative talents are put to the test, as you attempt to deal with a suddenly changed situation. It will be up to you to devise a way to work it out successfully.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a gift for bringing people together. While you love to travel, you also love being at home, especially if you can be surrounded by your family.

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"I think you're over-reacting to our under-performing!"

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



TIGER

by BUD BLAKE



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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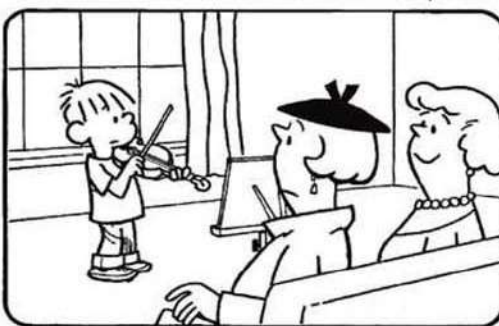
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



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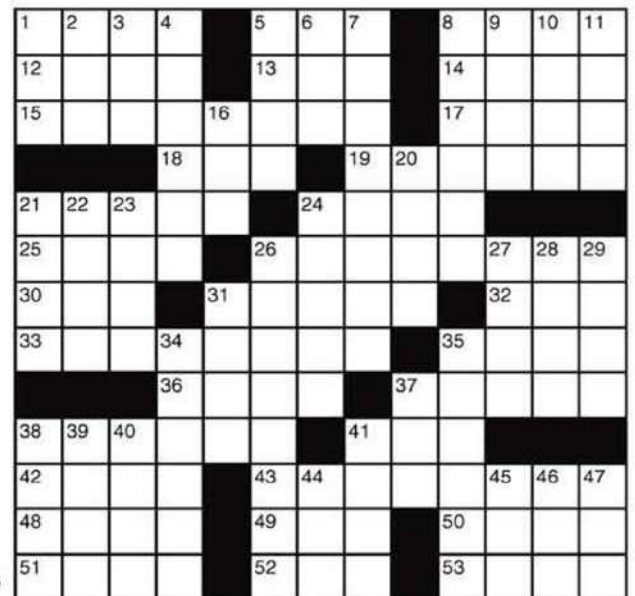
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Trivia Test Answers
1. Peanut; 2. Rutherford B. Hayes; 3. Julie Andrews; 4. Four; Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune; 5. Missouri; 6. Three; 7. Mount Olympus; 8. Carolina Reaper; 9. Insulin; 10. An animal with irregular patches of two colors, usually black and white.

King Crossword

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- Ego
- Curved line
- Easy targets
- Geometric calculation
- "The Matrix" hero
- Conspiracy
- Elephant's ancestor
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- Skin openings
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- America's uncle
- Historic time
- Guitar expert Paul
- Nabob
- Tennis champ Murray
- Old Olds
- Mixed up
- Swimming pool sound
- "Roots" author Haley
- Corn concoction
- Jazz great Getz
- Klutz
- Reply to "Shall we?"
- Tropical tree
- "Casablanca" role
- Pot covers
- Long-eared hoppers
- Philosopher Adler
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- Angelic light
- "Dream on!"
- Pub pint
- Winter ailment
- Distant
- HBO rival

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- FOOD & DRINK: What kind of nut is used in a satay?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who is the first president to have a telephone in the White House?
- MOVIES: Which actress won an Oscar for her role in "Mary Poppins"?
- ASTRONOMY: How many planets in our solar system have rings?
- LITERATURE: The novels "Tom Sawyer" and "Huckleberry Finn" are set in which U.S. state?
- TELEVISION: How many seasons of "Star Trek" were produced for television?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the name of the highest mountain in Greece?
- SCIENCE: Which plant produces the world's hottest pepper?
- ANATOMY: Which hormone regulates blood sugar?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a piebald?

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Answers

King Crossword

MISTER BREGER By Dave Breger



"Now, Dorothy, you know the kitchen's YOUR department!"

The Garden Bug

Mix together:

Natural tomato treatment

- 1 tablespoon of baking soda
- ½ teaspoon mild detergent
- 1 teaspoon vegetable oil
- 1 gallon of water

This mixture can be put into pump bottles, and sprayed onto tomato plants as a natural insect repellent or as a fungicide for blight and mildew. Be sure to shake the mixture sufficiently before each spraying. - Brenda Weaver

Source: www.usda.gov (Tomato Plant Diseases and How to Stop Them)

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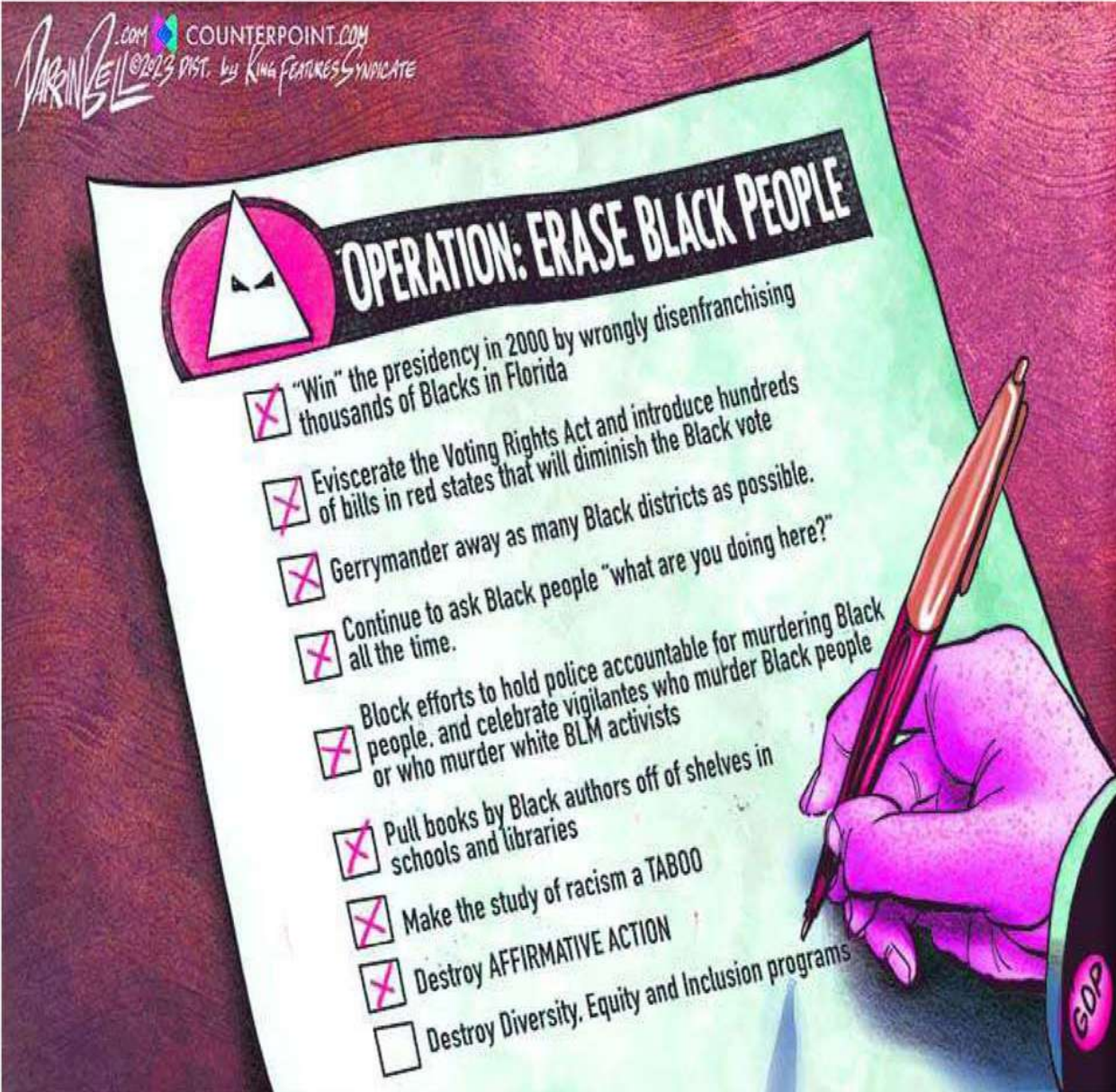
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9. Portuguese
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OCEANS: DO CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES SINK OR SWIM?

By Sir Ronald Sanders

(The writer is Antigua and Barbuda's Ambassador to the United States of America and the Organization of American States. He is also a Senior Fellow at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies, University of London and Massey College in the University of Toronto)

The peoples of small island states and coastal communities have long relied on the ocean for a multitude of benefits, including recreation, the delivery of goods and tourists, and a vital source of food through fishing. However, all these benefits, and much more, are currently under grave threat due to climate change, global warming, and sea-level rise. The damage is already taking its toll, imperceptibly but steadily, and it is crucial that we take action to preserve and develop the economic opportunities that the sea around us holds.

The World Bank reports that oceans contribute \$1.5 trillion annually to the global economy, and this number is expected to double to \$3 trillion by 2030. However, the bank also warns that climate change is causing serious changes in oceans, including temperature increases, sea-level rise, and acidification. Oceans are becoming more acidic as they absorb more CO₂ from the atmosphere, and concurrently, oxygen levels are decreasing.

One of the most alarming issues affecting our oceans is the rampant pollution of plastic waste. According to UN Secretary-General António Guterres, around 8 million tons of plastic waste enter the oceans each year. Without drastic action, it is projected that plastic waste could outweigh all the fish in the oceans by 2050. This plastic pollution is not confined to certain areas but is found even in the most remote and deepest ocean trenches. It not only poses a threat to marine life but also inflicts significant harm on communities that depend on fishing and tourism. The magnitude of the problem is exemplified by the existence of a mass of plastic in the Pacific Ocean that is bigger than France.



Oceans, as the largest heat sink on the planet, absorb a staggering 90% of the excess heat caused by climate change. They also act as efficient carbon sinks, absorbing approximately 23% of human-caused CO₂ emissions. However, the role of oceans as a carbon sink is directly affected by the impacts of climate change on ocean health. Rising ocean temperatures, resulting from global warming, contribute to thermal expansion and sea-level rise. Additionally, warmer ocean surface temperatures intensify tropical storms, posing a greater threat to coastal communities.

The Caribbean, consisting of small island nations and low-lying coastal areas, is especially vulnerable to the adverse impacts of climate change. Coastal erosion, flooding, and saltwater intrusion are not future possibilities but stark realities threatening the very existence of our communities. The loss of land and displacement of people have far-reaching implications that extend well beyond our regional borders.

Adding to the Caribbean's woes, the warming of oceans intensifies the destructive force of hurricanes and tropical storms. As global temperatures rise, sea surface temperatures follow suit, leading to more frequent and severe weather events. These natural disasters wreak havoc on our coastal infrastructure, decimate economies, and put countless lives in danger.

Coral reefs, the lifeblood of the Caribbean Sea, are in a state of crisis. Climate change has unleashed mass bleaching events and extensive degradation, threatening the very foundation of these ecosystems. The loss of vibrant coral reefs not only erodes biodiversity but also cripples our tourism industry, a significant driver of their economies.

The impact of climate change on fishing exacerbates food security challenges and jeopardizes the livelihoods of our fisherfolk and populations as a whole. Rising ocean temperatures and shifting marine ecosystems make fish stocks increasingly vulnerable, undermining the sustainability of our fisheries.

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our oceans presents a silent but deadly threat to marine life. As carbon dioxide emissions increase, seawater absorbs more CO₂, leading to acidification that hinders the ability of coral reefs and shellfish to build and maintain their structures. This jeopardizes the entire food chain and ecosystem balance, with profound implications for the Caribbean's fisheries, tourism, and overall well-being.

In addition to these challenges, the harmful effects of sargassum present an urgent crisis that demands our attention. Sargassum blooms have been occurring with increasing frequency and magnitude, causing ecological, economic, and social disruptions. These large mats of seaweed smother coral reefs, seagrass beds, and other vital habitats, leading to the loss of biodiversity and the degradation of essential marine ecosystems. Furthermore, as sargassum decomposes, it depletes oxygen levels in the water, creating "dead zones" that further threaten marine life.

Several Caribbean islands have already experienced the economic repercussions of the sargassum invasion. The sight and smell of decomposing seaweed along once-pristine coastlines deter visitors, resulting in a loss of revenue, job cuts, and diminished livelihoods for those dependent on the tourism industry. Small-scale fishers also face challenges, as sargassum damages fishing equipment and hinders fishing operations.

It is widely acknowledged that the Caribbean faces an existential threat from climate change. However, the future of the Caribbean region depends on recognizing the value and vulnerability of the surrounding Ocean. It can allow us to swim to greater economic opportunity, or it can sink us under the impact of climate change.

At COP 28, in Dubai in December this year, Caribbean countries must form a strong alliance with other nations, through partnerships with countries such as France and Costa Rica. France will host the third UN Ocean Conference in 2025 in France, following a preparatory meeting in Costa Rica in 2024. The Caribbean should actively participate in both meetings, advocating for the preservation and sustainable development of our oceans and the Caribbean Sea.

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Dated: 7th day of July, 2023.
(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan

Philippa O'Sullivan
Liquidator
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Of Nerine Chambers
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(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator [09/4]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.
Incredible Machine Brain Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2034900
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 7th July, 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: 7th July, 2023
(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator [09/5]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2091245
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 7th July 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: 7th July 2023
(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator [09/6]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2016979
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 15th day of June 2023. The Liquidator is **Ray A. George of Long Trench, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated this 156th day of June 2023
Ray A. George
Voluntary Liquidator [09/7]

STRUCK OFF
Liquidator's Final Notice
PLENTIFUL CASTLE INTERNATIONAL LIMITED

("the Company")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2004224
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to section (208) (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 7th July 2023.
Dated 10th July 2023
Carmine Bailey
Voluntary Liquidator
09/[09/8]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2054066
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 July 10th, 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: July 10th, 2023
(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean
Voluntary Liquidator
[09/9]

NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
(NO. 16 OF 2004)
FUZE INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 6th day of July, 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register
The Liquidator is:-
Wayne S. Francis
of c/o Sertus Chambers,
P.O. Box 905, Quastisky Building,
Road Town,
Tortola VG 1110,
British Virgin Islands
[09/10]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 6th day of July, 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register The Liquidator is:-
Wayne S. Francis
of c/o Sertus Chambers,
P.O. Box 905, Quastisky Building,
Road Town, Tortola VG 1110,
British Virgin Islands
[09/11]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 6th day of July, 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register
The Liquidator is:-
Wayne S. Francis
of c/o Sertus Chambers,
P.O. Box 905, Quastisky Building,
Road Town, Tortola VG 1110,
British Virgin Islands
[09/12]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 6th day of July, 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register
The Liquidator is:-
Wayne S. Francis
of c/o Sertus Chambers,
P.O. Box 905, Quastisky Building,
Road Town, Tortola VG 1110,
British Virgin Islands
[09/13]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 6th day of July, 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register
The Liquidator is:-
Wayne S. Francis
of c/o Sertus Chambers,
P.O. Box 905, Quastisky Building,
Road Town, Tortola VG 1110,
British Virgin Islands
[09/14]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 6th day of July, 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register
The Liquidator is:-
Wayne S. Francis
of c/o Sertus Chambers, P.O. Box 905, Quastisky Building,
Road Town, Tortola VG 1110,
British Virgin Islands
[09/15]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 7th day of July 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.
The Liquidator is:-
Wayne S. Francis
of c/o Sertus Chambers,
P.O. Box 905,
Quastisky Building,
Road Town, Tortola VG 1110,
British Virgin Islands
[09/16]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004
Desert Queen Holdings Inc.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 678783
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 15th June, 2023. The Liquidator is **Cassandra Cylita Glasgow-Penn of Chapel Hill, East End, Tortola, BVI VG1120.**
Dated this 21st June, 2023.
Sgd. Cassandra Cylita Glasgow-Penn
Liquidator
[09/17]

Shanghai International (Hong Kong) Holdings Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1650308
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 11th day of July, 2023.
Dated this 11th day of July, 2023
Sgd. Brian Jackson
Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[09/18]

FINJITA GLOBAL LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 2091681
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 10th day of July, 2023. The Liquidator is **Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated this 11th day of July, 2023
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[09/19]

MOISSAC HOLDINGS LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 189246
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 10th day of July, 2023. The Liquidator is **Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated this 11th day of July, 2023
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[09/20]

PUBLIC NOTICES

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

CLAIM NO. BVIHPB2023/0131

IN THE ESTATE OF DAVID SIDNEY HALL, LATE OF
APARTMENT 22, 9A MORDECHAI NARKIS STREET,
JERUSALEM, ISRAEL, DECEASED

ADVERTISEMENT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Michael Sacofsky of 11 Ramban Street, Jerusalem, Israel and Matityahu Ganor of 16 Itamar Ben Avi Street, Jerusalem, Israel for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above-named deceased who died on 12 May 2021 at Shaare Zedek in Jerusalem, Israel without revoking a Will bearing the date of 19 July 2017 to which the applicants have been named executors.

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 30th day of June 2023

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

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

[09]

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

IN THE ESTATE OF CHAREMON JENNINGS,
DECEASED

In the estate of CHAREMON JENNINGS, late of Belle Vue, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, deceased. TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Cheryl Jennings of Pleasant Valley, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above named deceased who died on the 12th day of November 1995 without revoking a Will bearing the date of the 12th day of September 1980 wherein the applicant is named executor.

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

Dated the 4th day of July, 2023

Filed by Cheryl Jennings whose address for service is c/o Harney Westwood & Riegels LP, Craigmuir Chambers, PO Box 71, Road Town Tortola VG1110, British Virgin Islands

[09]

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

**T.H.K. HOLDINGS
LIMITED**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 149530

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 11th July, 2023.

Dated: 11th day of July 2023
(Sgd.) *Philippa V O'Sullivan*
Voluntary Liquidator

[09/21]

NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES
ACT

(NO. 16 OF 2004)

Splendor Star Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 4th day of July, 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

[09/22]

NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT

(NO. 16 OF 2004)

**LYNHURST VIEW HOLDINGS
LIMITED**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 7th day of July, 2023; under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck from the Register.

The Liquidators is:-

Wayne Francis
Nerine Chambers,
Quastisky Building
P.O. Box 905
Road Town, Tortola,
British Virgin Islands VG1110

[09/23]

NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT

(NO. 16 OF 2004)

**OAKLEIGH
COMMERCIAL CORP.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 7th day of July, 2023; under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck from the Register.

The Liquidators is:-

Wayne Francis
Nerine Chambers,
Quastisky Building
P.O. Box 905
Road Town, Tortola,
British Virgin Islands
VG1110

[09/24]

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

IN THE ESTATE OF HENRIQUE GRINKRAUT,
DECEASED

TAKE NOTICE that Nerci Vanucchi Grinkraut of Avenida Lavandisca, 31, apto.71, Indianópolis, São Paulo - SP, Brazil the intended Administrator of the Estate of the Deceased who died intestate on the 23rd day of May 2022 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 Henrique Grinkraut, deceased.

ANY PERSONS having any objections to the Grant of Letters of Administration to the said Nerci Vanucchi Grinkraut 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 04 day of July, 2023

Harney Westwood & Riegels LP
Solicitors for the Administrator

[09]

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

IN THE ESTATE OF NELSON JOCIONIS, DECEASED

In the estate of NELSON JOCIONIS, late of Avenida Rio Amazonas, 371, São Joaquim, Vinhedo-SP, CEP: 13287-548, Brazil, deceased.

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Carlos Eduardo Jocionis of Avenida Rio Amazonas, 371, São Joaquim, Vinhedo-SP, CEP: 13287-548, Brazil, for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above named deceased who died on the 20th day of February 2023 without revoking a Will bearing the date of the 1st day of February 2019 wherein the applicant is named executor.

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

Dated the 4th day of July, 2023

Filed by Carlos Eduardo Jocionis whose address for service is c/o Harney Westwood & Riegels LP, Craigmuir Chambers, PO Box 71, Road Town Tortola VG1110, British Virgin Islands

[09]

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
(NO. 16 OF 2004)
Ulela Technology Ltd.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 11th day of July 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidator is:-
Wayne S. Francis
of c/o Sertus Chambers,
P.O. Box 905, Quastisky Building,
Road Town,
Tortola VG 1110,
British Virgin Islands
[09/25]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator
under Section 204 of the BVI
Business Company Act.
Santandero Ltd.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1595245
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 July 11th, 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean** with an address at **116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: July 12th, 2023
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator
[09/26]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator
under Section 204 of the BVI
Business Company Act.
ASTERIAL HOLDINGS
LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2051546
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 July 11th, 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean** with an address at **116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: July 12th, 2023
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator [09/27]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator
under Section 204 of the BVI
Business Company Act
DARKE INVESTMENT
LTD.
(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company No. 1406851
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 June 2023. The Liquidator is **Myron Walwyn of Travers Thorp Alberga, 2nd Floor Jayla Place, P.O. Box 216, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110.**
Dated 27th June 2023
(Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**
Voluntary Liquidator [09/28]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator
under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act
Cosmic Infinite Learner
Ltd.
(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company No. 2086583
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 June 2023. The Liquidator is **Myron Walwyn of Travers Thorp Alberga, 2nd Floor Jayla Place, P.O. Box 216, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110.**
Dated 27th June 2023
(Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**
Voluntary Liquidator
[09/29]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator
under Section 204 of the BVI
Business Company Act
FINELON TRADING LTD.
(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company No. 583553
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 5th July 2023. The Liquidator is **Myron Walwyn of Travers Thorp Alberga, 2nd Floor Jayla Place, P.O. Box 216, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110.**
Dated 12th July 2023
(Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**
Voluntary Liquidator
[09/30]

Alt.Invest Management
Co., Ltd.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that the voluntary liquidation and dissolution of **Alt.Invest Management Co., Ltd.** commenced on July 4, 2023 and that **Christopher Simpson of 2nd Floor, Commerce House, 181 Main Street, P.O. Box 961, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands** has been appointed voluntary liquidator of the Company.
Dated: July 4, 2023
Christopher Simpson
Liquidator
[09/31]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator
under Section 204 of the BVI
Business Company Act.
Vanessa zhang Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2091240
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 12th July 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: 12th July 2023.
(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator
[09/32]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator
under Section 204 of the BVI
Business Companies Act, 2004
Ziro Fibre Global Ltd
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2075381
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 10th July, 2023. The Liquidator is **Mrs. Cassandra Glasgow-Penn of Chapel Hill, East End, Tortola, BVI VG1120.**
Dated this 12th July, 2023.
Sgd. Cassandra Glasgow-Penn
Liquidator
[09/33]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator
under Section 204 of the BVI
Business Company Act
SUNTO INVESTMENT
LIMITED
(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company No. 1764182
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 5th July 2023. The Liquidator is **Myron Walwyn of Travers Thorp Alberga, 2nd Floor Jayla Place, P.O. Box 216, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110.**
Dated 12th July 2023
(Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**
Voluntary Liquidator
[09/34]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator
under Section 204 of the BVI
Business Company Act
SAMCORP LIMITED
(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company No. 1801387
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 12th July 2023. The Liquidator is **Myron Walwyn of Travers Thorp Alberga, 2nd Floor Jayla Place, P.O. Box 216, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110.**
Dated 12th July 2023
(Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**
Voluntary Liquidator
[09/35]

HACHIRO
COMMERCIAL LTD.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1516719
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 15th day of July, 2023.
Dated this 12th day of July, 2023
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[09/34]

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

BVIHPB 2023/0108

In the Estate of MIGUEL MELENDEZ MELENDEZ late of
Diagonal 92 # 4A - 07, Colombia, deceased

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **CRISTINA MELENDEZ AVELLA** of Carrera 10 # 94A - 48 APTO 402 Bogota, Colombia, Engineer and **SANTIAGO MELENDEZ AVELLA** of Diagonal 92 # 4-83 Bogota, Colombia, Psychologist, for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicants who are the daughter and son of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 15th September, 2018 at Bogota D.C., Cundinamarca, Colombia, a widower.

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 6th day of July, 2023.

Filed by:
SAMUELS RICHARDSON & CO
Legal Practitioners
whose address for service is
Wattley Building, 2nd Floor
PO Box 3410
Road Town, Tortola
British Virgin Islands

[09]

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

CLAIM NO. BVIHPB2023/

IN THE ESTATE OF NEGIN KHOSROW FATTAHI, LATE, VILLA
17, STREET 17, 357-AL SAFA SECOND, 29B 357 UM SUQAIM,
DUBAI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, DECEASED

ADVERTISEMENT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **Salem Khalifa Abdulla Dasmal** and of **Villa 17, Street 17, 357-AL Safa Second, 29B 357 Um Suqaim, Dubai, United Arab Emirates** for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicants who is the widower of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate at **Saudi German Hospital in Dubai, United Arab Emirates** on 2 February 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 12th day of July 2023

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

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

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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

SAMENA Telecom Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1709047

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 12th July, 2023. The Liquidator is **Mrs. Cassandra Glasgow-Penn of Chapel Hill, East End, Tortola, BVI VG1120.**

Dated this 13th July, 2023.

Sgd. Cassandra Glasgow-Penn
Liquidator

[09/37]

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

LODOZ VOYAGE

LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1973090

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 July 13th, 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean** with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated: July 13th, 2023

(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean
Voluntary Liquidator

[09/38]

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

FARMASTORE

LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1459193

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 July 13th, 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean** with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated: July 13th, 2023

(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean
Voluntary Liquidator

[09/39]



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

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

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

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
West Central	2738B	177

The Chief Registrar of Lands hereby gives NOTICE that **ELROY THOMAS** of Pasea Estate, Tortola, British Virgin Islands and **CECIL ABEDNEGO** of Chalwell Estate Tortola, Virgin Islands through their legal practitioners **HARBOUR CHAMBERS (BVI)** of 12 Chalwell Street, Road Town, Tortola, Virgin Islands has applied to be registered as the proprietors by Prescription of Parcel 177, Block 2738B, West Central Registration Section measuring 0.680 acres.

Parcel 177 is registered to:

- **Norris Christopher**

Anyone who has just cause to object to **ELROY THOMAS AND CECIL ABEDNEGO** being registered as the proprietors for Parcel 177 Block 2738B, West Central Registration Section should file their objection at the Lands Unit on or before **Monday 21st August 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 12th day of July 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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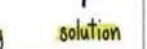
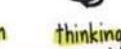
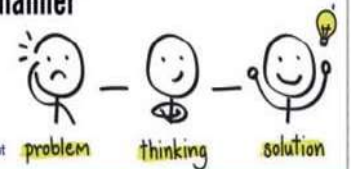
Before you discipline a child

S - stop! Calm yourself and your child

T - take a few deep breaths

O - observe the needs of your child

P - proceed in a kind but firm manner



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SUMMER READING BOOK LIST 2023

KINDERGARTEN

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



1. Dr. Seuss Collection

by Dr. Seuss

2. ABC-Animals Coloring Book

by Carlyn Benjamin (Local author)

3. First Day, No Way!*

By Lori Mortensen

4. Little Lizard's First Day*

by Melinda Melton Crow

5. When I Grow Up

by Rick Grant (Local author)

6. Where I Live

by Rick Grant (Local author)

*digital book

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

2023 LAND BASED EMERGENCY SHELTERS

CLASS	SHELTER	LOCATION
PRIMARY SHELTER	Christiana & Gertrude Warner Community Centre	Purcell Estate, Tortola
	Emile Dunlop Community Centre	The Settlement, Anegada
	Long Trench Community Centre	Long Trench, Tortola
	North Sound Community Centre (<i>Limited Access</i>)	North Sound, Virgin Gorda
	North Sound Methodist Church Hall	North Sound, Virgin Gorda
	Upper Room Victory Church	Little Dix Hill, Tortola
	Valerie O. Thomas Community Centre	Sea Cows Bay, Tortola
	Wendell Potter Learning Centre	Purcell Estate, Tortola
	West End Community Centre	West End, Tortola
SECONDARY SHELTER	Agape Total Life Centre	Anderson Estate, Tortola
	BVI Seventh-day Adventist School	Sea Cows Bay, Tortola
	Cane Garden Bay Baptist Church	Cane Garden Bay, Tortola
	Mount Carmel Baptist Church	West End, Tortola
	Road Town Methodist Church Hall	Road Town, Tortola
	Seventh-day Adventist Church Hall	Valley, Virgin Gorda
TERTIARY SHELTER	Bell Vue Seventh-day Adventist Church	Bell Vue, Tortola
	Cane Garden Bay Methodist Church	Cane Garden Bay, Tortola
	Carrot Bay Seventh-day Adventist Youth Centre	Carrot Bay, Tortola
	Church of God of Prophecy	Jost Van Dyke
	Church of God of Prophecy	East End, Tortola
	Church of God Holiness (Valley)	Valley, Virgin Gorda
	East End Methodist Church	East End, Tortola
	Sanctuary of Hope Church	Valley, Virgin Gorda
	St. Mary's Anglican Church	Valley, Virgin Gorda
	The Valley Methodist Church	Valley, Virgin Gorda

Shelter Classifications

Primary shelters can provide refuge during and after a hazard like a storm or earthquake and are equipped with generators as well as facilities for shelterees to cook and bathe.

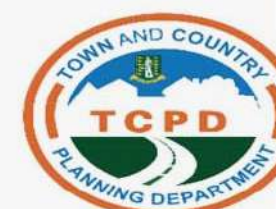
Secondary shelters can provide refuge during and after a hazard but don't have as many of the facilities as a primary shelter and would house shelterees for a shorter period of time.

Tertiary shelters can provide refuge after a hazard and would only host shelterees temporarily.

These facilities have been inspected by the Department of Disaster Management, the Environmental Health Division, and the Public Works Department in keeping with the BVI Emergency Shelter Manual.



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Hike for the Cure to kick off 2023 CIBC FirstCaribbean Walk for the Cure - a fundraising campaign for BVI Cancer Society

Road Town, Tortola, 11 July 2023 – The CIBC FirstCaribbean Walk for the Cure, hosted in collaboration with the BVI Cancer Society, kicks off the 2023 campaign with the Hike for the Cure on Sunday, July 16. Organised by the WFTC committee and HikeBVI, the Rough Point trail starts from Mount Healthy National Park departing at 5:30am.

“We are excited to be starting off our Walk for the Cure fund raising campaign with a wholesome, activity that can be enjoyed by the whole family,” said Walk Manager, Fabian Devonish, Acting Country Head, CIBC FirstCaribbean International Bank. “The hike is something we introduced to the WFTC campaign last year and it was a hit with all who took part. Sef is an excellent tour guide and entertainer with a wealth of knowledge about the flora and fauna and the historical interest spots we may come across on the trail. We particularly like the fact that this is a healthy, outdoor pursuit that is good for body and soul while helping to raise

funds and awareness for a worthy cause.”

Sef Graham, owner and Director of HikeBVI, is happy to be collaborating with CIBC FirstCaribbean to help raise funds for the BVI Cancer Society once again. The special event entry fee of \$25 will go towards the WFTC fund.

“HikeBVI is something that started out as a personal hobby and which grew into an opportunity to share my love and passion for nature, culture and history with others. It’s uplifting to give my services and be part of an initiative that sets out to support the fight against cancer in our community,” said Graham.

Early registration and E-Tickets are available by email from hikebvi@gmail.com or fabian.devonish@cibcfib.com and WhatsApp +1 (284) 542 6715.

Upcoming events include the Hunt for the Cure on Saturday, September 2. Now in its third year, the popular car treasure hunt around Tortola incorporates historical, cultural and fun fact clues. Individual, group and corporate teams

vie for top prizes of a day sail with Horizon Yacht Charters and outings with Sea It Clear Tours in Virgin Gorda.

The 12th annual Walk for the Cure takes place on Saturday, October 7 where people of all ages set off

at 5:30am on a round trip walk or run from the bank to Sea Cows Bay. The \$25 registration fee includes an event T-shirt and light breakfast.

The Walk for the Cure is the largest fundraiser to benefit the BVI Cancer

Society in its efforts to combat cancer in the community. In 2022, the initiative raised \$51,500 and the target for 2023 is \$75,000. The funds generated from the campaign are used primarily to assist with the purchase and maintenance of equipment used in the diagnosis and treatment of cancer patients. They are also used to provide assistance, care and counselling to patients and their families as well as to raise awareness, and stress the importance of early detection, through education campaigns across the region.

Sponsors for the 2023 Walk for the Cure include Tradewinds Cruise Club, ATU General Trust (BVI) Ltd, O’Neal Webster, Gold Leaf Consulting Limited, Conyers, Kendall Corporate Services Limited, Smiths Gore, Walkers, Alphonso Warner Insurance Agency Ltd, Capriccio di Mare, Caribbean Insurers, CCT BVI/284media, Coldwell Banker, Driftwood Spa, Horizon Yacht Charters, Island Sun Newspaper, Crowe (BVI) Ltd. For information on becoming a sponsor contact fabian.devonish@cibcfib.com.



Last year walk



HAYCRAFT FAMILY HONOURS PETER HAYCRAFT THROUGH MONETARY GIFT TO HLSCC

Wednesday, 12 July – The family of the late Mr. Peter Haycraft honours his legacy and supports young people pursuing careers in the marine industry through a monetary gift to the H. Lavity Stoutt Community College's (HLSCC) Centre for Applied Marine Studies.

The family pledged a monetary gift to fund paid apprenticeships for the enrolled participants of the College's Marine Professional Training (MPT) programme, in the first instance. Each cohort consists of twelve (12) students who will complete ten (10) consecutive weeks of full-time and focused workshops across six (6) certification modules, and eight (8) consecutive weeks of apprenticeship. This donation was further enhanced by several small donations made by the apprenticeship hosts for MPT's Cohort 5.

The family also teamed up with Nanny Cay to donate three 40ft.

containers to support the continued instruction of Fire Prevention and Basic Fire Fighting, which is a module covered in the College's Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW) for Seafarers course. The containers are currently on site on the College's South Campus.

President of HLSCC, Dr. Richard Georges expressed the College's gratitude to the Haycraft family, "I am delighted that the Haycraft family has chosen to support our Marine and Maritime programmes in honour of Mr. Peter Haycraft. Mr. Haycraft has an enduring philanthropic legacy in the Territory, and these gifts to the College ensure that a generation of Virgin Islanders will benefit from that spirit of generosity."

The family shared that after leaving school at the age of 16, Mr. Peter Haycraft joined the Merchant Navy as an apprentice and spent the next 10 years working on a variety of vessels, from oil tankers

to coastal trading ships, sailing all over the world and at the same time studying for his Master's Ticket.

He came to Tortola as a captain of The Youth of Tortola, running the ferry between Tortola and St. Thomas. He was instrumental in the development of direct shipping from Europe and North America to Tortola before Port Purcell was constructed. This involved off-loading cargo from vessels anchored in Road Harbour, which would then be man-handled onto the ferry dock and transported to the warehouses.

In 1962, he purchased a 57ft Motor Fishing vessel in the United Kingdom (UK) and subsequently brought the Kilros across the Atlantic to Tortola. A little later, he brought three 'lighters' (barges) from Antigua to complete the fleet of vessels necessary to carry goods from ship to shore, and so started Island Shipping and Trading Co. He was the only local person qualified to become a Harbour

Pilot and performed this duty for many years, including the Royal Yacht Britannia with the late Queen Elizabeth on board.

As Road Town Wholesale Co. developed and grew, he was determined to involve his local staff, and made it possible for them to become shareholders

and to continue their education and training overseas. He was never afraid of hard work or long hours, and expected the same from his staff, many of whom have benefitted from his advice and mentorship and have remained loyal to the company.



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* SECURITY / FRONT DESK CLERK

* PARKING ATTENDANT

[s10]

Quito's Ltd is seeking a Part Time Restaurant Supervisor with at least five years' experience in Hospitality and Food and Beverage Service and Management. The applicant should have a positive attitude, excellent communication skills, must be mature & a team player. For consideration, please, submit resumes by email to: generalmanager@quitosbvi.com or (284) 495-4837. BVI Islander & Belongers preferred. [s10]

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Interior Architect / Designer Needed

Qualifications

The successful candidate must have a university degree in design with a minimum of 5 years+ experience in interior commercial construction and architectural design.

Must be proficient in AutoCAD, Photoshop, SketchUp and Adobe Illustrator.

Please submit applications to sales@islandservicesbvi.com or mail to Island Services, Personnel Director, P.O. Box 700, Road Town, Tortola, BVI. Applicants may also call 284-494-2555. [s10]

Specifier/Project Manager Needed

Qualifications

The successful candidate must have the ability to read and understand architectural drawings; capable of specifying furniture components with a good knowledge of AutoCAD, Excel, Outlook MSOffice. Must demonstrate organizational skills, management leadership skills and must be selfmotivated with excellent communication skills. Minimum 5 years+ experience in specifying and design is a must.

Please submit applications to sales@islandservicesbvi.com or mail to Island Services, Personnel Director, P.O. Box 700, Road Town, Tortola, BVI. Applicants may also call 284-494-2555. [s10]

FJ Sons Construction Company is seeking a Full Time Masons & Carpenters. Please call 284-541-5330 for further information. [s10]

INTERNATIONAL CONSTRUCTION is seeking One Full Time Drywall and Carpenter for the Company. Please contact 284-544-6833 for further details. [s10]

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BVI Football Association

Head of Women's Football

The BVI Football Association is seeking to fill the position of Women's Football Manager responsible for driving the growth and development of the women's game in BVI. Responsible for delivering and implementing a long-term women's football strategy to successfully grow women's football in the BVI. Ensuring that all girls/women have access to this sport.

MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES

- development of women's football strategy
- Oversee, manage, and develop women's football
- Create an effective communication campaign that raises awareness of and promotes women's football and its benefits
- Work with schools and tertiary institutions in the territory to promote women's football
- Some coaching required

QUALIFICATIONS

- Minimum college degree with 4 years' experience as a project manager in sports
- Ability to manage multiple projects
- Adapt to different working environments,
- Understanding of women's football landscape.

Special Requirements

- Flexible to work at all location.
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Flax Ground Up Construction of Valley, Virgin Gorda is currently seeking the following:
1- Project Manger
1-Foreman
Interested persons should have 5-10 years of experience.
Please contact Sandy Flax 341-5447. [s09]

EMCS Caribbean is looking for Quantity Surveyors
Interested applicants can submit their CV/Resume with cover letter to P O Box 386 Road Town, Tortola, BVI or call 284-494-1300 [s09]

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E-mail CV to neliag@ticobvi.com TICO 284-494-2211, only qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview. BVI Islanders/Belongers preferred. [s09]

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