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GOVERNMENT AND HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY NEED TO PAY MORE ATTENTION TO THE TOURISM SECTOR

Following a successful three-day events that encompassed a broad cross-section of the Territory's tourism sector Sharon Flax-Brutus, the Acting Executive Director

of the BVI Yachting, Hotel & Tourism Association (BVIYHTA) indicated that the organization is in the process of consolidating key insights and conclusions

from a recent symposium they hosted. The resulting document, she said will then be submitted to the government, in the hope that the suggested measures

will be considered and implemented.

Ms. Flax-Brutus voiced her desire for a meeting not just with the Cabinet, but also with the entire House of Assembly, which represents all the Territory's elected officials. She mentioned, "If we fail to engage in a constructive dialogue, or if they aren't sufficiently open to listen, our industry and the BVI will continue to face difficulties."

She elaborated: "We aren't expecting all our suggestions to be implemented, but the reality is that the people making tourism decisions lack the necessary understanding. I am not mentioning this to cause discomfort, it is just the way it is."

She appealed to the government to surround itself with individuals knowledgeable in the local tourism sector if it intends to stick with its current course. Ms. Flax-Brutus also clarified that her organization,

BVIYHTA, should not be perceived as an antagonist by either the government or the BVI Tourist Board (BVI TB). Rather, she called for a synergistic relationship and expressed a desire for her association to play a supportive role. She stated, "We are dedicated to integration and finding solutions. Yes, we have our issues, but it's all about delivering these solutions." Addressing the discrepancy between the respect accorded to tourism and financial services sectors, Flax-Brutus lamented the lack of appreciation for the tourism industry. She noted: "The majority of people in the financial sector do not have voting rights in the BVI, that's the key difference I see between the two sectors."

She continued: "Tourism often suffers from meddling or neglect as it is where the votes lie. Consequently, tourism becomes a political football, to the detriment of

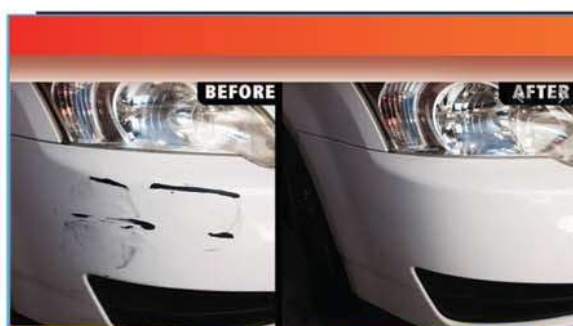
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CDB Meeting Addresses Specific Needs Of Overseas Territories :

L to R : Deputy Premier of Turks and Caicos Islands Honourable Erwin J. Saunders, President of Caribbean Development Bank Dr. Hyginus 'Gene' Leon, Premier of Anguilla Honourable Ellis Webster, and Premier of the Virgin Islands Honourable Dr. Natalio Wheatley.

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our country.”

Flax-Brutus pointed out that while the government is accommodating the needs of the financial services industry and supporting it with legislation, large players in the tourism industry often face negative portrayals. “The big players in tourism are predominantly

foreign-based. This seems to give rise to the perception of these large corporations as ‘big bad wolves’ reaping everything.”

She raised another issue that some tourism companies do not often communicate their contributions to the Territory and their initiatives for the BVI. “Tourism is a political

football, and the influence on voters is greater when efforts are focused on a particular district over another.”

Finally, she highlighted the need for an overarching plan concerning tourism and gave instances of roads being dug up and left incomplete, with no consideration for the inconvenience caused to locals or tourists.

“WE HAVE SUFFERED FROM RUMORS, INSINUATIONS, AND REPUTATIONAL DAMAGE” EZ SHIPPING SAYS

EZ Shipping, a company previously mentioned in an Auditor General’s (AG) report, has issued a statement criticizing Second District Representative Melvin ‘Mitch’ Turnbull. They claim Turnbull is vehemently criticizing the AG’s COVID Grants Audit Report.

Since early last week tongues have been wagging in the Territory as the AG’s COVID Grants Audit Report, which was recommended by the Commission of Inquiry and was circulated. The document revealed that many persons received grants aimed at COVID 19 relief for matters such as phone bill payment, car repairs and house renovations. The document also showed how these grants were given out by House of Assembly members to persons related to or connected with government members.

Following the territory-wide chatter about the report, EZ Shipping sought to add their voice to the public’s outcry and also attempt to clear their name. The company said: “The Auditor General’s report on the House of Assembly’s COVID-19-Assistance Grants was debated in the

House of Assembly last week. Members of the House of Assembly, including the Honorable Melvin ‘Mitch’ Turnbull, cited in the report, criticized it. Mr. Turnbull asserted to the Assembly that the Auditor General’s procedures fell short of international-industry standards and were severely deficient.”

They further noted: “Yet in March this year, Mr. Turnbull praised the flawed Auditor General’s Static Marine Platform Report and censured other Assembly members who had questioned parts of the report. However, Mr. Turnbull’s position has shifted since he became a subject of the Assistance Grants report. He has criticized the Auditor General and dismissed her work, saying: ‘I will not allow certain things to be reported that create a public narrative when the submitted details suggest otherwise.’”

While further alluding to their own Auditor General report which claimed the company did not deliver value for the large amount of money that was paid by Government for a barge to perform static platform

services as a border security tool EZ Shipping noted that the report was flawed.

The company stated that it has since engaged an independent forensic accountant to assess the Auditor General’s Static Marine Platform Report. “The forensic accountant’s report found that the Auditor General’s work was defective, failed to meet international standards and was inadequate,” the company stated.

A representative for EZ Shipping further added, “We have suffered from rumors, -insinuations, and reputational damage resulting from a flawed report process where we were not asked to contribute evidence prior to its publication. We were subsequently attacked in the House of Assembly by members, specifically one who now changes his stance on the Auditor General’s work when he is under scrutiny. Our only request is for the facts to be assessed fairly, objectively, and independently. We are confident this will show that we met all our contractual obligations.”

Normal Operations Resume At All VI Airports

The BVI Airports Authority (the Authority) is notifying the travelling public that the airports on Virgin Gorda and Anegada respectively have resumed normal operations.

Officer-in-Charge, Mr. Ronnie Lettsome stated that the temporary closure of the airports was necessary as a result of operational issues within the Fire Service at the main airport, Terrance B. Lettsome International Airport (TBLIA).

Mr. Lettsome said the authority failed to satisfy the minimum staffing levels required by OTAR 140, which prevented the airport from operating in compliance with established safety regulations.

He said, “In order to rectify the situation and ensure the restart of operations at our main airport, the Authority made the difficult decision to temporarily suspend services at the Virgin Gorda and Anegada Airports and reallocate manpower to address the staffing shortage at the T.B. Lettsome International Airport.

Chairman of the Board, Mr. Theodore E. Burke apologised to the travelling public, and stakeholders affected by the closure of the airports. Mr Burke said that his Board fully understands the impact the closure had on travellers and the local community, and wishes to assure the public that both the Board and the Ministry are committed to ensuring that such disruptions are avoided in the future.

Mr. Burke added that the Authority took swift action and launched a full investigation into the situation which resulted in the closure of the airports.

“A thorough review of our processes primarily as it relates to staffing levels and operational disruptions is under review,” the chairman said. He added, “We are confident that these proactive steps will strengthen our operations and prevent any future disruptions.”

Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Communications & Works Mrs. Elvia Smith-Maduro reminded travellers that the Government of Virgin Islands is working acidulously to improve the system of airports within the Territory.

Mrs. Smith-Maduro stated that these improvements will not only enhance the travel experience but also have a positive trickle-down effect on the local economy.

“As we strive for excellence in our aviation services, the Ministry will provide unwavering support to the Authority in their efforts to improve their systems and eradicate any potential issues that may be faced, whether in the operation of the airport or by its staff members,” the PS said.

The Authority will update its operational contingency organisation wide in the immediate short term and will continue to deliver exemplary service to all its customers and stakeholders while it strives to uphold its motto of **“Safety is our #1 Priority”**.

DEMAND FOR INCREASED SECURITY PRESENCE HAS ESCALATED

Second-District Representative Melvin ‘Mitch’ Hon. Turnbull has expressed concern over the insufficient police presence in his district amid a surge of serious crimes.

Hon. Turnbull, speaking at a recent House of Assembly meeting, reported that the police station in Cane Garden Bay only operates from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm every day. Beyond these hours, residents have been

instructed to contact the West End Police Station.

Hon. Turnbull contended that these restricted operating hours not only harm the residents but are also illogical given the tourist hotspots in his district.

“We have transitioned from having an open police station to one that operates limited hours, a move justified repeatedly by several Commissioners as a philosophical decision. If

anyone in our community requires help, they’re directed to the West End, which I understand also functions only from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. What is expected of our residents when these police stations close?” questioned Hon. Turnbull.

He added, “We have witnessed a rise in burglaries and potentially fatal threats that we cannot ignore. Premier, if we are the ones funding the Royal Virgin

Islands Police, we can’t permit them to dictate how policing should be done. We must work towards ensuring the safety and security of all our people — residents, belongers, and tourists alike.”

The issue of inadequate policing services is a chronic problem in the Virgin Islands, with the police force, akin to numerous other public bodies, consistently facing staffing challenges.



Hon Melvin ‘Mitch’ Turnbull

The demand for increased security presence has escalated, owing to a clear rise in crimes reported across communities in the Virgin Islands.

DEPUTY PREMIER PLEDGES NOT TO DISAPPOINT LOCAL BUSINESS OWNERS



Hon. Lorna Smith, OBE

During a recent House of Assembly (HOA) sitting, Hon. Lorna Smith, the Deputy Premier and Minister for Financial Services, Labour & Trade, drew criticism for her approach in a set of outreach meetings with local business owners.

Hon. Smith recently held a series of Business Round Table discussions throughout the Territory with the goal of strengthening ties with the business community. She expected fruitful outcomes from these discussions.

However, Sixth District Representative Myron Walwyn criticized Deputy Premier Smith for not offering financial solutions

to businesses during these round table discussions. Hon. Walwyn argued this was something Smith should have considered given her interactions with residents during the recent election campaign.

Attorney Walwyn acknowledged Smith’s initiative to understand businesses’ challenges but suggested that the businesses did not receive what they anticipated from the meetings.

“The most significant hurdle businesses in this country face is capital, gaining access to capital,” Walwyn stated. “People are short of money. Hence, minister, I anticipated that you would bring some financial solution to that meeting.”

He continued: “You approached the people of District Six empty-handed.”

Hon. Walwyn also claimed that the government’s recently approved Schedule of Additional Provisions (SAP) offers nothing to the

suffering businesses in the Territory.

In response, Hon. Smith shared that her aim was to listen to the businesses’ concerns and potential solutions they might offer. She also mentioned that the business owners did not shy away from voicing the

government’s shortcomings.

“I didn’t carry a stash of money, but I have only been in this role for three months, and the primary goal was to genuinely listen to the people,” the first-term lawmaker declared.

Hon. Smith also expressed her intention to engage in

further discussions with banks to explore ways they could better assist the Territory’s residents. She affirmed her delight at the opportunity to serve the people of the Territory and pledged not to disappoint them.

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C&W Communications officially launches 'JUMP'

- private-public initiative aims to help bridge the digital divide across Caribbean

Bridgetown, BARBADOS (July 10, 2023) -- A plan to deliver all-important internet connections to low-income Caribbean households has been unveiled as part of a private-public partnership between leading telecoms operator C&W Communications and some Caribbean countries.

Aptly called JUMP, the initiative aims to help bridge the digital divide and foster greater

digital inclusion in a region that today still has less than 65% broadband penetration with 27 million users from a total combined population of 44 million.

In partnership with local governments, C&W Communications, the operators of Flow,

Flow Business, C&W Business and BTC, will provide qualifying households with a

subsidised high-speed internet connection, a free laptop computer and relevant training for individuals and families.

So far, the governments of Barbados, Grenada, Jamaica, St Lucia, and The Bahamas have committed to JUMP and more than 2,700 households have already been connected.

"There is a widening gap between those who have access to online opportunities and



those who do not, so JUMP has been created to ensure the benefits of digital technologies are available to as many people as possible. It is here to help transform lives and empower previously underserved communities," said Inge Smidts, Chief Executive Officer, C&W Communications.

She was speaking at the official launch of JUMP in Barbados at Sandals Royal. "In the Caribbean, some of the barriers to internet use and adoption include general lack of awareness, affordability, the absence of digital skills, and inadequate infrastructure.

JUMP aims to address all these issues in a comprehensive way, and we are proud to deliver this initiative that will have an immediate impact in the communities we serve," added Smidts.

The Honourable Mia Amor Mottley, Prime Minister of Barbados, endorsed JUMP and welcomed the initiative in Barbados. "The digital divide is a large, multifaceted issue that requires holistic solutions, and a successful strategy requires building innovative partnerships, so we must co-create solutions in partnership to ensure no citizen is left behind," she said.

"There is a role for each of us to play, and we are optimistic that JUMP will

provide an opportunity for everyone to bring their energy, commitment and collaboration on the mission of uplifting our region."

In Barbados, C&W Communications has partnered with the Ministry of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs to provide low-income households that qualify for the programme with a subsidised home internet package, a compatible device (laptop/tablet) and digital literacy training.

Smidts said JUMP is C&W's long-term commitment to the communities it serves. "We aim to eliminate barriers and to ensure that every individual and family, despite their financial situation, can benefit from the digital world. We firmly believe that connectivity is not a luxury; it is a fundamental right that should be accessible to all, and we plan to connect 1,000 households in Barbados before the end of the year," she said. "We believe this investment will change lives, unlock the potential of economies, and truly enable progress. Our core social mission is to connect everyone to the digital world, regardless of their income or where they live, and we are committed to harnessing our resources and capabilities to narrow the digital divide," she said.



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:-

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- 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;

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Cleaning Supplies	\$
Other Costs [As applicable -Tenderer to specify]	\$
Total	\$

The tenderers must submit the following:

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- 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
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British Virgin Islands

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

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Ministry Of Health Standardising Diabetes Treatment

The Ministry of Health and Social Development is leading the way to standardise the care and treatment of persons with diabetes through the launch of guidelines for the management of the disease.

Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Dr. Ronald Georges said that the guidelines were introduced by the Caribbean Public Health Agency CARPHA and are designed to ensure that persons with diabetes will get the same

standard of care regardless of which health care facility they seek treatment.

“At the Territory level this will improve outcomes for patients, reduce complications and improve their quality of



life while reducing costs and improving health care. We are very excited for the possibilities of this programme,” Dr. Georges stated.

The project will commence with the launch of the guidelines, but it will also be re-enforced with continuous education in the form of CME (Continuing Medical Education) sessions which will address standardised assessment, care and treatment for persons with diabetes.

“We want these guidelines to be seamlessly implemented within our healthcare system. To do this, our focus will be on offering continuous education sessions, building collaborations with the Diabetes Association and clinicians as well as empowering patients to be more proactive and vested in their own care, Dr. Georges said.

The CMO added that the aim is to get to the point where clinical audits will be conducted to ensure that the guidelines are being implemented and further education and training will be provided where necessary to ensure sustainability.

The Launch of the CARPHA Guidelines for the Management of Diabetes in Primary Care in the Caribbean will be held at the Dr. D. Orlando Smith Hospital on Thursday, July 20 at 5:30 p.m.

Clinicians, persons with diabetes, caregivers and persons who have a vested interest in the topic are welcome to attend. Two CME hours will be available.

The Ministry of Health and Social Development is committed to protecting and promoting the health of the people of the Virgin Islands.

Public Urged To Use Alternative Parking And Transportation

The Office of the City Manager and Wickham's Cay Development Authority is encouraging the public to use the alternative parking and transportation options during the upcoming Emancipation Festival.

The two alternative parking areas are the Sugar Works Museum parking lot and the parking lot next to the Althea Scatliffe Primary School. Alternative transportation methods that can be utilised include carpooling and the use of the Park and Ride Shuttle Service. These options should be utilised from now until Thursday, 31 August.



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)



GOVERNMENT OF THE
VIRGIN ISLANDS

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST PRODUCTION AND PROGRAMME SPECIALIST

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. The Premier's Office, acting on behalf of the Government of the Virgin Islands (GoVI), wishes to procure the services of a Production and Programme Specialist for the assignment in relation to supplementing the public relations strategies provided by the Government Information Services.
- 1.2. The overarching objective is to support Government's public relations activities in developing social media platforms, YouTube and digital, broadcast and animated communications.
- 1.3. The assignment is expected to be executed on a full-time basis for a period of one year.
- 1.4. Eligible individual consultants are invited to submit Expressions of Interest indicating qualification, and experience to provide the consultancy services.
- 1.5. This is a domestic procurement and is therefore limited to local individual consultants.

2. SCOPE OF WORK

- 2.1. Produce and execute video pre-production and on-site production activities for social media and broadcast programming.
- 2.2. Deliver high quality post-production product on time.
- 2.3. Anticipate and respond to needs and requests from clients. Have oversight during video production.
- 2.4. Executes the production and ensures the smooth and efficient operation of GIS TV, social media and YouTube channels, while ensuring programme promotions.
- 2.5. Assist with setting the programming schedule and ensures that the schedule is followed.
- 2.6. Maintain production standards and quality control.

- 2.7. Ensure that the programme quality for broadcast is technically acceptable.
- 2.8. Produce and directs special events or projects for social media, YouTube, GIS TV Channel, as approved by the Social Media and Broadcast Specialist.
- 2.9. Prepare and updates weekly/monthly programme schedule by establishing programme availability and determining the best time to air and posting on Government's social media, YouTube and broadcast channel.
- 2.10. Assist with the management and maintenance of studio equipment to maintain studio at optional efficiency.
- 2.11. Log broadcast and posting activities as it relates to programme scheduling.
- 2.12. Support GIS' Production team in providing live field coverage of Government events to facilitate news coverage and other production for social media and television.
- 2.13. Plan specific visual details, including set design, staging, camera shots and effects, to obtain the most effective presentation.

3. COMPETENCIES

- 3.1. Include appropriate resume to commensurate position of interest.
- 3.2. Applicants must have communications experience and acumen within the sector with a minimum of five (5) years' experience in videography.
- 3.3. Sound knowledge of broadcast production, social media, television production.
- 3.4. Sound communication skills.
- 3.5. Ability to exercise discretion and good judgment.
- 3.6. Excellent time-keeping and reliability.
- 3.7. Basic understanding laws and regulations.

- 3.8. Highly developed skills in media production.

4. ASSESSMENT OF SUBMISSIONS

- 4.1. In the assessment of submissions, consideration will be given to technical competence, qualifications and experience, local experience on similar assignments.
- 4.2. Following the assessment of submissions, a short-list of not less than three and not more than six will be provided with full terms of reference and invited to submit technical and financial proposals to undertake the assignment. GoVI reserves the right to accept or reject late applications or to cancel the present invitation partially or in its entirety. It will not be bound to assign any reason for not short-listing any applicant and will not defray any costs incurred by any applicant in the preparation and submission of Expressions of Interest

5. SUBMISSION

- 5.1. Electronic copies of the **Expression of Interest must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, 27 July 2023.** The submission must be a non-editable format and not exceeding 10 MB. The body of the email submission should include the name and address of the applicant and the subject of the email shall be, "Expression of Interest —Consultancy Services for Production and Programme Specialist".
- 5.2. Submit and address applications to only:

Permanent Secretary
Premier's Office
Cutlass Building
2nd Floor Road Town,
Tortola British Virgin Islands

Tel: (284) 468-2152
Email: premieroffice@gov.vg

124 Become British Overseas Territories Citizens

One hundred and twenty four persons are now British Overseas Territories Citizens (BOTC) of the Virgin Islands having taken the Oath of Allegiance and Pledge of Loyalty.

The new citizens were divided into two groups and processed at respective ceremonies held at the Government House. Congratulatory remarks were made by His Excellency the Governor John J. Rankin, CMG; Premier and Minister of Finance, Honourable Dr. Natalio D. Wheatley and Registrar General, Mrs. Tashi O'Flaherty-Maduro.

Governor Rankin said, "It gives me great pleasure to be part of an event where you are all committing yourselves loyally to new ties, which will stay with you for the rest of your lives. This is a highly enriching process, from which you as individuals

and the BVI, as a Territory, will gain."

The Governor added, "The intermingling of cultures, different ways of thinking, different knowledge, and different skills brings with it clear and tangible benefits to the community as a whole."

Premier Wheatley addressed the new citizens by calling on them to be "champions of unity". He further told the recipients, "What binds us together is our love for these Virgin Islands, our commitment to preserve our environment, defend our values, lend a helping hand where it is needed in our community and our commitment to build these Virgin Islands to be the best it can be. And certainly, I call on you to really epitomise that principle that the BVI is really worth all of us protecting and defending it."

Meanwhile, Registrar General, Mrs.

Tashi O'Flaherty-Maduro reminded the new citizens that they will be expected to favourably represent the Territory in behaviour, conversation and action.

She also informed them of their civic duties as citizens.

"You are subject to your rulers, those in authority over you, to be obedient citizens, serving your communities, the less fortunate among us. I implore you to become useful citizens by joining a civic or community organisation," she said.

The 124 new BOTCs are:

Marie Popo Andrew
Alfred Anthony August
Jean Delice Avril
Israel Bahadoor
Sachkia Shimmay Barnes
Kathy-Ann Valancia Bell



Angel Rafael Brown Valdez
Dolores Maria Valdez De Brown
Natasha Chavonne Pollard-Butler
Kenster Bede Charles
Ella Sketha Christopher
Cyrus Llewella Claxton
Alphonzo Alexander Davis
Junior Douglas
Kathy Natelle Patrice Barnwell-Edwards
Chandainie Mohanlal-Fahie
Antonio Ferreira
Vernette Dominique Glasgow
Tiffany Timauli Kayla Grant
Arleen Camelia Harris
Herlen Marjorie Hazell
Karen Cecelia Whyte Howell
Nigel George Howell
Dave Andrew Jardine
Mark Anthony Jeffers
Zoe Sandra Joseph
Monique Alinda John-Latchman
Yvonne Anesta McKenzie-Manning
Kamlapattie Beer-Maywahlall
Ravindra Maywahlall
Kareen Georgia McLeod
Sharon Mitchel
Everton Edward Morgan
Reanell Antoinette Jones-Phipps
Edna Veronica Proffitt
Parbattie Ragnauth
Saran Asha Samuel
Nestor Julio Ramirez Santana
Barbara Cecile Pinnock-Smith
Rosalyn Card Smith
La Selle Vennie Toney
Hixford George Tyndale
Ahelia Devi Turnbull
Gladys Mae Walters
Judith May Williams
Alastair Guy Abrehart
Claire Louise Abrehart
Alberto Ovalles Almonte
Michel Shamalia Ambrose
Catherine Anselm
Corine Audain
Hemraj Ballie
Nirmatie Ballie
Richard Nicholas Branson
Cargil George Brown
Ioni Millicent Green-Brown
Rafael Leonidas Brown
Benjamin Stokes Butler
Shaunette Saemaire Akeema Mills
Byron
Kervin Hutton Carter

Ian William Clark
Josette Sophia Dixon- Cooper
Nigel Maurice Cooper
Gary Patrick Cottreau
Hilario Ubiera Crispin
Carmen Rosario Rosario De Davies
Alene Sharon Elizabeth Daway
Laura Agnes Dore
Adenike Marie Sicard Flax
Suzette Nichola Frett
Celma Verona Gordon
Joan Winifred Gordon
Camiane St.Albourn Grange
Mc Donald Guiste
Don Carlos Kem Hadaway
Verelyn Lavern Hamilton
Roselyn Bethune Hart
Ruth Karon Joslin Hazell
Joan Pamela Hooper
Michael Hypolite
Pauline Genevieve Hypolite
Leroy Joseph Isaac
Nadine Melissa Isaac
Violet Veronica Jackson
Mervin Eversley Jacobs
Rosanna Eliitha Jacobs
Robert James
Sherry-Ann Carita Virginia James
Hemia Joseph
Thile Douchel Joseph
Richard Kissoon
Francess Veronica La Touche
Vernon Larocque
Renee Kimona Manning
Steadroy Anthony Matthew
Phoebe Dawn Sharon Murrell
Ann Marie Banner- Palmer
Arcadia Belen De Paul
Christianne R. S. Pecanha
Skeetroy Ezekiel Vernon Percival
Rem-Jermyn Patricia Prince
Jimron Jade Purcell
Ganga Raghunath
Sunita Raghunath
Cecelia Ramtool
Dennis Visham Ramtool
Judith Ann John Robinson
Jamacie Thrisanne Rodney
Venice Viola Samuel
Alithia Adams-Scott
Himwant Seenarine
Lowattie Seenarine
Dharmamati Shevdyal
Florenda Nuevas Ruffell Smith
Michael Smith
Rabindranath Sookraj
Avril Veronica Stoddard
Janet Phillipa Cupid-Stoutt
Patricia Angela Ann-Marie Thomas
Jevon Valester Tyson
Bernadine Avalina Valrose
Anji Veta Walters
Christiana Asson-Williams
Thelma Wiltshire



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.
- Must possess a valid Driver's License
-

Please send resume to general.secretary@bvifootball.com

Festival Food Handlers Must To Be Certified

Deputy Chief Environmental Health Officer, Ms. Henrietta Alexander, is urging food handlers participating in this year's festival activities to take advantage of the upcoming food handler sessions and become certified.

"We have scheduled two food handlers sessions on the same day to give persons the final opportunity to have their food handlers certified before the festival begins," the Deputy Chief said.

Ms. Alexander said the division has been offering continuous training over the years so that persons have multiple opportunities to be trained. "We are doubling up on July 18 as a last effort to ensure participants have access to the certification required for food selling operations," she said.

"We also want to remind persons to renew their food handler's card at least a month in advance of expiration," the Deputy Chief Environmental Health Officer said. She added, "Persons renewing their food handler's certificates are required to present their expired certificates, work permit and/or picture identification."

The food handlers' sessions will take place virtually via the WebEx platform on Tuesday, July 18 at 9:00 a.m. and at 5:00 p.m. Food handlers interested in attending the virtual training are asked to register individually utilising their personal email before 12:00 noon on July 17 using the following links:

For the 9:00 a.m. session, register using the link below:

<https://bvigov.webex.com/webex/register/r46b7a51ed4ae4a85cbd28b7d6931c618>

For the 5:00 p.m. session, register using the link below:

<https://bvigov.webex.com/webex/register/r2eaddc28eef1784eb81e03891ed5cbf2>

The Environmental Health Division is committed to ensuring that all aspects of the environment with the potential to negatively impact health are managed efficiently to enable all persons in the BVI to attain and maintain optimal health.



PETER ISLAND RESORT & SPA BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

Peter Island Resort is hiring for the position of : Storeroom Clerk

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- Maintain security in storerooms.
- Assist with inventories.
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- Basic Mathematical skills.
- Computer Literate
- 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.

BVIslanders or Belongers preferred. To apply, send application and resume to Chad James, Director of Human Resources, P.O. Box 211, Road Town, Tortola, BVI or email: cjames@peterisland.net or call 284-340-8309.

PRESS STATEMENT

FROM GOVERNOR OF THE BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS MR JOHN RANKIN CMG



His Excellency John James Rankin CMG

The Audit of Covid-19 Assistance Grants made by Members of the House of Assembly was laid in the House on 13 July. The report can be accessed below.

A total of \$3,885,074 was awarded in 2,276 grants. The Audit notes that the grants enjoyed some measure of success, as they were able to assist persons in financial hardship brought on by the pandemic. However, at the same time it finds that there were applicants who took advantage of the programme to obtain public funds in order to accommodate their lifestyle or otherwise obtain grants in the absence of genuine need.

The Audit concludes that:
Grants were approved where

applications were not supported by documentary evidence.

There were no tracking mechanisms to prevent multiple awards to the same person.

The requirement for the Financial Secretary to review and approve applications for awards in excess of \$5000 wasn't adhered to.

The transparency of many payments was lost, particularly for some large sums paid directly to some applicants.

The Public Finance Management Regulations were not applied in procurement of services for District/community works.

The Report provides further details about grants awarded which I would encourage people to examine for themselves, including the sections that address:

Grant awards in excess of \$5000

Business reduction grants

Grants awarded by certain Members of the House of Assembly to family members or other Members of the House of Assembly (many of whom also received grants from other public assistance programmes).

The Report finds that the absence of controls in the programme led to multiple

abuses and the award of public funds to ungentle applications.

The primary recommendation from the Audit is that "the management of all Assistance Grants should remain within the remit of the Social Development Department. This will ensure that the needs of the most vulnerable persons are addressed and protected against abuses and unscrupulous activities".

I fully support that conclusion and I once again thank the Auditor General and her team for their work. The methodology used in carrying out the Audit is set out in the report and I continue to have full confidence in the Auditor General in carrying out her independent functions under the Constitution.

What is most important is that lessons are learned from this Audit, that public funds go to those in genuine need and that mechanisms are in place to prevent abuses. It is positive to see that the Ministry of Health and Social Development is currently consulting on a social assistance programme, and I encourage people to participate.

the community as we work together to enhance security at the Cyril B. Romney Tortola Pier Park."

The review meeting brought-together participants,-including representatives from the British Virgin Islands Ports Authority (BVIPA), Tortola Pier Park Ltd (TPPL), and the Ministry of Communication and Works.

The Ministry of Communications and Works, in close coordination with the

BVIPA, TPPL, British Virgin Islands Tourist Board (BVITB), and Royal Virgin Islands Police Force (RVIPF), remain committed to prioritising the safety of all individuals within the Cyril B. Romney Tortola Pier Park. The implementation of these recommendations and additional security measures demonstrates the dedication to addressing the recent incident and ensuring a secure environment for park visitors.



Photos of the team on site at the CBRTPP

(Photo credit: TTPP)

22 Recommendations Submitted In Pier Park Security Audit

Minister of Communications and Works Honourable Kye Rymer has announced that the Cyril B. Romney Tortola Pier Park (CBRTPP) is already in the process of implementing significant security measures from 22 recommendations following the submission of the security audit report.

Honourable Rymer, minister responsible for ports, held a review meeting on 12th July with key stakeholders. The

purpose of the meeting was to discuss the recommendations provided in the report and collaborate on effective strategies to enhance security measures.

Minister Rymer stated that he is pleased to announce that out of the 22 recommendations presented in the security audit report, the Cyril B. Romney Tortola Pier Park was already in the process of implementing significant measures. Specifically, a new electronic

gating system is being installed to enable the park to be adequately secured during closure periods. Furthermore, upgrades will be made to the existing CCTV system at the park to further enhance surveillance capabilities and increased security personnel within the park premises to enhance security presence and deter criminal activities.

Honourable Rymer added, "We appreciate the continued support and understanding of

CDB Meeting Addresses Specific Needs Of Overseas Territories

Premier and Minister of Finance Honourable Dr. Natalio Wheatley has stated that the historic consultation meeting with the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) last month has brought attention to the specific circumstances and needs of Overseas Territories.

Premier Wheatley attended the Inaugural Consultation with Overseas Countries and Territories and the Caribbean Development Bank hosted by the Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance and Health of Anguilla. This meeting operated under the theme, "Biennial inaugural High-Level Meeting for Transformative Action in the British Overseas Territories (OTs)".

Premier Wheatley explained that because of its categorisation as having "high GDP per capita", the Virgin Islands is precluded from accessing official development assistance and concessionary financing, notwithstanding its heavy dependence on tourism and financial services, and susceptibility to external threats.

Honourable Wheatley stated, "The historic consultation meeting has highlighted the specific circumstances and needs of OTs, while promoting the benefits of further engagement and involvement

with the bank."

The Premier said the framework that was formulated by OT Heads of Governments in conjunction with the Caribbean Development Bank, will ensure that the Virgin Islands is more resilient to the development challenges confronting the Territory through accessing more avenues for financing.

Premier Wheatley added, "The Virgin Islands, like other OTs are disproportionately susceptible to socio-economic and environmental challenges. Therefore, one of the primary objectives of the consultation was to explore viable options for obtaining funding towards achieving our development goals."

The forum also allowed for high-level dialogue on advancing stronger representation for Overseas Territories within the structure of the bank. The CDB is optimistic that solution-based bilateral discussions would ensure that developmental strategies are employed to allow Overseas Territories to fully capitalise on the advantages of regional cooperation.

Premier of Anguilla, the Deputy Premier of Turks and Caicos Islands, the Premier of the Virgin Islands, along with senior managers from the respective countries, attended

the inaugural consultation with the Caribbean Development Bank.

The Government of the Virgin Islands will host the next meeting, where discussions will be held on enhanced cooperation and improvement of the bank's capacity to further support the development agenda of OTs Borrowing Member Countries (BMCs).

Meanwhile, Premier Wheatley attended the Caribbean Development Bank's Annual Heads of Government Meeting in June where the bank's highest decision-making body discussed climate change, and corresponding mitigation and adaption strategies to engender resilience

Significantly, the Virgin Islands has also assumed its rotation as Governor on the Bank's Board.

The Government of the Virgin Islands remains resolute in the promotion of the overall development of the Territory, through deepening and strengthening its relationship with the regional stakeholders.

Tortola Toastmasters Club of BVI 2023-2024 Executive Committee Installed

(Road Town, Tortola, Virgin Islands), 15th July, 2023 — the Tortola Toastmasters Club of the BVI installed the 2023-2024 Executive Committee Members prior to the commencement of the new Toastmaster year on July 1, 2023.

The Black-Tie Affair commemorated the Club's Installation Dinner which was held on 15th July, 2023,

Toastmaster Patricia Blaize-Adams served as Toastmaster of the Evening. Division E Director Yvonne

Thomas installed the new Executive Committee for the period 2023-2024 and communicated her heartfelt thanks to the outgoing executives for an exceptional Toastmasters year 2022-2023. The Guest Speaker of the Evening was Dr. Arelene Smith-Thompson who spoke on "Leading with Compassion and Communicating with Kindness in an Ever-Changing World" and challenged everyone to look at things from the other person's perspective.

The 2023-2024 Tortola Toastmasters Club Executive Committee are:

President Kristal Collins
Vice President Education Ernard George

Vice President of Membership Jeremiah Frett

Vice President Public Relations Hector Cruz

Secretary Renette Jennings
Treasurer Patricia Thomas
Immediate Past President Weslene Walters

Outgoing President Weslene Walters thanked her team and club members for supporting her during her tenure. In addition, the outgoing President, recognized the outgoing Vice President of Education,



Kristal Collins with the Toastmaster of the Year award for her unwavering commitment to ensuring the club reached its goal of being awarded the designation of President's Distinguished which is an international recognition for Toastmasters clubs worldwide by Toastmasters International

A number of members were recognized for their educational achievements in the Toastmasters International-Educational Pathways program.

The incoming President, Kristal Collins expressed her gratitude to the club for their past, present and continued support. She also spoke about her growth and journey as a Toastmaster and identifies her leadership styles of visionary and servant leadership. Moreover, she challenged the club to achieve a three-peat as President's Distinguished for the upcoming year.

The mission of Toastmasters Club is to provide a supportive and positive learning experience where members are empowered to develop communication and leadership skills, resulting in

greater self-confidence and personal growth. The Toastmasters International motto is "Where Leaders Are Made".

Tortola Toastmasters is proud to be a part of District 81 which serves the Caribbean Region. Division E Director Yvonne Thomas represents all the Toastmasters Club in Division E include Anguilla, Antigua & Barbuda, St. Maarten, St. Martin, St. Kitts & Nevis, Virgin Islands of the United States (USVI) and the Virgin Islands (BVI).

The Tortola Toastmasters Club meets every 1st, 3rd, and 5th Tuesday of the month at 6 pm (GMT -4) via WebEx and in person. Feel free to keep in touch with the Tortola Toastmasters Club of the BVI via the following media:

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Executive Committee
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GLOBAL NEWS BRIEF

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EUROPEAN HEATWAVE - Countries across the Mediterranean are in the grip of a record-breaking heatwave as they are hit by the second 'heat storm' in a week.

Much of southern Europe including holiday spots like Spain, Italy, Croatia and Greece has seen extremely high temperatures that are expected to last for at least another week.

Some parts of southern Italy and Greece are expecting highs over 40C as the weather continues to get hotter.

Forecasters have warned that the European temperature record of 48.8C - recorded close to Siracusa in Sicily in 2021 - could be broken. So what does this mean for holidaymakers heading to southern Europe this summer? [EuroNews]

USA - Alabama's Republican-led legislature is holding a special session to approve a new map of congressional voting districts, after the U.S. Supreme Court said the current map, approved after the 2020 census, weakens the power of its Black voters. It only has one majority Black district (out of seven), in a state where more than one in four people are Black. [NPR]

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Jack Mogannam, manager of Sam's Cable Car Lounge in downtown San Francisco, relishes the days when his bar

stayed open past midnight every night, welcoming crowds that jostled on the streets, bar hopped, window browsed or just took in the night air.

He's had to drastically curtail those hours because of diminished foot traffic, and business is down 30%. A sign outside the lounge reads: "We need your support!"

"I'd stand outside my bar at 10 p.m. and look, it would be like a party on the street," Mogannam said. "Now you see, like, six people on the street up and down the block. It's a ghost town."

SEX APPETITE - Experts talk about how the weather and its variations affect our sex life, from both a physical and a psychological perspective.

They say that spring is the season of love. The summer, however, does not have a saying that relates sexual arousal to seasonality. Still, the notion that when temperatures soar, the libido follows suit, is very widespread. The study Seasonality in human reproduction, published by the University of Oxford, concludes that in countries with high temperatures — not scorching hot — births increase ten months after the summer. In this way, it establishes that the heat is responsible for the higher number of sexual relations.

The study emphasizes that arousal occurs in warm, not extreme, temperatures. "Extreme

heat can cause increased sweating and fluid loss, which can lead to dehydration, which can affect the body's hormonal balance and have a negative impact on libido. In addition, high temperatures can increase the levels of stress and trigger a higher production of cortisol, a hormone that can interfere with the sexual response," explains sexologist Andrés Suro from the MYHIXEL male sexual health company. [El Pais]

RUSSIA - Russia has resorted to sending aging, Soviet-made tanks to the battlefield in Ukraine in a desperate bid to compensate for its staggering artillery losses, experts and analysts have said — to mixed effectiveness.

According to the Dutch OSINT project Oryx, Russia had by May 31 lost over 2,000 tanks out of the 3,000 combat-ready vehicles of its original complement when it invaded Ukraine 17 months ago.

As these losses have piled up — and as it lacks the capacity to refurbish more modern tanks at the rates needed — Moscow has increasingly brought outdated Soviet-era T-54, T-55 and T-62 tanks out of storage and to the frontline, even as Ukraine receives increasingly advanced artillery from its Western allies. [Moscow Times]

GREECE FIRES - A wildfire raging near Athens, Greece, has prompted authorities to evacuate a nearby residential community with thousands of seaside homes.

The fire broke out in Kouvaras, roughly 27 kilometers (17 miles) southeast of the capital,

damaging several homes.

A spokesman for the regional fire department said, "It's a difficult fire, the winds are really strong."

High winds with gusts of up to 70 kph (45 mph) have fanned the flames as it devours vegetation and threatens nearby buildings.

Greek authorities say as many as 150 firefighters are on the scene, using 40 fire engines and 11 extinguishing aircraft to get the blaze under control. Greece's Hellenic Fire Service also reported that a second blaze had broken out in woods near the resort town of Loutraki, about 90 kilometers west of Athens. On Monday evening, authorities said police arrested a "foreigner" for allegedly causing the fire near Kouvaras. [Deutsche Welle]

USA HEATWAVE - More than 80 million people woke up on Sunday to find themselves under excessive heat warnings or advisories in the western and southern states of the US.

These regions are currently experiencing relentless, record-breaking temperatures that are affecting large areas of the country.

Areas bracing for widespread record highs

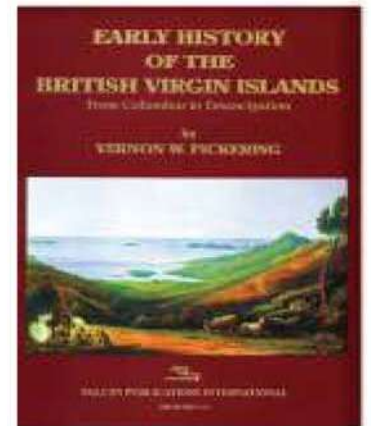
The National Weather Service (NWS) has cautioned about a "widespread and oppressive heat wave" that extends from the West to the South, with scorching temperatures expected to persist throughout the upcoming week. This poses significant health risks for millions of individuals.

According to a report from NWS on Sunday morning, it anticipates widespread record-breaking high temperatures and warm daily minimums in various parts of the Southwest, western Gulf Coast, and South Florida. [CNW]

BVI -- The British Virgin Islands Ministry of Health and Social Development is taking steps to standardize the care and treatment of individuals with diabetes through the release of guidelines for the management of the disease.

Dr. Ronald Georges, the Chief Medical Officer (CMO), explained that these guidelines were introduced by the Caribbean Public Health Agency CARPHA.

The launch of the CARPHA Guidelines for the Management of Diabetes in Primary Care in the Caribbean is scheduled to take place at the Dr. D. Orlando Smith Hospital on Thursday, July 20.



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The main objective of the guidelines is to ensure that individuals with diabetes receive the same level of care, regardless of the healthcare facility they choose for treatment.

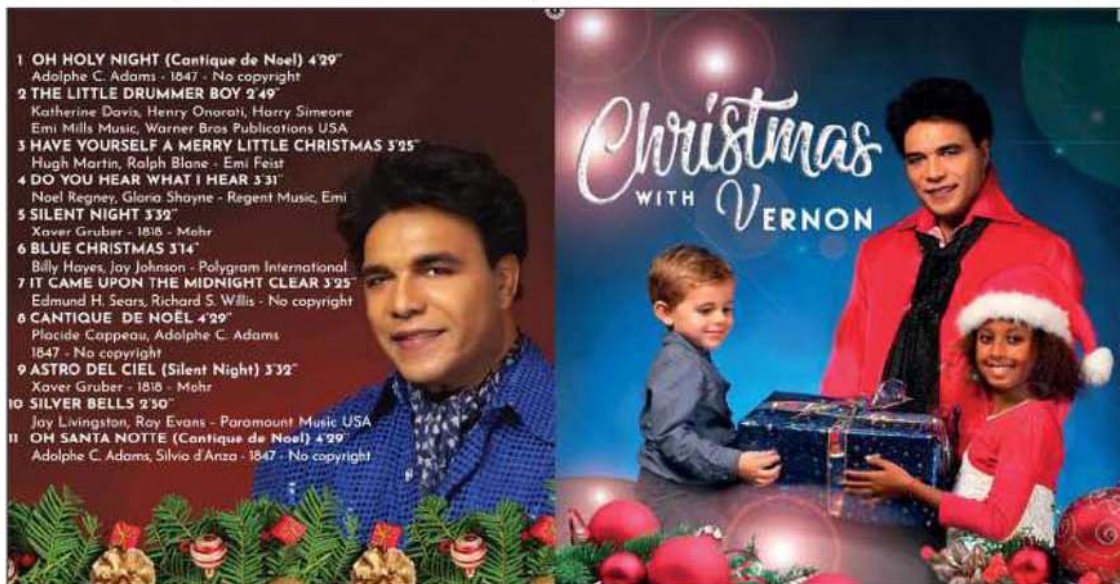
The potential impact of diabetes care guidelines

He shared that the program has the potential to significantly improve patient outcomes, reduce complications, and enhance their quality of life.

He further said that it will lead to cost reduction and overall improvement in healthcare services.

According to Georges, the guidelines will be reinforced through ongoing education in the form of Continuing Medical Education (CME) sessions. These sessions will focus on standardized assessment, care, and treatment for individuals with diabetes.

"We want these guidelines to be seamlessly implemented within our healthcare system. To do this, our focus will be on offering continuous education sessions, building collaborations with the Diabetes Association and clinicians as well as empowering patients to be more proactive and vested in their own care," Georges said. The CMO added that clinical audits will eventually be conducted to ensure the effective implementation of the guidelines. [CNW]



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The Sunny Side Up



Through the Lens of The Sunny Side



The Kids And The Sea (KATS) program just wrapped up a successful staging of its 2023 Summer camp.

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Divas On A Dime

THE KIDS AND THE SEA (KATS) PROGRAM JUST WRAPPED UP A SUCCESSFUL STAGING OF ITS 2023 SUMMER CAMP

The KATS Summer Camp is focused on teaching the basics of boating and water safety while having fun and learning about the marine environment surrounding the Territory. Each morning during the weeklong program the participants commenced with traditional classroom-style lectures to learn a module from the KATS manual.

During the program participants spent time at the H. Laverty Stoutt Community College Marine & Maritime Studies Department to learn about the role plankton plays in the

ocean and how buoyancy works.

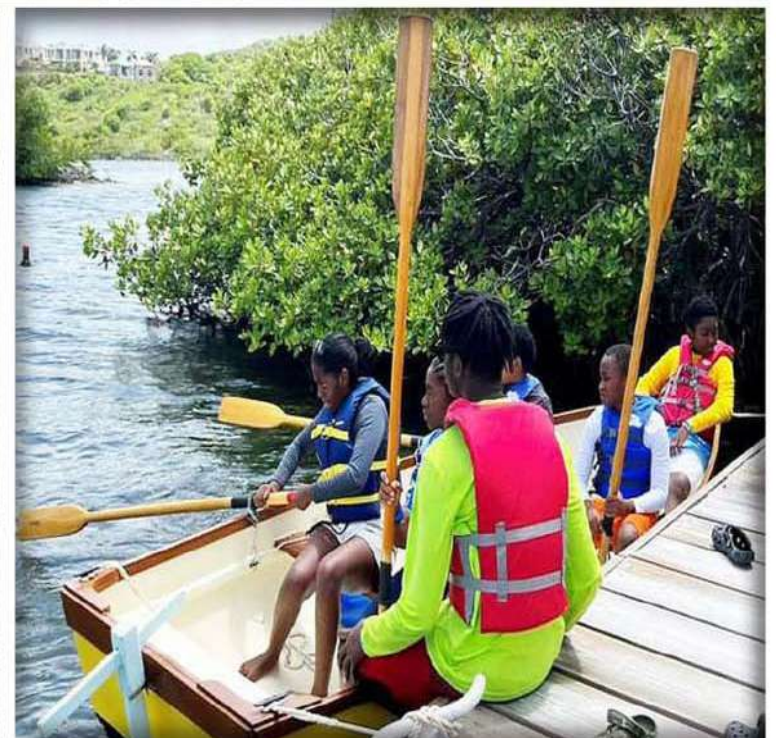
Other lessons included Rowing Commands, Knots, learning about Blue Economy and the Mangroves with the Marine & Maritime Studies Department! The KATS campers spent time on the water with Royal BVI Yacht Club and the KATS team learning how to capsize.

There was also snorkeling lesson with BVI Swim School at Pirates Bight, lessons from the We Be Divin' BVI company aimed at introducing the KATS campers to the amazing world under the water.

Additionally the participants were educated with a medical scenario training with VISAR crew member, Kahrim Skelton. By the end of the week the campers learned a few different knots, how to set up row boats and the importance of healthy mangroves in the BVI.

The KATS participants went out with Virgin Islands Shipping Registry to learn about marine safety.

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Dear Readers: Tips for Staying Hydrated During the Summer Heat (2 of 3)

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How to Stay Hydrated

The key to staying safe and healthy this summer is staying hydrated. And the key to staying hydrated? Follow these 10 easy tips:??

1. Drink water—and plenty of it!

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, daily fluid intake recommendations vary by age, sex, pregnancy, and breastfeeding. Start by drinking a cup of water each morning when you wake up or a glass before bed. Have another glass with every meal. Drink one or two cups after working out. To ward off dehydration, drink fluids gradually throughout the day.

2. Know the signs of dehydration.

Does your skin feel dry, irritated, inflamed, itchy, or sensitive? That's a sign of dehydration. Experiencing a headache or feeling dizzy or fatigued? These are signs, too. Muscle cramps, rapid breathing, fainting, and not urinating (or having very dark yellow urine) are others. If you're experiencing any of these symptoms, the simple solution is to get out of the heat and drink plenty of liquids. There are small over-the-counter options like Pedialyte and Hydralyte that balance out electrolytes and sodium with dehydration as well. If your dehydration is severe, call 911.

3. Check your urine.

A good measurement of hydration is the color of your urine. Pale urine, similar to the color of straw, indicates proper hydration while darker urine is a sign that you need more water. A dark yellow or amber color means you may have mild to severe dehydration. Of course, other medications and health conditions could affect this. If you're concerned about the color of your urine, consult with your health provider.

4. Avoid alcohol, sugary drinks, and/or caffeine.

Tricky fact—some liquids work against hydration! Drinks like coffee, sugary sodas, beer, wine and hard liquor, lemonade, sweet tea, energy drinks, smoothies, and flavored milk are all culprits. They are loaded with sugar, sodium, and other ingredients that remove water from your tissues. Consider swapping some of these out daily or rehydrating with more water for each dehydrating drink you consume.

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Ladyburd's Mail Box

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Dear Ladyburd: I am writing you this letter today, to see if you can be of help to me, I value you suggestions very much. I just graduated from High School and I would like to go into the workforce, however, my dad wants me to go to College right away and not go into the workforce as yet, I am really confused right now and I am not sure what to do. Any suggestions....**Confused;**

Ladyburd---Dear Confused: Thank you for reaching out to me. My suggestion to you is to listen to your dad, I know you are anxious and eager to start earning, but you should go to College right away if you are able to, sometimes, you get into the workforce and you delay, delay, delay, while time is going by, after you settle in college you may seek a part time job. That would be a better thing to do. You won't regret it. So stop stressing yourself out and listen to what your dad is saying. You will be glad you did. **Best wishes in your endeavors**



Light Bulb Moments

"The elevator to success is out of order. You'll have to use the stairs, one step at a time." — Joe Girard

"I invite everyone to choose forgiveness rather than division, teamwork over personal ambition." — Jean-Francois Cope

"Do what you can, with what you have, where you are." —Theodore Roosevelt

Poetry Corner

The Victor

If you think you are beaten,
you are.

If you think you dare not,
you don't.

If you like to win but think
you can't,

It's almost a cinch you
won't.

If you think you'll lose,
you're lost.

For out in the world we find
Success begins with a
fellow's will.

It's all in the state of mind.

If you think you are out
classed, you are.

You've got to think high to
rise.

You've got to be sure of
your-self before

You can ever win the prize.
Life's battles don't always
go

To the stronger or faster
man.

But sooner or later, the man
who wins

Is the man who thinks he
can.

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Tickle My Funny Bones



Reporting a flood.

In the worst rainstorm of the century,
a kid calls a hotline to report flooding.

"Help me!" the kid exclaims.

"I'm standing in two feet of water!"

"Now stay calm," the person answering the hotline
replies.

"Two feet of water does not constitute a flood
emergency around here."

"It does around here!" says the kid.

"I'm calling from the fourth floor!"

Are these plates clean?

John visited his 90-year-old grandpa who lived way
out in the country.

On the first morning of the visit, John's grandpa
prepared a breakfast of bacon and eggs.

John noticed a film-like substance on his plate,
and asked, "**Are these plates clean?**"

His grandpa replied, "**They're as clean as cold
water can get them. Just go ahead
and finish your meal.**"

For lunch, Grandpa made hamburgers. Again, John
was concerned about the plates, as his appeared to
have specks of dried egg on it.

"**Are you sure these plates are clean?**" he asked.

Without looking up, Grandpa said,

"**I told you before, those dishes are as clean as
cold water can get them!**"

Later, as John was leaving, his grandpa's dog started
to growl and wouldn't let him pass.

John said,

"**Grandpa, your dog won't let me get by!**"

Grandpa yelled to the dog,

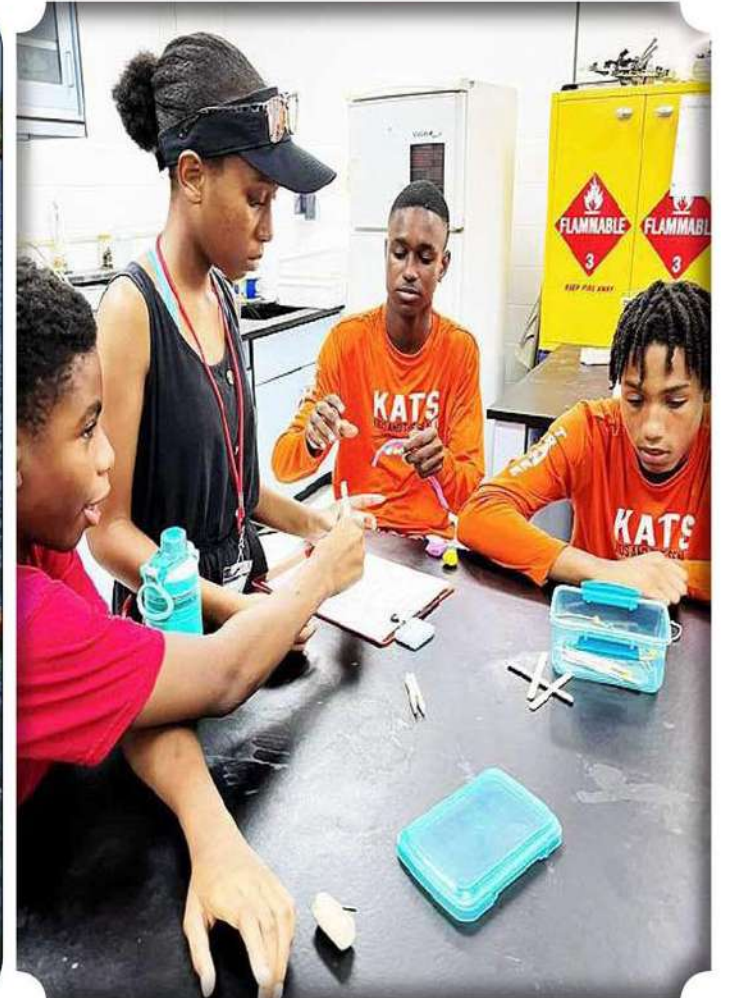
"**Cold Water, go lie down!**"

PUN INTENDED

**"Pencils could be made with
erasers at each end,
but what would be the point?"**

THE KIDS AND THE SEA (KATS) PROGRAM JUST WRAPPED UP A SUCCESSFUL STAGING OF ITS 2023 SUMMER CAMP

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The Sunny Side Up

all together. To get the mixture into the peppers, use either a small spoon or a piping bag fitted with a large tip. You can also cut the corner off a zip-top bag and use it as a piping bag. Don't worry about it being perfect. It's going to be messy no matter how hard you try. So, in peppers as in life, embrace the mess!

Place peppers cut side up on the grill for 4 to 6 minutes until they have softened and have nice grill marks. As the peppers blister, the cheese mixture inside turns warm and gooey. Divine!

Remove from grill and serve with typical Diva flourish.

The eascheesy sweet pepper poppers are wonderful served as an appetizer or a side dish. Here are a few suggestions for dishes to serve alongside the poppers: Serve with a fresh green salad, use to accompany grilled meat or seafood, serve with salsa and guacamole, or add them to a charcuterie board or crudite platter. See you next week!

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potassium, making them a healthy addition to any diet.

The recipe below is light and summery tasting, even though it's creamy and cheesy. The flavor is fresh and herbaceous with the mild green chilis and cilantro. If you're not a cilantro fan, substitute it with your favorite herb. I used cotija cheese because the mild, salty flavor pairs perfectly with the sweet peppers. Cotija cheese is typically found in the refrigerated cheese section of the grocery store, often alongside other Mexican or Hispanic cheeses. If you can't find any, you could substitute feta cheese.

EASY CHEESY SWEET PEPPER POPPERS

This recipe can be made under the broiler if you prefer not to barbecue.

- 1 1/2 pounds mini sweet peppers, about 20 peppers
- 8 ounces Neufchatel or cream cheese, at room temperature
- 10 ounces cotija or feta cheese
- 1 (4 ounce) can mild green chili peppers
- 2 tablespoons cilantro, minced
- 2 tablespoons green onion, minced
- Preheat the grill to 400 degrees.

Oil the grates or prepare a grill pan. I recommend using a grill pan, because you don't have to transfer the stuffed peppers on and off the grill or worry about them falling though the grates and all the cheese oozing into the fire.

Prepare the peppers. Set each pepper on a flat surface and see how it wants to sit without tipping over. Then use a small knife to cut a slit in the top side of the pepper. Use a small spoon or your fingertips to remove any seeds. Set them aside while you make the filling.

In a medium bowl, using a hand mixer or stand mixer, whip the cream cheese with the cotija cheese until fluffy and well combined. Dump the can of chili peppers into the cheese, juice and all. Add the cilantro and green onion, then mix it

Sweet Pepper Poppers: The Adorable and Delicious Bite-sized Delights

Have you seen the bags of those cute little mini red, yellow and orange sweet peppers in the produce section? They are adorable! Perhaps choosing produce according to level of cuteness isn't the best way, but in this case, it totally works!

These peppers are so versatile and so sweet, you can eat them right out of the bag. They're delicious grilled; just rub them with oil and pop them on the grill. Word to the wise -- grill the whole bag, because they're scrumptious hot or cold and make a simple side dish, or a lovely addition to salads, or anytime snack.

Bell peppers are highly nutritious, packed with essential vitamins like vitamins C, K1, E and A and



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Little poppers deliver big flavor.

POLICE NEWS

GOVERNOR COMMENDS MARINE OFFICERS IN PERSON

Friday, July 14 – His Excellency the Governor John Rankin added his personal voice to the local and overseas commendations expressed to the six RVIPF Marine Branch officers whose bravery and tactical skills was showcased during the high sea chase and interception of two boats carrying illegal drugs off Anguilla last Friday.

The Governor spoke to the officers while onboard the St. Ursula at the Police Marine Base.

“I warmly congratulate you, the members of the RVIPF marine unit, for your work in this operation. The successful seizure demonstrates the increased capacity that the marine unit has developed, including with UK support, and the importance of cooperation between Overseas Territories and international partners in tackling the illicit trade in drugs,” the Governor noted.

Two RVIPF vessels with two teams, a sergeant and 5 constables, responded to a call to assist in a joint international anti-narcotic smuggling operation led by U.S. law enforcement authorities and the UK National Crime Agency.

In the end, the two vessels intercepted the two boats within Anguillan

territorial waters, arrested the six persons onboard and confiscated 60 bales of what is suspected to be cocaine, one of the largest water-based cocaine seizures in recent history.

This success characterizes

the ongoing international collaboration of law enforcement entities throughout the Caribbean which continues to disrupt and dismantle organised criminality.



RVIPF OFFICERS COMPLETED ARV TRAINING AND BECAME D.A.R.E OFFICERS

Tuesday, July 18 – Officers of the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force recently completed an Armed Response Training & D.A.R.E Program, which ran simultaneously at the Road Town Police Station over the last four to six weeks.

The in-house Armed Response Training delivered by Inspector Carty, Sergeants Roberts, and Winter, consisted of nine officers and covered a wide range of topics such as weapon handling, precision shooting, and house clearing to name a few. This training enabled the officers to gain pertinent skills and further equip them when handling reports that require armed officers.

The Drug Abuse Resistance and Education (D.A.R.E) program, delivered by Police Constable Zamfir Adams, consisted of nine Community Policing Officers. They were provided knowledge on topics such as bullying, saying no to drug offers, gangs and gang violence, and more sensitive topics such as; good and bad touches, good and bad secrets, just to name a few. They were also trained on how to bring across the different subject areas successfully and skillfully; while keeping the children entertained and so intrigued, that they want to continue learning more.

Deputy Commissioner of Police St. Clair Amory in his remarks, congratulated all officers on a job well done. He also congratulated the training Instructors for an outstanding job on their delivery of the training material.

“It is not always the case that the organization would be able to employ trainers from overseas, so it is commendable that we have our own who are equipped to deliver these training materials to officers.”

He encouraged the officers to ensure that they utilize the skills gained throughout the training to help push the organization forward.



BOLZANO HOSTS THE FIRST SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE OF THE ITALIAN ACADEMY OF PHILATELY AND POSTAL HISTORY

The Italian Academy of Philately and Postal History held its first Scientific Conference on 14 and 15 July 2023 at the splendid Hall of Honour of the Mercantile Palace and Museum of the Chamber of Commerce of Bolzano; brilliant coordinator of the event was Dr. Elisabetta Carnielli of the Chamber of Commerce of Bolzano.

The President of the Federation of the Italian Philatelic Societies Dr. Bruno Crevato-Selvaggi who at the end of the event sent a very cordial message of congratulations as follows: "Dear friends, back from two days in Bolzano, a bit warm but very pleasant (lively city, culturally very special, architecturally pleasant: in short, I enjoy it), I want to congratulate Thomas and thank him, together with the participants (I ask Thomas to extend this to Dr. Carnielli) for organizing the event, for its program and for all the side activities: from great meals to the excursion on Sunday.

It seems to me that, in addition to press production, cultural meetings and moments of conviviality are the salt of an organization like ours: I therefore applaud the initiative, I hope to participate in the next and all ahead! Bruno."

Likewise, Dr. Elisabetta Carnielli of the Bolzano Chamber of Commerce sent a congratulatory email: "Dear colleagues, it is I who thank you. It was a beautiful initiative, very enriching. Thanks to Dr. Crevato-Selvaggi for the compliments. Thanks to Thomas for the organization and the involvement of great experts. The success of the conference goes to him. Last but not least, thanks to Dr. Migliavacca, again for his collaboration in the drafting of the article for the official Volume of the exhibition and the spreading of the news relating to the First Scientific Congress and the Museum



Part of the speakers of the First Congress of the Italian Academy of Philately and Postal History - (from left to right): Dr. Giorgio Migliavacca Vice-president of the Academy, Dr. Rocco Cassandri, Dr. Federico Pigozzo, Dr. Martino Laurenzi, Dott. Emilio Simonazzi, Prof. Francesca Brunet, Dr. Alberto Caroli, and Dr. Thomas Matha' President of the Academy.



Partial view of the audience

exhibition (even overseas), for having acted as a liaison and keeping me updated. Best regards - Elisabetta Carnielli".

Among the highlights of the Conference was a visit to the Mercantile Palace which hosts, among other things, a large "surprise" for visitors interested in postal history: the Menz Archive of 250,000 letters. Already in the 18th century the Menz family was divided into three branches of descent, among which the best known is the Sarnthein-Menz line with the so-called "French bride" Annette von Menz and the commercial house "G. Menz". The collateral line founded by Dominicus Maria von Menz in the second half of the 18th century was equally successful, though less well-known. In the 19th century Peter Paul von Menz and Adolph von Menz, Dominicus's

son and grandson respectively, ran a lucrative business in Bolzano. The Mercantile Museum of Bolzano, housed in the Mercantile Palace, is located in the heart of the ancient commercial settlement, between Via Argentieri and Via dei Portici. The eighteenth-century building, designed by the Veronese architect Francesco Perotti, hosted for more than a century the Mercantile Magistrate, a special commercial court established in 1635 by the Archduchess of Austria Claudia de' Medici, called to settle the disputes that arose among merchants during the international fairs of Bolzano. In the middle of the nineteenth century, the tasks and competences of the Mercantile Magistrate passed to the newly constituted Chamber of Commerce of Bolzano, which, aware of the historical and architectural value of the building, undertook constant maintenance and renovation work until 1997 when the doors were officially opened to the public.

LIST OF LECTURERS

- Welcome remarks: Dr. Elisabetta Carnielli
- Prof. Helmut Rizzolli: the exhibition "Pandemics and Commerce"
- Dr. Thomas Matha' - President of the Academy: Introduction to the Scientific Congress
- Prof. Francesca Brunet: some aspects of the postal materiality
- Dr. Rocco Cassandri and Dr. Martino Laurenzi: the control of pandemics between Medicine and Postal Service
- Dr. Federico Pigozzo: Between Venice and Europe – the prevention of contagion in Verona from Middle Age to modern age
- Dr. Giorgio Migliavacca, Vice-president of the Academy: When scholars delve into the effects of pandemics on postal communications
- Dr. Alberto Caroli, President of the Association of Studies of Tuscany's Postal History: Tuscany, Corsica and Liguria: Postal Health during the Napoleonic era

celebrity extra

by Dana Jackson

Q. I've followed David Boreanaz's career ever since he first played Angel on "Buffy the Vampire Slayer." Does he have another TV series lined up soon? —K.K.

A. Talent, looks and charm have helped David Boreanaz lead three successful television series. He was introduced as Angel on "Buffy" back in 1997 and had such a strong fan following that the spinoff "Angel" was created — and lasted five seasons.

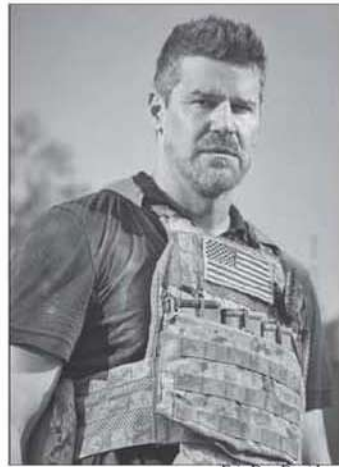
He then landed his biggest hit yet by playing the cocky FBI agent Seeley Booth opposite Emily Deschanel in "Bones," which ran for 12 seasons on Fox. Hart Hanson, who created "Bones," has hinted that he'd be open to reviving the show. Boreanaz's most recent series, "SEAL Team," transitioned to Paramount+ after leaving CBS, but its seasons are much shorter now at just 10 episodes. So, if "Bones" does resurface, there's a good chance that the two leads have room in their schedules to commit to it.

Q. Is Taylor Kinney ever returning to "Chicago Fire"? He's my favorite actor, and I've enjoyed watching him since the show began. But I read a rumor that he's gone for good. —L.G.

A. It's not looking too promising that Taylor Kinney will resume playing Lt. Kelly Severide on the long-running NBC hit show "Chicago Fire." The actor took a leave of absence this past January with no specific return date mentioned. A source told Deadline.com that the decision seemed somewhat last-minute, with writers having to rework scripts to explain his character's absence.

In April, NBC renewed "Chicago Fire" for another season, its 12th, but announced that there would be budget cuts. Some have speculated that if Kinney returns, it could be well into the upcoming season so that NBC doesn't have to pay him as much. Apparently, most of the cast will take turns sitting out for a few episodes to free up the budget.

Kinney did issue a statement following the untimely death of actor Treat Williams in June. Williams played Kinney's



David Boreanaz stars as Jason Hayes in "SEAL Team."

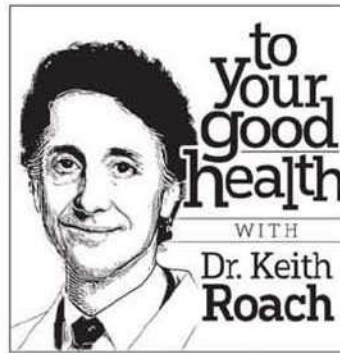
father on "Chicago Fire" between 2013-2018. Kinney told People magazine that Williams was like a father figure to everyone on set. "I'll always relish our conversations and his uncanny ability to light up a room," he stated. "We all send love; he will be missed."

Q. I saw a commercial for a new movie or TV series called "Haunted Mansion," which is obviously based on the Disney ride of the same name. But didn't they already make a movie about this a few years ago? —D.E.

A. "Haunted Mansion," starring Owen Wilson and Rosario Dawson, is a new film that's loosely based on the popular ride at the Disney theme parks. It'll probably shock you to learn that the first film adaptation was released 20 years ago. It starred Eddie Murphy and Jennifer Tilly, and had a bit of a longer title — "The Haunted Mansion." The original film was panned by critics, and while it wasn't exactly a financial flop, it wasn't as big of a hit as "Pirates of the Caribbean," another ride-to-motion-picture adaptation.

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

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How to Avoid Calcium While Taking Thyroid Medication

DEAR DR. ROACH: I had a thyroidectomy, and I take levothyroxine. Instructions for the medication state not to take it within four hours of consuming calcium. No discussion of the drug has clearly stated whether this only refers to calcium supplements or whether this also includes high-calcium foods.

I usually take levothyroxine when I wake up, between 2 a.m. and 3:30 a.m., to avoid breakfast dairy products (i.e. yogurt, cheese and soy milk) and dinner foods (broccoli, leafy greens, dairy and soy). I go to bed fairly early. I eat mainly plant-based, plus dairy.

I have asked some doctors and pharmacists, only to have them answer with the question: "Doesn't that only apply to supplements?" I don't know! That's why I'm asking. I want my thyroid prescription to work as it's supposed to. Can you shed light on this issue? —E.G.

ANSWER: Large amounts of elemental calcium do decrease the absorption of the thyroid hormone, thyroxine. If you were to take thyroxine (Synthroid and others) at the same time as you would a large calcium pill, you could expect the thyroid medicine to be about 7% to 8% less absorbed. (Iron and caffeine also decrease thyroid hormone absorption.)

A glass of cow's milk taken at the same time will decrease thyroid hormone absorption. Soy milk has not been studied, but I would expect calcium-fortified soy milk to be similar to milk, yogurt and some high-calcium cheeses in their ability to reduce thyroxine absorption.

However, I think you may be taking things too far. One hour is probably adequate enough to separate calcium from thyroxine. Furthermore, if you

are consistent in taking your medication, your dose will get adjusted to the correct level. I doubt that vegetables have any effect on absorption.

Finally, in a study of people who took thyroxine sometimes with and sometimes without their calcium, the change was not enough to get them out of the desirable range, although the levels were definitely affected. The dose of thyroid hormone has a little bit of leeway in most people, although some people (such as those with a history of thyroid cancer who are now on replacement therapy after surgery) need to have a very exact dosage. So, avoiding calcium, iron and caffeine in those cases is more critical.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am a 72-year-old woman who, over my adult years, has developed allergies to Tylenol and all NSAIDs. Just this week, I developed a rash after taking aspirin, which was my last resort for pain. I was given a prescription for tramadol, but I really don't want to take a narcotic for aches and pains I only have periodically. Instead, I use ice, heat, stretching and exercise, which keep me pain-free most of the time. —T.W.

ANSWER: I have rarely seen a person allergic to so many classes of medicines, but it can occasionally happen. It's unfortunate, but I certainly agree with you that an opioid (the term narcotic isn't used any more) is too powerful a medication to use lightly.

There are serious side effects that can happen with tramadol, like any other opioid, and even appropriate use of opioids can lead to opioid use disorder. Misuse of prescription drugs is a huge problem in North America, and not prescribing them in the first place is a good way to prevent problems. (People who misuse opioids commonly get them from a friend or relative.)

Nonprescription ways of treating pain seem like a very good way to treat the occasional pains we all get. Topical treatments, like menthol, camphor-based creams or even topical NSAIDs like diclofenac, may not cause allergic reactions, so you might have success by trying those.

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

- Remember the stunning green Versace gown worn by Jennifer Lopez at the 2000 Grammy Awards ceremony? Not only was it a sartorial feat of engineering, it inspired the creation of Google Images: The search engine added that function because so many people were looking for pictures of the outfit.

- The beloved Sesame Street characters Bert and Ernie were named for a police officer and taxi driver in Frank Capra's holiday classic "It's a Wonderful Life."

- Biologists named a species of ants unique to New York City "Manhattan Ants."

- Due to a shrimp's open circulatory system, it has no arteries, and its organs just float around in its blood.

- Spain's national anthem, the "Marcha Real" ("Royal March"), is one of only four such anthems in the world (along with those of Bosnia-Herzegovina, Kosovo, and San Marino) to have no official lyrics.

- British military tanks are equipped to make tea.

- The longest walking distance in the world, from Magadan in Russia to Cape Town, South Africa, is 14,000 miles. Be sure to take plenty of extra shoes!

- On the other hand, if you're more in line for a much quicker journey, hop on the world's shortest commercial flight, from Westray Island to Papa Westray Island in Scotland — it'll take all of 90 seconds.

- IKEA rugs were used for the Night's Watch cloaks in Game of Thrones.

- Abraham Lincoln remains the only U.S. president ever to have held a patent. While his invention was registered as a device for "buoying vessels over shoals" in 1849, it was never actually used on boats or made commercially available.

- Hellmann's, anyone? In some countries, mayonnaise is a popular pizza topping.

Thought for the Day: "Great thoughts speak only to the thoughtful mind, but great actions speak to all mankind." —Theodore Roosevelt

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ALLEGED STRIKE BY CUSTOMS OFFICERS

STATEMENT BY DEPUTY GOVERNOR OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
MR. DAVID D. ARCHER JR.



Earlier today, I was invited to a meeting by the Financial Secretary to meet with members of His Majesty's Customs Department and the members of the Customs Welfare Association, the Honourable Premier and representatives from the Ministry of Finance were present. The Association made it clear that their goal was to discuss their purpose, address matters impacting Customs Officers and to ascertain a detailed update on outstanding increment payments. They further shared that they did not plan to strike as a result of increments not being paid but wanted to get an update and offer their support in the processing of increments.

A bountiful discussion on the importance of Customs Officers to matters of national security and economic stability culminated in solutions to address a number of organisational matters outside of increment payments. As such, I would like to unequivocally dispel any rumors of Customs Officers striking as a result of increments not being paid.

To date, 1420 of 2261 eligible public officers have been paid their outstanding performance year increments, with arrears, for 2018 and 2019. It is important to note that the processing of increments for eligible customs officers has begun with over 40% of eligible customs officers paid. Following my circular shared on Friday, 14th July, we have now received 98% of the needed documentation to begin processing increment payments for the balance of customs officers. While initial payments were made to officers with no changes to their employment during those years, the remaining payments require a more complex calculation per officer and thus requires more time.

Regarding the overall public service, we have processed an additional increment payroll for this month on 18th July. The Ministry of Finance has assured that officers who were paid increments during this payroll should expect to see funds by tomorrow. This is due to processing time required by the banks to complete the transaction.

Additionally, Payroll officers are working overtime to ensure all outstanding increment payments for 2018 and 2019 continue to be paid as soon as possible provided that all outstanding increment reports and letters are submitted by Heads of Departments by Wednesday, 19th July. I have seen good progress following my last circular.

The public should be aware that we understand the importance of government services and the impact created by closures, through industrial actions. All efforts will be extended to address any concerns made by officers which could impact the delivery of government services.

We thank public officers for their continued hard work and dedication to the Public Service and for being a part of the process to ensure each eligible public officer's increment is paid.

British Virgin Islands Ports Authority: Committed to Disaster Preparedness for Hurricane Season



BVIPA Tabletop Exercise

Tortola, British Virgin Islands, 14 July 2023 – In recent weeks, the management team of the British Virgin Islands Ports Authority (BVIPA) conducted a series of comprehensive disaster preparedness exercises that included a tabletop exercise and extensive walk-throughs of its facilities. These proactive actions demonstrate the Authority's commitment to safeguarding lives, protecting infrastructure, and maintaining operational continuity during potential severe weather.

The tabletop exercise served as the first and crucial component of the multi-pronged approach to the disaster preparedness strategy, it brought together members of the management team to simulate emergency scenarios and assess the response plans. The tabletop exercise provided an invaluable opportunity to identify strengths, uncover areas for improvement, and enhance overall readiness in dealing with hurricane-related emergencies.

Additionally, a team of managers and supervisors conducted extensive walk-throughs of the port facilities, systematically assessing vulnerabilities, and reinforcing disaster preparedness measures. These walk-throughs involved comprehensive inspections of facilities, equipment, and infrastructure, with a focus on critical areas. By identifying potential risks and ensuring the readiness of resources and personnel, the BVIPA aims to mitigate the impact of hurricanes

on port operations and facilitate swift recovery.

Mr. Marlon Marquis, Compliance Manager at the BVIPA expressed that, "The site visits conducted on Tortola and Virgin Gorda focussed on assessing the port facilities as well as engaging with the team individually and as a group. This aimed to foster open lines of communication and build a strong sense of teamwork among all team members throughout the Territory. These interactions provided an opportunity for managers to gather insights, address concerns from staff and reinforce the importance

of individual and collective roles at the port in disaster preparedness. It also allowed the team to identify and remediate certain structural deficiencies and potential hazards."

The Acting Deputy Managing Director, Mr. Dean Fahie said, "I applaud the management team at the BVIPA in this undertaking, as it demonstrates good teamwork in ensuring the organization is prepared for any eventualities during this hurricane season. The team will continue to enhance our Ports facilities."

The BVIPA's site visits underscore the organisation's commitment to prioritising safety, preparedness, and collaboration. By working closely with the staff, the BVIPA aims to foster a culture of continuous improvement and ensure that every member of the team is equipped to contribute to the overall resilience of the ports.

As the hurricane season progresses, the BVIPA urges all stakeholders, including vessel operators, port users, and the local community, to prioritise disaster preparedness measures. By familiarising themselves with emergency response plans, adhering to safety protocols, and actively participating in joint initiatives, stakeholders can contribute to a stronger and more resilient maritime industry.



BVIPA Virgin Gorda Walkthrough



*BVIPA - Meeting with Virgin Gorda Team
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Caribbean News / Regional News

AFROBEATS AYRA STARR'S WORLD TOUR COMES TO THE BARBADOS FOOD AND RUM

- Barbados bringing vibes on vibes at the Food and Rum Festival in October -

Afrobeats superstar, Ayra Starr, announced via social media that she will be bringing her World Tour to Barbados for the highly anticipated Barbados Food and Rum Festival this October. It is the only Caribbean island featured on the tour schedule.

The Nigerian performer, who has taken the world by storm with her hit songs 'Rush', 'Bloody Samaritan' and others, recently celebrated her birthday with friends in Barbados. Now she is returning to take the stage at the island's famous Festival which runs from October 19-22, 2023.

Posting the tour schedule on her Instagram profile, Ayra Starr stated "It's my first headline tourrrrr!!! (sic) I've been touring around the world, opening for other artists, opening stages at festivals, now it's an Ayra Starr show!"

Food, rum and vibes Ayra Starr will perform at Liquid Gold Feast, the red carpet finale of the Barbados Food and Rum Festival, which takes place on Sunday, October 22. She will perform alongside other top local acts for an unforgettable musical and cultural display to end the Festival in style.

Director of Public Relations - and

Communications for the Barbados Tourism Marketing Inc. (BTMI), Aprille Thomas, said that the inclusion of an international star performer was a strategic move to elevate the 12-year-old Festival. "Ayra Starr is one of afrobeats' leading stars and having her add the Barbados Food and Rum Festival to her World Tour, signals to the world that Barbados is operating at a high standard. We are already known as the culinary capital of the Caribbean and the birthplace of rum, and now we are focusing on taking it a step further, by infusing top international musical influences with our own local and regional talent."

Thomas added that the Festival weekend promises good food, rum and vibes with a range of activities for every appetite. The full schedule of activities from October 19-22 includes seven signature events:

1. Oistins Under the Stars (Thursday, October 19th) – A fish fry which fuses Bajan cuisine and local entertainment.
2. Chef Classics (Friday, October 20th) – Intimate cooking demos with world-renowned chefs Anne Burrell of the USA, Shelina Permalloo of the UK and Juan Diego Vanegas of Colombia.

3. Rum Route (Friday, October 20th) – A unique experience to learn more about Barbados' rum heritage in a moving party bus.

4. Rise & Rum: Breakfast Party (Saturday, October 21st) – The premium all-inclusive breakfast sunrise beach party.

5. Bajan Fair (Saturday, October 21st) – A new family-friendly event filled with non-stop fun and laughter.

6. Junior Chef Cook-Off Competition (Saturday, October 21st) – The most anticipated culinary showdown of top local aspiring chefs ages 16-21.

7. Liquid Gold Feast (Sunday, October 22nd) – An ultra premium all-inclusive gala featuring the best local and international entertainment, delectable food and exquisite cocktails.

Liquid Gold Feast featuring Ayra Starr Apart from the vocal stylings of Ayra Starr, patrons at Liquid Gold Feast will enjoy the delights of six award-winning Barbadian chefs and five mixologists who will serve up a sumptuous feast of a variety of local dishes paired with delicious rum cocktails.

Tickets for the Barbados Food and Rum Festival are available at www.foodandrum.com

DISEASE OUTBREAK NEWS

Dengue – the Region of the Americas

19 July 2023

Situation at a glance

Since the beginning of 2023, dengue outbreaks of significant magnitude have been recorded in the WHO Region of the Americas, with close to three million suspected and confirmed cases of dengue reported so far this year, surpassing the 2.8 million cases of dengue registered for the entire year of 2022. Of the total number of dengue cases reported until 1 July 2023 (2 997 097 cases), 45% were laboratory confirmed, and 0.13% were classified as severe dengue. The highest number of dengue cases to date in 2023 are in Brazil, Peru, and Bolivia. Additionally, 1302 deaths were reported in the Region with a Case Fatality Rate (CFR) of 0.04%, in the same period.

As part of the implementation of the Integrated Management Strategy for the Prevention and Control of Arboviral Diseases (IMS-Arbovirus), WHO is actively working with the Member States to strengthen healthcare and surveillance capacity.

WHO has assessed the risk of dengue as high at the regional level due to the wide spread distribution of the *Aedes* spp. mosquitoes (especially *Aedes aegypti*), the continued risk of severe disease and death, and the expansion out of historical areas of transmission, where all the population, including risk groups and healthcare workers, may not be aware of warning signs.

WHO does not recommend any travel and/or trade restrictions for countries in the Americas experiencing the current dengue epidemics based on the currently available information.

More here: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/disease-outbreak-news/item/2023-DON475>

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US, China Relations on 'Surer Footing,' Treasury Secretary Says



United States and Chinese flags are set up before a meeting between Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen and Chinese Vice Premier He Lifeng at the Diaoyutai State Guesthouse in Beijing, July 8, 2023.

Relations between the United States and China are on a "surer footing," U.S. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen said Sunday in Beijing as she wrapped up a four-day visit there, saying "no one visit will solve our challenges overnight."

The world's two largest economies – the United States and China – have a duty to themselves and other nations to communicate more closely when it comes to their economic decisions and climate change, Yellen said at a press conference at the U.S. Embassy.

During her visit, Yellen met with Chinese officials for 10 hours of talks. Five of them were with Chinese Vice Premier He Lifeng on Saturday. The U.S. Treasury Department described the meetings as "candid, constructive and comprehensive," while

Chinese state media termed them "in-depth, candid and pragmatic."

Yellen defended Biden administration restrictions on technology exports that Beijing disagrees with and said such disagreements should not prevent the two countries from finding ways to address "important global challenges, such as debt distress in emerging markets and developing countries and climate change."

The Chinese side expressed concern about U.S. sanctions and restrictive measures against China, the Xinhua state news agency said. The vice premier said the two governments should return to an agreement reached last November by Biden and Xi to improve relations.

"The two countries should act with a sense of responsibility for history,

for the people and for the world," he said.

On climate, Yellen pointed out that the U.S. and China are the world's two largest emitters of greenhouse gases and the largest investors in renewable energy.

She said that "climate finance should be targeted efficiently and effectively" to support already established institutions like the Green Climate Fund, a U.N. entity that is endeavoring to support a paradigm shift in the global response to climate change.

Yellen's three-day visit to China wraps up Sunday with an early morning news conference.

On Friday, Yellen held "candid and constructive" talks with China's prime minister, Li Qiang, in Beijing.

US Treasury Secretary: US, China Must Work Together to Fight Global Warming

The world's two largest economies – the United States and China – must work together to fight the "existential threat" of global warming, U.S. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen said Saturday in Beijing at meeting with Chinese government officials and climate experts.

"As the world's two largest emitters of greenhouse gases and the largest investors in renewable energy, we have both a joint responsibility and ability to lead the way," Yellen said.

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A Treasury Department statement said Yellen "discussed the administration's desire to seek healthy economic competition with China that benefits both economies, including American workers and businesses."

She also emphasized close communication on "global macroeconomic and financial issues and working together on global challenges, including debt distress in low-income and emerging economies and climate finance."

China's foreign ministry released a statement saying the prime minister noted that U.S. and Chinese economic interests are closely intertwined, and that China's development is an opportunity rather than a challenge to the United States. Beijing said that Yellen stated during the talks the U.S. "does not seek 'decoupling and disconnection' and has no intention of hindering China's modernization process."

The foreign ministry said, "China and the United States should strengthen coordination and cooperation, join hands to tackle global challenges and promote common development."

While both sides described Yellen's visit in positive terms, no new plans for more high-level meetings were announced.

"China's going to continue to be around and be a major player on the world stage," White House press secretary Karin Jean Pierre said Friday, adding that an intense competition requires intense diplomacy.

"So it is important to have an intense competition requires intense diplomacy," she said. "That's what you see Secretary Yellen do, that's what you saw Secretary Blinken do. These are the type of conversations that the president has had with President Xi in meetings that he's had with him as well," she said. The U.S. Treasury secretary began a four-day visit to China Friday by calling for market reforms in the world's second-largest economy, and warning that the United States and its allies will fight back against what she called China's "unfair economic practices." Speaking Friday in Beijing to the American Chamber of Commerce in China, Yellen said, "The United States does not seek a wholesale separation of our economies. ... The decoupling of the world's two largest economies would be destabilizing for the global economy, and it would be virtually impossible to undertake."

And while she noted the importance of trade and investment with China, Yellen also "raised concerns, including barriers to market access, China's use of non-market tools, and punitive actions that have been taken against U.S. firms in recent months," during a roundtable with more than 10 U.S. businesses operating in Beijing. "She also reaffirmed the U.S. economic approach to China, which remains focused on three primary objectives: securing vital interests pertaining to national security and human rights; pursuing healthy and mutually beneficial economic competition, in which China plays by international rules; and seeking mutual cooperation on urgent global challenges, including on the macroeconomy, climate, and global debt," according to a Treasury Department statement Friday.

China's foreign ministry said in its statement, "the two sides should strengthen communication and seek consensus on important issues in the bilateral economic field through candid, in-depth, and pragmatic exchanges, so as to inject stability and positive energy into Chinese-U.S. economic relations."

SPORTS

Two silver medals ends 14-year Jr. Caribbean Squash finals drought

SQUASH

Delilah Pease and Ethan Mohamed, ended the BVI's 14-year Caribbean Junior Squash Championships finals drought with silver medals on Monday in St. Vincent and The Grenadines, marking the first time in its competition history the territory had earned two medals in the same competition. Their medals in the U11 Girls and U13 Boys Divisions, were the first finals hardware since Joe Chapman won U19 silver in 2009. Oliver Henderson was an U13 bronze medalist in 2022.

Gia Ghuran of Trinidad and Tobago, the No 1 seed, beat Pease 11-5, 11-7 and 11-5 to claim the gold.

Both girls had navigated their way through the draw without dropping a game. Today something had to give," Coach Adam Murills told Island Sun Sports. "Both girls have fantastic serves and apply huge pressure especially when serving from the forehand side. Gia immediately found her rhythm making things exceedingly

difficult for Delilah. She opened up a lead and managed to maintain it throughout the first game to take it 11-5."

Pease, he noted, coped slightly better with Ghuran's serve in the second game and played and had some fantastic volley returns. "She was closer but Gia still managed to take the game 11-7. Delilah gave her absolutely every point, chased everything down, hit some great winners of her own, but ultimately Gia was slightly too good on the day and prevailed 3-0. An incredible debut performance representing the BVI from Delilah. She's only 8 years old and will have two more years to try and go one better and get her hands on the trophy. I certainly wouldn't back against her."

Pease stopped St. Vincent and the Grenadines' Amiyah Bascombe, 11-3, 11-1 and 11-2 in her opener, then overpowered Guyana's Zoey McDonald, 11-3, 11-7 and 11-3. She advanced to the final after a 12 minute 11-3, 11-4 and 11-2 win over Barbados' Peyton Marshall-Branc.

Like Pease, Mohamed was up against the No 1 seed in the form of Ben Shepherd from Barbados, who prevailed 11-1, 11-5, 11-3.

"Ben is quite small in stature but

is known for being a very skillful player. Ethan's game plan was to try and be solid around the middle and get the ball past Ben before then looking to use his own skills to take the ball in short," Murills explained. "Ethan managed in patches to play some high-quality squash, but he couldn't quite match Ben's consistency. Ben was able to keep a cushion in all three games and ran out a 3-0 winner."

Murills said that something Mohamed can take away from the match is that he needs to remain positive at all times. "He's a great young player and he needs to fully believe that when he's on court and not be disheartened if things aren't quite going his way," Murills said. "I fully believe he has the potential to overturn this result down the road."

Mohamed, the No 2 seed, opened with an 11-2, 11-4 and 11-7 win over Berhan Jackson of Trinidad and Tobago. He needed five sets to overcome the Cayman Islands' Levi Jack 11-5, 11-6, 4-11, 6-9 and 11-6 and advanced to the final.

"Both Ethan and Delilah have succeeded in making history for the BVI by claiming the BVI's first silver medals at the Junior Caribbean Champs since 2009. This is something they can both be immensely proud of," Murills said. "I have no doubt that they'll

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway



Delilah Pease, 2nd left and Ethan Mohamed, by her side, won silver medals against Gia Ghuran of Trinidad and Tobago and Ben Shepherd of Barbados. Two silver medals ends 14-year Jr. Caribbean Squash finals drought

continue to improve and push for more honors in the future."

Danny Henderson opened competition with an 11-1, 11-3 and 11-2 victory over Guyana's Jeremy Ten Pow in the U17 Boys Division. He followed up with a 9-11, 11-7, 11-6, 9-11 and 11-8 victory over Thomas Overton III of Jamaica, before losing 3-11, 4-11 and 3-11, to the Cayman Islands' Jace Jervis. He needed five sets to overcome Barbados' Luke Wilson in a consolation playoff, 11-8, 9-11, 9-11, 11-3 and 11-6.

Jakob Noblett bested the Cayman Islands' Dualtach Lynch, 11-7, 11-0 and 11-9, before turning back Barbados' Ethan Cyrus, 11-7, 11-4 and 11-0. He also beat Barbados' Elian Hamati, 11-9, 11-9 and 11-

6, then needed five sets to get past stubborn Ross D'Juran of Trinidad and Tobago, 7-11, 11-4, 11-8, 8-11 and 12-10.

Zevieh Abraham fell to the Cayman Islands' Charlie Makin, 8-11, 9-11 and 8-11, then overcame Dru Samuel of hosts St. Vincent and the Grenadines, 4-11, 11-8, 11-2, 7-11 and 11-4, before falling to Bermuda's William Frith, 7-11, 7-11, 11-6 and 7-11. Zane Pettlove went under to Benjamin Sherratt of Bermuda, 11-3, 11-3 and 11-3, before turning back St. Vincent and the Grenadines' Za'mar Hannaway, 11-2, 11-2 and 11-3. Darci Reich lost to Jamaica's Catherine Ridsen, 3-11, 2-11 and 3-11.

Walters win NACAC 11-12 Age Group, Gillings misses 13-14 by 2-points

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

TRACK & FIELD

Bryson Walters won the NACAC Age Group Championships 11-12 Boys overall division and Othniel Gillings who won the 11-12 Boys crown 2-years ago, narrowly missed the 13-14 Boys title by just two points, during the event held in Santiago, Dominican Republic.

Walters, who won Long Jump silver and 60m bronze, amassed 3080 points for the title from a field of 30 participants, in the five events Pentathlon. Kerjahni Prevost finished with 2242 and 29th overall. Shakoya Richards was 14th of 37 among the Girls with 2388 points while Tiffany

Herbert placed 29th with 1959.

Gillings, who led the seven event Heptathlon competition from the start and earned High Jump Gold, 80m bronze and 80m Hurdles bronze, needed to finish in the top 10 of the 1200m, but was 13th and missed the overall 13-14 Boys Division crown by merely two points. He amassed 4796 points behind the Bahamas' Jahcario Wilson who was seventh in the 1200 and edged him with 4798. Ty'Rique "TyTy" Charles finished fifth with 4682 including a Ball Throw bronze. His points combined with that of Gillings, gave them the 13-14 Boys Division title.

In 2021, Jah'Kyla Morton and A'Sia McMaster were the 13-14 Girls Division champs.

Counterparts Jamelia Chambers was 10th of 34 participants with 3555 while Deneil Clark was 16th with 3342.

"The athletes came out and all did

their best despite the long hours of travel and short hours of rest before competition started," Coach Erica Frederick told Island Sun Sports. "Some had personal bests in different events. I'm also super proud of Ty'Rique "TyTy" Charles and Othniel Gillings, who came back two years later and once again won the 13-14 Boys Heptathlon Division after winning the 11-12 Division in Nicaragua in 2021."

Both Walters and Gillings—who finished among the top overall sport—are coached by Frederick. "Right now, I'm feeling extremely proud and happy for Bryson Walters and Othniel Gillings. They have put in the hard work in training for the competition over the past one and a half years," Frederick noted. "Othniel already had the experience from two years ago when he came first in the 11-12 Boys Division. He's very competitive and

loves competition which I know pushes him to do better."

As for Walters in his first international competition, she said he did the same thing Gillings did two years ago. "Many times in training, I

told him I had confidence in him and I knew he could do the same thing that Othniel did. As I watched him in training, I saw that he was at the same level that Othniel was two years ago."



Bryson Walters, left won the NACAC 11-12 Boys division, Othniel Gillings was 2nd in 13-14 and Ty'Rique "TyTy" Charles, 5th in 13-14. Gillings and Charles were 13-14 Boys overall champions.

PHOTOS: Erica Frederick

SPORTS



Bryson Walters was the overall NACAC Age Group 11-12 Boys Champion



NACAC U18 and U23 team on their way to Costa Rica




BVI's NACAC U13 and U15 Delegations in Santiago, Dominican Republic



BVI team at the Caribbean Jr. Squash Championships in St. Vincent and The Grenadines

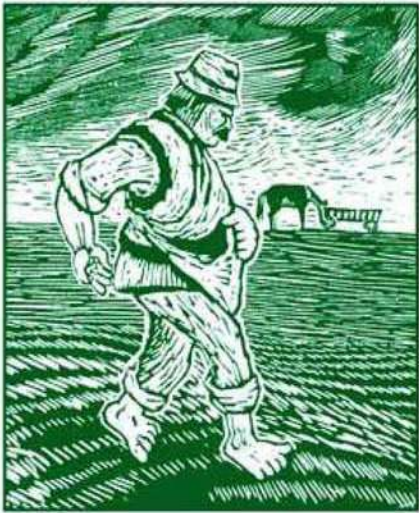


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Ukrainian etching, artist unknown (1976)

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Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



WE'RE HERE TO RENEGOTIATE OUR LOAN. YOU'RE GETTING "THE LOOK," SO IT'S BEST TO JUST AGREE.

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Hal Foster's Prince Valiant
BY SCHULTZ AND YEATES



LADY GRUNYARD HAS COME TO FETCH THE DISSIPATED LORD GRUNYARD, BUT: "THIS IS NOT MY LADY GRUNYARD! MY WIFE IS DEAD!"

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THE GOOD FOLK OF CAMELOT GASP. ALL EYES TURN TOWARD THE TENSED LADY GRUNYARD ...



...BUT NONE COULD PREDICT WHAT THE MYSTERIOUS LADY DOES NEXT!

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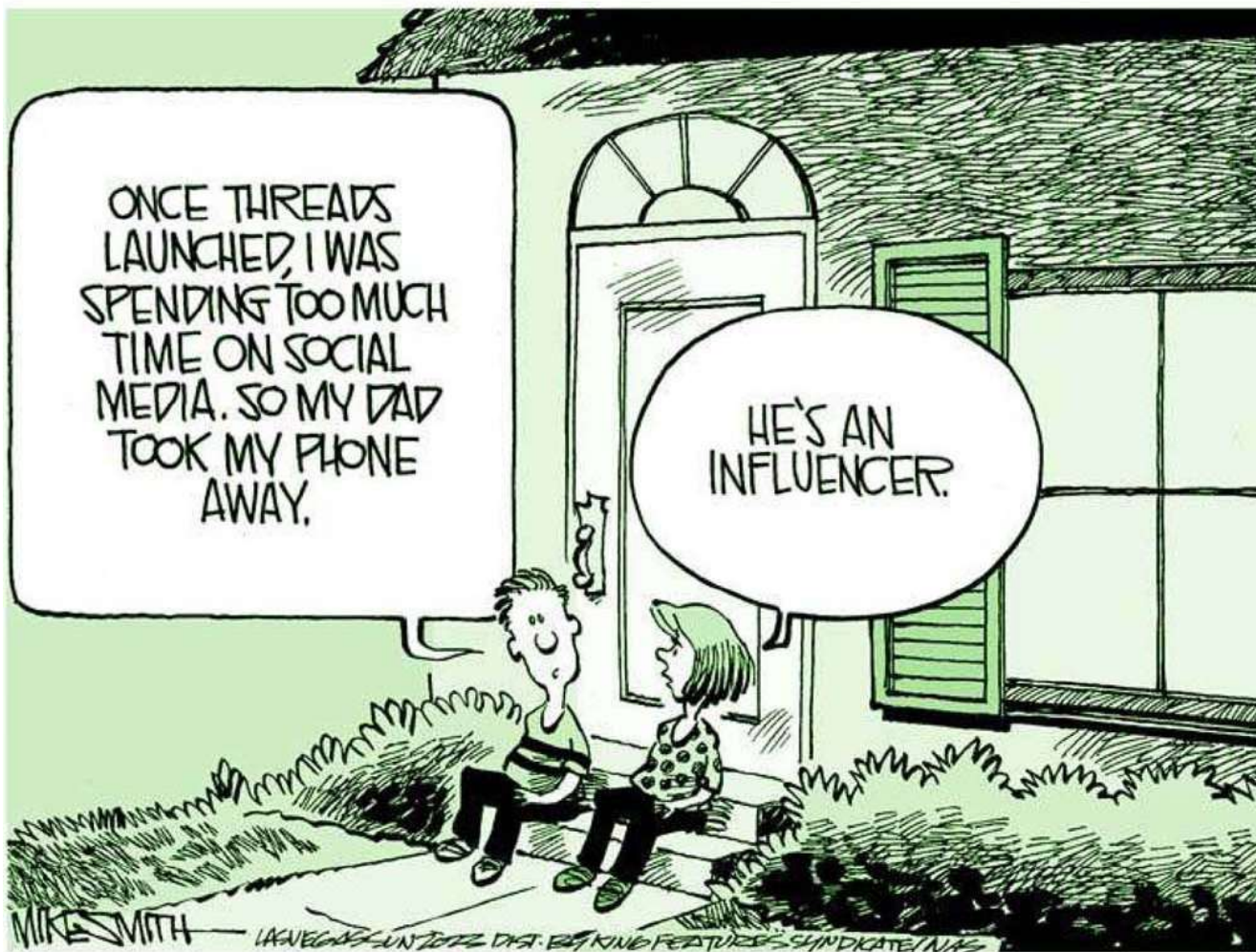
EVEN THE EXPERIENCED WARRIORS IN THE ROOM REMAIN FROZEN FOR ONE EXCRUCIATING MOMENT...



...GIVING THE MYSTERY WOMAN, WHO APPARENTLY IS NOT LADY GRUNYARD, THE INSTANT SHE NEEDS TO SIGNAL HER RETAINERS AND EFFECT AN ALTERNATE MANNER OF COLLECTING HER MAN.

NEXT: Getaway!

YEATES 5/20/12



BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Corinth (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
 2. From Matthew 11:18, who was accused of "having a devil" because he did not drink? *Mark, John the Baptist, Paul, Josiah*
 3. In Exodus 15:21, who sang a patriotic song after the crossing of the Red Sea? *Zipporah, Delilah, Miriam, Dinah*
 4. From Judges 1:23-25, which Canaanite city did spies find the entrance to? *Ai, Sardis, Colossae, Bethel*
 5. In Acts 12:21-23, what ungodly ruler was struck down by an angel? *Herod, Ehud, Jehu, Abner*
 6. Eve's name appears in the book of Genesis how many times? *0, 2, 13, 21*
- ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) John the Baptist, 3) Miriam, 4) Bethel, 5) Herod, 6) 2 (Gen 3:20, 4:1)
- Comments? More Trivia? Gift ideas? Visit www.TriviaGuy.com.

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Information you need might be coming in sporadically, but at least what you're getting is valuable. Continue to wait until more is available before acting on that career move.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You continue on an upbeat cycle, and with that strong Taurean energy, you should see favorable results from your hard work. A pleasing surprise awaits you in your private life.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A misunderstanding needs more time to be worked out. Don't give up on it just yet. Remain open to providing explanations, if called for. Another friend offers good advice.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Fast action can correct a seemingly minor problem that has taken on some unexpectedly difficult aspects. Stay with it until it's resolved. News on a more positive note is due soon.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Some snags could cause delays in those plans you're eager to see put into operation. But be patient. The Clever Cat will soon have good reason to celebrate a job well done.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Be careful not to let that Virgan sensitivity dissuade you from being the hardheaded realist you should be at this time. Your goals are in sight. Stay focused on them.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A more positive aspect opens up, allowing you to make some important changes in a personal situation. Remember to seek balance and avoid extremes as you proceed.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) This is a good week to get out and enjoy the fine times you missed while you were so deep in those workaday projects. Be sure to share it with that special person in your life.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Work and play are in balance this week. However, expect news that could tip things toward the workplace for quite a while — but all to a good end.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You're more productive on the job than you have been in some time. That's good, but be careful not to overlook some situations developing in your private life.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You've been doing a lot for others (as usual). But now it's time to focus on your needs, including finally going on that long-delayed trip you've been hoping to make.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) It's all smoothly going on 'twixt you and that very special person in your life. But a colleague causes some disruption on the job that you might be called on to help settle.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are sensitive to the needs of others, but you're no pushover. You would make a fine teacher, psychologist or minister.

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GRIN and BEAR IT



"He was much more fun when he wasn't around all the time!"

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



TIGER

by BUD BLAKE



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

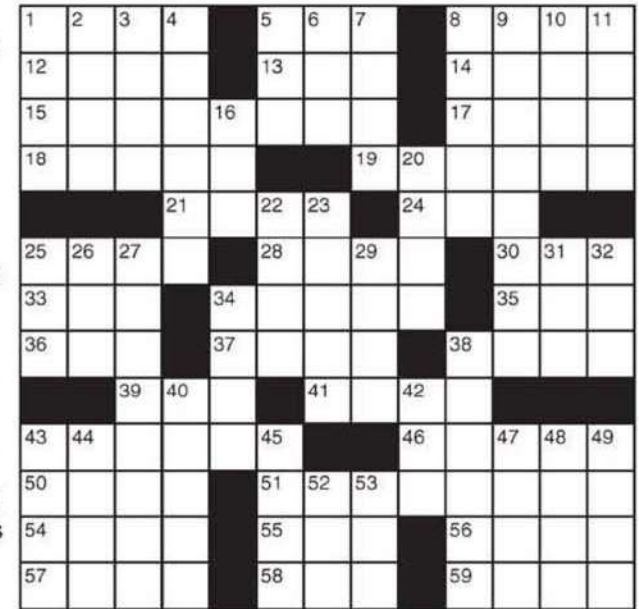
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Differences: 1. Basket is added. 2. Fence is reversed. 3. Ball is higher. 4. Arm is lower. 5. Cap is reversed. 6. Window is missing. 7. Ball is higher. 8. Ball is higher.

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Artist Chagall
- 5 Witty one
- 8 Infatuated
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- 13 Copper head?
- 14 Arkin or Alda
- 15 Famed circus impresario
- 17 A deadly sin
- 18 Tuscan city
- 19 Rapsallions
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- 24 " — was saying ..."
- 25 Pocket bread
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- 34 Highway divisions
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- 43 Chin covers
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- 51 Every year
- 54 Blue material?
- 55 Swiss canton
- 56 Campus digs



- 10 React in horror
- 11 Picnic invaders
- 16 Squealer
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- 22 Spiced tea
- 23 Brahmanist
- 25 Standard
- 26 Little rascal
- 27 Ear membrane
- 29 Casual tops
- 31 Buddy
- 32 "Shark Tank" network
- 34 Set down
- 38 "The Godfather" star
- 40 Emulate
- 42 Resort
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- 53 Tease

DOWN

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- 8 Grand parties
- 9 Kitchen foil type

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

Solution time: 24 mins.

Answers

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1. Sirocco; 2. Pareidolia; 3. Republic of Ireland; 4. "Miss Saigon"; 5. Gabriel Garcia Marquez; 6. Nosebleed; 7. "The Flintstones"; 8. Bruce; 9. 1900; 10. Zero.

Trivia Test Answers

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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The Garden Bug

Late summer garden tasks

Plan your garden tasks to be done during the coolest times of the day.

Note rainfall variations and how watering needs change as summer progresses, and make any needed adjustments. Look out for thrips, fruitworms, hornworms, mites, chinch bugs, scale, snails, slugs, etc. and treat promptly. Remove and dispose of any diseased foliage; do not compost it, but rather burn or bag it, then disinfect your tools to avoid spreading disease.

Source: thespruce.com

- Brenda Weaver



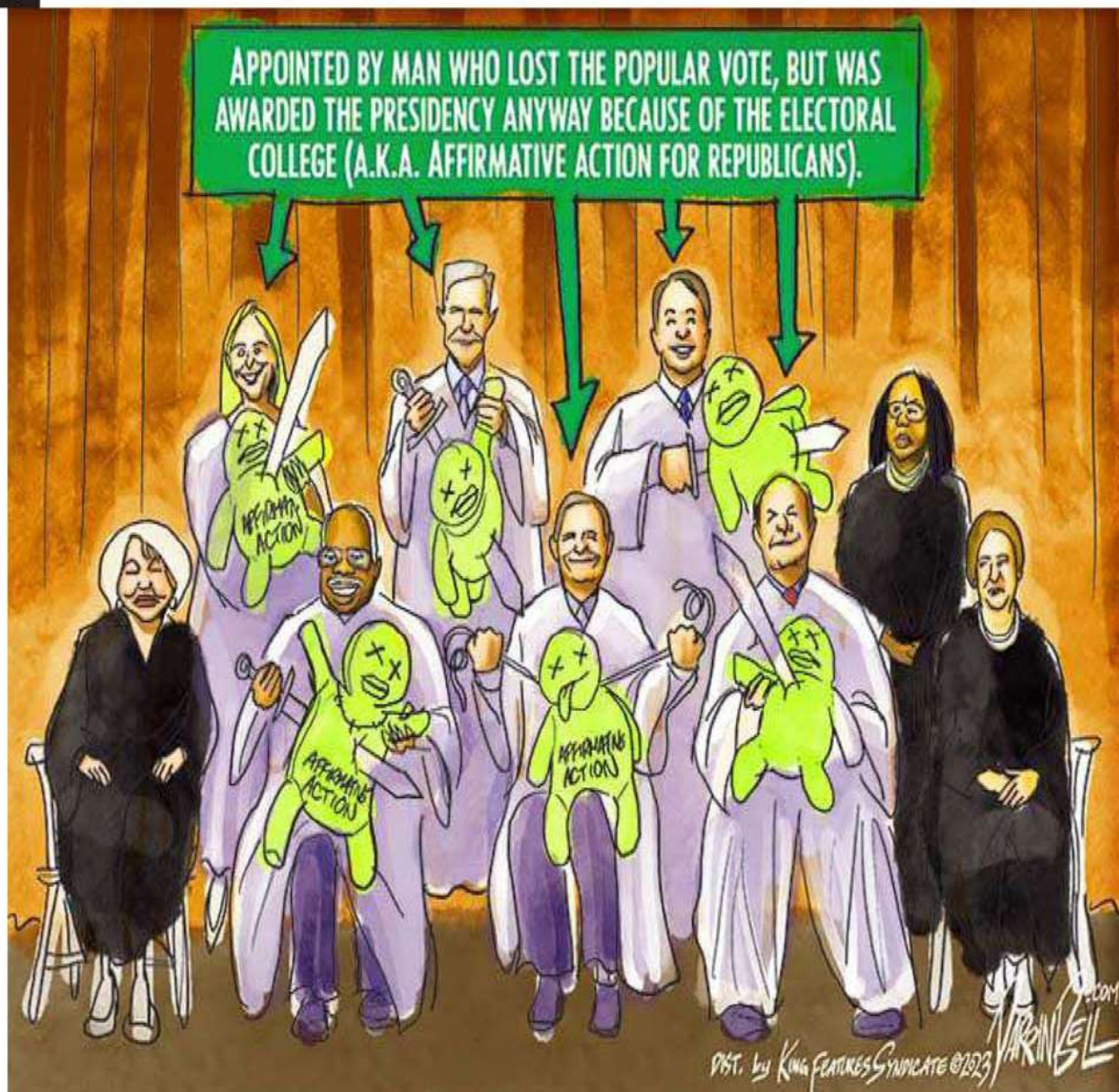
top ten

America's Most Generous Givers 2023

1. Warren Buffett
2. Bill Gates & Melinda French Gates
3. George Soros
4. MacKenzie Scott
5. Michael Bloomberg
6. Charles Feeney
7. Gordon & Betty Moore
8. Jim & Marilyn Simons
9. Mark Zuckerberg & Priscilla Chan
10. Phil & Penny Knight



Source: Forbes



THIS WEEK IN CORRUPTION

A missed Golden Opportunity

By Transparency International

Gold should be sold to those who know its value, as an African proverb goes. Meanwhile, in Ghana, the government - which is responsible for protecting the country's natural resources - is alleged to be undervaluing the country's gold itself.

Back in December 2020, together with the Ghana Integrity Initiative and the Ghana Anti-Corruption Coalition, we asked West Africa's regional court to weigh in on the Agyapa deal, in which the government of Ghana has been considering selling off the country's future gold royalties in perpetuity under highly suspicious circumstances.

After more than two years of deliberation, the judges announced their decision on Monday. Disappointingly, the court rejected our plea to intervene.

Based on the arguments we've heard so far, the court appears to be refusing to act mainly because harm has not yet occurred. This is unfortunate: We should not have to wait for the damage to happen to correct the course.

The court also considers that we failed to present substantial evidence to demonstrate corruption risks under the government's proposed deal. Never mind the 64-page report from the special prosecutor, which

documented numerous irregularities and warned of risks of illicit financial flows.

Had the court ruled in civil society's favour, it would have helped prevent corruption and violations of people's rights, not just in this specific case.



People in Accra marched in protest of economic hardships in June 2022. Photo: Francis Kokoroko/REUTERS

It would have also set an important precedent, allowing communities and organisations to challenge abuse of power in the management of natural resources across West Africa.

Coincidentally, this past Tuesday was the seventh consecutive African Anti-Corruption Day.

This year's commemoration was special, as it marked the milestone 20th anniversary of the African Union Convention on Preventing and Combating Corruption.

To date, most member states of the African Union - 48 out of 55 - have ratified the convention, demonstrating a commitment to

fighting corruption.

We can attest that there have been positive changes, as six countries have recorded significant improvements in our Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) since 2012. Despite progress, Sub-Saharan Africa is still the lowest-scoring region in the 2022 CPI.

High-level corruption remains a significant problem. Efforts to curb illicit financial flows - to which the African continent loses tens of billions of dollars annually - are advancing too slowly. This directly impacts African peoples' quality of life and disproportionately affects those in marginalised positions.

Opening decision-making processes

to public input will go a long way everywhere - including Ghana, where it is now on policy-makers to heed local communities' and experts' serious concerns about the Agyapa deal. After all, governments should not need conventions or judges to tell them that they should be accountable to the people they serve.

The Ghana Integrity Initiative, the Ghana Anti-Corruption Coalition and Transparency International are disappointed that judges saw no need for court action to prevent the violation of the rights of the people of Ghana that are bound to occur should the sale go ahead.

HAITI URGENTLY NEEDS A GENUINE AND REPRESENTATIVE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT

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)

Haiti's non-elected President, Dr. Ariel Henry has been identified as a significant part of the current crisis in Haiti. Henry and a small clique, who surround him, are hardly running the affairs of the state. Indeed, as armed gangs control more than 60 per cent of Port-au-Prince and the main corridors throughout Haiti, the disappearance of the state is obvious.

However, Henry and his appointed government have been dismantling what remained of Haiti's democratic institutions. As a coalition of U.S. based law school clinics describe it, "As of January 2023, there is no longer a single elected official at any level of government in Haiti."

In the meantime, Henry has been accused by the U.S. law school clinics, including Harvard Law School, and others of taking illegal actions, which are designed to prolong his non-elected role as President. In March, Henry illegally named eight justices to Haiti's highest court, the Cour de Cassation, undermining the court's legitimacy to check executive power. Additionally, in December 2022, he organized a "National Consensus Document for an Inclusive Transition and Fair Elections".

The document hardly reflected a "national consensus" in which key human rights organizations and political actors were excluded – a serious flaw which has been ignored by hemispheric and regional organizations.

This unpopular document would help to consolidate Henry's power by allowing him to pack the Cour de Cassation, Haiti's Supreme Court, with his handpicked persons, and putting in place an unconstitutional Provisional Electoral Council to organize and superintend Presidential and other elections. Haitian civil society, in many public statements, and presentations to members of the U.S. executive and legislative branches and to diplomats in the U.S., Canada and France have made it clear that they object to the December 2022 document.

According to a statement made by the Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) at their 50th anniversary meeting in Trinidad from July 3 to 5, Henry told them "that he will not seek election but will head a Transition Government to secure the arrangements to transition the country from the security and humanitarian crises until the holding of credible, free and fair elections". Insiders reveal that this statement had to be extracted from Henry who resisted being asked to make such a statement on the basis that "Haiti is a sovereign country".



In any event, while CARICOM leaders say, officially, that Henry has made this statement, he is yet to make such a public statement to the Haitian people. Furthermore, the fact that he and his close group are alone establishing elections machinery assures civil society and political parties in Haiti that "credible, free and fair elections" are impossible.

Significantly, in an article, published in the New York Times on 13 July, an experienced and knowledgeable expert on Haitian affairs, Jake Johnston, as senior research associate at the Centre for Economic and Policy Research, pointed out that "Henry has close links to a prime suspect in the assassination (of former President Jovenel Moïse)". Johnston reveals the following troubling information: "The former chief prosecutor overseeing the assassination case in Haiti called Mr. Henry to testify. He refused and then called the justice minister and told him to fire the prosecutor. When the minister refused, Mr. Henry fired both. Since then, an audio recording of the judge overseeing the case was leaked to CNN. "Ariel is a prime suspect of Jovenel Moïse's assassination, and he knows it," the judge can be heard saying. "Do you think I can touch Ariel now?"

Meanwhile Haiti continues to descend into chaos, lawlessness and wide scale human suffering. The World Food Programme says half of Haiti's population is experiencing hunger; there is no functioning criminal justice system, there are no trials and 85 per cent of prisoners have never been tried; the only electricity generation in the country comes from a private company owned by an elite Haitian family; between January and March this year, there have been 398 kidnappings and 1,634 violent assaults – including murders and rapes – took place in Port-au-Prince;

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many people in Haiti have no birth certificate and no identity papers; officially they do not exist; one hospital in the Canape Vert neighbourhood, south of the Capital, reports that it treats more than 10 patients wounded by gunshots every day.

The Haitian people cannot rely on their government for the basic services that every government is obliged to provide to its people. The state has long since collapsed.

Despite all this, the focus of the international community throughout this worsening crisis has been on whether or not to provide military support to the Haitian Police which is the principal request of the Ariel Henry regime. It is a request deeply feared within Haiti as a ruse to maintain the regime in office, and, consequently, to continue the incapacity to address the dire conditions in which the Haitian people are forced to eke out a miserable life.

Haitian human rights groups and others, who yearn for a better life, do want the restoration of security, but they also want justice and accountability by a government they elect and on which there must be checks and balances, including free and fair elections. Therefore, the start of any international response to the Haitian crisis must be the establishment of a legitimate transitional government, comprising representatives of civil society and political parties.

After three days of a failed meeting from 11 to 13 June in Jamaica – which Henry had to be cajoled to attend – it was obvious that he has no interest in genuine power sharing.

On the gangs in Haiti, it should be recalled that they were created by members of rival political parties and elite oligarch families for their own purposes. Fed by the greed and ambitions of others, they have become forces with lives of their own. Dealing with them requires careful strategies and even negotiations which are best left to a transitional government that enjoys the confidence of a broad cross section of the Haitian people.

To give the country the chance it desperately needs, and which Dr. Henry clearly cannot provide, he should consider stepping aside to facilitate the convocation of willing parties to appoint a transitional government in which neither he nor any member of his present regime should participate, unless agreed and accepted by the broad-based grouping. And that should be the transitional government which should provide the international community with the country's priority needs, giving every safeguard against corruption and political misuse of resources.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Zoomfinder Holdings Ltd

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1865426
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 13th day of July, 2023. The Liquidator is **Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated this 13th day of July, 2023
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[10/1]

ZILBERT FINANCE LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1515675
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 13th day of July, 2023.
Dated this 13th day of July, 2023
Sgd. John Greenwood

John Greenwood
Voluntary Liquidator
[10/2]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 2087093
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 13th day of July, 2023.
Dated this 13th day of July, 2023
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[10/3]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 FULL CIRCLE GROUP LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1697001
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 13th day of July, 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa V O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: 13th day of July 2023
(Sgd.) Philippa V O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator
[10/4]

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

Maryland Overseas Holdings Limited
Company No. 1573615
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (a) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 13th day of July, 2023. The Liquidator is **Mrs. Cassandra Glasgow-Penn of Chapel Hill, East End, Tortola, VG1120, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated this 13th day of July, 2023
(Signed)Mrs. Cassandra Glasgow-Penn
(Liquidator)
[10/5]

(Signed)Mrs. Cassandra Glasgow-Penn
(Liquidator)
[10/5]

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

Oceana Investment Holdings Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 13th 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
Of c/o Nerine Chambers
Road Town, Tortola,
British Virgin Islands
[10/6]

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

Cuvain Holdings Inc.
(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company No. 1585881

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 14th July 2023
(Sgd) Myron Walwyn
Voluntary Liquidator
[10/7]

(Sgd) Myron Walwyn
Voluntary Liquidator
[10/7]

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

Real Tech – Real State Technology, Inc.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1688222

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 7th day of June 2023.
Dated: 7th day of June 2023.
(Sgd.)Philippa V. O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator
[10/8]

(Sgd.)Philippa V. O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator
[10/8]

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

DOVER INTERNATIONAL GROUP CO. LTD.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 445404

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 7th day of June 2023.
Dated: 7th day of June 2023.
(Sgd.)Philippa V. O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator
[10/9]

(Sgd.)Philippa V. O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator
[10/9]

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

CALA BLANCA HOLDINGS INC.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 612002

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 11th day of July, 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa V. O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: 13th day of July, 2023
(Sgd.) Philippa V. O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator [10/10]

(Sgd.) Philippa V. O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator [10/10]

APPOINTMENT COULSON HOLDINGS MANAGEMENT LIMITED

("the Company")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 369524

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that: Coulson Holdings Management Limited is in voluntary liquidation. The date of commencement of liquidation is 11th July 2023. The liquidator is **Carmine Bailey of Kendall Corporate Services Limited, 87 Main Street, Waterfront Drive, P.O. Box 3169; PMB 425, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated 17th July 2023
Carmine Bailey
Voluntary Liquidator [10/11]

Carmine Bailey
Voluntary Liquidator [10/11]

STRUCK OFF Liquidator's Final Notice

TRANS-ASIA CAPITAL INVESTMENT LIMITED
(“the Company”)
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2015338

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 14th July 2023.
Dated 17th July 2023
Carmine Bailey
Voluntary Liquidator
[10/12]

Carmine Bailey
Voluntary Liquidator
[10/12]

APPOINTMENT

IMAKARUM LIMITED
(“the Company”)

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1725970

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that: **Imakarum Limited** is in voluntary liquidation. The date of commencement of liquidation is 11th July 2023. The liquidator is **Carmine Bailey of Kendall Corporate Services Limited, 87 Main Street, Waterfront Drive, P.O. Box 3169; PMB 425, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated 17th July 2023
Carmine Bailey
Voluntary Liquidator
[10/13]

Carmine Bailey
Voluntary Liquidator
[10/13]

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

Blue Sky Web Lab Ltd
BC# 2016805

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 17 July 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St Jean of 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated 17 July 2023
Nelcia St Jean
(Liquidator)
[10/14]

Nelcia St Jean
(Liquidator)
[10/14]

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

Kinghorn Ventures Ltd

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on July 13th, 2023. The Joint Liquidators are **Michele Hibbert with address at Sea Cow's Bay, Tortola, British Virgin Islands and Saajid Jasat Bhana with address at Obarrio, Calle 59, Casa 5, Apartado 0816-04554 Ciudad de Panamá, República de Panamá.**
Dated: July 13th, 2023.
(Sgd.) Michele Hibbert and Saajid Jasat Bhana
Joint Voluntary Liquidators
[10/15]

(Sgd.) Michele Hibbert and Saajid Jasat Bhana
Joint Voluntary Liquidators
[10/15]

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

QUICK TARGET LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2111665

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 19th day of July, 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa V. O' Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: 19th day of July 2023
(Sgd.) Philippa V O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator [10/16]

(Sgd.) Philippa V O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator [10/16]

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

GLOBAL SUCCESS INTERNATIONAL LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 139567

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 19th July, 2023.
Dated: 19th day of July 2023
(Sgd.) Jason Jagessar
Voluntary Liquidator
[10/17]

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

ConvexAlpha Management LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2040347

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 19th, 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: July 19th, 2023
(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean
Voluntary Liquidator [10/18]

(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean
Voluntary Liquidator [10/18]

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

FILTREX ENTREPRISES INC.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1922943

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 19th, 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: July 19th, 2023
(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean
Voluntary Liquidator [10/19]

(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean
Voluntary Liquidator [10/19]

PUBLIC NOTICES



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

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

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
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

*Final Notice of Dissolution under
the BVI Business Company Act.*
**VAUXHALL SOLUTIONS,
LTD.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 668387

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 July 19th, 2023.

Dated: July 19th, 2023
(Sgd.) *Nelcia St. Jean*
Voluntary Liquidator
[10/20]

**CTG Evergreen Investment
XIV Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1879402

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 19th day of July, 2023. The Liquidator is **Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated this 19th day of July, 2023
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[10/21]

*Final Notice of Dissolution under
the BVI Business Company Act.*
Hitbrand Consulting Corp.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1515247

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 July 19, 2023.

Dated: July 19, 2023
(Sgd.) *Nelcia St. Jean*
Voluntary Liquidator
[10/22]

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

**Web Hunter Global
Integrations Ltd**

BC# 2017496
(the "Company")

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 17 July 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St Jean of 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated 17 July 2023
Nelcia St Jean
(Liquidator)
[10/23]

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@mctodman.com

[10]

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

BVIHPB2023/0139

In the estate of Cynthia Florence Barton, late of 16121
Ozarks Path, Bee Cave, Texas 78738,
United States of America, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that LISA JOANNE BARTON of 16121 Ozarks Path, Bee Cave, Texas 78738, United States of America, the Executrix of the Last Will and Testament made and dated 16 August 2022 in respect of CYNTHIA FLORENCE BARTON, deceased who died on the 2nd day of March, 2023 domiciled in Texas, United States of America (the Deceased), has applied to the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the Probate Division for Probate of the said Last Will and Testament of the Deceased.

ANY PERSON having an objection to the Grant of Probate of the said Last Will and Testament to the said LISA JOANNE BARTON, shall within fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of this Notice lodge with the Registry of the High Court in the Territory of the Virgin Islands a proper document setting out the said objections.



Solicitors for the Executrix

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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

In the estate of LINDA MASSAC, late of Russell Hill, Road Town, Tortola, Virgin Islands, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that RENICA MASSAC of Windy Hill, Tortola, Virgin Islands and RENRICK MASSAC of Russell Hill, Road Town, Tortola, Virgin Islands, being the lawful children and intended Administrators of the estate of LINDA MASSAC, deceased (the Deceased) who died on the 19th day of May, 2023, domiciled in the Virgin Islands, has applied to the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the Probate Division for Letters of Administration in the estate of the Deceased.

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



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

[11]

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

BVIHPB 2023/0097

IN THE ESTATE OF KEND EVAN GEORGE, DECEASED also known as EVAN GEORGE, DECEASED

In the estate of KEND EVAN GEORGE, DECEASED also known as EVAN GEORGE, late of Vanterpool Estate, Tortola VG1120, British Virgin Islands, deceased.

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by DINIS CHALWELL of East End, Tortola VG1120, British Virgin Islands and MYRTHLYN ELIZABETH PENN of Greenland, Tortola VG1120, British Virgin Islands, for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above named deceased who died on the 26th day of May 2012 without revoking a Will bearing the date of the 26th day of December 2002 wherein the applicants are 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 the 16th day of July 2023.

Filed by Dinis Chalwell and Myrthlyn Elizabeth Penn, whose address for service is c/o George Henry Partners LP, GHP Chambers, PO Box 2208 PMB 3252, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110, British Virgin Islands

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

Zagonda Digital Advertising Ltd.

BC# 2017375
(the "Company")

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 18 July 2023. The Liquidator is Nelcia St Jean of 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated 18 July 2023

Nelcia St Jean

(Liquidator)

[10/24]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

NORTON COMMERCIAL LTD

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1381443

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 July 19, 2023.

Dated: July 20, 2023

(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean

Voluntary Liquidator

[10/25]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

NORTON COMMERCIAL LTD

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1381443

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 July 19, 2023.

Dated: July 20, 2023

(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean

Voluntary Liquidator

[10/26]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

NetZero Apollo Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2091224

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 July 19, 2023.

Dated: July 19, 2023

(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean

Voluntary Liquidator

[10/27]

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

(PROBATE)

PROBATE NO. 0135 OF 2023

IN THE ESTATE OF CARMEN ORVAÑANOS Y RAMÍREZ DE ARELLANO (ALSO KNOWN AS CARMEN ORVAÑANOS Y RAMÍREZ ARELLANO AND CARMEN ORVAÑANOS RAMÍREZ DE ARELLANO), LATE OF 60 TRES PICOS STREET, POLANCO MIGUEL, MEXICO CITY, DECEASED

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by JEAN MARC DONICS ORVAÑANOS AND ALEXANDER WILLIAM DONICS ORVAÑANOS, both 260 Park Avenue South, Apt 5K, New York, NY 10010, United States of America who are the children of CARMEN ORVAÑANOS Y RAMÍREZ DE ARELLANO (ALSO KNOWN AS CARMEN ORVAÑANOS Y RAMÍREZ ARELLANO AND CARMEN ORVAÑANOS RAMÍREZ DE ARELLANO), deceased who died testate on the 31st day of March, 2022, for a Grant of Probate in the Estate of the said deceased.

ANY PERSON 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 this 13th day of July, 2023

Filed by HUNTE & CO. LAW CHAMBERS, Attorneys-at Law whose address for service is 123 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

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East End-Long Look Community Library Closes For Relocation

The public is notified that the East End-Long Look Community Library will be closed on Friday, July 21 for its relocation from Long Swamp to Major Bay.

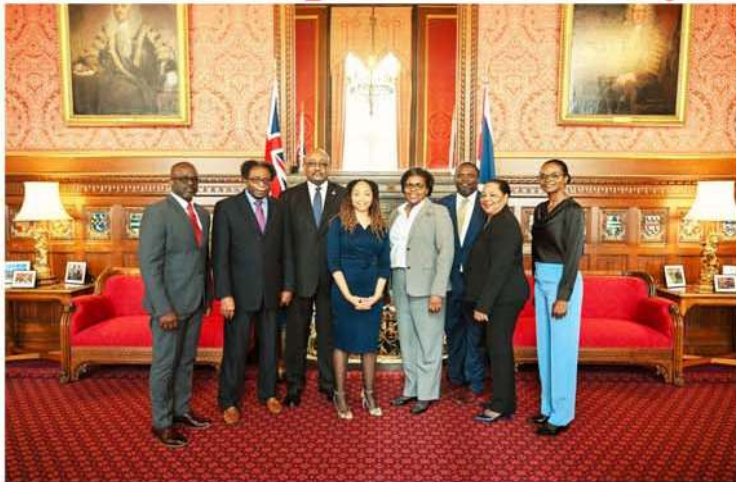
Services will resume on Monday, September 4. For more information, please contact the Library Services at 468-9750.

Any inconvenience caused is regretted.

MORE READERS:THE ISLAND SUN

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VI Delegation Visits UK To Strengthen Interparliamentary Relations



A delegation from the Virgin Islands (VI) travelled to the United Kingdom (UK) to engage in constructive interparliamentary discussions with key individuals within Parliament.

The high-level delegation, led by the Speaker of the House of Assembly of the Virgin Islands, Honourable Corine George-Massicote, comprised key figures from the VI's political landscape, including the Minister for Communications and Works, Honourable Kye M. Rymer; Leader of the Opposition, Honourable Ronnie W. Skelton; Attorney General, Honourable Dawn J. Smith; Member for the Third District, Honourable Julian Fraser and Member for the Eighth District, Honourable Marlon Penn. The group was also accompanied by the Clerk of the House of Assembly, Ms. Phyllis Evans; Public Relations Officer, Mr. Linton V. Leonard and the Acting Director of the BVI London Office, Ms. Tracy Bradshaw.

The delegation undertook a momentous mission to the UK on a collaborative journey to strengthen interparliamentary relations and modernise the House of Assembly.

Throughout their visit, the VI delegation sought to

foster stronger ties with UK counterparts, making strides to enhance collaboration, exchange best practices, and promote mutual understanding in various parliamentary matters. The delegation held a series of crucial meetings hosted at the House of Commons, with the gracious support of the Interparliamentary Relations Office.

The delegation's visit got underway with an initial meeting with Speaker George-Massicote and the UK House Speaker, Honourable Lindsay Hoyle. This momentous encounter paved the way for in-depth discussions on vital matters concerning parliamentary affairs, governance, and interparliamentary cooperation.

In a true spirit of open dialogue and shared objectives, the interactive meetings covered a wide range of topics that included:

The Standing Orders: Deliberations-on-the-establishment-and-implementation of Standing Orders, which form the bedrock of parliamentary procedures and ensure an efficient legislative process. These discussions also included the reformation of the VI's existing Standing Orders

to meet the evolving needs of its parliament.

Digital Transformation: Exploring the digital advancements in parliamentary operations and the incorporation of technology to improve transparency, accessibility, and efficiency.

Bill Committees: Understanding the essential role of Bill Committees in scrutinising legislation and facilitating comprehensive deliberations on proposed bills.

The Interparliamentary Standards Authority (IPSA) - How it Works: Gaining valuable insights into the functioning of IPSA and its significance in maintaining parliamentary integrity and good governance.

The Role of the UK's Governance Office: Addressing the pivotal role of the Governance Office in promoting transparency, accountability, and good governance within the parliamentary framework.

The productive exchanges between the VI delegation and their UK counterparts underscored a mutual commitment to bolstering interparliamentary cooperation, sharing expertise, and learning from each other's experiences. All present expressed optimism that these discussions will lay the foundation for a strengthened partnership, further promoting the democratic values and principles that unite the VI and the UK.

Upon the delegation's return to the VI, the insights gained from this mission will be instrumental in furthering the Territory's parliamentary practices and enhancing governance-mechanisms, commencing with this Fifth House of Assembly.

PUBLIC NOTICES

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

BVIHPB No 2023/0140

IN THE ESTATE OF THE LATE LINA EMILIA CABRERA MORIN,
LATE OF SANTO DOMINGO, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, DECEASED

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Magdalena Polanco Paulino of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above-named deceased who died on the 27th day of March, 2022 without revoking a Will bearing the date of 29th November 2021 wherein the applicant is named executor.

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

Dated this 30th day of July, 2023

Filed by NR Samuel & Co., Attorneys-at-Law for the Executor whose address for service is:

3rd Floor, Chevelle Centre, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110, British Virgin Islands
email: nelson.samuel@nrsamuel.com

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

BVIHPB No 2023/0137

IN THE ESTATE OF DERICK LENOIS COREA, LATE OF HORSE PATH,
TORTOLA, VIRGIN ISLANDS, DECEASED

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Dorea Teresa Corea, Fort Hill, Tortola, British Virgin Islands for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicant who is, the wife of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 7th day of March, 2022 at Dr. D. Orlando Smith Hospital, Road Town, Tortola, Virgin Islands.

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

Dated this 30th day of July, 2023

Filed by NR Samuel & Co., Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicant whose address for service is:

3rd Floor, Chevelle Centre, Road Town,
Tortola, VG1110,
British Virgin Islands
email: nelson.samuel@nrsamuel.com

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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.

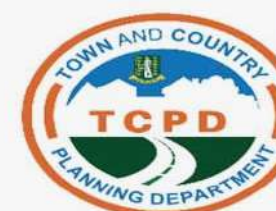
Secondary shelters can provide refuge during and after a hazard but don't have as many of the facilities as a primary shelter and would house shelterees for a shorter period of time.

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.



**GOVERNMENT OF THE
VIRGIN ISLANDS**



C&W issues a strong call for the acceleration of digital connectivity across the Region at CANTO 2023.



John Winter, Senior Vice President and Chief Legal Officer of Liberty Latin America delivers the keynote address at the 38th Annual CANTO Conference in Miami.

Aventura, FL, July 17, 2023: The 38th Annual CANTO Trade and Exhibition Conference kicked off at the JW Marriott Turnberry Resort in Aventura, Florida on July 16th, 2023. The conference, which has been headline sponsored by C&W Communications (CWC) since 2019, attracted a record number of attendees this year with over 600 registrants.

Under the theme of “creating a resilient datasphere for all”, the conference organizers are advocating for greater focus on the critical need to ensure access to digital connectivity across the region.

Marilyn Sealy, Senior Director, Head of Communications, CWC delivered the Headline Sponsor remarks at the opening ceremony held on July 16th, 2023. She outlined the important role of connectivity in enabling the development of our region by powering government operations, supporting-remote learning,-facilitating digital business and e-commerce, and keeping

customers connected to the people and things they love.

The second day of the conference, which is presented by C&W Communications, began with a hosted breakfast for Government Ministers, Officials, and Regulators. Dominic Boon, VP, People for CWC showcased several innovative people policies that the company has implemented across the region including introducing paternity leave, flexible vacation leave, and creating an environment that fosters and promotes the development of women in non-traditional roles.

John Winter, Chief Legal Officer and Senior Vice President of C&W’s parent company, Liberty Latin America, delivered the keynote address entitled “Connectivity, Commitment, Care – The Future of Telecoms”. In his address he issued a clarion call to attendees that it must be the collective responsibility of operators, governments, and other stakeholders to work together to make universal access to connectivity in the

region a reality.

Winter stated that, “Connectivity is a fundamental right. We all have a responsibility to the communities we operate and live in to accelerate connectivity in the Caribbean.”

Another highlight of the day was the well-received panel on how C&W is using Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives to enable the Digital Revolution and featured Country Managers of CWC’s operations in Jamaica, Barbados, and Grenada. They spoke on CWC’s JUMP initiative, which was recently launched in partnership with regional governments in their respective markets to narrow the digital divide by providing affordable, reliable connectivity, devices, and digital literacy training to the most vulnerable families across the region.

Other discussion panels covered topical areas that looked at the burgeoning Tele-Health sector in the region, as well as developing policies and frameworks for creating Smart Cities.

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.

For more information on CWC and the important initiatives discussed at CANTO visit www.cwc.com or follow their social media pages

SUMMER READING BOOK LIST 2023

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Be SMART when using Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG) most commonly used for cooking.

DO'S

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

DON'TS

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

IMPORTANT NOTE IN CASE OF LEAKAGE

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

A message from the Department of Disaster Management and Sol

‘Slavery Reparations are Coming’| UWI in TIME

The University of the West Indies, Regional Headquarters, W.I. Wednesday July 19, 2023—TIME Magazine’s current front page declaration “Slavery Reparations are coming”, has consciously foregrounded the epicentre roles of Barbados, The University of the West Indies and its Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sir Hilary Beckles who is internationally recognised as the global iconic face of the movement.

The recent coverage bears witness that the world is on the cusp of a major structural transition driven by reparatory justice, an inspired development jointly affected by the Caribbean’s only indigenous, world-ranked university and its CARICOM partners.

The UWI, wholly owning its mission as an activist university celebrates the activism that has placed it at the pinnacle of the

global reparations movement, seeking justice and driving a new development paradigm for the region. Concretising the University’s role at the epicentre of this growing global movement, Vice-Chancellor Professor Sir Hilary Beckles, whose research features in the TIME’s article says, “The UWI continues to be at the forefront of justice conversations, including the battle for reparations to be made to peoples of the Caribbean. These are owed by colonial powers, as compensation for their historical crimes of native genocide and African enslavement, through which these powers have amassed great wealth, and from which they still profit.”

In July 2013 Caribbean leaders at the 34th CARICOM Summit agreed to pursue reparations from Britain,

based on representation made by Professor Sir Hilary Beckles. Two months later, at its first Reparations summit in September 2013, CARICOM identified Sir Hilary to lead its CARICOM Reparations Commission (CRC) as Chairman. Under his leadership, the CRC has taken the reparations discourse across the globe — to the British House of Lords and the US Congress, and to universities in Europe, North America and Africa to name a few.

The UWI, under Vice-Chancellor Beckles, established a Centre for Reparations Research (CRR) based on a mandate of the 34th meeting of the CARICOM Heads of Government. The CRR, with Professor Verene Shepherd at the helm, leads the implementation of CARICOM’s Reparatory Justice Programme — promoting

research on the legacies of enslavement, colonialism and native genocide in the Caribbean; working with national and regional reparation commissions and committees to promote education on these legacies and the need for justice and repair; and promoting advocacy for reparatory and social justice by publishing reparatory-justice focused research, building a capacity to provide consultancies to CARICOM and other relevant institutions, raising public awareness through media, and supporting activism around the Reparatory Justice Programme.

As The UWI marks its 75th anniversary year, Vice-Chancellor Beckles notes that it was started as a reparatory justice institution to address the harmful public health legacy of slavery. He distinguishes that The UWI has participated fully in the reparatory justice movement because of its ethical responsibility.

With social justice as part of its core, The UWI, in 2019, ushered in the first-ever Caribbean Reparatory Justice initiative in partnership with University of Glasgow (UoG) in Scotland to create the Glasgow-Caribbean Centre for Development Research, built upon a negotiated 20-year commitment of a £20 million investment as part of an inaugural global reparations development framework.

This September, as an extension of that relationship, The UWI and UoG prepare to launch a joint MA/MSc in Reparatory Justice with a specific focus on the Caribbean and the slavery reparations movement.

The UWI has also been at the front and centre of two landmark individual family apologies and reparatory initiatives. The first from Bridget Freeman, whose family married into the

Barbados slave-owning class, was a contribution US\$500,000 to the University’s development fund—through its 2021 Global Giving campaign, earmarking her gift as part of reparations that should be paid by those who benefitted from the crime against humanity. In February 2023, British-American BBC anchor/correspondent, Laura Trevelyan delivered an apology, signed by 104 members her family and the descendants of the part owners of six slave-owning plantations in Grenada. Laura Trevelyan’s personal contribution of £100,000 was pledged to establish an education fund for The UWI Open Campus.

Later this month, from July 24 to 29, The UWI in collaboration with partner agencies – African Union-Economic Social and Cultural Council (AU-ECOSOC), CARICOM, Africa Judges And Jurist Forum (AJJF), Open Society Foundations and the Government of Barbados – will co-host a high-level study tour which brings together Ambassadors and representatives from selected Member States of the African Union, Pan-African academics, advocates, practitioners and campaigners in Africa, who have worked on or are working on issues related to reparations, healing and Pan-Africanism to draw lessons and learnings from their Caribbean counterparts on how to develop a unified front on reparations for historical crimes. It underscores the strategic relevance for Africa to serve as a leading voice for reparations by coalescing with ally nations in the Caribbean community.

As the global reparatory justice movement gains momentum, The UWI affirms its commitment to greater advocacy and consciousness-raising.


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ONE STOP MALL NEEDS THE FOLLOWING STAFF CALL 4943054

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* CASHIER- BILINGUAL

PARADISE SUITES HOTEL NEEDS

* SECURITY / FRONT DESK CLERK
* PARKING ATTENDANT
[s10]

Century House Montessori School is seeking a full time Montessori qualified teacher to work with children ages 18 months to 12 years. The successful candidate should have at least 3 years experience working in the Montessori environment, be reliable, energetic with good health and possess a passion for working with children. Please send resume/CV and two current references to: office@montessoribvi.com. Or call 284 542 6731. BVI Islanders or Belongers preferred. [s11]

Auto Care needs a full time Mechanic-Requirements: Knowledge and-experience-of-maintaining-gas-and diesel vehicles. Contact 284-340-3692 or email: AutoMarineCareBVI@gmail.com. [11]

Blossoms Florist has a full-time vacancy for a qualified FLORIST Applicants must be able to work unsupervised with a minimum of 4 years experience, call 499-2142 for more information. [s11]

Greenland Plumbing and Construction is seeking the following: Carpenters, Steelmen, and Mechanical Engineers Interested persons should contact: 284-541-3036 or 284-394-3866 [s11]

Spring Ghut Barn and Orchard are seeking Farmers interested person should contact: 284-541-3036 or 284-394 3866. [s11]

Island Department Store is currently seeking to hire one (1) Maintenance Worker. Locals / Belongers preferred - Please call: 1-284-494-3677. [s11]

Wiltshire Imports require a Sales Clerk for the business located in Long Bush. Please call 547-9126 for more information. [s11]

Bernin Sewing Machine Services needs a Full Time Industrial & Domestic Sewing Machine Technician.

Persons must be bilingual (Spanish & English) with 5 years experience. Please call 284-342-0995. [s11]

ELECTRIC CONNECTIONS LTD needs one full time ELECTRICIAN. Telephone 284-541-3709 [s11]

H O G - H E A V E N RESTAURANT on Virgin Gorda has vacancies for Full Time (3) Three General Assistant and (3) Three Chefs/ Cooks.

Please contact 284-547-5964 or 284-546-0007 for further information. [s11]

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or
Telephone: 284-494-2196 [s10]

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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. BVIslander & Belongers preferred. [s10]

XIIOMAR'S OCEAN CHARTERS
Xiiomar's-Ocean Charters is looking for a full time Mate. Interested applicants can submit their resume to chconstructionbvi@gmail.com or call 345-8383. [s10]

ISLAND SIZZLE is seeking :**TWO COOKS** (full time) **MUST BE ABLE TO COOK GUYANESE DISHES.** Please call 443-8489 [s10]

GEORGE & SON needs two full time **CLEANERS.** Telephone 344-1023, 544-4892 or 546-1127 for more information. [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]

Bamboushay Lounge Restaurant and Bar is hereby seeking to employ:
1. FULL TIME BARISTA
Interested person should have at least five years experience, customer friendly, and will have to work weekend and Holidays. Please send resume to info@bamboushaylounge.com Telephone number: 1284-494-7752 [s10]

CHARLES-HODGE PLUMBING-& CONSTRUCTION.
Charles Hodge Plumbing & Construction is looking for an Operations Manager. Interested applicants can submit their resume to chconstructionbvi@gmail.com or call 345-8383. [s10]

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

Handy Man needed
J & C Trading
Apply in person or call 494-3121 [s10]

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]

Bless Hands Health Spa needs one full time :
Experienced - Massage Therapist with at least 5 years experience. Must be able to work unsupervised. BVIslanders or Belongers preferred.-Telephone 340-815, to set up an appointment for interview. [10]

PicSmith Medical Services Limited is seeking a **General-Practitioner/ General Surgeon** with at least 5 years experience **Tertiary and Community Health** experience a plus. **Please-respond-to medicalservicesp@gmail.com** with a letter of application and resume [s11]

Tortola Contractor Store Limited: Requires (Full time) **2 AC Technicians,** **2 Helpers** and **1 Sales Clerk.**
T W O - G E N E R A L MAINTENANCE
Please Call 494-1245 or 442-2651 [s10]

JOELLE BARBER SHOP needs a full time Barber. Please call 284-346-2615 for further information.[s11]

R A I N B O W CONSTRUCTION COMPANY has vacancies for **Two Full Time General Assistants.** Kindly contact 284-441-2900 or 284-541-8600 for further information. [s10]

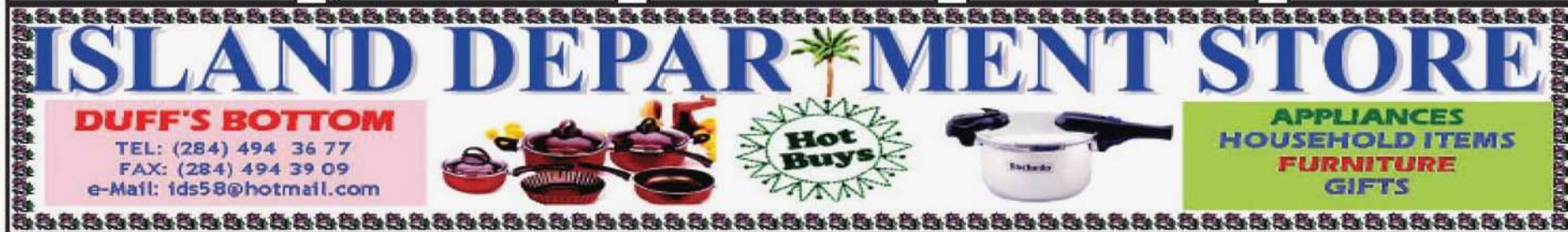
I N T E R N A T I O N A L CONSTRUCTION is seeking **One Full Time Drywall and Carpenter** for the Company. Please contact 284-544-6833 for further details. [s10]

REAL ESTATE

PROPERTY FOR SALE:
Registration Section: West Central, Block: 2439B Parcel 153 Lot Size: 0.494 acres Selling Price: US \$140,000. Interested Belongers please contact Akeem Wheatley from Emerald Properties BVI at 284-541-6861 or email: akeem@emeraldpropertiesbvi.com or Info@emeraldpropertiesbvi.com [s10]

LAND FOR SALE:
3 1/2 ACRES.
REGISTRATION SECTION SEACOW'S BAY, BLOCK #2637B, PARCEL # 6
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(SELL BY OWNER) [s12]

LAND FOR SALE: 0.505 acres at Josiah Bay with beautiful views. Block no. 3239B, parcel 318 on Long Look registration section. Interested persons can contact. David at 546-2438 or email davecanhelpu2@yahoo.com. The price of the land is \$66,000. [s13]



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