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TO REPEAL OR NOT TO REPEAL: THAT IS THE DILEMMA...IS IT?

Sticking to promises made on the recent campaign trail the Government is moving forward with plans to repeal the controversial Greedy Bill as promised. The move towards keeping this popular promise was made during Cabinet's 15 June meeting when the amendments that would essentially repeal sections of the Retiring Allowances (Legislative Service) (Amendment) Act, 2021 also known as Greedy Bill were considered.

The Bill first sparked public outrage when community Activists Kishma Penn and Cindy Rosan after raising the alarm on social media for weeks before the Bill was passed in the House of Assembly, decided to drive throughout the Territory with loud speakers educating the public about the content of the Bill. It was Penn who nicknamed the legislation the "Greedy

Bill" and the name became the correct identifier. The matter was then raised again on the campaign trail as

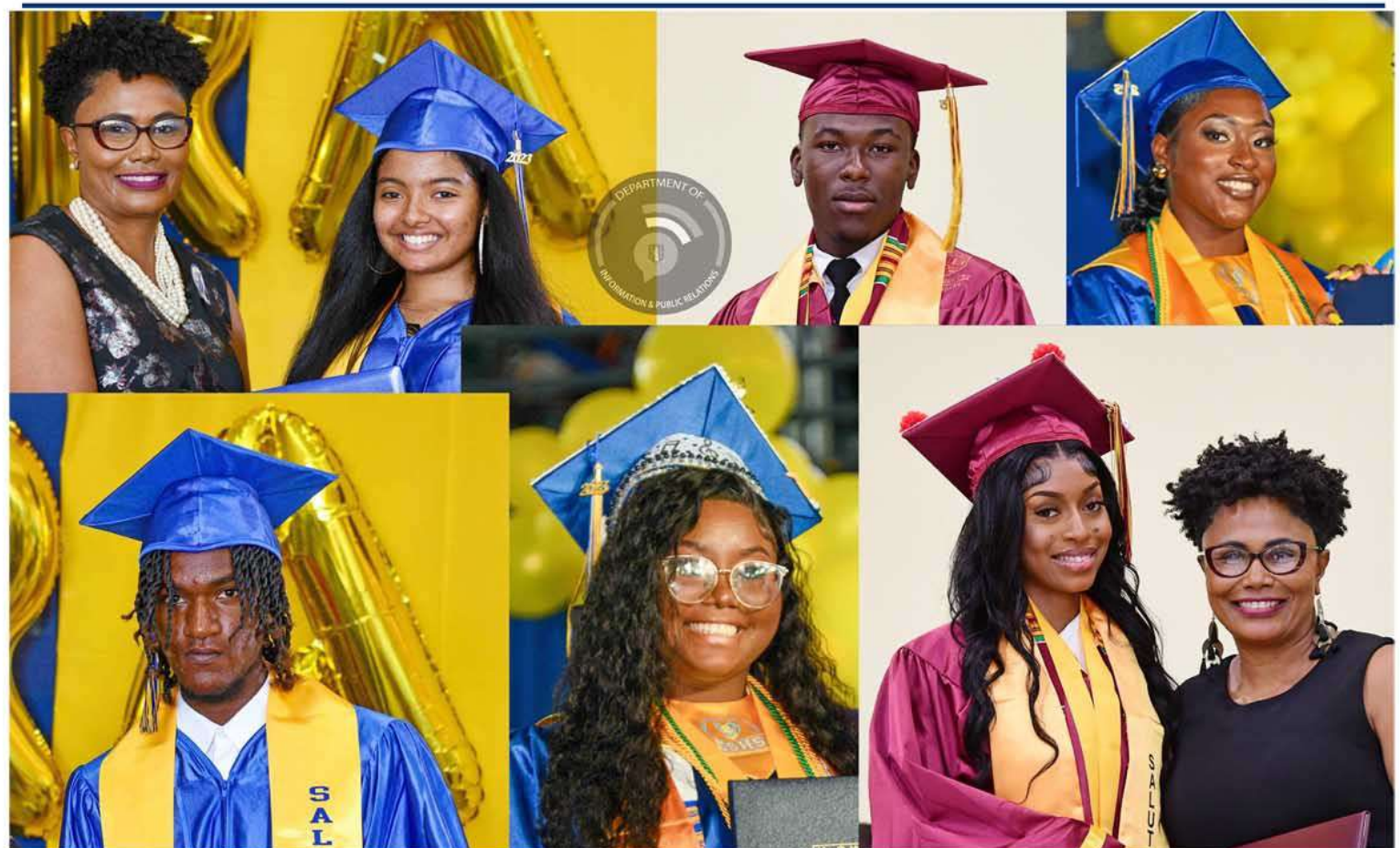
then political candidate and Attorney (now Sixth District Representative) Hon. Myron Walwyn explained in great

detail what was wrong with the legislation.

Overall, the concerns about the legislation focused

on what can be described as some problematic parts or sections of the Act that

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specifies that legislators who had served in the House of Assembly could receive a gratuity of \$250,000-300,000 immediately upon retirement. Additionally, the same legislators would receive their current salary per month for a fixed number of years as if they were still working.

During the recent meeting Cabinet decided that subsections (2a) through (2f) of Clause three (3) of the Act will be repealed to effectively abolish the provision for salaries to be paid to retiring legislators in excess of their Retiring Allowances as prescribed therein.

The amendments also prescribe that elected members in the Fourth and/or Fifth House of Assembly be given the option of foregoing the salary payment referred to in the Bill that caused public outcry.

It was further stated that the Financial Secretary Jeremiah Frett will be instructing the Attorney General Dawn Smith to draft the necessary legislation to effect the recommended changes to the legislation and that once completed the amended Act will be resubmitted to the Cabinet for approval before forwarding to the House of Assembly.

Cabinet's attention of the matter is essentially a fulfillment of a promise that was made by Premier and Minister of Finance, Dr. Natalio Wheatley after the April reelecting of his government. Following his government's victory, the Premier confirmed that the Retiring

Allowances Legislative Service Amendment Act 2021 will have its offending sections repealed upon his return from a scheduled trip to London. The Premier made this announcement during a press conference and General Update on 2 May discussing various issues in the Territory.

"Soon at the cabinet meeting, perhaps after I return from London, we will have a Cabinet paper which will put forward a decision to have the offending sections of that Act repealed," the Premier stated.

He also highlighted the importance

of going through the legislative process and not skipping steps, as advised by Attorney General Smith. Nevertheless, he promised that a decision would be made as soon as possible to repeal the problematic sections of the legislation, as pledged during the 2023 election campaign trail in the BVI.

Members of the public became skeptical about government's promise to repeal the legislation after it was noted that during the recalled House of Assembly in April 2023, a decision was taken not to repeal the bill on the Attorney General's advice.

As the controversy surrounding the Bill heated up on the campaign trail with persons on the Government's side claiming that Sixth District Representative Hon. Myron Walwyn who raised the alarm about the Bill during the campaign had already benefited from it. Likewise, critics on the Opposition side accused the government of setting the legislation to benefit its first time members.

As the calls for the repealing of the legislation heated up before the Territory went to the polls, the Premier acknowledged that legal advice would be required since there were persons already entitled to benefits, and such individuals cannot be disenfranchised. "That is something that we are going to need legal advice on, persons who have already become entitled to benefits. We certainly don't want to disenfranchise anyone from a legal perspective and taking away rights, which they have already earned," he stated.

Dr. Wheatley further added that an independent body like Pricewaterhouse Coopers is currently reviewing salaries and would recommend salaries for legislators that consider roles and responsibilities, as well as other professions.

"For me, the ideal situation is to come up with salaries from an independent body. Pricewaterhouse Coopers is currently conducting a review of salaries and we would want for them to recommend

salaries for legislators, which is commensurate with the roles and responsibilities and also takes into consideration all other professions," he added.

After the elections dust had settled senior Legislator Opposition Member and Third District Representative Hon. Julian Fraser during a JTV interview in May stated that he does not think that the Act needed to be repealed, but rather amended.

The Third District Representative, who had not previously taken a stance on the issue, clarified that he was not currently preoccupied with concerns about how a repeal of the bill would personally affect him. During the interview Hon. Fraser was asked to comment on the fact that Sixth District Representative Hon. Myron Walwyn who recently returned to the House of Assembly (HOA) after a four-year hiatus, already benefited from the retirement program in place for HOA members.

In response about the impact of Hon. Walwyn's return on his pension, Hon. Fraser explained that there are mechanisms already in place to address such situations. "I believe his pension will be suspended. He will no longer receive pension payments. Instead, he will begin receiving a salary," Hon. Fraser explained. "It's important to remember that he would have received a lump sum based on the pension... when he retires again, whenever that may be, then they'll continue from where he left off."

Hon. Fraser further clarified that repealing a law means eradicating it entirely. He suggested that this may not align with the desires of the public regarding the specific legislation under scrutiny.

"In my opinion, it simply needs to be amended — remove the parts that are problematic and retain the rest of the legislation," Hon. Fraser expressed.

However, he acknowledged that if the public strongly favors repealing the Act, then it should indeed be repealed. Nonetheless, Hon. Fraser emphasized that the relevant sections of the legislation should be integrated into any new law that is drafted.

REGIONAL COLLABORATION WILL LESSEN IMPACT OF FUTURE PANDEMICS

In consideration of the dramatic economic effect the COVID 19 pandemic had on the Territory's tourism sector the Government is aiming to ensuring that should history repeat itself, the effects on the BVI's economy will not be as devastating. As a result Cabinet has decided that the BVI will participate in the Caribbean Public Health Agency's Regional Tourism and Health/Travelers Health Program (THP).

News of this decision was revealed in the post Cabinet Meeting statement. It was noted that during the meeting on 23 June Cabinet decided that the Ministry of Health and Social Development and the BVI Tourist Board will collaborate with the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) to jointly implement the Tourism and Health Program within the Territory.

The program aims to enhance the BVI's ability to effectively prepare for and respond to public health threats associated with the tourism sector, and in the process ensure that the devastating economic impact experienced during the COVID-19 pandemic is not repeated.

The THP, a groundbreaking initiative, addresses critical health, safety, and environmental sanitation concerns that directly impact the tourism industry. By strengthening the BVI's readiness and response mechanisms, the program seeks to minimize risks that transcend national boundaries and can impede access to goods. Moreover, it aims to prioritize the well-being of both tourists and locals, bolster regional health security, and elevate the overall quality, reputation, and sustainability of Caribbean tourism.

The implementation of this comprehensive program will be led by CARPHA, the primary public health institution responsible for disease prevention and health promotion in the Caribbean region. CARPHA will collaborate closely with the Caribbean Hotel and Tourism Association (CHTA), the Caribbean Tourism Organization (CTO), and other participating countries to ensure the successful implementation of the THP.

This regional initiative takes a multifaceted and multisectoral approach, employing a real-time early warning and response system for tourism and health information (THiS). It also establishes Caribbean-wide guidelines to address health issues in various tourism settings such as accommodations and passenger ships. Additionally, the program focuses on capacity building in areas such as food safety, hospitality health safety, and environmental standards, while actively engaging regional and international health and tourism partners.

Through these initiatives, the THP aims to equip countries with the necessary tools and knowledge to effectively respond to public health threats, including those similar to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Additionally, the program encompasses a comprehensive network that consolidates vital health information for travelers. This includes data from THiS, which caters specifically to air travelers, as well as hospitals/health centers, accommodations, cruise ships, laboratories, the environment, media reports, and international health and tourism agencies. These interconnected sources will facilitate rapid and coordinated responses to any potential public health threats, ensuring the safety and well-being of all individuals involved.

MAJOR OFFENSES CONVICTS TO BE DEPORTED

Within a period of slightly over a month, His Excellency Governor John Rankin, CMG ordered the deportation of four individuals from the Territory who were convicted of various serious crimes. The deportation orders were issued for Lynn Mervin Weekes, Andre Dexter Stedman, Zawdie K. A. H. Daniel, and Kenron Rollinson Fergus.

In accordance with Section 40(1)(b) of the

Immigration and Passport Ordinance (Revised Edition 2013), which outlines the circumstances under which the Governor can issue such orders His Excellency stated that he was made aware that the four persons, who are not considered residents of the Territory, have been convicted of offenses under the Ordinance that carries a minimum prison sentence of three months or more. As such, the Governor ordered

that these individuals leave the Territory within a specified timeframe and remain outside of the BVI thereafter.

Deportee Lynn Mervin Weekes has been convicted of murder, while Andre Dexter Stedman has been found guilty of the offenses of rape and indecent assault. The deportation order for Weekes was issued on 22 May, followed by the deportation order for

Stedman on 21 June.

Zawdie K. A. H. Daniel has been convicted of multiple offenses, including Importation of Controlled Drugs, Overstaying in the Territory, and Possession of Controlled Drugs. His deportation order was issued on 26 June.

The fourth deportee, Kenron Rollinson Fergus also faced more than one criminal charges. He was convicted of Possession of a

Controlled Drug with intent to supply. His deportation order was also issued on 26 June.

Governor Rankin ordered that the four deportees leave the Territory on or before the expiration of seven days from the date on which a copy of this Order is served on them by an immigration officer or a police officer, and thereafter stay out of the BVI.

SAME-SEX MARRIAGE REFERENDUM TO BE ANNOUNCED

The Territory is set to embark on a significant democratic process as the government plans to hold a referendum on the issue of same-sex marriage. The decision comes in light of recent legal challenges questioning the constitutionality of Section 13(1)(c) of the Matrimonial Proceedings and Property Act, No. 6 of 1995, which declares marriages between parties of the same sex as void. As such on 30 June a resolution for the BVI's first referendum was gazetted.

Under the provisions of the Referendum Act, No. 9 of 2002, the Cabinet has the authority to refer matters of Territorial importance to the electorate for determination through a referendum. Recognizing the complex and sensitive nature of the same-sex marriage issue, the Cabinet deemed it necessary to seek public opinion on the matter.

The referendum, which government said will be done shortly aims to gauge the electorate's views and guide the government on the potential legalization of same-sex

marriage or the establishment of civil unions or domestic partnerships for same-sex couples.

The resolution, which has been presented to the House of Assembly, outlines two crucial questions that will be posed to voters during the referendum. The first question will inquire whether individuals are in favor of legalizing same-sex marriage in the British Virgin Islands. The second question focuses on the preference for legislation that would provide for civil unions or domestic partnerships. These unions would grant same-sex couples various rights, privileges, and benefits, encompassing areas such as property rights, healthcare, employment, and social security survivors benefits.

By conducting the referendum, the government seeks to demonstrate its commitment to involving the people of the Virgin Islands in decisions that impact their lives. The referendum will serve as a platform for public engagement, allowing citizens to express their opinions

and shape the government's approach to same-sex marriage. The outcome of the referendum will guide the government's potential legislative intervention and reform, ensuring that the wishes and concerns of the populace are duly considered.

Meanwhile, the case that spurred the decision to hold a referendum was set to commence in the High Court this week. The case involves two Virgin Islands women, who were married in 2019 under UK Law. The couple filed a Constitutional Motion against the British Virgin Islands Government in June 2021; after being denied a marriage license by the Registrar General back in February 2021.

The case which was filed in the High Court is premised on the Virgin Islands Constitution, and the Matrimonial Proceedings and Property Act. According to the filing, the defendant's case is that although they were married in the UK, their marriage is valid in the Territory by law.

Ahead of the referendum, the BVI Christian Council has

made representation on the matter, and is an interested party in the monumental case.

Additionally there are several considerations such breach of Human Rights incorporated in our Constitution, the future use of Referenda which could become chaotic or a mere political manipulation, and the more recent lamentations that the BVI is undergoing a

brain-drain that is mirrored in exodus of many talented and "truly" qualified BV Islanders and residents leaving the Territory never to return to go to more progressive countries and nations such as Canada, and most of Western Europe. Furthermore anyone can see the brilliant results obtained with the Brexit referendum.

SADDENED ON THE PASSING OF DR GAIL SAUNDERS



Dr Gail Saunders was the Consultant Archivist who worked with me intermittently when I was establishing the VI National Archives between 2004 and 2010.

She became my respected professor and special friend. There are no words to express the debt of gratitude that BVI and I owe her nor how much we will miss her.

Verna (Penn Moll)

STATEMENT BY THE HONOURABLE VINCENT O. WHEATLEY

MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

AT THE SECOND SITTING OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTH HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

THURSDAY, 29th JUNE 2023

Update on Small Island Developing States (SIDS) Ministerial Meeting on Non-communicable Diseases and Mental Health

Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to provide a report to this Honorable House on my recent trip to Barbados from the 11th to the 16th of June to attend the PAHO/WHO SIDS (Small Island Developing States) Ministerial Conference on Chronic Diseases and Mental Health and its significance to the Territory. This meeting follows on from the earlier Technical Meeting also organized by PAHO/WHO also held in Barbados from the 17th to 18th of January which was attended by the Chief Medical

Officer. At the meeting in June, there were representatives from 39 Small Island Developing States (SIDS) countries and 18 Associate Members from all six World Health Organization regions, around the Globe. The resolution agreed to by Ministers of SIDS will be taken forward to the next UN General Assembly in September 2023, the next World Health Assembly in January 2024 and the issues will find themselves on the Agenda of Conference of the Parties COP 28 in December 2023. At COP 28 UN Climate Change Conference,

issues of climate change and health will be on the agenda.

At the UN General Assembly, COP 28, and the World Health Assembly countries will be considering many issues, but the specific concerns of SIDS, Chronic Diseases, and Mental Health will be represented. A strong message from all SIDS from the Bridgetown Initiative which is a clarion call from SIDS for development funding to be allocated on a more equitable basis considering the special vulnerability of SIDS. In consideration of the special



.Hon. Vincent O. Wheatley



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

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

vulnerability of SIDS due to climate change the initiative calls for reforms in how SIDS can access international development funding to invest in health and other emergent issues, because of climate change and highlight concrete actions required on the world stage to deal with the pandemic of chronic diseases and mental health issues. The Bridgetown Agreement is a landmark agreement designed to ensure that the largest polluters and contributors to climate change pay their fair share and the Small Island Developing States such as these Virgin Islands have access to the necessary capital, emergency liquidity, and grants at a fair and equitable price to mitigate these climate change impacts.

As the new Minister of Health, the exposure to best practices and networking with colleagues from SIDS around the world was invaluable. I also took the opportunity to visit the Winston Scott Polyclinic in Bridgetown and observe primary health care in action. I also met with the director of the Chronic Disease Research Center, and took time to visit St. Michael's College, the premier secondary school in Bridgetown and discuss with the principle how she incorporates programs such as Health and Family Life Education across the curriculum and other health promoting interventions. These informal engagements were a welcome addition to what was a very important conference.

The conference highlighted the need to involve all sectors of Government, civil society, and both service users and persons with lived experiences in the process of making policy and developing and evaluating programs. The role of the commercial sector and in particular the impact of

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

Health is often seen as a net consumer of government revenue and questions about revenue collection always arise. While revenue collection is very important it is also equally important to not view health as a cost to society and the public purse, but more so as an investment in our greatest and most important resource. Health is an investment in people and the development of the Territory. Health is a complete state of mental, physical, spiritual, and social wellbeing, not just the absence of disease. Hon Mia Amor Mottley stated at the conference that health is everyone's "first wealth". The World Health Organization's Universal Health Care Strategy, underscores the importance of ensuring equitable access to health care. It is imperative for us to ensure that appropriate, needed, health care is accessible without bias. Without healthy people we do not have productive people. Without productive people we do not have a productive economy. Without these we cannot develop as a Territory. Interestingly enough a healthy people is also a sign of a thriving economy and well developed Territory. The two-go hand in hand.



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Code.

For more information regarding Work Permit Applications persons can contact the Department of Labour and Workforce Development by telephone at 468-4708 or 468-4780.

Voter Registration Is Ongoing

The Office of the Supervisor of Elections is informing the public that continuous Voter Registration is ongoing, and persons who are eligible to vote are encouraged to register.

Individuals must be a Belonger as per section (2) of the Virgin Islands Order Constitution 2007, 18 years of age or older and domiciled in the Virgin Islands to be qualified to register.

Persons must also present documents including a Virgin Islands Passport with embossed seal or a Belonger's Card or a Belonger's Certificate. A Naturalisation Certificate can also be used, providing the certificate is dated before June 15, 2007.

Further, Section 17(1) of the Elections (Amendment) Act No. 14 of 2011 states that:

"A registered voter who is ordinarily resident in the Territory and who moves his place of residence from within one local electoral district or polling division to another, may have his name transferred to the list of voters for the local electoral district or polling division to which he has moved, if he applies on Form No. 9 and establishes, to the satisfaction of the Supervisor of Elections, proof of residence within the local electoral district or polling division to which he/she has moved".

Persons who have moved their place of residence and wish to be transferred are encouraged to apply for a transfer. Documents to support a transfer can be in the form of Cable, Water, Electricity or Telephone bills, a rent receipt, lease agreement or a notarised document stating the new address.

Registration and Transfer forms are available at the Office of the Supervisor of Elections, Road Town Post Office, the District Offices on Anegada and Virgin Gorda and the Government Office on Jost Van Dyke. Additionally, these forms are accessible online at bvi.gov.vg/departments/office-supervisor-elections under the services tab.

For further information, please contact the Office of the Supervisor of Elections at 284-468-4380 or 284-468-3701 Ext. 4380 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The Office is located at Creque's Building, #216 Upper Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Three Bills Gazetted For Public Review

The Cabinet Office is notifying the public that three (3) Bills introduced to the House of Assembly on Thursday, 29th June, 2023 are now available for review.

The Bills published in an extraordinary issue of the Gazette No. 90 dated 4th July, 2023 are the Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act 2023, the Virgin Islands Shipping and Maritime Authority Act 2023, and the Retiring Allowances (Legislative Service) (Amendment) Bill 2023. The Bills can be accessed on the Virgin Islands Official Gazette website at <https://eservices.gov.vg/gazette/>.

For more information or assistance, please contact the Gazette Unit of the Cabinet Office at 468-4336 or email gazette@gov.vg.



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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)

National Meteorological Service To Begin In The VI



Hon. Kye Rymer

Organization (CMO) Dr. Arlene Laing and her team earlier this week to initiate discussions about setting up an office in the Territory to provide this service.

In his statement at the Second Sitting of the First Session of the Fifth House of Assembly, Minister for Communication and Works Honourable Kye M. Rymer said his ministry is responsible for meteorology and the efficient and timely movement of meteorological information.

Honourable Rymer said the Virgin Islands' economy relies on tourism, fishing, the marine environment, agriculture, aviation, and other services, which are all affected by the Territory's weather and climate conditions.

The Minister stated, "The region is vulnerable to coastal and marine hazards, and extreme weather events and climate variability have historically impacted sustainable development. Recent events like floods and hurricanes demonstrate the need to invest in local weather forecasting capabilities to reduce disaster risks."

Honourable Rymer said developing a National Meteorological Service through a dedicated office is a significant step towards addressing concerns related to severe weather events, climate, and climate change in the Territory.

He added, "With the support of organisations like the Caribbean

Meteorological Organization (CMO) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), we can work towards building a resilient and sustainable future for the citizens of these Virgin Islands."

The Minister's full statement can be viewed on the Government's website at www.bvi.gov.vg.

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

The Government of the Virgin Islands is engaged in discussions for the introduction of a National Meteorological Service in the Territory.

Minister for Communication and Works

Honourable Kye Rymer said that his team along with the relevant agencies including the Airport Authority and Department of Disaster Management, met with Coordinating Director of the Caribbean Meteorological

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CLOSING DATE: Wednesday July 26, 2023.

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Safety Measures Prioritised Following Incident At Cyril B. Romney Tortola Pier Park

Minister of Communications and Works, with responsibility for Ports, Honourable Kye Rymer, held an emergency meeting today with key stakeholders in response to the recent armed robbery at the Cyril B. Romney Tortola Pier Park. The meeting primarily addressed the recent robbery at the Pier Park to ensure the safety of the park and its users, and collaborate on robust strategies to enhance security measures.

The emergency meeting brought together various stakeholders including the Chairpersons of the British Virgin Islands Ports Authority (BVIPA) and the Tortola Pier Park Ltd (TPPL), members of the Board of Directors, the Chairperson of the British Virgin Islands Tourist Board (BVITB), the Acting Permanent Secretary for the Ministry for Communication and Works, senior members of the BVI Ports Authority, Tortola Pier Park Ltd and BVI Tourist Board teams, as well as the Acting Commissioner of the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force (RVIPF).

To readily assist and facilitate the Royal Virgin Islands Police authorities in their investigations, Tortola Pier Park Ltd and the BVI Ports Authority have promptly provided full access to the park’s CCTV cameras. Today’s emergency discussion has proven to be successful as plans were outlined to support the implementation of comprehensive mitigation strategies that will ensure the utmost safety of the park and its valued visitors.

To address the concerns arising from this incident, a thorough security audit of the Tortola Pier Park has been commissioned. This audit will precisely evaluate the existing security protocols and systems in place, identify potential vulnerabilities, and propose necessary enhancements. The resulting comprehensive report will be presented to Honourable Kye Rymer, as well as the Boards of both BVIPA and TPPL on July 10, 2023.

During the audit process, the Ministry has proactively requested additional support from the RVIPF to augment the security presence at the Pier. This proactive measure aims to reinforce public confidence in the areas of security while balancing guest experience, until the audit is concluded.

Honourable Rymer emphasises his unwavering commitment to the safety of the citizens and visitors of the Virgin Islands alike. The Ministry of Communications and Works, BVIPA, TPPL, and BVITB are dedicated to promptly addressing this incident and diligently implementing measures to fortify the security capabilities at the Cyril B. Romney Tortola Pier Park. Updates on its progress and further initiatives will be communicated to the public as progressive measures are put in place.



Honourable Kye Rymer and other key stakeholders from the emergency meeting concerning security at the Cyril B. Romney Tortola Pier Park in response to the recent robbery. (Photo credit: Provided)



BURT POINT WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT NEARING COMPLETION

Wednesday, 45 July – The Ministry of Communication and Works is making moves to recommission and upgrade the previously inoperable waste water treatment plant at Burt Point.

In his statement at the Second Sitting of the First Session of the Fifth House of Assembly, Minister for Communication and Works Honourable Kye M. Rymer said that recommissioning the waste water treatment plant is a priority for his ministry due to the fact that the inoperable facility currently poses a threat to the marine environment.

Honourable Rymer went on to say that pump trucks will soon be able to pump waste water at the Burt Point waste water treatment plant, which will eliminate the need for the trucks to do so at the Road Town station.

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

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

Honourable Rymer also noted that a total of one million, seven hundred and thirty-four thousand, three hundred and twenty-one dollars and seventy-seven cents (\$1,734,321.77) has been expended on the two million, five hundred ninety-four thousand, three hundred seventeen dollars and eighty-six cent (\$2,594,317.86) agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands via the Ministry of Communications and Works with BiWater International Limited.

The Minister for Works also stated that his ministry has engaged BiWater International Ltd. to procure the necessary equipment and material to replace the damaged equipment and material at the plant and indicated that the plant is anticipated to be completed and commissioned in August 2023.

Minister Rymer’s full statement can be viewed on the Government’s website at www.bvi.gov.vg.

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

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CLOSING DATE: 14 JULY 2023

Statement by Premier Wheatley - Virgin Islands Day Celebration: A Cultural Experience

3 July, 2023

My dear Virgin Islands people, a pleasant good day to each and every one of you.

I regret that I am unavailable to be with you in person on this very

important occasion. As many of you would know, I am off-island representing the Virgin Islands at the CARICOM Heads of Government meeting where

a number of matters that are critical to the region are to be discussed. I, however, join with you in spirit to celebrate our beautiful Virgin Islands and our great



Hon. Natalio D. Wheatley



Sushi Chef

Main Duties and Responsibilities:

- Prepare all types of sushi, including maki, nigiri and sashimi.
- Monitor food stock and place orders, as needed.
- Recommend new, modern recipes.
- Report to Head Chef/Executive Sous Chef before starting shift in clean uniform and clean personal hygiene following company grooming standards for men and women.
- Report to Head Chef/Executive Sous Chef before starting shift to check for bookings for the meal period, dietaries and allergy for booked guests.
- Have a complete understanding of and adhere to the company's policy relating to fire, hygiene and safety.
- During service, ensure to understand and take notice of turnaround time of orders.
- Ensure that all sanitation procedures are adhered to.
- At end of shift, ensure that workstation is left in a clean sanitary manner and mise-en-place list handover is completed for next shift.
- Ensure that training on a one-to-one basis has been carried out and comprehended.
- Responsible for completing the daily checklist regarding mise-en-place and food storage.
- Advise Head Chef/Executive Sous Chef of any unordinary circumstances that may occur on shift eg. staff no show, spoilage, guest complaints etc.

Qualifications

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

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people. Virgin Islands Day is a very significant day for us. When Cabinet opted to make the change from Territory Day to Virgin Islands Day on 2 December, 2020, our objective was to set aside a special day to promote national consciousness and celebrate the unique identity of the Virgin Islands.

Some persons may ask, "Why is it important to have a focus on national consciousness and Virgin Islands identity?"

The reason for that is quite simple. We are a special people. We are unique. We have been shaped by unique circumstances across hundreds of years and spanning generations, each incident and influence molding us, our values, our beliefs, our way of life, our food, our music, our dances, all of our heritage and culture, into a unique identity. Our identity and our way of life may have similarities to that of persons from other places, but when all the elements are brought together as a whole, to produce is something that is not replicated anywhere else. And this is what makes us special, and why it is important for us to devote time to reflect on the journey of our burgeoning nation and the history and vision of our people.

Today, as it has been throughout our history, our

culture, traditions and way of life, are being bombarded by forces from all directions. Some of these interactions and influences can be positive, and some can be detrimental to the survival of our identity and everything that goes with it. And even where the influences are positive, we must be careful that the traits that make us unique and special do not fade away.

One of the most valuable things that we possess is our Virgin Islands identity. In fact, identity is important to all people. Often persons who say your identity is not important, jealously guard theirs. Because your identity secures your space in the world, and those who are wise and aware understand this.

Virgin Islanders have earned our place in this world, and to be appreciated as a unique people. Our identity has been shaped by centuries of violence upon our fore parents, their struggles – both the bids that were successful and the countless others that were unsuccessful. It was shaped by having hope and determination in the face of hopelessness and despair; by resourcefulness, innovation and ingenuity. It has also been shaped by the journey of our political development;

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from being a part of the Leeward Islands colony to being a stand-alone colony to a Territory with our own political institutions and where decisions on our governance are made by elected representatives with the exception of a few areas reserved for the Governor. We must include here too our social and economic development.

Our people have made a lot of progress in our journey to nationhood, and therefore we must take time to reflect on where we have come from and where we wish to go. Recognising and appreciating our uniqueness, and being conscious of our identity, are essential for us to define our destination and to ensure that we stay on course. As we continue along our journey, and when we get to our destination, many things will change but we must still be recognisable as Virgin Islands people, and our story and our special identity must live on.

As I have said, our culture and heritage are very intrinsic to this process. This is why the Government has ensured

that we have developed and approved a Virgin Islands Culture and Heritage Policy and Strategy, which will ensure that attention and resources are directed to the preservation of our culture and heritage and the development of our cultural and heritage assets, ensuring that our people are culturally conscious, and making sure that our unique identity does not fade or get lost.

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

In this vein, the theme for this year's Virgin Islands Day celebration: "A Cultural Experience", is very fitting, as is the programme of activities. I encourage you to immerse yourselves in this cultural experience. Let it renew and refresh

your Virgin Islands spirit and elevate your cultural confidence and your consciousness.

Use this opportunity to remind yourselves of the values, beliefs and motivations that define us as Virgin Islanders - our moral,

spiritual and democratic values; our belief in God and the dignity of the human person; respect for fundamental rights and freedoms and the rule of law; our quest for social justice, economic empowerment and political advancement; our free and independent spirit; and our qualities of honesty, integrity, mutual

respect, and self-reliance; our kinship with our Islands; and our love for peace and harmony.

Have a happy and reflective Virgin Islands Day. Thank you and may God continue to protect our beautiful Virgin Islands and may he always favour its people.



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- Responsible for completing the daily checklist regarding mise-en-place and food storage
- Advise Head Chef/Executive Sous Chef of any unordinary circumstances that may occur on shift eg. staff no show, spoilage, guest complaints etc.
- Responsible for supervising junior chefs or commis.
- Able to estimate the daily production needs and check the quality of raw and cooked food products to ensure that standards are met.

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GLOBAL NEWS BRIEF

STORIES SELECTED BY GIORGIO MIGLIAVACCA

VIENNA - The print edition of Austrian newspaper the Wiener Zeitung, which has been published since 1703, will cease to exist after a decision made by Austria's parliament on Thursday.

The Austrian parliament adopted the law that puts an end to the current form of the daily in a majority vote.

The publication has reported on everything from a young Mozart to the effective abdication of the last Habsburg emperor in its 320-year history, claiming to be the oldest surviving daily newspaper in the world.

It has been owned by the Austrian government since 1857 and serves as an official gazette, with advertisements for government job openings and other official notices appearing in the newspaper by law.

The new media regulations also alter the Wiener Zeitung's purpose from a daily newspaper to become a "training and further education medium."

In an article published on the day of the vote titled "End by law," the newspaper said this new description is an unclear mandate that will gut its capacity to produce journalism. [Deutsche Welle]

PAKISTAN - Mujahid Hussain, a news hawker in Islamabad, says he is afraid of losing his job amid a downturn in newspaper sales in Pakistan, where people

are increasingly getting their information from digital and social media platforms.

"My employer often talks about a slump in newspaper sales and a possible business shutdown. So even if he doesn't close shop, my job is definitely on the line," the 42-year-old father of three told DW.

Hussain pointed out he has already experienced massive pay cuts over the past three years and that his family is struggling to make ends meet.

Many other news vendors in the South Asian country share similar woes.

It was not always like this, however. Even until a decade ago, the newspaper industry thrived in the country. Daily newspapers, weeklies and magazines used to be a must in offices, living rooms and cafes.

But print publications were first eclipsed by the dozens of private TV news channels that were launched during the presidency of General Pervez Musharraf between 2001 and 2008.

Then came affordable smartphones, social media networks and widespread internet connectivity, which further dented newspaper sales as more and more people began to consume news on online platforms. [Deutsche Welle]

ROME, - Deputy Premier, Foreign Minister and acting

leader of centre-right Forza Italia (FI) on Monday ruled out the possibility of an agreement at European level with the far-right Alternative for Germany (AfD) party and France's National Rally of Marine Le Pen.

"It is impossible for us to reach any kind of agreement with AfD and the party of Mrs Le Pen, Tajani told Agorà Estate on Rai 3.

"When I was elected President of the European Parliament I personally initiated an agreement between Conservatives, Populists and Liberals. [ANSA]

ROME - A suspected ancestor of pizza has been found in a still life at Pompeii, the first evidence that the Ancient Romans ate something similar to the iconic pie believed to have been invented in Naples in the 19th century, sources at the ancient city buried by Vesuvius in 79 AD said Tuesday.

While they stressed that it couldn't really be pizza because key ingredients like tomatoes and mozzarella had not been brought to Italy or invented yet, they said its shape was remarkably like present-day pizza. [ANSA]

MOSCOW - The sudden instability that gripped the federal government in Moscow during last week's Wagner mutiny has sown confusion and panic among the leadership of Russia's ethnic republics, according to experts and activists interviewed by The Moscow Times.

Unable to take a side in the unfolding standoff in central Russia and unsure of what message to broadcast at home,

most local heads chose to carry on with business as usual, hoping the situation would simply resolve on its own.

"These people already had no agency and they were forced to make important political decisions. It forced them into [the state of] panic and fear," Tatar political expert and journalist Ruslan Aysin told The Moscow Times.

"It was required — as they viewed it — to pledge allegiance to one of the two," said Aysin.

Behind the scenes of ornate Yhyakh celebrations in the republic of Sakha, the local government's apprehension forced all state-linked media into silence for the entire duration of the rebellion taking place far to the west.

"Our government got really scared, especially when the news of Putin's inner circle fleeing Moscow emerged," Kondakova of Free Yakutia told The Moscow Times.

"Some people in the republic believed that our il darkhan [head of the republic Aysen Nikolayev] might also get on the plane and vanish."

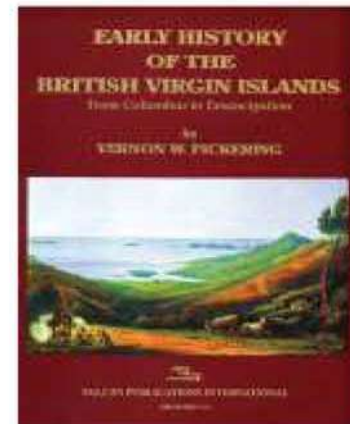
Prompted by orders from Moscow on Saturday morning, regional heads and governors issued a stream of statements in support of the Kremlin.

Yet likely unnerved by the uncertainty of the stand-off's outcome, many leaders of the ethnic republics still fell short of declaring unequivocal support for the Kremlin. [Moscow Times]

BERMUDA - The Government claims a report by US lawmakers which branded Bermuda a "well-known tax haven" where the wealthy can hide money from tax authorities by using "shell banks" was "inaccurate" — but did not say if it had taken steps to have it corrected.

A spokeswoman claimed Bermuda's prominent role in the investigative report by the US Senate Finance Committee — which focused on how Texan billionaire Robert Brockman allegedly concealed \$2.7 billion in income from the Internal Revenue Service using a "complex structure involving offshore foreign trusts, foreign and domestic shell companies, nominees and foreign bank accounts" — was based on a misunderstanding.

But she did not respond to a question on what the Government had done to clear up the alleged confusion since the report was



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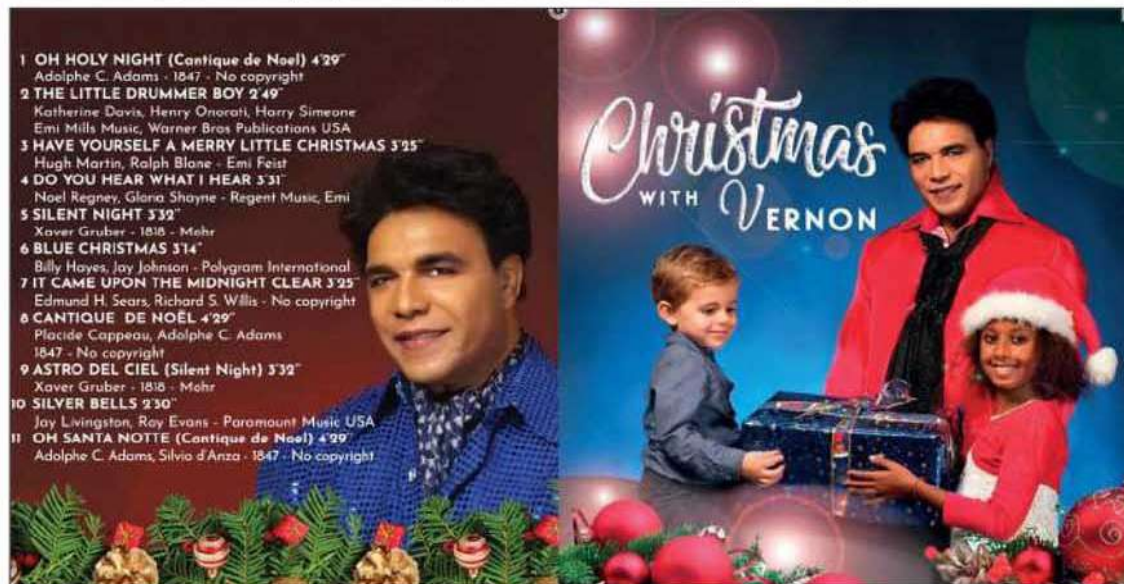
published last August. "The problem is that when somebody beats the IRS or [UK] Inland Revenue, the big countries default to blaming the micro-offshore jurisdiction, instead of themselves," he said. "That's why Bermuda is mentioned in a negative context." [Royal Gazette]

GUYANA - Police on Friday night confirmed that a 16-year-old school girl who had accused Guyana's Local Government Minister, Nigel Dharamlall, of rape, has said she no longer wants to pursue the matter.

Head of the Criminal Investigations Department, Assistant Commissioner Wendell Blanhum, in a brief statement said "at this time, I am only able to confirm that the alleged victim has given a 'no further action statement' to investigators in the presence of one of her parents and a representative from the ChildCare Agency.

"The file is currently being prepared to be sent to the DPP (Director of Public Prosecutions) for further legal advice," Blanhum added.

Media reports here said that on Friday, the 16-year-old was taken for a round of forensic interviews with police and other authorities at Blossom Inc, the leading child advocacy body in Guyana. [CNW/CMC]



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Staging of the 2023 One VI Poker Run

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Divas On A Dime

Staging of the 2023 One VI Poker Run

Following the successful staging of the 2023 One VI Poker Run Clifford Thomas was announced as the first-place winner. In addition to bragging rights, Clifton walked away with the cash prize of \$10,000, the House of Luxury Pendant, and the DeCastro Marking 1st Place Trophy.

During the Poker Run participants traveled over a predetermined route and, at each stop on the way, drew a playing card until they returned to Paradise Club

Lounge Bar & Restaurant in Cane Garden Bay. At the end of the journey, participants holding the best five-card poker hand were crowned as the Poker Run victors.

The second-place winner was Tafara Phillip, who earned the \$4,000 cash prize, and the DeCastro Marking 2nd Place Trophy. While Romeo Rabsatt was able to snag the third-place prize of \$2,000 and the DeCastro Marking 3rd Place Trophy.

In addition to the race and prizes,

attendees at this year's One VI Poker Run were to a fashion show featuring the BVI's top brands. Additionally, they were entertained by DJ Maestro, VIBE, and Jamaican Dancehall artist Shane O.

Organizers said that proceeds from the One Virgin Islands Poker Run will be used to develop and outfit a smart technology-based classroom in a public primary school.

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Ladyburd Talks...

Dear Readers:
Got Bored Kids? Here Are some Fun Activities For Summer:

Midway through summer, many working parents have exhausted their arsenal of "fun activities," and kids are getting bored to say the least. As a result, many busy parents have yet one more task on their overflowing list of to dos – curate a fresh, new list of friendly activities that the kids will love.

Not to fear - budget travel and lifestyle expert Lindsay Myers offers a wide array of interesting, friendly activities (organized by category) that working parents can incorporate into their summer planning. For maximum benefit, activities should be selected and customized based on kids' ages and interests as well as parental availability. Let this list be the beginning, not the end of the adventures you'll try this summer!

Outdoor Activities

It's so important to get the kids outside not just for a change of scenery but to enhance their physical and mental health as well. You don't have to go far of course – the backyard absolutely counts.

Plant a Garden - Teach your kids a bit more about where food really comes from. This one is not just great to get the kids outdoors, but there are tons of opportunities to infuse a few science lessons along the way

Field Day - Who doesn't love field day? Get some sacks (or pillowcases) for your sack race. You just need an egg, lime or lemon and spoon for a spoon race. Use a ribbon to tie two legs together for the three-legged race. There are so many fun races to choose from!

Backyard Camping - If your kids are old enough, consider an overnight stay in the backyard. For the younger ones, pitch the tent, and let them feel like they are really camping even if they end up in their own bed.

Happy Summer

SOURCE: Dana Brownlee-Senior Contributor



Ladyburd's Mail Box

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Dear Ladyburd: Hope you are well. I enjoy your column every week, however, this is not a relationship problem. Ladyburd, Cant the police in this country do something about those bikes that ride up and down the street late at nights and early mornings? It is so annoying, and not 1 police patrolling to catch them. I have not been sleeping because of these menace to society. What should I do? **Deprived of Sleep**

Ladyburd: Dear **Deprived of Sleep:** I can concur with what you are saying. I hear them myself and wondered how inconsiderate could they be. I think you should Write a report and take it to the Police Headquarters as well as sending them an email, let them know that your well-being is at stake and something has to be done, ask them about the noise abatement Act as far as I know it is in place. Let them know that something has to be done. I must say though it is not as bad as it was.



Light Bulb Moments

"Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under trees on a summer's day, listening to the murmur of the water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time."
Henry David Thoreau

"We might think we are nurturing our garden, but of course it's our garden that is really nurturing us."
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 And make the nights just as right.
 This time only comes once a year,
 So live it up, don't have any fears.

Everybody's happy, and the girls are fine,
 You already know it's summertime!

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Tickle My Funny Bones



The Kindergartener

A Kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom as the children drew pictures. The teacher would occasionally walk around and see each child's artwork.

As she approached one little girl who was working especially hard, she asked what the drawing was.

The little girl told her: "I'm drawing God!"

"But sweetie," the teacher replied, "no one actually knows what God looks like."

Automatically, the little girl continued drawing and said:

"well, they certainly will in a minute!"

The Wallet

A man is angry because he has it in his head that someone stole his wallet.

He walks into a church to steal someone else's wallet, but he has a change of heart during the service.

He confesses to the priest afterwards about what his intentions had initially been.

The priest asks, "What made you change your mind?"

The man says, "In your sermon on the Ten Commandments when you got to 'Thou shall not commit adultery,'

I remembered where I left my wallet!"

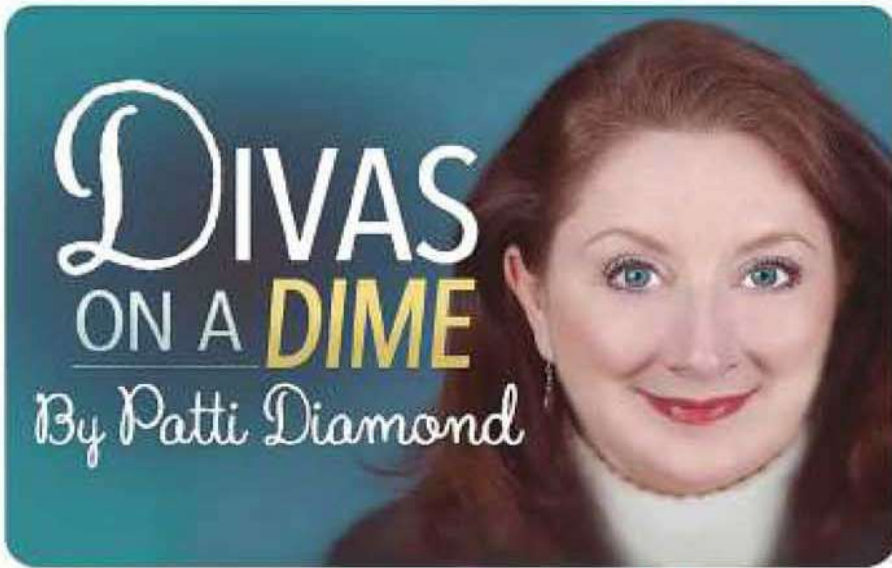
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"Pencils could be made with erasers at each end, but what would be the point?"

Staging of the 2023 One VI Poker Run

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DIVAS ON A DIME

By Patti Diamond

Skip the Drive-Thru With Fast, Effortless, Budget-Friendly Dinners

"Oops! I totally forgot about dinner!" It happens. Maybe you didn't actually forget about dinner, but your hectic, nonstop day happened. Suddenly it's 6:00 and the family is looking to you because they're starving. What's for dinner?

There are so many reasons to draw a blank at dinnertime. Sometimes plans go awry. Someone accidentally unplugged the crockpot, the chicken didn't defrost, you didn't make it to the store, or you set out the dinner ingredients and the kids ate half. I feel your pain, because I've been there! Honestly, between work, school, homework, activities

and running a household, it's a wonder our families get fed at all. Before you call for pizza or head to the drive-thru, stop! You have a backup plan because you're reading this column right now. Welcome to the SOS meal. As in "calling out an SOS -- Save Our Supper!" Or sanity, you decide. An SOS meal is a planned set of economical ingredients that you always keep in your pantry, intended to guarantee a nearly effortless, healthy, inexpensive dinner that practically makes itself. Here's a list of nonperishable pantry staples to keep on hand to make dinner in a flash. Canned beans

(such as black beans, chickpeas or kidney beans), canned tomatoes (diced, crushed or sauce), canned vegetables (corn, peas or green beans), pasta (varieties like spaghetti, penne or macaroni), rice (white, brown or basmati), canned tuna or salmon, chicken or vegetable broth, jarred sauces (marinara, pesto or curry paste).

Here is a recipe for dinner that takes less than 10 minutes to prepare and has your family sitting down to dinner in under 30 minutes. It takes longer than that to go through the drive-thru at McKentucky Junior King.

LINGUINE WITH GARLIC LEMON TUNA

The most time-consuming variable of this recipe is boiling the water for the pasta. Using better quality tuna

improves this dish, but use what you have on hand. If you happen to have a fresh lemon lying around, use it, but bottled juice is absolutely fine.

Yield: 4 servings

Total time: 25 minutes

8 to 12 ounces linguine or other pasta

3 tablespoons olive oil

3 garlic cloves, thinly sliced

2 (5 ounce) cans tuna, drained

1 (15 ounce) can cannellini beans, drained and rinsed

2 tablespoons lemon juice, plus zest if using fresh lemon

Salt & pepper to taste

2 tablespoons capers

2 tablespoons parsley, chopped

Starting with hot tap water, bring a pot of salted water to a boil. Assemble the ingredients, then start opening and draining the cans of tuna and beans. Add the pasta to the boiling water and cook according to package directions.

Meanwhile, in a large skillet, heat the olive oil over low heat. Add the garlic and cook until fragrant, about 1 minute. Add the tuna, beans, lemon juice and zest, salt and pepper. Gently stir and heat through. By now your pasta should be about ready.

Reserve 1/2 cup of the pasta cooking water, then drain the pasta and immediately add to sauce in the skillet.

Add the capers and 1 tablespoon of the chopped parsley and toss until the spaghetti is well coated. Add the reserved pasta water as needed to thin out the sauce. Serve warm, garnished with remaining parsley, and pass the pepper mill.

The most important take-away (so you don't pay for takeout) is to have a plan before you need one. By the way, quick pantry recipes also work when you just don't feel like cooking so you can get out of the kitchen and move on with your life!

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POLICE NEWS

DETECTIVES TRACK LEADS IN PIER PARK ROBBERY

Tuesday, July 4 – Detectives with the RVIPF Criminal Investigations Department are tracking several leads in their investigations into Saturday's robbery of House of Luxury Jewelry Store at Cyril B. Romney Pier Park.

Acting Commissioner St. Clair Amory says while he is unable to disclose any details at this time, the RVIPF is progressing with investigations.

"No details on our efforts to identify the suspects in this case can be released to the public at this time, however we are making steady progress in our inquiries," Amory noted.

On Saturday at around 2pm, officers were called to the scene of an armed robbery at Pier Park. Employees of the store reported that two armed masked persons entered the store dressed in all white. One assailant proceeded to remove jewelry from the showcases, and both fled the scene toward the parking lot with a quantity of the store's merchandise. The value of the stolen items is undetermined at this time.

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

Close to the time of

Saturday's robbery, the RVIPF also received reports of gunshots fired near Road Reef and around the Stickett in Long Look. Those reports are also being investigated.

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

Statement From The National Security Council On Armed Robbery At Cyril B. Romney Tortola Pier Park

The members of the National Security Council (NSC) have been briefed by the Commissioner of Police on today's armed robbery at the Cyril B. Romney Tortola Pier Park. We are thankful to God that no one was physically injured during the incident.

The NSC wishes to assure everyone that the security of the people of the Virgin Islands is of paramount concern and that no stone will be left unturned in bringing the perpetrators of this crime to justice.

The NSC is therefore appealing to anyone with information on those responsible for this violent act to contact the Police with tips at Crime Stoppers and/or the confidential and untraceable hotline 800-8477[TIPS], 800-847-8477 and 368-9339. Meanwhile, there will be an increased presence at the Pier Park and at other events taking place in the Territory this weekend to help ensure the public's safety.

UPDATE: MISSING 20-YEAR-OLD FOUND

POLICE SEEK ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING MISSING MAN



Monday, July 4 – Roshanio Pope, 20, of Long Look reported to the Police Station around 11am this morning after he was reported missing by members of the family just over a week ago.

Officers at the station noted that Pope was unharmed and appeared in good health. He offered a brief explanation as to his whereabouts during the search period.

The RVIPF sought the public assistance in locating Roshanio Pope last Thursday after his family reported that he had not been seen since Monday, 26 June. Searches were subsequently carried out at several locations both on Tortola and on Virgin Gorda. He was not found at that time.



celebrity extra

by Dana Jackson

Q. Is Vanna White leaving "Wheel of Fortune" when Pat Sajak retires? I'm sad to see him go, but I hope they keep Vanna. — T.L.

A. "Wheel of Fortune" game show host Pat Sajak recently announced that the next season will be his last. He'll remain as a consultant off camera for three additional years after that, but the question fans are asking is, where does this leave Vanna White?

According to Entertainment Weekly, White is in the process of trying to negotiate a new deal to remain on the show and is also seeking a raise — her first one in 18 years. A decision about her future with the show is in limbo right now.

Q. Is it true that the TCM (Turner Classic Movies) channel is going away? I really enjoy watching old films on that channel before bed every night. — J.K.

A. In recent days, it was reported that the TCM channel was downsizing its staff from 90 employees to 20. Fans like yourself, including actor Mark Hamill, feared the worst — that TCM would be erased from our cable TV guides forever. The news of the layoffs alarmed directors Steven Spielberg, Martin Scorsese and Paul Thomas Anderson so much that they teamed up for an emergency call about it with Warner Bros. Discovery CEO David Zaslav.

The trio of respected directors released a statement about their discussions with Zaslav and concluded that "it's clear that TCM and classic cinema are very important to him. Our primary aim is to ensure that TCM's programming is untouched and protected. ... We are committed to working together to ensure the continuation of this cultural touchstone that we all treasure."

After Hamill tweeted that he "can't imagine a world without my all-time favorite station," Turner Classic Movies host Ben Mankiewicz replied: "You don't have to imagine it. We're not going anywhere." That certainly sounds reassuring. Hopefully, the #SaveTCM social media campaign, combined with the star power behind it, will ensure that the TCM channel remains part of television history for a long time to come.



ABC/Ricky Middlesworth
"Wheel of Fortune" Co-Host
Vanna White

Q. When are the Emmy Awards this year? I know the Academy Awards and Grammys are earlier in the year, but I've lost track of the Emmys. — H.J.

A. Nominations for the 75th annual Primetime Emmy Awards will be announced on July 12, with the live ceremony planned for Monday, Sept. 18, on Fox. However, if the WGA Writers Strike isn't resolved by the end of July or early August, there's a good chance the ceremony will be postponed. According to Deadline.com, if that happens, don't expect it to air any earlier than November.

The 50th annual Daytime Emmy Awards were supposed to be telecast on June 16 on CBS, but have been postponed due to the strike as well.

The list of predicted nominees that will be announced on July 12 include the stars of HBO's "Succession" and "The White Lotus," AMC's "Better Call Saul," Hulu's "The Bear," and Showtime's "Yellowjackets," among others. Many are also anticipating that Hollywood legend Carol Burnett, who recently turned 90, is expected to be nominated for her guest-starring role in the final season of "Better Call Saul."

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

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Roach

How Certain Diet Styles Work to Lower Heart Disease Risk

DEAR DR. ROACH: Which diet styles in particular are associated with a lower risk of heart disease? Many people get confused about what a healthy diet actually consists of. Is a Mediterranean diet easier than an extreme low-fat diet? — D.H.H.

ANSWER: There are several styles of diet that have been proven to be healthier than a typical North American diet. Two of the best that have been studied are the ones you mentioned — the extreme low-fat diet and the Mediterranean-style diet — but there are many others that show benefit and a few that show harm.

In a landmark study published by Dr. Dean Ornish in 1998, intensive lifestyle changes reduced the amount of heart disease (measured by blockages in the heart arteries) more than those in the control group without medication. This remarkable result required a diet that was mostly vegetarian (egg whites and only 1 cup of milk a day) and no more than 10% fat (the average American diet is 30% to 35% fat).

In addition to dietary changes, participants performed aerobic exercise (3 hours per week), stress management (1 hour per day) and group psychosocial support (4 hours twice a week), and they also had a 100% smoking cessation rate. It is unclear how much of the benefit in reversing heart blockages is due to diet and how much is due to other beneficial behavior changes, or whether they all worked together (which seems likely to me).

The Mediterranean diet, when studied, also reduced risk of heart disease, with a roughly 30% relative-risk reduction in heart attack, stroke or death due to heart disease. This diet is characterized by:

- An abundant use of olive oil
- High consumption of plant foods (fruits, vegetables, legumes, cereals, nuts and seeds)
- Frequent but moderate intake of wine (especially red wine) with meals
- Moderate consumption of fish, seafood, fermented dairy products (yogurt and cheese), poultry and eggs
- Low consumption of red and processed meat as well as sweets

There isn't a doubt that the Mediterranean diet is much easier for most to comply with. The two diets haven't been compared, so I can't say which is better, but I more commonly recommend the Mediterranean diet. However, I do not recommend drinking wine for any kind of health benefit. Exercise, stress management and psychosocial support would be likely to improve outcomes with any kind of favorable dietary change.

The DASH diet — a lower-salt diet with 4 to 5 servings of fruit, 4 to 5 servings of vegetables and 2 to 3 servings of low-fat dairy per day, with less than 25% of daily caloric intake from fat — has been shown to reduce blood pressure. Moreover, in people with high or normal blood pressure, this diet lowers risk of colorectal cancer, cardiovascular disease and premature mortality. It's also easy to maintain.

Many people ask me about ketogenic ("keto") diets, which typically involve large amounts of meat and, consequently, a high proportion of protein and fat. Although these types of diets can cause short-term weight loss, a recent study showed these diets unfortunately increased cholesterol levels and more than doubled the risk of adverse cardiovascular outcomes (heart attack and death).

So, I recommend against following this type of diet and remind readers that weight loss does not necessarily translate into better health. As the above studies have shown, a person of any weight can better their health by having a more plant-based diet, getting regular exercise, managing their stress and receiving psychosocial support. The changes you make do not need to be extreme in order for you to receive better health.

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

• All the paint on the Eiffel Tower weighs the same as 10 elephants.

• The actual grave of Mumtaz Mahal, for whom the elaborate crypt known as the Taj Mahal was built, is the only undecorated part of the famous structure, due to a Muslim law dictating that graves cannot be adorned, as this is seen as an act of vanity.

• One ingredient in Ranch salad dressing is titanium dioxide, which is used to make it look whiter. It's also the same ingredient that's used in sunscreen and paint for coloring.

• George Washington celebrated July Fourth by giving his soldiers a double ration of rum.

• The Bagheera kiplingi spider, discovered in the 1800s, is the only species of spider that has been classified as vegetarian.

• William Moulton Marston, who created the superheroine Wonder Woman, also designed the first lie detector.

• The full name of the famous Chuck E. Cheese mouse is Charles Entertainment Cheese.

• After the release of the 1996 film "Scream," which involved an anonymous killer calling and murdering his victims, caller ID usage tripled in the United States.

• The longest-ever cricket test match, between England and South Africa, lasted more than 12 days and finally came to a conclusion because the English team would have missed their boat home.

• There's very little evidence the TSA has ever stopped a terrorist or found a real bomb. When tested, they failed to find fake weapons and bombs 95% of the time.

• The island of Madagascar got its name when Marco Polo misspelled it.

• During the Second World War, German tank drivers would drive their vehicles over camel droppings, thinking it would bring good luck.

Thought for the Day: "In the long run, the sharpest weapon of all is a kind and gentle spirit." — Anne Frank

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POLICE NEWS

ARREST BLOTTER

JUNE 18 – JULY 1, 2023

INDECENT ASSAULT

On 26-06-2023 at about 1335hrs, Police arrested and charged Kemoy Tyrese Harrigan, 21, of Hannah's Estate for Indecent Assault. He appeared before Magistrate's Court and was granted bail.

CRIMINAL DAMAGE

1. On 29-06-2023 at about 1225hrs, Police arrested and charged Asif Glasgow, 44, for Criminal Damage. He was granted bail in the sum of \$10,000 to appear before Magistrate's Court on 11-09-2023.

2. On 22-06-2023 about 1412hrs, Police arrested and charged Circe O'Neal, 20, of Fort Hill for Criminal Damage. She was granted bail in the sum of \$5,000 to appear before Magistrate's Court on 14-09-2023.

DRUNKENNESS WHEN IN CHARGE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE

On 19-06-2023 about 1156hrs, Police arrested and charged Isidro Peralta Ventura, 47, of Purcell Estate with the offence of Drunkenness when in Charge of a Motor Vehicle. He was granted bail in the sum of \$5,000 to appear before Magistrate's Court on 27-07-2023.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED DRUG

On 21-06-2021 about 1335hrs, Police arrested and charged a 15-year-old male of Sea Cows Bay for Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Drug. He was granted bail in the sum of \$3,000 to appear before Magistrate's Court on 09-08-2023.

DRIVING WITHOUT DRIVER'S LICENSE

On 22-06-2023 about 1510hrs, Police arrested and charged Rupert Junior Walker of Horsepath for Driving without a Driver's Licence, Driving when not Covered by Insurance, and Giving False Information to Police. He was granted bail in the sum of \$5,000 to appear before Magistrate's Court on 16-08-2023.



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BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

Peter Island resort is hiring for the position of Spa Director

Duties/Responsibilities:

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

Specific Technical / General:

- Must possess a degree or diploma in a related spa field. AS degree in related field and/or equivalent combination of formal education and experience.
- Must have a minimum of 2 years management experience in a high-volume retail Spa/ salon.
- Must possess a working knowledge of Spa operations and treatments in all applicable departments i.e., Salon Services and Products, Massage Modalities, Skin Care and Esthetic Services and Fitness/Wellness.
- Must possess excellent communication, organizational, and business skills.
- Must have strong computer/IT and Microsoft Excel skills.
- Must demonstrate a professional, effective demeanor and maintain standards of excellence in guest service.
- Must display the ability to work with a variety of people of different cultures, ethnicities and socio-economic backgrounds and remain calm and professional during stressful situations.
- Attends local spas and salons to assess variety of standards and continually to gain and implement new ideas.
- Retail and product knowledge, with experience in developing promotional strategies.
- Proven analytical, problem-solving, and decision-making skills, to handle critical situations utilizing good judgment.
- People-oriented with positive attitude, professional appearance, strong public relations, and customer-service skills.
- Team player with strong leadership and supervisory skills, to effectively work with and manage diverse personalities.
- Detail-oriented with strong organizational and administrative skills.
- Exceptional written and verbal communication skills.
- Flexible and available to work varied shifts, including evenings and weekends.
- Must be highly motivated with excellent interpersonal and customer service skills.
- Ability to work at a physically demanding pace.
- Ability to lift fifty (50) pounds to a maximum height of six (6) feet.
- Ability to remain standing for lengthy periods of time; climb steps and stairs; stoop, bend, and kneel; push.
- Ability to climb ladders and work at high heights.
- Ability to load and unload supplies.

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

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Caribbean News / Regional News

45th CARICOM Heads Of Government Meeting Opens Today



(CARICOM Secretariat, Turkeyen, Greater Georgetown, Guyana - Monday, 3 July 2023) - Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Heads of Government meet in Trinidad and Tobago, 3-5 July 2023, for their 45th Regular Meeting and to launch a year of celebrations to mark the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the regional grouping.

The packed agenda for the Meeting tackles several pressing issues for the Community, including food security concerns, climate change and the climate finance agenda; the ongoing difficulties in Haiti; security issues, external relations matters and the CARICOM Single Market and Economy (CSME).

The Heads of Government will engage several international guests, including the President of Rwanda,

H.E. Paul Kagame; the UN Secretary-General, H.E. Antonio Guterres; President-Designate of the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP 28), H.E. Dr Sultan Ahmed Al Jabe; the Prime Minister of the Republic of Korea H.E. Han Duck-Soo; US Secretary-of-State, Mr Anthony Blinken, and Minority Leader in the US House of Representatives, Congressman Hakeem Jeffries.

The Meeting's Opening Ceremony, scheduled for Monday at 4:30 PM (Trinidad Time) at the Hyatt Regency in Port-of-Spain, will be addressed by the Chairman, Prime Minister Hon. Roosevelt Skerrit of Dominica; outgoing Chairman, Prime Minister Hon. Philip Davis of The Bahamas; host Prime Minister Dr. the Hon. Keith Rowley of Trinidad and Tobago, and UN Secretary-General

H.E. Antonio Guterres.

On Tuesday, 4 July, the 50th Anniversary of the signing of the Treaty which created CARICOM, the Heads of Government and delegates will return to Chaguaramas, the venue of the historic signing, for a commemorative ceremony which will feature a Flag Raising event; planting of a Time Capsule and addresses by the CARICOM Chairman and host Prime Minister.

During the day's business session, representatives of foreign governments and heads of international organisations will be invited to pay special tributes to CARICOM in honour of the milestone. Regional cultural artistes will also pay tribute in song, dance, steelband music and other artforms during a CARICOM 50th Anniversary Concert.

Guyana and Trinidad and Tobago Claim Top Prizes at 16th CARICOM Road Races-10k



(CARICOM Secretariat, Turkeyen, Greater Georgetown, Guyana - Monday, 3 July 2023): The 16th CARICOM Road Races concluded yesterday, Sunday, 2 July, in Trinidad and Tobago, with Guyana and the host country taking top honours in a 10K event.

Guyanese Attoya Harvey claimed first prize in the Overall Female category and the CARICOM Secretary-General's Trophy, while Samantha Shikla (Trinidad and Tobago) and Laura Lynn Limerly (Saint Lucia) won second and third prizes, respectively.

Trinidad and Tobago dominated the top three positions in the Overall Male category, with popular athlete Nicholas Romany winning the CARICOM Chairman's Trophy and Donnel Francis and Tafari Waldron capturing the second and third prizes, respectively.

Nine (9) CARICOM countries participated in the event, including Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Montserrat, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and Trinidad and Tobago.

In observance of CARICOM's 50th Anniversary, the event returned to the original site of the signing of the Treaty, the Chaguaramas Convention Centre. The Road Races formed part of the pre-event activities of the 45th Regular Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of CARICOM scheduled for 3-5 July in Trinidad and Tobago under the chairmanship of Hon. Roosevelt Skerrit, Prime Minister, Dominica.

Attoya Harvey shared that she was elated to win the top prize for Guyana in her first CARICOM 10K. "My coach was my inspiration for participating, he's consistently motivating me to reach for my dreams", stated Attoya.

"There's no secret behind Trinidad winning the top three positions - only consistent training, commitment, a good coach and an amazing team," stated Nicholas Romany, "I got the opportunity to represent my home country, so it was important that I gave my best".

Hon. Roosevelt Skerrit, Prime Minister, Dominica and Chair, CARICOM, delivered remarks and presented the CARICOM Chairman's Trophy and other top prizes. Also present were Dr Carla Barnett, Secretary-General, CARICOM, Dr Armstrong Alexis, Deputy Secretary-General, CARICOM, Ms Alison Drayton, Assistant Secretary-General, CARICOM, Senator The Honourable Dr Amery Browne, Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs, Trinidad and Tobago and Hon. Shamfa Cudjoe, Minister of Sport and Community Development, Trinidad and Tobago.

The 16th CARICOM Road Races also included 5K and 1K races on Saturday, 1 July, at the Queen's Park Savannah in Port of Spain.

The event's theme, "Promoting Health Resilience for All," aligns with CARICOM's mandate to promote healthy habits and nutrition to combat the stark increase in persons with non-communicable diseases or NCDs. The Secretariat envisions the event as a beacon to advocate for Caribbean nationals adopting healthier lifestyles for better health outcomes.

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Americans Divided Over Supreme Court Decision on Affirmative Action



People protest outside of the Supreme Court in Washington, June 29, 2023.

NEW - ORLEANS, LOUISIANA —

Americans are divided by the Supreme Court overturning decades of precedent supporting affirmative action in college admissions, a policy that advantaged otherwise disadvantaged students from racial or ethnic minority groups. “Unfortunately, race still matters in our society and affirmative action is essential in guaranteeing that everyone — not just the advantaged — benefit from an education that can serve as a pathway to upward mobility,” Coalition for a Diverse Harvard board member Michael Williams told VOA.

Harvard University, along with the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, were sued by Students for Fair Admissions, a nonprofit organization against racial classifications in college admissions. By ruling in their favor, the Supreme Court is disadvantaging all Americans, Williams said.

“Many of our college applicants have been systematically and

purposefully excluded from aspects of our society and discriminated against based on race, and an equitable college admissions process must recognize these disadvantages,” Williams said. “But this affects everyone because studies show that diverse institutions are better institutions. Affirmative action helps prepare all our students for the diversity they’ll find in the workplace.”

Other Americans welcomed the high court’s ruling against race-conscious admissions.

“America is supposed to be a meritocracy, and race shouldn’t play any part in college or job decisions,” said Angelica Garcia, a teacher in Saginaw, Michigan.

“Assuming every Black and brown person has lived this underclass or inferior experience and needs help is racist,” she continued. “As a person of color, I worked hard for what I’ve gotten and I’ve overcome a lot, and I hate that some people think I’ve only been accepted into college or my job because of my race.”

Born from civil rights movement

Race-conscious admissions in American universities were born from the civil rights movement of the 1960s and laws supporting affirmative action in the U.S. labor market. Colleges that adopted these policies were challenged in the Supreme Court, where justices ruled that while quota systems were an unconstitutional violation of equal protections, race could still be considered by universities as one factor among others.

“Affirmative action was implemented to address the longstanding exclusion and segregation of Black and brown students in higher education and to recognize the persistent inequalities that students of color face on both individual and systemic levels,” Edgar Saldivar, senior staff attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union of Texas, told VOA.

The impact of eliminating that is clear to Connie Chung Joe, chief executive officer of Asian Americans Advancing Justice

Southern California.

“Without race-conscious admissions, racial segregation will rise at our nation’s colleges and universities,” she predicted. “This will disproportionately harm Black, Indigenous, Latinx, Pacific Islander, Native Hawaiian, and Asian communities. Entire generations of talented students of color will be denied the future they deserve.”

Policy has harmed, say opponents

Opponents of race-conscious admissions say it’s the policy itself that has done harm by overlooking those excluded from preferential treatments.

“Maybe affirmative action was something necessary many years ago, but in the present day, it was time for it to be revisited,” said Jillian Dani, a former teacher from Merritt Island, Florida. “I understand the desire to give minorities more opportunities, but in today’s world, minorities have the same opportunities as the rest of us.”

“All-women colleges exist, and all-Black colleges exist,” Dani told VOA. “But there aren’t any all-white male colleges even though poor white people are a real thing. They’re missing out on opportunities, too, and affirmative action wasn’t helping them.”

Twenty-year-old San Diego entrepreneur Willow Hannington believes the decision to strike down affirmative action is a positive one for the country.

“It’s a significant stride towards fostering a truly fair and equal society,” she told VOA. “This

nation has achieved significant progress, and, in my opinion, race should no longer play a decisive role in any aspect of our lives.”

Schools commit to diversity

In a recent poll by ABC News/Ipsos, a majority of Americans favor this more “race neutral” or “color-blind” approach. Following the ruling, many colleges and universities issued statements reaffirming their commitment to diversity.

“Eliminating the use of standardized test scores in admissions, increasing guaranteed financial support, broadening recruitment efforts to underserved communities, and developing robust middle and high school pipelines that benefit all students are just some of the things that can be done,” Saldivar told VOA.

Craig Mindrum from Chicago has a strategy to add. With experience on a graduate school admissions committee, he said students should continue talking about how their lived experiences and race has shaped their character, drive and talents.

“No legislation or court decision is going to stop me from making some recommendations while considering minority or disadvantaged status,” he said. “Admissions counselors are people, not legislative robots, and across the country they’re going to be making the final decision on who is accepted into their college.”

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2 Bronze medals, Pan Am Games sailing qualifier at CAC Games

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

TRACK & FIELD

Djimon Gumbs and Rikkoï Brathwaite won bronze medals in the Shot Put and 100m at the Central American and Caribbean Games in San Salvador, El Salvador on Monday. Their hardware came after Laser Sailor Thad Lettsome earned a qualifying spot to the Pan Am Games in Santiago, Chile in late October.

Gumbs, in his debut, had a second round heave of 19.00m (62'4") then followed up with 18.83m (61'9¼") another mark that had him in the silver medal position, before being passed by Mexico's Jario Moran's (19.10m (62'8)). Eldred Henry, in his return to action after injury slowed his progress since 2020, was sixth with 18.12m (59'5½"). He won Shot Put bronze in 2018 in Baranquilla, Colombia.

"It means a lot, especially for a senior championships to come home with a bronze medal, it's very good," Gumbs who won the BVI's first Commonwealth Youth Games

Discus Throw medal in 2017 and the 2022 Caribbean Games Shot Put silver medal told Island Sun Sports. "This gave me a lot of motivation (for the Discus Throw on Wednesday) that no matter how things might look, if you work hard and stay determined, you'll get what you want. I just kept my head down, kept pushing and you saw the result and it gave a huge boost for the Discus obviously. I'm just going in there with the same mentality. Stay relaxed, execute, trust the process, trust the coaching and I think it will be a fun one."

Brathwaite then grabbed a 100m bronze medal in 10.26 seconds an hour later, as he ran the same time in a photo finish as the Dominican Republic's Jose Gonzalez, who got the silver medal by .001. Brathwaite ran 10.29 in the prelims and became the second CAC Games 100m male medalist behind Dion Crabbe in 2002.

"It's obviously a good experience and I wanted to come back with more because I've been training so well, but it's a learning experience and things happen. I'm happy that I was able to bring back a medal for the BVI," said Brathwaite who joined Crabbe and Kyron Master as CAC Games track medalists. He said he was a bit 'choppy' but

pulled himself together and started pulling away from the crowd. "But because of my messed up transition, I didn't really get to build throughout the race as I wanted to. Overall, catching myself for what I thought was second but came to be third, it was a good effort but not the best race."

With the accomplishment, Brathwaite who lowered his 100m national record from 10.20 seconds to 10.11 and has a windy all conditions 9.93 (+2.6) to his credit, said that his season has been 'phenomenal.'

"I'm ecstatic about this season and I know that I have more to come," he said. "This race wasn't really a disappointment all the way through because there was a negative 2.4 wind—that's like a 10.0 run—so I'm not disappointed but I like this season so far. I've finally been able to run healthy finally for a long season and I've been happy about this season."

Lettsome, who battled winless race days, got a crucial second place finish in his penultimate race and was sixth overall in the CAC Games. The second place finish clinched an automatic Pan Am Games qualifying spot, from among the 10 countries vying for it.



Debutants Djimon Gumbs, left and Rikkoï Brathwaite, won CAC Games Shot Put and 100m bronze medals PHOTO: Winnette Lawrance

"It was my first time and I got to see what a different game was like and got in tune with competition in the region to see where I am, so it was a good experience," Lettsome told Island Sun Sports. "I'm happy with my overall performance. It's always nice to go to these things, but I'm not satisfied because there's always room for improvement. But my goal was to get the Pan Am Spot so I accomplished my goal and I'm happy with that."

Lettsome added: "I meant a lot to

actually earn the spot and know that I performed better than all the people that I beat out for the spot. Last time (in 2019) I got in on a wild card, so it was good to actually earn it this time and go through the qualification process."

Ritseeniyah Georges made Archery's debut in the Women's Compound and had a score of 539, to rank 27 of the 28 participants. In the round of 16, she lost to Mexico's Andrea Becerra, 148-123.

Basketball summer league starting date, elections on horizon

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

BASKETBALL

In years past, the BVI Basketball Federation men's summer league would be in full swing from Mother's Day. Officials have been besieged by numerous setbacks and elections are yet to be determined.

"We're trying to find a start date for the annual District League," Federation Vice President Jason Edwin told Island Sun Sports. "At the beginning of the year, we were met with the General Elections pushing back the end date for the Volleyball League, which caused a domino effect to have a league start in the normal slot we normally have. We're now trying to work with the Recreation Trust

to find out when we can have a mini tournament of some sort, to at least have something for their calendar year."

Edwin said that they have been told that there were other bookings including HLSCC and ESHS graduations. Summer Sizzle will be held there as well as other activities. He said they're trying to work around those dates to have something for a league.

Regarding the Federation's elections, Edwin said that the BVI Olympic Committee has agreed to facilitate them and they should be able to have elections this month, but no date has been given. He said that a flyer for persons interested in being on the Executive Committee has been sent out. Edwin confirmed on Wednesday morning that 15 persons have

shown interest in becoming Executive Committee members.

Reflecting on the Federation's term coming out of Hurricane Irma and the Covid pandemic, Edwin said that they were able to send a 3x3 Women's team to the Caribbean Games and the Commonwealth Games. A male 3x3 team also went to South America.

"Working through those obstacles, having the facility damaged during the storm, I think those were great accomplishments from the Federation standpoint," he said. "Looking at grassroots programs, we've identified what's needed, those are some of the areas we made great strides on and we plan to work on."

When asked about the challenges getting grassroots basketball in place, Edwin said that since Covid and the reopening of the Multipurpose Sports Complex, they are seeing a lot of players and coaches becoming

interested, rolling up their sleeves and getting their hands dirty in that regard.

"It was all about coming out of Covid and hitting the ground running," he said.

Asked further about cementing these programs after the elections, Edwin said that's for the stakeholders to vote in. "During the elections, the stakeholders will have a vote on the direction they would want basketball to go in terms of leadership," he said. "We'll have to see what happens then."

Edwin agreed that irrespective of who's in the leadership chair, there must be grassroots development.

"In any sport, you want to make sure that you emphasize the grassroots initiatives in terms of your biddy programs, your 3x3s, all those things," he said. "Without those, the sport can't grow. Also the coaches, facilities, statisticians, are all things that foster the growth and development of your sport."



BVI Basketball Federation League action is currently on hold but officials are working on its restart

SPORTS



Djimon Gumbs became the 2nd BVI Shot Putter to win a CAC Games bronze medal
PHOTO: Winnette Lawrence



Debutant Thad Lettsome was 6th in the Laser and qualified for the Pan Am Games in October
PHOTO: Chris Waters

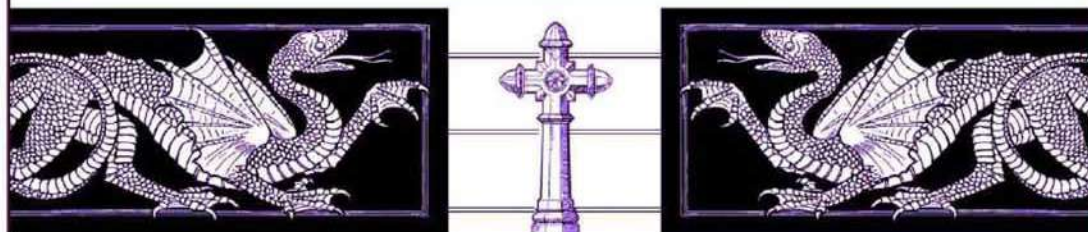


Rikkoi Brathwaite won 100m bronze and became the 2nd male CAC Games sprint medalist
PHOTO: Winnette Lawrence



Ritseenyiah Georges made Archery's CAC Games debut in the Women's Compound
PHOTO: Winnette Lawrence

 THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE



For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the antichrist. Watch yourselves, that you do not lose what we have accomplished, but that you may receive a full reward.

2 JOHN 1:7,8

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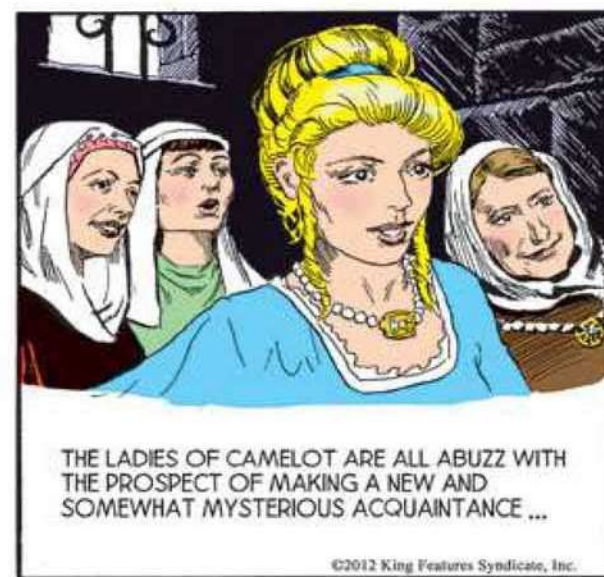
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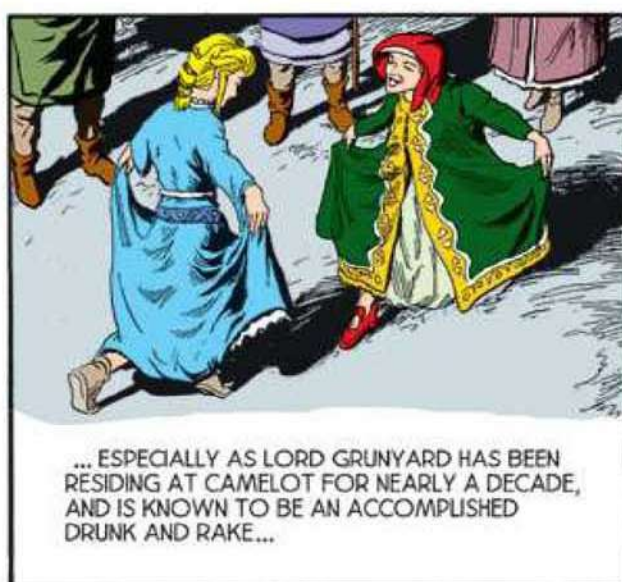


EXCEPTIONAL NEWS INDEED! LADY GRUNYARD, FROM THE FAR NORTHEAST CORNER OF ARTHUR'S REALM, HAS COME FOR HER FIRST VISIT TO FAIR CAMELOT. GOSSIP AND SPECULATION HAVE PRECEDED HER AND HER RETINUE'S ARRIVAL - APPARENTLY, SHE HAS COME TO SEE HER HUSBAND.



THE LADIES OF CAMELOT ARE ALL ABUZZ WITH THE PROSPECT OF MAKING A NEW AND SOMEWHAT MYSTERIOUS ACQUAINTANCE ...

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Libitaria (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Galatians 5:13, "Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through _____ serve one another." *Friendship, Honesty, Love, Hope*
3. From 2 Corinthians 3:17, "Now the Lord is that Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is _____." *Hope, Freedom, Love, Liberty*
4. From John 8:36, "If the _____ therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." *Heart, Worship, Celebration, Son*
5. From what book's 6:7 does it say, "For he that is dead is freed from sin?" *Isaiah, Daniel, Mark, Romans*
6. How many times is the word "independence" mentioned in the Bible? *0, 2, 11, 17*

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Love, 3) Liberty, 4) Son, 5) Romans, 6) 0

"Test Your Bible Knowledge," a book with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in stores and online.

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Keep a lid on your temper, despite any attempts made by someone who might be trying to goad the Sheep into flaring up. Staying cool helps put your adversary into a deep freeze.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) All you Ferdinands and Fernandas need to take time to smell the flowers. You've worked hard. Now, stop and indulge yourself with the vacation you so richly deserve.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) There's good news for single Geminis who feel incomplete without someone special in their lives. A peek at Cupid's checklist reveals that a Scorpio or Virgo will soon be knocking on your door.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Don't fret if things at work might be going too slowly for you. Everything's on track. Meanwhile, gather your family and friends for a lovely summer outing.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You might feel you're being virtuous dedicating all this time to your project. But a little time off for summer fun with loved ones will help you relax and refill your energy reservoir.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your emotions might mislead you, but not your instincts. Do what you know to be right, even if you'd rather make other choices. Time will show that you chose well.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) This could be a good time to reevaluate some of the business decisions you've made during the past several months. A new advisor offers some much-needed counsel.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A personal challenge involving someone close to you needs precisely the kind of courage and honesty you can bring to the situation. Go to it — and good luck.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Continue to build your self-confidence by taking additional steps to assert your rights. Cheer up. The process gets easier with each clear-cut victory.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Despite your keen Capricornean sense of what's right and what's not, you still need facts to back up suspicions about a co-worker. Bide your time. The truth will come out.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A relationship you hope to save might seem too far gone to be rescued. But continue working with your partner to try to mend the misunderstanding.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You need to keep your emotional side in check and let your logical self sort out the problem that threatens a long-time association. Expect some hidden truths to be revealed.

BORN THIS WEEK: You can be extravagant, and you can be frugal, almost at the same time. But whatever you do and whenever you do it, you do it with style and gusto.

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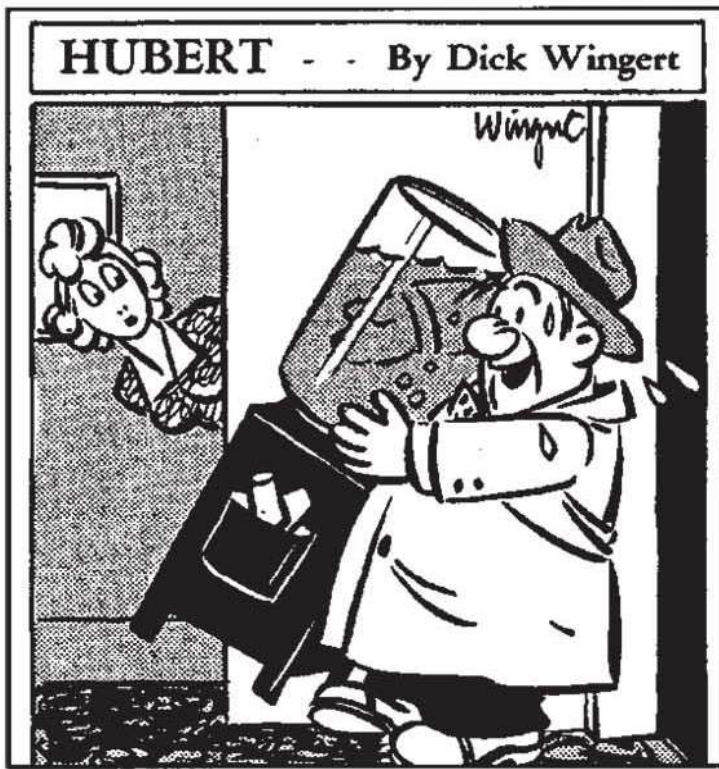
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"The boss said I spent so much time around the water cooler, I ought to take it home."

The Garden Bug



Planting alstroemeria

Also known as Peruvian lily plants or "Lily of the Incas," alstroemeria like well-draining soil and lightly filtered sunshine. Whether you are adding these plants to your garden or placing them into a container, place them so that the soil level on the root ball is even with the surrounding soil. Alstroemeria plants tend to be a bit thirsty and produce the greatest number of flowers when given generous amounts of water.

- Brenda Weaver

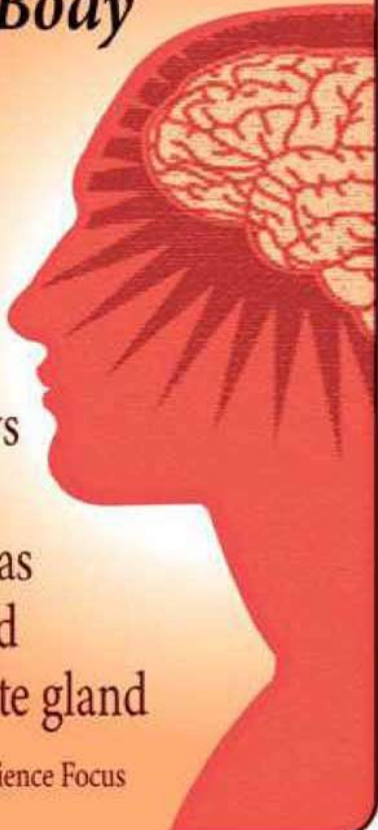
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Heaviest Organs in the Body

1. Skin
2. Liver
3. Brain
4. Lungs
5. Heart
6. Kidneys
7. Spleen
8. Pancreas
9. Thyroid
10. Prostate gland



Source: BBC's Science Focus



CARICOM AT 50: THERE IS STILL HOPE

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)

July 4, 2023 marks the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Chaguaramas, the foundational document that brought the Caribbean Community and Common Market (CARICOM) into existence. With high hopes and lofty ambitions, the heads of government of the four largest independent Caribbean countries at the time embarked on a journey towards regional integration. They were later joined, to varying degrees of commitment, by 10 other countries. Reflection on the past five decades reveals that CARICOM has fallen short of its initial promises and failed to deliver the deep and meaningful integration that was envisioned, leading to the often-repeated phrase, "CARICOM and CARI-GONE."

While CARICOM experienced some initial success, establishing institutions like the Caribbean Development Bank and making progress in trade, its history has been characterized by sporadic bursts of activity followed by prolonged periods of inaction. This inconsistent pattern has eroded confidence and faith in the CARICOM project among various sectors of Caribbean society.

Nevertheless, the fact that CARICOM's framework continues to exist is a testament to the enduring belief in the benefits of regional integration. No government dares to withdraw from it, fearing a popular backlash from within its own population.

Despite the revision of the CARICOM Treaty in 2001, which aimed to establish a Single Market and Economy (CSME), progress towards these goals has been painfully slow. The establishment of a Customs Union, let alone a Common Market, remains unrealized. The lack of a comprehensive regional economic framework has hindered the potential for genuine free trade, cross-border company establishment, and the free movement of labour—a vision that once excited the people of CARICOM.

By 2011, the CSME had effectively stalled, with little progress made in advancing regional integration. In 2022, CARICOM leaders acknowledged that trade barriers, particularly non-tariff barriers, were major obstacles to the development of a regional market for agricultural produce, as well as inter-regional transportation. The inability to overcome even these challenges, especially air transportation, which suffered as a consequence of closed

borders during the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic, highlights the significant capacity that CARICOM states have yet to collectively build.

Comparatively, the countries of the European Union (EU), which embarked on integration efforts around the same time as CARICOM, have made significant strides. The EU expanded its membership, established a single currency, dismantled border barriers, and empowered a central Commission to make decisions collectively for all member countries.



In contrast, CARICOM has limped along, burdened by inadequate implementation of decisions, mistrust among leaders, institutional decline, and a weak and underfunded Secretariat.

Numerous reports and commissions have carefully examined CARICOM's failures and offered recommendations for improvement. The 1992 West Indian Commission's seminal work, "Time for Action," led by Caribbean luminary, Shridath Ramphal, called for the establishment of a Caribbean Commission similar to the European Commission. Despite the acceptance of some recommendations, crucial proposals regarding governance structures, including the creation of a Caribbean Commission, were largely ignored.

In 2016, the Jamaican government commissioned a review of its relations with CARICOM, headed by Bruce Golding. The commission recommended explicit provisions in the CARICOM Treaty to enforce member states' obligations and ensure timely implementation of decisions. Yet, once again, these recommendations were largely disregarded, further highlighting the challenges of implementing meaningful reform within CARICOM.

In 2021, a CARICOM Commission on the economy revived discussions on regional integration. It suggested that interested member states should proceed with integration, leaving the door open for others to join at their own pace. However, this report, like its predecessors, has not spurred the necessary action.

The dominant characteristic of CARICOM has been the jealous retention of sovereignty by individual governments. In their international bargaining, CARICOM governments have achieved success only when they act together. But there is no established machinery for joint relations with external powers and agencies. Thus, ad hoc collective activities have produced beneficial results, but these have been spectacular exceptions, not the consistent rule. This inclination to maintain decision-making power at the national level has hindered progress. Bureaucrats, too, have perpetuated this culture of nationalism, often



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prioritizing their countries' interests over collective regional welfare. Consequently, CARICOM has struggled to implement regional decisions effectively and act in unison, hampering its ability to achieve its objectives.

The Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ) serves as a notable example of this contradiction. Established in 2001 to replace the British Privy Council as the region's final court of appeal, the CCJ has struggled to gain the full support of member states despite the demonstrated high quality of its jurisprudence. Some countries have been hesitant to embrace the CCJ due to concerns over losing sovereignty and fear of political interference. As a result, the region has been unable to unify under a single legal system, preventing the CCJ from fulfilling its potential as a symbol of Caribbean unity and independence.

The consequences of limited integration have been significant for CARICOM countries. Research conducted by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) indicates that deeper regional integration could bring substantial economic benefits. By reducing non-tariff barriers and trade costs, CARICOM countries could stimulate trade, restructure their economies, and generate net employment gains. Integration would also allow member states to tap into global value chains, attract foreign investment, and enhance their economic potential. The failure to seize these opportunities has come at a cost to the region's development and prosperity.

As CARICOM reaches its 50-year milestone, new challenges face each of its member states that none can manage effectively alone. Among them are the impact of climate change including more frequent and intense disasters; new pandemics for which they are ill-prepared; increasing transnational crime; gang violence and the spread of deadly weapons; and narrowing windows to much needed development funds. All of these developments require more integration, not less.

CARICOM needs a renewed commitment from member states to prioritize collective interests over narrow national concerns. This shift in mindset should be accompanied by concrete actions, such as the removal of remaining trade barriers, harmonization of regulations, and the establishment of effective governance mechanisms that can enforce regional decisions.

CARICOM must also invest in revamping its institutions, providing them with the necessary expertise, authority, and resources to drive the integration agenda forward. Enhanced regional cooperation and coordination, with a focus on effective implementation and enforcement, will be vital to restoring confidence and generating tangible benefits for the people of the Caribbean.

Hopefully, 50 years of lessons will not go unlearned. The vision of a fully integrated Caribbean, where borders are irrelevant, and collective strength prevails, can still be realized.

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Carmine Bailey
Voluntary Liquidator
[08/1]

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Dated 4th July 2023
Carmine Bailey
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[08/2]

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[08/3]

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Voluntary Liquidator
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Dated this 15th day of May, 2023
Ray A. George
Voluntary Liquidator
[08/9]

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[08/10]

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Voluntary Liquidator
[08/11]

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(Sgd) Myron Walwyn
Voluntary Liquidator
[08/14]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act
Sunnyvale Investments Group Ltd.
(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company No. 404497
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 4th 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 5th July 2023
(Sgd) Myron Walwyn
Voluntary Liquidator
[08/15]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act
GZ (Asia) Advisors Limited
(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company No. 1734744
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 4th 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 5th July 2023
(Sgd) Myron Walwyn
Voluntary Liquidator
[08/16]

KINGSTON GROUP HOLDINGS LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 407435
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 4th day of July, 2023.
Dated this 4th day of July, 2023
Sgd. Brian Jackson
Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[08/17]

ASPEN INVESTMENTS VENTURE INC.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 680076
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204(1)-(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **ASPEN INVESTMENTS VENTURE INC.** is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 8th day of June 2023. The Liquidator is **Alfredo Caruci of Citeo B.V.I. Limited, Flemming House, Wickhams Cay, P.O. Box 662, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110 British Virgin Islands.**
Dated 28th day of June 2023. (Sgd.)
Alfredo Caruci
Voluntary Liquidator
[08/18]

CLOVERFIELD VALLEY LTD.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1864963
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204(1)-(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **CLOVERFIELD VALLEY LTD.** is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 7th day of June 2023. The Liquidator is **Alfredo Caruci of Citeo B.V.I. Limited, Flemming House, Wickhams Cay, P.O. Box 662, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110 British Virgin Islands.**
Dated 28th day of June 2023. (Sgd.)
Alfredo Caruci
Voluntary Liquidator
[08/19]

SWANSIDE BLUE INCORPORATED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1026530
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204(1)-(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **SWANSIDE BLUE INCORPORATED** is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 26th June 2023. The Liquidator is **Mr. Alfredo Caruci of Citeo B.V.I. Limited, addressed at Flemming House, P.O. Box 662, Wickhams Cay, Road Town, Tortola VG1110 British Virgin Islands.**
Dated 28th day of June 2023.
(Sgd.) Alfredo Caruci
Voluntary Liquidator
[08/20]

PUBLIC NOTICES

VALERO ARUBA ACQUISITION COMPANY I, LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 580073

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204(1)-(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that VALERO ARUBA ACQUISITION COMPANY I, LTD. is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 7th day of June 2023. The Liquidator is Alfredo Caruci of Citco B.V.I. Limited, Flemming House, Wickhams Cay, P.O. Box 662, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110 British Virgin Islands
Dated 28th day of June 2023.
(Sgd.) Alfredo J Caruci
Voluntary Liquidator
[08/21]

VALERO ARUBA FINANCE INTERNATIONAL, LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 580076

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204(1)-(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that VALERO ARUBA FINANCE INTERNATIONAL, LTD. is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 7th day of June 2023. The Liquidator is Alfredo Caruci of Citco B.V.I. Limited, Flemming House, Wickhams Cay, P.O. Box 662, Road Town, Tortola VG1110 British Virgin Islands.
Dated 28th day of June 2023.
(Sgd.) Alfredo Caruci
Voluntary Liquidator
[08/22]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 203 of the BVI Business Company Act.

KMXK Capital Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1941584

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 203, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 19 May, 2023. The Liquidator is Harry J. Thompson of Harbour House, P.O. Box 4428, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.
Dated 6 June 2023
(Sgd.) Harry J. Thompson
Voluntary Liquidator(s)
[08/23]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 203 of the BVI Business Company Act.

GRANT LLOYD INDUSTRIES LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1565719

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 203, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 19 May, 2023. The Liquidator is Harry J. Thompson of Harbour House, P.O. Box 4428, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.
Dated 6 June 2023
(Sgd.) Harry J. Thompson
Voluntary Liquidator(s)
[08/24]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 203 of the BVI Business Company Act.

GREEN SHOE LTD.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 367617

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 203, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 8 June, 2023. The Liquidator is Harry J. Thompson of P.O. Box 4428, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.
Dated 14 June, 2023
(Sgd.) Harry J. Thompson
Voluntary Liquidator(s)
[08/25]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

Yo!TeK LTD
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2080266

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 22 June 2023.
Dated 6 July 2023
(Sgd.) Harry J. Thompson
Voluntary Liquidator(s)
[08/26]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

YUM MERCURIUS LTD
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2077464

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 22 June 2023.
Dated 6 July 2023
(Sgd.) Harry J. Thompson
Voluntary Liquidator(s)
[08/27]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

YUM VENUS LTD
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2077465

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 22 June 2023.
Dated 6 July 2023
(Sgd.) Harry J. Thompson
Voluntary Liquidator(s)
[08/28]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

YUM MARTIS LTD
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2077466

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 22 June 2023.
Dated 6 July 2023
(Sgd.) Harry J. Thompson
Voluntary Liquidator(s)
[08/29]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

SHYA HSIN INTERNATIONAL CO., LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 524073

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 22 June 2023.
Dated 6 July 2023
(Sgd.) Harry J. Thompson
Voluntary Liquidator(s)
[08/30]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

Apricot Biopharma Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2012037

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 6 July 2023.
Dated 6 July 2023
(Sgd.) Harry J. Thompson
Voluntary Liquidator(s)
[08/31]

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

PROBATE NO. OF 2023

IN THE ESTATE OF SHAM KWONG HO, LATE OF FLAT B, 22ND FLOOR, TOWER 1, 37 REPULSE BAY ROAD, REPULSE BAY, HONG KONG, DECEASED

NOTICE is given that after the expiration of 8 days an application will be made to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the resealing of the grant of probate of the estate of SHAM KWONG HO, Deceased, late of Flat B, 22nd Floor, Tower 1, 37 Repulse Bay Road, Repulse Bay, Hong Kong, granted to SHAM CHUN KUEN JOHN and SHAM CHUN KAN RICKY by the Deputy Registrar of the High Court of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region with Grant No. HCAG015574/2011 on the 10th day of February 2012.

Harney Westwood & Riegels LP
Legal Practitioners for the Applicants

[08]

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

CLAIM NO. BVIHPB2023/

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

ADVERTISEMENT

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

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

Dated this 29th day of June 2023

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

[08]

PUBLIC NOTICES

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

IN THE ESTATE OF HENRIQUE GRINKRAUT,
DECEASED

TAKE NOTICE that Nerci Vanucchi Grinkraut of Avenida Lavandisca, 31, apto.71, Indianópolis, São Paulo - SP, Brazil the intended Administrator of the Estate of the Deceased who died intestate on the 23rd day of May 2022 in Brazil has applied to the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the Probate Division for a Grant of Letters of Administration in the estate of the said Henrique Grinkraut, deceased.

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

Dated the 04 day of July, 2023

Harney Westwood & Riegels LP
Solicitors for the Administrator
[09]

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

IN THE ESTATE OF NELSON JOCIONIS, DECEASED

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

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

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

Dated the 4th day of July, 2023

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

[09]

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

Apricot Bioetern Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 2074017

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 6 July 2023.

Dated 6 July 2023

(Sgd.) *Harry J. Thompson*

Voluntary Liquidator(s)

[08/32]

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

NetZero Hades Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 2091213

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 5th, 2023.

Dated: July 6th, 2023

(Sgd.) *Nelcia St. Jean*

Voluntary Liquidator

[08/33]

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

NZ Aphrodite Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 2085330

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 5th, 2023.

Dated: July 6th, 2023

(Sgd.) *Nelcia St. Jean*

Voluntary Liquidator

[08/34]

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

SILVERSEA ENTERPRISES CORP.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 300323

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 5th, 2023. The Liquidator is Nelcia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated: July 6th, 2023

(Sgd.) *Nelcia St. Jean*

Voluntary Liquidator

[08/35]

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

(PROBATE)

CLAIM NO. BVIHPB2023/0131

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

ADVERTISEMENT

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

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

Dated this 30th day of June 2023

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

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

[09]

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

IN THE ESTATE OF CHAREMON JENNINGS, DECEASED

In the estate of CHAREMON JENNINGS, late of Belle Vue,
Tortola, British Virgin Islands, deceased.

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

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

Dated the 4th day of July, 2023

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

[09]

PUBLIC NOTICES

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

BVIHPB 2023/0108

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

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

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

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

Dated this 6th day of July, 2023.

Filed by:

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

[09]

NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT

Snapbook Inc.

("the Company")

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 5th July, 2023; under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.

The Liquidator is:-

Wayne Francis
Nerine Chambers
P.O. Box 905
Quastisky Building,
Road Town
Tortola, VG 1110, BVI

[08/36]



Rotary Club of Tortola Installs Kelvin D. Liburd as President and Honours District Rotaract Representative Selvyn T. Dawson as Community Paul Harris Fellows

Saturday 1st July, 2023; Tortola BVI; Surrounded by the ambiance and views at Allamanda Estate, the Rotary Club of Tortola installed "Agent Burd" Kelvin D. Liburd as President and a new Board of Directors under a "James Bond" Themed Installation Dinner.

President Kelvin was inducted as a member of the Rotary Club of Tortola in 2013, and held several board positions before establishing himself as a true leader by becoming the President Elect (2022-2023) for the Rotary Club of Tortola. President Kelvin is an Architect that started his own Architecture Firm KDLdesigns; and, has over a 20 years of experience both locally and internationally, with a reputation of achieving high results for discerning clientele

During his installation speech, President Kelvin stated that the venue was special to him, as one of his crowning achievements, given the view, ambiance, being the architect for Allamanda Estate redevelopment, and having a close bond with management and staff. He also spoke about his experience as the recently Rotary District Conference 7020 held in St. Croix. Pres. Kelvin explained how going to the conference has helped further align his perspective for Rotary and has helped him realize how proud he is to serve as a Rotarian. The presentations he attended, both revitalized his Rotarian spirit and provided him with a wealth of knowledge to lead the illustrious Rotary Club of Tortola for the year ahead. President Kelvin then highlighted the Club's strategic plans for the Rotary year 2023-2024 which include:

- **Strengthen Membership;**
- **Heighten the Branding of Rotary;**
- **Improve engagement with our Youth Arms;**
- **Fostering Community involvement through service projects; and**
- **Transforming the public perception of Rotary**

The Other members of the Board of Directors installed for the new Rotary year are Ixora- Rose Wong-Williams -Vice President, Valerie Georges-Thomas – Immediate Past President, Abby O'Neal – President Elect, Nakema Bell – Secretary, Annie Peliwan – Treasurer, PP Dion Stoutt – Sergeant At Arms, Sherry O'Neal – Secretary Elect, PP Joanna Spencer – Treasurer Elect and Directors Elvon Pope, PP Ian S. Smith, Ellie Crispie, Bernadette Brathwaite, Tashima Barzey and PP Joanna Spencer.

During the evening's festivities, Youth Service Director Selina "Sherry" O'Neal was named Rotarian of the Year (2022-23), for the second consecutive year, given her commitment and dedication to the Rotary Club of Tortola, Retain the BVI, and the youths.

One of the highlights of the evening's proceedings was the bestowing of Community Paul Harris Fellow on District Rotaract Representative 2023-24 Selvyn T Dawson. DRR Dawson was honored for his dedication to Rotary, serving in many positions both locally and at the district level for 11 years. DRR Dawson first became a Rotaractor outside of the BVI in the Rotaract Club of New England Institute of Technology 2012-13. Upon returning to the BVI he quickly became a member of the Rotaract Club of Tortola in 2013. During DRR Dawson's 11 years in the Rotary family, he held his first Board position as Club Secretary 2014-15. The following year he became the Community Service Director while additionally accepting his first district position as District 7020 Public Image Chair 2015-16. DRR Dawson eventually excelled to the top position in his club as the President of the Rotaract Club of Tortola 2016-2017. After a successful Rotaract year DRR Dawson was pinned the Immediate Past President while astoundingly accepting 2 other positions as both Club Service Director and District 7020 Webmaster 2017-18. DRR Dawson continued to display his diverse leadership by becoming the Club Treasurer 2019-20 where he also began his term as Assistant District Rotaract Representative 2019-22 which he served for 3 straight years. In 2020 DRR

Dawson also joined the Rotary Club of Road Town as a member. DRR Dawson was pinned Youth Service Director 2021-22 of the Rotary Club of Road Town and nominated as the District Rotaract Representative Nominee 2021-22. He was elected as District Rotaract Representative Elect 2022-23, the following year, and is now proudly serving as our District Rotaract Representative 2023-24.



In a surprise presentation, Past District Governor Vance Lewis, on behalf of Immediate Past District Governor Debrah Howell, presented a token of appreciation to Past District Governor Delma Maduro for the hardwork and dedication she continues to display for HANWASH (Haiti National Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Initiative). An initiative to provide thoughtfully managed sustainable clean water and sanitation to all citizens of Haiti. Past District Governor Delma graciously accepted her award noting how amazing an experience it has been to be a part of HANWASH, and stated it will always be a project close to her heart.

In his closing remarks to attendees, newly pinned President Kelvin reminded attendees of a famous quote by Winston Churchill who said "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give". He left the audience with some deep thought, stating that we must make a life rather than a living. And, given we exist in a society where much emphasis is placed on personal wealth accumulation, we must always remember the less fortunate among us and the fact that life in abundance, comes as a result of giving ourselves to others.

PETER ISLAND RESORT & SPA

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

Peter Island resort is hiring for the position of Marina Manager

Duties/Responsibilities:

- Provide leadership, vision, and direction to the Marina team to accomplish resort and department goals and cultivate a strong team atmosphere focused on guest and team member engagement and satisfaction. Lead with trust, respect and by example.
 - Oversee and coordinate all operational activities including but not limited to scheduling, staffing and resource allocation to ensure efficient and effective day-to-day operation.
 - Fully responsible for the management of all mooring balls throughout the island. Ensuring they are kept in place, well maintained, keep an accurate account of how many there are. This will entail personal visits to the bays where vessels are moored.
 - Ensure each boater is aware of the cost of the balls and make sure every moored vessel is charged approximately, also ensure all revenues collected are handed over to accounting.
 - Manage dock operations, including movements of vessels, coordination of docking, undocking procedures, and regulations of docking spaces.
 - Issue & update marine procedures and implement them throughout the fleet.
 - Co-ordinate with and supervise the boat movement operations (including towage preparation or loadout & offloading) of the fleet.
 - Ensure compliance with safety regulations and best practices, conduct regular inspections of areas, and implement corrective measures as needed.
 - Train and supervise dock staff, provide guidance, feedback, and support to ensure high performance and adherence to protocols.
 - Collaborate with other departments, such as engineering, customer service and administration, to streamline processes and optimize operational efficiency.
 - Liaise with Marine Warranty Surveyors for certificates of approval (location approvals, approval of transportation, approval of specific operations).
 - Update the Marine Operation Manuals of the fleet, as needed.
 - Recommend competency & licensing profile for marine personnel to HR.
 - Attend and supervise Marine Audits, regulatory inspections/surveys on an as-needed basis.
 - Coordinate with appropriate parties on the clearance of all deficiencies and outstanding class and statutory requirements issued.
 - Interface with Project Team regarding all marine related issues.
 - Conduct meetings for the purpose of discussing on-going marine projects or other departmental issues within the company so goals and objectives are maintained and develop strategies to improve performance and reduce costs of marine operations.
 - Prepare the marine budget annually and present it to the General Manager.
 - Execute technical duties in a competent and professional manner.
 - Plan future tasks and solve critical problems related to marine issues.
 - Advise on any major decisions regarding marine operations, which may affect the resort.
 - Develops departmental standards, procedures, and systems.
 - Participate in work groups, task force, committees, and project teams as needed.
 - Maintain a strong focus on the latest trends and best practices with the resort and the oil and gas industry.
 - Manage special projects as assigned by management.
 - Reviews department performance against performance measures; establishes initiatives to achieve goals and objectives.
 - Oversees and monitors the effectiveness and quality of all programs in achieving resort goals and standards; provides summaries of system effectiveness.
 - Keeps management advised of best practice for systems and standards.
 - Manages the activities, priorities, work assignments, and performance of any work teams that may be established.
 - Keeps current on industry standards, practices, and methodologies, as well as regulatory marine requirements.
 - Perform any other duties as assigned by management. Assisting all other employees in their duties when required.
- Specific Technical / General:
- 10 years of experience in a similar position.
 - Sound marine and nautical knowledge.
 - Self-motivated and ability to work independently.
 - Proficient in Microsoft Office products.
 - Effective management and leadership skills.
 - Experience in contract negotiations and business terms.
 - Excellent analytical and quantitative skills.
 - Excellent problem solving and negotiating skills.
 - Strong written and verbal communication skills; Bi-lingual preferred.
 - Ability to understand & react with diverse groups & operations.
 - Ability to recognize & resolve conflict.
 - Proficient in leading and developing managerial reports.
 - Commitment to customer service.
 - Ability to work in a team-oriented environment.
 - Self-motivated and enthusiastic, with ability to adjust readily to change.
 - Ability to work at a physically demanding pace.
 - Ability to lift fifty (50) pounds to a maximum height of six (6) feet.
 - Ability to remain standing for lengthy periods of time; climb steps and stairs; stoop, bend, and kneel; push.
 - Ability to climb ladders and work at high heights.
 - Ability to load and unload supplies.

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

[s09]

Festival Booth Employers Reminded To Obtain Work Permit

All employers operating on the Festival Grounds during the upcoming BVI Emancipation Festival are reminded that they are to apply for and obtain a work permit for any non-Belonger/non-BVI Islander that they desire to employ.

Employers are encouraged to submit applications within 5 to 10 days in advance of commencement of work. Failure to do so will render persons in direct violation of section 171 of the 2010 Labour Code.

For more information regarding Work Permit Applications persons can contact the Department of Labour and Workforce Development by telephone at **468-4708 or 468-4780.**

**MORE READERS:
THE
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Dr Robert "Storm" Wright Assumes the Presidency of the Rotary Club of Road Town for the 2023/2024 Rotary Year



Pictured: Incoming President Dr Robert Wright, Assistant Governor Elect & Past President of Rotary Club Sunrise of Road Town Rosemarie Flax, and members of the 2023-2024 Incoming Board of Directors.

ROAD TOWN, 30 June 2023 - The Rotary Club of Road Town (RCRT) proudly announces the induction of Dr Robert "Storm" Wright as the 32nd President for the 2023/2024 Rotary Year. Dr Wright assumes this esteemed position following the successful tenure of Mr Gavin Dooley as the Immediate Past President.

The induction ceremony on Saturday, 24 June 2023, marked this significant moment in the Club's history. Dr Wright, a highly respected member of the RCRT, brings a wealth of experience, passion, and dedication to the principles of Rotary International.

Alongside Dr Wright, the Club's incoming board members installed, comprise a diverse group of individuals committed to serving the community:

- **President-Elect:** Terrance Bogans
- **Immediate Past President:** Gavin Dooley
- **Secretary:** Gwenyth Vanterpool
- **Treasurer:** Elvis Harrigan

- **Sergeant-at-Arms:** Kadian Farquharson
- **Directors:** Lavina Liburd, Mekel Weste, Janice Rymer, Greg Boyd, Emery Pemberton, and Alyssa Shepherd-Hodge.

A Paul Harris Fellow is a distinguished award that recognises individuals who have demonstrated exceptional dedication and made significant contributions to their community. The RCRT chooses an individual in the community each year who is selfless in their vocation and exemplifies these qualities. It was, therefore, very fitting during this installation event to honour one of our community heroes, Mr Winston Potter, with the prestigious Community Paul Harris Fellow Award. Mr Potter's untiring commitment to the young people of this territory through athletics made a lasting impact over many decades, which no doubt inspires all.

The RCRT also saw it fit to honour Mr Jamaal Hodge, the Director of Club Administration, as the Rotarian of the Year for

the 2022-2023 Rotary Year. This recognition highlights Mr Hodge's unwavering commitment, outstanding service and exemplary contributions to the Club's mission and initiatives. In addition to these accolades, special awards were presented to Mr Gavin Dooley (President) and Mr Ryan Geluk (Assistant Governor) for their tireless efforts and dedication to service above self.

The Rotary Club of Road Town extends its warmest congratulations to Dr Robert "Storm" Wright on assuming the presidency. It expresses gratitude to Mr Gavin Dooley for his leadership and contributions as the Immediate Past President. The Club is confident that under Dr Wright's guidance and the collaborative efforts of the dedicated board members, the Rotary Club of Road Town will continue to impact the community profoundly.



Pictured: Incoming President Dr. Robert "Storm" Wright pinned by Assistant Governor-Elect Rosemarie Flax.



Pictured: Mr Winston Potter, newly inducted Paul Harris Fellow, with (from left to right): Assistant Governor Ryan Geluk, President Gavin Dooley and Rotary Foundation Director Sabinah Clement.



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Top 2 students - Public High Schools

The Ministry of Education, Youth Affairs and Sports has announced the 2023 Public School top students.

They are:

School	Name	Position
Elmore Stoutt High School	Aenya Meade	Valedictorian
	Desarie Maynard	Salutatorian
Bregado Flax Educational Centre Secondary Division	Jakeel Bowens	Valedictorian
	Keanna Arthur	Salutatorian
Claudia Creque Educational Centre Secondary Division	Angelina Evans	Valedictorian
	Kyle Wheatley	Salutatorian
Virgin Islands School of Technical Studies	Angeleah Cupid	Valedictorian
	Whitney Blyden	Salutatorian

Top 2 students - Public Primary Schools

School	Student
Alexandrina Maduro Primary School	T'Keiya Smith Khloe Cameron
Bregado Flax Educational Centre	Adenike Vanterpool J'Kyla O'Neal
Claudia Creque Educational Centre	Sermiah Bayne Cameron Foxe
Enis Adams Primary School	Jayon France Amrita Singh
Ebenezer Thomas Primary School	Azaria David Calvin George Jr.
Francis Lettsome Primary School	Caedon Fraites Declan Wheatley
Ivan Dawson Primary School	Ky'Onte Joseph Tre'shaun Turnbull
Joyce Samuel Primary School	Makaylah Smith Jomarah Russell
Jost Van Dyke Primary School	J'Sadie Graham Derick Williams
Leonora Delville Primary School	Jaante Case Elkash Durrant
Robinson O'Neal Memorial Primary School	Sean Ramotar Kiara Phillip
Willard Wheatley Primary School	Rhekeese Cuffy Isis George

Top 10 Public Primary School Students:

Position	Name	School
1	Jayon France	Enis Adams Primary School
2	Amrita Singh	Enis Adams Primary School
3	Sean Ramotar	Robinson O'Neal Memorial Primary School
4	T'Keiya Smith	Alexandrina Maduro Primary School
5	J'Sadie Graham	Jost Van Dyke Primary School
6	Makai Carter	Enis Adams Primary School
7	Khloe Cameron	Alexandrina Maduro Primary School
8	Michaela Jack	Enis Adams Primary School
9	Kassidy Titley	Enis Adams Primary School
10	Asia Laurac	Enis Adams Primary School

The Ministry of Education, Youth Affairs and Sports would like to congratulate all students of the class 2023.

Top 10 Public High School Students:

Position-	Name	School
1.	Aenya Meade	Elmore Stoutt High School
2	Desarie Maynard	Elmore Stoutt High School
3	Ashleigh Penn	Elmore Stoutt High School
4	Angeleah Cupid	Virgin Islands School of Technical Studies
5	Charity Dick	Elmore Stoutt High School
6	Rhea Bharat	Elmore Stoutt High School
7	Whitney Blyden	Virgin Islands School of Technical Studies
8	Raymani Maloney	Elmore Stoutt High School
9	Melany Payano	Elmore Stoutt High School
10	Doian Kettle	Elmore Stoutt High School



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Provides input, communicates company strategy, and motivates team members toward achieving company vision.

Document customer calls in the database system, prepare monthly forecasts for all customers, Preparing customer for approval with all required forms.

Reviewing pricing and processing promotional programs. Provide monthly and weekly sales reports.

Qualifications/Requirements: Bilingual with the ability to read, write, and speak Spanish fluently.

Ability to manage multiple customer concerns at the same time. Exemplary customer service and leadership skills. The flexibility to work any schedule/day. +10 years experience in sales industry.

Prior experience within the Beverage Industry is a major PLUS, must be familiar with top performing brands and be able to work in a fast-paced environment, College degree or its equivalent, building positive relationships with current customers, identify opportunities for greater profits, Ability to monitor and coordinate promotions and seasonal offers and introduction of new products to the market experience. Computer literacy essential.

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

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Village Cay Marina is looking for a Service Professional and a Chef. (full time) Please send resume to Village Cay HR department. Telephone 284-494-2771 [s09]

Penn's Carpet, Blinds & Home Décor is Seeking a Store Clerk / Assistant Please contact 541 7818 [s09]

F n S Night Club & Restaurant needs a Full Time Bartender. Please call 284-543-8917 for further information.[s09]



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

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

Responsibilities:

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

Requirements:

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

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Must be polite and fast at a busy restaurant.

Please contact us at 1284-344 - 3315
Or email: sena.bvi88@gmail.com [s08]

Venroll Browne seeks to employ a Handyman. Please call 340-3962 for more information [s09]

The Tortola Auto Group Ltd. (TAG) is accepting applications for the position of Service Advisor. This role includes check-in of vehicles, contacting customers to confirm Service Appointments, advising customers on preventative maintenance work for their vehicles, collection of payments and paint mixing. Two years of experience in a similar role in the Automotive Industry is required with a High School Diploma. Interested persons should contact and submit their CV/Resume to hr@tagbvi.com and/or 284-494-2600. [s08]

Full-time-Positions Available: Doctors, Nurses, Eyecare, Dentistry, Lab Technicians, Pharmacists, Sonographers, Medical Assistants & Maintenance Personnel.
Contact: B&F Medical Complex P.O Box 412 Road Town, Tortola VG1110
Email: bfmedicaloffice@yahoo.com and or bfmedical@hotmail.com or Telephone: 284-494-2196 [s10]

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- Respond to 911 calls for emergency medical assistance.
- - Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) or bandaging a wound.
- Assess a patient's condition and determine a course of treatment.
- Provide first-aid treatment or life support care to sick or injured patients.

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. [s08]

Bamboushay - Lounge and Restaurant is hereby seeking suitable person for the position of a Chef.

Successful candidate must have at least 5 years experience with oriental foods and knowledge of Caribbean cuisine.

Applicant will have to work Holidays and Weekends.

Please send resume to info@bamboushaylounge.com or call 1284-494-7752 [s08]

THE BRAID STUDIO is seeking a full-time Hairdresser. Please call 442-3272 for further information. [s08]

THE GLAMBEAUTYSALON requires the following Full Time position: 1 Hairdresser, 2 Hair Stylist, 2 Barber, 2 Nail Tech & 1 Sales Clerk. Please call 284-541-8155/346-7478 for further information. [s08]

J&L WELDING GARAGE AND BODYSHOP is seeking a full-time Welder to work 5 to 6 days a week, able to work extra hours, for more information telephone 284-342-7180 [s08]

EXPRESS - T R U C K I N G Requires FULL TIME:
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2 MECHANICS
Please Call 442-2651. [s10]

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T W O - G E N E R A L MAINTENANCE
TWO SALES REP.
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Flax Ground Up Construction of Valley, Virgin Gorda is currently seeking the following:
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Please contact Sandy Flax 341-5447. [s09]

EMCS Caribbean is looking for Quantity Surveyors
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Martin Auto Body Repair seeks a Welder for the business. Please call 499-4990 for more information.[s09]

C R A I G - L A K E CONSTRUCTION is in need of the following skilled persons: mason, carpenter, Steelman, painter, electrician, roofer, finishing carpenter and project manager. Please call 543-4651. [s09]

TECH PLUS is in need of a sales representative with a concentration in electronics distribution. Please send your email to techplus@gmail.com. [s09]

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