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GOVERNMENT AND ELECTRICITY CORP. COMMITTED TO PROMOTING RENEWABLE ENERGY ADOPTION

Minister of Works and Utilities, Hon. Kye Rymer, unveiled the government's plans to stimulate interest in solar panels and solar water heaters during a press conference on 27 July. The announcement was made in light of ongoing discussions surrounding issues that have impacted the BVI Electricity Corporation (BVIEC) in recent weeks.

Minister Rymer provided insight into the forthcoming strategy, stating: "We are meticulously working on the specifics of how to launch this endeavor. Through the Electricity Corporation, we intend to offer incentives and eventually provide compensation for solar systems through electricity bills." He emphasized that the program's scope would encompass both residential and commercial customers, with an initial emphasis on

residential participants.

Hon. Rymer further stated that a formal announcement unveiling the initiative's details is imminent, and he reaffirmed the government's commitment to promoting renewable energy adoption across the Territory.

Discussing the technical aspects of the plan, Dr. Neil Smith, the General Manager of BVIEC, acknowledged certain challenges that need to be resolved before the initiative can be fully implemented. Despite these hurdles, Dr. Smith expressed his team's dedication to ensuring the stability and effectiveness of the system prior to launch. "There are intricate technicalities associated with integrating renewable energy into a grid equipped with reciprocating engines, and we are working diligently to address these issues," stated Dr. Smith.

Additionally, the BVIEC GM outlined the broader vision for the renewable energy initiative, highlighting its potential to enhance the reliability of the electricity grid and potentially reduce electricity costs. "Our aspiration is that the government's renewable energy component will bolster the dependability of the grid, ultimately enabling BVIEC to generate electricity at a more cost-effective rate," he explained.

Recalling previous efforts, it was disclosed that in late 2021, the government awarded contracts totaling \$226,900 to advance solar energy utilization in the Territory. Amandla Engineering secured

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On Sunday, August 6, come to the Multi-Purpose Sports Complex at 7:00 p.m. to witness four talented young ladies grace the stage.

(WHO WILL BE MISS BVI 2023/2024?)

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**Contestant #1, Deborah Smith
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Contestant #3, Anika Christopher
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EXPENSIVE CALYPSO COMPETITION EXPLAINED



Dirk Walters

In a recent interview on the “Talking Points” radio show aired on ZBVI 780 AM, Dirk Walters, the Chairman of the Virgin Islands Festival and Fairs Committee (VIFFC), answered the buzzing question of why there is no calypso competition this year. As part of his explanation, Walters offered that a significant number of calypsonians are struggling to produce their materials in a timely manner that would allow the staging of the annual calypso competition.

The spotlight on this issue came as the VIFFC Chairman discussed the absence of the calypso show during the current 2023 Emancipation festivities. He emphasized that while it’s too late to address the omission for this year, the VIFFC is committed to rectifying the situation and ensuring the inclusion of the calypso show in next year’s events. As part of this effort, a new addition to the lineup will be a Junior Calypso Competition, designed to nurture emerging talent in the genre.

“Calypso presents a

unique challenge,” said Walters during the interview. He further elaborated on the intricacies of managing a calypso show, highlighting the absence of a designated person to spearhead the production as a significant contributing factor to the issues faced. He pointed out that the complexity of coordinating band rehearsals and live performances adds to the show’s already substantial costs.

The VIFFC Chairman also acknowledged the financial burden that comes with staging a calypso show, explaining that: “It’s one of the most demanding and financially intensive events we work with. The expenses incurred due to band rehearsals and live performances contribute significantly to the show’s budget.”

Despite these challenges, Walters revealed that efforts were made to engage local calypsonians in preparation for the 2023 festival events. However, he said that a notable number of artists expressed their unreadiness to participate.

As such, Walters desires enhanced collaboration, stating: “We would greatly benefit from a stronger partnership with our local calypsonians. There are a

select few who consistently display initiative and are always prepared for the stage.”

One notable concern raised by the Festival Chair is the expectation of certain calypsonians that the Committee should cover expenses such as sheet music and even studio recording costs. He questioned this approach, asking, “Where do we draw the line? Should we also fund their studio recordings?”

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two contracts, valued at \$65,500 each, for the supply and installation of solar facilities. One installation integrated with the BVIEC power grid was set up at Enis Adams Primary School, while another, operating as an independent 15 kWp system, was established at Francis Lettsome Primary School. Furthermore, Your Eco Construction Limited, a UK-based firm, received a third contract valued at \$95,900.

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Government is taking steps to address the Belongership and Residency situation



Dr. the Hon. Natalio D. Wheatley

Premier and Minister of Financer Dr. the Hon. Natalio Wheatley has responded to the concerns raised by Governor John Rankin regarding a perceived backlog of applications for Belongership and Residency in the Territory, asserting that the issue has been mischaracterized.

Governor Rankin has consistently voiced

apprehensions about the processing of these applications, especially in relation to the ongoing governance reforms proposed by the Commission of Inquiry (COI). He has also provided recommendations aimed at expediting the processing of these applications.

Premier Wheatley, however, provided a nuanced perspective on the notion of a “backlog,” underscoring the absence of a standardized definition. “The term ‘backlog’ lacks clarity, and it’s important to note that we do not categorize applications submitted since June 2022, which accounts for 74 percent of the current

pending applications, as part of a backlog,” Dr. Wheatley clarified during a recent press briefing.

Delving deeper, Dr. Wheatley revealed that the count of Belonger applications made before June 2022 stood at approximately 245, with Residency applications numbering 469.

“The majority of applications termed as ‘backlog’ pertain to individuals under the age of 20. These applications were all submitted after 1 June, 2022,” the Premier elaborated.

Dr. Wheatley further emphasized that this perceived increase in applications followed the

government’s acceptance of a framework to implement COI recommendations. This framework enabled individuals who had lived in the Territory for more than 10 years to apply for Belongership, adhering to stipulated legal procedures.

To reassure those whose applications are pending, Dr. Wheatley affirmed his government’s unwavering commitment to address the cases fairly and transparently. Moreover, the government is actively taking steps to address the situation. Dr. Wheatley disclosed plans to appoint a new chair for the Immigration Board and to expand the board’s membership. These

strategic changes are aimed at expediting the processing of pending applications.

“I have already submitted a comprehensive plan of action to the Governor, outlining our strategy to handle pending applications. This demonstrates our dedication to timely resolution,” the Premier affirmed.

In light of these developments, the government remains resolute in its commitment to maintaining a smooth application process for Belongership and Residency, underlining its commitment to just governance and meticulous processes.

YOUNGER WORKFORCE SEEKS SOLID EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS

The allure of bush-cutting jobs available through the government’s-RATED (Restoring Achievement Through Empowerment and-Development) programme has caught the attention of Third District Representative Hon. Julian Fraser, who noted that many young individuals in the community are increasingly drawn to these positions.

During a recent session of the House of Assembly, Hon. Fraser remarked that these roles used to command significantly higher wages in the past. Despite the current daily pay of \$100, the Third District Representative said that he observed a notable trend of

individuals embracing these positions, even though alternative opportunities within the community offer superior benefits.

“I contemplated the essence of the RATED programme when I witnessed young people persistently seeking these jobs from you (Premier). Upon visiting work sites and observing them working in groups of ten, it occurred to me: what’s the appeal of this work? Is it the promise of quick payment for what seems like easy tasks? However, I don’t view it solely as such, yet the preference remains. This needs to shift,” Fraser underlined.

The Senior Legislator called for the Labor

Department to redirect the attention of young participants in the RATED programme towards diverse employment avenues often occupied by expatriates in the Virgin Islands.

“The Labour Department and the RATED programme should collaborate to guide these individuals towards roles frequently performed by work permit holders. We process around 3,000 work permits annually. Tackling overgrown vegetation and clearing drains is typically more physically demanding and less gratifying compared to jobs like dishwashing or other tasks undertaken by work permit holders. And yet, those in the latter category receive

better benefits,” Fraser emphasized.

While acknowledging Premier Wheatley’s commitment to the RATED programme, Hon. Fraser underscored its potential. He acknowledged that the Premier is actively addressing employment challenges.

Critiques of the RATED programme have been voiced by elected leaders who view it as primarily channeling youth into bush-cutting roles. Sixth District Representative Hon. Myron Walwyn referred to the programme as a stopgap solution, asserting that it inadequately addresses the Territory’s employment needs.

Premier Wheatley has, however, highlighted that the RATED



Hon. Julian Fraser

programme encompasses various facets, - including apprenticeship opportunities, which are yet to be fully implemented. These measures are anticipated to provide a more diverse array of avenues for the younger workforce seeking employment prospects.

83 Persons Receive VHF Radio Training

Eighty-three public officers and others have completed training in very high frequency (VHF) radiotelephone usage as part of the Department of Disaster Management's ongoing training series.

Participants learned about radio-communications technology; - safety equipment; land mobile radio operation; practices for use

during emergencies; as well as day-to-day operations. Once participants passed an exam, they also received a certificate to document their successful completion of the course.

DDM Training Manager Carishma Hicks said that interest in the use of VHF radios has risen in recent years for a variety of purposes.

"We saw a spike in interest after the impacts that took place in 2017 and it has not diminished since," she said, adding that she was pleased to be able to bring a course to residents on Virgin Gorda as part of the most recent series.

"It can be challenging for sister islands residents to take advantage of these courses, so we were very



happy to collaborate with the Sister Islands Programme to bring the course to Virgin Gorda," Ms. Hicks added.

VHF radios are a key component of the Territory's emergency communications system, as they can be used in the event that landline or mobile communications fail. The Virgin Islands VHF network is supported by four repeater sites located in Chalwell on Tortola, North Sound on Virgin Gorda, Peter Island and Jost Van Dyke.

The VHF radio course

is offered at no charge and includes instruction on: radio theory; line of sight communications; common radio terms; regulations/licensing requirements; types of VHF radio equipment; radio procedures; transmitting and receiving; the phonetic alphabet and emergency radio communications.

Persons wishing to participate in a future course should contact Ms. Hicks at 468-4200 or email chicks@gov.vg.



RE-TENDER

TENDER FOR THE PROVISION OF CLEANING SERVICES

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

Duties:

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

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Particulars	Monthly Rate (in US \$)
Labour	\$
Cleaning Supplies	\$
Other Costs (As applicable - Tenderer to specify)	\$
Total	\$

The tenderers must submit the following:

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

Tenders must be submitted in a sealed envelope with a return address and clearly marked

"Tender for Cleaning Services 2023-2024" and delivered to:-

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 B.V.I. Electricity Corporation
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SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 4:00PM on THURSDAY, 10th August 2023.

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Special Education Teachers Complete OECS Course

Seven Special Education Teachers in the Virgin Islands have completed the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) Commonwealth of Learning Assistive Technology Education Officer with responsibility for Special Educational Needs. Mrs. Afiya Smith said the six-week training course was aimed at identifying and utilising low cost and low-

tech devices to support the learning of students with special needs also known as the Introduction to Assistive Technology (AT).

Mrs. Smith said, "The six weeks of training introduced the educators to free accessible assistive technology skills needed to support persons with disabilities and enable them to use technology for learning and work."

The training was facilitated through the OECS Programme for Educational Advancement and Relevant Learning (OECS PEARL) with funding from the Commonwealth of Learning.

The seven successful educators include Mrs. Afiya Smith, Dr Carlyn

Benjamin-Raymore, Ms. Tamika George, Mrs. Rickollette Johnson, Mrs. Levia Freeman-Malone, Ms. Jan Christopher, and Ms. Magdalene Alister. Mrs. Gillian Niles-John and Ms. Indy Stephens De Leon from Disability Services also successfully completed the course.

The Ministry of Education, Youth Affairs and Sports, aims to foster an inclusive environment for all students to strive and thrive. The success of this training is a testament to the Ministry's commitment to strengthen its human capital through professional development opportunities, increase access and provide equity for all students.



PROGRAM LISTINGS

MONDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

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

THURSDAYS

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

FRIDAYS

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

SATURDAYS

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

SUNDAYS

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



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The BVI Health Services Authority (BVIHSA) hereby informs the public that the Audiology Clinic at the Dr. D. Orlando Smith Hospital will be temporarily closed to facilitate the annual maintenance of equipment. This proactive measure aligns with our service improvement plan, aiming to ensure efficiency and compliance with international standards.

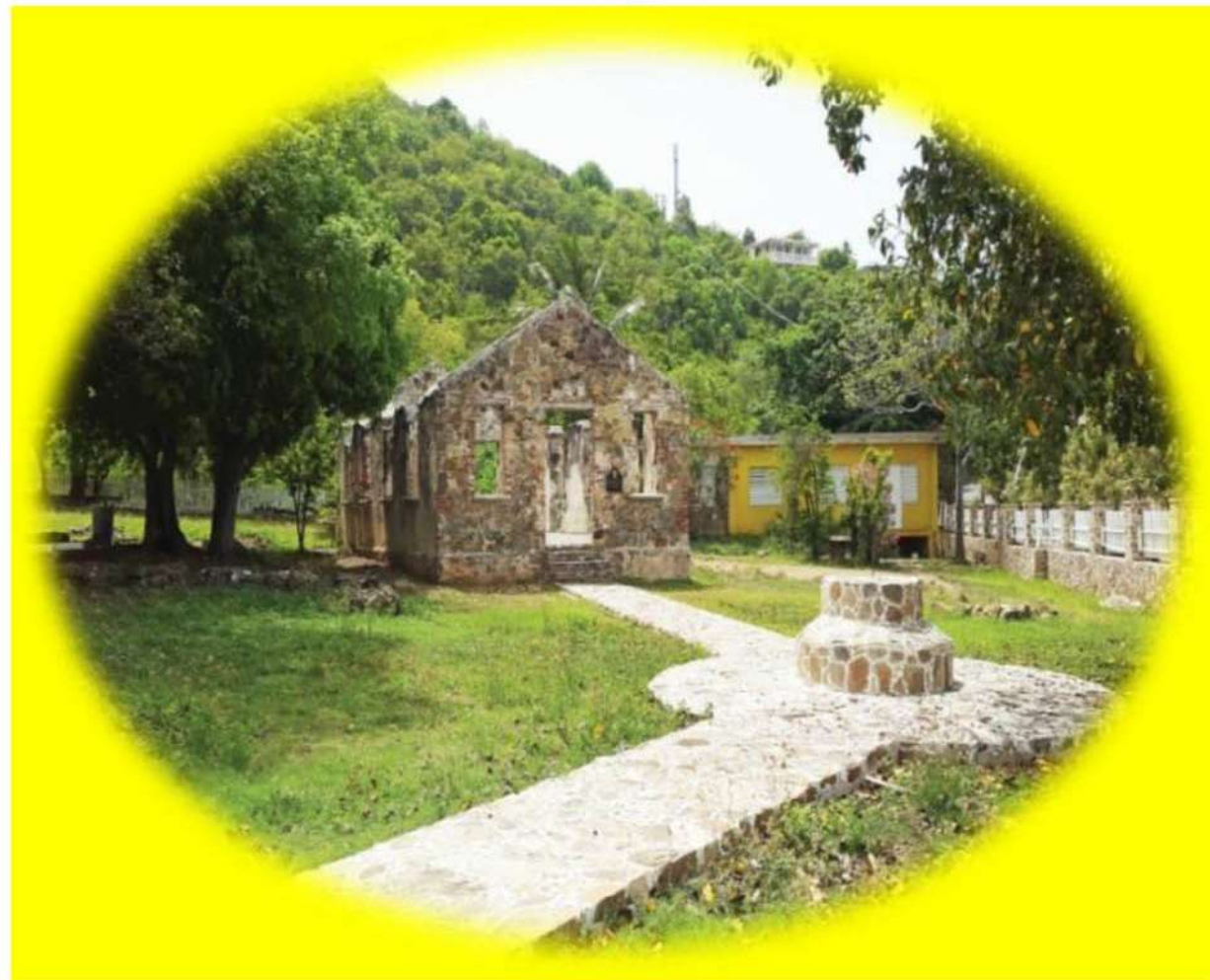
During this period, audiology testing services will not be available, and the clinic is expected to reopen in late September. A more precise resumption date will be provided by the BVIHSA in advance.

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BVI Trade Mission: Fostering International Collaboration And Investment In Guyana



Hon. Lorna Smith, OBE,

The Government of the British Virgin Islands is delighted to announce that the Deputy Premier and Minister for Financial Services, Labour, and Trade, the Hon. Lorna Smith, OBE, will lead a diverse, 17-member delegation on a significant trade mission to Guyana from 30th July to 4th August 2023. The delegation comprises representatives from the financial services industry and various business sectors, highlighting the vast scope of commercial engagement between the two countries.

Guyana has rapidly emerged as an economic powerhouse with an

impressive overall growth rate and has been attracting investments from around the world. As a global partner, the British Virgin Islands (BVI) offers a natural alliance for Guyana. With a proven track record of success in facilitating cross-border trade and investment, the BVI is ideally positioned to contribute to the burgeoning economic activity in Guyana.

The primary objective of the mission is to present the BVI's financial services offerings, the advantages of using BVI corporate structures, and its expertise in facilitating global cross-border business.

Joining Honourable Smith on this important journey will be the Junior Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries, Dr. the Honourable Karl Dawson, who aims to explore potential agricultural partnerships. This initiative will support the BVI's food security strategy by leveraging Guyana's expertise in this area.

The Deputy Premier expressed

her delight with the extensive support from the business community, stating, "I am deeply pleased with the overwhelming turnout from our business community, who are making a substantial investment in funding their own trip to join this inaugural trade mission to Guyana. Their enthusiasm not only underscores the potential of this venture but also their commitment to forging stronger ties within the Caribbean region."

She added, "I am profoundly grateful for the welcoming spirit extended by the Guyanese Government towards our delegation. Their openness and receptivity set a positive tone for our visit and reflect the warm relations between our two countries."

In addition to the economic synergies, a strong cultural bond exists between the BVI and Guyana, as Guyanese immigrants form the third-largest immigrant group in the BVI, playing a vital

role in the territory's workforce and contributing significantly to its growth and prosperity.

This ground-breaking initiative features a packed agenda, with meetings and presentations lined up with the Guyanese Government and prominent members of the Guyanese business sectors. The aim is to foster collaborative opportunities, enhance bilateral trade, and promote mutual economic growth.

This trade mission is pivotal in strengthening ties between the BVI and Guyana and represents the shared dedication to regional cooperation and economic development. We anticipate the outcomes of this venture will usher in an era of increased collaboration between the two countries.

The other delegates include:

Permanent Secretary, Ms. Petrona Davies

CEO of BVI Finance, Ms. Elise Donovan

Deputy Director at the BVI FSC, Ms. Kishelle Blaize Cameron
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Ms. Simone Monsanto, Caribbean Insurers Ltd.

Ms. Abigail O'Neal, Aquila Financial (BVI) Ltd.

Ms. Saathi Yamraj, Jarmays Ltd.
Mr. Peter Leppard, Managing Director, Trident Trust (Bahamas) Ltd.

Mr. Tony Roberts, Aquila Financial (BVI) Ltd.

Mr. Chris Bennett, The Caribbean Council

For further information about the trade mission, please contact Trevaughn Smith at tsmith@bvifinance.vg or Adrianna Soverall at asoverall@bvifinance.vg.

5 athletes to represent Virgin Islands at Trinbago 2023 Commonwealth Youth Games



Tortola, British Virgin Islands, July 02, 2023 – The British Virgin Islands Olympic Committee (BVI OC) acting in its capacity as the BVI Commonwealth Games Association (BVICGA) is sending a team of 5 athletes to represent the Virgin Islands (UK) in track and field at the Trinbago 2023 Commonwealth Youth Games. The 7th edition of the Games for participants aged 14-18 years, takes place in Trinidad and Tobago, August 4 – 11, 2023.

Chef de Mission Ms. Erica Frederick, a coaching certified Physical Education teacher with extensive experience at editions of NACAC, Carifta, and the Caribbean Games, will be responsible for the delegation at Trinbago 2023. The cohort includes Cristal Daly (long jump), A'Sia McMaster (long jump), J'den Jackson



(100m and 200m) Jonathan Lynch (800m), Jah'Kyla Morton (high jump) and coach Erwin "Redz" Telemaque. Mr. Ephraim Penn, President of the BVICGA, will be in attendance.

The Opening ceremony takes place at the Hasely Crawford Stadium, Trinidad on Friday, August 4 when Chef Frederick will accompany Daly who was selected to be the flag bearer.

The events for the VI athletes take place on Monday, August 7 (100m and long jump), Wednesday, August 9 (heats - 200m, and 800m) and Thursday, August 10 (finals - high jump, 200m and 800m). The Closing Ceremony will be celebrated at Pigeon Point Beach Facility,



Tobago on Friday, August 11.

"We are pleased that the BVI will be represented by a strong team at these youth Games," said President Penn. "The selection was made from a long list of athletes put forward by the BVI Athletics Association and we should expect to see some good performances by the team members."

Morton recently returned home with a gold medal in the high jump, which she won at the U18 NACAC Age Group Championships in Costa Rica. Her 1.74m (5'8 1/2") clearance set a new NACAC U18 Girls' high jump record as well as a new National Record. McMaster, Jackson, and Lynch also competed in Costa Rica.

More than 1000 athletes from 71 Nations and Territories across the Commonwealth are registered to participate in the Games competing



in events across 7 sports including athletics and para-athletics, aquatics, beach volleyball, cycling, fast 5 netball, rugby sevens and triathlon.

"The Trinbago 2023 organisers have done a great job to ensure that we are comfortable, well looked after and set to perform at these Games," said Chef de Mission Frederick. "Our athletes are well prepared and the team spirit is high. Everyone is looking forward to competing as well as representing the Virgin Islands in the cultural exchange element of the Games and fostering friendships."

The Commonwealth Youth Games is considered to provide an invaluable springboard for the developing athletes. San Salvador 2023 CAC medalist, thrower Djimon Gumbs and U23 NACAC double medalist, sprinter Beyonce Defreitas experienced their



first success at a major Games when they won the territory's first medals at a CYG. Gumbs and Defreitas respectively brought home a bronze in the discus throw and a silver in the 200m competing at the 6th edition of the Games in the Bahamas in 2017.

The Games have traditionally taken place every four years with the first event being hosted in Edinburgh, Scotland in 2000. The VI was first represented at a CYG at Samoa 2015 when athletes competed in track and field and tennis.

Click on the link for the full schedule of events <https://www.trinbago2023.com/schedule>

Follow the BVI OC page on Facebook for regular updates and results <https://web.facebook.com/BVIolympicCommittee/>

Registration Drive for Tax Administration System

Premier and Minister of Finance Honourable Dr. Natalio Wheatley is urging individuals and organisations to register for the Standard Integrated Government Tax Administration System (SIGTAS 3.0).

Premier Wheatley stated that SIGTAS 3.0 is a software solution that helps governments manage its tax revenue and compliance. He said the initiative is “a major milestone for our tax administration system”, and reiterated the importance of registering.

“I would like to take this opportunity to make a public appeal to all taxpayers (individuals and businesses) to register, as new unique Tax Identifier Numbers (TIN) are now being assigned and is necessary for the full launching of this system,” the Premier urged.

The system is projected to go live within the third quarter of 2023, and will comprise of several benefits to taxpayers including improved user- friendly interface and navigation, enhanced security and data protection, expanded functionality and flexibility, and increased automation and integration. These components are critical to the enhancement of the tax system in the Virgin Islands.

The initiative commenced in October 2021 as a collaborative effort between the Inland Revenue Department and the Department of Information Technology. Premier Wheatley extended gratitude to the project team, which has made significant progress towards launching this new system.

The Central Government has also deployed a team of experts at the Inland Revenue department to assist taxpayers with the registration process. This is in keeping with its commitment to upgrade the tax system in the Virgin Islands.

SIGTAS 3.0 is presently utilised by over 30 countries around the world, including the Virgin Islands. The software solution is also the latest version of the tax administration system, which offers several new features and enhancements that will benefit both the tax authorities and the taxpayers.

Taxpayers are required to provide a valid passport or driver's licence, along with their Social Security card, and an email address to register. Online registration is also available at <http://www.eregisterfortax.gov.vg>.

The Government of the Virgin Islands remains resolute in the promotion of the overall development of the Territory through commitment and sustainable transformation.



The Government of the Virgin Islands is seeking a qualified person to fill the following position:

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS of the Virgin Islands Deposit Insurance Corporation

JOB SUMMARY: A Member of the Board of Directors (Director) is primarily responsible for the policy and general administration of the Virgin Islands Deposit Insurance Corporation (VIDIC).

EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS: Master's Degree (at a minimum) in a field of expertise, preferably banking, commerce, finance, accounting, insurance, or law.

EXPERIENCE:

- a) Minimum ten (10) years working experience in the field of banking commerce, finance, accounting, insurance or law.
- b) Ability to maintain confidentiality.
- c) Ability to exercise discretion and good judgment.
- d) Sound written and oral communication skills.
- e) Financial, business and managerial acumen.
- f) Basic understanding of banking, laws and regulations.
- g) Financial Statement review and analysis.
- h) Proficiency in Microsoft Office.

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

- a) Approve the resolution plan whenever the VIDIC is appointed receiver or liquidator.
- b) Approve the manner in which obligations and expenses of the VIDIC shall be incurred and paid.

- c) Approve additional regulations for the proper management of the system for the insurance of deposits.
- d) Approve the general conditions of such assets as may be acquired or disposed of by the VIDIC.
- e) Approve annual budgets and contractual arrangements into which the VIDIC participates.
- f) Approve the VIDIC's annual financial statements.
- g) Accept the appointment of the VIDIC as a receiver or liquidator.
- h) Present the Cabinet with recommendations to the regulations.
- i) Review and approve cooperation and information sharing memoranda of understanding with domestic and foreign agencies, particularly in relation to resolution and deposit insurance agencies.

NOTES:

Applicants must reside in the British Virgin Islands.

Selected candidates are subject to additional vetting from Cabinet.

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The success of D'Moi Hodge is a testament to the potential and talent that exists within the youth of the Virgin Islands.

says Minister for Education, Youth Affairs and Sports, Honourable Sharie B. de Castro



Honourable de Castro was making congratulatory remarks at the Homecoming event to celebrate Mr. Hodge as the first Virgin Islander to be signed to the NBA, namely the Los Angeles Lakers.

The Minister said, "After a ten year hiatus we restarted the Summer Programmes facilitated by the Department of Youth Affairs and Sports (DYAS). Heroes like D'Moi, a former participant is proof of the tremendous impact and the need to fund and deliver these developmental programmes. We hope that D'moi's journey will inspire others to pursue their dreams and shoot beyond the stars."

Mr. Hodge, who is engaged

in several activities during his stay in the Territory, joined the DYAS in their Multi-Sport Summer Camp on Monday, July 24 on Virgin Gorda and Tuesday, July 25 on Tortola.

Director of Youth Affairs and Sports, Mrs. Brenda Lettsome-Tye said the department welcomed the collaboration in the basketball portion of the Multi-Sport Youth Camp with Mr. Hodge.

"The participants at our annual Sport Camp are an excited bunch from ages 6 to 16. Having D'Moi at the Camp was an added bonus that highlighted the fundamentals that the facilitators try to employ in our programmes, as well as actually witnessing an NBA player in real time," the Director said.

Programme Officer for Sports in the department, Mr. Wayne Robinson stated that D'Moi's contribution to the camp included a display of

his workout routine with his personal trainer Mr. Tyshawn Patterson.

"After the workout, D'Moi and his trainer engaged the youth at the camp with examples of fundamental basketball drills and exercises," Mr. Robinson said.

Hodge also left a message on behalf of the Department of Youth Affairs and Sports.

"As a product of the Summer Sports Programme here in the Virgin Islands let me remind you to never let go of your dreams, they are the fuel for your passion," he said, adding, "Your passion is the GPS to your goals. So get active, do the work, earn your reward."

The Department of Youth Affairs and Sports, Multi-Sport Camp aims: to encourage students to participate in sports regularly;

develop a healthy and active lifestyle; identify potential



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student athletes for further training; expose students to sports in variety; help develop fundamental movement skills; help develop communication skills and learn how to work as a team; and meet new friends and nurture lifelong friendships.



D'Moi Hodge; 3)
Facilitators and Youth at
Multi-Purpose Complex

Long Swamp Library Moving to Major Bay East End

Chief Librarian Ms. Suzanne Greenaway has said that the new location of the public library at Major Bay in East End will allow for improved space and an expansion of the services offered to the public.

Ms. Greenaway said the Long Swamp location is officially closed and the new location in Major Bay will be re-opened to the public on September 4.

Ms. Greenaway said, "Some of the benefits of this new location includes, improved user space for seating and bookshelves; Interactive computers; improved display spacing; improved operational space; access for printing and digital resources; online

access and e-books."

The Chief Librarian added that the library would continue to offer regular services including access to fiction and non-fiction books, the EBSCO database and the reading programme offered at schools.

Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Education, Youth Affairs and Sports, Dr. Marcia Potter said the move of the East End Public Library is in keeping with the ministry's mission of "providing information and other resources, to meet the educational; historical; recreational and cultural needs of the public across the Territory."

The community libraries



in Virgin Gorda and Anegada are still open and available to the public during service

hours for their library needs.

The Public Library Service may be contacted by

email at libraryservices@gov.vg or by telephone 468-9750.

Marcus Solomon Appointed Director of Waste Management



Mr. Marcus Solomon has been appointed to the post of Director of the Department of Waste Management.

Mr.-Solomon's appointment comes as the Ministry of Health and Social Development seeks to further enhance and develop the Territory's waste management solutions and strategies.

Mr. Solomon brings to the Department an extensive background in public utility management. In 2016, he served as Senior Planning Specialist at the Trinidad and Tobago Ministry of Public Utilities where he performed an assessment of the Public Utilities Sector including water and wastewater, solid waste management, post and electricity.

Minister for Health and Social Development, Honourable Vincent Wheatley said Mr. Solomon comes to the ministry at a time when there are considerable challenges with the waste management system.

Honourable Wheatley said, "As we seek to reduce waste streams through recycling and other means, we have high expectations of him and we look forward to the impact he will be able to make towards the betterment of our Territory."

As director, Mr. Solomon will be responsible for the day-to-day oversight of the Department of Waste Management. He will provide and guide the department's vision and strategic actions in the quest to solve the waste management issues that are troubling the Territory.

Mr. Solomon's appointment

joins the Ministry of Health and Social Development as the Acting Governor, Mr. David Archer Jr. continues to champion Public Service Transformation, which envisions a public service that meets and exceeds the needs of the Territory.

"We are excited to have Mr. Solomon on board as the Territory's new Director of Waste Management," the Acting Governor expressed. He added, "His accomplished experience in developing policy and solutions to solve, advance and innovate the subject of waste management makes him a valuable resource to our territory. I am beyond confident that Mr. Solomon will lead the Department of Waste Management to new heights."

Speaking on his appointment, the director said his love for the environment started after pursuing his degree and studying subjects such as environmental and social economics which impacted his design to pursue a career in that sector.

"For the last seven years, my professional career has been in the environment sector contributing to the development of policy and strategies aimed at the positive transformation of waste management practices and expansion of the waste management industry.

Mr. Solomon said that he is excited to be in the Virgin Islands and more so, the Department of Waste Management, to work closely with all citizens and the government to make the department a global standard for the management of waste.

Mr. Solomon holds a Bachelor of Science in Economics from the University of the West Indies, as well as a Master of Business Administration from Heriot-Watt University. Additionally, he has earned a Post-Graduate Certificate in Project Planning, Appraisal and Management.

The Government of the Virgin Islands remains devoted

to ensuring that all residents of the territory can experience a Virgin Islands that has an excellent waste management system, resulting in a cleaner and safer territory for all.



The Government of the Virgin Islands is seeking a qualified person to fill the following position:

CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS of the Virgin Islands Deposit Insurance Corporation

JOB SUMMARY: The Chairperson of the Board of Directors (the "Board") is primarily responsible for the activities of the Board and its committees. He/she shall act as the spokesperson for the Board and is the principal contact for the Chief Executive Officer ("CEO").

EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS: Master's Degree (at a minimum) in a field of expertise, preferably banking, commerce, finance, accounting, insurance, or law.

EXPERIENCE:

- a) Minimum ten (10) years of working experience in the field of banking, commerce, finance, accounting, insurance, or law.
- b) Ability to maintain confidentiality, exercise discretion, and good judgment. Excellent written and oral communication skills.
- c) Financial, business, and managerial acumen.
- d) In-depth understanding of banking laws and regulations.
- e) Financial Statement review and analysis.
- f) Proficiency in Microsoft Office.

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

- a) Ensuring that Board members, when appointed, participate in an induction program.
- b) Ensuring that the performance of the Board members, including the CEO, is evaluated at least once every year.

- c) Determining the agenda of Board meetings, chairing such meetings, and ensuring that minutes are kept of such meetings.
- d) Liaising with Board Committee Chairs to determine efficiencies and fulfilment of Committee Charters.
- e) Ensuring that the Board maintains sound corporate governance standards to guide the Bank's operations.
- f) Consulting with external parties (such as auditors, consultants, and/or advisors) appointed by the Board.
- g) Addressing internal disputes and conflicts of interest concerning individual Board members, and the possible resignation or removal of such members as a result.
- h) Steering the development, review, and oversight of the Corporation's Strategic Plan and Annual Budget.
- i) Leading review of the Corporation's policies submitted to the Board for review and approval.
- j) Leading review of the Corporation's Integrated Annual Report, inclusive of audited financial statements.

NOTES:

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GLOBAL NEWS BRIEF

STORIES SELECTED BY **GIORGIO MIGLIAVACCA**

PERU - On Thursday, while President Dina Boluarte was finalizing details of her speech for July 28, the date on which Peru's independence is commemorated, a group of fifteen U.S. Democratic congresspeople sent a letter to Secretary of State Antony Blinken. The purpose of the missive was to alert him of what is happening in Peru, a country plunged in social convulsion since Boluarte was sworn in as president last December after the failure of Pedro Castillo's self-coup.

EL PAÍS has had access to the document, headed by Joaquín Castro (Texas) and Sydney Kamlager-Dove (California), ranking Democrats on the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere. The main concern expressed in the letter is "the lack of accountability for Peruvian security forces responsible for the disproportionate and lethal use of force against anti-government in recent months," which, according to the lawmakers, "reflects the underlying corruption and impunity that has undermined Peru's democracy and contributed to widespread political disillusionment." Between December and February, the peak of the mass protests, 49 civilians died due to military and police repression and another 11 died due to roadblocks. Seven military

personnel and one police officer lost their lives in the context of the demonstrations. The protests have been reignited since July 19. [El País]

ROME - A "nightmare" July for bad weather is now ending which has seen some 42 extreme weather a day Italy, farmers group Coldiretti said Sunday.

"A month of July is ending which has seen an average of 42 extreme weather events a day along the Peninsula, between hailstorms, tornadoes, 'water bombs', heatwaves and gales, virtually double (up 82% on the same period last year according to the data of the European Severe Weather Database (ESWD)", they said.

The northern storms and southern wildfires killed at least seven people this month.

Italy is currently split in three with hailstorms causing more damage in the ravaged north, more acceptable temperatures in the centre, and greater heat in the south where temperatures are hitting 38 degrees after being as far up as 48 in the recent heatwaves.

Climatologist Luca Mercalli, president of the Italian Meteorological Society (SMI), told ANSA that the weather was gradually returning to normal for the period.

Pope Francis also renewed his call for action to address

the climate crisis in the face of extreme weather events such as heatwaves and flash floods caused by torrential rain.

"These atmospheric events highlight the need to make courageous and far-sighted efforts to face the challenge of climate change and responsibly protect Creation, taking care of our common home," said the Pope. (ANSA).

RUSSIA - In a show of largesse, Vladimir Putin promised shipments of grain to a handful of African countries affected by shortages caused by Russia's invasion of Ukraine. African leaders responded by telling him to end the war.

After the International Criminal Court issued a warrant for his arrest in spring for war crimes in Ukraine, this week's summit with African leaders in St. Petersburg served as a rare opportunity for Russian President Vladimir Putin to meet international counterparts. Seventeen African leaders attended, far fewer than the 43 at the 2019 summit in Sochi. The Kremlin attributed the smaller turnout to Western pressure on African leaders.

Numerous topics were discussed at the summit, including economic, humanitarian and sport issues, but Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the food insecurity on the African continent took center stage.

The summit kicked off with Putin vowing free grain supplies for six African nations. According to the pledge, 25,000-

50,000 tons of grain will be sent to Burkina Faso, Zimbabwe, Mali, Somalia, the Central African Republic and Eritrea in the coming months. Macharia Munene, a professor of history at the United States International University-Africa, told DW that "Africans are saying that you can do a lot more than just offer free grain to six countries when the rest is hanging in the air." [Deutsche Welle]

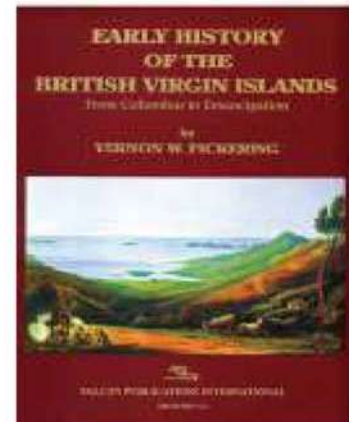
JAMAICA - Jamaica scored their first-ever victory at the FIFA Women's World Cup Tournament when they edged Caribbean neighbours Panama 1-0 in their Group F encounter at the NIB Stadium in Perth on Saturday. Captain of the day Allyson Swaby scored the all-important goal on 56 minutes with a glancing header from a Trudi Carter corner kick. Swaby, one of two sisters playing in central defence for Jamaica, wore the armband in the absence of regular captain Khadija Shaw, who was suspended from this game after receiving two yellow card cautions in the opening game against France last week.

The result left Jamaica joint top of Group F on four points with France, who had edged Brazil 2-1 earlier in the day in a feisty contest. [CNW]

HOMOPHOBIA - In response to a statement made by American actor and director Tyler Perry, numerous Grenadians took to social media this week to contest the portrayal of their nation as one plagued by homophobia and criminal activity. Perry had recently offered a \$100,000 reward for information regarding the murder of Josiah 'Jonty' Robinson. Robinson, a resident of Beaulieu, St George, was discovered deceased on BBC Beach on June 18, 2023.

The call to action from Perry occurred after he spoke with Yvette Noel-Schure, a Grenadian publicist and intimate friend to Jonty, who had served as a maternal figure in his life. Perry shared his heartbreak with his Instagram audience.

"A few days ago I got an extremely heartbreaking phone call from my friend, Yvette Noel-Schure. Through her tears and grief she was telling me that in her home country of Grenada, a young man that was like a son to her was murdered. My soul ached as she shared that he was a young, gifted singer who was murdered because he was gay," Perry wrote.



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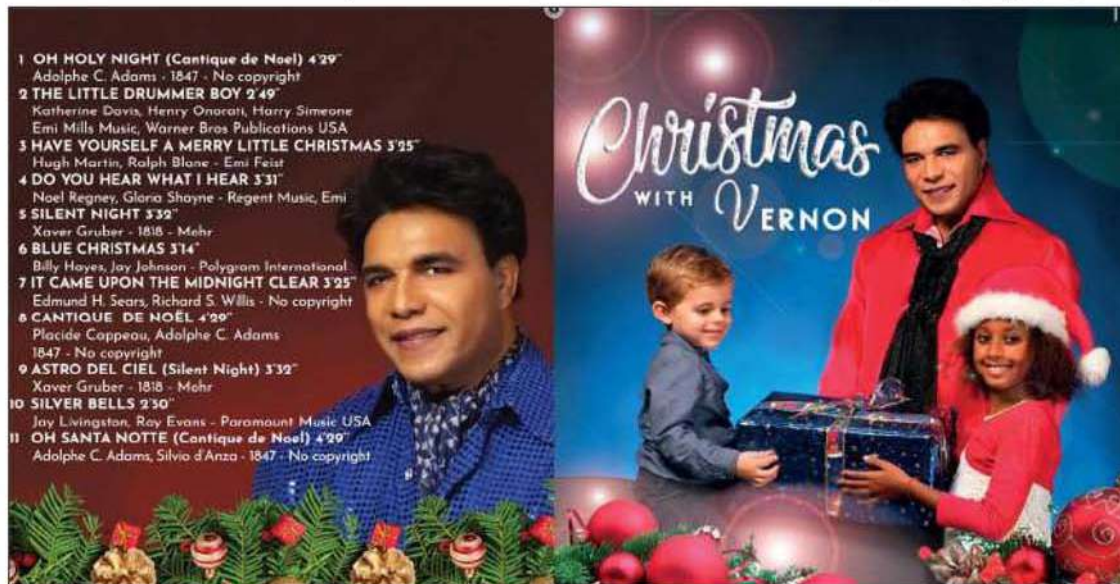
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The actor-director drew parallels between Jonty's death and other instances of violence.

"My mind immediately went to Mathew Shepard, and all the other victims of racist, homophobic, anti-Semitic, xenophobic, senseless violence. This kid was 24, how is this ok? His mother is devastated," he continued.

The Royal Grenada Police Force (RGPF) has since dispelled allegations that Robinson's murder was a hate crime.

Autopsy reports indicate that Robinson was strangled before his body was discarded into the sea. Locals, while acknowledging the gravity of the crime, called on Perry and others to withhold judgment and allow the police investigation to proceed before casting their homeland in a negative light. They argued that **SUCH ACCUSATIONS COULD JEOPARDIZE THE TRANQUIL ISLAND'S TOURISM-RELIANT ECONOMY.** Some of the comments on Perry's post expressed concern over this hastily drawn portrait of their nation. One individual commented expressing that murder over sexual orientation is not a common occurrence in Grenada, adding that such a heinous act is not comparable to practices in countries like Afghanistan, Brunei, Iran, Mauritania, and others. [CNW]



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The Sunny Side Up



Through the Lens of The Sunny Side



*A view of Coney Island and the Irene Penn-O'Neal Festival Village, from Horse Path
(Photo By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway)*

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Emancipation Festival 2023

The Emancipation Festival has officially commenced with much fanfare and excitement. The Irene Penn-O'Neal Festival Village came to life on July 30, as a vibrant red ribbon was ceremoniously cut across the stage, marking the grand opening. The night came alive with the soul-stirring performances of Gospel musicians, with Samuel Medas headlining the event and drawing in a sizable

crowd of enthusiastic attendees.

This year's festival promises to be a highlight of recent years, featuring an impressive lineup of events spanning nearly two weeks. The festivities extend far beyond the Village, with a series of electrifying off-site activities, including the highly-anticipated Miss BVI pageant.

Under the guidance of Dirk Walters,

Chair of the Virgin Islands Festival and Fairs Committee, there is a determined effort to elevate the standard of this annual celebration. The community's reception of this year's activities indicates that they serve as an exceptional precursor to the highly-awaited 70th-anniversary celebrations in 2024.

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Ladyburd Talks...



Dear Readers: While there certainly is safety in numbers, being part of a large crowd is not without its risks. That's especially true for typical summer gatherings and public events like music festivals, concerts, sporting events, and block parties.

As pandemic restrictions are rolled back and the weather gets warmer, people everywhere are itching to attend these events. With so many ready to do so, staying safe is more pertinent than ever.

Here are our best tips for protecting your friends and loved ones while staying safe during events with big crowds.

Identify exits and know when to leave

Know how to navigate a crowd

Keep your belongings safe

Stay with your group



Ladyburd's Mail Box

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Dear Ladyburd: I am very distraught right now. I had a beautiful girlfriend and to be truthful we always had an argument because she says I did not treat her well and we end up breaking up. Ladyburd, she was very good to me and I really miss her a lot and I want her back. I did not know I would miss her so much, I have taken off weight and is not sleeping. Can you suggest something for me to do; to win her love back, I cannot get her on the phone. I am open to any suggestions. **Missing Her**

Ladyburd: Dear Missing Her: Not to kick you when you are down; but I hope you have learnt a lesson. You have not said how long it is since you are not in this relationship, but I am sure she has moved on, and if she found someone who will treat her like a lady, do you think she is going to come back to you? **Heck No!!**

What you need to do going forward is to take care of yourself; invest in you, give relationship a brake, so that you can get her out of your system and you will meet someone else in due course, and this time hopefully, you will treat your lady the way she ought to be treated.

If she is suppose to be in your life, she will be back but do not hold your breath. I wish you well.

(Repeat)



Light Bulb Moments

"Expose yourself to your deepest fear; after that, fear has no power, and the fear of freedom shrinks and vanishes . You are free."

— Jim Morrison

"Better to die fighting for freedom than be a prisoner all the days of your life."

— Bob Marley

"Freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed." Martin Luther King, Jr.

Poetry Corner

Influence

Drop a pebble in the water,
And its ripples reach
out far;

And the sunbeams dancing
on them

May reflect them to a star.

Give a smile to someone
passing,

Thereby making his
morning glad;

It may greet you in the
evening

When your own heart may
be sad.

Do a deed of simple
kindness;

Though its end you may
not see,

It may reach, like widening
ripples,

Down a long eternity.

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Tickle My Funny Bones



Looking For A New Accountant

A businessman tells his friend that his company is looking for a new accountant, His friend asks,

"Didn't your company hire a new accountant a few weeks ago?"

The businessman replies,

"That's the accountant we're looking for."



College Student Letter

A young man studying in a college abroad sent this SMS to his father:

Dear dad, no mon, no fun, your son.

The father replied:

Dear son, too bad, so sad, your dad.

PUN INTENDED

"He said his dog ran 10 miles to get the ball. That seems a bit far fetched..."



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DIVAS
ON A DIME
By Patti Diamond

Pork, Peaches and Perfection: The Ultimate Burger Combo!

The dog days of summer are here, and nobody wants the oven to heat up the house. So, the grill is getting lots of attention right now. One of the most popular foods to cook on the grill is the barbecue classic: the hamburger. Is there any food that screams “summer” more than a juicy burger? Nope.

However, for a twist on the standard burger, how about switching up the meat? We’ve all had beef burgers, but how about a big, juicy pork burger? Pork or “the other white meat” is such an under used ground meat for burgers.



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Upgrade your burger game with “the other white meat.”

Juicy and delicious, pork is often less expensive than beef. Here’s the secret to why pork burgers are so juicy. Typically, pork is sold 70/30 lean to fat ratio rather than 85/15 like in beef. You can buy leaner grind, but fat is flavor, and you’re not having burgers every night, right?

This pork burger is flavorful and brimming with smoky chipotle plus a little sweetness and lots of texture from the fresh grilled peach salsa.

CHIPOTLE PORK BURGERS WITH GRILLED PEACH SALSA

Yield: 6 (4 ounce) burgers

Total Time: 45 minutes

1 tablespoon olive oil

- 1 cup onion diced
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1.5 pounds ground pork
- 1 egg
- 1/2 tablespoon garlic powder
- 1/2 tablespoon onion powder
- 1/2 tablespoon ground mustard
- 1/2 tablespoon ground cumin
- 1 1/2 tablespoons chipotle seasoning
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 6 whole wheat hamburger buns and lettuce for serving

In a skillet over medium heat, heat the oil then add the onion and Worcestershire, then saute until very soft.

Place the cooked onions in a mixing bowl. Add the ground pork and all remaining ingredients. Mix well with your hands to evenly incorporate all the spices and egg. Divide the mixture into 6 (4 ounce) portions and form the pork into thin patties with your hands. Set aside until ready to grill.

Preheat the grill to 400 degrees. If you’re making peach salsa, grill the peaches while the grill is heating up and make the salsa while the burgers cook.

To grill the burgers: Cook the pork burgers on the grill, 4 to 6 minutes each side, to an internal temperature of 160 degrees. A quick-read thermometer will do the trick. Serve on whole wheat buns with lettuce and peach salsa.

GRILLED PEACH SALSA

Yield: 2 cups

Total Time: 15 minutes

3 peaches or nectarines

1 avocado, cubed

1/4 cup purple onion, minced

2 tablespoons red bell pepper, minced

The Sunny Side Up

1 small jalapeno, seeded and minced

1/2 cup cilantro, chopped

2 tablespoons lime (or lemon) juice

Preheat grill to 400 degrees. Slice three peaches or nectarines in half and remove the pits. Place on the grill, starting with the cut side down and flipping over after 2 minutes to reserve the juices. You want them to have a bit of char for that intense smoky flavor. Continue grilling until heated through and softened. When done, remove the skins and chop, yielding about two cups. Mix the peaches, avocado, onion, red pepper, jalapeno, cilantro and lime juice. Serve with the pork burgers.

This salsa is refreshing, tangy and a delicious accompaniment to chicken, fish and beef, too. -- or served with chips or eaten with a spoon.

Next time you fire up the grill, venture beyond the usual burgers and embrace the succulent flavors of pork. With chipotle-infused goodness and a tantalizing grilled peach salsa, these burgers are a must-try for your summer gatherings. Dare to indulge in “the other white meat” for a delicious twist on a classic favorite.

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Waste Management Strengthening Public Private Relationships

Director of Waste Management Mr. Marcus Solomon met with the team from Green VI in an effort to strengthen the partnership between both organisations and to promote recycling efforts within the Territory.

Mr. Solomon stated that



the department's mission is to divert as much recyclable waste from the garbage stream, especially since the incinerator is down. "Strengthening this relationship with Green VI is vital especially now because it will help us to expand our efforts of diverting waste from the landfill," he said.

The director said he was given a tour of the Eco Park and was pleased with the operations of Green VI. "During the tour we had an opportunity to speak on a number of critical issues affecting the sector and agreed to improve the memorandum of understanding to address key gaps as well as to implement projects that will strengthen our relationship with green VI and their relationship with the public," Mr. Solomon stated.

Over 60% of garbage collected in the waste stream

is recyclable. The community is being encouraged to help to reduce garbage production by practicing composting, using less bottled items, reducing paper usage, re-using items, and recycling.

"We want the community to volunteer with Green VI where possible, adopt an attitude of recycling, set up recycling stations in their home and rinse and separate plastics, glass and aluminum," Mr. Solomon urged.

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

Waste Management Officials Meet With Virgin Gorda Residents

Minister for Health and Social Development Honourable Vincent Wheatley and Director of the Department of Waste Management Marcus Solomon met with Virgin Gorda residents to give an update on the landfill fire that occurred over the weekend.

Honourable Wheatley who is also the Representative for the Ninth District apologised to residents at the emergency meeting for the inconvenience they are experiencing and provided an update on the Territory's Waste Management Plan. He also encouraged the residents to share their concerns and recommendations with the waste management officials.

Director of Waste Management Mr. Marcus Solomon said that the

meeting was multi-purpose because in addition to giving an update on the landfill situation it was also a forum to speak about other issues vital to the community.

"It is important to build a relationship with the community, get their support for upcoming projects like the derelict vehicles clean-up and other public education initiatives. We want to know how our clients view the services we provide so we can improve upon them," Mr. Solomon stated.

According to the director, the meeting was fruitful and appreciation was gained about what waste management issues are plaguing the island.

Mr. Solomon said, "The residents voiced that they are not satisfied with how

the site is being managed. A great deal of waste is pushed off the border and visibly hanging from the hills. They also complained about previous fires and lack of information from the department and the need to improve our bulk waste services, among other things."

The director stated that an agreement was made to have continued meetings to assist with providing solutions to challenging problems, collaborate with the community to promote public education and for the community to assist in reporting instances of illegal dumping.

The Virgin Gorda Landfill began smoking around 6:30 p.m. on Saturday July 29, however, pockets of

POLICE NEWS

RVIPF WARNS AGAINST WEAPONS, DRUGS, FIGHTS AT FESTIVAL VILLAGE

Thursday, August 3 – The Royal Virgin Islands Police Force is issuing a strong warning to persons who intend to engage in any form of violence or intend to use any form of illegal drugs while on the Festival Grounds – "Actions will be swift and decisive."

On the first paid night of the Irene Penn-O'Neal Festiville, Superintendent of Operations Dariel Robinson says officers intervened and parted 16 fights, confiscated both marijuana and cocaine and a knife during last night's events at the festival ground.

"We are not tolerating lawlessness at any level during the festival celebrations particularly in the Festival Village. Please be warned that such actions will result in swift and decisive responses by officers on site. Anyone who displays conduct that is deemed disorderly, hostile or aggressive will be escorted off the grounds and possibly arrested.

"Gate security will ensure that persons do not bring weapons or contraband on the grounds. Attendees are expected to cooperate with security officers in the screening process in order to enter. Should you not wish to be screened, you will not be allowed to enter the festival grounds. The safety of all those in attendance is paramount," Robinson noted.

Persons are encouraged to report any suspicious activity or pre-planned assaults to the officers on the ground or to RVIPF Intelligence Unit at 368-9339 or anonymously through the Crimestoppers hotline number 8008477.

fire and smoke continue to emanate from the area. Persons with respiratory conditions who live or are visiting the area are asked to take the necessary health precautions.

The Ministry of Health and Social Development is committed to ensuring

that all aspects of the environment with the potential to negatively influence the health of the population are managed efficiently, to enable all persons in the BVI to attain and maintain optimal health and well-being.





Hunt for the Cure

**Saturday, 2 September,
2023, at 10:00 am**

Presented by CIBC FirstCaribbean International Bank Walk For the Cure.
All proceeds go to the BVI Cancer Society.

How to register:

Complete the registration form below and submit with payment at CIBC FirstCaribbean International Bank, Wickhams Cay, Road Town

Prizes for the top 3 treasure hunters include an Island Tour and Animal Sanctuary Tour at Necker Island, category prizes and more! Starts and ends at the CIBC FirstCaribbean parking lot. Entertainment by a popular DJ.

Registration fees (per vehicle):

2-person team	\$ 80.00
3-person team	\$120.00
4-person team	\$160.00
Corporate team <small>(4-person team max) Award given for extra per vehicle</small>	\$200.00
Onsite registration <small>(extra per vehicle)</small>	\$20.00



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There's treasure to be won at the Hunt for the Cure!

Prizes

- 1st place** Day Sail Compliments of Horizon Yacht Charters
- 2nd place** Animal sanctuary and island tour at Necker Island
- 3rd place** Gumption Sea It Clear Glass Bottom Boat Tour

Special Category Prizes

Based on the theme of "a community of care and hope"

- Best thematically dressed vehicle
- Best message of "Hope for the Cure"

Event Rules

Registered vehicle must be properly insured, taxed and licensed. Complete all fields of the registration form and submit with payment to receive your entry token.

- Arrive at the CIBC FirstCaribbean parking lot between 9:30 and 11:00 am –If pre-registered then ensure that you hand in your token on arrival
- Teams will depart from the starting point at scheduled intervals.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Who's your team?

Please select 2 main contacts for your team.

Team Name or Company Name:

Vehicle License plate # Corporate: **Yes** **No** Total team members: **2** **3** **4**

Team member 1

Name:
 Contact:
 Mobile:
 Email:

Main contact? (yes) or (no)

Team member 2

Name:
 Contact:
 Mobile:
 Email:

Main contact? (yes) or (no)

Team member 3

Name:
 Contact:
 Mobile:
 Email:

Main contact? (yes) or (no)

Team member 4

Name:
 Contact:
 Mobile:
 Email:

Main contact? (yes) or (no)

Total Payment: **\$80** **\$120** **\$160** **\$200** Cash: Credit Card: Check #:

OVER 40 MECHANICS PARTICIPATED IN VI MOTORS' NAPA TRAINING



28 JULY 2023, ROAD TOWN, TORTOLA — On Tuesday, 25 July, 2023, over 40 Auto Mechanics from within the Territory took part in a NAPA Automotive Electrical A to CAN Training, fully powered by VI Motors. The highly-anticipated 3-hour training was held at Maria's by the Sea with

NAPA Auto Tech Instructor, Mr. Randy Cowan, via an online-communications platform. Mr. Juan Romero, NAPA Wholesale Manager was also in attendance and assisted with hosting. The training was geared towards A and B Level Technicians and gave an overview of understanding the electricity scope in the field of auto mechanics.

The training is a first of a series of upcoming NAPA trainings that will be offered through VI Motors to all auto mechanics within the Virgin Islands. Managing

Director of VI Motors, Mr. Allan Parker said, "NAPA is one of the biggest auto part distributors in the United States. We are committed to selling [the mechanics] quality parts and committed to training them. It's a win-win for both sectors of the business". He also confirmed that continuous training will be offered in the areas of ATRAC, Brakes, and Airconditioning every quarter.

One of the participants, Mr. Spencer Grant, a veteran auto mechanic and owner of Grant's

Engineering and Consultancy Services said that the training went extremely well. He added, "Most of the guys, if not all of them has something to take back to enhance their skills, to improve their garage morals and the technical aptitude to better the community." Mr. Grant also thanked Mr Allan Parker for providing

a medium for training and innovation in the automotive industry.

VI Motors is a family-owned company that has been in operation for 40 years and is currently the official NAPA dealer within the Virgin Islands. This partnership is committed to providing quality products and training for all auto mechanics in the territory. For more information about their products, services and training opportunities, please call (284) 494-2496 or email Operations

Assistant, Judy Jeremiah at judy.jeremiah@vimotors.net.

Virgin Islands EMANCIPATION FESTIVAL 2023

VI FESTIVALS & FAIRS COMMITTEE

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

JULY

- 23** PRINCE & PRINCESS MULTI-PURPOSE SPORTS COMPLEX (SUNDAY)
- 28** FESTIVAL WARM-UP TRAMP CORPORATE EDITION (FRIDAY)
- 29** KIDDIES FIESTA END SCATLIFFE SCHOOL GROUNDS (SATURDAY)
- 31** VILLAGE OPENING GOSPEL EXPLOSION (MONDAY)

AUGUST

- 1** FESTIVAL GLOW NIGHT (TUESDAY)
- 2** FESTIVAL RHYTHM & DRIVE (WEDNESDAY)
- 3** TORCH LIGHT PROCESSION BIG PEOPLE PARTY MISS JUNIOR BVI HLSCC (THURSDAY)
- 4** CULTURAL FOOD FAIR INTERNATIONAL REGGAE NIGHT (FRIDAY)
- 5** INTERNATIONAL SOCA NIGHT (SATURDAY)
- 6** EMANCIPATION SERVICE AT SUNDAY MORNING WELL EMANCIPATION SERVICE AT STICK-IT LONG LOOK 10AM - 1PM MISS BVI MULTI-PURPOSE SPORTS COMPLEX MUSICAL MIX NIGHT (SUNDAY)
- 7** RISE & SHINE SUNRISE SERVICE AUGUST MONDAY PARADE (MONDAY)
- 8** FESTIVAL FLAG FEST (TUESDAY)
- 9** EAST END RISE & SHINE CULTURAL & HERITAGE VILLAGE GREEN LAND FIELD, 10AM UNTIL BEACH JAM (10:00 AM) FESTIVAL LAST LAP @ VILLAGE (WEDNESDAY)
- 10** CARROT BAY FISHERMAN'S DAY (THURSDAY)
- 11** CARROT BAY CULTURAL FIESTA (FRIDAY)

Sponsors: THE BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS, CELLARS, CCT, RiteWay, National Bank, Maria's

“It’s a cultural jamboree so let’s fete and be free for Festival 2023.”

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BVI TOURIST BOARD WELCOMES GUESTS TO EXPERIENCE THE CULTURAL JAMBOREE - FESTIVAL 2023

Emancipation Festival Promises a Memorable Celebration of Freedom and Culture



Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, 27th July 2023 – The British Virgin Islands is abuzz with excitement as the highly anticipated Emancipation Festival draws near, commemorating the emancipation of slavery in the BVI. From 28th July to 11th August, an exciting and culturally rich celebration awaits, inviting locals and visitors to immerse themselves in a series of festivities.

The Emancipation Festival, popularly known as “August Festival,” stands as a testament to the strength and resilience of the people of the BVI and their extraordinary journey to freedom. This year’s grand celebration promises a captivating array of events and

activities, showcasing the territory’s history, arts, music, and rich cultural heritage.

Revellers of all ages and interests will find something to delight in with the festival’s diverse lineup of events, including:

- 28 July Festival Warm-up Tramp
- 29 July Kiddies Fiesta
- 30 July Miss BVI Pageant
- 31 July Village Opening / Gospel Explosion - Witness the festival’s spectacular opening ceremony, featuring mesmerizing performances, cultural displays, and inspiring speeches by dignitaries.
- 1 August Village Entertainment
- 2 August Festival Youth Night

3 August Torch Light Procession “Big People Party”

4 August Cultural Food Fair - Immerse yourself in cultural exhibitions, showcasing traditional arts, crafts, and delectable culinary delights.

5 August International Soca Night

6 August Emancipation Service at Sunday Morning Well/Musical Mix Night

7 August Rise & Shine Tramp - Participate in a lively street party, dancing to the pulsating rhythms of local bands.

August Monday Parade - Be enchanted as the streets come alive with colorful costumes, floats, troupes, and mesmerizing musical and dance performances.

8 August Festival Boat Ride/Festival Flag Fete

9 August East End Jouvert/

Road Town Cultural Night Steel Band and Fungi

10 August Carrot Bay Fisherman’s Day

11 August Carrot Bay Cultural Fiesta

“We are thrilled to extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to everyone attending the 2023 British Virgin Islands’ Emancipation Festival – a jubilant celebration of our heritage and freedom,” said Clive McCoy, Director of Tourism for the British Virgin Islands.

“This festival not only pays tribute to our remarkable history but also invites you to experience the genuine warmth and hospitality of our people. We are excited to invite visitors from around the world to join us in embracing the vibrant culture, music,

and cherished traditions of the BVI during this exhilarating time.”

The British Virgin Islands are easily accessible by air and sea, offering convenient travel options for international visitors. Non-stop flights are available from Miami to the Terrence B. Lettsome International Airport on Beef Island, providing a direct link to the BVI. Additionally, regional flights connect the BVI to Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic and the Eastern Caribbean. For guests traveling from the US Virgin Islands and neighboring islands in the BVI, several ferry services and water taxis offer seamless transportation, enhancing the accessibility of this beautiful destination.



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Haitian Journalists at Risk From Arson, Kidnapping, Attack

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VOA News



FILE - Bullet holes cover the windshield of a journalist's car after he was attacked in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Oct. 25, 2022. Attacks on journalists in Haiti have increased in the summer of 2023.

The dangers for journalists in Haiti have escalated in recent months, with killings, abductions, and attacks among the most pressing threats.

In the latest incident, the independent broadcaster Radio Antarctique was burned down in an apparent gang attack.

About 50 men armed with assault-style rifles attacked the town of Liancourt, about 110 kilometers from the capital, Port-au-Prince, in the early hours of July 23 and burned down the station along with dozens of houses, according to the New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists, or CPJ.

"They smashed everything and then set fire to it. It was reduced to ashes," the broadcaster's founder, Roderson Elias, told CPJ.

Elias founded Radio Antarctique a year ago and ran it with around a dozen staff. None of them was injured in the attack, but four residents from Liancourt were killed and several others abducted, according to reports.

VOA reached out to the station but did not immediately get a response. In media interviews after the attack,

however, Elias said he believes that gang members had targeted the station because of its reporting, and that he had received threats earlier in the year.

The station regularly reported on violence and other issues affecting the community.

The CPJ reported that the head of a local gang had accused Elias of turning residents against his group, and the media nonprofit warned that the situation for media in Haiti "remains untenable."

"Local authorities must restore order so that all citizens, including journalists, can live without fear from armed gangs," Cristina Zahar, CPJ's Latin America and the Caribbean program coordinator, said in a statement. "Journalists should not face violent retaliation simply for doing their jobs."

Haiti's embassy in Washington did not immediately reply to a VOA email requesting comment.

The deteriorating state for media parallels broader insecurity since the 2021 assassination of President Jovenel Moïse.

For journalists, one of the biggest risks is kidnapping.

On July 21, unidentified people kidnapped radio host Blondine Tanis near her Port-au-Prince home, demanding a ransom for her return.

On Monday, CPJ reported that Tanis had been released.

"The decline in her health while in gang custody is deeply concerning," CPJ's Zahar said in a statement announcing the reporter's release. "It is unacceptable that gangs have repeatedly kidnapped members of the press and held them for ransom."

Tanis' abduction came a few weeks after radio journalist Marie Lucie Bonhomme of Vision 2000 was kidnapped from her home on July 13.

Bonhomme was released after a few hours, but then her husband, Pierre-Louis Opont, co-owner of independent

Télé Pluriel channel 44, was kidnapped a week later. As of late July, he was still missing.

Some journalists estimate that as many as nine reporters have been kidnapped in Haiti since the start of the year.

"Haitian journalists were already risking their lives whenever they went into the field but now they are in danger even when at home," Artur Romeu, director of the Latin America bureau at Reporters Without Borders, said in a statement.

"We call on the Haitian government to redouble its efforts to obtain Pierre-Louis Opont's swift release and to take urgent measures to protect Haitian journalists from gang violence, in order to end the climate of terror in which they are currently immersed and to create the security conditions needed to practice journalism in Haiti," he said.

Deadly violence is another concern.

In April, two radio journalists were killed in Haiti. Dumesky Kersaint was shot in the Mahotiere 83 neighborhood in the municipality of Carrefour in mid-April, and radio host Rico Jean was found dead on April 25 after being kidnapped the night before, according to regional media rights organizations.

In 2022, at least seven journalists were slain in Haiti, according to the CPJ data, which shows that at least five of those killings were in direct connection with the reporters' work.

In response to the killings in April, UNESCO Director-General Audrey Azoulay released a statement saying, "All too many Haitian journalists pay the ultimate price for their reporting, restricting the vital flow of information to populations."



SPORTS

Mega Mix fends off VG Mystics, 72-67, in Hodge Celebrity Tourney

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

BASKETBALL

District Two's Mega Mix, fended off hosts and District Nine's Mystics, 72-67 in Virgin Gorda on Saturday night at the Jeffrey Caines Arena, in the D'Moi Hodge Celebrity Basketball Tournament.

Douron "Ju" Phillip led Mega Mix with 28 points and Trent Herbert added 11. The Mystics were led by Shamaar George and Kimon Telemaque with 12 points each. Jevone Deming finished with 10.

Mega Mix were coming off Friday night's 93-77 triumph over the A's. Tavon Phillip dropped a game high 24 points and Franklin Penn followed up with 18. D'Moi Hodge, an undrafted free agent who recently signed a two-way contract with the Los Angeles Lakers following the 2023 NBA Draft, showed his skills by bagging six 3-pointers and finishing with 18.

Shakeem Blackmore was

the A's leading scorer with 18. Noel Mckelly poured in 17 and Juan Richards 12.

"Tough loss. We were there I believe despite D'Moi Hodge shooting early. We were down by like 15," A's Coach Hemat Doodnaught noted. "Then we came back right within seven, but sloppy playing and just putting it out there—if more guys or teams would come out and do a bit of practice, it would go a long way. But I found that despite the good shooting we were right there. It was just the turnovers that got to us."

After Hodge went out the game, Doodnaught said they made an adjustment and started playing defense, switching from a zone to man to man which helped them get back into the game. "D'Moi was out of the game, so it didn't have anyone making treys from halfcourt," he said, noting despite the uncertainty of having a BVI Basketball Federation League, the game showed where they are currently and what still needs to be done. "We came a far way last year (to the championship

game), but if we aren't doing anything, we can't get over that hump. But it was a good game. If we could clean up turnovers, finish layups, simple things like that, I think I would have been a different ballgame."

The game, he said, showed that they need to work on simple things like passing. "Coach is always at practice, I can't say that for the rest of the players," he said.

A's Azim Beazer, who guarded Hodge for a while, said that it was really good. "I got to guard a real NBA player," he said. "And that's always good."

The game he noted had a good turnout and it was a good sweat, since there hasn't been a league since last year.

Hodge told Island Sun Sports that it felt good playing and there were lots of people who would never get to see him play in person. "I just wanted to come out and give them a sneak peak of what happens behind the scenes and what I do in America," he said. "It was fun, entertaining, they showed out today and I appreciated



LA Lakers' D'Moi Hodge left, tries to get past the A's' Azim Beazer, during his Celebrity Basketball Tournament at the Save The Seed Energy Center

that. Had some gametime shots, can't get mad with reps. I was just trying to play the right way and have fun."

In the opening game, the Mystics needed double overtime to shake off The East, 102-95. Nikel Stevens paved the way with a game high 29 points and 11 rebounds, leading five players in double figures. Lekoy Leonard finished with a 20-points and a 17 boards

double, while Stephano Paul, added 20 points to the tally. Demron Glasgow followed up with a 15 points 14 rebounds double, double and Telemaque chipped in another 14 points.

"It was a great game—double over time—you can't ask for anything better than that," Hodge said. "I enjoyed the moment and I enjoyed everything."

BVI ready for CONCACAF U15 Boys tournament in Santo Domingo

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

FOOTBALL

In what BVI Football Association President Andy Bickerton described as a group of 'bright and talented' BVI footballers, are set to compete in the CONCACAF U15 Championship in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, August 6-13, with high expectations of a good performance.

During the last championship in 2019, the BVI won Division C and are now top seeded in their group, which also includes Dominica and Turks and Caicos Islands. The other teams in the same division as the BVI, but separate groups include Sint Marten, St Vincent and the Grenadines, USVI, French Guiana, Anguilla, and Saint Maarten.

The preparation for the squad, all of

whom are based within the territory and coached by Cassandra "Cass" Gregg, has been intensive with a combination of regular training, tournaments and a series of friendly games all taking place in the past few months.

"Originally we were in a group of four and playing in Curacao, but now we are in a group of three and playing in the Dominican Republic," Gregg said during a Press Conference at the Dept of Youth Affairs and Sports. "We had a very successful tournament over Easter and more recently, made a trip to play St Kitts, which was a great experience for the boys, and what I always say to my players is anything they can do, we can do better."

Competition begins on Aug 8 against the Turks and Caicos Islands, followed by Dominica on Aug 9. Both games kick off at 9.00 a.m.

Captain Mario Carter is optimistic about the team's chances in the competition. "Not too long ago we were in St Kitts and when we came back, we analyzed the games, saw the kind of mistakes we made and

worked hard in practice to correct them," he explained during the Press Conference. "We are mentally and physically prepared and although we have to work on a couple of things, like chemistry and discipline, I am very confident."

Bickerton stated that the young players are well and truly on the pathway to senior national team levels. "These boys are now playing at U15 levels and the next step from the FA's point of view is to be looking at the squad for U17 level," he said. "Two thirds of our Men's National team have already come through our Youth Programs, so they all know that the way they behave on and off the field, with studies and how well they represent the territory will keep them on that pathway."

Besides Carter as Captain, the team is comprised of: Latreil Williams as Vice-Captain, Marc Tan, Christian Vanterpool, Tiondre Frett, Quyl Billings, Myles Penn, Kyle Farrington, Akeem Paddy, Lashaun Gibbs, Temari Nanton, Othniel Gillings, Michael Findlay, Morris Mark III, Kenley Williams, Zeviah Abrahams, Romain Nibbs,

Malique Fenton, and D'Andre McSheen. Jeffrey Demming is the Assistant Coach and the Goalkeeper Coach is Morris Mark.

"Our defense is very hard to get passed

and is really good, so once our midfield does their jobs, I'm pretty sure we will come out on top of our group." Gregg said.



U15 delegation. L-R: Jeffrey Demming, Mark Tan, Cassandra Gregg, Andy Bickerton, Mario Carter, Latreil Williams and Morris Mark

SPORTS



Virgin Gorda Mystics' Stephano Paul, tries to bypass his A's counterpart



A's Juan Richard blocks a D'Moi Hodge shot



East and Virgin Gorda Mystics players fighting for ball control under the basket



A's Joash Victor tries to steal the ball from Mega Mix's Franklyn Penn



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE



The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the Nile, with her maidens walking alongside the Nile; and she saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid, and she brought it to her. When she opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the boy was crying. And she had pity on him and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children."

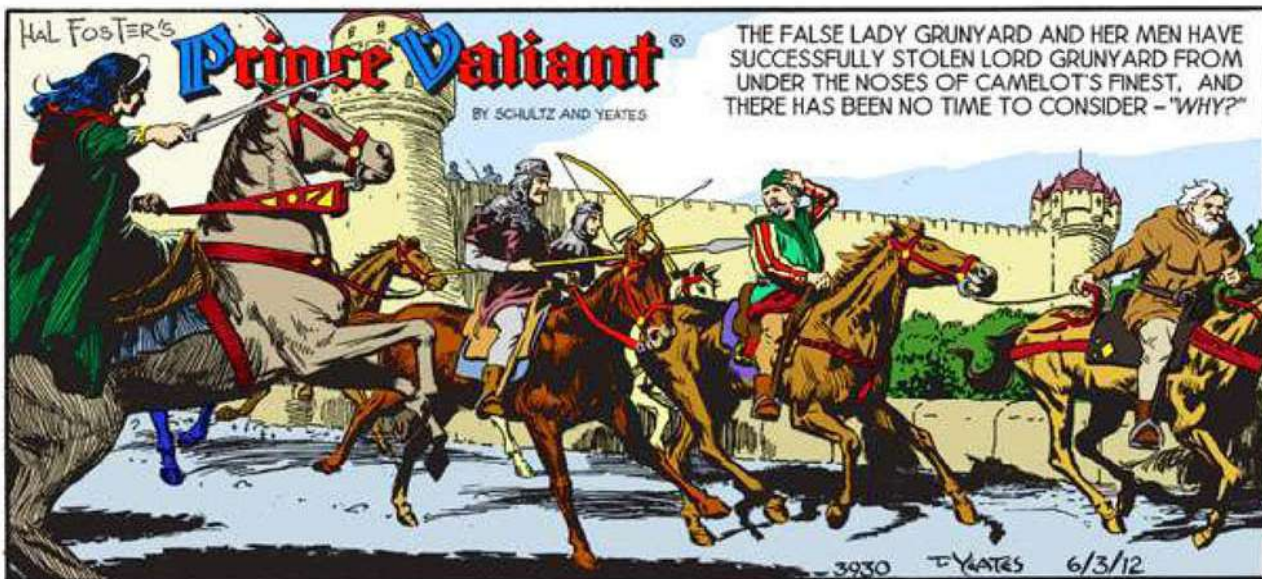
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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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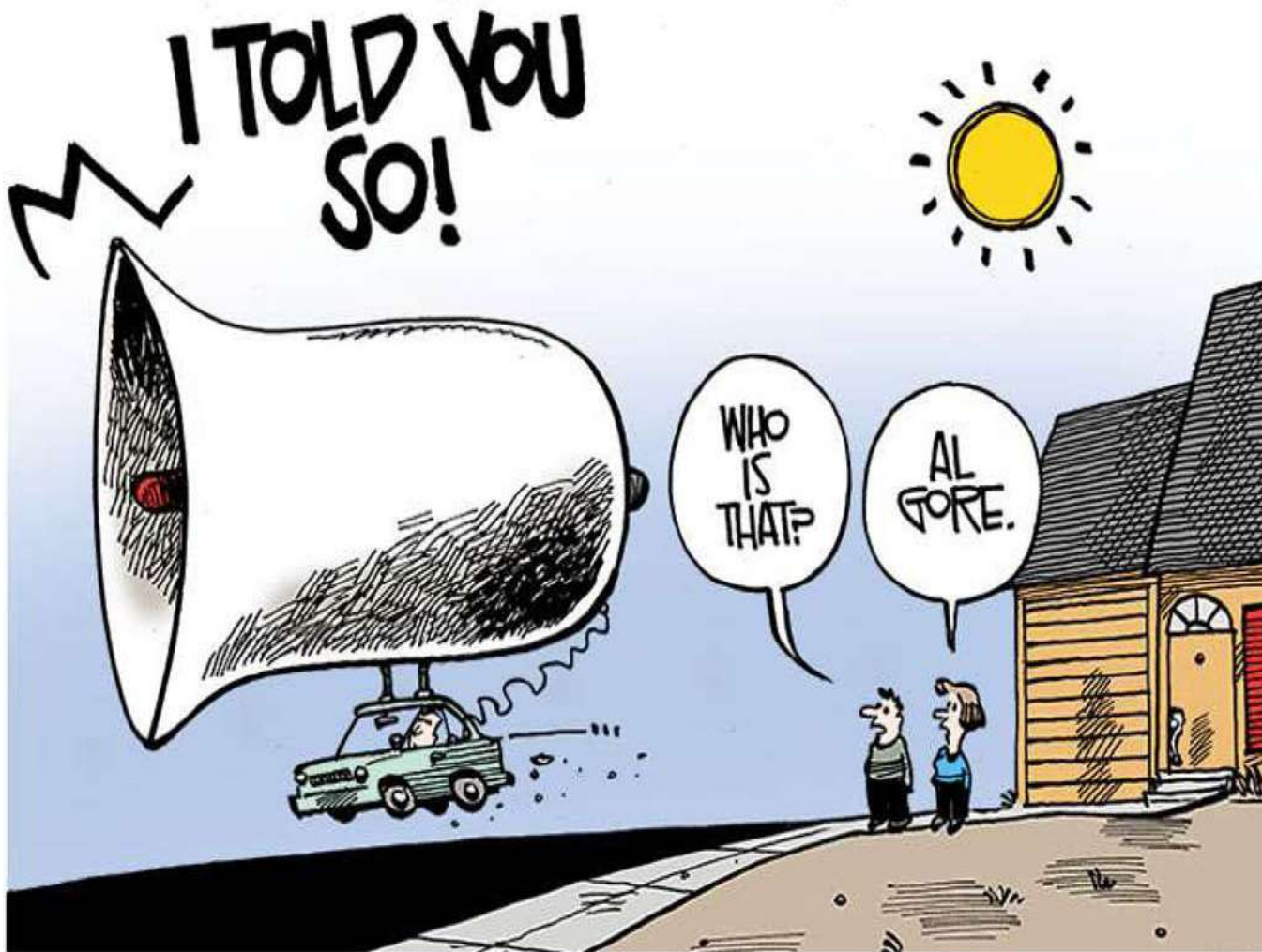
VAL IS FURIOUS - THIS HAS ALL BEEN QUITE THE EMBARRASSMENT, SET UNWILLINGLY IN MOTION BY GAWAIN AND HIMSELF - AND ORCHESTRATED BY A WOMAN! STILL, HE NOTES DETAILS - EXPERT BOWMEN AIMED TO IMPEDE PURSUIT, NOT TO KILL.

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...TO NO AVAIL. THE ROGUES HAVE GONE FAR OFF-ROAD WITH GREAT CLEVERNESS, ELIMINATING THEIR TRAIL BY MOVING UP THE BED OF A WOODED STREAM. "THESE ARE NO ORDINARY RUFFIANS," VAL NOTES TO GAWAIN. "THEY ARE HIGHLY DISCIPLINED WARRIORS WELL-VERSED IN WOODCRAFT."

NEXT: North to Lockbramble



BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Barabbas (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
 2. From Mark 10, James and who else asked to sit at Jesus' right and left hand in heaven? *Thomas, Peter, John, Philip*
 3. Who said, "It is not meet (right) to take the children's bread and cast it to the dogs"? *Jesus, Judas, Joshua, Jacob*
 4. From James 4, what will happen if you resist the devil? He will ... *Fight, Anger, Misdread, Flee*
 5. Who proclaimed a fast at the river of Ahava? *David, Adonikam, Ezra, Ariel*
 6. How many thieves were crucified with Jesus? *1, 2, 3, 4*
- ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) John, 3) Jesus (Matthew 15:26), 4) Flee, 5) Ezra, 6) 2

"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) Aspects favor new romances for unpaired Ewes and Rams. Already-paired Arian twosomes experience renewed harmony in their relationships. Money matters also take a bright turn.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Use that strong Bovine determination to help you keep the faith with your convictions while you move through a period of uncertainty. Things begin to ease by the week's end.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Pay attention to your intuition. It could be alerting you to be more careful about accepting a "statement of fact" simply on trust. Don't be shy about asking for more proof.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Concern for the well-being of someone in need is admirable, but don't forget to take care of yourself as well. Ask a family member, close friend or colleague to help you.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) It's OK to focus on the demands of your career, but try to avoid misunderstandings by also reaching out to family and friends. Your sharp intuitive sense kicks in by midweek.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Keep a rein on that green-eyed monster. Jealousy is counterproductive. Instead of resenting a colleague's good points, concentrate on developing your own abilities.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Spending time on a creative project during this high-energy week can pay off both in emotional satisfaction and in impressing someone who is glad to see this side of you.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Now is a good time to start planning that trip you've put off because of the demands on your time. Be sure to choose a destination that is new and exciting.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) That upbeat mood in the first part of the week makes you eager to take on new ventures. A more serious note sets in later to help you assess an upcoming decision.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A high energy level gives the Goat the get-up-and-go to finish outstanding tasks before deadline, leaving time for well-earned fun and games with friends and family.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Dealing with disappointment is never easy, but the wise Aquarian will use it as a vital lesson and be the better for it. On another note, a close friend has something important to say.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your best bet is not to get involved in an argument between colleagues until you know more about who started it and why. Even then, appearances could be deceiving. Be alert.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have creative gifts that inspire those who get to see this sometimes hidden side of you.

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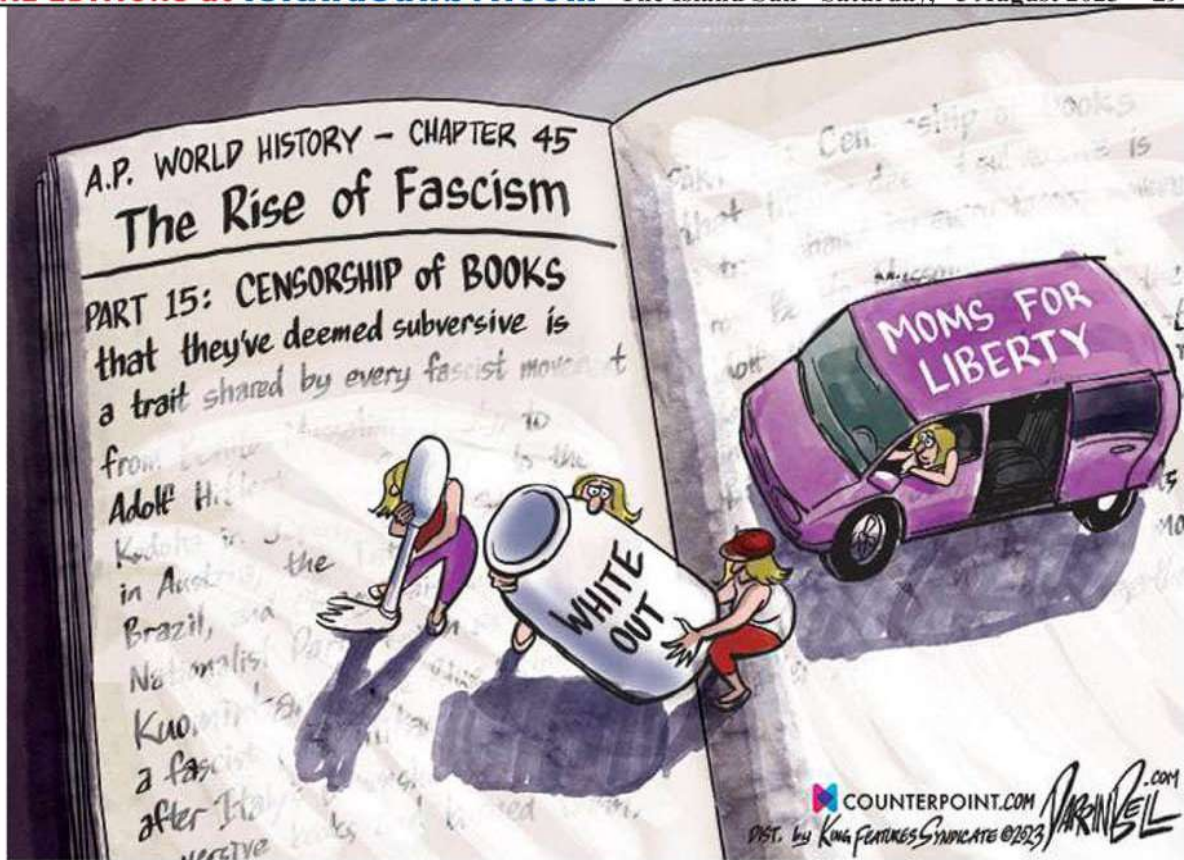
"Count backward from 100, like your stockbroker."

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top ten

Highest-Paid YouTubers
2023

1. Jimmy Donaldson (MrBeast)
2. Jeffree Star
3. Dude Perfect
4. Logan Paul
5. Tyler Blevins
6. Felix Kjellberg (PewDiePie)
7. Mark Edward Fischbach (Markiplier)
8. Rhett & Link (Good Mythical Morning)
9. Ryan Kaji (Ryan's World)
10. Lilly Singh

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THIS WEEK IN CORRUPTION

Giving sextortion the red card

By Transparency International

The FIFA Women's World Cup is in full swing. It's a chance to cheer on your favourite team and also reflect on the challenges many women and girls face to play the game. FIFA is a multi-billion-dollar machine, but women players don't get to fully reap its benefits. What's more, women players also experience high risks of exploitation.

For women around the world, the gender pay gap is an all too familiar issue and regrettably, the sport industry is no exception. In fact, according to UN Women, sport has one of the largest gender pay gaps and many professional women players cannot live off their earnings, leaving them vulnerable to abuse.

Ahead of this year's World Cup, persistent pay inequalities prompted 150 players to sign a letter demanding equal pay and conditions for prize money. The Nigerian women's team, for example, threatened to boycott the tournament's first match due to wage theft.

Having to fight for equal rights hasn't slowed them down. Yesterday, the Nigerian women's team stunned Australian hosts with a shock win and are now leading their group. This puts them one step closer to winning this year's prize money, valued at US\$110 million - which is still a paltry figure compared to the US\$440 million men received last year. What's even more alarming about this pay gap is that it can make women more vulnerable to coercion and harassment.

But pay inequality isn't the only concern for women athletes. Men predominantly hold influential positions across sport

organisations, creating a power imbalance that leaves girls and women vulnerable to abuse. The expert status of officials and coaches is rarely questioned, and the lack of supervision and unclear boundaries between players and coaches can create an environment where mistreatment is tolerated. Unfortunately, these power



The pay gap that exists for women athletes is one of the factors that creates conditions conducive to abuse and exploitation in the sport sector. Photo: Andy Macfarlane/Unsplash

imbalances also heighten the risk of sextortion - the abuse of power to obtain a sexual benefit.

In October 2021, a FIFA official confirmed that the organisation had discovered cases of sexual abuse around the world. And last year, the Guardian reported more than 40 cases of sexual abuse and harassment in connection with the federation. The actual number of cases is challenging to ascertain as they often go unreported due to stigma, shame and guilt.

While not all these cases are classified as sextortion, the most serious ones usually involve people who abuse their power, such as coaches and agents. In fact, the results of in-depth investigations into sexual abuse in the sporting sector suggest that it is a widespread problem

that affects all sports in all regions of the world.

Existing measures to address sextortion in sport depend almost exclusively on reporting mechanisms and sanctions to deter abuse. However, when reporting channels are in place, they tend to lack independence, and fail to provide safe and trusted avenues for survivors to bring their claims. Sport organisations also often lack of capacity to properly detect and investigate reports of abuse. All these factors create an environment of silence and impunity, further perpetuating power imbalances.

In recent years, FIFA started taking notice and begun addressing these issues. At the 2022 Men's World Cup, the federation piloted a safeguarding programme to protect players from harassment and abuse. And this year, they put in place new programmes, including a grievance mechanism

and toolkit to train and support the implementation of measures to protect vulnerable groups. The roll-out of these new resources should be coupled with wider efforts to shift a culture that enables sextortion and other forms of abuse.

Prevention is the most potent form of defence, so creating stronger prevention frameworks should be the first priority for sport organisations like FIFA. But when prevention fails and abuse happens, players' safety and dignity should be placed over organisational reputation and financial gain, and wrongdoers must be held to account.

No more watching from the sidelines while corruption takes place. Let's get the ball rolling.



A CRUCIAL TEST FOR DEMOCRACY IN GUATEMALA ELECTIONS

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)

Guatemala, the largest country in Central America, is undergoing a critical test of its commitment to democracy and the rule of law in its presidential elections. The outcome will shape the nation's political and social stability, economic development, and international standing, particularly within the Organization of American States (OAS).

The general elections on June 25 concluded successfully, but no candidate secured the required majority to replace the incumbent President Alejandro Giammattei, whose term ends in January 2024.

Surprising many, Bernardo Arévalo of the Movimiento Semilla party emerged as the second-leading candidate, campaigning against corruption and gaining strong grassroots support.

This development clearly caused consternation among persons in the executive and judicial branches of the government who may have felt threatened by the possibility of Arévalo winning run-off elections against Sandra Torres, the leader of Unidad Nacional de la Esperanza party, scheduled for August 20.

The President of Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR), Margaret Macaulay, described the sequence of disturbing events that followed in this way: "On July 12th, on the same day that the Supreme Electoral Tribunal ratified the validity of the first round of the presidential election, the Public Prosecutor's Office by means of its Special Prosecutor's Office Against Corruption and Crime, announced a criminal investigation against the

political party Movimiento Semilla [-] Also, at the request of the Public Prosecutor's Office, a criminal judge had ordered the Supreme Electoral Tribunal to provisionally suspend the party's legal status to prevent its members from "participating in any subsequent political events".

The IACHR Chair also noted that "on July 21st, arrest warrants were issued for members of Movimiento Semilla whose headquarters were raided, and an arrest warrant was issued for an official of the Citizen Registry of the Supreme Electoral Tribunal, and new raids on this facilities took place".

The account of these events was substantiated by Dr. Irma Elizabeth Palencia Orellana, the Chief Magistrate of The Supreme Electoral Court of Guatemala, who told a meeting of the OAS Permanent Council on July 26 that "actions were brought against the Supreme Electoral Court's Register of Citizens, which included arbitrary searches and requests", including "retention of workers for more than ten hours straight, behind closed doors; the use of ski masks and firearms, when our staff are unarmed civilians and ours are administrative offices".

Dr Orellana made the point that these actions unjustifiably violated constitutional provisions. She also drew specific attention to Article 92 of the electoral law which states that "a party may not be suspended after an election has been called and until after the election has taken place."

All of this caused great alarm among member states of the OAS which, along with the European Union, had sent Electoral Observation Missions to Guatemala. Neither mission found any evidence of fraud or major irregularities that would call the elections results into question. The OAS mission warned that "feeding a narrative of fraud without evidentiary support undermines the



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will of the people and democratic institutions."

Against this background, on July 26, the OAS Permanent Council welcomed an invitation from the President of Guatemala to the Secretary-General, Luis Almagro, to "meet with government authorities and state institutions regarding the electoral process". It was also particularly helpful that the letter also noted "that this visit does not interfere with the work that the Electoral Observation Mission of the Organization of American States will carry out".

This invitation is a positive step by the Guatemalan government, demonstrating a willingness to dialogue and, hopefully, to explore ways of ensuring that clear guarantees will be given, allowing the Supreme Electoral Tribunal to conduct the run-off presidential elections with the same impartiality that it employed in the conduct of the general elections on June 25.

Equally important will be a commitment that the current improper use of the legal system to alter or influence the election result, as described by Chief Magistrate, Dr. Orellana, will cease.

Antigua and Barbuda, Canada, Costa Rica, Colombia, and the United States played a leading role in advancing concerns about the threats to Guatemala's electoral process, a cornerstone of democracy in the hemisphere.

Respecting the will of the people through free and fair elections is paramount to protect human and political rights from being overshadowed by dictatorship and chaos.

Secretary-General Almagro will go to Guatemala on August 1, just 19 days before the scheduled run-off presidential elections on August 20. The success of his discussions will be pivotal to the future of democracy in Guatemala.

In this critical moment, the Guatemalan authorities must demonstrate unwavering commitment to democracy, transparency, and the rule of law, not only for the nation's sake but also for the trust of the international community.

PUBLIC NOTICES

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1872289
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 28th, 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: July 28th, 2023
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator [12/1]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2103971
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 26th day of July, 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: 26 July 2023.
(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator [12/2]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act. 2004 ZR Investment Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2079948
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 28th day of July, 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa V. O' Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: 28th day of July 2023
(Sgd.) **Philippa V O'Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator [12/3]

NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004) WEALTH RISE HOLDINGS LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 27th day of July, 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register
The Liquidator is:-
Wayne S. Francis
of c/o Sertus Chambers, P.O. Box 905, Quastisky Building, Road Town, Tortola VG 1110, British Virgin Islands [12/4]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 27th day of July, 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register
The Liquidator is:-
Wayne S. Francis
of c/o Sertus Chambers, P.O. Box 905, Quastisky Building, Road Town, Tortola VG 1110, British Virgin Islands [12.5]

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

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company No. 2033087
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to section 204, subsection 1 (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in Voluntary Liquidation. The Voluntary Liquidation commenced on 24th 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 25th day of July 2023
(Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**
Voluntary Liquidator [12/6]

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

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company No. 582915
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to section 204, subsection 1 (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in Voluntary Liquidation. The Voluntary Liquidation commenced on 26th 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 26th July 2023
(Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**
Voluntary Liquidator [12/7]

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

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company No. 2063696
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to section 204, subsection 1 (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in Voluntary Liquidation. The Voluntary Liquidation commenced on 24th 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 25th day of July 2023
(Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**
Voluntary Liquidator [12/8]

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

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company No. 2027777
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 25th 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 26th July 2023
(Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**
Voluntary Liquidator [12/9]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 27th day of July 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidator is:-
Wayne S. Francis
of c/o Sertus Chambers, P.O. Box 905, Quastisky Building, Road Town, Tortola VG 1110, British Virgin Islands [12/10]

APPOINTMENT EUROCONNECTIONS LIMITED

("the Company")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 81169
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that: **Euroconnections Limited** is in voluntary liquidation. The date of commencement of liquidation is 31st July 2023. The liquidator is **Carmine Bailey of Kendall Corporate Services Limited, 2nd Floor Abbott Building, 87 Main Street, Waterfront Drive, P.O. Box 3169; PMB425, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated 31st July 2023
Carmine Bailey
Voluntary Liquidator [12/11]

Notice of Appointment of a Voluntary Liquidator under Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004. V. Siqueira Investments S.A.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2039766
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 31 July 2023. The Liquidator is **Ray A. George of Long Trench, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated this on 31 July 2023
Ray A. George
Voluntary Liquidator [12/12]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1992424
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 31 July 2023. The Liquidator is **Ray A. George of Long Trench, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated this 31 July 2023
Ray A. George
Voluntary Liquidator [12/2]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2103959
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 31st day of July, 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: 31 July 2023
(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator [12/14]

Notice of Appointment of a Voluntary Liquidator under Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004. ML INDEPENDENCIA III VENTURES INC.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1773705
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 27th day of July 2023. The Liquidator is **RAY GEORGE of Long Trench, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated this 27th day of July 2023
RAY GEORGE
Voluntary Liquidator [12/15]

Notice of Appointment of a Voluntary Liquidator under Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004. ML INDEPENDENCIA II INC

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1773704
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 27th day of July 2023. The Liquidator is **RAY GEORGE of Long Trench, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated this 27th day of July 2023
Ray George
Voluntary Liquidator [12/16]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004. SPLENDID DAYS LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1811012
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 1st day of August, 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa V. O' Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: 1st day of August 2023
(Sgd.) **Philippa V O'Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator [12/17]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act. ASTERIAL HOLDINGS LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2051546
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 August 1st, 2023.
Dated: August 1st, 2023
Voluntary Liquidator [12/18]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act. Alien Sport Action Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2097707
Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act, 2004 **Alien Sport Action Limited** Company No. 2097707
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from July 19, 2022.
Dated: 31st day of July, 2023.
Sgd. Sgd. Philippa V. O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator [12/19]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004. WARNAYARRA HOLDINGS INC.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 314471
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (a) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 1st August, 2023. The Liquidator is **Mr. Ray A. George of Long Trench Tortola, VG1110, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated this 1st August, 2023.
Sgd. Ray A. George
Liquidator [12/20]

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Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

FARMASTORE LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1459193

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 August 1st, 2023.

Dated: August 1st, 2023
(Sgd.) *Nelcia St. Jean*
Voluntary Liquidator
[12/21]

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

Garma Holding Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2103964

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

Dated: 1st August 2023
(Sgd.) *Philippa O'Sullivan*
Voluntary Liquidator
[12/22]

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

ALMERIA IMPORT & EXPORT LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 330545

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 31st July, 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, PO Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: 31st July, 2023
(Sgd.) *Philippa O'Sullivan*
Voluntary Liquidator
[12/23]

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

Kogan Amaro Holdings Corp.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2100879

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 31st July, 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, PO Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: 31st July, 2023
(Sgd.) *Philippa O'Sullivan*
Voluntary Liquidator
[12/24]

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

Aleaty Holding Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2103957

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 2nd August 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: 2nd August 2023
(Sgd.) *Philippa O'Sullivan*
Voluntary Liquidator
[12/25]

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

EDELIAN MANAGEMENT LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1768124

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 August 2nd, 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: August 2nd, 2023
(Sgd.) *Nelcia St. Jean*
Voluntary Liquidator
[12/26]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

SILVERSEA ENTERPRISES CORP.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 300323

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 August 1st, 2023.

Dated: August 2nd, 2023
(Sgd.) *Nelcia St. Jean*
Voluntary Liquidator
[12/27]

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

LZ Global Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1885018

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 13 June 2023. The Liquidator is **Ray A. George of Long Trench, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated this 13 day of June 2023
Ray A. George
Voluntary Liquidator
[12/28]

Chester Road Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company Number 1572123

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 2nd day of August, 2023.

Dated this 3rd day of August, 2023
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[12/29]

55 London Road Dunstable Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1410845

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 2nd day of August, 2023.

Dated this 3rd day of August, 2023
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[12/30]

Southam Properties Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1398895

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 2nd day of August, 2023.

Dated this 3rd day of August, 2023
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[12/31]



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

BY EMAIL AND VIRGIN ISLANDS GAZETTE
BVILR/PRE/8/2023

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

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Virgin Gorda South	4840B	77

The Chief Registrar of Lands hereby gives NOTICE that VERNON SMITH of 411 E-10 Street, New York, N.Y., USA has applied to be registered as the proprietor by Prescription of Parcel 77, Block 4840B, Virgin Gorda South Registration Section. Affidavits were file in support of his application. Parcel 77 is registered to:

- Albena Steber c/o Victor Smith, Valley, Virgin Gorda

Anyone who has just cause to object to VERNON SMITH being registered as the proprietor for the aforementioned Parcel 77, Block 4840B, Virgin Gorda South Registration Section should file their objection in writing at the Lands Unit on or before Monday 4th September 2023.

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

Dated this 27th day of July 2023

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

To: Harbour Chambers (BVI)
12 Chalwell Street
Road Town, Tortola, VG1110
Virgin Islands

Legal Practitioner for Vernon Smith, Applicant
Harbourchambersbvi@gmail.com

Albena Steber
c/o Victor Smith
Valley, Virgin Gorda, VG1150
Virgin Islands

Registered Proprietor of Parcel 77, Block 4840B, Virgin Gorda South Registration Section

[12]

PUBLIC NOTICES

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

AND

IN THE MATTER OF LENIA HODGE AND TORTOLA HOMES PROPERTIES

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that in exercise of the power of sale conferred on the Chargee by the Registered land Act, Cap. 229 of the Laws of the Virgin islands and in right of the said power vested in TORTOLA HOMES PROPERTIES, the Chargee by virtue of a certain Charge of the undermentioned land created by LENIA HODGE as Chargor and TORTOLA HOME PROPERTIES as Chargee and registered in the Land Register of the Virgin Islands as an encumbrance in the register relating to the said land TORTOLA HOMES PROPERTIES will put up for sale by public auction at the office of McW. Todman & Co., Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands on Thursday the 17th day of August, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. the undermentioned parcel of land together with a dwelling house standing thereon with the upset price set at \$565,000.00.

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

Interested persons are asked to submit a sealed offer or provide a written notice confirming interest in the property and an intention to bid at the time of the Auction anytime up to 4:00 p.m. on 16th August, 2023 to the office of McW. Todman & Co.

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

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

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

Dated the 2nd day of August, 2023.

Sgd: McW. TODMAN & Co.
McW. TODMAN & CO.
ATTORNEYS for
TORTOLA HOMES PROPERTIES

[13]

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

IN THE ESTATE OF
MICHAEL HUMPHREY
TOLLEMACHE,
DECEASED

In the estate of
MICHAEL HUMPHREY
TOLLEMACHE, late of
Tollemache Hall, Offton,
Ipswich, Suffolk IP8 4RT,
United Kingdom, deceased

Notice is given that after the expiration of 8 days application will be made to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the resealing of the probate of the Deceased granted by the District Probate Registry at Winchester, High Court of Justice of England and Wales on the 7th day of November 2018 to GAY ROSEMARY DENISE O'GRADY TOLLEMACHE of Flat 2, 34 Sloane Gardens, London SW1W 8DJ, United Kingdom and DUNCAN JOHN CULLEN GRANT of Flat 33 Churchfield Mansions, 321-345 New Kings Road, London SW6 4RA, United Kingdom as well as Jonathan Reade Godwin-Austen of 9 New Square, Lincoln's Inn, London WC2A 3QN, deceased.

Dated the 3rd day of August 2023

Filed by Gay Rosemary Denise O'Grady Tollemache and Duncan John Cullen Grant, Propounders whose address for service is c/o Harney Westwood & Riegels, Craigmuir Chambers, PO Box 71, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110, British Virgin Islands.

[12]

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

BVIHPB2023/0150

In the estate of Leong, Christina Shau Ling, late 7A Tyersall Road, Singapore, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that CHAN, WING CHENG of 7A Tyersall Road, Singapore and LEONG, NELSON KWOK FAI of Apt. 14A, 9 Bowen Road, Hong Kong, the Executors and Trustees named in the Last Will and Testament (the Will) of LEONG, CHRISTINA SHAU LING, deceased who died on the 14th day of November, 2022 domiciled in Singapore (the Deceased), have applied to the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the Probate Division for Probate of the Will bearing the date 28 May 2015.

ANY PERSON having an objection to the Grant of Probate to the said CHAN, WING CHENG and LEONG, NELSON KWOK FAI, shall within fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of this Notice lodge with the Registry of the High Court in the Territory of the Virgin Islands a proper document setting out the said objections.



Solicitors for the Executors

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

IN THE ESTATE OF NICHOLAS GRAHAM LIGHT,
DECEASED

In the estate of NICHOLAS GRAHAM LIGHT also known as Nicholas Light, late of 18 Bramber Way, Burgess Hill, West Sussex RH15 8JX, United Kingdom, deceased

Notice is given that after the expiration of 8 days application will be made to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the resealing of the probate of the Deceased granted by the Principal Registry of the Family Division, High Court of Justice of England and Wales on the 14th day of April 2023 to EMILY SARAH LIGHT of Flat 5, 15 Ranelagh Villas, Hove, East Sussex BN3 6HE, United Kingdom and TIMOTHY WILLIAM LIGHT of Petwood, New House Farm, Twineham Lane, Henfield, West Sussex RH17 5NP, United Kingdom.

Dated the 1st day of August 2023

Filed by Emily Sarah Light and Timothy William Light, Propounders whose address for service is c/o Harney Westwood & Riegels, Craigmuir Chambers, PO Box 71, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110, British Virgin Islands.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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

BVIHPB2023/0141

In the Estate of Anna Helena Mariani Bittencourt, late of Rua Bela Cintra, N 2262, Apto 192, Consolação, São Paulo, SP, Brazil, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that DANIELA MARIA MOREAU of Senador Cesar Lacerda Vergueiro Street, no 151, Apt 301, Sumarezinho, 05435-060, São Paulo- SP, Brazil, a lawful child and one of the residuary beneficiaries of the estate of ANNA HELENA MARIANI BITTENCOURT, deceased (the Deceased), who died on the 22nd day of June, 2022 domiciled in Brazil, has applied to the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the Probate Division for a Grant of Letters of Administration with Will Annexed in the estate of the Deceased.

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



Solicitors for the Intended Administratrix

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

(PROBATE)

BVIHPB2023/0154

IN THE ESTATE OF TERRANECE B. LETTSOME LATE OF
TORTOLA BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS, DECEASED

PUBLIC NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by BRENDA LETTSOME-TYE (hereinafter referred to as "the Applicant") of Tortola British Virgin Islands for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above-named deceased who died on the 12th day of January 2007 at Road Town Tortola domiciled in Tortola British Virgin Islands without revoking a Will bearing the date 19th June 2001 wherein the Applicant is named executor thereof.

ANY PERSON having an objection to the Grant of Probate to the applicant shall file an objection with the Registrar of the High Court in the Territory of the Virgin Islands within fourteen (14) days of the date of publication of this Notice.

Dated this 2nd day of August 2023

Filed by: Harbour Chambers BVI
12 Chalwell Street Road Town
Tortola Virgin Islands
Legal Practitioners for the Applicant

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FORM P7: ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT The Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

VIRGIN ISLANDS
ADMINISTRATION
NO. 155 OF 2023

In the Estate of
SHIGETOSHI
NARAHARA late of
1-4-1 Shimotakaido,
Suginami-ku, Tokyo
Japan 168-0073, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by TAKAKO NARAHARA of 1-4-1, Shimotakaido, Suginami-Ku, Tokyo, Japan, language teacher and AIKO MATSUI of 4-22-7, Matsumidai, Nishi-ku, Niigata City, Niigata, Japan, housewife, for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who are the daughters of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 03 June 2017.

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

Dated this day of 2023.

Filed by BGA Law for the Applicant whose address for service is Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116. Road Town, Tortola, VG 1110, British Virgin Islands

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Lands Administration Department
PO Box 961
Road Town, Tortola, Virgin Islands
BVI

BVILR/PT/05/2023
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PARTITION

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

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Sea Cows Bay	2737B	191

TAKE NOTICE that:
1. LYNDLEY TURNBULL of 2002 Amherst Road, Hyattsville, Maryland 20783, and AUDREY TURNBULL DRAISIN of PO Box 344, Bronx New York, 10462, USA as Personal Representatives of the Estate of Daniel Turnbull (deceased) by their attorney Michael Turnbull.
2. CHRISTOPHER TURNBULL of 100 East 99th Street Apt. 8G, New York, NY 10029 USA as the Personal Representative of the Estate of Blanche Turnbull (deceased).
3. BEVIN SINCLAIR TURNBULL of 1170 East 225th Street, Bronx, New York, 10466 USA and KAY CAROL POLLARD NEE TURNBULL, of 279 Wynding Way, Bushhill, PA, 18324 USA as Personal Representatives of the Estate of John Turnbull (deceased) have all applied to the Chief Registrar of Lands for the aforementioned parcel to be partitioned in accordance with the Survey Plan No.: CA-2737B-124-T drawn by Burton Chalwell a licensed Surveyor dated 30th September 2022.

Parcel 191 registered as follows:

- Estate of James Edward Turnbull
 - Lyndley Turnbull and Audrey Draisin as Personal Representatives of Daniel Turnbull (dec'd)
 - Thomas Turnbull
 - Sarah Turnbull
 - Evaralda Sarauw
 - Emma Turnbull
 - Hilda Delville
 - Bevin Sinclair Turnbull and Kay Carol Pollard nee Turnbull, as Administrators of the Estate of John Turnbull (dec'd) c/o O'Neal Webster PO Box 961 Road Town, Tortola, BVI
 - Christopher Turnbull, as Personal Representative of Blanche Turnbull (dec'd) c/o O'Neal Webster, PO Box 961 Road Town, Tortola, BVI
- Proprietors in Common

Anyone who has just cause to object to the proposed Partition of the aforementioned parcel should submit their objection in writing to the Chief Registrar of Lands no later than Monday, 28th August, 2023.

An Interim Restriction has been place on Parcel 191, Block 2737B Sea Cows Bay Registration Section pending the outcome of the Application for Partition.

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

Dated this 21st day of July 2023.

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

To: Estate of James Edward Turnbull
Thomas Turnbull
Sarah Turnbull
Evaralda Sarauw
Emma Turnbull
Hilda Delville

xc:JFahie@onealwebster.com
Legal Practitioner for the Applicants
O'Neal Webster, PO Box 961, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110,
Virgin Islands

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2023 LAND BASED EMERGENCY SHELTERS

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

Shelter Classifications

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

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

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

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



**GOVERNMENT OF THE
VIRGIN ISLANDS**



Autism Centre Concludes Transitional Summer Camp

The Virgin Islands Autism Centre recently concluded its transitional summer camp programme for children with the disorder and other types of developmental disabilities.

Director for the Autism Centre Miss Crystal Estridge said the autism transition camp was a small scaled programme designed to introduce the children who are assigned to Therapeutic Kindergarten classroom, to a similar routine for ease of transitioning for September 2023.

Miss Estridge said, "The duration of the camp was from July 4 to 28. This Transition camp was structured like a school day, with inclusions of morning snack, afternoon snack, lunch and rest time which will follow through into the Therapeutic Kindergarten classroom."

Other elements of the programme included sensory and tactile activities as well as exposure to the use of the outdoors to help with generalisation, exposure and pet therapy.

Miss Estridge said the centre is striving to put different mechanisms in place for individuals with autism and other developmental disabilities to develop their cognitive and motor skills during the early intervention stage.

"When they go on to school we want them to have the necessary abilities to now integrate into the formal school system. We also have a partnership with the Ministry of Education. The aim is to work together to help prepare them and develop that readiness for school," the Director said.

Miss Estridge explained that the centre typically has camps for clients during the holiday seasons but this specific one focused on clients transitioning. She added that the camp this year has largely been successful in assisting the children and she hopes it can expand next year in the amount of activities done.

"In the future, we would probably want it to be larger in the scale of the areas that we tackle and the diversity of the activities. For this specific camp, we had one excursion to the Botanic Gardens and next year we would like to do more trips so that they could have exposure to a wider range of activities," Miss Estridge said.

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



GOVERNMENT OF THE
VIRGIN ISLANDS

VACANCY NOTICE RECREATION TRUST

The Vision of the Government of the Virgin Islands is to transform the Virgin Islands into a leading economy through entrepreneurship, innovation and local and foreign investment. This means creating a thriving, vibrant, diversified and innovative, knowledge-based economy with an attractive business environment. Embedded in this is the importance of ensuring our Recreational Facilities are operating at international standards not only to accommodate our local population but to also attract regional and international activities as the Government looks towards building sports tourism.

Recreation Trust

Recreation Trust is committed to securing public recreation grounds by purchase, lease or other means, whilst exercising fiscal responsibility in expending public funds. The Trust is committed to overseeing the comprehensive maintenance of facilities entrusted to the Recreation Trust, thereby encouraging full and constructive use of the recreation grounds within the Territory. The Government, through the Ministry of Education, Youth Affairs and Sports is seeking qualified persons to fill the following positions:

1. **Chairman**
2. **Deputy Chairman**
3. **Member (2) (Representatives from any of the Sister Islands)**
4. **Six (6) members from among Recreational and Sporting Associations in the Territory**

Trust Members

Persons applying to serve on the Recreation Trust should have the professional competence that exemplify integrity, respect and a balance of skills and experience that match the purpose and values of the Trust. Persons should possess abilities of:

- a) Project Management and/or Maintenance
- b) Finance and/or compliance

- c) Sports and Recreation Management on an international level
- d) Legal or Administrative experience

The Ideal Candidates should embody/fulfil the following:

- Be able to attend meetings either in person or virtually
- Possess leadership skills
- Show a clear understanding of the recreation and sports needs of the Territory
- Capable and willing to actively contribute to the discussion
- Share recommendations to improve the work of the Trust in the maintenance of Recreational Facilities
- Demonstrate the ability and willingness to work effectively and collaboratively with all stakeholders.
- Willing to make a professional commitment to the Trust in carrying out its vision and mission and actively contribute to discussions on related topics
- Demonstrate a commitment to confidentiality, integrity, manage complexity and act decisively
- Ensure all Trust recommendations are carried out and that actions to achieve the Trust's Strategic Goals are successfully executed

Applicants should submit their resume with a cover letter to:

Permanent Secretary
Ministry of Education, Youth Affairs
and Sports
Government of the Virgin Islands
2nd Floor, Creque Building
Road Town, Tortola VG1110
The Virgin Islands

Closing date:
21st August, 2023

Trump Pleads Not Guilty to Election Charges



This artist sketch depicts former President Donald Trump, right, conferring with defense lawyer Todd Blanche, center, during his court appearance in Washington, Aug. 3, 2023. Special Prosecutor Jack Smith is at left. (Dana Verkouteren via AP)

Former U.S. President Donald Trump pleaded not guilty Thursday in Washington to a four-count federal indictment that he illegally attempted to overturn his 2020 reelection loss to stay in power for another four years in the White House.

Trump, who has denied all wrongdoing in the array of allegations he is facing, entered his plea in a rare trip to the U.S. capital 2½ years after voters ousted him after a single term.

Amid tight security at the U.S. Courthouse, he sat through a half-hour arraignment, answering routine questions from U.S. Magistrate Judge Moxila Upadhyaya, giving his full name, Donald John Trump, his age, 77, and avowed that he was not under the influence of any drugs.

Upadhyaya read the charges to Trump accusing him of conspiring against the United States to overthrow his election loss to Democrat Joe Biden, now the U.S. president, and listed the lengthy prison terms he would face if convicted.

Then Trump, wearing his customary dark blue suit and

red tie, told the judge he was pleading not guilty to the 45-page indictment handed up Tuesday by a federal grand jury at the behest of Justice Department special counsel Jack Smith.

Smith was in the courtroom seated a short distance from Trump, but the two adversaries did not appear to interact. Trump sat at the defense table, listening to the judge, leaning forward, clenching his hands.

"This is very quiet," Trump remarked before the hearing started, with the judge taking the bench about 10 minutes late. He had already been booked with his fingerprints taken, but since Trump is a universally recognized figure, authorities skipped taking his mug shot.

Upadhyaya set August 28 for the next hearing in the case, and it will be conducted by U.S. District Judge Tanya Chutkan, who was randomly selected to oversee Trump's trial. Upadhyaya said Chutkan was willing to waive Trump's appearance at the first hearing if he does not want to show up.

A trial in the case could be months away, although

government prosecutors are pushing for a date sooner rather than later. Upadhyaya said Chutkan would set a trial date at the hearing later this month.

Trump defense lawyer Todd Blanche said the former president's lawyers needed an estimate from Smith's lawyers of the volume of documents and electronic files prosecutors are required to turn over to them and the degree to which they have exculpatory information about Trump.

After the hearing, Trump quickly headed to Reagan National Airport for a flight on his private jet back to his Bedminster golf club in New Jersey.

He characterized the indictment as a "persecution" and called it "a very sad day for America."

Trump held an oversized black umbrella as a light rain fell and also criticized Washington itself.

"It was also very sad driving through Washington, D.C., and seeing the filth and the decay and all of the broken buildings and walls and the graffiti," he said. "This is not the place that

I left. It's a very sad thing to see it when you look at what's happening."

Ahead of his trip to Washington, Trump assailed the case against him in a string of remarks on his Truth Social media site.

"I am now going to Washington, D.C., to be arrested for having challenged a corrupt, rigged & stolen election," the former president told his supporters. "It is a great honor, because I am being arrested for you."

In a fiery fundraising email, the former president assailed Biden for overseeing "a dystopian Third World dictatorship that has only temporarily taken control of our once great and free Republic."

Trump is the first U.S. president, in office or after his term, in the country's 247-year history, to face criminal charges.

The case in Washington is the third indictment filed against Trump in the past four months and the most all-encompassing, accusing him of attempting to undermine the peaceful transfer of power from one president to the next, one of the central tenets of U.S. democracy.

It accuses him of orchestrating a plan to retain power, though aides repeatedly told him he had lost the election and there was no proof of substantial fraud that would have changed the outcome.

The indictment accuses Trump of spreading lies that "there had been outcome-determinative fraud in the election and that he had actually won. These claims were false, and the Defendant knew that they were false."

"He deliberately disregarded the truth," the indictment

alleges.

The indictment, in sum, accuses him of targeting "a bedrock function of the United States federal government: the nation's process of collecting, counting, and certifying the results of the presidential election."

Despite the growing number of criminal charges leveled against Trump, he is far and away the leading Republican contender for the party's 2024 presidential nomination and could again face Biden.

Trump is also facing a state trial in New York in March 2024 on charges that he altered business records at his real estate conglomerate to hide a \$130,000 hush money payment to an adult film performer ahead of his successful 2016 run for the presidency to silence her claim that she had a one-night tryst with Trump a decade earlier. Trump has denied the affair occurred.

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

BVIHPB2023/0146

In the estate of Chao, Kuang Piu, late of Flat B, 23rd Floor, No. 39 Conduit Road, Mid-levels, Hong Kong, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that LIU, MAI of Flat H, 9th Floor, Tower 6, Island Harbour View, Kowloon, Hong Kong, the Executor and Trustee named in the Last Will and Testament of CHAO, KUANG PIU, deceased who died on the 12th day of March, 2021 domiciled in Hong Kong (the Deceased), has applied to the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the Probate Division for Probate of the said Last Will and Testament bearing the date 3 May 2013.

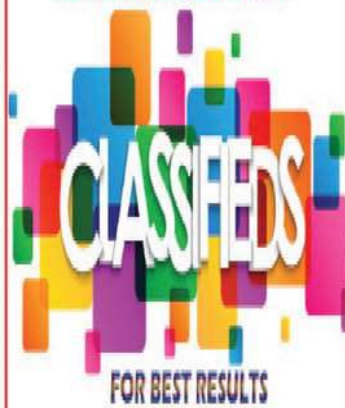
ANY PERSON having an objection to the Grant of Probate to the said LIU, MAI, shall within fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of this Notice lodge with the Registry of the High Court in the Territory of the Virgin Islands a proper document setting out the said objections.



Solicitors for the Executor

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Sids Pomato Point Restaurant located in Anegada BVI is seeking the following positions:

1 Assistant Manager

2 Bartenders

2 Waitstaff

Please send resumes to sidspomatopointrestaurant@gmail.com or call (284) 441 5565. [s12]

SONNY'S LAUNDROMAT LIMITED needs one full time LAUNDRY MAT ASSISTANT. Telephone 496-7141 [s12]

DTL Management Ltd., located on the 2nd floor, Charles Court Building, Main Street, Tortola, BVI, is seeking a Chief Risk Officer (CRO) and Money Laundering Reporting Officer (MLRO). Applicant must have at least 20 years of legal experience, with a degree from an accredited institution, working as a lawyer in the financial services sector in London or New York, must be qualified in civil and common law jurisdictions, have compliance management, experience has a minimum of 2 years experience working with Blockchain- powered products and services, and have strong analytical and leadership skills. If interested, please send your resume to ndavis@davisconsultingbvi.com. or Telephone : 284-346-3266 [s13]

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DOMESTIC HELPER needed (full time). Please contact Kettia Pierre at 346-2072 for more information. [s12]

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Telephone 1-214-282-9061 or 1-340-714-1404.
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