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AMAZING RISE IN CRUISE VISITORS TO REACH OVER 800.000 BY YEAR'S END

In a remarkable rebound since the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Territory has witnessed a dramatic surge in cruise passenger arrivals. This uplifting news was shared by Hon. Kye Rymer, Minister of Communication and Works during the 7 September sitting of the House of Assembly. According to Hon. Rymer, this impressive revival in cruise passenger arrivals since the summer of 2021

hints at the resilience of the cruise tourism sector despite the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Minister said: "The BVIPA's and the Ministry's unwavering commitment to providing a secure and inviting atmosphere has played a pivotal role in the upswing of cruise tourism, with exceptional passenger numbers underscoring a positive trajectory that is expected to continue into the upcoming 2023-2024

season."

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Statistics from the BVI Ports Authority (BVIPA) show that as of 31st August 2023, the Territory welcomed a total of 492,481 cruise passengers.

While elaborating on the impressive numbers, Hon. Rymer said, "Madam Speaker, we have demonstrated remarkable resilience and adaptability, and we are thrilled to witness this exponential growth in cruise tourism. The dedication of our

community, combined with strategic planning, has made this achievement possible." Furthermore, projections for the upcoming 2023-2024 tourism season are optimistic. The BVIPA expects passenger numbers to reach an astounding 794,489. This forecast surpasses the record set in 2016, when the BVI saw an arrival of 699,105 passengers.

The economic impact of this surge is expected to be substantial, especially considering that the cruise business contributes to 40percent of BVIPA's total revenue. Citing data from the Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA), Hon. Rymer explained that the figures emphasize the cruise industry's vital role in both the BVI and the broader Caribbean region, promising significant economic growth, job opportunities, and benefits for local businesses.



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GOVERNMENT COMMITTED TO SETTLE MONEYS OWED TO ELECTRICITY CORP.

The issues of government debts and how it affects other businesses and organizations was highlighted in the House of Assembly on 7 September as Hon. Marlon Penn, Opposition Member and Representative for the 8th District, spotlighted the outstanding balances owed to the BVI Electricity Corporation (BVIEC) by the Central Government.

In a detailed response, Premier and Minister of Finance, Dr. the Hon. Natalio Wheatley, laid out the government's roadmap to clear these dues, signaling a renewed era of fiscal responsibility and transparency.

Hon. Marlon Penn initiated the discussion by inquiring: "Madam Speaker, could the

Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance please give this Honourable House the following: a detailed breakdown of the monies owed to the BVI Electricity Corporation by central Government and all subvention receiving statutory entities under his purview as Premier?"

Dr. Wheatley responded by admitting that outstanding balances to BVIEC have been an ongoing issue for years and across various administrations. He stated, "But Madam Speaker, since taking up office, my administration has committed to pay to vendors what is owed. BVIEC is no exception."

The Premier further detailed that as of 31 August,

the Central Government's outstanding balance to BVIEC stood at \$833,518.42. Out of this amount, \$728,111.77 are current balances, meaning they are zero to thirty days old. He emphasized that a significant chunk, \$455,998.75 to be precise, of this current balance, was for Bi-Water operations.

Highlighting the government's efforts to honor its obligations, the Premier said: "Madam Speaker, this demonstrates that Central Government is largely honouring the amounts owed to BVIEC."

On the topic of statutory entities, the Premier mentioned that the Recovery and Development Agency is the only entity under the Premier's Office billed for electricity.

PLAN TO SETTLE THE OUTSTANDING BALANCE

Addressing the second part of Hon. Penn's question regarding the plan to pay off the outstanding balance, Hon. Wheatley mentioned that the government has centralized the payment of utility bills, which has effectively ensured timely payments of electricity bills.

He stated: "Madam Speaker, the challenges extend much

further than outstanding balances owed to BVIEC, but Government is exploring all options including payment plans, settlement in full, and application of any credit notes at BVIEC."

The Premier assured that the Ministry of Finance would continue to oversee the performance of statutory bodies to make sure they meet all their obligations.

Statement by Premier Wheatley on the Passing of Mr. Ronald Donovan, Registrar of Shipping

Madam Speaker, we are here in the House of Assembly at this stage to handle matters related to advancing the Shipping Registry. This is positive for the BVI and a good thing overall. Sadly, however, at this very same time, I have the sad task of offering condolences to the family members, friends and colleagues of the Registrar of Shipping, Mr. Ronald Donovan, who passed over the weekend.

Of the staff members present here today, and as a matter of fact, of the staff members currently at the Virgin Islands Shipping Registry, Mr. Donovan has been one of the longest continuous serving members of the organisation. Mr. Donovan was the Registrar for more than 17 years, even preceding the time of the function of the Registry becoming a Government department. He served for several years at the Financial Services Commission prior to the services being transferred.

Mr. Donovan was a Registrar of Registrars; confident in his role, knowledgeable and experienced at his craft and a champion for the Shipping Registry's cause. Madam Speaker, the process that we are undertaking here today, Mr. Donovan was passionate to see it through. He actually participated in a presentation to Government on this very same matter almost a week to this day - a participation where he eloquently made his contribution. And if you knew Mr. Donovan, you would know what I mean about eloquent contribution.

Ronald was known throughout the Red Ensign Group of flags and his absence from any group event anywhere in the world would be met with queries of his absence and well being. As a matter of fact, Mr. Donovan was one of the longest active serving members across the administrations of the group of Red Ensign British flags. The clients of the Virgin Islands Shipping Registry in Miami, London, and many places globally knew Ronald by name; they would be visibly excited to see and greet him on every visit to their region. This was a testament to his presence in the industry, his warm personality and his humor.

Mr. Richard Pellew of the UK Maritime and Coast Guard Agency (the MCA) on hearing the news wrote, "That is truly sad news and, for us, very unexpected. Ronald has always been the elder statesman and pivotal member of the Red Ensign Group (REG) family in all the time I have been here, and it is hard to imagine the REG without him. We will undoubtedly be the poorer for his passing. I will share the sad news with the group but please, when you are able to, pass on the condolences from all of us in the MCA to his family and friends."

Mr. Donovan was also an active member of the Carrot Bay community and District 1 activities and any candidate in that District would have been well advised to have a discussion with Ronald and get his support if you wanted to be successful. Wherever Ronald served, he was a champion at whatever he wanted to do and passionate in so doing.

I again extend my condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of Mr. Ronald Donovan. I pray God's strength for each and every one of you. He will be sorely missed in many venues of the world.

May his soul rest in peace.



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JOE'S HILL HOMES DEEMED TOO EXPENSIVE

In a plea for unity and innovative solutions, Minister for Social Development, Hon. Vincent Wheatley, has reached out for a HOA heads-together brainstorming approach to the Joe's Hill Manor project dilemma. The Minister specifically asked Eighth District Representative, Hon. Marlon Penn, for assistance in addressing the challenge of over 40 vacant homes that was marketed in the beginning as the perfect approach to fixing the first-time home ownership issue.

The public concern about the project stems from the fact that construction took a

significant investment from the Social Security Board with the promise of offering affordable housing to local first-time homeowners. However, many of the hopeful homeowners were empty-handed due to prohibitive costs.

During the recent House of Assembly (HOA) session, Hon. Wheatley disclosed the expenses associated with the project. He stated, "\$26,955,065 was spent on the homes as of August 2023." The Minister explained that the ambitious project includes a broad spectrum of housing types, from one-bedroom condominiums to three-

bedroom townhouses, totaling 52 units.

While, reflecting on the deep-rooted desire for homeownership in the BVI, Hon. Wheatley expressed his disappointment, stating: "It was never envisioned that a project would see what is happening now." With over 600 applicants at one point, the current situation is far from the envisioned outcome.

Acknowledging the initial target of young professionals for the housing initiative, the Social Development Minister conveyed that the government is currently reassessing the approach. However, he emphasized the urgency of

finding a resolution, as the vacant assets continue to depreciate.

Making a passionate plea to his colleagues, the Minister emphasized the collective responsibility to address the issue. "How do we help our people own those houses up there?" he posited. Recognizing the gravity of the situation and his own uncertainty, he continued: "I'm kind of lost like everybody as to what we should do."

He further expressed his willingness to collaborate and brainstorm potential solutions, and encouraged Hon. Penn, with his finance and IT background, to join the effort. "Let's figure

out how we can get our people in those homes as quickly as possible for Christmas. Let's give our people a Christmas gift. Let's figure it out."

Addressing the pressing issue, Hon. Penn highlighted that some prospective homeowners struggled to qualify for loans due to lack of the necessary deposit, insufficient savings, or unsatisfactory creditworthiness. He further probed Hon. Wheatley about the Ministry's next steps, especially considering the government's considerable investment and the apparent misalignment with homeownership realities for many residents.

MARKET SQUARE FUNCTIONALITY QUESTIONED

The current use of the Road Town Market Square is of concern to Eighth District Representative, and Opposition Member Hon. Marlon Penn; who during the 7 September House of Assembly sitting questioned Communications and Works Minister, Hon. Kye Rymer about the functionality of the space.

Since its launch in February, the facility, which includes with some 16 kiosks, has experienced a less-than-anticipated occupancy rate, contrary to the government's portrayal of the site offering affordable vendor spaces.

In response to Hon. Penn, the Minister of

Communications and Works explained that the low number of vendors at the facility is the issue of concern at the moment. He said: "Even though the spaces were all allotted initially, some vendors previously assigned have not fulfilled the requirements to utilise the kiosks." In fact, the Minister disclosed that five kiosks remain open for long-term rental.

Residents and vendors alike have pointed out some limitations, specifically highlighting the lack of adequate awnings for protection from the elements. In response, Hon. Rymer disclosed: "There is a bid currently out for shutters

to be installed to outfit the kiosks and monies set aside for the construction of a bus shelter."

However, the deeper issue remains the very purpose of the Market Square. Hon. Penn critiqued the government's vision, suggesting that the development leaned more towards a business centre than its supposed intent of being a farmers' market. He pointedly asked the Minister: "Is it a farmers' market that we have there or do we have an economic zone?" Taking it further, Hon. Penn observed: "I hear mostly fried food and all kind of thing, and slushy," underscoring the departure from the original purpose.

The Opposition Member's concerns extended beyond the scope of the Market Square, touching on broader issues faced by local farmers. "The farmers are struggling to get water... They can't get seedlings, so they can plant their farm," Penn passionately remarked, emphasizing that the designated space should cater to "the hardworking farmers of this community, in this

Territory." Further voicing his dismay, Hon. Penn criticized the government's approach, arguing they have mishandled the initial vision for the Market Square. According to him, the space was initially purposed exclusively for farmers and fishermen, a vision now seemingly blurred by the amalgamation of diverse vendors.

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Statement By Hon. de Castro on the Start of the 2023-2024 School Year



Hon. Sharie de Castro

*THIRD SITTING OF THE FIRST
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2023*

*STATEMENT ON THE START
OF THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR*

Madam Speaker, it is with immense joy and renewed dedication that I acknowledge the start of the 2023-2024 school year. The Ministry of Education remains committed to Moving Virgin Islands Education: Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead. As educators and students begin this new school year, let us recognize the profound significance of education to our beloved

territory. Education forms the bedrock of a thriving society. It empowers us, enriches our minds, and equips us with the tools to shape our future.

To our dedicated educators and enthusiastic students, I extend a warm welcome back. Your commitment to teaching and learning is the cornerstone of our educational advancement. Madam Speaker, in this pursuit of excellence, we must remember that education is a collaborative effort. The unwavering support of parents, loved ones, the community, and the private sector plays an instrumental role in nurturing our educational ecosystem.

Madam Speaker, the Ministry of Education recognizes that school infrastructure, professional development for educators, and educational resources play a crucial role in achieving efficient teaching and learning. A conducive and equipped learning environment not only ensures the physical comfort and safety of students but also facilitates engagement and inspiration. Additionally, providing educators with continuous opportunities for professional

development empowers them to adapt their teaching methodologies to evolving educational landscapes, ultimately enhancing student outcomes. Equally critical are abundant and up-to-date educational resources, which ignite curiosity, deepen understanding, and encourage critical thinking among students.

Madam Speaker, The Ministry of Education has committed to focusing in on and funding these areas because we believe that when these pillars are robustly established, they synergistically create an ecosystem where effective education thrives, enabling students to unlock their full potential and become lifelong learners.

Madam Speaker, I am pleased to report that Professional Day and Summer Institute 2023 held during the week of 28th August to 1st September, was an overwhelming success. On Monday, 28th August, over five hundred (500) educators from public and private schools assembled at the Eileene L. Parsons Auditorium at the H. Lavity Stoutt Community

College for Professional Day.

During the week of Summer Institute, several training sessions were conducted focusing on Curriculum and Pedagogy, S.T.E.A.M., A.I. and Robotics in Education, Multi-grade Teaching, Professional Conduct, Health and Wellness, Personal Finances, Psychosocial Health and Special Education. Secondary students also participated in a Robotics Workshop that created an opportunity for them to get a glimpse of the innovation that will unfold in their upcoming S.T.E.A.M. Innovations class.

Madam Speaker, the Ministry also welcomed guests to the territory, namely Dr. Maurice Smith, Registrar of the University of the West Indies, Dr. Collin Greene, Principal of the Princess Margaret Secondary School in Antigua, Mr. Chandler Griffin and team from ISENSYS and a team from Walden University's College of Education who through presentations motivated, inspired and shared their experiences, expertise and programmes with educators.

Madam Speaker, I believe that our educators are

enthusiastic and equipped to welcome students to all public schools on Monday, 11th September, 2023.

In conclusion Madam Speaker, as a territory as we embark on this new academic year, let us collectively embrace the theme of "Moving Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead." This signifies our dedication to Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics - an interdisciplinary approach that cultivates holistic growth and equips us for the challenges and opportunities of the future.

The challenges of our time call for a generation skilled not only in academic knowledge but also in critical thinking, problem-solving, creativity, innovation, and collaboration. These are the skills that will enable us to navigate an ever-evolving world with confidence and competence. Madam Speaker, with enthusiasm and determination, let us collectively pledge to make this academic year one of growth, discovery, and accomplishment. Together, we shall shape a brighter future for our Virgin Islands.

Statement by Hon. Sharie B. de Castro on Summer Camps and Afterschool Programmes

Madam Speaker, the development of our children and young people is of utmost importance to the continued development of the Territory. Thus, I am pleased to highlight the reintroduction of Summer Camps in July 2023 through the Department of Youth Affairs and Sports. A total of three separate camps were offered: the Youth Summer Camp, S.T.E.A.M. Summer Camp and the Multi-Sport Summer Camp.

Madam Speaker, the Youth Summer Camp catered to children 5-16 years and offered, arts and crafts, cookery, S.T.E.A.M. activities, recreation, field trips and swimming. The youth camp centres were held in Tortola at the Francis Lettsome Primary School,

the Elmore Stoutt High School and the Ebenezer Thomas Primary School and in Virgin Gorda at the Bregado Flax Educational Centre, in Anegada at the Claudia Creque Educational Centre and in the Jost Van Dyke at the Jost Van Dyke Primary School. Madam Speaker, the S.T.E.A.M.

Summer Camp catered to children 8-14 years and was held at the Elmore Stoutt High School. The first of its kind, this camp engaged young people in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics. Participants were also given the opportunity to develop their swimming skills. An exhibition of the projects was displayed at end of the camp.

Madam Speaker, additionally, one camp was dedicated entirely to sports. The Multi-Sport Summer Camp was held in Tortola at the

Multi-Purpose Sports Complex and the E. Walwyn Brewley Ball Park, and on Virgin Gorda at the Valley field and the Jeffrey Caines Sports Arena. This camp catered to children 5-16 years and provided an opportunity to learn skills in basketball, volleyball and softball. Participants were exposed equally to all three sports. The camps ended with a Fun Day and the children got the opportunity to enjoy food and drinks, music, water slides, bouncy houses, face painting and games.

Madam Speaker, three hundred and ninety (390) children were registered for the Youth and S.T.E.A.M. Summer Camps and one hundred and sixty (160) for the Multi-Sports Camp. Thus, a grand total of five hundred and fifty (550) children were actively engaged for the summer. This was made

possible due to funds allocated by the Ministry of Education Youth Affairs and Sports in the amount of \$190,000.00 (one hundred and ninety thousand).

Madam Speaker, a new school year is upon us and students will be back in school starting 11th September. After a hiatus of several years, DYAS is preparing to relaunch the After School Youth Development Programme on Monday, 2nd October 2023. Three programmes will be offered: S.T.E.A.M., Academic Tutoring and Grassroots Sports. These programmes will be held at all primary and secondary public schools Monday to Thursday, 3:45pm - 5:45 pm. Student registration forms are available at the Department of Youth Affairs and Sports and at all public schools. Students must be registered to

be eligible for enrollment into the programme. Parents and guardians are encouraged to complete the form and submit it to the Department of Youth Affairs and Sports by Thursday, 21st September, 2023.

Madam Speaker, as a result, students will be engaged in activities that will help to improve academic success, develop physical fitness and core values and foster social and critical thinking skills in a safe, structured and supervised environment. Madam Speaker, the Ministry of Education, Youth Affairs and Sports through the Department of Youth Affairs and Sports is committed to providing opportunities for our young people to develop and excel through the After School Youth Development Programme.

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Report On Belongership And Residency Tabled In HOA

The "Review of Policy and Processes for Granting Residency and Belongership" Report was tabled in the House of Assembly, yesterday September 7.

Premier and Minister

responsible for Immigration, Honourable Dr. Natlatio D. Wheatley said during the Third Sitting of the First Session of the Fifth House of Assembly that the recommendations within the Commission of Inquiry's

Independent Reviewer's Report on Belongership and Residency in the Virgin Islands offers a distinct opportunity in shaping the trajectory of progress in the Territory. Premier Wheatley noted that,

"The recommendations of this review have now been presented to us, and I wish to emphasize that this presents us with a unique opportunity; an opportunity to shape the future of our beloved British Virgin Islands in a manner that is firmly grounded in respect for the law and recognition of the privilege granted to individuals who wish to make these beautiful Virgin Islands their home."

The Premier also stated that the independent reviewer's report will function as the basis for proposals and recommendations that will inform the necessary amendments to our legislation, and the formulation of relevant policies.

He further explained by saying, "We understand that these changes must reflect the evolving needs and aspirations of our people and the challenges we face as a society."

The report emphasises the need for considerations within the following areas for the creation of a more effective immigration policy: Economic needs; social and cultural impact; security concerns; legal framework; capacity and resources; political considerations; and international relations. Essentially emphasizing the focus, which must be paramount for the Virgin Islands to meet its Sustainable Development goals and needs in the interest of its people.

The independent report also highlights the significance of addressing pervasive issues surrounding immigration. The report can be accessed on the Government's official website.

The Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sustainable Development is committed to operating in a manner that is transparent, consultative, and inclusive.



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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BVIHSA SHINES A LIGHT ON ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS MONTH

Road Town, Tortola

Tuesday September 12, 2023 – The British Virgin Islands Health Services Authority (BVIHSA) proudly joins in the support of the Virgin Islands Alzheimer's Association (VIAA) in a collaborative effort to raise awareness about Alzheimer's disease during Alzheimer's Awareness Month. Under the guidance of our Acting CEO and Medical Advisor to VIAA, Dr. June Samuel, and the dedication of our Director of Primary Care Services, Dr. Natasha Frett, we embark on a mission to promote preventive healthcare and support VIAA's crucial initiatives.

Alzheimer's Awareness Month observed annually in September is a time for reflection, education, and advocacy. With some 55

million people globally living with Alzheimer's, the BVIHSA is committed to playing its part in increasing awareness about this challenging condition and fostering a sense of community spirit.

Dr. Samuel, Acting CEO of BVIHSA and Medical Advisor for VIAA, stated: "The theme for Alzheimer's month 2023 (Never too early, never too late.) brings focus to the proactive risk reduction measures to decrease the overall impact of this condition. Together with VIAA and the Ministry of Health, we bring support by offering valuable information on prevention, risk reduction and extend our support to those affected by this condition."

Dr. Frett, Director of

Primary Health Care at BVIHSA, commented: "As healthcare providers, we understand the importance of early detection and preventive measures in the fight against Alzheimer's. Through workshops, awareness campaigns, and community engagement, we are dedicated to empowering individuals with the knowledge and tools they need to maintain cognitive health."

Throughout Alzheimer's Awareness Month, in addition to supporting initiatives planned by VIAA;

the BVIHSA's Occupational Health Unit has introduced the "Mind Your Brain" 4000-piece puzzle activity in the lobby of the Dr. D. Orlando Smith Hospital, where staff and visitors are invited to participate. Using the slogan "Feeling Puzzled? Let's Solve it Together.", Occupational Health sees this as an opportunity to engage staff and community in a collective brain stimulating activity. This is a prevention activity which will improve overall brain health.

The BVIHSA encourages

the community, local businesses, and individuals to come together in support of Alzheimer's Awareness Month. By standing together, we can drive change, promote early detection, and provide invaluable support to those impacted by Alzheimer's.

For more information about Alzheimer's Awareness Month initiatives, please visit our Facebook page. Together, we can make a difference in the fight against Alzheimer's.

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Statement By Hon. Sharie B. De Castro On Recent Initiatives At H. Lavity Stoutt Community College

Madam Speaker, I take this opportunity to apprise this Honourable House on the recent notable developments at the H. Lavity Stoutt Community College. 672 students are enrolled this Fall semester for certificate and associate degree programmes. Included in this total are 77 high school students dually enrolled at the College – the largest number to ever take advantage of this programme. These students are from Elmore Stoutt High School, Bregado Flax Educational Centre, and Ciboney School of Excellence. Madam Speaker, I heartily congratulate these students for embracing the opportunity to get a head start on their college education. As they take general education classes over the next academic year, they will be able to shorten the time needed to attain their associate degree at HLSCC prior to transferring to complete

their baccalaureate degree.

Madam Speaker, I am pleased to announce that the College has recommenced its Associate degree in Teacher Education under the Institute of Education and a total of 25 persons have registered, 21 part-time and 4 full-time students. This bodes well for our ability to prime our immediate workforce needs with graduates while ensuring that more students take up potential scholarships in teacher education abroad.

Madam Speaker, the Institute of Education is also collaborating with the Ministry of Education to deliver the Let's Teach VI programme to equip new teachers with the foundational skills required for their new roles in the classroom. This programme will run from October through May 2024 and will consist of nine modules delivered via a blended modality for students across all of the islands.

Madam Speaker, the Robert Mathavious Institute at HLSCC will be hosting the capstone presentations and graduation of 18 students in the second cohort of the Certificate in Fintech. Allow me here to express my sincere thanks and appreciation on behalf of the College to the Deputy Premier for advocating for a grant of \$75,000.00 from the Government of the Virgin Islands to defray the tuition costs of Virgin Islanders. This cohort boasted teams of students that worked on projects for the Inland Revenue Department of St. Kitts, the Ministry of Health Nursing Council St Kitts, BVI Finance, and HLSCC.

Madam Speaker, the RMI has recruited new faculty and current enrollments stand at 23 students pursuing ACCA certifications. Several students are working towards completing RMI certificates in International Financial Services and

Compliance. The RMI is currently taking applications for various diploma levels of the International Compliance Association.

Madam Speaker, the College must also be commended for its new relationship with the prestigious Fulbright programme. Through the US-UK Fulbright Commission, HLSCC has established the BVI Fulbright Scholar Award. This programme brings professors from universities in the United States to spend 6 months in residency in the BVI, teaching at the College, conducting interdisciplinary research, and delivering public lectures.

Madam Speaker, over the summer break, the College kept busy. It delivered its second annual cultural summer camp which included historical tours of Tortola, Virgin Gorda, and Guana Island, culinary lessons, sports, games, numerous community presentations, and a cultural extravaganza. In addition, HLSCC continued its long partnerships with KATS by hosting the KATS Basic Sea Skills camp at the Centre for Applied Marine Studies where students learned to sail and operate rowboats along with the necessary safety skills.

Madam Speaker, the College continues to attract international attention and partnerships. Earlier in the summer, the College and the Unite BVI Foundation hosted the Well/Beings Mangrove Symposium with a number of international guests as well as a forum between the mangrove nursery project teams at both HLSCC and the Vieques Conservation and Historical Trust. Both mangrove projects receive considerable funding from the Well/Beings Group.

Madam Speaker, the Centre for Applied Marine Studies continues to be a centre for meaningful research. The Darwin funded soils project in partnership with the Department of Disaster Management and the University of Portsmouth represents real potential for several applications that require testing the soils of the territory. The Centre also hosted a visiting group of professors and students from our sister school Guttman Community College in

New York with particular interest in marine and environmental science.

Madam Speaker, with respect to workforce training, the College has recently expanded its Beyond Curriculum offerings with a series of technical workshops in partnership with MarineMax and Nanny Cay Resort and Marina. The first course in Air Conditioning Systems was delivered by Tim Craveiro of WEBASTO while the second in Water Making Systems was delivered by JT Halden of Halden Marine Service on behalf of SPECTRA Watermakers. This month, HLSCC will be offering courses in Basic Outboard Engine Tech with Mercury Marine and Basic Diesel Engine Tech with Volvo-Penta.

Madam Speaker, the College is also looking forward to the third BVI Lit Fest in collaboration with the Department of Culture and the BVI Tourist Board with sponsorship from the Unite BVI Foundation, VP Bank, National Bank of the Virgin Islands and others. The festival will be from the 2nd to the 5th of November as one of the first activities of Culture and Tourism Month and I encourage everyone to take the opportunity to attend any of the several events planned. An impressive list of guest authors has been confirmed and more information will be made public shortly.

Madam Speaker, the President of the College has just returned from representing the College at an academic fellowship at the Stellenbosch Institute of Advanced Study in South Africa where he worked on a future manuscript and delivered a literary lecture alongside scholars from across the world.

Finally, Madam Speaker, I wish to encourage us all to support the important work that the College does as it completes the first year of its new strategic plan. The institution is tasked to play many roles in the Territory and when it succeeds in its mission, it can be a true source of national pride for all of us.

Thank you Madam Speaker.

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200 Students to Receive Free Backpacks from Flow



Flow Country Manager, Ravindra Maywahlall is pictured with the Representative for the Ninth District and Minister for Health and Social Development, Honorable Vincent Wheatley following a donation of 200 branded backpacks towards the Ninth District Office's Back to School drive. (Photo Credit: Flow)

ROADTOWN, Tortola, September 13, 2023 - As schools across the Territory welcomed their students for the new school year, approximately 200 children in the Ninth District will receive a new Flow branded backpack as part of the company's support of the Ninth District Back-to-School Fiesta initiative.

Speaking at the presentation - on September 11, Flow Country-Manager,

Ravindra Maywahlall-thanked Representative for the Ninth District and Minister for Health and Social Development, Honorable-Vincent Wheatley for extending the partnership opportunity to Flow and commented that, "We are committed to moving full steam ahead for the new year with our Territory's students and to supporting initiatives related to the development of our young people,

our communities and education, particularly in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics."

Honorable-Minister Wheatley-expressed appreciation for the donation and thanked Flow for its consistent civic-minded spirit and commitment to assist with providing school supplies to the community. This is the third year that Flow has donated supplies to the back-to-school drive.

Five Schools to Benefit from Flow Support

ROADTOWN, Tortola, September 13, 2023 - Five schools are the recipients of back-to-school gift certificates donated by Flow.

Flow presented the gift certificates to the Enis Adams Primary School, St. George's Secondary School, Eselyn Henley Richiez Learning Center, The Seventh-Day Adventist School and the Elmore Stoutt High School. Each school received five (5) gift certificates redeemable at barber shops and salons in the community for haircuts and hairstyles for deserving students just in time for the new school term. The lucky students



will be selected by their respective principals of each school, who were all on-hand to receive the certificates from Flow representatives.

Speaking during the presentations held on September 11, Cable & Wireless Business Corporate Sales Manager, Bernice Magloire-

Williams said that Flow is always seeking opportunities to give back in a meaningful way to the communities in which it operates.

The principals of each school expressed their appreciation for the donations and welcomed future partnerships with Flow.

Afterschool Programme Application Drop Off Locations

The public is notified that the Department of Youth Affairs and Sports' afterschool programme application drop off locations are as follows:

Tortola
Department of Youth Affairs and Sports

Virgin Gorda
Sister Islands Coordinator's Office at the Flax Administration Building

Anegada
The Claudia Creque Educational Centre

Jost Van Dyke
Jost Van Dyke Primary School

Forms may be collected at all public schools and at the department. The registration deadline is **Thursday, September 21.**

Public Officers To Receive Leadership Training

Three public officers are set to receive training through the Caribbean Administration for Development Administration's (CARICAD)-Mid-Level Leadership Programme.

Dr. Lavon Chalwell-Brewley, Calveia Scatliffe and Shaquana Vanterpool will participate in training sessions aimed at developing individuals for leadership roles within the Public Service.

Permanent Secretary in the Office of the Deputy Governor, Mrs. Sharleen DaBreo-Lettsome expressed her confidence in the programme to aid the development of public officers for eventual leadership

roles.

Mrs. DaBreo-Lettsome said, "Programmes like these play a key role in ensuring public officers are prepared for eventual leadership in the Public Service. It is vital that we continue to engage potential leaders and provide them with opportunities for personal and professional development."

The programme, now in its fifth year, provides leadership development for public officers across the Caribbean who are seeking to advance their abilities. The Leadership Development Programme is designed to strategically strengthen the next generation

of Caribbean leaders to contribute more effectively to regional integration and economic growth.

This is accomplished by developing leadership programming aligned to the needs and culture of the Caribbean Region and by fostering regional approaches for the sustainability of leadership development.

The public officers will be immersed into international and regional perspectives on leadership, develop sustainable strategies for continued excellence, and build a network of trusted colleagues, among other objectives.

The Department of Human Resources, through the Virgin Islands Public Service Learning Institute (VIPSLI) has moved to ensure that strategic focus is placed on providing the necessary avenues for public officers to receive training that can aid in being successful in their roles.

Interim Director at the institute, Dr. Connie George said, "Programmes like these are paramount in ensuring that public officers have access to learning opportunities that are tailored to them, and can craft a pathway to individuals discovering their full potential."

Deputy Director of the Department of Human Resources, Ms. Kaisa Penn said she looks forward to supporting the public officers in implementing the knowledge, skills and experiences gained through the training to support the transformation of our public service. "We are excited to continue in our partnership with CARCAD in developing the leadership of our Public Service, and we continue to celebrate the success of the three participants of the Mid-Level Leadership Development Programme."

CARICAD, an institution of CARICOM, aims to provide training and capacity-building



Mrs. Sharleen DaBreo-Lettsome

to persons at all levels of the Public Service. Since its establishment in 1979, the centre has led the way in public sector transformation, modernisation, and development. CARICAD provides guidance to governments across its 17 member states and seeks to build their public service, financial management, human resources and e-Government infrastructure.

The Government of the Virgin Islands remains committed to ensuring public officers are equipped to perform well in their roles, and developed for upward mobility within the Public Service.

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Virgin Islands Volunteers Launch Global Campaign Offering Message of Hope

At a time when the desire for better government is on the minds of people the world over, Jehovah's Witnesses have launched an international campaign to bring attention to a universal solution. The Witnesses are featuring a special

edition of "The Watchtower" magazine, available in over 780 languages in print and online, with the theme "What Is God's Kingdom?"

Local volunteers from the US and British Virgin Islands are distributing this special-

edition magazine during the month of September.

"When I read the news, it seems like the world is in crisis. We now see a more severe climate, illnesses, political problems, and the list could go on. We need a change," said Elizabeth de la Rosa, a resident of Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas. "I'm excited to help others to understand what God's Kingdom is. And how it's the only permanent solution to all human problems."

Throughout the centuries, millions of Jesus' followers have prayed the words "thy Kingdom come" but wonder what that Kingdom is, what it will accomplish, and when it will come. To answer those age-old questions, the Witnesses' special-edition magazine reference key Bible passages. The clear and simple explanations have been designed to appeal to both new and experienced Bible readers.

"It's no secret that many people feel we need better rulership, but few can agree on how to achieve this," said

Shawn Saunders, spokesperson for Jehovah's Witnesses. "The good news is, Jesus will be the perfect ruler who can and will solve all the problems we are facing here on earth. This campaign, will give many the opportunity to fully understand what the Kingdom is, why we need it to come, and the blessings it will bring to our communities right here and the world in general."

During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, Jehovah's Witnesses distributed millions of this special-edition magazine through letters, even sending copies to thousands of government officials worldwide. Now that they have returned to their door-to-door public ministry post-pandemic, this is the first in-person campaign where they have the opportunity to discuss this important and very timely subject with their neighbors.

A free digital copy of this special issue of "The Watchtower," as well as information about the activities of Jehovah's Witnesses,

is available at jw.org. The Witnesses' site offers practical Bible-based content for people of all ages and beliefs in over 1,070 languages.



KINISHA FORBES APPOINTED AS NEW DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMME STRATEGY AT RDA



New Director of Programme Strategy at the RDA, Ms. Kinisha Forbes.

12th September, 2023 – The Virgin Islands Recovery and Development Agency (RDA) is pleased to announce that Kinisha

Forbes has been appointed as the new Director of Programme Strategy effective 12 September, 2023.

In this role, Ms. Forbes will provide leadership and direction in the development of the Agency's immediate and longer-term plans while managing the Programme **Strategy Department.**

Ms. Forbes will support Chief Executive Officer, Anthony McMaster, in leading engagement and implementation of the provisions in the signed Memorandum of Understanding between the RDA and the Ministry of Finance. Key to her role is directing the assessment and refinement phase of the planning process. She will also

work closely with key partners to tackle complex projects and

provide strategic input throughout the project cycle.

Ms. Forbes joined the RDA as the Head of Monitoring and Evaluation in February 2019. In this role she successfully built the Monitoring and Evaluation Results and Value for Money frameworks which track the RDA's implementation of projects and achievement of set goals.

Immediately prior to employment with the RDA, Kinisha was Head of the Macro Fiscal Unit, and worked as a Policy Analyst in the Ministry of Finance for seven years.

In this role, Kinisha led the Government's macroeconomic and fiscal forecasting, research and policy analysis programme.

This included preparation of the annually-updated Medium Term Fiscal Plan, and reform of Central Government's

planning and tracking frameworks to be more results-focused.

Prior to this, Kinisha was employed as a Research Officer with the International Labour Office (ILO) in Geneva, Switzerland. At the ILO, she conducted research on impacts of the global economic crisis on inequality and vulnerable groups, specifically analysing the role of public policy in cushioning crisis impacts.

Communications@BVIREC Kinisha holds a Master's degree in Social Policy and Planning from the London School of Economics and Political Science, and a Bachelor's degree in Sociology,

Women's Studies and Spanish from Georgetown University. Her research interests include inequality, fiscal space for public investment, and the political economy of

crises. Earlier this year, Kinisha achieved an Executive Certificate in Economic Development from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.

The new Director of Programme Strategy said, "I am humbled by the confidence that the Board and Management of the RDA has placed in me to provide strategic input into the continued contribution of the Agency in our Territory's recovery and development story. I look forward to helping to chart the way forward for the Agency in supporting the Government to tackle our development challenges."



GLOBAL NEWS BRIEF

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MOROCCO - Powerful quake in Morocco kills more than 2,000 people and damages historic buildings in Marrakech

Casualty figures were expected to rise as the search continues and rescuers reach remote areas following 6.8 magnitude tremors.

A magnitude 6.8 earthquake shook Morocco late Friday night, causing more than 2,000 deaths, according to the latest figures from the Ministry of the Interior. Buildings collapsed in the provinces and cities of Al Haouz, Marrakech, Taroudant, Chichaoua, and Ouarzazate, which were the worst-affected by the earthquake. The epicenter was located in Ighil, around 45 miles southwest of Marrakech and at a depth of 18 kilometers (11 miles). The injured are being treated in hospitals, according to the Ministry of the Interior, and the emergency services are searching for survivors among the rubble. The Moroccan authorities have called on citizens to remain calm and have mobilized security and civil protection forces in the affected provinces, as well as resources to inspect and assess the damage.

At least 2,012 people died in the quake, mostly in Marrakech and five provinces near the epicenter, Morocco's Interior

Ministry reported Saturday night. At least another 2,059 people were injured — 1,404 critically — the ministry said. [El Pais]

ELTON JOHN - Elton John was hospitalized after a serious fall at his home in Nice, southern France last weekend.

The 76-year-old was at home with his family when he slipped. The singer's husband, David Furnish, took him to a local health centre as a precaution. After staying at the Princess Grace of Monaco hospital overnight John has now returned home.

He was released and sent home on Monday morning after passing a number of medical tests. He will continue his recovery alongside his partner and their two children at his home on the French Riviera.

RUSSIA - British American Tobacco will complete its exit from Russia by selling its assets to a consortium of local management members over the next month, the multinational company said Thursday.

The maker of Kent and Rothmans cigarettes said the deal would keep its estimated 3,000 Russian and Belarusian employees afloat for at least two years.

"BAT has now formally entered into an agreement to sell its Russian and Belarusian



"We're going to sink": Caribbean islanders evacuate homes amid rise of sea levels. AFP notes that experts from various fields predict that Carti Sugtupu, along with many other islands in the Guna Yala region (Panama), might be consumed by the sea by century's end. [AFP photo]

businesses in compliance with local and international laws," the company said in a statement.

"We anticipate that the transaction will [be] complete within the next month, once certain conditions have been satisfied," it added.

Since December, the Kremlin has forced foreign companies leaving the country to sell their assets to Russian buyers at a 50% discount and charged them an exit fee of at least 10% of the transaction value. [The Moscow Times]

SACRAMENTO — California voters oppose the idea of the state offering cash payments to the descendants of enslaved African Americans by a 2-to-1 margin, according

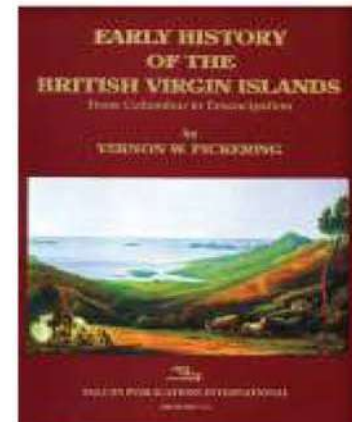
to the results of a new poll that foreshadows the political difficulty ahead next year when state lawmakers begin to consider reparations for slavery.

The UC Berkeley Institute of Governmental Studies poll, co-sponsored by The Times, found that 59% of voters oppose cash payments compared with 28% who support the idea. The lack of support for cash reparations was resounding, with more than 4 in 10 voters "strongly" opposed.

"It has a steep uphill climb, at least from the public's point of view," said Mark DiCamillo, director of the IGS poll.

Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom and state lawmakers created California's Reparations Task Force in 2020 with the goal of establishing a path to reparations that could serve as a model for the nation. After two years of deliberations, the task force sent a final report and recommendations this summer to the state Capitol, where Newsom and the Democratic-led Legislature will ultimately decide how the state should atone for slavery. The remedies recommended in the report also go far beyond cash payments and include policies to end the death penalty, pay fair market value for jail and prison labor, restore voting rights to all formerly and currently incarcerated people and apply rent caps to historically redlined ZIP Codes that disadvantaged Black residents, among dozens of other suggestions. [LA Times]

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Carti Sugtupu finds itself in dire straits. This compact isle, surrounded by pristine waters and spanned the size of five football fields, houses a dense population. So much so, some homes are precariously elevated on stilts, stretching out into the inviting sea.

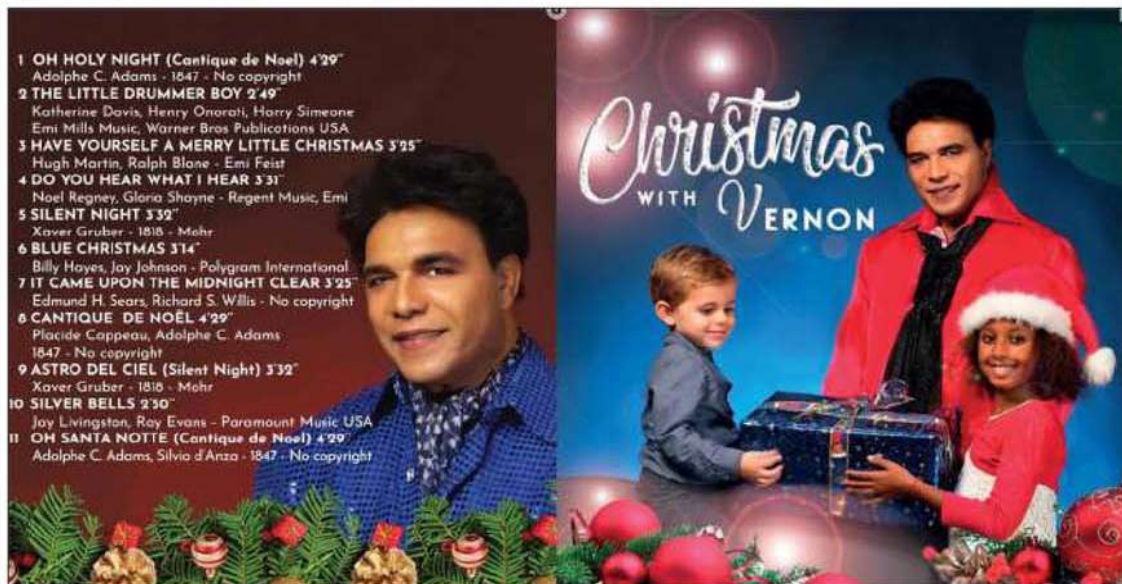
According to an article by Agence France-Presse (AFP), the island's indigenous community, comprising less than 2,000 individuals, faces daily challenges far beyond what most would deem acceptable.

A glaring lack of potable water and sanitation facilities makes survival an everyday challenge. Yet, this community endures, drawing sustenance from the ocean, harvesting staple crops, crafting traditional textiles, and welcoming the occasional tourist.

Climate change has been steadily pushing sea levels higher, and the repercussions are evident.

Homes, which were once safe havens, now find themselves susceptible to regular flooding.

AFP notes that experts from various fields predict that Carti Sugtupu, along with many other islands in the Guna Yala region, might be consumed by the sea by century's end. [CNW]



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Divas On A Dime

Ivan Dawson Primary School's Back-to-School Beach Day: A Splash of Fun and Community Spirit



the classroom walls, the activity was held under the theme: "WE ARE OUTSIDE!" A declaration that underscores the school's dedication to providing students with enriching experiences that extend beyond the curriculum.

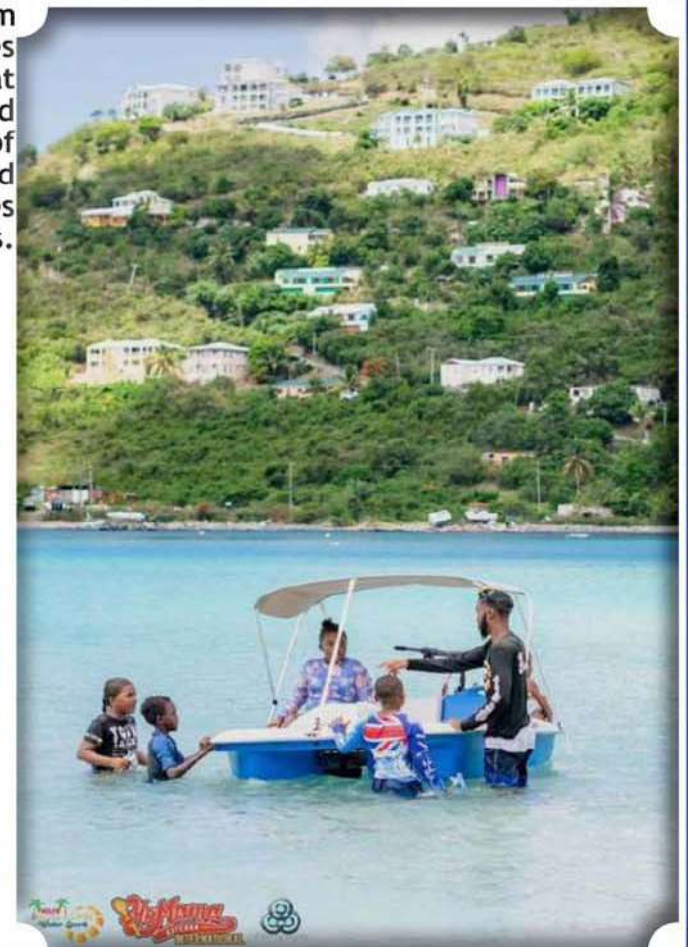
This sun-soaked event featured thrilling activities such as bouncers and trampolines, ensuring that kids of all ages had their share of excitement. The beach buzzed with laughter and joyful screams as children bounced and leaped under the warm Caribbean sun.

The Ivan Dawson Primary School expressed their gratitude to their partners in this grand adventure. In a statement, they emphasized, "Partnerships are very important to our school community. We are looking forward to more community collaborations." This sentiment underlines the school's commitment to fostering connections with local businesses, creating opportunities for shared experiences and growth.

The Back-to-School Beach Day was more than just a fun-filled event; it was a celebration of the school's dedication to holistic education. As students return to their classrooms with sandy toes and hearts full of joy, they carry with them the memories of a day that showed the beauty of learning beyond the confines of four walls.

The Ivan Dawson Primary School found a delightful way to ease the back-to-school blues of their students with a special Back-to-School Beach Day. For the fun activity, the Cane Garden Bay beach played host to an unforgettable day of fun and frolic, all thanks to the generous sponsorship of Veli's Island Hoppers and the delectable delights of Yo Mama's Kitchen. The event was a resounding success, giving students and families a memorable start to the new school year. At the heart of this event is the Ivan Dawson Primary School's commitment to breaking free from the confines of traditional education. With a vision that extends far beyond

the school's dedication to holistic education. As students return to their classrooms with sandy toes and hearts full of joy, they carry with them the memories of a day that showed the beauty of learning beyond the confines of four walls.





Ladyburd Talks...

Dear Readers: SPEAK TO YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT BULLYING: (1 OF 4)

Tell a parent or guardian about the bullying. If you are being bullied, it's very important to tell an adult first and foremost.

- Tell your parents the entire story. Parents are here to help and want to know what is going on with you. Your parents, moreover, may then be able to get in touch with staff at the school in order to try to stop the bullying. This is important particularly if you don't feel comfortable telling your teacher or fear retribution from the bully.

- It's useful if you keep a diary of everything that happens. That way you can let your parents and other adults know about specific incidents

Report bullying and victimization incidents to the school. Inform teachers, principals, and other school helpers. These individuals have the power to intervene and help stop bullying. Sometimes bullies stop as soon as a teacher finds out because they're afraid they'll get in trouble.

- Teachers are especially important resources if you're being bullied. They can provide protection from bullying by letting you stay in the classroom during recess or by setting up a buddy system on your behalf.

- It's important to let your school know about any bullying incidents because there may be other kids being bullied by the same person. **Talk openly about bullying. Just talking to someone about your experience can bring you a bit of relief. Good people to talk to include a guidance counselor, sibling, or friend. They may offer some helpful solutions, but should not be approached in lieu of telling your parents or school personnel. Just talking about what you're experiencing and feeling can help you feel less alone.**

- Some children have reported real success from peer counseling programs at their schools

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Ladyburd's Mail Box

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Dear Ladyburd: Hope this letter finds you well. My new boyfriend and I were planning a get away trip, last July and we booked our flight and had a couple days to pay for the tickets, we decided to split the payment. The day that we planned to pay for our tickets, I called him, so that he can pick me up to go to the Travel Agent. since we did not book online. He informed me that something came up and he is not going to be able to go on the trip anymore.. Ladyburd, if I told you I was disappointed would be an understatement. I was so disappointed. He has not given me any explanation why he decided not to go on the trip, and since then he is acting strange. Is that a Red-flag...**Marva**

Ladyburd: Dear Marva: Something seems fishy, I don't thing that passed the smell test, You need to have a talk with him and get to the bottom of it, so you know where you stand, instead of wasting your time hanging on and does not know what is going on. It does not make sense to ignore the elephant in the room and act as if everything is ok, that way you will know if you are to move on or stay in that relationship. **I would say that's a huge Red-flag..**



Light Bulb Moments

"Fill your house with stacks of books, in all the crannies and all the nooks." – *Dr. Seuss*

"There's always room for a story that can transport people to another place."
– *J.K. Rowling*

"If you don't like to read, you haven't found the right book"
– *J.K. Rowling*

Poetry Corner

First Day

*The first day of school is
the reason why
Children are happy but
then some cry
The first day of school
can be a fear
For our little ones that are
so dear.*

*Often they go holding
Mom's hand
But they would rather be
playing in the sand
With eyes so wide they
look around
But their focus is on the
playground.*

*The teacher approaches
with a smile
She welcomes the little
ones with style
There are a lot of kids in
the room
Dressed in new clothes
and oh, so groomed.*

*"I'll be back in a little
while,"
Says the Mom with a
smile.
"Go and play with your
new friends"*

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Tickle My Funny Bones



To The Doc

A guy walks into the doctor's office. A banana stuck in one of his ears, a cucumber in the other ear, and a carrot stuck in one nostril.

The man says, "Doc, this is terrible. What's wrong with me?"

The doctor says, "Well, first of all, you need to eat more sensibly."

NO PUNCH LINE

A guy asks a girl to go to a dance. She agrees, and he decides to rent a suit. The rental has a long line, so he waits and waits, and finally he gets his suit.

He decides to buy flowers, so he goes to the flower shop. The flower shop has a long line, so he waits and waits, until he finally buys flowers.

He picks up the young lady and they go to the dance. There is a long line into the dance, so they wait and wait. Finally, they get into the dance, and he offers to get the her a drink.

She asks for punch, so he goes to the drink table, and there was : no punch line.

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MINISTRY OF HEALTH HANDS OVER ANOTHER SOCIAL HOME



GIS PHOTOS



The Ministry of Health and Social Development recently handed over the keys to a new home to the daughter of housing recipient Miss Casandra Sutton as part of its Housing Recovery Assistance Programme.

Miss Shantell Chinnery accepted the keys on behalf of her mom who recently passed away. She expressed gratitude to the Ministry for the completion of the home.

"My mom is not here but she would appreciate the house and we will appreciate and cherish the house. So, I would like to thank the Ministry and the Housing Unit," Miss Chinnery said.

Minister for Health and Social Development Honourable Vincent O. Wheatley said this is just another example of the government's commitment to helping persons return to their homes after hurricanes Irma

and Maria.

Honourable Wheatley said, "We've been doing these social homes all over the Territory and we intend to continue doing them. I want to thank the contractor, the project manager and the Ministry, specifically the Housing Unit, for their unwavering commitment to this project."

Meanwhile, Third District Representative, Honourable Julian Fraser gave credit to the Ministry for its ardent support of rehousing people who lost their homes.

Honourable Fraser also gave credit to Mr. Enos Aaron of E&K Contractors for the swift completion of the house and for his continued efforts to help build the Third District.

Honourable Fraser said, "Beginning in February of last year, just around 19 months ago, one house was turned over to a family by the government here in the Third and in that time till now, this is the third house that's been turned over. It just shows that there is a commitment by the government to facilitate the needs of those who need and this is just another one. I am thankful for what took place over the last 19 months to have three families receive keys to their homes."

Contractor Mr. Aaron said he is happy to be working with the government in doing social homes. He noted that he hoped the family would take care of the house on behalf of their mother Miss Sutton.

Mr. Marquese Maduro of Project Management and Construction Solutions, who was the project manager, reflected the sentiments of Mr. Aaron. He noted that the moment was special despite being bittersweet.

"To the Ministry of Health and Social Development, these homes that have been built are a special thing because they are trying to restore stability to our country," Mr. Maduro said.

Since the beginning of the Housing Recovery Assistance Programme, over 22 homes have been built and over 200 homes have been repaired.

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





DIVAS ON A DIME

By Patti Diamond

Crispy, Crunchy, Caramel Dream: The Secret Behind Salted Caramel Honeycomb Granola

You guys! The crunch. I can't stop eating this stuff. Make this recipe at your own risk.

You know I love creating recipe mashups, right? Well, I wanted to do something fun with the old standby, granola. So, I spent a day in the kitchen going all "mad scientist" to create a totally new twist. I thought of the smell of burnt sugar, nostalgic like caramel corn at the mall. Oh, yes. Then, how about the crunch of light-as-air honeycomb? Yes. Are you with me?

What if granola, caramel corn and honeycomb had a baby? And we ate it? I did it! It is amazing.

If you've never made granola from scratch, you're really missing out. It's easy, cheap and tastes so much better than the stuff you buy at the supermarket. But this. This recipe is exceptionally delicious, if I do say so myself. So light and crisp that it practically melts in your mouth. It's gluten free, too.

I kept it simple and affordable. The main granola ingredients are oats, peanuts or almonds, and crispy rice cereal. I chose to add crispy rice cereal to the oats because it's so light and crispy, and it adds great texture to this recipe. And the honeycomb caramel is just butter, brown sugar, honey or corn syrup, and baking soda.

Of course, you can add anything you like to this granola, I only suggest you choose ingredients that stay crunchy. Items like additional nuts and seeds, shredded coconut or toasted quinoa would be good. I'm not so sure about chewy dried fruit or chocolate. But if you try it and like it, let me know.

SALTED CARAMEL HONEYCOMB GRANOLA

Yield: about 7 cups

Total Time: 35 minutes

What You'll Need:

- 2 cups old fashioned oats
- 1 cup peanuts or sliced almonds, or more to taste
- 3 cups crispy rice cereal
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 cup honey or corn syrup
- 1/2 cup (one stick) butter
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

1/2 teaspoon baking soda

Here's How:

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. You're going to do two things at once, like chewing gum and walking. Line a rimmed baking sheet with parchment. Spread the oats and peanuts on the pan. Place this in the oven for 5 minutes to toast. Stir and return to the oven for 5 minutes more.

Meanwhile, place the crispy rice cereal in a large heatproof bowl and set aside.

In a saucepan on medium heat, melt the brown sugar, butter and

The Sunny Side Up

honey or corn syrup. Stir this occasionally until it begins to bubble, then let it bubble for about 5 minutes.

Now get the toasted oats and peanuts out of the oven and mix with the rice cereal in the large bowl.

Next, remove the caramel from the heat and add the salt and vanilla, and stir. Next, whisk in the baking soda and watch as it gloriously foams and froths. Immediately pour this over the oat and cereal mixture in the bowl. Mix it all together with a couple of wooden spoons until the cereal is coated. Spread the mixture back on the prepared baking sheet. Bake for 10 minutes at 350 degrees, stirring halfway through. Allow it to cool before breaking up and store at room temperature.

So, what to do with all this scrumptious stuff? You can serve this mash-up on yogurt, ice cream or French toast, or use it to top sweet potatoes or give extra crunch to baked apples. Or eat it by the face full. I highly recommend it.

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Genius upgrade for granola -- Salted Caramel



POLICE NEWS

ARREST BLOTTER

August 27 to September 9, 2023

INFLICTING GRIEVOUS BODILY HARM

On 04-09-2023 at about 1330hrs, Police arrested and charged Kervin McMillan, 46, of Great Harbour, Jost Van Dyke for Inflicting Grievous Bodily Harm and Armed with an Offensive Weapon. He was granted bail in the sum of \$5,000 to appear at the Magistrate's Court on 16-10-2023.

CARRYING A FIREARM WITHOUT A LICENSE

On 06-09-2023 at about 1951hrs, Police arrested and charged Keshawn Baronville, 30, of Baughers Bay for Carrying a Firearm without a Licence, and three counts of Possession of Explosives. He appeared at the Magistrate's Court and was remanded to His Majesty's Prison.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A PROHIBITED WEAPON

1. On 04-09-2023 at about 1900hrs, Police arrested and charged Keron Hodge, 21 of Purcell Estate for Unlawful Possession of a Prohibited Weapon and two counts of Unlawful Possession of Explosives. He appeared at the Magistrate's Court and was remanded to His Majesty's Prison.

BURGLARY

1. On 31-08-2023 at about 1403hrs, Police arrested and charged Howard Hughes, 53, of no fixed place of abode with two counts of Burglary. He appeared at the Magistrate's Court and was remanded to His Majesty's prison.

2. On 03-09-2023 at about 1748hrs, Police arrested and charged Glenville Callwood, 28, of Baughers Bay for Burglary. He was granted bail in the sum of \$5,000 to appear at the Magistrate's court on 16-10-2023.

THEFT

On 04-09-2023 at about 1213hrs, Police arrested and charged a 15-year-old of Old Plantation for Theft. He was granted bail in the sum of \$5,000 to appear at the Magistrate's Court on 16-10-2023.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED DRUG

On 06-09-2023 at about 1930hrs, Police arrested and charged a 17-year-old male of Free Bottom for Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Drug, Failure to Stop at The Sound of the Siren, Driving Without a Driver's License, Driving an Unlicensed Vehicle, Driving When

Not Covered by a Policy of Insurance, Driving Without a Crash Helmet, Driving Without Front and Rear Identification Plates, Keep For Use An Unlicensed Vehicle. He was granted bail in the sum of \$5,000 to appear at the Magistrate's Court on 19-10-2023.

ASSAULT OCCASIONING ACTUAL BODILY HARM

On 04-09-2023 at about 1420hrs, Police arrested and charged Kempes Nicholls, 32, of Road Town for Assault Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm and Carrying an Offensive Weapon. He was granted bail in the sum of \$5,000 to appear at the Magistrate's Court on 16-10-2023.

CRIMINAL DAMAGE

On 07-09-2023 at about 0705hrs, Police arrested and charged Dwight Smith, 28 of The Valley, Virgin Gorda for Criminal Damage and Armed with an Offensive Weapon.

HANDLING STOLEN GOODS

On 01-09-2023 at about 1843hrs, Police arrested and charged Philip Lawrence, 32 of Manuel Reef with two counts of Handling Stolen Goods. He was granted bail in the sum of \$5,000 to appear at the magistrate's Court at a later date.

UPDATE: ONE CHARGED FOR ILLEGAL FIREARM

Friday, September 8 – Police charged one male in relation to the recently seized Semi-automatic pistol in East End. Keshawn Baronville, 30, of Fort Hill, was charged with Carrying a Firearm Without a Licence and three counts of Possession of Explosives. He appeared at the Magistrate's Court and was remanded to His Majesty's Prison. Acting Commissioner of Police, St. Clair Amory, stated that he is grateful for the support provided by the public and the officers who continue to do their part in bringing these offenders to justice. He, however, reiterated that more assistance is needed from the public to minimize the threat of gun violence in our communities.

"If you see something, say something. Every life is valuable, but it will take our combined effort to apply our individual willingness to achieve the change needed to tackle these illicit activities."

Previous Release:

Wednesday, September 6: Police conducted a spontaneous operation in the East End area of Tortola earlier today. One Semi-Automatic Pistol and a significant amount of ammunition were recovered during the operation.

One suspect has been arrested and taken into custody. The investigation is still active; therefore, no further information can be provided at this time.

This is the second firearm recovered since the start of this week. On Sunday, September 3, the RVIPF recovered an AK-47 assault rifle and a significant amount of ammunition. One suspect was also arrested and has been charged in connection with that recovery.

The RVIPF continues to do its part to reduce the number of illegal firearms on the streets and to arrest those persons in whose possession they are found. The RVIPF continues to appeal to the public to get involved in saving lives and keeping the community safe by providing any information on suspected persons or the locations where these firearms are being hidden or imported.

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



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Join us for our Walk for the Cure

Saturday, 7 October, 2023 at 5:30 am

Join us for the BVI's 12th annual CIBC FirstCaribbean Walk for the Cure held in conjunction with the BVI Cancer Society to raise awareness about cancer.

All are welcome!

Registration forms are available at the Road Town branch and The BVI Cancer Society.

Route:

The carpark at CIBC FirstCaribbean, Road Town, continuing along Water Front Drive and on to the Ebenezer Thomas Primary School in Sea Cow's Bay and back to the bank.

Registration fee: \$20.00



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The Urgency of COSIS' Quest for Climate Justice Through ITLOS

STATEMENT BY SIR RONALD SANDERS, explaining why a group of small states have approached ITLOS for an Advisory Opinion

At A High-Level Dialogue on Climate Policy and other Key Issues in the Western Hemisphere

Organised by the Embassy of Antigua and Barbuda (Washington, DC) and Global Americans

Two years ago, in the margins of the COP 26 meeting in Glasgow, two small island states in two different parts of the world, took a decision to form an inter-governmental organization that would use the international legal system to seek justice for the considerable impact of Climate Change on their countries.

The Prime Ministers of Antigua and Barbuda in the Caribbean and Tuvalu in the Pacific, frustrated by the lip service being paid by the world's major contributors to Climate Change, and the broken promises of every previous COP meetings, decided that they would seek an Advisory Opinion from the International Tribunal of the Law of the Sea (ITLOS).

Consequently, they launched the Commission of Small Island States on Climate Change and International Law (COSIS).

They were subsequently joined by several other small states, including the Bahamas, St Lucia, St Kitts-Nevis and St Vincent and the Grenadines in the Caribbean and by Vanuatu, Palau and Niue.

ITLOS has agreed to full hearing of the case that small island states are advancing.

The first session will be held in Hamburg - on September 11th.

What each of these small islands faces is a real and present threat to their existence.

THE GRAVITY OF THE SITUATION

Let's put into perspective the level of existential threat we're talking about.

We are looking at the potential disappearance of nations—entire cultures and histories wiped out due to climate change.

This is not mere theory; the science is clear and irrefutable.

The primary culprits are the major polluters who have, thus far, shown a staggering lack of political will to remedy their actions.

COSIS: A MANDATE FOR JUSTICE

COSIS has a straightforward mandate: to develop rules and principles of international law to fight climate change.

Time is of the essence, and the stakes are as high as they could possibly get - the very survival of these countries and their people.

It isn't about politics; it's about the sanctity of human life and our shared planet.

WHY ITLOS?

Why go to ITLOS?

Small island nations are primarily maritime states.

They depend on the ocean not just for sustenance, but as a crucial part of their heritage and identity.

But there's more.

The ocean is a vital carbon sink.

With increasing ocean temperatures reaching record highs this summer, all nations must act now to safeguard this critical component of Earth's climate system.

ITLOS, the guardian of the 1982 UN Convention on the Law of the Sea, is the natural venue to seek legal clarity on the obligations of states to protect our marine environment.

COMPENSATION AND THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUITY

One of the most glaring injustices is that while small island states contribute the least to climate change, they suffer the most from its ravages.

The situation calls not just for mitigation but also for compensation.

The concept of loss and damage must be squarely addressed.

We are not just talking about climate change adaptation but also about building resilience against future threats.

All these require substantial financing.

If justice is to be served, major polluters must be held financially accountable.

THE ADVISORY OPINION: A BEACON OF HOPE

By going to ITLOS, we are not seeking to rewrite laws; we are seeking clarity on existing ones.

What are states obligated to do under the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea?

Small states need authoritative, scientific answers on this critical issue; but so too do the major contributors to Climate Change - there must be clear guidance on the consequences of their actions.

This Advisory Opinion from ITLOS can serve as a benchmark, a guidepost, for international actions going forward.

CONCLUSION: THE HOUR OF DECISION

We are at a fork in the road of human history.

On one hand, inaction and the continuation of empty promises, leading to existential loss for small island states.

On the other, immediate, effective action informed by international law.

And, we should all understand this reality.

As climate change continues to simultaneously burn our world, while flooding it; as Climate change upends weather patterns, ruining food production, and creating water shortages; as glaciers melt and the levels of seas rise, drowning small islands and eroding coastal areas; as people are displaced from their natural habitats and seek refuge on other shores, small island states are the first to suffer; but they will not be the last.

ALL ARE INVOLVED AND ALL WILL BE CONSUMED.

So to quote John Donne "do not ask for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for everyone".

Small Island States are working to tip the scales towards justice and survival.

But our plea is not just for us; it is for the health of a planet we all share.

THE WEEK IN CORRUPTION

BY TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL

While some parts of the world are saying goodbye to the hottest summer (yet), the climate crisis is here to stay...

This week was Africa Climate Week, one of the four regional climate weeks leading up to the 28th UN Climate Conference (COP28) and the conclusion of the first global stocktake. In parallel, the Africa Climate Summit in Nairobi, Kenya brought together African countries to develop a unified approach to climate mitigation and adaptation strategies in the international sphere.

The summit was a much-needed opportunity to bring African leaders together to discuss climate solutions to meet the Paris Agreement goals and demand countries in the Global North take responsibility for their contribution to damage in this region, with a particular focus on carbon emissions.

While it's a win to have African leaders' voices in the global dialogue on the climate crisis, it's crucial

that these policies also prioritise inclusivity and are rooted in the experiences of those most directly affected by climate change - including women, indigenous communities and young people. The adopted Nairobi Declaration emphasises the need for collective action to make climate projects stronger and more effective, from design to implementation. And on this point, we wholeheartedly agree.

The declaration also calls on world leaders to rally behind a global carbon tax, including fossil fuels, and to reform the unjust international financial architecture that forces African nations to pay more to borrow money. However, what's missing is the importance of ensuring transparency and accountability as well as the crucial role of non-governmental groups, especially civil society and indigenous communities. This is particularly important considering

that during the summit alone, governments and private investors committed billions of dollars to green initiatives, including a US\$4.5 billion pledge by the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

It's estimated that anywhere between

commitment to good governance. Launched in 2007 by the African Union, this wall is a green shield - expanding more than 30 countries - to preserve fertile agricultural land and strengthen climate resilience in the area south of the Sahara. To ensure

the initiative's success, more transparency, accountability and increased participation of civil society is required.

But transparency issues in climate finance go far beyond the GGWI. With the climate crisis worsening, there is immense pressure to disperse climate funds as quickly as possible, which can lead decision-makers to bypass rules. Climate projects are also very new and are often quite technical, which results in an overall lack of accountability. To ensure climate-related investments around the world reach their intended destination and are used both effectively



To ensure success, climate policies must be inclusive and informed by those directly impacted by adaptation and mitigation projects – especially women, indigenous communities and young people. Photo: Civil Society

1.4 and 35 per cent of climate action funds have been lost to corruption and the reality is: many countries that receive climate finance have high levels of corruption.

During the COP26 conference, the "just energy-transition partnership" (JETP) - a new finance model to make sure no countries are left behind during the shift from coal to clean energy - was revealed. While this partnership is important, initial developments surrounding the JETP have lacked transparency and accountability mechanisms, leaving the funds vulnerable to corruption. We welcome the recent announcement of a new JETP for Senegal and hope it can be as open and inclusive as possible. Moreover, one of the most ambitious climate projects to date in Africa, the Great Green Wall Initiative (GGWI), has experienced critical implementation and coordination challenges, despite its

and inclusively, climate initiatives require increased transparency and accountability, and anti-corruption safeguards and oversight mechanisms must be developed.

The key to addressing corruption in climate initiatives is to increase dialogue and cooperation between different stakeholders, allowing people and organisations to engage in climate efforts to come together with those in anti-corruption movements. The climate crisis and corruption are no joke; they are a matter of life or death. By tackling them together, we're not just saving the planet - we're safeguarding our future.



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CTO'S NEW SECRETARY-GENERAL SHARES VISION FOR REGIONAL TOURISM

Dona Regis-Prosper cites addressing member concerns and delivering value as top priorities

CAYMAN ISLANDS (September 8, 2023) – Addressing a group of local, regional and international media during a live press briefing in the Cayman Islands yesterday, Dona Regis-Prosper, Secretary-General and CEO of the Caribbean Tourism Organization (CTO) presented some of her initial plans for leading the intergovernmental body that serves as the tourism development agency for 25 Caribbean countries and territories.

Regis-Prosper, who is St. Lucian by birth, was joined by Kenneth Bryan, Chairman of the CTO's Council of Ministers and Commissioners of Tourism, who also serves as Minister of Tourism & Ports of the Cayman Islands, and Rosa Harris, Chairman of the CTO's Board of Directors and Director of Tourism for the Cayman Islands.

Acknowledging the strategic, multidimensional nature of the CEO's responsibilities, Minister Bryan lauded Regis-Prosper for her "wealth of experience, a passion for tourism and a commitment to the Caribbean that aligns perfectly with our organization's vision".

Regis-Prosper has held prominent leadership roles in the public and private sectors within the Caribbean region. "Her qualified understanding of the challenges and opportunities we face positions her as an ideal leader to guide the organization into a prosperous future," said Minister Bryan.

As Secretary-General, Regis-Prosper will be charged with providing strategic direction and leadership to the CTO staff, collaborating with more than two dozen member countries and territories, and working closely with partners and stakeholders to advance the organization's mission.

In addition to re-imagining and transforming the organization, Director Harris noted that Regis-Prosper's role also involves addressing a range of pressing issues facing the Caribbean's tourism industry, including advocacy, research, airlift, sustainability, and resilience.

During the past week, Regis-Prosper was introduced to the focus areas that the organization's members and partners have indicated are most important to them, including delivering membership benefits

and value; generating greater tourism linkages between the industry and other economic sectors nationally, regionally, and globally; promoting multi-destination tourism as a collaborative strategy; climate change; crisis management; establishing tourism standards to ensure the region's continued competitiveness and attractiveness; human resources capital and workforce management; and the promotion of the Caribbean's diverse heritage and culture.

"I am deeply honored to step into the role of Secretary-General of the CTO. The Caribbean is a dynamic region with immense tourism potential. With the support of my Chairmanship and the CTO team, I am confident that we will implement the best strategy for leveraging our Caribbean brand for the benefit and greater good of the people of the Caribbean region," stated Regis-Prosper, who added that she is committed to "collaborating closely with all our members" to grow the region's tourism industry.

Before fielding questions from media on topics ranging from airport management and

capacity to marketing and the sharing economy, Regis-Prosper pledged to have open ears for members' concerns.

"My first order of business has been and will continue to be listening in the coming months. I intend to learn and be informed as much as possible about the challenges faced by each member and to develop workable solutions that will be beneficial nationally and regionally," she assured.

Next up on the agenda for the new Secretary-General and her team is the returning

State of the Tourism Industry Conference (SOTIC), the Caribbean's premier forum for the presentation and exploration of the major issues impacting the development of the sector in the region, which will be held in the Turks and Caicos Islands, October 9-13, 2023.

Prior to the appointment of Regis-Prosper, Neil Walters, CTO's Director of Finance and Resource Management, had been filling the position as Acting Secretary-General and CEO since 2019.



(l-r) Dona Regis-Prosper, Secretary-General and Chief Executive Officer, Caribbean Tourism Organization; Kenneth Bryan, Minister for Tourism & Ports, Cayman Islands and Chairman, Council of Ministers and Commissioners of Tourism, Caribbean Tourism Organization; and Rosa Harris, Director of Tourism, Cayman Islands and Chairman, Board of Directors, Caribbean Tourism Organization at yesterday's press conference in the Cayman Islands

CARICOM Celebrates Steelpan as a Caribbean Cultural Touchstone

Friday, 11 August 2023 (CARICOM Secretariat, Turkeyen, Greater Georgetown): - The CARICOM Secretariat joins the world in celebrating steelpan on 11 August which has been designated by the United Nations General Assembly as World Steelpan Day.

We celebrate with Trinidad and Tobago, the birthplace of steelpan, the creation of the instrument which is now integral to the cultural fabric of the

Caribbean.

The steel pan was developed from discarded oil drums by marginalized youth in Trinidad and Tobago in the 1930s and has evolved from the margins to the mainstream of Caribbean cultural expression. It represents a unique Caribbean creation, a symbol of resistance and a time-honoured tradition of musical excellence and is celebrated globally as the only acoustic musical instrument created in the

20th century.

The steelpan was widely used in CARICOM 50th Anniversary Celebrations in July 2023 with lauded performances at the "Golden Rhythms: CARICOM at 50" concert at the National Academy for the Performing Arts (NAPA) which featured an energetic solo steelpan performance by Rodney Small from St Vincent and the Grenadines and the National Steel Symphony Orchestra of Trinidad and Tobago.



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More Than 5,000 Believed Dead in Libya Floods, Over 30,000 Displaced

The International Organization for Migration said Wednesday that the deadly flooding that hit eastern Libya has displaced more than 30,000 people.

The U.N. agency said at least 30,000 of the displaced were from the city of Derna, with thousands more from other areas including Benghazi.

More than 5,000 people are believed dead, with exact figures difficult to confirm in the country where rival governments have competed for control for a decade. Some officials say that number could double.

Hichem Abu Chkiouat, minister of civil aviation in the administration that runs eastern Libya, told Reuters that more than 5,300 bodies had been counted in Derna. The city was the hardest hit

after Mediterranean Storm Daniel brought torrential rains and two dams collapsed.

Fatma Balha, a medical student in Derna, told VOA English to Africa's Hassuna Baishu that the center of Derna has suffered major damage.

"It's all gone. All the buildings are gone. It all went with the floods, probably they have gone to the sea. We cannot see the building," Balha said. "I have my aunt. She's there and we cannot find her. None of her kids, none of their bodies, none. Not even the building. It's gone. It's not there at all."

The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies said Wednesday the situation

in Derna is very bad and that international support is needed.

Mey Al Sayegh, the head of communications at the IFRC Middle East and North Africa office, said in a briefing on X that there is no clean drinking water in Derna and no medical supplies, and that the only hospital in the city could no longer take patients.

Al Sayegh said what is needed now is water, shelter, medical aid, food and psychosocial support.

Ahmed Bayram, media advisor for the Middle East for the Norwegian Refugee Council, told VOA's James Butty that Libya had already faced challenges for years and needs funding.

"This is going to be a



A man stands next to a damaged car, after a powerful storm and heavy rainfall hit Libya, in Derna, Libya Sept. 12, 2023.

tragic situation for tens of thousands, not just in Derna, but also across Libya," Bayram said. "The thing about this is that Libya, with its many problems, has been off the headlines for months, if not over a year now. Now it's back in the spotlight and it is important to stress that Libya has been left

behind. The Libya crisis has been left behind. And now it's time for donors to get back on track and fund this emergency."

Hassuna Baishu and James Butty contributed to this report. Some information was provided by the Associated Press and Reuters

Death Toll Surges Above 2,900 in Aftermath of Morocco Earthquake

The death toll in Morocco has now risen to 2,900 after a 6.8-magnitude earthquake shook the High Atlas Mountains southwest of Marrakech on Friday. More than 5,500 people have reported injuries, more than twice the previous tally. Many survivors complain of a lack of aid from Morocco's government.

This earthquake is the North African nation's worst in more than 60 years.

After four nights exposed to the elements, locals who have been left homeless are frustrated with the emergency response.

Mehdi Ait Bouyali, 24, has been stranded along the Tizi N'Test, a lengthy road that connects Marrakech to outlying rural valleys. In the aftermath, he has been camping on the roadside with others who escaped.

They have received no government support and say if

not for food and blankets from strangers driving by, they would have nothing.

"The villages of the valley have been forgotten," he said. "We need any kind of help. We need tents."

Government spokesman Mustapha Baitas on Monday disputed the accusations of inaction.

"From the first seconds this devastating earthquake occurred, and in following the instructions of His Royal Majesty, all civil and military authorities and medical staff, military and civil, have worked on the swift and effective intervention to rescue the victims and recover the bodies of the martyrs," he said.

Rescue teams, including some brought in from Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Britain and Spain, have built tent camps and have begun to deliver food and water where they can.

But the situation is desperate for those in remote areas, where access routes have been obstructed by landslides, and where many live in old-style mud brick huts that have collapsed on their occupants.

Hamid Ait Bouyali, 40, who was camping with Medhi on the side of the road, described the devastation.

"The authorities are focusing on the bigger communities and not the remote villages that are worst affected," he said. "There are some villages that still have the dead buried under the rubble."

Everyday, citizens have been aiding in the response. Brahim Daldali, 36, of Marrakech, has been delivering vital supplies on his motorcycle to those hit the hardest.

"They have nothing, and the people are starving," he said.

All of the residents in the village of Kettou were miraculously



A blue door is seen surrounded by rubble in the devastated village of Adouz after the deadly earthquake in Morocco, Sept. 12, 2023.

spared, as they were participating in an outdoor pre-wedding celebration. Meanwhile, their stone and mud brick houses were razed by the earthquake.

Some parts of Marrakech's old city were damaged, but most of the city emerged unharmed,

including buildings where the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank are scheduled to hold meetings in October. The government is reluctant to reschedule.

Some information from Reuters was used in this report.

SPORTS

1st Nations League victory, ends BVI's 19-year CONCACAF winless streak

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

FOOTBALL

Following 19 years of tournament futility, a jubilant celebration erupted at the A. O. Shirley Grounds at 5:20 p.m. on Saturday, after the final whistle was blown and the men's national team had secured their first CONCACAF Nations League victory, 3-1 over the Turks and Caicos Islands. The BVI's win ended TCI's three games winning streak.

Midfielder Luka Chalwell had a brace to lock down three points, with his first international goals in the 10th and 50th, after Captain and defender Troy Caesar, opened the account four minutes into the game by rising up above and splitting three defenders and steered a header into the net, off a left corner. All three scores came off assists by forward Tyler Forbes. Turks and Caicos' Billy Forbes

scored on a penalty in the 45th as the BVI led 2-1 at the break.

With the win in the League C Group C, the BVI is now 1-6-2 in Nations League play that began in 2018 and 1-24-4 in international play—its first outright victory including friendlies since July 17, 2012. Its last victory in a CONCACAF event came during a 2-0 home win over Bermuda in the Caribbean Cup Qualifier on November 27, 2004.

"I feel we deserved it. We had some good chances and should have been further ahead and then they got a goal before halftime and we lost it a little towards the end of the first half, but the boys dug in deep," BVI Coach Chris Kiwomya, who got his first win after taking the helm two years ago, told The Daily News. "It's a well deserved victory. I don't know how many years there has been since a competitive victory. I told them we needed to win and this was a game in which we thought we could compete. Everyone's above us in the rankings, so we're going to climb to make sure anyone comes here, it's a difficult game."

TCI's Coach Ricky Hill, said

they were disappointed with the outcome. "Congratulations to the British Virgin Islands. They deserved to win on the day. They seemed hungrier as a collective unit," Hill noted. "The boys came out and we didn't match their intensity early on, plus we invited pressure at the wrong time on our own which they capitalized on. Full credit to them for doing that. Really disappointed because we didn't establish any foothold in the game."

Chalwell said everyone played on their shift and it was a great performance with great teamwork. Getting a goal was the best feeling. "These are days I prayed for, and I'm so glad it came, finally. It's only the start," he said. "This is history in the making. This is only the start. We're not finished here. We're going to keep going and persevering. Thanks to the fans. They were amazing through the whole game and through thick and thin."

Caesar, who had his first international goal against TCI in 2019, said he was happy to lead the team to victory after not having a victory in "a very long time." "We



B Luka Chalwell, left, who scored twice, controls the ball against Turks and Caicos' defender, Roquel Aneston

know that set pieces are something we can capitalize on and today was our day to capitalize on those pieces," he said. "I'm happy that I could have put away one today."

The BVI will face Dominica on Oct 12 in St. Lucia, in their next League C game and their away lead in Turks and Caicos Islands on October 16.

Sharonda Pickering signs pro contract with Slovenian Volleyball team

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

VOLLEYBALL

Sharonda Pickering, founder of the Elite Volleyball Club, has signed a professional contract with Ankaran Volleyball Club in Ankaran, Slovenia and will open her season on Oct 7. It's the second pro contract for Pickering, who signed with a Hungarian team after graduating from Florida Gulf Coast University in 2019. Her season was cut short by the pandemic.

In an exclusive interview, Pickering told Island Sun Sports that she wanted a chance to continue playing professional Volleyball and attended a tournament/tour of Europe in July. She said that she went into it with open eyes and an open heart.

"I was offered the opportunity but held off for a little bit, but I decided I would sign and go with the opportunity," she said. "I was very surprised. For me, having played College Volleyball and then I had a short professional career 2-3 years ago, so for me to come back now when Covid is not as popular as it was before, to get an opportunity to play now, it's very exciting."

As she was getting to know her teammates, she said the team seems like it's full of heart and they're very welcoming. "I'm very excited to be joining them this season," she said. "I'm just excited to have another first opportunity to play a whole season of professional Volleyball, it's truly exciting for sure. This time, I'll be in a different country, but I've been to Slovenia twice on tours for Volleyball reasons. I'm in a different part of Slovenia, but I'm still

excited to see how this season will go. I'm excited about joining this team and I'm just hoping for the best."

When she was on tour in mid-July, Pickering said she was with mostly sophomores and juniors in college, but they weren't exactly ready to come out and play in a season as yet. Only one other person on the team was offered a contract.

"With that two-week tour, you're given the opportunity to tour Europe and just play," she pointed out. "The tournament was in Croatia, but we came to Slovenia, got to sight see and go to practices and then towards the end, we had an opportunity to go to Italy and just explore Venice. After that, I was given the opportunity to play in Slovenia which was amazing. I returned to the BVI and one day I said I'll take the offer and move it from there."

Preseason activities began in

August and she was given a routine to follow, then joined the team in early September. With a quick transition, she said that while she loves the BVI and what it offers, the game pace in Europe is faster—the same thing that happened in college. "It will take a little bit to adjust to that, but given the fact that I was trying to keep fit, I'll see how the adjustment goes," she said. "I think the hardest part is always the language barrier, but for the most part, my teammates speak English, the coach speaks English and the translations will be there. Hopefully, that won't be a difficult task at least in the beginning. But coming to a new country, living in a new country, comes with its challenges, but so far, it's good."

The season runs through April with games on Wednesdays and Saturdays, with practices in between games.



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SPORTS



With his teammates in tow, Captain Troy Caesar, 5th right, celebrates BVI's first goal against Turks and Caicos Islands



BVI starting line up against the Turks and Caicos Islands, that registered a 3-1 home win, their first CONCACAF victory since beating Bermuda on No4 27, 2004

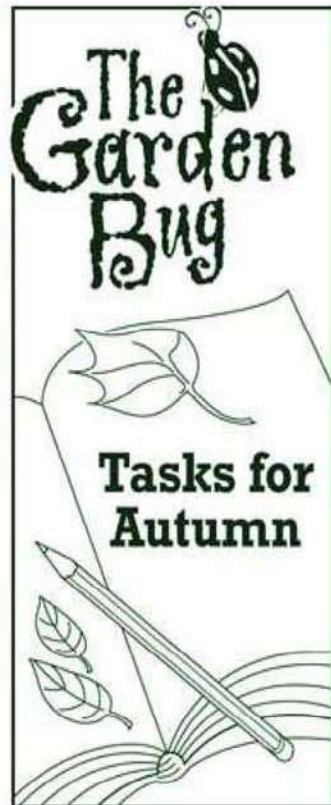


Luka Chalwell, center, celebrates his 2nd international goal that came off an assist by Tyler Forbes to his right



Representatives from 9 of the 10 teams in the Emmet Camies Preseason Knockout Tournament that opens Saturday, surrounds his wife Alvera Maduro-Caines

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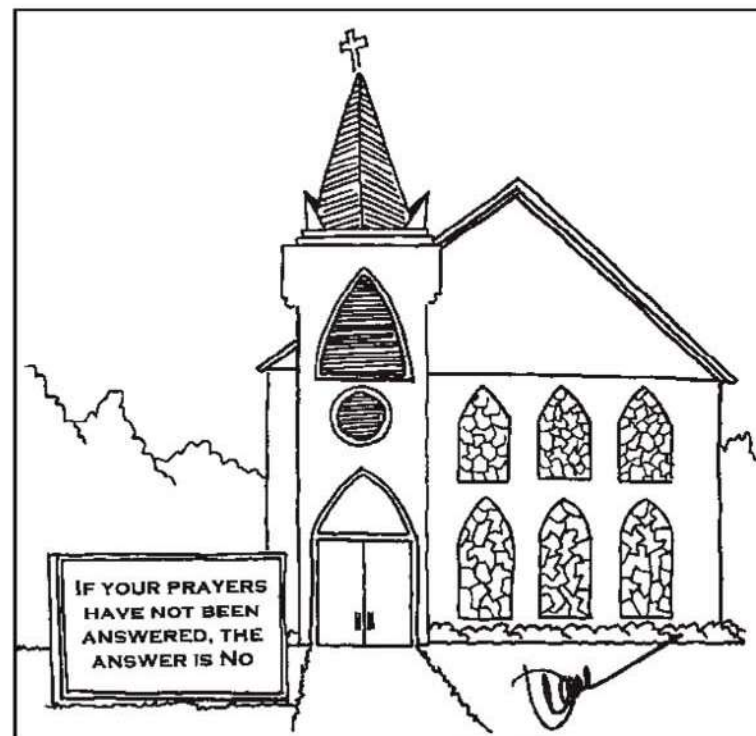


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- Brenda Weaver

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GRIN and BEAR IT ^{Wagner}



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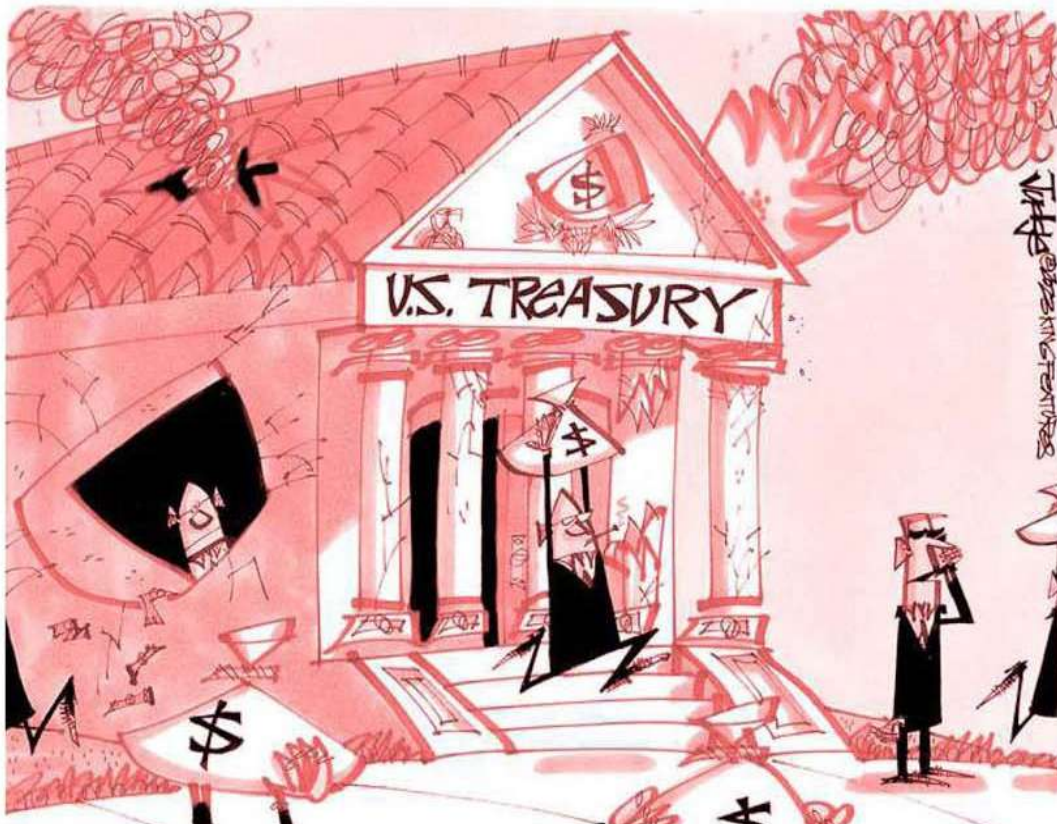
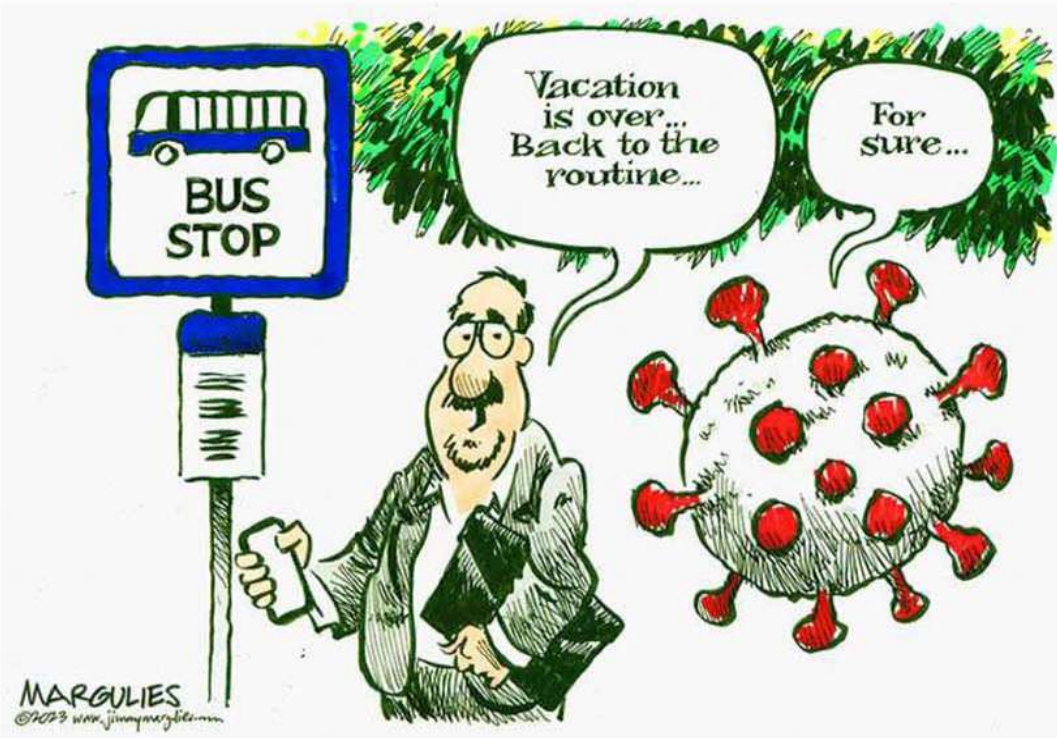
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"MR. PRESIDENT, WE'VE DISCOVERED YET ANOTHER DISASTER AREA."

celebrity extra

by Dana Jackson

Q. Is the new "Equalizer" movie related in any way to the past and present TV series "The Equalizer"? Will Denzel Washington ever appear on the series? — K.S.

A. The original version of "The Equalizer," a TV series starring Edward Woodward that ran from 1985-1989, is about a retired intelligence agent turned private detective who takes the law into his own hands. In 2021, CBS came up with a reboot featuring Queen Latifah as the headliner. Both characters have the last name McCall.

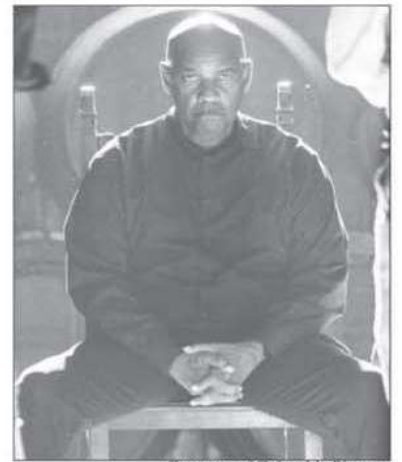
In 2014, the big-screen version of "The Equalizer" starring Denzel Washington premiered. He, too, plays a McCall, but reportedly none of these characters with the same surname are related. "The Equalizer 3," starring Washington and Dakota Fanning, is currently in theaters.

Andrew Marlowe, creator of CBS's current series "The Equalizer," says that there are no plans for these two franchises to merge, even for a special episode. Marlowe told Distractify.com, "For us, it really is about building this show and identity around Robyn McCall and being very specific to a show where Queen is really embodying the heart of it."

Q. Will there be another season of "The Crown" anytime soon? I wonder if they plan to continue it through to the current day when Charles becomes king? — L.L.

A. Peter Morgan, creator of the critically acclaimed Netflix series "The Crown," previously stated that the show would end after five seasons. However, NetflixUK recently released a tweet confirming that the series will be back for one final season this fall, but the story is not expected to end at the present day when Prince Charles becomes king.

We do know that the storyline will make it to at least 2005, when Charles and Camilla Parker Bowles wed. It's also been confirmed that it will touch on the tragic death of Princess Diana (played by Elizabeth Debicki), but there won't be a scene featuring the actual impact of the crash that killed her. A Netflix source confirmed to IndieWire that the scenes



Courtesy of Columbia Pictures
Denzel Washington stars in "The Equalizer 3."

surrounding the princess' death were filmed with "enormous sensitivity" and have been "delicately and thoughtfully" filmed.

According to Parade, Morgan does not plan to delve into the story of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle's exodus from the royal family or the subsequent fallout from Harry's memoir. He emphasized that featuring the two would "seem almost redundant since the couple are constantly in the press."

Q. Is it true that Woody Allen has another movie coming out? Are any of his past stars in it? — L.J.

A. Controversial film director Woody Allen recently premiered his newest project "Coup de Chance" at the Venice Film Festival. His 50th film received a five-minute standing ovation by the audience at the festival, a positive response that is said to have shocked Allen.

The movie, a dramatic French language thriller, will be released in France on Sept. 27, but a U.S. premiere has yet to be announced.

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

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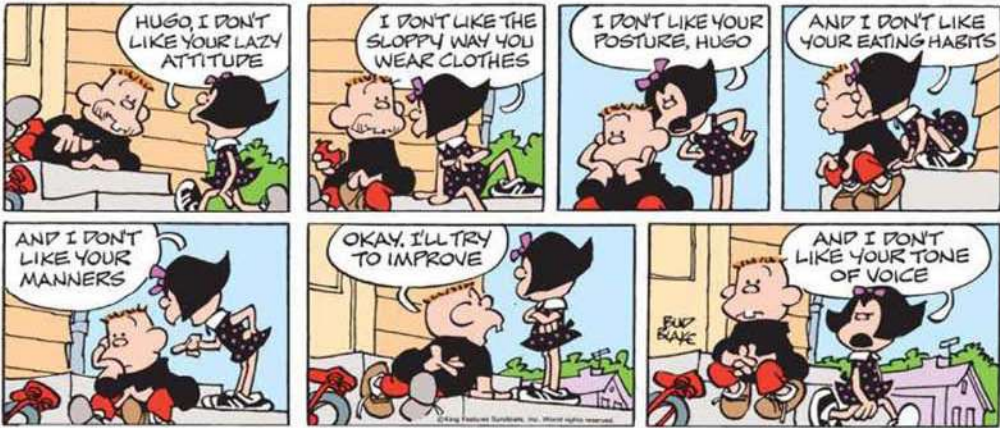
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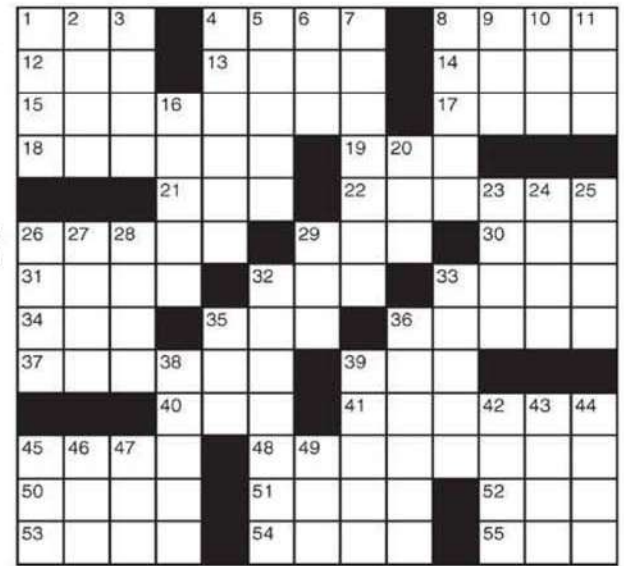
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- 8 Miles away
- 12 Boxing leg-end
- 13 Galileo's birthplace
- 14 Tubular pasta
- 15 Comedy club razzers
- 17 Streetcar
- 18 Attack
- 19 Poem of praise
- 21 Old Ford model
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- 26 Stupefies
- 29 AAA job
- 30 Archipelago unit (Abbr.)
- 31 Sacred bird of Egypt
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- 33 Nile queen, familiarly
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- 27 "... sting like —"
- 28 Galvanizing matter
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- 32 Terrestrial
- 33 Hooded snake
- 35 Supporting
- 36 Rum cocktail
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- 39 Unspoken
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- 45 Make lace
- 46 Hollywood's Thurman
- 47 Aussie hopper
- 49 Shoe width

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- U.S. STATES: Which state is home to a giant sequoia tree named General Sherman?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: Is a rhinoceros an herbivore, omnivore or carnivore?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which city in India is home to the Taj Mahal?
- MOVIES: What is the title of the first James Bond movie?
- TELEVISION: What was the product featured in the first TV advertisement?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which French fashion designer is credited with inventing the Little Black Dress?
- FOOD & DRINK: What does it mean to julienne vegetables?
- GOVERNMENT: What does the acronym GDP stand for in economic terms?
- LITERATURE: What is the cat's name in Shakespeare's "Macbeth"?
- SCIENCE: Who is considered the father of the atomic bomb?

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Answers

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Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



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Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- In 2014, there was a school in Turin, Italy, that had just one teacher and one student. Though the latter admitted to being lonely, officials decided to keep the school open as long as at least one pupil was enrolled.

- Altocalephilia is the medical term for a shoe addiction.

- Embryonic bats go through a stage called "peek-a-boo," when their wings grow to cover their eyes.

- Muhammad Ali's star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame is the only star that is not on the sidewalk, but on the wall of the Kodak Theatre, to honor the boxing champ's request that he "did not want to be walked on."

- Pennies are used to adjust the time in London's famous Big Ben clock tower. A single cent can change the pendulum's center of mass and alter the time by 0.4 seconds per day.

- Michael Bay filmed Megan Fox washing his Ferrari as her audition for "Transformers."

- Halley's Comet has two correct pronunciations. It can rhyme with "daily" or "valley" since its discoverer, Edmond Halley, spelled his name six different ways during his lifetime.

- The 2003 invasion of Iraq was originally dubbed "Operation Iraqi Liberation" but quickly changed due to the fact its acronym spelled out "oil."

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Thought for the Day: "Too many people overvalue what they are not and undervalue what they are." — *Malcolm Forbes*

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Detail of "Madame Ginoux" by Paul Gauguin (1888)

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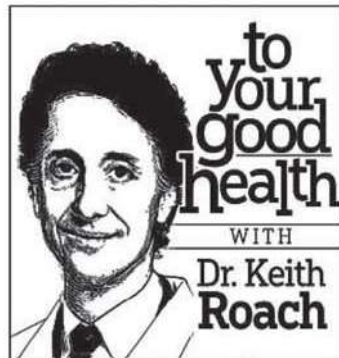
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TOP ten

WETTEST PLACES ON EARTH

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2. Cherrapunji, India
3. Tutunendo, Colombia
4. Cropp River, New Zealand
5. San Antonio de Ureca, Bioko Island, Equatorial Guinea
6. Debundscha, Cameroon, Africa
7. Big Bog, Maui, Hawaii
8. Mount Waialeale, Kuai, Hawaii
9. Kukui, Maui, Hawaii
10. Emei Shan, Sichuan Province, China

Source: ZME Science



Suspecting and Diagnosing Hereditary Hemochromatosis

DEAR DR. ROACH: My husband was diagnosed with hemochromatosis 13 months before he died. I recommended that his blood relatives get tested so they can get treatment early, if necessary. Some doctors don't know to check ferritin levels to make a diagnosis in a person with a family history of hemochromatosis. — C.G.

ANSWER: Hereditary hemochromatosis (HHC) is a genetic disease of iron overload. In a person with HHC, the intestines absorb as much iron as they can all the time, even if the body doesn't need it, whereas a person without HHC will simply stop absorbing iron if it isn't necessary. The iron can go into and damage many organs, especially the liver, heart, bone marrow, hormone-producing glands and skin.

The diagnosis should be suspected in close relatives of an affected person. Although checking ferritin levels is useful in making the diagnosis, iron tests, total iron-binding capacity tests and hemoglobin tests should also be ordered. If the family member has a recognized genetic mutation, such as C282Y homozygote or C282Y/H63D compound heterozygote, those genetic tests may also be useful in making the diagnosis.

The diagnosis should even be suspected in people with vague symptoms, such as weakness and fatigue. I teach my students and residents to consider the possibility of iron overload, as it is common, easily tested for, and easily treated with phlebotomy (blood removal). Symptomatic HHC is more common at an earlier age in

men than women, but it still should be considered in younger women.

A clinician should also consider iron overload in people with enlarged livers or abnormal liver enzymes, diabetes, changes in skin tone (bronze or gray), heart failure and some kinds of arthritis. Most people with these conditions do not have HHC, but initial testing is cheap and easy.

Treatment can be done by donating blood. My first patient with HHC donated over 100 units of blood before his blood levels came down to the target range.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am one of the people who cannot take statins because of muscle pain. My cardiologist suggested Praluent, and it works fine — no muscle pain as well as very low HDL and LDL cholesterol levels for over two years now.

However, I keep seeing articles about muscle pain and statins and never see Praluent referred to as an alternative. Why? — T.G.

ANSWER: Alirocumab (Praluent) is an antibody to a compound called PCSK9. This causes the liver to remove LDL cholesterol from the blood and lower the levels of this "bad" kind of cholesterol. In turn, this leads to a reduction in heart disease risk among those taking the medication. It does not cause muscle damage. PCSK9 inhibitors may be used alone or in combination with statins.

Unfortunately, the medication is expensive, about \$500 per month. It is most often used in people with known blockages in their heart, but some experts prescribe alirocumab in high-risk patients who do not have known blockages. Insurance coverage is not assured. Furthermore, it is given only as an injection, usually every two or four weeks.

PCSK9 inhibitors are an important tool in the fight against heart disease and are of special value in those at the highest risk or those who cannot tolerate a statin.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual questions, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu.

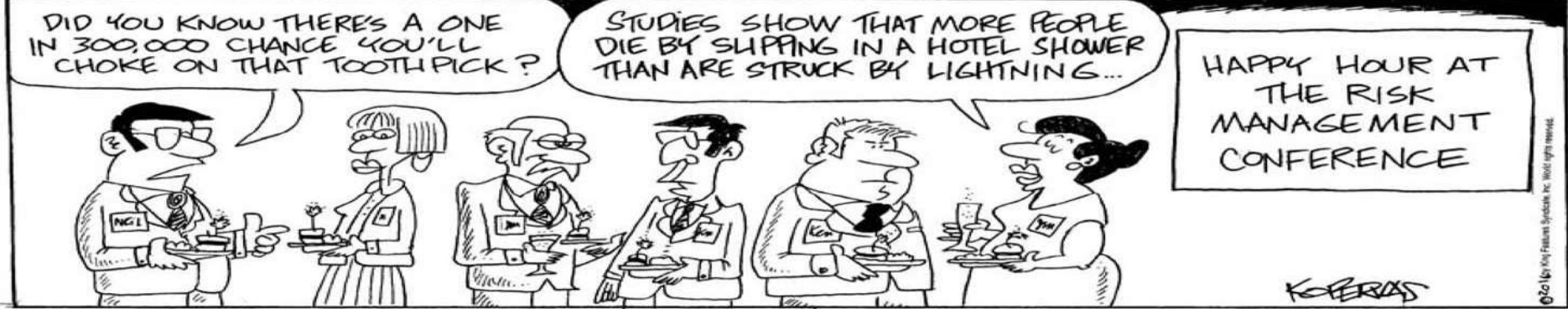
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THE CARIBBEAN SHOULD BAN LETHAL AUTONOMOUS WEAPONS

By Sir Ronald Sanders

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Autonomous weapons pose a clear and present danger to the Caribbean. Action to ban them should be seriously considered now. This is one of four recommendations that I made in an address to a conference on September 5, organised by the Caribbean Community Implementation Agency for Crime and Security on "The Human Impacts of Autonomous Weapons". This article is a shortened version of my address to law enforcement officers, lawyers and diplomats.

Autonomous weapons are weapon systems that can identify, target, and eliminate a person, a group of persons or an area without human intervention. Unlike remotely piloted drones or other systems that require a human to make the final decision to engage a target, autonomous weapons can carry out these actions on their own once they are activated.

So, why should the Caribbean region be alarmed at this phenomenon? There are several reasons. Our communities are already under stress due to increasing crime and violence. The illegal firearms that contribute to violent crime and homicides are a precursor to a more profound threat.

Can you imagine the impact of autonomous weapons being added to the arsenal of weapons that are now deployed in criminal activity? Consider a drone, meticulously programmed with facial recognition technology, set to target an individual. It scans, identifies, and eliminates its target all while operating undetected.

POTENTIAL TARGETS:

Autonomous weapons are diverse. They consist not only of drones but also of covert city devices and lethal robots. They can be precise, targeting key figures such as political leaders, judges, law enforcement officers -or anyone who opposes those who benefit from drug trafficking or other criminal activity.

Beyond individuals, our critical infrastructure is also at-risk including energy facilities that provide electricity to towns and cities, to ports, and to water supplies.

THE GLOBAL CONTEXT:

There is an increasing chorus within the international community advocating for a robust treaty to govern these autonomous weapons. Prominent international figures,



including the Pope, and the UN Secretary General António Guterres, have voiced their concerns.

Last October in the First Committee of the 77th United Nation General Assembly, a joint statement was issued, drawing grave concerns about lethal autonomous weapons systems.

The statement said, among other things: "... the introduction of new technological applications, such as those related to autonomy in weapon systems, also raise serious concerns from humanitarian, legal, security, technological and ethical perspectives. We therefore see an urgent need for the international community to further their understanding and address

these risks and challenges by adopting appropriate rules and measures, such as principles, good practices, limitations and constraints". Also, on July 20 this year, under the theme of "A new Agenda for Peace", the UN Secretary-General recommended that all countries should "conclude, by 2026, a legally binding instrument to prohibit lethal autonomous weapon systems that function without human control or oversight." The government of Costa Rica has also been proactive in galvanizing nations to address this worrisome issue.

The calls for international cooperation to curb autonomous weapons is a crucial step, but not all governments in the international community support this position. Indeed, some of them, which are already extensively using drones and other lethal machines in war torn areas and for targeting enemies, are resisting any binding treaties that limit their use of autonomous weapons. The Stop Killer Robots Movement has pointed out that this year's meeting of the Group of Governmental Experts on autonomous weapons systems, from May 15 to 19, ended without substantive progress.

Big countries that see benefits in these weapons are resisting strict rules. These nations are investing heavily in military applications of autonomous weapons, weaving them into the fabric of their defence strategies. They argue that these weapons can reduce human casualties in conflict or be more precise in targeting.

Anyone who doubts the capacity of these weapons, need only look at television coverage of the conflict between Russia and Ukraine to see the death and destruction they inflict.

SMALL STATES VULNERABILITY AND CARIBBEAN UNITY

How long before these weapons find their way into the wrong hands, unchecked and unregulated? While international negotiations grind slowly forward, the Caribbean cannot afford the luxury of


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waiting. Caribbean vulnerabilities are immediate and tangible.

Caribbean borders are vast stretches of open sea, posing substantial challenges. Policing these expanses for inter-state trafficking, especially for high-tech, compact autonomous weaponry, is a daunting task. Moreover, Caribbean governments would be burdened with an unaffordable increase in costs.

For instance, law enforcement agencies would need to be revamped, counter-terrorism units established, and intelligence networks enhanced. Our vast maritime borders are conduits for trafficking, and the introduction of autonomous weapons into this mix is a nightmare scenario. Given the high stakes, Caribbean nations need not, and should not, wait for global consensus. Their unity can be their strength. A regional approach, where Caribbean nations come together to enact stringent legislation, can set a powerful precedent.

PROPOSED REGIONAL ACTIONS:

Here are four ideas for collective regional action:

First, an immediate step should be the introduction of laws strictly banning the importation of autonomous weapons. By ensuring they don't enter our shores, we minimize the immediate threat.

Second, those found breaching these laws should face severe repercussions. From heavy fines to lengthy prison sentences, the message must be clear: the Caribbean will not tolerate the proliferation of these weapons.

Third, beyond possession and trafficking, the actual use of such weapons should carry even more substantial penalties, potentially maximum terms. This deterrence will underscore the gravity of the act.

And fourth, with the United Nations General Assembly gathering in October 2023, Caribbean States have an opportunity to take leadership in pushing for meaningful progress towards a new legally binding instrument. Every Caribbean leader at the General Assembly should include this call in their statements. Also, with the same vigour that small states at the UN fight against the existential threat of Climate Change, they should fight against the fatal threat of our police forces being overwhelmed by criminals armed with autonomous weapons.

CONCLUSION

To conclude, the Caribbean region, with its unique vulnerabilities, stands at a crossroads.

Our States can be proactive, adapting our laws and bolstering our defences, or we can risk being overpowered.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE

BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
(NO. 16 OF 2004)

Danei Ltd

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 7th day of September, 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 [17/1]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act B&C International Co., (BVI) Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number: 236810

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204(1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 7 September 2023. The Joint Liquidators are Anton Goldstein and Rachael Pape of Conyers Dill & Pearman, Commerce House, Wickhams Cay 1, P.O. Box 3140, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110, British Virgin Islands.

Dated: 7 September 2023
Rachael Pape
For and on behalf of **Anton Goldstein and Rachael Pape** [17/2]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 HINSON COMMERCIAL INC.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. - 1481610

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 8th day of September, 2023.

Dated: 8th day of September, 2023.
(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**

Philippa O'Sullivan
Liquidator [17/3]

VITA DEVELOPMENT LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1772339

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, Subsection (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 4th day of September, 2023. The Liquidator is **Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated this 8th day of September, 2023
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator [17/4]

Casa Maya Kaan Limited(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 2105214

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, Subsection (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 4th day of September, 2023. The Liquidator is **Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated this 8th day of September, 2023
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator [17/5]

CTG Evergreen Investment XXV Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1930964

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 6th day of September, 2023.

Dated this 6th day of September, 2023
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator [17/6]

Liquidator's Final Notice IMAKARUM LIMITED

("the Company")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1725970

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to section (208) (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 1st September 2023.

Dated 5th September 2023
Carmine Bailey
Voluntary Liquidator [17/7]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 JABIL CIRCUIT (BVI) INC.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 3585

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 07th day of September, 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa V. O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: 08th day of September, 2023 (Sgd.) **Philippa V. O'Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator [17/8]

NOTICE

BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
(NO. 16 OF 2004)

Qiuqiu Inc.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 5th day of September 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 [17/9]

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

SESTANTE FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS LTD.(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1637706

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 September 8th, 2023.

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

Dated: September 8th, 2023
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator [17/10]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 Winchester Holdings Development Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1667507

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 08th day of September, 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa V. O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: 08th day of September, 2023 (Sgd.) **Philippa V. O'Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator [17/11]

DENTON PROPERTIES LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 514246

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, Subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from the 11th day of September, 2023.

Dated this 11th day of September, 2023
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator [17/12]

NOTICE

BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
(NO. 16 OF 2004)

WKMY Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 29th day of August, 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.

The Liquidators is:-

Wayne Francis

Of c/o Nerine Chambers, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands [17/13]

NOTICE

BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
Russell Gate Worldwide Limited

("the Company")

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 8th day of September, 2023; under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.

The Liquidator is:-

Wayne Francis

of Nerine Chambers, P.O. Box 905, Quastisky Building, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands [17/14]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2100523

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 11th September 2023.

Dated: 11th September 2023.
(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator [17/15]

Frozen Lemons Ltd.Company No. 1908045
(in voluntary liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given, in accordance with the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the above-named company, is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 31st of August 2023 and **Paula Ajarie of Lot 24 de Castro Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands VG1110, is the voluntary liquidator.**

(Sgd.) **Paula Ajarie****Paula Ajarie**

Voluntary Liquidator

Dated: 31st of August 2023

[17/16]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act Quince Bright Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company Number: 1944343

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204(1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 8 September 2023. The Joint Liquidators are **Anton Goldstein and Rachael Pape of Conyers Dill & Pearman, Commerce House, Wickhams Cay 1, P.O. Box 3140, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: 8 September 2023
Rachael Pape

For and on behalf of **Anton Goldstein and Rachael Pape**
As Joint Liquidators [17/17]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1426102

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 11th September, 2023. The Liquidator is **Mrs. Cassandra Glasgow-Penn of Chapel Hill, East End, Tortola, BVI VG1120.**

Dated this 12th September, 2023.
Sgd. Cassandra Glasgow-Penn
Liquidator [17/18]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 Kenz Capital Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1912973

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 11th September, 2023. The Liquidator is **Mrs. Cassandra Glasgow-Penn of Chapel Hill, East End, Tortola, BVI VG1120.**

Dated this 12th September, 2023.
Sgd. Cassandra Glasgow-Penn
Liquidator [17/19]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 Al Mayass Holding Ltd

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1910848

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 11th September, 2023. The Liquidator is **Mrs. Cassandra Glasgow-Penn of Chapel Hill, East End, Tortola, BVI VG1120.**

Dated this 12th September, 2023.
Sgd. Cassandra Glasgow-Penn
Liquidator [17/20]

PUBLIC NOTICES

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Companies Act.

OXENDON FINANCE LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1026192

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 September 12, 2023.

Dated: September 13, 2023

(Sgd.) *Nelcia St. Jean*

Voluntary Liquidator

[17/21]

STRUCK OFF
Liquidator's Final Notice
EUROCONNECTION LIMITED
("the Company")

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 81169

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to section (208) (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 11th September 2023.

Dated 12th September 2023

Carmine Bailey

Voluntary Liquidator

[17/22]

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

Water Street International Master Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No: 1925711

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from May 12, 2023.

Dated: September 13, 2023

Sgd: *Philippa V. O'Sullivan*

Voluntary Liquidator

[17/23]

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

Water Street International, Inc.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No: 38088

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from May 12, 2023.

Dated: September 13, 2023

Sgd: *Philippa V. O'Sullivan*

Voluntary Liquidator

[17/24]

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

Innovatus Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2070283

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 11th September 2023. The liquidator is *Philippa O'Sullivan* of **Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: 11th September 2023

(Sgd.) *Philippa O'Sullivan*

Voluntary Liquidator

[17/25]

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

Innotinum Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2070279

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 11th September 2023. The liquidator is *Philippa O'Sullivan* of **Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: 11th September 2023

(Sgd.) *Philippa O'Sullivan*

Voluntary Liquidator

[17/26]

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

Elay Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2068517

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 11th September 2023. The liquidator is *Philippa O'Sullivan* of **Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: 11th September 2023

(Sgd.) *Philippa O'Sullivan*

Voluntary Liquidator

[17/27]

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

Lisglo Holding Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2103961

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 12th September 2023.

Dated: 12th September 2023.

(Sgd.) *Philippa O'Sullivan*

Voluntary Liquidator

[17/28]

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

Excellent Minder Holdings Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2078274

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 12th September 2023.

Dated: 12th September 2023.

(Sgd.) *Philippa O'Sullivan*

Voluntary Liquidator

[17/29]

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

Eternity Nebula Holdings Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2078896

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 12 September 2023.

Dated: 12th September 2023.

(Sgd.) *Philippa O'Sullivan*

Voluntary Liquidator

[17/30]

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

Linyong Holdings Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1989438

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 2023/09/13. The liquidator is *Philippa O'Sullivan* of **Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: 2023/09/13

(Sgd.) *Philippa O'Sullivan*

Voluntary Liquidator

[17/31]

DURBUY INC.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 484754

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 8 September 2023.

Dated: September 11, 2023.

(Sgd.) *Mr. Alfredo Caruci*

Voluntary Liquidator

[17/32]

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

BVIHPB2023/0183

**IN THE ESTATE OF FLORENTINA MAGDALENE
FARRELL, DECEASED**

TAKE NOTICE that *JEFFERY JOEL CALLWOOD* of Tortola, British Virgin Islands, son of the deceased aforesaid, who died on the 23rd day of October, 2020 intends to apply to the High Court of Justice in the Probate Division for a Grant of LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION to the Estate of the said FLORENTINA MAGDALENE FARRELL deceased.

ANY PERSON or persons who has or have any objections to the Grant of LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION to the said FLORENTINA MAGDALENE FARRELL of Tortola, British Virgin Islands, shall within fourteen (14) days from the date of the publication of this Notice lodge with the Registry of the High Court of Justice in the British Virgin Islands the proper documents setting out the proper objections.

Dated this 12th day of September, 2023

Harbour Chambers BVI

Legal Practitioners for the Applicant

[18]

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

BVIHPB2023/0184

**IN THE ESTATE OF LECIA ELIZABETH RUBAINE of
Tortola, British Virgin Islands, deceased**

TAKE NOTICE that *LELIA FELECIA BURKE, KEDIMONE ADRIANNA RUBAINE and NIKKI CHARISSA RUBAINE-CONNELL* of Tortola, British Virgin Islands, daughters of the deceased aforesaid, who died on the 7th day of February, 2022 intends to apply to the High Court of Justice in the Probate Division for a Grant of LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION to the Estate of the said LECIA ELIZABETH RUBAINE, deceased.

ANY PERSON or persons who has or have any objections to the Grant of LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION to the said LELIA FELECIA BURKE, KEDIMONE ADRIANNA RUBAINE and NIKKI CHARISSA RUBAINE-CONNELL of Tortola, British Virgin Islands, shall within fourteen (14) days from the date of the publication of this Notice lodge with the Registry of the High Court of Justice in the British Virgin Islands the proper documents setting out the proper objections.

Dated this 12th day of September, 2023

Harbour Chambers BVI

Legal Practitioners for the Applicants

[18]

PUBLIC NOTICES

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

BVIHPB2023/0182

**In the Estate of Knut Schmiedel, late of 11
Hirschparkweg 22587, Hamburg, Germany,
deceased**

TAKE NOTICE that STEFAN MERSE of Olendeelskoppel 14 22397, Hamburg, Germany, Dr. HANS-UWE EHLERS of Brahmsallee 18 20144, Hamburg, Germany and KAI DETIG of Zirkusweg 2 20359, Hamburg, Germany, the Executors of the estate of KNUT SCHMIEDEL, deceased who died on the 21st day of January, 2016, domiciled in Germany (the Deceased), having left a holograph Last Will made and dated 27 September 2015, have applied to the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the Probate Division for Probate of the said Last Will of the Deceased.

ANY PERSON having an objection to the Grant of Probate of the said Last Will to the said STEFAN MERSE, Dr. HANS-UWE EHLERS and KAI DETIG, 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
[17]

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

**PROBATE NO. OF 2023
IN THE ESTATE OF LESHAGHN ARREO SMITH, LATE OF
HORSE PATH, ROAD TOWN, TORTOLA, BRITISH VIRGIN
ISLANDS, DECEASED**

**ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF
ADMINISTRATON**

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by JADA HOPKINS of Horse Path, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands and BRITTANY SMITH of 5377 Palomino Place Apopka Florida, 32712, United States of America for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicants who are the mothers of the deceased issues, the deceased having died intestate on the 24th day of February, 2022.

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

Dated this 31st day of August 2023.

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

[17]

**Valero Aruba Holdings
International, Ltd.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 580074

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 8 September 2023.

Dated: September 11, 2023.

(Sgd.) Mr. Alfredo Caruci

Voluntary Liquidator

[17/33]

**GARUDA CAPITAL
CORP.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 352281

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 8 September 2023.

Dated: September 11, 2023.

(Sgd.) Mr. Alfredo Caruci

Voluntary Liquidator

[17/34]

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

**LICHFIELD
CORPORATION**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 39699

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 September 14th, 2023. The Liquidator is Nelcia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated: September 14th, 2023

(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean

Voluntary Liquidator

[17/35]



**FORM P16: ADVERTISEMENT (RESEALING)
Rule 30 (2)**

**The Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
VIRGIN ISLANDS**

**In the Estate of TSE KAI WONG late of
Flat 4, 21st Floor, Kong Hing Court, Aberdeen Centre,
No.13 Nam Ning Street, Aberdeen, Hong Kong, deceased**

Notice is given that after the expiration of 8 days, application will be made by the son of the deceased TSE CHUN YIP of Flat 4, 21st Floor, Kong Hing Court, Aberdeen Centre, No.13 Nam Ning Street, Aberdeen, Hong Kong to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the resealing of the grant of Probate of the estate of TSE KAI WONG late of Flat 4, 21st Floor, Kong Hing Court, Aberdeen Centre, No.13 Nam Ning Street, Aberdeen, Hong Kong, deceased, granted by the High Court of Hong Kong at LG1, High Court Building, 38 Queensway, Hong Kong to the Executor, TSE CHUN YIP, dated the 6TH day of May 2022

Philippa O'Sullivan
BGA Law (BVI) Limited
Attorney-at-Law for the Administrator

[18]

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

BVIHPB2023/0178

**In the Estate of Gottfried Julius Schubert also known
as Julius Schubert, late of Burgfeld 8, 30989 Gehrden,
Germany, deceased**

TAKE NOTICE that SUSANNE SCHUBERT-GRIEP of Kronthaler Weg 20, 61476 Kronberg, Germany and JULIA SCHUBERT of Goebenstr. 18, 30163 Hannover, Germany, the residuary beneficiaries of the estate of GOTTFRIED JULIUS SCHUBERT also known as JULIUS SCHUBERT, deceased (the Deceased), who died on the 4th day of September, 2022 domiciled in Germany, have 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 SUSANNE SCHUBERT-GRIEP and JULIA SCHUBERT, 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 Administratrices

[17]

PUBLIC NOTICES

HCCW 326 / 2023
IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE
HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION
COURT OF FIRST INSTANCE
COMPANIES (WINDING-UP) NO. 326 OF 2023

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES
(WINDING UP AND MISCELLANEOUS
PROVISIONS) ORDINANCE (CAP. 32), LAWS
OF HONG KONG

AND

IN THE MATTER OF BEYOND WISDOM
LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a petition for the winding up of the above-named company by the High Court of Hong Kong was, on the 24th day of July 2023, presented to the said court by HAITONG INTERNATIONAL SECURITIES COMPANY LIMITED, 22/F, Li Po Chun Chambers, 189 Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong. And that said petition is directed to be heard before the court at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, the 27th day of September 2023; and any creditor or contributory of the said company desirous to support or oppose the making of an order on the said petition may appear at the time of hearing by himself or his counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the petition will be furnished to any creditor or contributory of the said company requiring the same by the undersigned on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

Dated this 4th day of September 2023

Ashurst Hong Kong
 Solicitors for the Petitioner
 11/F, Jardine House,
 1 Connaught Place, Central, Hong Kong
 (Ref: JCOMBE\BENG\1000-152-833)

Note:- Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said petition must serve on or send by post to the above-named, notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person, or, if a firm, the name and address of the firm, and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their solicitor (if any), and must be served, or if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above-named not later than 6 o'clock in the afternoon of the 26th day of September 2023.

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Sargassum Seaweed
Causes Water Interrup-
tion on Virgin Gorda

The Ministry of Communications and Works was advised that the Sargassum Seaweed at Handsome Bay inhibited the operation of the water production of the Desalination Plant. In turn, the distribution of water was disrupted to customers in the Valley, Virgin Gorda.

The Handsome Bay Water Plant Company, Aqua Design, advised that due to the overwhelming amount of Sargassum Seaweed, the pre-filtration system of the open sea intake was inundated and partially blocked, minimising the amount of seawater that could be processed. As such, plant production had to be reduced to maintain adequate pressure to the equipment. Failure to maintain over 30 psi to the equipment could result in catastrophic equipment failure.

The Ministry was further advised by Aqua Design that the change in tide over the weekend shifted the Sargassum Seaweed, allowing for increased plant production. Plant operators will continue to monitor the intake condition and make the necessary adjustments while the long-term solution will be implemented within the upcoming months. It was also stated that at this point, water production has resumed to normal operations.

The Ministry of Communications and Works and multiple stakeholders are working together to try and alleviate this water supply challenge.

The Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change, responsible for overseeing environmental protection and climate change, is embarking on developing sustainable solutions to prevent further seaweed infiltration into the system at Handsome Bay.

The Ministry sincerely apologises for the inconvenience caused by the reduced water supply and assures the residents that efforts are being made to address the issue to minimise reoccurrences and develop long-term solutions.

FORM P7: ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION
FOR GRANT [Rule 15]

The Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
VIRGIN ISLANDS

BVIHPB 2023/0122

In the Estate of EDWARD JOSÉ MÜLLER late of 40 Edmundstreet, Paramaribo, Suriname, who died intestate on 5th OCTOBER 2021 domiciled in Suriname deceased

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by MAVIS JEANE MULLER of 40 Edmundstreet, Paramaribo, Suriname for Letters of Administration to the applicant MAVIS JEANE MULLER who is the wife of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on 5th OCTOBER 2021

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

Filed by Attorneys-at-Law BGA Law (BVI) Limited whose address for service is Sea Meadow House, P. O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

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

BVIHPB2023/0180

IN THE ESTATE OF YESENA IRENE HODGE SAMUELS
AKA YENSENA IRENE SAMUELS AKA IRENE
SAMUELS, DECEASED

TAKE NOTICE that JUNE SAMUELS-KNIGHTS of New York, United States of America, a child of the deceased aforesaid, who died on the 10th day of December, 2001 intends to apply to the High Court of Justice in the Probate Division for a Grant of PROBATE DE BONIS NON ADMINISTRATUS to the Estate of the said YESENA IRENE HODGE SAMUELS AKA YENSENA IRENE SAMUELS AKA IRENE SAMUELS, deceased.

ANY PERSON or persons who has or have any objections to the Grant of PROBATE DE BONIS NON ADMINISTRATUS to the said JUNE SAMUELS KNIGHTS of New York, United States of America, shall within fourteen (14) days from the date of the publication of this Notice lodge with the Registry of the High Court of Justice in the British Virgin Islands the proper documents setting out the proper objections.

Dated this 7th day of September, 2023

Harbour Chambers BVI
 Legal Practitioners for the Applicant

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PUBLIC NOTICES



Lands and Survey Department
 Virgin Islands
 Department of Disaster Management and Sol

BY EMAIL AND VIRGIN ISLANDS GAZETTE
 BVILR/PRE/10/2023

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TITLE 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	4738B	18

The Chief Registrar of Lands hereby gives notice that JUDE HENRY of Valley, Virgin Gorda, Virgin Islands has applied to be registered as the Proprietor, by Prescription, of Parcel 18, Block 4738B, Virgin Gorda South Registration Section which measures approximately 5.5 acres. Affidavits were file in support of his application.

Parcel 18 is registered to:

- RENDRAG INVESTMENT COMPANY LIMITED, c/o Mr. Stephen Green, Lord Nelson Inn, Virgin Gorda

Anyone who has just cause to object to JUDE HENRY being registered as the proprietor for Parcel 18, Block 4738B, Virgin Gorda South Registration Section should file their objection in writing at the Lands Unit on or before Tuesday 17th October, 2023.

An Interim Restriction has been placed on the Land Register pending the outcome of the Application for Prescription. 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 8th day of September 2023

Toni Hodge-Davis
 Executive Officer
 (for) Chief Registrar of Lands
 To: Rendrag Investment Company Limited
 c/o Mr. Stephen Green
 Lord Nelson Inn
 Virgin Gorda

Virgin Islands Maximea & Co. Law Chambers
 Glancina George Building
 2nd Floor
 Road Town, Tortola VG1110
 Virgin Islands
 Legal Practitioners for the Applicant,
 Mr. Jude Henry rmaximea@maximeandco.com

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Tel: Lands Unit: (284) 468-2017, Survey Unit: (284) 468-4321 | Email: Lands Unit: landregistration@gov.vg, Survey Unit: landandsurveydept@gov.vg | Website: www.bvi.gov.vg

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DO's

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



DON'TS

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



IMPORTANT NOTE IN CASE OF LEAKAGE

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



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A message from the Department of Disaster Management and Sol

The 2023-2024 School Year Is Moving Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead

Minister for Education, Youth Affairs and Sports, Honourable Sharie B. de Castro has said the new school year is a continuation of an incredible journey of moving Virgin Islands Education: Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead.

Honourable de Castro while addressing the Third Sitting of the First Session of the Fifth House of Assembly said the Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (S.T.E.A.M.) course aims to prepare students for the professions of the future by fostering creativity, problem-solving abilities, and a deep understanding of modern technologies.

The Minister added that throughout the course, students will engage in critical thinking exercises and projects that encourage them to analyze complex problems, think creatively, and make informed decisions.

Honourable de Castro said, "In an increasingly digital world, students will develop the skills and competencies that will foster digital literacy, by learning about online safety, data privacy, and responsible technology use. These skills are essential for navigating the digital landscape and are applicable in various professions."

The Minister for Education added that by offering this comprehensive programme, students will be better equipped to meet the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century, thereby ensuring a bright and prosperous future for themselves and by extension for the Territory.

Honourable de Castro said that the Ministry of Education is preparing for the successful implementation of the course and hosted more than 500 educators from public and private schools at the ministry's 'Educators Professional Day 2023'. She added that educators were also engaged in multiple training sessions at the Elmore Stoutt High School.



"As the 2023-2024 school year commenced, during the week of Summer Institute, several training sessions were conducted focusing on Curriculum and Pedagogy, S.T.E.A.M., A.I. and Robotics in Education, Multi-grade Teaching, Professional Conduct, Health and Wellness, Personal Finances, Psychosocial Health and Special Education," Honourable de Castro said.

Secondary students also participated in a Robotics Workshop as part of activities to begin the academic school year. The workshop allowed students to get a glimpse of the innovation that will unfold in their upcoming S.T.E.A.M. Innovations Class.

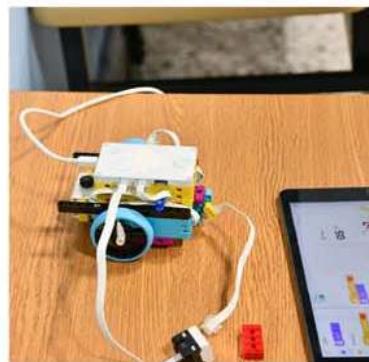
Meanwhile, Acting Chief Education Officer (ACEO), Mrs. Orlandette Crabbe said the opening of the 2023-2024 academic year is a journey that requires everyone to reimagine education through the lens of the S.T.E.A.M. course.

Mrs. Crabbe said, "Moving Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead signifies our dedication to Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics, which in turn is an interdisciplinary approach that cultivates holistic growth and equips us for the challenges and

opportunities of the future."

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

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34 Registered as British Citizens

34 individuals are now registered as British Citizens after being previously naturalised as British Overseas Territories Citizens.

During a ceremony held at Government House on Friday, September 8, the individuals recited the Oath of Allegiance to His Majesty the King, as well as the Pledge of Loyalty to the

United Kingdom.

The new citizens also received congratulatory remarks from His Excellency the Governor, John J. Rankin, CMG, and Registrar General, Mrs. Tashi O’Flaherty-Maduro.

Governor Rankin said, “You have shown your commitment to the United Kingdom, your knowledge of its history, its institutions,



and its language. There are already strong links between the United Kingdom, and the British Virgin Islands, you are now part of those links.”

Registrar General, Mrs. Tashi O’Flaherty-Maduro congratulated the new citizens for enduring what can be a lengthy process, and informed them that as British citizens, they now have the right to hold a British passport, as well as abode in the United Kingdom. She also reminded them that they will be expected to favourably represent the United Kingdom in their conduct, speech and actions.

According to the British Nationality Act, individuals who are naturalised as British Overseas Territory Citizens after May 21, 2002, can apply to the United Kingdom Government to be registered as British Citizens.

The 34 new British citizens are:

- Aftab Alli
- Eartha Lorraine Barker
- Symarj Anthony Bobb
- Raymond Alroy Caton
- Akada Kennisha Charles
- Ivin Davis

- Kimberlee Casandra Bailey-Francis
- Alaire Chrys-Daveen Khan Frazer
- Rachael Rebecca Rodriguez Frazer
- Leisha Ann Joyce Frett
- Mignolia Lopez De George
- Shibon Avalyn Guy
- T’sa Lovia James Hodge
- Tashel Latisha Martin-Jackson
- Emerline Victoria Jennings
- Abigail Aghogho Joseph
- Gary Bernard Joshua
- Nerissa Nina Lindie
- Erlina Andretha Matthews
- Nadia Maria Preciosa Menezes
- Asma Muhammad
- Darren Darian Muhammad
- Elizabeth Mylan
- Richard Naraine
- Seema Kamalpatie Naraine
- Margaret Olivia Paul
- Veronica Viola Prince
- Latreesha Marceda Rogers
- Carlos Septus
- Hannah Singh
- Cherry-Ann Linda Cynthia George-Smith
- Raphael Eric Stoll
- Daniela Renee De Leon Vanterpool
- Levon Themba Ayodayly Williams

SUMMER READING BOOK LIST 2023

KINDERGARTEN

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



1. **Dr. Seuss Collection**
by Dr. Seuss
2. **ABC-Animals Coloring Book**
by Carlyn Benjamin (Local author)
3. **First Day, No Way! ***
By Lori Mortensen
4. **Little Lizard's First Day ***
by Melinda Melton Crow
5. **When I Grow Up**
by Rick Grant (Local author)
6. **Where I Live**
by Rick Grant (Local author)

*digital book

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

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Luxury Wine & Spirits Development Manager

TICO Wine & Spirits Merchants is looking for a Luxury Wine & Spirits Development Manager with 7-10 years experience in the Wine & Spirits trade with extensive knowledge and a proven track record, references will be respectfully requested.

Skills required include but are not limited to:

Management skills are essential to our overall portfolio. Must be proactive and innovative as well as competent in executing promotional activities. Possess excellent communication skills and will be responsible for brand building on and off-premise. Nurture existing and develop new relationships with major resorts and wine accounts in general.

Achieve sales & distribution objectives of brands per supplier's reasonable requests. Must be able to offer quarterly reports and analysis on performance of select accounts. Implement and manage promotions with accounts that increase sales and brand visibility, by the glass – featured wines, etc.

Lead trainings and education for customers and TICO team members to increase brand awareness and knowledge. Implement training & educational classes. Host wine dinners with Managing Director in TICO's wine room and at accounts as well as host wine events and tastings at key accounts with suppliers.

Work in conjunction with Sales Director and Brand Manager of Product and Innovation. Maintain regular on and off-island account visits and have the ability to work independently. Ability to work nights, weekends and holidays is required. Sampling of alcoholic drinks is required. Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite and inventory / reporting software required. Individuals who meet the criteria will be contacted for an interview. Send CV and 2 reference letters to tico@ticobvi.com 284-494-2211.

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JOIN OUR TEAM: We are currently hirig at CCM Trading Ltd. (Yo Mama) for evening shift.
POSITIONS: Full-time and Part-time
COOK
KITCHEN HELPER
CUSTOMER-SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE
 Applicants MUST Be A Team Player.
 MUST have a good ATTITUDE
 Interested persons please call 345-2766 for additional information.
 [s18]

GENE - HODGE BACKHOE, BULLDOZER & TRUCKING COMPANY LTD., is seeking a **HEAVY-EQUIPMENT OPERATOR.** - Please contact (284)-496-7186 for an interview.
 [s18]

CARIBBEAN TRANSPORT-LTD-PURCELL-ESTATE is looking for a full time **CARPENTER.** Telephone 494-2183 or 541-5788
 [s18]

TMT - CLEANING SERVICES needs one full **TIME CLEANER**
 Telephone 545-5620
 [s18]

Stone Haven Restaurant at Purcell is seeking a full-time Server. Applicants must be hard working; customer oriented and trustworthy.
 Call 340-8510
 [s18]

Charles Hodge Cleaning Services needs a Houseman/Driver and Housekeeper for a full time position. Please email your resume at chcleaningservice21@gmail.com or cal 345-8383.
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International Construction Ltd is seeking one (1) Carpenter and one (1) Plumber.
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Clean Tech Marine Services is looking 1 female worker to join our team. We are a yacht detailing company that does interior and exterior yacht maintenance. Experience and extensive knowledge of Marine cleaning and detailing products is a must. Please email cleantechdetailers@gmail.com. or Telephone: 343 3272 [s17]

EMCS Caribbean is looking for Finishers / Decorators Interested applicants can submit their CV/Resume with cover letter to P O Box 386 Road Town, Tortola, BVI or call 284-494-1300 [s17]

Richards Electrical has a need for an Electrician and an Assistant Electrician for the company. Please call 341-2392 for more information. [s17]

Fusions Bar & Grill Needs Full Time Bartenders & Cooks. Please call 441-8250 for further details. [s17]

The Vault Bar and Restaurant is in need of fulltime Waitresses/Barmaids. Interested applicants can submit their resume at vaultbvi@gmail.com or call 345-8383. [s17]

KAD POOL SERVICES LIMITED requires two Full Time Pool Technicians. Apply in writing to the Managing Director, P.O. Box 3169, PMB 196, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110, BVI or call 284-541-8006. [s17]

EMCS Caribbean is looking for Plumbers Interested applicants can submit their CV/Resume with cover letter to P O Box 386 Road Town, Tortola, BVI or call 284-494-1300 [s17]

KAD POOL SERVICES LIMITED is seeking a Tiles Man. For more information please call 284 541 8006. [s17]

**Employment Vacancy
General Manager/Chef
Road Town Restaurant**

Successful applicant with qualification and skills as follows: 7 years experience within restaurant trade in a top managerial position including proven culinary experience, higher education is certainly essential, having culinary diploma or degree will be a major plus. Proficient with POS systems - Front and Back office - Touch Bistro would be expected. Good Knowledge of marketing and event management, ability to do daily procurement, inventory control. Solid understanding of overall beverages with wines and spirits necessary. One will be managing the Bar as well as all facets of the Restaurant. The position comes with working long hours on your feet including days, nights, weekends and holidays.

The ability to lift heavy boxes and stock items required. Successful candidate must be a team leader and always have a positive attitude. Excellent communication skills as well as problem solving & conflict management are a must. Sobriety required as are traceable references. Candidates who successfully meet requirements will be contacted.

Submit Resume with:
1-personal/1-professional reference to:
Contalgo Ltd.
contalgoldbvi@gmail.com
284-343-9694 [s17]

P.S. I LOVE YOUR HAIR SALON AND SPA is hiring 2 Full Time Hairdresser. Please email psiloveyourhairbvi@gmail.com to apply or call 284-495-0084. [s17]

Moonstone an upscale European style nightclub in Tortola BVI is looking for the following: full time positions:

MANAGERS, BARTENDERS & SERVERS: Must have experience in serving in the American tourist, European or South African and Middle Eastern nightclub and restaurant industry. Be entertaining, polite. Great customer service is a must.

GO GO DANCERS: Must to entertain the crowd with dance routines to add ambience. Music being electronic dance music.

INSIDE AND OUTSIDE ATTENDANT :

Must keep the inside and outside perimeter clean at all time.

Phone +12843410783 or email info@moonstonenightclub.com [s17]

EMCS Caribbean is looking for Construction Supervisor Interested applicants can submit their CV/Resume with cover letter to P O Box 386 Road Town, Tortola, BVI or call 284-494-1300 [s17]

T&E Boat Maintenance & Repairs seeks reliable Full Time Mechanic with minimum of 2 years experience. - Contact number 1-284-440-4603. [s17]

EMCS Caribbean is looking for Foreman Interested applicants can submit their CV/Resume with cover letter to P O Box 386 Road Town, Tortola, BVI or call 284-494-1300 [s17]

TOM FIX IT ALL is seeking a Full Time Welder. Please call 284-442-1974 for further details. [s17]

Camdem Gourmet Market requires a Cook/Store Assistant The successful candidate must have at least 3 years cooking experience in international cuisine and must be able to work unsupervised. Additionally, the successful candidate must have the ability to assist in all aspects of the business, must possess excellent communication skills and a positive attitude. British Virgin Islanders/Belongers preferred. [s18]

EMCS Caribbean is looking for Construction Manager Interested applicants can submit their CV/Resume with cover letter to P O Box 386 Road Town, Tortola, BVI or call 284-494-1300 [s17]

A M I G O - F I S H I N G COMPANY is seeking a Full Time Fish Cleaner. Please call 284-5472785 for further details. [s17]

Botella is seeking two bartenders/servers. We are located in Road Town, Tortola. Interested persons should contact (284) 499 6969. [s18]

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