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OUTRAGEOUS RAPACITY: "GREEDY BILL" DENOUNCED

On the 2023 campaign trail, promises were made to re-evaluate the "offending sections" of the Retiring Allowances-(Legislative Services)-Amendment Bill 2021. Acting on these promises, on 19 September, members of the House of Assembly introduced changes to this legislation Retiring-Allowances (Legislative-Services) Amendment Bill 2021.

The piece of legislation had been dubbed the 'Greedy Bill', as it provided lawmakers with squanderous benefits such as lump sum payouts, gratuities, and extended guaranteed-salaries, evoking considerable public backlash.

The Bill first sparked public outrage when community Activists Kishma Penn and Cindy Rosan after raising the alarm on social media for weeks before the Bill

was passed in the House of Assembly, decided to drive throughout the Territory with loudspeakers educating the public about the content of the Bill. It was Penn who nicknamed the legislation the "Greedy Bill" and the name became the main identifier of political rapacity. The matter was then raised again on the campaign trail as then-political candidate and Attorney (now Sixth District Representative) Hon. Myron Walwyn explained in detail what was wrong with the legislation.

Overall, the concerns about the legislation focused on what can be described as some problematic parts or sections of the Act that specify that legislators who had served in the House of Assembly could receive a gratuity of \$250,000-300,000 immediately upon retirement.-Additionally, the same legislators would

receive their current salary per month for a fixed number of years as if they were still working.

During this week's ongoing proceedings of the House of Assembly, Dr. the Hon Natalio Wheatley, the Premier and Minister of Finance, implored his fellow legislators to avoid reverting to the 2023 campaign rhetoric in the VI. He stressed the importance of unanimous backing in the HoA to roll back the contested amendments.

He declared:"The reality is the amendments made during the last House of Assembly were excessive. And I went on the public record and apologised.... Madam Speaker, I apologise for supporting that bill, those=amendments," further emphasizing the commitment made to the VI residents.

Shedding light on the



C'Novia Toussaint, and Delroy Prince stepped into the spotlight, seizing the coveted titles of Miss and Mr. HLSCC 2023/24, in a captivating coronation ceremony that unfolded on Sunday, September 17.

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changes, he said: "What we have done here, Madam Speaker, is we have repealed those sections of the bill which were problematic.

These are the sections of the bill where depending on your tenure or service, you get additional salaries."

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The Premier further identified other sections he believed were disproportionate, stating: "Madam Speaker, it was excessive and so we have repealed those sections. And, Madam Speaker, we have given everyone the Members of the House who are eligible, the opportunity to forgo those benefits which became eligible for, the last House and now this House."

Concluding his remarks,

the Premier noted: "And Madam Speaker, I know it will come up, so I'll just say it here... It's important that you do not take away the rights that you have given. From a legal standpoint, that is problematic. So what we have done here is provide individuals with the option of forgoing."

HON. WALWYN DENOUNCES MONIES PAID TO LEGISLATORS

Hon. Walwyn who was

very vocal during the sitting explained that the excessiveness of the monies from the "Greedy Bill" was unconscionable when compared to what some citizens are experiencing.

While explaining that the unfairness of the situation the Sixth District Representative said: "You have so many people who can't make ends meet in this place. I don't know where the government lives because when you

go around, you see the hardships that people are having. Do you know how many homeless people we have in this country? People are sleeping in their cars! The Minister of Health will tell you. I am sure he gets a lot of complaints from people telling him not to move their derelict vehicles because that's where they live."

Walwyn stated: "You

have potholes all over the country, everywhere! When I go through District 6 there are potholes everywhere. People can't get water to bathe. I have people in my district who have to run their own pipes to attract water to their homes. But you could pay somebody (retired politicians) not to do any work?"

CIVIL SERVICE: POLICY CHANGES TO BE INTRODUCED

Deputy-Governor, Mr. David D. Archer Jr, mentioned that by 2024, there will be a revised approach to reward public officers. This might differ from the present increments-based system. He made this announcement during a press briefing on 18 September, when he discussed initiatives of the Deputy Governor's Office.



Mr. David D. Archer Jr,

While-mentioning forthcoming policy changes Mr. Archer said: "I anticipate that by the beginning of next year we will have a different policy, possibly about how we administer and pay not increments, but how to reward public officers for how well they do."

Expanding on the current process, Mr. Archer Jr noted: "Now the system that we currently work, one of increments, requires you to perform well and satisfactorily. In order for you to receive an increment... in light of the compensation review, in light of our questions

surrounding pension, we have to take a look at that."

He emphasized that the prospective system will largely be predictable. He clarified that the decision to either pay or withhold increments isn't linked to any 'programme' or 'technology' issues.

Reminding everyone of the challenges faced by the public service, including the 2008 global economic downturn, the hurricanes of 2017, and the COVID-19 outbreak, Mr. Archer Jr pointed out that these adversities coincided with when increments discussions

began.

"So, we have been through a very strenuous process of trying to value public officers by keeping them engaged, keeping them employed... During the period of COVID for example, we public officers served as the breadwinners for many houses, many households, where persons were laid off for over two years," he expressed.

While not justifying the delay in increments, the Deputy Governor aimed to provide context, explaining that the issue of the increment isn't something that can be swiftly addressed with technology but rather demands time and patience.

He concluded with a forward-looking statement: "On the heels of that, in 2024 we will have a policy which allows us at minimum to know what's the value of compensation, but you can anticipate a different model of how we compensate persons."

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BVI TEACHERS UNION OUTLINES SERIOUS ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED

Sean Henry, President of the BVI Teachers Union, has stated that after a discussion with the Premier and Minister of Finance, Dr. the Hon Natalio Wheatley, the subsequent move after the teachers' sit-in at the Elmore Stoutt High School (ESHS) on Friday will be to draft a report and present it to the Premier for action.

On 15 September, teachers vacated their classrooms to hold a sit-in demonstration under the campus's 'big tent' in Road Town, expressing their discontent over persistent challenges.

Henry, during a JTV interview on the same day, shared his views: "The issues have been ongoing

ever since the end of last term, the teachers had some concerns, especially when it came to ventilation. Primarily resourcing also... There are a myriad of them, I have a whole list of them that I have to put together to send a report on to the Premier."

Henry highlighted that multiple issues such as poor internet infrastructure, inadequate ventilation, mold in AC units, waste management concerns, insufficient teacher furniture, and other resource shortages remain unaddressed by both the school administration and the Ministry of Education.

Commenting on the predicament of teachers, he

said: "So the teachers are now at a point of a rock and a hard place because they are required to teach the required [hours], to put quality to their craft, but they're still in a situation where they have to compromise a little bit too much."

He voiced his dissatisfaction with the meeting with the Premier, stating that these problems aren't new, "Honestly, I am not totally satisfied...I think that we've been speaking about these issues for years, and this is one of the reasons why the teachers have gotten to this point. This is not this year, this is not a fresh issue." He emphasized the toll these issues are taking on teachers,

adding: "This is an issue that has been ongoing, and they have gotten to the point where it is really affecting their mental [health], and in order to get their headspace cleared, this is where we have to be, this is what we have to do."

While appreciative of the Premier's willingness to engage, Henry urges prompt resolution, even for tasks as straightforward as lawn maintenance.

Henry elaborated: "But there are other issues like ventilation and resources that are really plaguing the teachers in the classroom. So, we're working on getting this information to him

specifically so that he can go up and down the chain of command, so we can get these things rectified."

He further shared the union's intent to set deadlines to resolve these challenges, understanding that processes, like procurement, may require time. He emphasized the teachers' commitment to working alongside the Premier but highlighted the pressing need to ensure students receive quality education.

The Premier has subsequently pledged to explore and address the concerns brought up by the educators and the union upon receiving their report.

LEGAL PROFESSIONALS EMPHASIZE THE CRUCIAL IMPORTANCE OF DRAFTING A WILL

During the Fourth Annual Estate and Planning Forum, residents of the Territory were reminded of the importance of drafting wills, not just for the security of their assets, but also to maintain harmony in families after their departure.

During the forum legal professionals dispelled the notion that wills are an expensive luxury reserved solely for the affluent.

One such professional was Anthea Smith, who is an expert in estate planning. In her presentation she shared that wills are not expensive, not having one

is," Smith said, "What is expensive is fighting your family when there is no will. I know cases where families have been fighting for five, six and seven years. That's expensive."

She further elaborated: "I can tell you this much, if you're charged more than \$5,000 for a will, something is wrong. If you're even charged more than \$3,500 that's expensive. A will is very inexpensive and it's not only for rich people, so I would encourage everybody to make one."

She also highlighted the repercussions of not drafting a will, noting

the local laws that come into play, which might not align with personal wishes. "For example, you may have a husband you didn't divorce. He's lingering somewhere and is still your husband. If you don't leave a will, he's entitled to something. Those are the things we have to be careful with," she elaborated.

While acknowledging that even casually written wills can be recognized legally, the attorneys emphasized the advantage of professional guidance, considering there are nuances to wills that laypersons might overlook.

They further recommended registering wills with the High Court Registry for added security, even though it isn't compulsory. Smith advised: "The safest thing to do is register it at the High Court Registry or

just ensure that you let the people around you know where your will is. Some people choose to keep it at home. I've known of cases where Hurricane Irma destroyed wills kept at home, so you want to make sure it's very safe."

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Honourable Rymer Discusses VI Road Programme At UK Meeting

Minister for Communications and Works Honourable Kye Rymer was engaged in discussions on Tuesday, September 12, with members of Hertfordshire County Council, United Kingdom in the areas of road infrastructure development and fire and rescue services.

Honourable Rymer said, "Discussions included bringing awareness to the importance of having a formalised road programme with long-term investment and commitment to ensure the development and maintenance of safe roads in the Territory."

The Minister said the use of innovative road surface technologies for road infrastructure development, opportunities for information sharing and knowledge exchange to assist in the Territory with the redevelopment of its

road infrastructure network and maintenance strategy were also discussed.

Honourable Rymer said, "In the area of Fire and Rescue Services, discussions surrounded the use of technology in firefighting operations to enhancing efficiency during critical situations. Opportunities for training, peer to peer discussions and knowledge exchange were suggested as potential avenues for sharing experiences and identifying areas that require further development."

The Minister said the meeting showcased the commitment of Hertfordshire County Council to continue cooperation and collaborate with the Territory on ways to innovate, and enhance the quality of services provided to the local community in the Virgin Islands.

Honourable Rymer further

stated that the meeting demonstrated a collaborative effort to deepen and strengthen the relationship between Hertfordshire County and the Virgin Islands for future engagement on infrastructure and safety initiatives.

Minister-Rymer's delegation included Acting Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Communications and Works Mrs. Elvia Smith-Maduro, Acting Deputy Financial Secretary Dr. Drexel Glasgow, and Acting Director in the BVI London Office Ms. Tracy Bradshaw.

Discussions with Hertfordshire County Council included Chairman, Councillor Terry Douris; Executive Member, Highways and Transport Councillor Phil Bibby; Director of Highways and Strategic Operations, Mr. Tony Boucher and Chief Fire



Officer, Mr. Alex Woodman. The meeting highlighted the importance of collaboration and innovation in local governance.

The Ministry of Communications and Works continues to ensure the continued development

and maintenance of public infrastructure in keeping with international standards so that public utilities are reliable and affordable in support of an enhanced community life for every resident and visitor in the Virgin Islands

Honourable De Castro Attending Commonwealth Meeting

Minister for Education, Youth Affairs and Sports, Honourable Sharie B. de Castro is attending the 10th Commonwealth Youth Ministers Meeting (10CYMM) in London this week.

The meeting is being convened by the Commonwealth Secretariat at Marlborough House in London, United Kingdom (UK), from September 11 to 15.

Honourable de Castro said the meeting is being held at an important time when the Commonwealth Secretariat

is celebrating 50 years of the Commonwealth Youth Programme.

The Minister of Education said, "The conference is an opportunity for ministers to discuss emerging youth development issues, assess the current post-pandemic realities in member states and identify collaborative opportunities."

Honourable de Castro is accompanied by Senior Programme Officer for Youth in the Department of Youth Affairs and Sports, Ms. Shaunice Leonard, and two Virgin Islands youth

delegates, Aiden Abednego and Tatiana Fahie.

The Commonwealth Youth Ministers Meeting held every four years addresses youth policy for Commonwealth member states. The meeting will focus on the theme: 'Aiming Higher, Delivering More for Young People in the Commonwealth'.

The conference will see ministers engaging each other towards a strategic direction focusing on four critical sub-themes: Education; Employment; Engagement and the Environment, with Human Rights, Transformative Technology and Disability being the crosscutting themes.





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Crown Land Register To Be Established

Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change, Mr. Ronald Smith-Berkeley has announced that a Crown Land Allocation Register

will be established soon in the Territory.

Mr. Smith-Berkeley made the announcement on the Government of the Virgin Islands programme "Table Talk". The programme

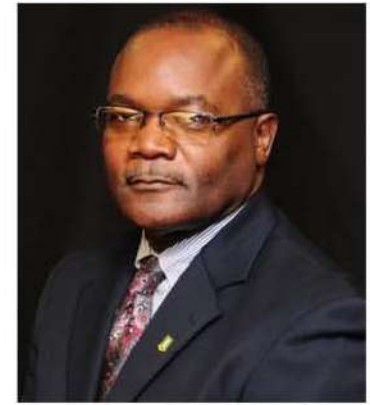
is aired on Facebook @ BVI Government - and has been produced to keep the community abreast of Government's progress in relation to the implementation of the

recommendations which came out of the Commission of Inquiry (COI).

Mr. Smith-Berkeley said, "By the time this review is done, what we will have is a register that delineates all the crown land that we have available in the country, who applied, the size of the area of land acquired as well as how much they paid for this land. In other words, complete transparency."

The Permanent Secretary said once the register is completed and operational, it will be available for the public's information on crown land that is available for purchasing.

Mr. Berkeley further stated, "Once someone has an interest for purchasing land, they will be directed to this particular register on the Government's website to see where land is available, how much is available, for either commercial or residential purposes, or agricultural purposes. This will give persons an insight of exactly what they are looking for, avoiding persons having to guess when they are applying."



Mr. Ronald Smith-Berkeley

The Government of the Virgin Islands continues to strengthen its standards by providing good governance through improved infrastructure, enhanced delivery of public services and justice for all. It is committed to ensuring greater confidence in the ability to deliver to the people of the Virgin Islands easier access to services through inclusion, greater enforcement, -enhanced safety - and -security, effective communication, socio-economic political ability, value for money, continued accountability, greater transparency and building capacity. This is, "Government Business at its Best".



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)

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:

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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.**

Harvesting Of Turtle Eggs Is Prohibited in the VI

Director of Agriculture and Fisheries Mr. Theodore James is reminding residents that the harvesting of turtle eggs is prohibited in the Virgin Islands.

Mr. James said multiple reports have been made by fishers and other concerned residents identifying persons who have been seen harvesting turtle eggs and juvenile fish, which he says negatively impacts the Territory's marine biodiversity.

The Director said, "Persons living in the Virgin Islands must understand the cultural and conservation measures practiced and enforced in this Territory regarding our turtle fishery and other fisheries. Harvesting turtle eggs, and fishing and nurseries of small fish are threatening our fisheries."

Mr. James called on residents to be responsible and follow the rule of law adding that, "Threats to marine biodiversity have forced Governments worldwide to implement moratoriums just as we have on specific species of turtles

and fish, expand closed seasons, and strengthen enforcement measures and penalties to conserve what is left or reverse the damage to fisheries and protect the livelihoods of stakeholders."

The Director further stated that these developing practices are unlawful, culturally unacceptable, and damaging to turtle conservation in the Territory.

Meanwhile, Fisheries Assistant at the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, Ms. Kia Soares is reminding residents of the efforts made by turtles every year to lay eggs and of the struggle of the low surviving number of hatchlings until they become adults.

Ms. Soares said, "Nesting females travel several months, covering hundreds to thousands of miles from their adult foraging grounds, just to lay their eggs in the Virgin Islands. These turtles have a unique genetic fingerprint, unlike other nesting turtles in the region, and monitoring and ensuring the protection of this small nesting population and their

hatchlings is critical to their future survival."

Legislative reform through scientific research and stakeholder input has been the focus of the Sustaining Turtles, Environments, Economies and Livelihoods (STEEL) project funded through the UK Darwin Initiative.

Project partners including the Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change; Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, Association of Reef Keepers, University of Exeter, and the UK Marine Conservation Society are also updating the Territory's Sea Turtle Recovery Action Plan (STRAP) to protect this species in the Virgin Islands.

The public is reminded that under Regulation 22 of the Fisheries Regulations 2003, it is illegal to disturb, remove from the fishery waters, expose for sale, sell, purchase or have in its possession any turtle's eggs from April 1 to November 30.

The public is also urged



to contact the department at 468-6123/9195 or the local non-profit organisation, Association of Reef Keepers (ARK) at 496-7998/9195, to report areas of turtle nesting, their tracks, sightings of hatchlings and any disturbances to these nests.

The Department of Agriculture and Fisheries is

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Increasing Demand for Financing of Sustainable Infrastructure Projects

Miami, Florida 19 September 2023 -- Governments, organizations and companies within the region have increased their pursuit of financing for sustainable and climate resilient infrastructure, according to Adam Carter, Managing Director and Head of Investment Banking, Foreign Exchange and Derivatives, CIBC FirstCaribbean, who explained the increased demand is within the hundreds of millions.

Speaking as a panelist at the 7th Annual Caribbean Infrastructure Forum (CARIF), Carter said the increase is driven by Caribbean country's need to become better prepared for mitigate climate disasters. "We're seeing an increase in governments, particularly, looking to access Blue financing, and we've seen a massive increase in renewable energy applications, resilient project applications, utilities looking to be more resilient,

hospitals looking to do upgrades, roads, cruise ports, just across the board we're seeing the increase," Carter said.

"It's certainly in the hundreds of millions over the last few years where sustainable was not the theme. Resilience was always a theme in the Caribbean. But now we're seeing resiliency fit under sustainability, which I think is more fitting. So, under that umbrella or title, we're seeing a markable increase in appetite for projects that fit those criteria. We're in a hurricane impacted region so this includes designing for category three, four or five is now the thing where you kind of have no other choice but to." Carter explained that funding for such projects, at a time where the world's focus is now on supporting measures that protect the environment and address climate change, is available.

"The funding is generally

there," he said. "Financing is absolutely available. It's prudent to get the right projects in place with the right parameters and frameworks. Once those are established and you've got the political and community buy-in, lenders and financial institutions are ready to go."

Therese Turner-Jones, Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) Director of Projects said though the demand for funding exceeds the supply of capital for all of the countries with those needs, there are partners that include the World Bank and Inter-American Development Bank (IDB). However, she added there is a need for more countries to get a better grasp of their exact needs.

"First of all, I think there's a bit of a deficit in countries recognizing what they need," Turner-Jones explained. "Because of how fast the external environment is

changing, not just in terms of availability of finance, but also climate change and how the world is changing we can't expect that our member countries are always up to date. But this is why we're here. To provide those advisory services to help them do the technical work. This is not to say that the capacity doesn't exist in-country, but to say that multi-lateral banks are in a better position to offer that advice. So, what I say to clients is to come to the MDBs first."

Turner-Jones continued, "Explore the options with CDB, the IDC, the World Bank first. Because firstly, that money is cheaper and it always comes with technical assistance. They just need to ask. I would say that because we're at such a critical juncture in terms of the needs of the region, we need to now think about what resilience means. You heard about renewable energy projects being important, roads

and whether they'd be able to sustain a significant amount of rainfall, hurricanes, etc. So, there's a lot of new information out in the infrastructure domain that the Multilateral development Banks (MDB) have at their fingertips, that the countries may not have. It's best to work with us [MDBs]." This year's CARIF conference gathered some of the region's leaders in policy, finance, infrastructural development for two days of solution-building and networking. Government ministers and industry leaders from both the public and private sectors were panelists covering a wide range of topics, centered around infrastructural development to meet the region's needs.

CARIF 2023 is taking place at the Ritz-Carlton in Miami, Florida, September 18 -19, 2023 and is sponsored by CIBC FirstCaribbean and KPMG.

Virgin Islands Maritime and Shipping Authority Act, 2023 Passed in House of Assembly



Dr. the Hon. Natalio D. Wheatley

The Government of the Virgin Islands has enhanced the capacity for the Virgin Islands Shipping and Maritime Authority to compete internationally with the passing of the Virgin Islands Shipping and Maritime Authority Act and the Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act 2022.

The bills were passed in the House of Assembly on September 12 and will allow the authority to respond strategically to market trends through intensifying focus towards revenue generating activities. This is expected

to contribute to maintaining and expanding the Territory's Gross Domestic Product (GDP), resulting in real income increases for residents.

Premier and Minister of Finance, Honourable Dr. Natalio D. Wheatley said, "Today we propose an additional improvement to our Register and Maritime Administration by establishing the Virgin Islands Shipping Registry as the Virgin Islands Shipping and Maritime Authority."

Premier Wheatley said, "The Virgin Islands continues to grow and advance; and as markets and commercial environments change, we too must change in order to remain compliant, to remain conversant, to remain relevant; and at times to remain competitive."

Premier Wheatley said the Virgin Islands Shipping

Registry (VISR) is the authorised agency under the Merchant Shipping Act and this amendment act will authorise the Authority in place of the Virgin Islands Shipping Registry. He added that it also gives the Authority powers to appoint the Director, Surveyors, and the Registrar of Ships.

"Ultimately, the establishment of the Authority will further the Government of the Virgin Islands' objectives of economic diversification and expanding the revenue-generating capacities of the Territory," Premier Wheatley stated.

The Bill indicates that the transition will promote the self-generating revenue levels that will enhance the Territory's company registration for the ownership and operation of shipping companies, and will increase the overall marketability of the Virgin Islands as a maritime tourism

destination.

According to Director of the VI Shipping Registry Mr. John Samuel, there will the establishment of an autonomous Board is that will be in alignment with global flags international standards and in accordance with the Red Ensign Group of flags, in which Cayman Islands, Bermuda and Isle of Mann operate as statutory boards.

Mr. Samuel said the Board's autonomous status will separate VISR from the Central Government administration.

"Operating under a Management Board will provide several advantages, including the Authority's ability to manage its finances more effectively, heightened responsiveness, enhanced commercial administrative functions, and less bureaucratic constrains to conducting commercial transactions," Mr. Samuel said.

This weekend, government officials are expected to attend the Monaco Yacht Show, which is a prestigious broker event that features superyachts providing the VI Shipping and Maritime Authority with an opportunity to reposition itself as an effective and modern service-provider.

The Government of the Virgin Islands remains committed to facilitating effective revenue management, and economic diversification, through employing robust economic policies and decision-making processes.



Mr. John Samuel,

British Virgin Islands Ports Authority Nurtures Local Talent through Internship Programme



The British Virgin Islands Ports Authority (BVIPA) is pleased to announce the commencement of its Internship Program, a critical initiative aimed at providing students in the Territory with valuable real-world experience while preparing them for their future careers. Under the guidance of Mrs. Patricia Blaize-Adams, the HR Manager at the BVI Ports Authority, this programme signifies the organisation's commitment to developing local expertise in various fields.

Internship programs hold immense significance, both for aspiring students and organizations like the BVIPA. Such programmes serve as a bridge between classroom learning and the professional world. By offering hands-on experience, students gain a practical understanding of their chosen field, allowing them to apply their theoretical knowledge in a practical setting. This experiential learning not only enhances their skill set but also helps them make informed career choices.

For the BVI Ports Authority, the Internship Program is an invaluable resource. It enables us to identify and nurture local talent, ensuring a future workforce that is well-prepared and aligned with our organization's needs. Furthermore, it allows us to contribute to the growth and development of our community by offering students an opportunity to gain meaningful work experience, setting the stage for their future success.

The Internship Program offers comprehensive opportunities for students to gain practical knowledge and skills. Key programme details include:

Eligibility: Students must be pursuing studies in a field relevant to their chosen placement area.

Internship Period: The internship period is scheduled from June 1st to August 31st, allowing participants to engage in full-time work and immerse themselves in their chosen field.

Participating Disciplines: The Internship Program encompasses a range of disciplines, including marine, marketing/public relations, operations/logistics, compliance, finance, and human resources.

Application Process: Interested students can express their interest in participating by contacting their respective schools or applying directly to the HR department at the BVIPA.

Mrs. Patricia Blaize-Adams, HR Manager at the BVI Ports Authority, emphasised the significance of the program, stating, "We are pleased to introduce this Internship Programme as part of our ongoing commitment to fostering local talent. By providing students with hands-on experience in their chosen fields, we aim to equip them with the skills and knowledge necessary to excel in their future careers."

Mr. Ja'Quinn Thomas, a student at the H. Lavity Stoutt Community College (HLSCC), reached out to the BVI Ports Authority during the Authority's participation at the 2023 HLSCC Career Fair. His proactive approach and enthusiasm for learning were immediately apparent, making him an ideal candidate for the Internship Program. Mr. Thomas, who held the position of IT Technician I, was the first participant in this enriching

journey, which spanned a duration of three months, from June to August 2023.

The internship program was designed to provide young talents like Mr. Thomas with invaluable exposure to the working environment, allowing them to acquire new skills, enhance existing ones, and gain hands-on experience. Throughout his tenure, Mr. Thomas exhibited enthusiasm and dedication, embracing the opportunity to learn and grow in the field of information technology.

Reflecting on his

transformative experience, Mr. Thomas stated, "This internship was highly informative. I gained so many new skills and experience. I improved upon my existing skills. I am now much better suited to the working world than I was before I started. This is the first job I have had that took the time to help me evolve, and that I did. I would absolutely not mind returning full time, and most of that is thanks to my teammates. This experience has set in stone and cleared any doubts that I do want a career in IT."

The BVI Ports Authority is committed to continuing this internship programme, fostering the growth of local talent, and strengthening its connection with the community. This initiative aligns with the organisation's mission to not only excel in maritime services but also to invest in the development of the Territory's youth.

For inquiries or further information about the BVI Ports Authority and its internship program, please contact: BVIPA Human Resources 494-3435

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Regional Push for Climate Resilient Infrastructure Takes Center Stage at CARIF 2023

Miami, - Florida 19 September 2023 -- A regional push for more climate resilient infrastructure took center stage at the 2023 Caribbean Infrastructure Forum (CARIF) as leaders in various industries presented a multi-sectoral view of the opportunities and need for investment in resilient and sustainable infrastructure throughout the region.

As climate change continues to top the list of concerns for the Caribbean, executives within regional finance, tourism, port, transport and agriculture industries shared in forward-thinking global trends and solutions that can better equip countries for further development against the increased risk and frequency of climate disasters.

Senior Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister in Barbados, the

Hon. William Duguid said he would like to see the Caribbean develop to the point where hurricanes are 'just events' and not a disaster for infrastructure throughout the region.

"What we have to do is build for an expected rate of speed of wind as well as an expected volume of rainfall in a certain amount of time," Duguid explained during the forum held at the Ritz-Carlton in Miami, Florida. "So, volume and time-related culverts, wells, roads, outfalls, to be able to recognize that we are at risk of getting sometimes one in a hundred-year climate events, every ten years. We have to understand that our previous infrastructure was built for a climate that no longer exists."

He added, "So, we have to build our new infrastructure for the new

climate; recognizing greater volumes in shorter times, higher levels of wind speeds at greater intensities and for longer periods. The engineering is possible. We were able to land a man on the moon. So, we know that we can engineer to these new climates. Once we start that and inculcate that into our standards then hurricanes will become events like a storm which will not cause the devastation that we're seeing now."

Renewal of port infrastructure, building and road resilience, financing, as well as more sustainable agricultural practices were among the main topics discussed during CARIF as the forum served as a marketplace for the regional industry leaders to pollinate ideas, originate projects and source financing.

CIBC First Caribbean

Chief Commercial Officer Pim van der Burg said as countries within the Caribbean continue to face the effects of global warming, forums like CARIF provide a great ground to discuss the key topic of climate resilient infrastructure.

"It is a very important topic for all of our clients and so it is an important topic for us at CIBC FirstCaribbean as we are supporting them in achieving their financial goals," he said.

"Action is required. There is no better day to start than now. CIBC has been sponsoring this forum for seven years now and people are starting to realize that this is topic of climate resilient infrastructure is really important to us, our clients and our communities. "With mobilizing capital for food security also one of the topics of discussion, BRON Ltd. Founder CEO Carlos Palacios spoke of the changing world of agriculture and the need for the implementation of more sustainable farming tools throughout the Caribbean.

"Now, more so than ever, technology is the great equalizer for Small Island Developing States," he said. "Technology now allows us to level the playing field for agriculture in a way we could not have before. Using technology and leveling AI, the things that used to restrict us, in terms of challenges are limited. But the challenges still come in energy security. So, the

ability to create microgrids, and technology now open unprecedented opportunities to feed ourselves."

He said the ability for the Caribbean to feed itself and keep the dollar within the region, the intentionality for leveraging technology within agriculture will open opportunities for all countries within the region.

The event was hosted by New Energy Events, whose CEO Matthew Perks said the aim is for meaningful outcomes to emerge from this year's forum. "From increased flows of capital to resilient infrastructural projects in the region across multiple sectors, national development plans which transcend political terms, regional-collaboration wherever it is possible, we want this conference to play a role in all of the above, whether big or small," he said.

"Climate resilient infrastructure is the number one priority here. We've heard a lot of conversations about people planning projects which have a duration of 20-30 years and more than I've heard before I've heard people saying the world is changing very rapidly and the parameters of a project that works today will not work for that same project 15-20 years down the line. So, I'm hearing a very real grasp to projects that are resilient, that are flexible and adaptable to the change that's happening right now."

CIBC FirstCaribbean and KPMG served as the official sponsors of CARIF 2023.

Rotary Club of Road Town Launches My Favourite Teacher Competition

Road Town, Tortola September 20, 2023 — The Rotary Club of Road Town is excited to announce the launch of the My Favourite Teacher competition, an initiative aimed at celebrating the invaluable contributions of educators and fostering a spirit of appreciation among primary school students in the Virgin Islands.

In this heartwarming contest, primary school students are encouraged to submit an essay or poem of no more than 300 words

describing how their teacher has influenced their lives. Entries should be sent to rotaryroadtown@gmail.com no later than September 30th, 2023.

The winners will be unveiled on World Teachers' Day, October 5th, 2023. This competition is open to ALL primary school students in the Virgin Islands.

Prizes for this competition include:

Teacher Prize: The winning teacher will be awarded a well-deserved weekend STAYCATION to

relax and recharge.

Student Prizes: The top two students will each receive a year of FREE INTERNET, providing them with valuable resources for learning and exploration.

Early Bird Prizes: The first two students to submit their entries will receive gift certificates from URBANVI.

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| | North Sound Methodist Church Hall | North Sound, Virgin Gorda |
| | Upper Room Victory Church | Little Dix Hill, Tortola |
| | Valerie O. Thomas Community Centre | Sea Cows Bay, Tortola |
| | Wendell Potter Learning Centre | Purcell Estate, Tortola |
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These facilities have been inspected by the Department of Disaster Management, the Environmental Health Division, and the Public Works Department in keeping with the BVI Emergency Shelter Manual.



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GLOBAL NEWS BRIEF

STORIES SELECTED BY GIORGIO MIGLIAVACCA

LIBYA - Russia said it has sent 35 emergency doctors and humanitarian aid to eastern Libya, after the country was hit by unprecedented flooding a week ago.

"The ministry's third plane with specialists...has landed in Libya. Around 35 employees of Russia's Ministry of Emergency Situations will provide medical assistance to the population affected by the floods," said the ministry in a statement on Saturday. A mobile hospital has already been sent by Russia with operating theatres and an intensive care unit.

The 35 physicians will provide "qualified medical assistance" to "up to 100 people" per day at the site, the ministry said.

Two dams upstream from Derna, a city of about 100,000 people in the northeast of Libya, burst last week when hurricane-strength Storm Daniel struck the country, triggering tsunami-like flooding. The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs on Sunday warned that the toll from Derna alone could be as high as 11,300, with another 10,100 people missing. {The Moscow Times}

R O M E - European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen on Sunday presented a 10-point action

plan to address the migrant emergency during her visit to the Italian island of Lampedusa with Premier Giorgia Meloni.

"Italy can count on the EU," von der Leyen told a press conference.

"It is very important to be here today together with the Italian authorities. "The challenge of illegal immigration is a European challenge that requires a European response".

The 10-point plan includes a possible new EU naval mission in the Mediterranean, faster repatriations of people whose asylum claims have been rejected and humanitarian corridors for legal arrivals. "We will decide who arrives in Europe, not the traffickers," von der Leyen added. [ANSA]

VENEZUELA - The police stations in Venezuela are being emptied out. Resignations, leave requests and desertions have multiplied in recent months. After a brief recovery in 2022, the economic crisis is now worsening, leading police officers to abandon the country. Due to their training, they are perhaps in better physical condition than other migrants who try to cross the dangerous Darién Gap, the jungle between Colombia and Panama.

In 2023 alone, hundreds of thousands of Venezuelan migrants have tried to make



Russia's rescuers take part in flood relief efforts across the worst-hit areas of Derna Emercom / TASS

this jungle crossing. One of them who was successful was Omar Rincón, a police officer from Caracas, who began the journey in mid-July and, just last week, arrived in the United States via Arizona. "I waited more than a month for [my superiors] to give me my leave. I sold my motorcycle, I took out my savings and I came."

Rincón brought canned goods, cookies and a few changes of clothing. He took boats, canoes and buses; he walked along trails at night and dodged immigration authorities in the most complicated countries on the way north. After arriving in Mexico City, he made an appointment to apply for admission through the CBP One mobile application, which the American government implemented earlier this year, in an attempt to control the enormous flow of migrants that has been accumulating at the southern border. [El Pais]

SAHEL - Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger have signed a mutual defence pact, as the three Sahel countries aim to help each other against possible threats of armed rebellion or external aggression.

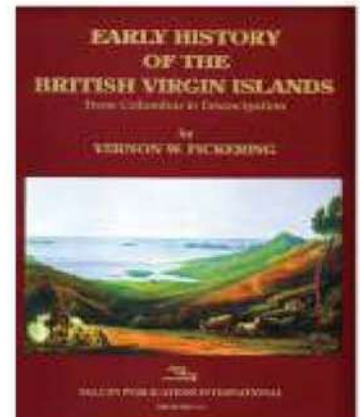
The charter, known as the Alliance of Sahel States, signed on Saturday binds the signatories to assist one another – including militarily – in the event of an attack on any one of them.

"Any attack on the sovereignty and territorial integrity of one or more contracted parties will be considered an aggression against the other parties," it says. It also binds the three countries to work to prevent or settle armed rebellions. [Aljazeera]

TIK-TOK - The European Union's lead regulator has slapped TikTok with a 345 million euro (\$368m) fine for breaching laws on the processing of children's personal data, the first time the popular short video-sharing app has been punished for violating Europe's strict data privacy rules. The Chinese-owned short-video platform, which has grown rapidly among teenagers around the world in recent years, breached a number of EU privacy laws between July 31, 2020, and December 31, 2020, Ireland's Data Protection Commissioner (DPC) said in a statement on Friday. [Aljazeera]

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC - Dominican Republic's President Luis Abinader has declared the closure of the nation's border with its adjacent neighbor, Haiti.

This shutdown was slated to commence at 6 a.m. local time on Friday, September 15, intensifying the existing strains between the two countries.



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Two days prior to this closure, the Haitian government shed light on its ongoing discussions with Dominican representatives.

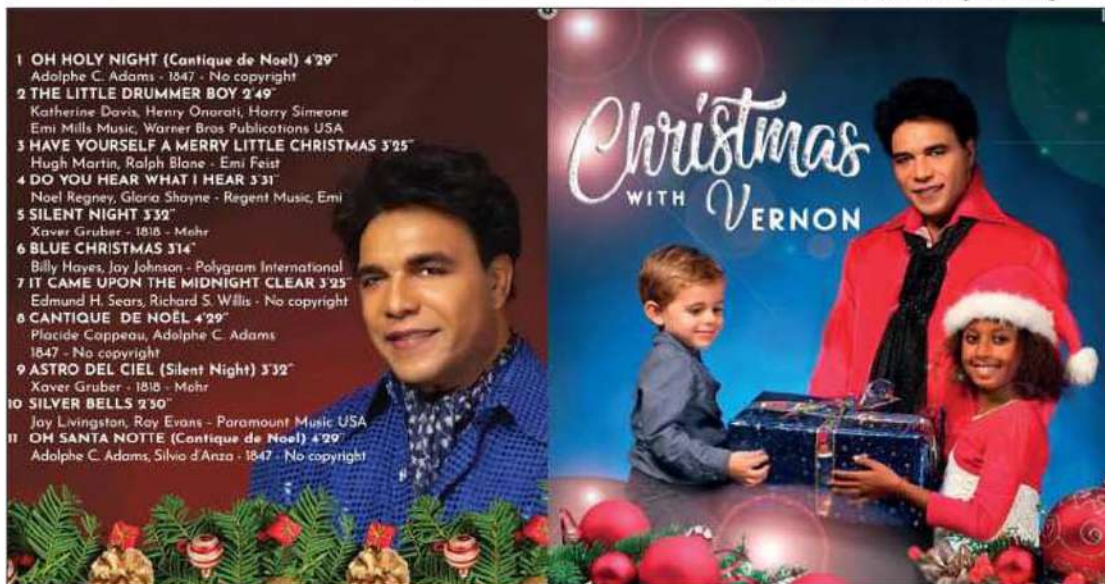
The dialogue was sparked by a concerning threat posed by President Abinader.

Though the statement from Haiti's Ministry of Foreign Affairs was succinct, it underscored the joint commitment of both countries to identify a "fair and definitive" solution over the contention surrounding the Massacre River.

This river delineates the natural border between them on the island of Hispaniola. Echoing the sentiment, the Dominican Republic's Ministry of Foreign Affairs affirmed that the talks did indeed transpire, with the shared hope of arriving at a conclusive resolution.

Visa vexation adds to the strains. Matters took a further downturn earlier this week.

President Abinader revealed a halt in visa issuance to Haitians, intensifying the existing rifts between the nations. At the heart of the contention lies a canal project situated on Haitian territory. The initiative has sparked debates and inquiries concerning the legitimacy of its excavation approvals. [CNW]



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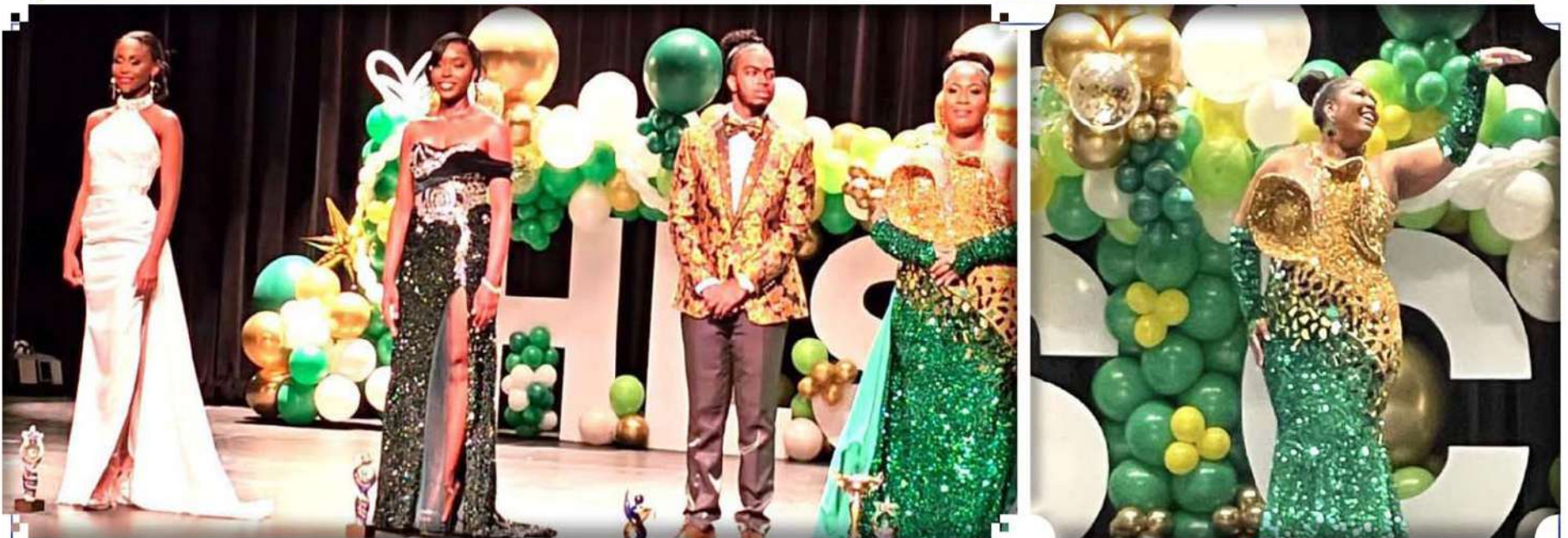
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C'Novia Toussaint, and Delroy Prince seized the coveted titles of Miss and Mr. HLSCC 2023/24



Contestant #3, C'Novia Toussaint, and Delroy Prince stepped into the spotlight, seizing the coveted titles of Miss and Mr. HLSCC 2023/24, in a captivating coronation ceremony that unfolded on Sunday, September 17.

The stage for this grand event was none other than the magnificent Eileene L. Parsons Auditorium, nestled within the picturesque campus of H. Lavity Stoutt Community College in Paraquita Bay, Tortola.

Toussaint emerged as the radiant victor, outshining three other formidable contenders on her journey to claim the title of Miss HLSCC.

In contrast, Prince was the sole contender for the prestigious Mr. HLSCC title, earning it by default.

The distinguished position of First Runner-Up was gracefully taken by Contestant #1, Tanesha Warner.

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LadyburdTalks...

Dear Readers: Speak with your children about BULLYING: (2 OF 4)

Don't be afraid to speak up:

Telling an adult is not tattling. Bullying is not a small or trivial matter; it is wrong and it helps if everyone who gets bullied or witnesses someone else being bullied speaks up

Remember that you cannot tackle bullying by yourself:

No one can, not even adults. Getting help is the right thing to do when dealing with abuse, bullying, harassment, or assault.

Avoid the bully wherever possible.

Don't give them a chance to bully you by preventing run-ins between the two of you. Think ahead about where you usually run into the bully. Avoid those places. Try taking a different route from your home to school and also different routes within the school itself.

Don't skip classes or go into hiding:

You have a right to be at school and benefit from education. Feel good about who you are. Ask yourself what makes you feel and look your best. Emphasize your strengths, talents, and goals. Feeling good about yourself will make you feel more confident and help build your self-esteem. It will also help you be more self-assured at school and perhaps less fearful of running into the person bullying you.

(Continue next week)

Source: <https://www.wikihow.com/Deal-with-Bullies-at-School>



Ladyburd's Mail Box

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Dear Ladyburd: I got divorced some years ago, and my husband and I have a fairly good relationship, we have one daughter and she is playing us for a fool. I discovered it when she asked me to get her a Cell phone and I told her she can't have it, because she already has one and it works quite well, and she goes to her father and the next thing I know is that she got him to buy the phone for her. I threw the phone across the living room, because I was so upset when I found out that she went to her dad to ask for a phone and there are more important things that she needs. How can and should I handle this situation, she lives with me at the moment, But she is not responsible. **Disappointed**

Ladyburd: Dear Disappointed: Have a meeting with your Ex-husband and discuss this situation, because these young people aren't stupid and if they know that they can play one against the other, they will. So although you are divorced, you both have to have the same focus when it comes to your child. After you have had the discussion with your Ex, you both should have a talk with her, and let her know where you stand and that you will not tolerate this situation.



Light Bulb Moments

"Experience is a hard teacher because she gives the test first, and the lesson afterwards."
—Vernon Sanders

"Success is not final; failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts."
— Winston S. Churchill

Poetry Corner

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Do Not Ask Me to Remember

Do not ask me to remember,
Don't try to make me understand,
Let me rest and know you're with me,
Kiss my cheek and hold my hand.
I'm confused beyond your concept,
I am sad and sick and lost.
All I know is that I need you
To be with me at all cost.
Do not lose your patience with me,
Do not scold or curse or cry.
I can't help the way I'm acting,
Can't be different though I try.
Just remember that I need you,
That the best of me is gone,
Please don't fail to stand beside me,
Love me 'til my life is done.

— © Owen Darnell

Tickle My Funny Bones



He Is Too Lazy

A guy goes to a girl's house for the first time, and she shows him into the living room. She excuses herself to go to the kitchen to make them a few drinks, and as he's standing there alone, he notices a cute little vase on the mantel. He picks it up, and as he's looking at it, she walks back in. He says "What's this?" She says, "Oh, my father's ashes are in there." He goes, "Geez...oooh...!.." She says, "Yeah, he's too lazy to go to the kitchen to get an ashtray."

Free Drinks?

A man walks into a bar and has a couple of beers. Once he is done the bartender tells him he owes \$9.00. "But I paid, don't you remember?" says the customer. "Okay," says the bartender, "If you said you paid, you did." The man then goes outside and tells the first person he sees that the bartender can't keep track of whether his customers have paid. The second man then rushes in, orders a beer and later pulls the same stunt. The bartender replies, "If you say you paid, I'll take your word for it." Soon the customer goes into the street, sees an old friend, and tells him how to get free drinks. The man hurries into the bar and begins to drink high-balls when, suddenly, the bartender leans over and says, "You know, a funny thing happened in here tonight. Two men were drinking beer, neither paid and both claimed that they did. The next guy who tries that is going to get punched right in the nose." "Don't bother me with your troubles," the final patron responds. "Just give me my change and I'll be on my way."

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"I asked the lunch lady if there were any vegan options. She told me no. Apparently including them would be a HUGE missed steak..."

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Celebrating Individual Excellence: Toussaint's talent and charisma left an indelible mark, as she amassed a remarkable five out of the eight individual awards. Her accolades included the People's Choice Award, Miss Intellect, Best Business Wear, Best Ambassadorial Presentation, and Best Evening Wear. Contestant #2, Shanta Connor, was lauded for her warm personality and captivating presence, earning her the titles of Miss Congeniality and Miss Photogenic. Meanwhile, Warner showcased her exceptional talent, earning the judges' admiration and securing the Best Performing Talent award. An intriguing note was the conspicuous absence of Contestant #4, Kanya Matthew, during the announcement of the winners, leaving attendees to wonder about her whereabouts.





DIVAS ON A DIME

By Patti Diamond

Maximizing Flavor and Savings With TVP: A Tasty Twist on Cottage Pie

In an era of rising prices, exploring versatile, budget-friendly ingredients is crucial. Textured vegetable protein (TVP) is a versatile and cost-effective meat substitute made from dehydrated soy flour or soy protein concentrate. It's used as a meat extender or substitute, making it a popular choice for frugal people looking to stretch their meat budget or those following a vegetarian or vegan diet. TVP is known for its high protein content and ability to absorb flavors, making it a suitable extender or replacement for ground meat in many recipes.

To rehydrate TVP, use a 1:1 ratio of TVP to liquid (by volume). This means for every 1 cup of dry TVP add 1 cup of liquid. The dry TVP expands into 2 cups of meat substitute and can be stored in the fridge for three to five days.

When using TVP, season it generously with flavorful liquids, herbs, spices and sauces along with ingredients like onions, garlic and vegetables to enhance its neutral flavor.

Today, let's explore TVP with a classic favorite: Cottage Pie. This offers significant savings without skimping on the pleasures of a hearty meal.

Savory Half-and-Half Cottage Pie

Yield: 6 generous servings

Total Time: 1 hour 10 minutes

For the mashed potatoes:

6 medium potatoes, about 2 lbs. or equivalent leftover or instant mashed potatoes

1/4 cup milk

1 tablespoon butter

Salt and pepper to taste

For the Filling:

1 cup Textured Vegetable Protein (TVP)

1 (14.5 ounce) can (1 1/2 cups) beef broth, divided

2 tablespoons olive oil

1 large onion, chopped

2 tablespoons tomato paste

2 cloves garlic, minced

1 pound ground beef

2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce

1 (16 ounce) bag frozen peas and carrots

1 (14.75 ounce) can creamed corn

1 cup cheddar cheese, shredded

Prepare a 9-by-13 baking dish with cooking spray. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. While it's heating, peel and chop your potatoes. Place your potatoes in cool, salted

water, then bring them to a boil for 10 minutes. This gradual heating ensures even cooking, preventing the outer layers from overcooking before the insides are tender. Once they're cooked and drained, mash with the milk and butter, and season to taste with salt and pepper.

Meanwhile, rehydrate the TVP. Heat 1 cup of beef broth in the microwave (or on the stovetop) until simmering. Add the TVP to rehydrate for 5 minutes.

In a large skillet, heat olive oil over medium heat. Add chopped onions, sauteing until tender and slightly caramelized. Stir in the tomato paste and continue cooking and

The Sunny Side Up

stirring for 3 minutes, allowing it to meld with the caramelized onions and develop a deeper flavor.

Add the minced garlic and ground beef, and rehydrated TVP. Cook until the meat is browned and the TVP has absorbed the delicious flavors, about 5 minutes. Add Worcestershire sauce, peas and carrots, creamed corn and the remaining 1/2 cup broth, and simmer the mixture for 10 minutes. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Transfer filling to the baking dish and spread it evenly. Spoon the mashed potatoes over the filling, creating an even layer. Top with cheese. Place the baking dish in the preheated oven and bake for 20 minutes. Cool slightly before serving.

While savoring this scrumptious Cottage Pie, remember that TVP offers benefits beyond versatility and low-cost. TVP is environmentally friendly with a lower carbon footprint compared to traditional meat production. Moreover, its high protein and fiber content make it a nutritious addition to your diet.

So, next time you're planning meals, remember TVP and turn an ordinary meal into a cost-conscious masterpiece.

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Comfort on a budget

POLICE NEWS

ARREST BLOTTER

JULY 2 – AUGUST 26, 2023

ROBBERY

1. On 07-07-2023 at about 1550hrs, Police arrested and charged Jelani Marquis, 27, of Hannah's Estate, for Robbery and Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Drug.
2. On 07-07-2023 at about 1550hrs, Police arrested and charged Shamul Mitchell, 35, of Lower Estate, for Robbery and two counts of Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Drug.
3. On 02-08-2023 at about 2135hrs, Police arrested and charged Jason Smith, 18, of Sea Cow's Bay, for three counts of Robbery, Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Drug, and Resisting Arrest.
4. On 04-08-2023 at about 1330hrs, Police arrested and charged Kimron White, 19, of Prospect Reef, with three counts of Robbery.

KEEPING UNLICENSED FIREARM

1. On 19-07-2023 at about 1158hrs, Police arrested and charged Dillon Etienne, 24, of Sea Cow's Bay, for Keeping an Unlicensed Firearm, Unlawful Possession of a Firearm, Unlawful Possession of Explosives, two counts of Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Drug and Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Drug with Intent to Supply to Another.
2. On 20-07-2023 at about 1738hrs, Police arrested and charged Dion McMaster, 38, of Red Bay, for Keeping an Unlicensed Firearm, Unlawful Possession of Explosives, and Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Drug with Intent to Supply. He was remanded to His Majesty's Prison.
3. On 21-07-2023 at about 1157hrs, Police arrested and charged Zuri Christo Reid of Rogues Bay with Keeping an Unlicensed Firearm and Unlawful Possession of Explosives. She was remanded to His Majesty's Prison.
4. On 21-07-2023 at about 1210hrs, Police arrested and charged Ruth Gonzales Tellez of Rogues Bay for Keeping an Unlicensed Firearm and Unlawful Possession of Explosives. She was remanded to His Majesty's Prison.

BURGLARY

1. On 06-07-2023 at about 1948hrs, Police arrested and charged James Leonard Jr., 25, of Cooper Island, for Burglary.
2. On 31-07-2023 at about 212hrs, Police arrested and charged Charles Hodge, 50, of Soldier Hill, for Burglary. He was granted bail in the sum of \$10,000 to appear before Magistrate's Court.
3. On 21-08-2023 at about 1127hrs, Police arrested and charged Cyril Charles, 44, of Purcell Estate for Burglary.
4. On 17-08-2023 at about 0930hrs, Police arrested and charged Ke'Moi Cadore, 18, of Windy Hill, Virgin Gorda, for Burglary, Theft, and Criminal Trespass. He was granted bail in the sum of \$10,000 to appear before Magistrate's Court on 09-10-2023.

THEFT

On 19-07-2023 at about 1500hrs, Police arrested and charged Mikhail Howe, 33, of Lower Estate, for Theft and Assault Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm. He was granted bail in the sum of \$5,000 to appear before the Magistrate's Court on 16-09-2023.

INFLECTING GRIEVOUS BODILY HARM

On 23-08-2023 at about 1438hrs, Police arrested and charged Bryshan Walters, 18, of Paraquita Bay, for Inflicting Grievous Bodily Harm.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED DRUG

On 09-07-2023 at about 0253hrs, Police arrested and charged Kentish Rogers, 38, of Lower Estate, for Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Drug. He was granted bail in the sum of \$5,000 to appear before Magistrate's Court on 22-08-2023.

ASSAULT OCCASIONING ACTUAL BODILY HARM

On 02-08-2023 at about 1356hrs, Police arrested and charged Roy Richards, 44, of McNamara, for Assault Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm. He was granted bail in the sum of \$5,000 to appear before Magistrate's Court on 12-09-2023.

INDECENT ASSAULT

On 09-07-2023 at about 1510hrs, Police arrested and charged a 13-year-old of USA, for Indecent Assault. He was granted bail in the sum of \$10,000 to appear before the Magistrate's Court on 12-07-2023.

HANDLING STOLEN GOODS

On 22-08-2023 at about 2218hrs, Police arrested and charged Eugenia Harvey, 51, of Purcell Estate, for Handling Stolen Goods.

INDECENCY IN A PUBLIC PLACE

On 20-07-2023 at about 1705hrs, Police arrested and charged Reynard Matthews, 32, of North Sound, Virgin Gorda, with Indecency in a Public Place, Idle and Disorderly, and Common Nuisance.

DRIVING WHEN NOT SECURED BY SEATBELT

On 18-07-2023 at about 2210hrs, Police arrested and charged Elton Prentice, 49, of Purcell Estate, for Driving When Not Secured by Seatbelt, Failure to give Name and Address, and Insulting Language. He was granted bail in the sum of \$2,000 to appear before the Magistrate's Court on 14-10-2023.

PUBLIC WARNED OF INCREASE IN ATTEMPTED THEFT FROM VEHICLES

Monday, September 18 – The Royal Virgin Islands Police Force has noted an increase in reports of individuals attempting to gain unauthorized access to vehicles by pulling at the exterior door handles within the Road Town area.

Police strongly advise residents to take proactive measures to safeguard their vehicles by ensuring all doors and windows are securely locked, especially when left unattended in parking lots during the day and night. Residents are also reminded to ensure that valuables remain concealed from view.

The public is asked to be on the lookout for individuals loitering and acting suspiciously in or around parking lots.

Persons with information can contact the Police through its 311-access number.

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Prince Valiant
BY SCHULTZ AND YEATES

GAWAIN'S QUIET DISPLAY OF BOWMANSHIP HAS PUT THE ARROGANT ROGER DOWN A NOTCH. VAL TRIES NOT TO APPEAR AMUSED.



SIR ROGER CHOOSES TO IGNORE GAWAIN, AND RETURNS TO VAL'S COMMENTS: "WHAT WOULD LORD GRUNYARD KNOW OF OUR SITUATION HERE?"




"WE STRUGGLE DAILY TO KEEP HIS LAZY, WORTHLESS SERFS PRODUCTIVE, WHILE ALSO FIGHTING A CONSTANT BATTLE WITH GROWING Hordes OF BRIGANDS RAIDING HIS FORESTS AND FIELDS. WE SEND TRIBUTE TO CAMELOT! WHAT CARES GRUNYARD FURTHER?"



VAL NOTES TO HIMSELF: "ANOTHER REFERENCE TO BRIGANDS! PERHAPS THESE ROGUES WOULD BE WORTH INVESTIGATING." FINALLY, FULL OF ARCHERY, ROGER SIGNALS FOR VAL AND GAWAIN TO FOLLOW...

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...AND LEADS THEM THROUGH A SUMPTUOUS, WELL-STOCKED GARDEN. BUT IN THE MIDST OF THIS FURTHER DISPLAY OF WEALTH, VAL NOTES SOMETHING OUT OF PLACE: A ROW OF UNFAMILIAR AND SICKLY SHRUBS.

TO VALS INTEREST, ROGER REMARKS: "BAH. THEY ARE BUT A HOBBY OF MINE AND OF NO CONCERN."

NEXT: Val investigates



YEATES 7/5/12

Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman

HAT STUFF! Suppose 10 counters bearing the numbers one through 10 are placed in a hat. They are mixed up, and five persons are asked to draw two each. The sums of the individual pairs of numbers drawn by the five persons are 16, 11, 4, 7 and 17.

1 ART _____
2 ART _____
3 ART _____
4 ART _____
5 ART _____
6 ART _____



Question: What counters make up each of the pairs drawn?
Hint: Explore possibilities of lowest sum first.

Respective pairs are 6 and 10, 1 and 4 and 7, 1 and 3, 2 and 5, 8 and 9.

HERE YE! "Nothing is so powerful as an _____ whose time has come," said Goethe. What word is missing? This should make a light bulb go on inside your head.

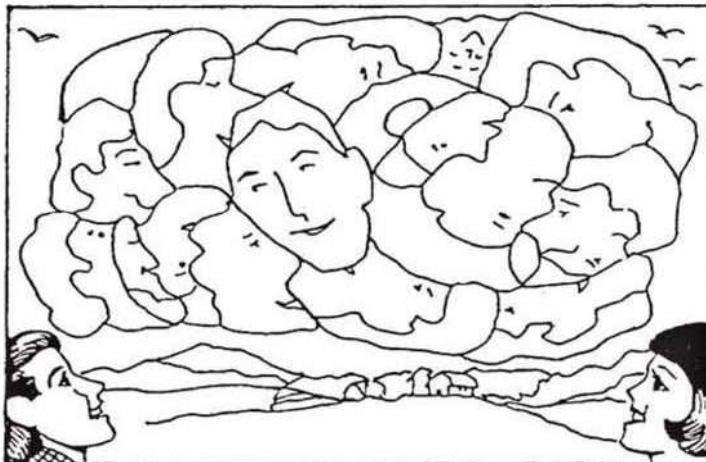
The missing word is "idea."

STATE OF ART EXERCISE

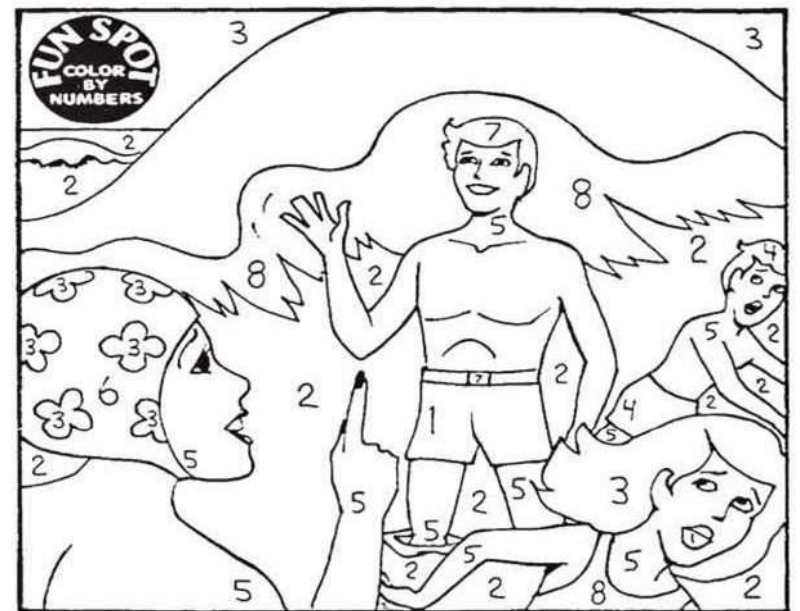
Let's see if you can deal with this state of the ART word test. Six eight-letter words in which the word ART is stepped off progressively (see diagram above) are defined in order as follows:

1. Vessels that carry the blood.
 2. Visitors from another planet.
 3. Having the most brains, skills, etc.
 4. Left town.
 5. "O'er the _____ we watched..."
 5. Big talker; blowhard.
- Time limit: two minutes.

1. Arteries. 2. Martians. 3. Ramparts. 4. Departed. 5. Smartest. 6. Braggart.



AIR HEADS! Our artist says there are at least 16 assorted faces among the clouds above. How many faces can you find?



WET ALERT! Hey there, bather, watch out below! Apply these colors by numbers: 1—Red. 2—Lt. blue. 3—Yellow. 4—Lt. brown. 5—Flesh tones. 6—Lt. green. 7—Dk. brown. 8—Dk. blue.

SPELLBINDER

SCORE 10 points for using all the letters in the word below to form two complete words:

TRAINMEN

THEN score 2 points each for all words of four letters or more found among the letters.

Try to score at least 50 points.

Possible Twosome: Near, mint.

THE SYMPTOMS OF DEMENTIA

Dementia is the progressive decline in cognitive function due to damage or disease in the brain beyond what might be expected from normal aging. Particularly affected areas may be memory, attention, language and problem solving, although particularly in the later stages of the condition, affected persons may be disoriented in time, not knowing what day, week, month or year it is, not knowing where they are not knowing who they are. Symptoms of dementia can be classified as either reversible or irreversible depending

upon the etiology of the disease. Less than 10% of all dementias are reversible. Dementia is a non-specific term that encompasses many disease processes, just as fever is attributable to many etiologies.

Early symptoms of dementia often consist in changes in personality, or in behavior. Often dementia can be first evident during an episode of delirium. There is a higher prevalence of eventually developing dementia in individuals who experience an acute episode of confusion while hospitalized.

Dementia can affect language, comprehension, motor skills, short-term memory, ability to identify commonly used items, reaction time, personality traits, and executive functioning. Even without signs of general intellectual decline, delusions are common in dementia (15-56% incidence rate in Alzheimer's type, and 27-60% incidence rate in multi-infarct dementia). Often these delusions take the form of monothematic delusions, like mirrored self-misidentification.

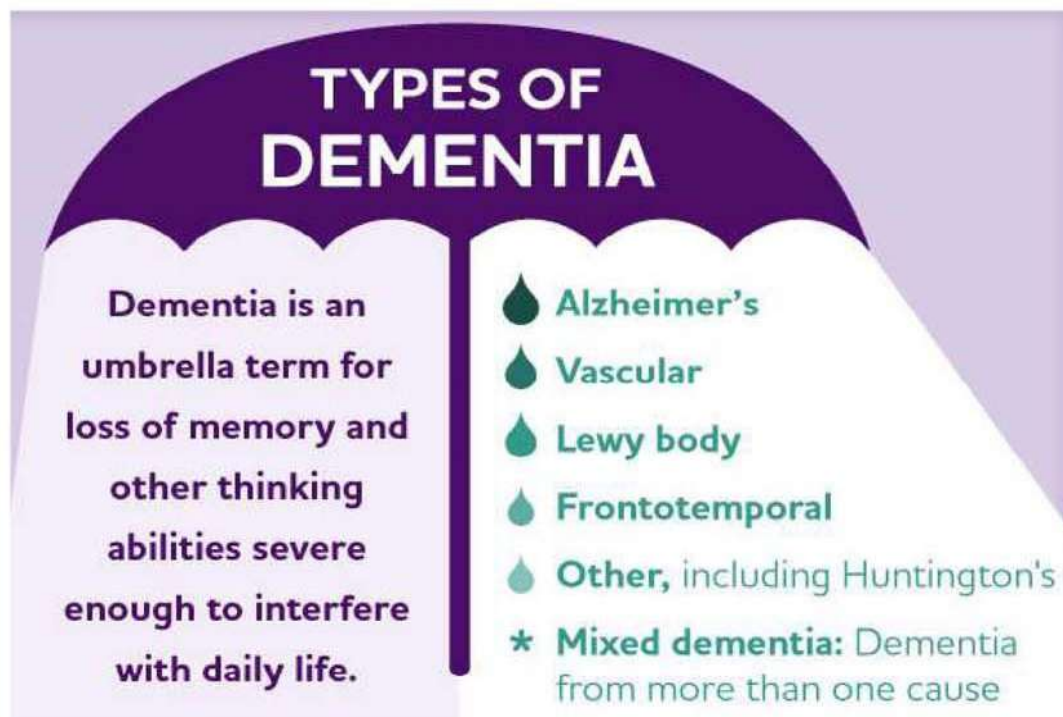
Elderly people can also react with dementia-like symptoms to surgery, infections, sleep deprivation, irregular food intake, dehydration, loneliness, change in domicile or personal crises. This is called delirium, and many if not most dementia patients also have a delirium on top of the physiological dementia, adding to the symptoms. The delirium can go away or greatly improve when treated with tender care, improved food and sleeping habits, but this does not affect the alterations in the brain. Affected

persons may also show signs of psychosis or depression. It is important to be able to differentiate between delirium and dementia.

Proper differential diagnosis between the types of dementia will require, at the least, referral to a specialist, e.g. a geriatric internist, geriatric psychiatrist or neurologist. However, there are some brief 5-15 minute tests that have good reliability and can be used in the office or other setting to evaluate cognitive status.

Except for the treatable types listed above, there is no cure to this illness, although scientists are progressing in making a type of medication that will slow down the process.

DISCLAIMER - *The information presented here should not be interpreted as medical advice. If you or someone you know suffers from Dementia, please consult your physician for the latest treatment options.*



COMMENTARY

The Rule of Capital

By Dickson Igwe



Dickson Igwe

September 15, 2023

Capital is resources that drive social and economic growth: finance, machinery, land, technology, labor, skills, and management. Those who control capital

and how capital is managed rule society. If Virgin Islands residents want to know who rule, simply look at those who own the wealth. Governments come and go, but the wealthy remain on top of the economic and social ladder.

The interesting thing about capital is that no matter the type of society, governance, ideology, economy, and culture, capital remains constant. One reason why inequality is growing worldwide is the ability of those who control capital to use that power cunningly. The capitalist rules even in

socialist states.

The history of the twentieth Century was the conflict between capital and peasantry, between the upper and lower classes. In the twenty First Century, capital has triumphed. The fear of Artificial Intelligence is simply the fear of capital that no longer needs the human element to control society. Whether this horror story becomes reality is to be seen.

Waking up to the reality that capital rules offers us all a compass pointing to where a society is presently. It tells us who really is in charge.

Government controlled by capital is the norm in most countries. Those who control capital decide the direction of politics. This is especially so in countries that deem themselves free and democratic.

However, pop the bonnet and look under the hood at the engine that drives the society and there are silent men and women who control the levers. These people own and manage capital. They control the resources. They are termed investors in today's power matrix. Investors control the global corporations that drive daily

life.

The man who controls the purse rules. In other words, the man who controls the direction and management of capital holds the power. He or she pays the wages, sponsors charity, drives financial policy, directs the economy, and manages the businesses that control everyday life.

When citizens wake up to the reality that capital rules, perspectives change and delusion disappears. Only when you face reality is social change possible.

New Champions | Back to School Regatta & ILCA Masters

19 sailors took to the race course on Saturday, kicking off the new season on a gorgeous race day for the 2023 Back to School Regatta and ILCA Masters Championship.

The seven boat Opti fleet included three regatta first-timers and they all did themselves proud. The front of the fleet was dominated by Aerin Westlake and Phoenix Steer. With a clean sweep of bullets, Aerin took the title whilst Phoenix gave her a run for her money and took second place in each of the six races to finish in second overall.

It was an outstanding day for the youngest Opti competitor, 9 year old Arun Bissoondutt. Competing in his first regatta he showed that hard work and lots of time on the water through the summer really pays off. Arun finished in third place in three of the six races, ending on 18 points and in third position overall. Also competing at his first regatta was Henry Clifton who posted his best result with a third in race three.

Improving throughout the day and claiming third in the final two races was Jake Richardson to finish in fourth overall. Maggie Nolan had a bit of an up and down

day with her best results coming in races three and six where she finished fourth. Aira Hager took to the water for her first regatta but after some pre-race issues elected to join the committee boat team.

The RSFeva fleet does not fail to disappoint with great racing for kids and adults alike. The youngest sailor in the regatta was 8-year old Rosie Wooldridge who teamed up with her cousin Nathan Haycraft to race in her first dinghy event. Sharing helming duties across the six races the duo were unbeatable and took the win with a clean sweep.

The race for second was between Ashley Brockbank with dad Eddie as crew and a new pairing for James Tucker-Davis and Lochlan Geysler. Ashley and Eddie got off to a solid start with two second place finishes and finished in exactly the same way to finish in second place on 11 points. Racing together for the first time, James and Lochlan were consistent all day, snapping up second place in races three and four whilst the Brockbanks did some swimming.

Wrapping up the RSFeva fleet were William Barnes and Sansa Nieh who began to learn to sail

with the RBVIYC adult training program in January, just nine months ago! A great achievement by these two and an enormous learning curve throughout the day. A highlight (and yes it was noisy as they crossed the line) was finishing third in race 3!!! We look forward to seeing their sailing journey continue.

The ILCA fleet was smaller than it has been in recent years but what hasn't changed is how much everyone seems to hurt after a day on the water!! Normally found at the helm of The Flying Pig, Gilbo Simpson got back in a dinghy for the first time in longer than he cares to remember and put together a string of bullets to take the win and the ILCA Masters title.

Marentia de Villiers put in a great day on the water, showing some solid skills improvements. Next on the list is to eliminate the pre-start capsize... Kudos also to Rhiannon Jones, the only sailor racing the ILCA4, completing every race and improving throughout the day. Bijorn Bullock sadly retired in race three and was not able to continue the regatta.

Thank you, thank you, thank you - sailors, parents, volunteers,



parents - all magnificent! Race Committee: Chris Haycraft, Liz Buratti, T, James Clifton & Aria Hager; Mark Boat: Mandi Atack & Matt Hood; Safety Boat: Richard Wooldridge, Paul & Katie Westlake & Elliot Steer; and last but not least Coach James. Thank you to Doyle Sailmakers for the loan of a boat and as always Nanny Cay for giving our sailing program a home.

Results
Opti
1. Aerin Westlake - 5pts
2. Phoenix Steer - 10 pts

3. Arun Bissoondutt - 18 pts
4. Jake Richardson - 20 pts
5. Henry Clifton - 22 pts
6. Maggie Nolan - 24 pts
7. Aira Hager - 30 pts
RS Feva
1. Rosie Wooldridge & Nathan Haycraft - 5 pts
2. Ashley & Eddie Brockbank - 11 pts
3. James Tucker & Lochlan Geysler - 13 pts
4. William Barnes & Sansa Nieh - 19 pts
ILCA7
1. Gilbo Simpson - 5 pts
2. Marentia de Villiers - 10 pts
3. Bijorn Bullock - 18 pts
ILCA4
1. Rhiannon Jones - 5 pts

Caribbean News / Regional News

CARICOM Reparations Commission Attributes Recent Progress to Strategic Partnerships

Wednesday, 20 September 2023 (CARICOM Secretariat, Turkeyen, Greater Georgetown): Reflecting on ten (10) years of activities aimed at defining a path to reconciliation, truth and justice for victims of slavery and native genocide and their descendants, the CARICOM Reparations Commission (CRC) has attributed recent progress to strategic alliances with key stakeholders.

Strategic Partnerships

The CRC has built strong partnerships and coalitions to increase advocacy and awareness in the Americas, Africa and Europe; strategic alliances were formed with the National African American Reparations Committee (NAARC), Global African Congress in Canada, Glasgow-Caribbean Centre for Development Research, Ateker International Development Organization (AIDO), universities in the United Kingdom, and regional

civil society organisations, notably those that have become members of the CRC.

Ten (10) years of fighting for reparatory justice

The Commission's progress over the last decade includes the implementation of a robust reparatory justice advocacy and public education campaign as mandated by the Thirty-Fourth Meeting of CARICOM Heads of Government in 2013, which established the body.

The CARICOM Ten Point Plan for Reparatory Justice, developed by the CRC in 2014, has also received significant support from CRC stakeholders. The UN Permanent Forum of People of African Descent, at its inaugural meeting in Geneva in December 2022, expressed support for the CARICOM Ten Point Plan and called for its adoption globally. The NAARC, established in April 2015 in New York, has articulated a Ten-Point Action Plan based on the CARICOM model. Reparations Commissions or advocacy

groups have been established or are in development in Brazil, Colombia, Canada, the United Kingdom and the Netherlands, inspired by CARICOM's lead.

Amplified Advocacy

Through its symposia, public lectures, and participation in panel discussions organised by partners and its publications, the CRC has increased knowledge and understanding and raised consciousness about the unpaid debt owed to the Caribbean for over 400 years of genocide of the Indigenous people and dehumanising chattel enslavement of Africans.

Conferences organised by the CRC in partnership with many leading researchers and advocates have introduced new knowledge in areas such as the history of the Western banking system, intergenerational trauma and the higher incidence in the Caribbean of non-communicable diseases such as hypertension, linked to conditions experienced in the Region under slavery.

In addition, the CRC has amplified advocacy and



enabled a timely response from CARICOM to significant developments such as the apology from the Government of the Netherlands in 2022 and the discovery that the abolition loan taken by the British Parliament to end slavery in its colonies, was only paid off in 2015.

Enthusiastic about the next ten years

The Commission is enthusiastic about the next ten years as it continues with activities advocating for justice for victims of slavery. These include campaigning for the observance of Emancipation Day by all Member States; the teaching of history as

compulsory in Caribbean secondary schools up to Grade 11; implementation of the regional renaming project where streets, monuments, parks and other public spaces bearing the names that reflect a colonial legacy, should be renamed/removed, and continued efforts to facilitate reconnection with Africa, by building a strong coalition and support for the reparations agenda among the governments and people of Africa.

The Commission's commitment and determination remain firm in the vision of a path to reconciliation, truth, and justice for the victims of slavery and their descendants.

Caribbean Water Utilities to Access Parametric Insurance Coverage Against Extreme Weather Events

September 19, 2023. Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands. Water utilities in the Caribbean will now be able to access parametric insurance coverage through CCRIF SPC (formerly the Caribbean Catastrophe Risk Insurance Facility) to financially protect them against extreme weather events such as hurricanes, tropical storms, and excess rainfall events. The Caribbean

Water Utility Insurance Collective (CWUIC) has been established as a segregated portfolio (SP)2 within CCRIF. CCRIF is the world's first

multi-country, multi-peril risk pool providing parametric insurance and offers products to 19 Caribbean governments, 4 Central American governments and 3 Caribbean electric utilities. CCRIF offers 5 parametric insurance products: for tropical cyclones, excess rainfall, earthquakes, for the fisheries sector and the electric utilities sector for transmission and distribution. The water utilities product will be CCRIF's 6th parametric insurance product on offer.

CWUIC SP has been in the making for the last two years, with the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) providing technical and financial support for the structuring of CWUIC, and CCRIF undertaking the modelling work to develop the insurance model that will underpin the water utilities insurance product and allow CWUIC to provide insurance coverage to water utilities.

Other key partners in this initiative are the UK

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), and the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB). A total of US\$8.45M of grant resources has been mobilized for CWUIC SP. This includes US\$7.8M from the IDB, of which US\$5.6M was provided by the UK Government through the FCDO to support technical assistance to finalize the structuring of CWUIC SP and provide premium subsidies for the insurance coverage to water utilities in 6 Caribbean

countries. CDB has approved grant funds of US\$650,000 in technical assistance.

FCDO has also provided development aid to CCRIF, in the amount of US\$25M, to capitalize

CWUIC SP. This will be used in combination with reinsurance to protect CWUIC SP against unexpected losses from policy claims. This US\$25 million facility provided by FCDO to CCRIF is interest-free with repayment after a 20-year period

VOA NEWS VOA NEWS VOA NEWS VOA NEWS

Republican Infighting Stalls Spending Bills in US House as Shutdown Looms



House Speaker Kevin McCarthy briefs reporters following a closed-door Republican Conference meeting on how to agree on a path to fund the government past a Sept. 30 deadline, at the Capitol in Washington, Sept. 19, 2023.

WASHINGTON — Republicans who control the U.S. House of Representatives failed to advance two spending bills on Tuesday, as party infighting threatened the ability of Congress to fund the government and avert a partial shutdown at the end of the month.

The House voted 214-212 to defeat a measure that would have opened debate on an \$886 billion fiscal 2024 defense appropriations bill, with five hardline Republican conservatives joining Democrats to oppose their party's own measure.

Meanwhile, a larger division within House Speaker Kevin McCarthy's fractious Republican majority prevented lawmakers from agreeing on a short-term measure to keep federal agencies afloat after funding expires on Sept. 30.

McCarthy has been

unable to win cooperation from hardliners who want assurances that fiscal 2024 appropriations will not exceed a 2022 top line of \$1.47 trillion - \$120 billion less than McCarthy and Democratic President Joe Biden agreed to in May.

Political brinkmanship has begun to attract the attention of Wall Street, with rating agency Fitch citing repeated down-to-the-wire negotiations that threaten the government's ability to pay its bills when it downgraded U.S. debt rating to AA+ from its top-notch AAA designation earlier this year.

Republican Representative Tom Cole, chair of the House Rules Committee, expressed frustration with the small minority of his party who voted against the measure, known as a rule.

"There's nothing in there

that anybody has a problem with, they're just working out whatever their issues are on this bill and on this rule and I just think that's very unfortunate," Cole said.

The House and the Democratic-led Senate have less than two weeks to avoid a shutdown by passing either short-term or long-term funding measures.

Even if House Republicans had been able to advance the defense bill or the short-term measure, either would face stiff opposition from congressional Democrats and from the White House, which has already threatened to veto the defense bill.

Raucous session

Tuesday's House vote failed in a raucous session, with Democrats mocking Republican leaders as they tried to persuade holdouts to change their minds before finally giving up.

"You think it's fun for me to vote against

the rule?" one holdout, Republican Representative Ralph Norman, said as his colleagues complained that such votes weakened Republicans. "But I'm also unwilling to continue as we've done and have unlimited spending."

The House vote came hours after McCarthy delayed a key procedural vote on the 30-day stopgap measure known as a continuing resolution, or CR. The California Republican said he wanted to give lawmakers enough time to reach agreement on the legislation.

The continuing resolution faces opposition from more than a dozen Republican hardline conservatives, enough to block its path forward in the House.

The CR would keep federal agencies afloat until Oct. 31 but cut discretionary spending by about 8% for agencies outside of defense, veterans affairs and disaster

relief. It would also impose certain restrictions on immigration and resume construction of a wall on the U.S.-Mexico border.

Faced with a looming Sept. 30 deadline, lawmakers have begun to discuss other options for keeping the government funded, with Democratic Senator Patty Murray, who heads that chamber's appropriations committee, telling reporters that she was working on a bipartisan CR. A bipartisan House group that calls itself the Problem Solvers Caucus is also working on a backup, multiple members of the group told reporters.

"Just gotta keep trying to get to yes, and if we can't and we're coming too close to the deadline, then Plan B," said Republican Representative Brian Fitzpatrick, a Problem Solvers Caucus member. "Plan B is 218 in the Congress, not the conference."

Before you discipline a child

S - stop! Calm yourself and your child

T - take a few deep breaths

O - observe the needs of your child

P - proceed in a kind but firm manner







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SPORTS

BVI Women debuting in ECVA U23 Volleyball Championships

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway



An Under 23 Women's team is making its debut in the ECVA Volleyball Championships in Dominica.

Head Coach Jackie Weeks told Island Sun Sports that they don't know what to expect and officials don't know what to expect of the team and they have them among the lowly ranked teams. She said preparations have gone well despite players going on summer vacations.

"We never had the full team all the time but we did some individual training," she noted. "With the middles there, we fixed them. We fixed the outsides and now we have the whole team together we're fixing everything but we're ready."

When asked how the team has grown, Assistant Coach Stephen Payne, said that they have begun showing their competitiveness prior to the tournament. He said the team trains in the absence of competition and pretty much plays against itself.

"We don't have a true barometer on where the team is in terms of ability," he said. "However, the competitiveness I've seen during practices is what they'll build upon when we travel."

Captain Makaila Powell and Zoe Richards, were members of the senior teams coached by Payne that won the ECVA silver medal last November. He told them that since they've had experience with the senior team, the other team members will be looking up to them, how they behave during the tournament and how they play in the game.

"Zoe in particular, has matured a lot in the game in the last six months since she came back from St. Maarten," he said. "Makaila

has had exposure on a team in St. Thomas, so we're hoping those two girls show up and that the other girls emulate both of them and try to be a good cohesive team."

Powell said their aim is to do their best as they have new people on the team and persons who haven't played the sport before, but they have gotten better over the few months they've been practicing.

"The team is a bundle of joy, obviously, everybody's communicating and it's going to be a really great tournament," she said and thinks her experience playing with Richards on the senior team will help them. "We already dealt with the older women and we already have that experience out there with the different coaches and referees on the other teams, so we know that it's a challenge to have a young team going out there, but Zoe and I will handle it pretty well."

Powell said it means a lot to be team captain as the players have trust in her. "When it comes



BVI's Women's U23 Volleyball team is playing in the ECVA Championships in Dominica

down to it, I know how to get the job done, so I'm grateful for the position," she said. "Since we have a 14-year old setter and two new volleyball middles playing, I've seen so much improvement—like the hitting, setting, passing—everything is great."

As a former OECS medalist, Weeks said coaching young

players now is driving her crazy. "You know what? I want to play," she said laughing. "I'm so into it but that's the drive I have and I want them to have that same killer instinct—to play and just get it over with. I usually tell the team that the last one to come out is usually to one that's going to lose. You have to get out first and that's what I try to instill in them."

Three penalty shootouts highlight Emmett Caines Knockout opener

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway



Three of the five opening games on Tortola in the BVI Football Association's Emmett Caines Pre-season Knockout Tournament, were decided by penalty kicks and saw two underdogs advancing.

Action got underway with Lion Heart's Sheaugn Thomas' goal in the 18th minute, giving them a 1-0 lead which they carried deep into the second half, before Old Madrid knotted the game at a 1-1 draw during regulation time.

The game was decided in Old Madrid's favor, during a 3-2 penalty shootout.

"Hard work pays," noted Old Madrid's Coach Colin Uguha, who previously coached Sugar Boys. "I came into this set up a few weeks ago and the first focus was to get them fit. You'll notice

our boys never cramped. I see our boys improving. It's a big step for them. They've not been winning in a long while and we're gonna stun teams this year. The team is super excited."

Uguha said that he's happy for the preseason tournament and it's an innovation that can be improved upon and this is where you know teams are good in one off matches. "You can be winning the league—planning how you win four, five matches—but knockout is on that day, who's the best," he said. "And I'm happy that we won."

In the second game, Positive picked up only their second win in all competitions since they were formed in 2022, when they rocked the favored Rebels, first coming back from two goals down and securing a 3-3 draw at the end of regulation time, before stunning their opponents from the penalty spot, coming out 5-4 winners in the shoot-out.

"Positive will be one of the best teams this season," Stephen Brown said after the game. "We are training hard in training. We

have players who can do what we ask and I give credit to the guys and coaching staff for the improvements. I'm grateful to the fans who have stuck by us and promise they will see a different set of results this season."

On Sunday, Islanders and One Love also saw their game go to penalties after a thrilling showdown, which ended at 2-2 in regulation, but One Love held their nerve to go through, emerging victorious with a 4-3 penalty shootout win. One Love had opened a two-goal cushion with goals from Collin Lavia in the 12th minute and Rebels' transfer, Johari Lacey in the 46th. Right at the death, Islanders Captain Troy Caesar pulled one back in the 98th in a game that was extended after one of his teammates suffered an unfortunate broken left foot.

"It was a good competitive game, with both teams playing physical, but scoring the early goal settled us down and we were thankful to win the penalties," Coach Lenroy "Left" Henry said.

Hosts VG United had much

more stress-free progress into the second round, as they overcame the Panthers 2-0 before their fans. Bernard Cumberbatch scored VG's first in the 36th minute and Deshawn Richardson rounded out the comfortable victory in the 74th minute.

"It was a good game for our first time out this season," Coach Jermain Abrams said. "As a team, I'm satisfied with the way we played. The back line played well and our newly appointed keeper, Thomas "Manly" Albert, saved a penalty late on. We were a bit rusty but have started out on a good foot and are in the second round."

The weekend's action rounded out with Sugar Boys walloping Wolues FC 7-4, as Alejandro Sanchez scored two and Captain Derol Redhead putting in two headers. Rashad Boyce, German Gonzalez and Akim Hendrikson added one apiece. James Malley (2) put the Wolues ahead in just the 6th minute with further Wolues goals coming from Mauricio Williams and Ian Chambers.

"It was our first game coming back after a long break and we



One Love's Jhon Samuel, left, tackles Islanders Ranelie Cain

didn't get much time to put in our training but we tried to play the basics, as you know Sugar Boys likes to play basic football," Redhead noted. "I guess going two goals down, sort of brings out the best in us, so we took our time, didn't get worried, came back and got the goals we needed."

During Monday's draw, Sugar Boys were rewarded with a bye in the next round. Positive and One Love United will face off at 6 p.m. on Saturday and Old Madrid will travel to Virgin Gorda, for a 6 p.m. game with VG United on Sunday.

SPORTS



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Islanders Sheldon Harry Jr., right, tries to slow One Love's Christopher Steele from getting the ball



After beating visiting HMS Dauntless, 2-1 in a Football match, Islanders players gather with their opponents

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A Positive player, right, helps Rebels' Sheldon Harry Sr., off the carpet in a display of sportsmanship

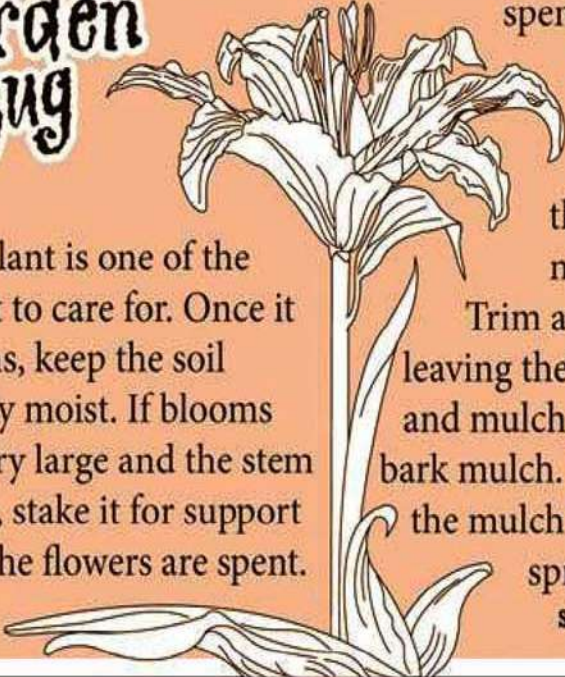
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Oriental Lilies

In autumn, cut off any spent flowers and stalks, but allow the leaves to stay until they yellow and die; this fuels the bulb for next year's blooming. Trim away any growth left, leaving the bulb in the ground, and mulch over it with organic bark mulch. In spring, pull away the mulch when you see green sprouts. - Brenda Weaver

This plant is one of the easiest to care for. Once it blooms, keep the soil slightly moist. If blooms are very large and the stem bends, stake it for support until the flowers are spent.

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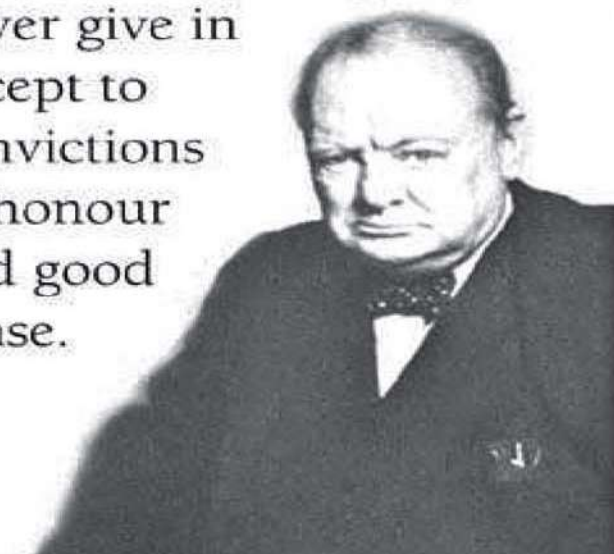
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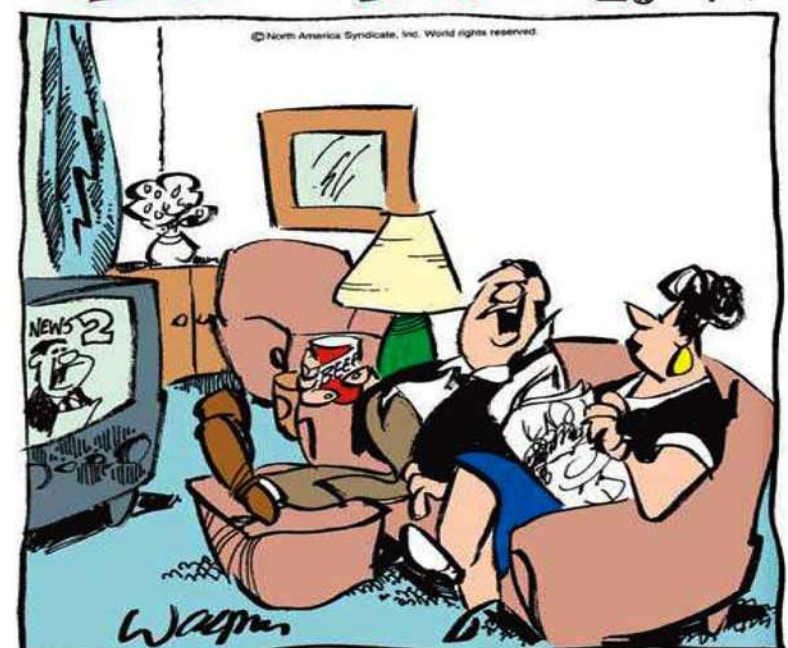
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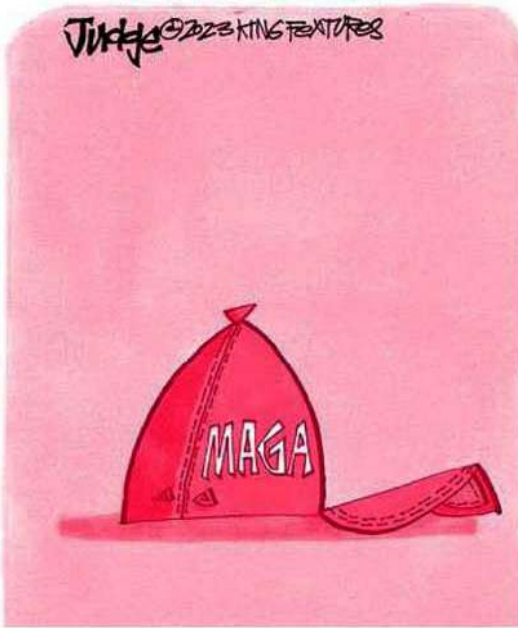
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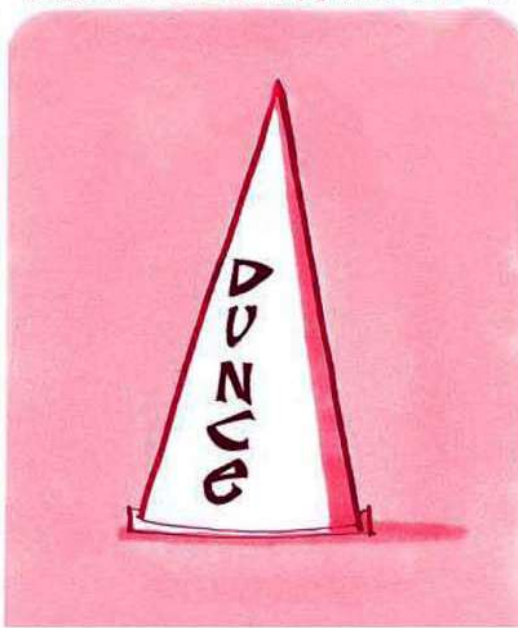
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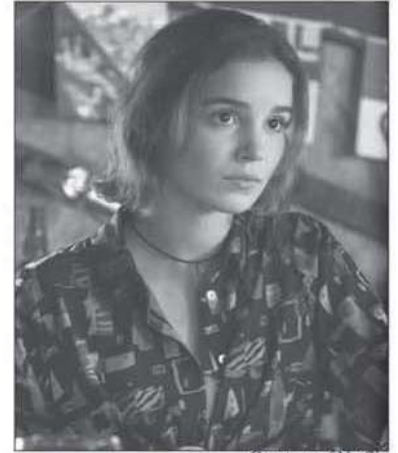


celebrity extra

by Dana Jackson

Q. I just saw that “Captain America” star Chris Evans got married. Is his wife an actress? The last serious relationship I remember him having was with Jenny Slate. I was hoping that would work out. (I loved her in “Parks and Recreation.”) — K.K.

A. The last of the Hollywood Chrises has joined the other two (Chris Hemsworth and Chris Pratt) in wedded bliss by marrying his girlfriend, Alba Baptista, of almost two years during a ceremony in Cape Cod, Massachusetts. Baptista is a Portuguese actress whose most recent English-language films are the charming film “Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris” and the Netflix action series “Warrior Nun.”



Courtesy of Netflix

Alba Baptista in “Warrior Nun”

As for Evans and Jenny Slate, their relationship has been over since early 2018. They first started dating in 2016 after filming the movie “Gifted.” He raved about her in interviews, saying “Sometimes you just meet the same animal, and that’s just [what it’s like] with Jenny.”

Slate, who has been married before, found love again with writer and art curator Ben Shattuck. The couple wed last year and also have a little girl named Ida. While Evans and Slate made a cute couple, it appears they ultimately found happiness with others the way it was meant to be.

Q. When is the “Frasier” reboot debuting? Also, I’ve heard conflicting information about where it will air. Will it be on Peacock or Paramount? — E.J.

A. Kelsey Grammer returns to television as his iconic character Frasier Crane this fall on Paramount+. We first met the hilariously uptight psychiatrist on “Cheers.” He was then given his own equally successful spin-off in the former show of “Frasier,” a sitcom that won 37 Primetime Emmy Awards and continues to run in syndication and streaming to this day. Now Frasier returns to his roots in Boston for a new sitcom filmed before a live studio audience. Alas, the late John Mahoney is gone as Frasier’s cranky father, Martin, and David Hyde Pierce is reportedly not returning as Frasier’s brother, Niles.

A two-episode premiere of the new “Frasier” will debut on Paramount+ on Oct. 12 with weekly episodes to follow. It’s reported that the same episodes will also air on CBS on Oct. 17 as a special event, but viewers will have to subscribe to Paramount+ to watch the rest of the season.

Q. What was the name of the funny show Ted Knight did where he had two beautiful daughters? There was also a hilarious guy who lived in the home, too, or at least nearby. — L.D.

A. You’re thinking of “Too Close for Comfort,” which starred Knight as a cartoonist who worked out of his home in San Francisco. Nancy Dussault played his wife, and Lydia Cornell and Deborah Van Valkenburgh played his two grown daughters who rented the apartment below. Jim J. Bullock was a hoot as Monroe.

The show changed its name and concept to “The Ted Knight Show” during its final season. Sadly, the sitcom ended in 1987 after Knight lost his battle with cancer at the age of 62.

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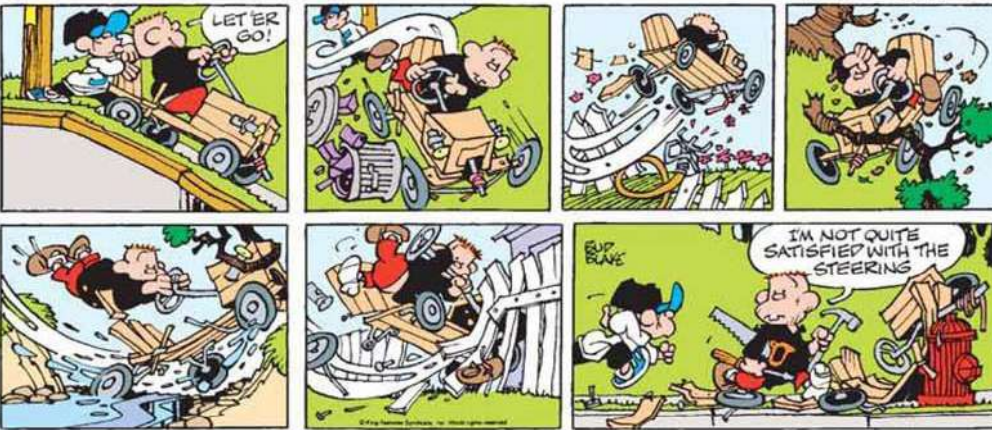
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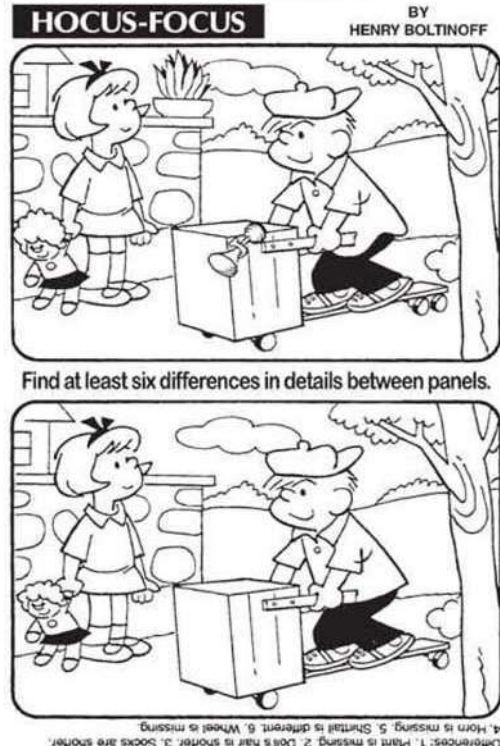
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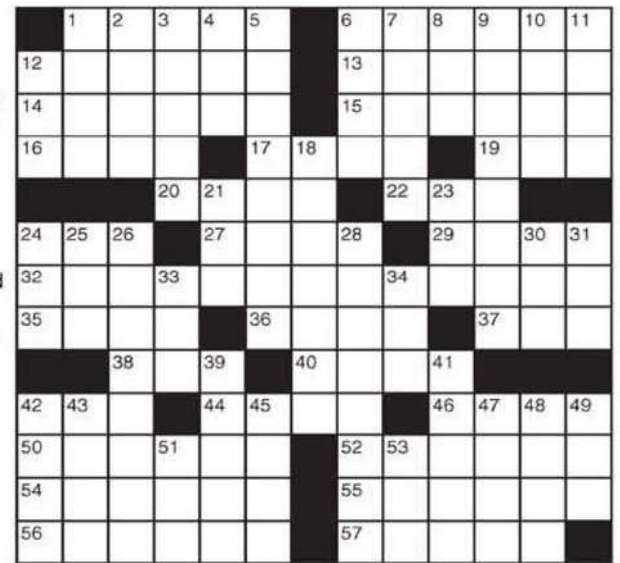
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- 32 Chekhov play, with "The"
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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: Which European city has almost 2,500 bridges?
2. MOVIES: How many infinity stones exist in "Avengers: End Game"?
3. ANIMAL KINGDOM: How many digits do pandas have on each hand?
4. AD SLOGANS: Which car manufacturer used the ad slogan, "Life is a journey. Enjoy the ride"?
5. LITERATURE: What is Hogwarts' motto in the "Harry Potter" book series?
6. TELEVISION: Which show spawned the spinoff TV comedy "Laverne & Shirley"?
7. SCIENCE: How long is an eon?
8. MUSIC: What is the name of the band that John Lennon, George Harrison and Paul McCartney were in before The Beatles formed?
9. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What does the Apgar score measure?
10. U.S. STATES: Which state has an active volcano named Mount St. Helens?

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Trivia Test Answers
1. Hamburg, Germany.; 2. Six.; 3. Six — five fingers and an opposable pseudo thumb.; 4. Nissan.; 5. "Never Tickle a Sleeping Dragon."; 6. "Happy Days."; 7. 1 billion years.; 8. The Quarrymen.; 9. The health of newborns.; 10. Washington.

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



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BIBBLE TRIVIA
by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of John (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. On watching Jesus' arrest and trial, which disciple claimed three times he didn't know the Lord? *Judas, James, John, Peter*
3. From Proverbs, "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of _____?" *Song, Silver, Meadows, Eden*
4. Who was quoted, "Is there any taste in the white of an egg"? *Solomon, David, Daniel, Job*
5. What did Job behold as the fear of the Lord? *Distrust, Wisdom, Unrighteous, Sympathy*
6. Who was the father of Samson? *Manoah, Isaiah, Abdon, Felix*

ANSWERS: 1) New, 2) Peter, 3) Silver, 4) Job, 5) Wisdom, 6) Manoah

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Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- More people from nudist colonies play volleyball than any other sport.
- New York's Girl Scout Troop 6000, whose entire membership is homeless or living in shelters, has sold more than \$1.6 million worth of Girl Scout cookies since 2017, earning not just national recognition, but money to benefit about 2,500 women and girls in more than 20 shelters throughout the greater New York area.
- Competitive trash collecting is a sport in Japan.
- Just in time for global warming, scientists have developed a paint that reflects the sun's rays, potentially reducing the need for air conditioning by up to 40%.

• The oldest known photograph, taken by French photographer Nicéphore Niepce in 1826, took eight hours to expose.

• In 5th-century Greece, handshakes were done to make sure that the other person wasn't carrying a hidden weapon. The hand clasp proved that your hand was empty, and shaking it was meant to "shake out" any weapons hiding in the sleeve.

• Farm-raised salmon are fed carotenoids to give their flesh its trademark pink color.

• If a woodpecker goes too long without food, it will pin down other birds and peck at their heads until it can eat their brains.

• Holy flipping flapjacks! In 2012, Brad Jolly of Australia set the Guinness World Record for the most tosses of a pancake, with an astonishing 140 flips a minute.

Thought for the Day: "Did I offer peace today? Did I bring a smile to someone's face? Did I say words of healing? Did I let go of my anger and resentment? Did I forgive? Did I love? These are the real questions. I must trust that the little bit of love that I sow now will bear many fruits, here in this world and the life to come." — *Henri Nouwen*

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"But now ask the beasts, and they will teach you; And the birds of the air, and they will tell you; Or speak to the earth, and it will teach you; And the fish of the sea will explain to you. Who among all these does not know That the hand of the Lord has done this, In whose hand is the life of every living thing, And the breath of all mankind?"

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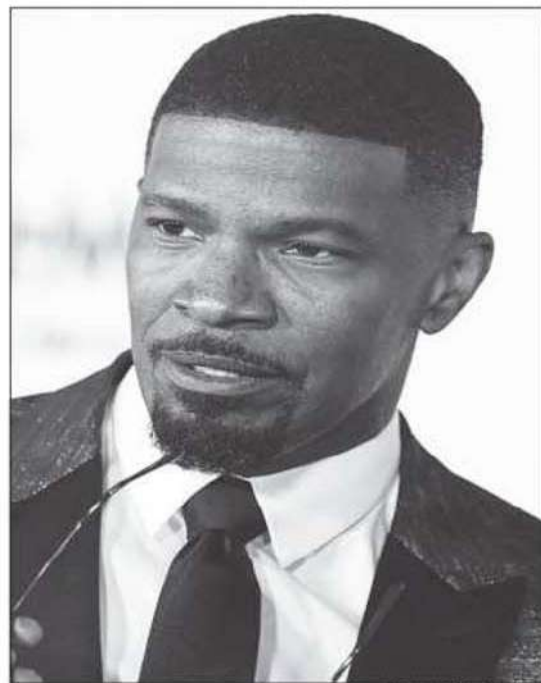
HOLLYWOOD — Oscar winner **Jamie Foxx** (55) was on a fast-moving career train starring in four films this year when his train disappeared from the tracks. The speculation is that Foxx disappeared, too? Rumors floated that he was in a hospital, but no one was talking. Finally, sources claimed he'd suffered a stroke. Then reports surfaced from Foxx himself saying he was on the mend, but he never actually revealed what he was at the hospital for.

Foxx had already completed "The Burial" for Amazon Prime Video, co-starring **Tommy Lee Jones** (release date was Sept. 11), and "Tin Soldier," co-starring **Robert De Niro** and **Scott Eastwood** (no release date yet). And, recently, news came that he'll play God (did his near-death hospital experience connect him to God?) alongside **Mickey Rourke's** Devil in the comedy "Not Another Church Movie," with **Vivica A. Fox**, **Tisha Campbell** and **Jasmine Guy**.

The big question around Hollywood today is, how will CBS, NBC and ABC have their normal September premiere season with the actors' and writers' strikes still unresolved and the fact that they haven't even had meetings to resolve the issues? CBS will kick off this strike-impacted season with the premiere of "Yellowstone," starring **Kevin Costner**, **Kelly Reilly** and **Cole Hauser**. "Yellowstone" has already had a five-year run on their parent company, Paramount+.

Also hailing from the streaming service is "Star Trek: Picard;" "Star Trek: Short Treks;" "Star Trek: Strange New Worlds;" the reboot of "Twilight Zone;" "Mayor of Kingstown;" "1883" starring **Isabel May**, **Tim McGraw** and **Sam Elliott**; "1923" starring **Helen Mirren** and **Harrison Ford**; and **Joshua Jackson's** series "Fatal Attraction."

ABC's parent company is Disney, with Disney+ to give us all things "Star Wars," such as "The Mandalorian," "The Book of Boba Fett," "Obi-Wan Kenobi" — plus shows like "Willow," "The Right Stuff," "Hawkeye" and "The Mysterious Benedict Society."



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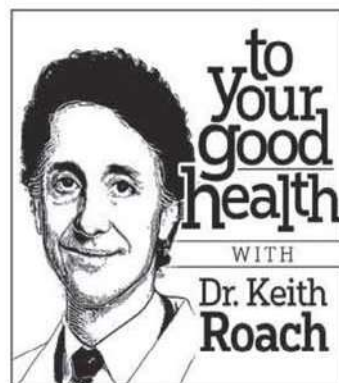
Jamie Foxx (Upcoming in "The Burial" and "Tin Soldier")

NBC has Peacock, so expect series like "Brave New World," "Dr. Death," "Days of Our Lives: Beyond Salem," "The Lost Symbol," "One of Us Is Lying," "The Girl in the Woods," "Bel-Air," "Queer as Folk," "Vampire Academy," "The Calling" and "Irreverent." If you resisted paying for streaming services, you'll have a lot to watch.

If you're an old-movie fan, the best cruise ever was announced by Turner Classic Movies. It sails from San Diego on Nov. 6, stops in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, on Nov. 8 and then stops in Ensenada, Mexico, on Nov. 10 before heading back to San Diego on Nov. 11. So far, the stars promised aboard are **Kim Novak**; **Elliott Gould**; Oscar winner **George Chakiris**; **Judy Garland's** daughter, **Lorna Luft**; and more.

Cabin prices started from \$3,600 per person for a single guest to \$1,900 per person for two guests, \$1,300 for three, and \$1,000 for four. Although it's sold out, there is a waiting list, and cancellations may become available ... which only proves nostalgia ain't cheap!

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Finding the Cause Behind Emphysema and Ways to Minimize It

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am male, age 65. I exercise regularly. A shortness of breath led me to get a chest X-ray, which showed that I have emphysema. I smoked for 10 years, but quit 33 years ago. As an avid runner, this revelation was perplexing and depressing.

Is it possible that other factors contributed to me getting emphysema, and how do I minimize this disease, if possible? — T.W.

ANSWER: Emphysema is most often caused by smoking in North America or by cooking fires in many parts of the world. The exact type of emphysema you have can help tell what caused it, but that usually requires a biopsy, which is generally unnecessary for a diagnosis or treatment.

Although X-rays and CT scans can help with the diagnosis, the definitive study is the pulmonary function test. For this test, you must breathe in and out for more times and in more ways than you ever thought was possible with a respiratory technician and a lot of machines. (When I was a fourth-year medical student, I had my own PFTs done as a learning experience — thank you, Dr. Julian Solway — and have respect for how hard they are to perform correctly.)

Besides smoke exposure, another cause is the genetic Alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency, which can affect the liver as well. This diagnosis is made by blood testing and confirmed by DNA testing through a genetic counselor. I always consider this diagnosis in a person with

emphysema who is a nonsmoker or has minimal smoking history. If you do have AAT deficiency, there may be other treatments available, but specific treatment requires special expertise.

Regardless of the cause behind your emphysema, you have already made the most important change by quitting smoking. Avoiding secondhand smoke and other lung irritants is important, too.

There are no treatments to reverse emphysema, but many can improve symptoms. These include medication (such as inhalers), pulmonary rehabilitation and oxygen in people with emphysema that is severe enough to cause low blood oxygen levels. Most people who quit smoking have a very slow progression of the disease. However, it's important to quit smoking as soon as possible so that there is enough reserve lung function.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am a very healthy 74-year-old woman. I don't take any medications other than a Prolia injection twice a year. I recently started taking 20 g of grass-fed collagen peptides powder, which contains all kinds of amino acids. Will this benefit my hair, skin, nails and joints, as the label suggests? — S.H.

ANSWER: I'd like to tell you it will help, but there isn't a lot of evidence it does. My anecdotal experience has shown me that only a few people get benefit.

It is true that deficiency of amino acids can lead to poorly grown skin and nails, but it's not at all clear that giving extra collagen will help people who have a healthy diet.

Just to put things in perspective, 1 cup of chicken or beef stock contains about 10 g of collagen, which your body then breaks down into amino acids. I'm guessing that would be less expensive than the supplement.

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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One good thing
about music, when
it hits you, you feel
no pain.

Bob Marley

BrainyQuote

SOME SMALL ISLAND STATES SEEK CLIMATE JUSTICE IN LANDMARK CASE

By Sir Ronald Sanders

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

On September 11 in Hamburg, Germany, a significant legal proceeding began that could redefine the parameters of climate justice for small island states. This case, slated to run until September 25, will unfold at the International Tribunal of the Law of the Sea (ITLOS).

BACKGROUND: THE ITLOS PROCEEDINGS

ITLOS, which is composed of 21 distinguished judges, is currently reviewing an advisory opinion request from the Commission of Small Islands on Climate Change and International Law (COSIS). The central issue is the obligation of states to combat pollution linked to climate change and its ensuing marine repercussions, such as rising ocean temperatures, sea level elevation, and ocean acidification.

By its conclusion, 19 inter-governmental and civil society organizations will have presented their testimony to the tribunal, supported by evidence—both written and oral—from 31 nations.

HISTORY IS BEING MADE

At no other time in history has the deleterious effects of climate change on small states been given such meaningful international attention. The results of this case will be watched carefully, particularly by the world's greatest contributors to the harmful impacts of climate change. Those countries have used the annual United Nations Conference of the Parties (COP) to tie-up any real progress on considering, let alone accepting and paying for, the loss and damage being wreaked on small island states.

COSIS: A RESPONSE TO UNKEPT PROMISES

The origins of this request to ITLOS for an advisory opinion began two years ago, in the margins of the COP 26 meeting in Glasgow. The leaders of two small island states from 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, Gaston Browne and Kausea Natano respectively, frustrated by the lip service being paid by the world's major contributors to climate change, and the broken promises of every previous COP meeting, decided that they would seek an Advisory Opinion from ITLOS.

Consequently, they launched the Commission of Small Island States on Climate Change and International Law (COSIS) as an international organisation within the framework of the UN. They were subsequently joined by several other small states, including the Bahamas, St Lucia, St Kitts-Nevis and St Vincent and the Grenadines, and by Vanuatu, Palau and Niue. What each of these small islands faces is a real and present threat to their existence.

THE GRAVITY OF THE PROBLEM


In the opening presentation to the Tribunal on behalf of COSIS, Prime Minister Browne explained the gravity of the situation. He said: "It is no exaggeration to speak of existential threats, when some of these nations may vanish in the foreseeable future because of rising sea levels. The scientific evidence leaves no doubt that this situation has arisen because of the failure of major polluters to effectively mitigate greenhouse gas emissions. This inaction, this failure of political will, has brought humankind to a perilous juncture with catastrophic consequences."

The Prime Minister's argument 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.

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. The ocean is also 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.


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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, the countries of COSIS are not seeking to rewrite laws; they are seeking clarity on existing ones. This Advisory Opinion from ITLOS can serve as a benchmark, a guidepost, for international actions going forward.

THE HOUR OF DECISION

The world is 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.

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.

On behalf of all small island states, COSIS' approach to ITLOS is an effort to tip the scales towards justice and survival. But its plea is not just for small states; it is for the health of a planet which every nation shares.

A decision by ITLOS is unlikely to be delivered until early next year. There is a great volume of legal and technical submissions for the 21 judges to consider. But, already, there is cause for celebration that COSIS – a group of courageous small island states – stood up for the rights of their people, and ITLOS listened, giving validity to their concern. There is also cause for lamentation that other island states, with just as much to lose, chose to stand silent on the sidelines.



PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act
HAN Worldwide Enterprises II Inc.
 (IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
 Company No. 623328
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to section 204, subsection 1 (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in Voluntary Liquidation. The Voluntary Liquidation commenced on 24th August 2023. The Liquidator is **Myron Walwyn of Travers Thorp Alberga, 2nd Floor Jayla Place, P.O. Box 216, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110.**
 Dated 25th August 2023
 (Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**
 Voluntary Liquidator [18/1]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act
GREEN PATH ADVISORY LTD.
 (IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
 Company No. 195814
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to section 204, subsection 1 (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in Voluntary Liquidation. The Voluntary Liquidation commenced on 24th August 2023. The Liquidator is **Myron Walwyn of Travers Thorp Alberga, 2nd Floor Jayla Place, P.O. Box 216, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110.**
 Dated 25th August 2023
 (Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**
 Voluntary Liquidator [18/2]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act
Cibam Portfolio Inc.
 (IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
 Company No. 1680856
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to section 204, subsection 1 (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in Voluntary Liquidation. The Voluntary Liquidation commenced on 24th August 2023. The Liquidator is **Myron Walwyn of Travers Thorp Alberga, 2nd Floor Jayla Place, P.O. Box 216, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110.**
 Dated 25th August 2023
 (Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**
 Voluntary Liquidator [18/3]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act
TKC CONSULTING S.A.
 (IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
 Company No. 1890907
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to section 204, subsection 1 (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in Voluntary Liquidation. The Voluntary Liquidation commenced on 24th August 2023. The Liquidator is **Myron Walwyn of Travers Thorp Alberga, 2nd Floor Jayla Place, P.O. Box 216, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110.**
 Dated 25th August 2023
 (Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**
 Voluntary Liquidator [18/4]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act
Lugupa Investments Ltd
 (IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
 Company No. 2072726
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to section 204, subsection 1 (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in Voluntary Liquidation. The Voluntary Liquidation commenced on 24th August 2023. The Liquidator is **Myron Walwyn of Travers Thorp Alberga, 2nd Floor Jayla Place, P.O. Box 216, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110.**
 Dated 25th August 2023
 (Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**
 Voluntary Liquidator [18/5]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act
POSSES LTD.
 (IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
 Company No. 1845801
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to section 204, subsection 1 (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in Voluntary Liquidation. The Voluntary Liquidation commenced on 24th August 2023. The Liquidator is **Myron Walwyn of Travers Thorp Alberga, 2nd Floor Jayla Place, P.O. Box 216, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110.**
 Dated 25th August 2023
 (Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**
 Voluntary Liquidator [18/6]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004
CENTRAL ALLIED INVESTMENTS LIMITED
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 564411
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 15th 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: 15th day of September 2023
 (Sgd.) **Philippa V O'Sullivan**
 Voluntary Liquidator [18/7]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act
Avenoir Limited
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company Number: 2072716
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 15 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: 15 September 2023
Rachael Pape For and on behalf of Anton Goldstein and Rachael Pape
 As Joint Liquidators [18/8]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act, 2004
PRESENT TREASURE INVESTMENTS LIMITED
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 602898
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 18th September, 2023.
 Dated: 18th day of September 2023.
 (Sgd.) **Philippa V O'Sullivan**
 Voluntary Liquidator [18/9]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act, 2004
SPLENDID DAYS LIMITED
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 1811012
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 18th September, 2023.
 Dated: 18th day of September 2023.
 (Sgd.) **Philippa V O'Sullivan**
 Voluntary Liquidator [18/10]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
Silks Denmark (BVI) Limited
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 1585614
 (the "Company")
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 15 September 2023.
 Dated: 18 th day of September, 2023
 (Sgd.) **Lewis S. Hunte, KC**
 Voluntary Liquidator [18/11]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.
Gibraltar Foster Limited
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 2128479
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 15th September 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
 Dated: 15th September 2023.
 (Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**
 Voluntary Liquidator [18/12]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.
Hiwan Limited
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 2128450
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 15th September 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
 Dated: 15th September 2023.
 (Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**
 Voluntary Liquidator [18/13]

NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)
Zackimi Holdings Limited
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 15th 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 [18/14]

NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)
Koala Tech Global Holdings Limited
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 15th 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 [18/15]

NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)
Evergreen Peaceful Ltd
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 14th 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 [18/16]

NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)
Freeza Limited
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 14th 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 [18/17]

NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)
Wukungyuxun Limited
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 14th 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 [18/18]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 203 of the BVI Business Company Act.
COLINIM RESOURCES LIMITED
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 1964309
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 203, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 14 September 2023. The Liquidator is **Harry J. Thompson of Harbour House, P.O. Box 4428, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
 Dated 15 September 2023
 (Sgd.) **Harry J. Thompson**
 Voluntary Liquidator(s) [18/19]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 203 of the BVI Business Company Act.
COBELT RESOURCES LIMITED
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 1964308
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 203, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 14 September 2023. The Liquidator is **Harry J. Thompson of Harbour House, P.O. Box 4428, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
 Dated 15 September 2023
 (Sgd.) **Harry J. Thompson**
 Voluntary Liquidator(s) [18/20]

PUBLIC NOTICES

**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 LG

1, 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

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

BVIHPB 2023/0194

**In the Estate of FRED FELIX GOICO KRUMEICH late of
Avenida 27 de Febrero No. 441, La Julia, Santo Domingo,
Dominican Republic, deceased**

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by NICOLE GOICO of 4180 Reynolds Ave., Miami, Florida, United States of America and FRED MARK GOICO of 650 Coral Way, Apt. 307, Coral Gables, Florida, United States of America for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicants who are the daughter and son of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 27th August, 2022 at the General Hospital, Plaza de la Salud, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, domiciled in the Dominican Republic, a widower.

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

Dated this 19th day of September, 2023.

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

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*Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under
Section 203 of the BVI Business Company Act.*
**SONG INTERNATIONAL
LIMITED**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1928192

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 203, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 15 September 2023. The Liquidator is Harry J. Thompson of Harbour House, P.O. Box 4428, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands. Dated 15 September 2023
(Sgd.) Harry J. Thompson
Voluntary Liquidator(s)
[18/21]

*Notice of Appointment of a
Liquidator under Section 203 of the
BVI Business Company Act.*
**D & N ENTERPRISE CO.,
LTD.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 363722

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 203, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 15 September 2023. The Liquidator is Harry J. Thompson of Harbour House, P.O. Box 4428, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands. Dated 15 September 2023
(Sgd.) Harry J. Thompson
Voluntary Liquidator(s)
[18/22]

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

MHG Associates Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No: 483201

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from July 26, 2023. Dated: September 19, 2023
Sgd: Philippa V. O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator
[18/23]

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

**BERYLSTONE
LIMITED**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No: 188450

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 19, 2023. Dated: September 19, 2023
Sgd: Philippa V. O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator
[18/24]

**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

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**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

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PUBLIC NOTICES



Lands Administration
The Eastern Caribbean
Supreme Court
Tortola, Virgin Islands

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**

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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@maximeaandco.com
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Tel: Lands Unit: (284) 466-2017, Survey Unit: (284) 466-4321 | Email: Lands Unit: landsregistration@gov.vg, Survey Unit: landsandsurveydept@gov.vg | Website: www.bvi.gov.vg

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

**Runying Holding Group
Ltd**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 207751

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 19 September 2023 Dated 19 September 2023
(Sgd.) **Harry J. Thompson**
Voluntary Liquidator(s)
[18/25]

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

**Opticreek International
Ltd**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2015937

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 19 September 2023 Dated 19 September 2023
(Sgd.) **Harry J. Thompson**
Voluntary Liquidator(s)
[18/26]

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

**ZETA CUBE
DEVELOPMENT LTD.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1688292

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 18, 2023. Dated: September 19, 2023
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator
[18/27]

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

FLABEL (BVI) LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 418058

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 19, 2023. Dated: September 19, 2023
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator
[18/28]

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

BVIHPB 2023/0195

**In the Estate of PHILIPPE MARIE ERNEST FORIEL-DESTEZET
late of 4 via di Porta Pinciana, ROMA 00187, ITALY, deceased**

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Kareen Blard nee FORIEL-DESTEZET of 126 avenue de Suffren 75015 PARIS, Olivier FORIEL-DESTEZET of 102 rue Saint Dominique 75007 PARIS, Jérôme FORIEL-DESTEZET of 6 rue de la Cure 75016 PARIS and Alix Laine nee FORIEL-DESTEZET of 4 square Alfred Dehodencq 75016 PARIS, for a Grant of Letters of Administration with the Will Annexed of the above-named deceased who died on the 27th day of June, 2021 at Creteil (Val-de-Marne) 51 Avenue du Marechal de Lattre de Tassigny, domiciled in Italy without revoking a will bearing the date of 19th day of January, 2021 wherein the applicants are the residuary legatees and devisees identified in the will of the deceased in which the deceased bequeathed all his remaining property at the time of his death to his "four children".

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

Dated this 19th day of September, 2023.
Filed by: **SAMUELS RICHARDSON & CO**
Legal Practitioners
whose address for service is
Wattley Building, 2nd Floor
PO Box 3410, Road Town, Tortola
British Virgin Islands

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

**IN THE ESTATE OF JAMES ALEXANDER WALKER,
DECEASED**

**In the estate of JAMES ALEXANDER WALKER, late of Apartment
902, The Legend Saladaeng, 77 Saladaeng Road, Silom, Bangrak,
Bangkok 10500, Thailand, deceased**

Notice is given that after the expiration of 8 days application will be made to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the resealing of the probate of the Deceased granted by the Court of First Instance, High Court of Hong Kong on the 29th day of September 2022 to DAVID JOHN BENSKIN of 3A Alpine Court, 12 Kotewall Road, Hong Kong, BRUCE WALKER of 46 Tantallon Gardens, Bellsquarry, Livingston, West Lothian, EH54 9AT, United Kingdom and DOUGLAS GREGOR WHITE of 115 Sheung Sze Wan, Clear Water Bay, New Territories, Hong Kong.

Dated the 20th day of September 2023

Filed by David John Benskin, Bruce Walker and Douglas Gregor White, Propounders whose address for service is c/o Harney Westwood & Riegels, Craigmuir Chambers, PO Box 71, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110, British Virgin Islands.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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

In the Estate of LING, GEORGE CHIEN VAN also known as LING GEORGE CHIEN VAN also known as LING CHIEN VAN GEORGE late of 51 Kadoorie Avenue, Ho Man Tin, Kowloon, Hong Kong, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by HSBC TRUSTEE (HONG KONG) LIMITED of 1 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong for a Grant of Letters of Administration of the above named deceased who died intestate on the 4th day of November 2021.

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

Dated this 21th day of September 2023.

Filed by Walkers Attorneys-at Law whose address for service is

171 Main Street
Road Town, Tortola
British Virgin Islands
VG 1110
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**IN THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
VIRGIN ISLANDS
(PROBATE)**

BVIHPB2023/0196

**IN THE ESTATE OF RUDOLPH ANTONIO SMITH,
LATE OF FRENCHMAN'S CAY, WEST END, TORTOLA,
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS, DECEASED**

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Lloyd A. Smith of Frenchman's Cay, West End, Tortola, British Virgin for a Grant de bonis non in respect of the Will of the above named deceased who died on the 8th day of July 2005 without revoking a Will bearing the date of the 22nd day of June 2005 wherein the applicant is named as Executor.

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

Dated this 21st day of September 2023.

Sabals Law, Solicitors for the Executor whose address for service is 87 Main Street, 2nd Floor, Abbott Building, Waterfront Drive, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

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

Eighty Nine Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number: 2019178

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 19 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: 19 September 2023

Rachael Pape

For and on behalf of Anton Goldstein and Rachael Pape
As Joint Liquidators
[18/29]

**GLOBAL TRADEMARK
LICENSE LTD.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1591220

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, Subsection (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 19th day of September, 2023. The Liquidator is Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands. Dated this 20th day of September, 2023

Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson

Voluntary Liquidator
[18/30]

STRUCK OFF

**Woodpecker Property
Holdings Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 532563

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection (1) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from the 20th day of September 2023.

Dated 20th September 2023

Sgd. Nelia St. Jean

Voluntary Liquidator
[18/31]



**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

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act. Arvish Management Inc.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1639703
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 21, 2023. Dated: September 21, 2023
(Sgd.) *Yotha Joyce John-Baptiste*
Voluntary Liquidator
[18/32]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act OLYMPIAN FINANCE (BVI) LTD.

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company No. 1561784
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 31st August 2023. The Liquidator is Myron Walwyn of Travers Thorp Alberga, 2nd Floor Jayla Place, P.O. Box 216, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110. Dated 31st August 2023
(Sgd) *Myron Walwyn*
Voluntary Liquidator [18/33]

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

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company No. 1736106
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 31st August 2023. The Liquidator is Myron Walwyn of Travers Thorp Alberga, 2nd Floor Jayla Place, P.O. Box 216, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110. Dated 31st August 2023
(Sgd) *Myron Walwyn*
Voluntary Liquidator [18/34]

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

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company No. 619547
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 29th August 2023. The Liquidator is Myron Walwyn of Travers Thorp Alberga, 2nd Floor Jayla Place, P.O. Box 216, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110. Dated 30th August 2023
(Sgd) *Myron Walwyn*
Voluntary Liquidator
[18/35]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act AAA Global Finance Corp.

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company No. 1896352
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 29th August 2023. The Liquidator is Myron Walwyn of Travers Thorp Alberga, 2nd Floor Jayla Place, P.O. Box 216, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110. Dated 30th August 2023
(Sgd) *Myron Walwyn*
Voluntary Liquidator [18/36]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act Pegasus Investment Properties Inc.

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company No. 632330
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 31st August 2023. The Liquidator is Myron Walwyn of Travers Thorp Alberga, 2nd Floor Jayla Place, P.O. Box 216, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110. Dated 31st August 2023
(Sgd) *Myron Walwyn*
Voluntary Liquidator [18/37]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act ZHONGTCH INVESTMENT CO., LTD

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No.
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 21st September 2023. The liquidator is *Philippa O'Sullivan* of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands. Dated: 21st September 2023
(Sgd.) *Philippa O'Sullivan*
Voluntary Liquidator [18/38]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004. SCA Holdings, Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1550602
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 21 September 2023. Dated: 21 September 2023.
(Sgd.) *Philippa O'Sullivan*
Liquidator
[18/39]

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

CLAIM NO. BVIHP 2023/0192

IN THE ESTATE OF CHU KUNG-CHOU, DECEASED

ADVERTISEMENT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by MA Shen also known as Laura Ma of Rm. 2, 2F., No. 111, Sec. 2, Zhong-zheng E. Rd., Tamsui Dist., New Taipei City, Taiwan 251, R.O.C for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the estate of the deceased.

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 21st September 2023

Filed by Travers Thorp Alberga, Attorneys-at Law for the Administrator whose address for service is: 2nd Floor Jayla Place, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands; email: mpeters@tta.lawyer

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Statement by the Ministry of Communications and Works Update On The Water Production Issues At Handsome Bay Virgin Gorda

21st September 2023

The water scarcity that the Valley, Virgin Gorda, has been experiencing is attributed to three main culprits: The inadequate production of water, the inadequacy of the distribution system and Sargassum Seaweed infiltration.

The current operational capacity at the Water Production Plant in Handsome Bay is insufficient to meet the community's demands.

This deficiency has resulted in water being rationed to the customers of the Valley area of Virgin Gorda from time to time.

Also compounding the problem is the distribution system with inadequate pipes to transmit the potable water throughout the community. The Ministry of Communications and Works will be issuing an expression of interest to obtain the services of a reputable

and qualified company to replace and upgrade the water distribution network through a public-private partnership engagement.

Further compounding the supply of water is the Sargassum Seaweed build-up in the area, which has created further challenges in supplying residents with constant water.

Efforts are being made to address these issues. The Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources, and Climate Change is in the process of procuring a boom (floating physical barrier) to prevent Sargassum from entering Handsome Bay, with plans to have it installed by the end of the year.

In an effort to improve this situation, the water plant company, Aqua Design, advised that they have made arrangements with a local dive company to institute,

Feedback Invited On Granting Residency And Belongership Report

The public is reminded to send comments related to the independent reviewer's report on "Granting Residency and Belongership" to mtcsd@gov.vg. The report can be accessed on the homepage of the Government of the Virgin Islands official website bvi.gov.vg.

For further information, contact the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sustainable Development at 468-2161.

Biden Meets Brazil's Lula to Tout Workers' Rights

President Joe Biden met with his Brazilian counterpart on Wednesday and launched a joint effort to improve work conditions — one of the few key areas of agreement between the two leaders, whose views on Russia and China do not align.

Both presidents stressed their convergence in remarks on the sidelines of the U.N. General Assembly in New York, as they launched the global workers' rights initiative.

"The two largest democracies in the Western Hemisphere are standing up for human rights around the world and in the hemisphere," Biden said. "That includes workers' rights."

Brazil's President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, who has called for greater recognition for developing nations like his, described their meeting as "the rebirth of a new era in the relationship between the U.S. and Brazil. It is a relationship of equals."

Valerie Wirtschafter, who researches the region at the Brookings Institution, told VOA that Washington and Brasilia are finding a diplomatic balance under Biden and Lula. Both followed presidents who were better known for their bold public pronouncements than for their skills at delicate diplomacy.

"There will likely always be divergences between Brazil and the U.S. with respect to foreign policy, but I think the Biden administration has so far done an effective job of avoiding a whole-cloth dismissal of Brazil's foreign policy ambitions, while pushing back when necessary," she said.

'Brazil is back'

Lula, who served two terms as president from 2003 to 2011, was re-elected in 2022 and has spent the first year of this presidential stint on a diplomatic blitz, visiting

more than 20 countries and meeting with dozens of heads of state. He recently took over the presidency of the Group of 20 major and developing economies, known as the G20.

"Brazil is reencountering itself, the region, the world and multilateralism," he said during his speech Tuesday at the General Assembly — the first time he has taken his place at the distinctive green marble-backed rostrum since 2009. "As I never tire of saying, Brazil is back. Our country is back to give our due contribution to face the world's primary challenges."

But as Wirtschafter noted, Brasilia is careful about which challenges it discusses with which partner.

"Issues like workers' rights and climate change seem to be clear areas of overlap between the two nations, and offer fruitful potential for meaningful cooperation outside of much of the rhetorical noise," she said.

She cited the Brazilian leader's "recent eyebrow-raising rhetoric — including, to name a few, statements about a thriving democracy in Venezuela and off-the-cuff comments that he later walked back about not arresting [Russian President] Vladimir Putin if he attended next year's G20 summit in Brazil."

The White House said the two discussed both Venezuela and Ukraine in their closed-door meeting, with Biden tying democratization in Venezuela to sanctions relief, and with Biden expressing his concerns about the effects of Russia's invasion on the global food supply.

That summary of their meeting did not mention another sensitive diplomatic issue that has divided much of the world. Earlier this year, Lula traveled to Beijing to meet with Chinese President Xi

Jinping in a bid to build business ties.

"There seems to be a concerted effort by Brazil's foreign policy establishment not to view the growing systemic competition between China and the United States in terms of a zero-sum game," analyst Ryan Berg, director of the Americas program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, wrote at the time.

"Hence, Brazil will tend to compartmentalize its relationship with partners based on specific affinities. In theory, this allows

its foreign policy to engage with a wider range of actors."

Leaders laud labor

Biden and Lula described their new partnership on labor as a way to stop the exploitation of workers and forced and child labor, as well as workplace discrimination, and create a possible template for others in the G20 to join.

The two leaders also want guarantees that the shift from fossil fuels to renewable energy emphasizes workers' rights.

Biden sees support from organized labor as an essential part of his 2024 reelection effort, stressing that his policies will create factory and construction jobs that do not require a college degree.

Lula got his start in politics as the leader of a powerful metalworkers union and, on Wednesday, highlighted that he spent more than two decades in factories and has no degree himself.

Some information for this report came from The Associated Press.

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.

VI Government To Finalise Land Distribution On Anegada

Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Environment Natural Resources and Climate Change Mr. Ronald Smith-Berkeley, led an eight member team to Anegada last week to finalise matters regarding the distribution of lands to qualified persons.

Mr. Smith-Berkeley and his team met with members of the Anegada Lands committee in what he said was a 'productive and progressive meeting'. Mr. Smith-Berkeley said, "We are hopeful that at the end of this calendar year, working in collaboration with Anegada residents, that they are able to get deeds to their lands."

Mr. Smith-Berkeley further stated, "The visit to Anegada and the interactions with residents highlighted the urgency of the needs of local Anegadians who wish to receive their deeds, and we are committed to making that happen."

The delegation along with members from the committee also visited areas of concern on Anegada and received an assessment in relation to road infrastructure, water and electricity in the subdivisions.

Assistant Secretary in the Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change with focus on Crown lands, Mrs. Heather Skelton said the subject of land ownership is a long-standing issue and that she

is happy to see that through collaboration from both sides, significant progress is being made not only in terms of land title for the Anegadians but also public infrastructure to support the subdivisions.

Mrs. Skelton said, "Anegada is one of our priority areas for the remainder of the Calendar year. In 2024, we are hoping to equally focus on road infrastructure for the other Government subdivisions in Spooners and Nibbs Estates and the sister island of Virgin Gorda to make lands more accessible to Virgin Islanders."

The Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change envisions sound stewardship of the lands of the Virgin Islands, along with its natural resources by implementing a robust legal framework that fosters environmentally-friendly best management practices.



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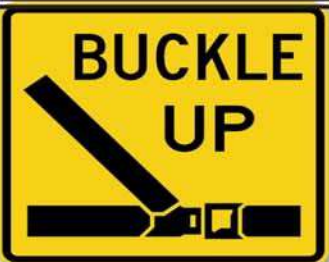
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AQUA VI is seeking full time positions for the Operators Machine Maintenance & Water Bottling Production line. Two (2) Blowing Operators with 1 year experience, Two (2) Filling Machine with 1 year experience and One (1) Industrial Ro Plant & Water Softener with certificate Master's Degree in any field. Please email: resume@info@aquavivwater.com or call 284-442-7873. [s19]

Tortola Auto Group Ltd. is currently seeking a Parts and Warehouse Attendant. The ideal candidate must have strong ability to handle physical demands of the job. Must be able to load and unload delivery vehicles. Has the capability to lift and empty containers with tires and other vehicle parts inventory. Must be able to work during weekends as necessary and possess a valid BVI driver's permit. BVI Islanders or Belongers preferred. Please send resume to hr@tagbvi.com or contact 494-2600. [s19]

SEETO-CHINESE RESTAURANT needs two (2) Full Time Kitchen Assistant and one (1) Restaurant Helper. Please call 494-2731 for further details. [s19]

B.V.I. Painters Ltd Marine Refinisher-requires: One full time Fiberglass Technician with at least five years experience and will have to work weekend and Holidays. Telephone : 494 4365 [s19]



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 Applicants **MUST** Be A Team Player.
MUST have a good **ATTITUDE**
 Interested persons please call 345-2766 for additional information.
 [s18]

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]

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.
 [s18]

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

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

International Construction Ltd is seeking one (1) **Carpenter** and one (1) **Plumber**.
 Please contact 284-543-9651 for further information.
 [s18]

CARIBBEAN TRANSPORT-LTD-PURCELL-ESTATE is looking for a full time **CARPENTER**. Telephone 494-2183 or 541-5788
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TMT - CLEANING SERVICES needs one full **TIME CLEANER**
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Help Wanted: C. George Corporation is seeking a **Maintenance Personnel** to assist with the maintenance and upkeep of the equipment and yard. Interested Persons should email: **capricebvi@hotmail.com**.
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REAL ESTATE

For sale: Parcel 55 Block 4941B Virgin Gorda South Reg. Section, measuring approx. 0.220 of an acre in need of extensive refurbishment. A 2-bedroom, 1-bathroom dwelling house with an attached 2-bedroom, 1-bathroom apartment and a 1-bedroom, 1-bathroom caretaker's apartment. Sale price is \$400,000 together with an obligation to pay the sellers' legal fees and all costs associated with the sale. Interested Belongers please contact **ghp@ghpbvi.com** for more information.
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**Peter Island Resort & Spa
 Vacancy Notice for Engineer 11**

- The Engineer II position handles mechanical and electrical equipment and specialized technicians while assisting Chief Engineer, Supervisor, and staff. Responsible for the handling of all mechanical, HVAC and electrical duties.
 - The position works closely with the Chief Engineer and Supervisor to ensure communication on requests is timely and accurate. The Engineer II position interfaces with personnel in all phases of day-to-day maintenance operations, including, work orders, Rooms, Kitchen and Public areas Preventive Maintenance schedules.
 - The position is key in working as part of a team to maintain all preventative maintenance and ensure the timely and correct completion of work requests.
 - The Basic Skills necessary are a High School Certificate plus two years of technical training, two years of college, or two years of experience in lieu of the college degree.
 - Ability to lift fifty (50) pounds to a maximum height of six (6) feet.
 - Candidate must have a valid Driver's License.
- BVI Islanders or Belongers preferred. To apply, send application and resume to Chad James, Director of Human Resources, P.O. Box 211, Road Town, Tortola, BVI or email: **cjames@peterisland.net** or call:284-495-2000
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FOR SALE

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The Wheelhouse Restaurant on Virgin Gorda. (full time) Seeking:
 1 cook with knowledge of baking.
 1 kitchen helper with knowledge or willing to operate pressure fryer.
 1 bartender.
 Contact Jarvis # 284-541-7600
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DAREO'S JERK CENTRE needs two full time **COOKS** with at least five years experience in Jamaican Cuisine. Telephone 543-1691
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