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WATERLESS & OUTRAGED VIRGIN GORDIANS PLAN MARCH

Following weeks without a consistent supply of water residents on the sister island of Virgin Gorda are speaking out and threatening to march in protest. A petition on the matter has already been issued by the Former Director of the BVI Tourist Board, Business operator, and community activist Sharon Flax-Brutus

after what was described as silence from the Government and the responsible water company Aqua Design.

Flax-Brutus who has over the last few days been very vocal about the lack of water situation expressed her readiness to stand alongside fellow Virgin Gordians who are growing increasingly frustrated by the ongoing

water supply problems in the most sparkling gem of the British Virgin Islands.

Flax-Brutus who is often seen as an ambassador of the sister island stated in a recent ZBVI radio interview that she is ready to participate in a potential march on the House of Assembly as a means of protest against the unhealthy and dramatic

silence on water issues. She said that business owners and residents on the island are all expressing their collective frustration at the lack of clear communication from both the government and Aqua Design, the company responsible for delivering this indispensable supply.

"I can't get a straight answer from anyone – whether it be the government officials, the minister for the subject, the Permanent Secretary, Water and Sewerage, or the plant operators themselves — everybody you speak to puts the blame on the other party," Flax-Brutus lamented.

Furthermore, a VG Advocate revealed that despite the government's substantial financial allocation for water supply on Virgin Gorda, officials remain uncertain about the full extent of the problem, as they cannot confirm how much of the contracted water actually reaches the island's

reservoir. This uncertainty has exacerbated concerns, particularly among local businesses, as the upcoming winter tourist season draws near, with an anticipation of increased visitors to the island.

During the ZBVI interview, Flax-Brutus further announced: "A group of us have said we've done the talking and we may be at the point where we need to write a petition or go to the House of Assembly when they're sitting and demand that something be done and demand answers."

She stressed the importance of residents taking a more assertive stance, adding: "Until our residents are forthright enough and have courage and tenacity to get on that ferry to Tortola and demand that something be done about our water situation, then I fear that we will continue in this cycle."

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PETITION

As of 27 September when this article was written the petition which will be sent to the House of Assembly had garnered 170 of its required 200 signatures.

In the document Flax-Brutus stated: "We have collectively opted to present you with a petition in the hopes that this would accurately express the urgency in which we are requesting your attention. We understand that the road to success during these times is a long and difficult journey. However, we believe that government has a responsibility to be honest with its citizens and residents."

"Access to water and sanitation are recognized by the United Nations as human rights – fundamental to everyone's health, dignity and prosperity.

'International human rights law obliges States to work towards achieving universal access to water and sanitation for all, without any discrimination, while prioritizing those most in need. In guiding the implementation by States, key elements of the rights to water and sanitation are elaborated by the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in its General Comment No. 15 and in the work of the Special Rapporteur on human right to safe drinking water," she added.

MINISTER

Meanwhile, Minister of Communications, Works, and Utilities Hon. Kye Rymer issued an update on the matter on 21 September. In that statement, Hon. Rymer said: "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 Minister further explained that the current operational capacity at the Water Production Plant in Handsome Bay is insufficient to meet the community's demands. He therefore noted that 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," Hon. Rymer added.

While promising that the matter is being sorted the Minister stated: "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, within the next few weeks, modifications to the present intake structure to reduce the impact from the Sargassum Seaweed."

It was also mentioned that the team at Aqua Design has also indicated that they are anticipating the arrival of new membranes, which will improve the plant's daily production. As such the Minister announced that once all required parts presently on order are received timely, the plant's daily capacity will increase to approximately 430,000 imperial gallons per day by the middle of December 2023.

CUSTOMS CLEARANCE TOO SLOW: OPPOSITION LEADER SAYS

Leader of the Opposition Hon. Ronnie Skelton is concerned that it is taking a long time to retrieve imported items from the Custom's Department at the Port's, and as such he urged Premier and Minister of Finance Dr. the Hon. Natalio Wheatley, the Minister responsible for the Customs Department to urgently address the mounting challenges.

While raising the concern in the House of Assembly Hon. Skelton stated that these issues are causing significant delays in residents' ability to acquire essential goods crucial for conducting their businesses.

As he expressed his growing apprehension, the Leader of the Opposition stated, "The situation at Customs has become increasingly perplexing. We are inundated with reports



Hon. Ronnie Skelton

from various sources, all indicating that it is taking longer and longer to clear goods through Customs. It is now taking an astonishing five days on average to process these transactions," he disclosed.

The detrimental impact of these prolonged delays on local businesses is undeniable, and Hon. Skelton pointed out that he is determined to seek clarity and resolution. He emphasized: "While I may not have access to the

specifics of the situation, I implore the responsible minister to step forward and provide us with answers. We must understand the root causes behind these disruptions and find swift solutions."

In drawing a stark contrast, the Leader of the Opposition highlighted the disparity between the BVI's port facilities and the more streamlined processes in larger nations. He stressed the pressing nature of the issue, noting, "We have heard countless complaints from businesses, lamenting that their cargo remains stuck in Customs for days, or even weeks, with significant delays in processing essential paperwork. I believe it is implausible that all these individuals are fabricating their grievances."

Honourable Wheatley Away From The Territory September 24 To 30



Hon. Vincent Wheatley

Minister for Health and Social Development, Honourable-Vincent Wheatley is away from the Territory on official leave till September 30 attending the 60th Directing Council of the Pan American Health Organization meeting and the 75th Session of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization meeting.

Junior Minister in the area of Agriculture and Fisheries, Honourable Dr. Karl Dawson

will perform the functions of Minister for Health and Social Development during Honourable-Wheatley's absence.

The appointment is in accordance with section 52 (2) of the Virgin Islands Constitution Order, 2007 where the Governor action in accordance with the advice of the Premier shall, by instrument under Public Seal appoint Ministers from among the elected members of the House of Assembly.



Hon. Dr. Karl Dawson

LONG OVERDUE CALL FOR TRELIS BAY FERRY DOCK IGNORED BY TOP BRASS

Sixth District Representative, Hon. Myron Walwyn has added his voice to the long line and list of complainers about the lack of a visitor center at the Trellis Bay ferry dock; and the fact that visitors and tourists are made to stand in the sun and wait for a ferry to Virgin Gorda.

The complaint for a shed or visitor center for the area has been raised at many community meetings in recent years, it has also been addressed in Standing Finance Committee meetings. However, the matter still persists. In an effort to bring the situation back to the fore, Hon. Walwyn raised the issue during a recent sitting of the House of Assembly.

During the House of Assembly sitting Hon. Walwyn bemoaned the fact that no proper waiting facility has been erected in

the area for the use of visitors. He told members of the House: "When individuals arrive at Trellis Bay, what do they find? They are left sitting beneath a tree. Why can't we establish a facility similar to the one on Peter Island, designed to cater to both tourists and locals?" questioned Walwyn.

The Sixth District Representative opined that remedying the current situation would be a straightforward and cost-effective improvement. In fact, he suggested that the creation of a visitor center should not exceed a budget of \$250,000. Further the HOA Member raised broader questions about the priorities and plans of the Territory, as he stated that seemingly basic projects remain unresolved.

"Why must tourists and locals

endure sitting under a tree in Trellis Bay? They endure scorching sun and drenching rain. How can we take pride in such circumstances?" Hon. Walwyn concluded, conveying his dismay at the current state of affairs.

EIGHTH DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE ALSO CONCERNED

The Sixth District Representative' call echoed appeals made by Eight District Representative, Hon. Marlon Penn, in whose District the facility falls, and Minister for Health and Social Development Hon. Vincent Wheatley, who as a resident of Virgin Gorda uses the facility to get home. Both Hon. Penn and Wheatley urged the construction of a waiting facility in the area to provide shelter from the elements.

Hon. Penn's most passionate plea for a visitor center was heard in December 2022 when he said that the fact that visitors and residents are made to stand in the elements to await a ferry is not in keeping with the economic success of the Territory.

While noting that the situation is embarrassing to him as the District Representative Hon. Penn stated: "I see them [commuters] when they come down on the port, I feel so ashamed sometimes, most times when it is raining and they have to battle [and] navigate in the rain and get into the car or get into a taxi."

Hon. Penn said that he has tried in his capacity to remedy the situation but the project was not actioned by the BVI Tourist Board, as



Hon. Myron Walwyn

such he called on Premier Dr. the Hon. Natalio Wheatley to look into the matter. "I worked with a local designer to come up with a basic design, just for us to get something in place to get persons in a secure environment [with] proper lighting on the dock and so forth," Penn said. "It's with the [BVI] Tourist Board. It's been with the Tourist Board now for several years and we have to move that, Premier."

"SENSE OF PEACE SHATTERED BY GUN VIOLENCE" : HON TURNBULL SAYS



Hon. Melvin M. Turnbull

In a sobering address to the House of Assembly, Second District Representative, Hon. Melvin "Mitch" Turnbull revealed that his

sense of peace had been shattered recently as he sat on his bed with his wife and child, hearing the disconcerting sound of gunfire echoing in the distance. He emphasized that other members of his community also reported hearing the same ominous sounds.

"It is increasingly unsettling to reside in this country because one never knows what is happening," Turnbull lamented. "This cannot be. It should not be

considered the norm, nor should it be accepted as such. When gunshots ring out, typically, something grave ensues, leading to the loss of yet another young life."

Turnbull pointed out that these fatal incidents are now occurring both in broad daylight and during the night, further highlighting the grim reality that the BVI continues to lose its youth to gun violence and the criminal underworld.

He expressed frustration

that the issue seems to have become normalized, with officials not taking assertive steps to address the challenge. Instead, they often offer condolences and thoughts and prayers in the aftermath of each tragic loss of a young life.

The Second District Representative's concerns came amidst recent police apprehension of

persons with firearms and ammunition; and this month's fatal shooting of a 26-year-old Azim Yonnas. The deceased was shot by unknown assailant(s) who fled the scene.

As it relates to illegal weapon apprehensions the RVIPF reported that as of 21 September they had recovered five firearms for the month.

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Virgin Islands Honours Six Centenarians

The Territory's centenarians were honoured by the Social Development Department for their collective resilience, wisdom and resourcefulness having experienced life's joys and sorrows for a century and beyond.

Mrs. Enelle Smith and Mrs. Emogene A. Creque both 104 years old and Mr. Evelyn Hodge age 100 residing on Tortola; Mrs. Betty Yates age 101, Mrs. Floresa George and Mrs. Iris L. Harrigan both age 100 of Virgin Gorda were honored by the department as the Territory observed National Centenarian Day on Friday, September 22.

Chief Social Development Officer, Mrs. Annie Malone-Frett said the centenarians were celebrated with gifts carefully curated to

include a selection of their favorite items that reflected admiration and respect for their longevity and coping capacities.

Mrs. Malone-Frett, "This is but a small token intended to celebrate their collective resilience, wisdom and resourcefulness having experienced life joys and sorrows for a century and beyond. As a Territory, we extend heartfelt gratitude for their unwavering faith and resolve to the socio-economic and political developments of the Territory through their differing roles."

Minister for Health and Social Development Honourable Vincent Wheatley accompanied the team to the homes of the six honorees as part of the day's activities. Honourable

Wheatley distributed gift baskets as well as shared well wishes and messages of love, hope and blessings.

"It was an honour and privilege to be in the presence of these centenarians, three of which I know personally and who live on Virgin Gorda," Honourable Wheatley said. He added, "We cannot underestimate the importance of our elders. They are shoulders on which we stand and for this, they deserve our love, admiration, respect, assistance and care."

National Centenarian Day celebrates the remarkable lives and contributions of individuals who have reached the incredible milestone of living for a century and beyond. It is also an opportunity for society to show its collective gratitude and respect for



their wisdom, experience and cultural legacy.

The Ministry of Health and Social Development remains committed to strengthening social protection policies

and programmes, which aim at reducing poverty and inequality, and improving economic security in the Virgin Islands.

Premier Wheatley To Attend Monaco Yacht Show And UN Meeting



Hon. Dr. Natalio D. Wheatley

Premier and Minister of Finance Honourable Dr. Natalio Wheatley is away from the Territory attending the Monaco Yacht Show until October 1 and the United Nations Meeting in New York on October 3 and 4.

Honourable Dr. Wheatley will lead a delegation from the Virgin Islands Shipping

Registry to the Monaco Yacht Show which is an annual international show dedicated to the world of superyachts.

Premier Wheatley stated, "The BVI is the sailing capital of the world. We are an excellent destination to experience the wonders of the sea. Moreover, we can offer world class services through our Red Ensign Category 1 Shipping Registry. The Monaco Yacht Show allows us the opportunity to promote the benefits of sailing and registering in the BVI."

While in New York, Premier Wheatley will make a statement to the Fourth Committee (Special Political and Decolonization) at the 78th Session of the United Nations General Assembly at UN Headquarters.

The Premier's attendance at these events is to continue to promote the overall socio-economic and political interests of the Virgin Islands.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Financial Services, Labour and Trade, Honourable Lorna G. Smith, OBE, has been appointed to

act as Premier and Minister of Finance from September 23 to October 5 while Premier Wheatley is away from the Virgin Islands.

Honourable Smith's appointment is in accordance with Section 55 (1) of the Virgin Islands Constitution Order, 2007 which states, "If the Premier is expected to be absent from the Virgin Islands for more than forty-eight hours, the Governor shall authorise the Deputy



Hon. Lorna G. Smith, OBE

Premier to perform the functions of the office of Premier; and the Governor shall revoke this authority on the return to the Virgin Islands of the Premier."





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Premier Wheatley- “Nations Must Meet Climate Change Targets”

Premier and Minister responsible for Climate Change, Honourable Dr. Natalio Wheatley has called for nations which are contributing heavily to greenhouse gas emissions to

be as ambitious as possible in meeting targets to reverse the ill effects of climate change.

Premier Wheatley, during an interview with the British Broadcasting Corporation

(BBC) presenters Jeanne Scutner and Devina Gupta on the programme Newsday last Saturday said those nations who are big polluters have to recognise the way in which their decisions,

actions, and economies function affect the rest of the world.

The Premier stressed the need for world leaders to recognise climate change as an existential threat to the planet and as such, keep the threat of climate change in proper perspective.

Premier Wheatley said the Caribbean is one of the regions of the world most vulnerable to climate change.

“Its large coastal populations and exposed location leave it at the mercy of rising sea levels, stronger hurricanes and worsening floods and drought,” the Premier said. He added, “Increasing temperatures, meanwhile, threaten its unique biodiversity, including coral reefs, and create human health impacts.”

Premier Wheatley added, “Despite its tiny contribution to global greenhouse gas emissions, the Caribbean region is already bearing the brunt of climate disruptions, putting many of its tourism-dependent countries deeply in debt and spurring increased migration across the region.”

Signaling that there does not have to be choice between economic development and

climate change mitigation, the Premier highlighted that, “We can’t build economies of the past...we can’t take the example of those big nations who have polluted the planet, we have to build economies of the future”.

Meanwhile, the Government of the Virgin Islands is taking steps to increase its resilience to the impacts of climate change through implementation of the Virgin Islands Climate Change Adaptation Policy with the target of replacing 30% of the national electricity supply with renewable energy expected to be achieved by 2025. The Government also continues work to operationalise The Virgin Islands Climate Change Trust Fund which was legally established in March 2015.

The Trust Fund is an independent entity dedicated to raising, managing and disbursing funds to qualified applicants to build resilience to climate change impacts and to reduce carbon emissions. The fund will support implementation of the Territory’s Climate Change Policy and can support actions by Government, the private sector and civil society.



PROGRAM LISTINGS

MONDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

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

THURSDAYS

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

FRIDAYS

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

SATURDAYS

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

SUNDAYS

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

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VI Government Seeks Feedback on Crown Land Policy

The Government of the Virgin Islands will be hosting discussions on its Crown Land Policy as it seeks to ensure that the public is aware of its content.

Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Environment Natural Resources Mr. Ronald Smith-Berkeley, and members of the Crown Land Unit will engage in discussions on the policy utilising the various platforms including the Department of Information and Public Relation programme Public Eye, ZBVI's Umoja radio programme, JTV's the Big Story and 284 Media.

Mr. Smith-Berkeley said that it is the mandate of the Government of the Virgin Islands to have this policy extensively discussed with the purpose of sensitising the community, as well as keeping persons informed about Government decisions.

Mr. Smith-Berkeley said, "This policy should be the concern of every Virgin Islander; it is important that everyone gets involved in the public discussions regarding this very important matter. We are eager to listen to your suggestions, and so we encourage you to give us your feedback, and let your individual and collective opinions be part of the final document which will be forwarded to Cabinet for final approval."

According to the Permanent Secretary, the policy also details the history of Crown Lands, an essential part of the Virgin Islands past and touches on other topics such as the first time homeownership programme, lease of commercial and agricultural land, and Crown Land application criteria.

The Virgin Islands Crown Land Policy can be found on the Government's portal at

bvi.gov.vg. Persons will also be able to scan posters with the QR codes at the various supermarkets, Government offices and other public spaces to access the policy.

The Virgin Islands Crown Land Policy governs the administration management, development and use of all Crown land for all purposes, and focuses on strengthening the

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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.

VI Students To Participate In Robotics Challenge In Singapore

A team of four students from secondary schools in the Virgin Islands will participate in the annual international Global Robotics Challenge from October 7 to 10 in Singapore.

The team of students namely, Amani Brown, Denae Scatliffe-Chalwell, Jayron Gibson, all of the Elmore Stoutt High School and K'Dyah James, of the Virgin Islands School of Technical Studies will join teams from around the world in the, 'For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology' (FIRST) Robotics Challenge. The students will be accompanied by mentors Caren Cuffy-Jules and Andre Roberts.

Minister for Education, Youth Affairs and Sports, Honourable Sharie B. de Castro said that the Virgin Islands' participation in this event presents an excellent opportunity for the students to showcase their talent, innovation, creativity, and problem-solving skills on an international stage.

Honourable deCastro said, "Participating in the FIRST Global Challenge not only offers a chance to compete but also to learn and grow as individuals and as a team. It is an opportunity to be inspired by experts in the field and to apply their knowledge to solve real-world problems."

Minister de Castro added that she is confident

that the team will make the Virgin Islands proud.

Acting Chief Education Officer, Mrs. Orlandette Crabbe said that The FIRST Global Robotics Challenge is an esteemed event that brings together teams from all over the world to address important global challenges through robotics.

Mrs. Crabbe stated that the host organisation, FIRST Global, is a US based not for profit charity with a mission to inspire leadership and innovation in youth from all nations by empowerment through Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).

Mrs. Crabbe said, "It is not just about competition, but also about collaboration and learning from each other." She added, "With over a hundred and eighty nations participating, it is a testament to the global interest in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (S.T.E.A.M.) education and robotics. We know the team will represent our Territory admirably and develop skills needed to tackle challenges with creativity and persistence."

The team was selected following a robotics workshop held September 1 which was attended by over fifty students. The students were selected for their interest, cooperation, innovation, persistence and analytical skills.

Education Officer for



Science Ms. Renee Weston and Education Officer for Information and Computer Technology Ms. Lauren Welch are coordinating the student's participation in the upcoming event, which will be held under the theme, "Hydrogen Horizons."

Sponsorship for the team's participation is being provided by FIRST Global. The Ministry of Education extends congratulations to the Virgin

Islands' team on being chosen to participate in the 2023 FIRST Global Robotics Challenge in Singapore.

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



STATEMENT FROM THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION IN RESPONSE TO INDUSTRIAL ACTION AT THE ELMORE STOUTT



Hon. Sharie de Castro

On Tuesday 26th September, 2023, the Minister for Education, Youth Affairs & Sports, the Ag. Permanent Secretary and the Ag. Chief Education Officer met with the administration and staff of the Elmore Stoutt High School (ESHS). The meeting was in response to the 15th September, 2023 sit-in and subsequent letter sent by the BVI Teachers' Union which highlighted certain issues at ESHS. The Minister provided updates on all actions taken by the Ministry to address the concerns, verbally at the meeting and by way of letters dated 21st September, 2023 and 26th September, 2023.

The Ministry conducted an assessment and concluded that there was a significant communication gap, which hindered its ability to fully understand and address the teachers' concerns. The Ministry has an established mechanism for the submission of official reports from schools. Those reports play a pivotal role in the Ministry's ability to understand, assess and ultimately remedy any challenges faced within our educational institutions. Such documentation also provides the insight necessary to make informed decisions, allocate resources and swiftly take any action necessary.

The Ministry emphasises the importance of open and constructive dialogue as the primary means to address concerns and improve the educational system. The safety of students is a shared

responsibility, and it is essential that industrial action, if it becomes necessary, is considered through a structured and responsible process. The internationally recognised standards, outlined by the International Labour Organization (ILO), include the obligation to give prior notice, engage in dispute resolution processes, and adopt measures to comply with safety requirements and prevent accidents. The Ministry did not receive any notice of the majority of the grievances which caused the teachers to take industrial action on 15th September 2023 or about the fact that industrial action was being contemplated. Thus, the Ministry did not have an opportunity to take corrective action in relation to the concerns of the teachers prior to the sit-in on 15th September 2023 or to take steps to ensure the safety and wellbeing of students during that time. The Ministry, however, remains committed to addressing the concerns of teachers while maintaining order and safety within educational institutions. Therefore, a balance between addressing these interests is crucial, and teachers are reminded of their roles as both educators and guardians during school hours.

In specific response to the concerns raised by teachers, the Ministry has taken several steps. Efforts to improve the school compound and facilities included grass cutting, utilisation of available classrooms and tents for lunch seating with supervision, and ongoing recruitment for a vacant janitorial position. Regarding the classroom environment and infrastructure, immediate action was taken to address extreme heat with fan procurement, and the maintenance of the air conditioning system is in progress. Mold assessments are ongoing, while electrical voltage and socket issues

have been reported to the Recovery and Development Agency (RDA), and efforts to enhance internet connectivity through configuration and authentication are underway. Additionally, there is a focus on timely curriculum resource procurement, addressing adequate space for staff, and the prioritisation of teachers in the salary review process.

The meeting ended with agreement by the majority of

teachers not to engage in any future industrial action without first giving notice and allowing the Ministry a reasonable opportunity to address concerns and to take any action necessary for the safety and wellbeing of the students.

The Ministry's unwavering commitment to resolving all outstanding issues collaboratively, was underscored. The Ministry values the dedication and

hard work of teachers and is determined to foster effective communication in partnership with all stakeholders. Open and honest dialogue is encouraged in the coming days and weeks, and the Ministry pledges to maintain consistent communication channels to address concerns promptly.

The Ministry remains committed to providing a safe, conducive, and well-resourced learning environment for students and teachers of ESHS.

Helen Seymour Appointed To The Public Service Commission

Mrs. Helen Seymour has been appointed a member of the Public Service Commission (PSC), effective September 14.

Mrs. Seymour took an Oath of Secrecy before His Excellency, the Governor Mr. John J. Rankin, CMG, confirming her appointment in accordance with Section 91 (1) (d) of the Virgin Islands Constitution Order, 2007.

Mrs. Seymour who is now retired has an extensive history as a public officer, having served as the Deputy Secretary in the Office of the Deputy Governor for a number of years.

Mrs. Seymour says she is grateful for the opportunity to continue her service to the Territory in this capacity.

"It is a tremendous honour to have been appointed as a member of the Public Service Commission. Having dedicated myself to public service, I am indeed grateful for the opportunity to serve in this capacity. I pledge to contribute positively to the critical role of the PSC in building an efficient, professional and progressive Public Service," she said.

The other members of the PSC include the Chairperson, Mrs. V. Inez Archibald, CBE,

and four members, Mr. Louis Malone, Ms. Sarai Smith and Mrs. Helen Seymour.

The role of the Public Service Commission is to provide advice on appointments to public offices and to remove and exercise disciplinary control over persons holding or acting in such offices in consultation with His Excellency the Governor.



Asphalt Plant Fully Operational

Director at the Public Works Department, Mr. Jeremy Hodge, has announced that the department's Asphalt Plant has been officially commissioned.

Mr. Hodge said the plant was successfully handed over to the department from the machine industry company Ammann and is now fully operational.

The Director stated that the commissioning of the plant is a significant milestone as it signals a major step forward in the ability to meet the Territory's asphalt road

needs.

Mr. Hodge added, "Furthermore, it enables us to stretch our limited resources designated to road maintenance, making a positive impact on the overall efficiency and effectiveness of our road infrastructure."

The Director further stated that the commissioning of the asphalt plant is also a major achievement for the Government and people of the Virgin Islands.

"We are now better equipped to build a road infrastructure that we can truly be proud of. Our



commitment to addressing all the roads in the Territory in a holistic manner remains unwavering. Rest assured,

we will continue to prioritise the improvement of the road infrastructure in the foreseeable future," the

Director said.

The Department of Public Works is dedicated to delivering a safe, practical, efficient, and environmentally sound infrastructure that adheres to recognised regional and international codes and standards. The department's goal is to create a harmonious infrastructure that aligns with the social, economic, and overall developmental goals of the Territory.



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Issuance Of Belonger Cards Resumes

The Civil Registry and Passport Office is notifying the public that the department has resumed issuing Belonger Cards to eligible persons.

The disruption in the issuance of cards was due to a system-centred issue that was diagnosed and resolved by the Department of Information Technology.

Registrar General, Mrs. Tashi O'Flaherty-Maduro said, "We are pleased to now be able to provide a full complement of services. Thanks to the work of the Department of Information Technology, we can once again continue processing and printing Belonger Cards for persons deemed to belong to the Virgin Islands. I thank the public for its patience, and we apologise for any inconvenience this interruption may have caused.

Persons can contact the department to secure an appointment to renew or apply for their new Belongers Card at 468-3035 or email infocris@gov.vg.

Progress Being Made To Get Incinerator Back Online

Director of the Waste Management Department, Mr. Marcus Solomon has said that efforts are underway to get the incinerator at Pockwood Pond back online after more than a year of inactivity.

Mr. Solomon and Waste Management Officer Mr. Neville Allen visited

the plant's manufacturer Consutech Systems LLC in Richmond Virginia, United States earlier this month in what he said was a 'beneficial trip'.

"It allowed us to verify the status of some outstanding contract agreements, which puts us in a better place for a positive outcome to replace

the spare parts necessary to have the incinerator functional by the end of the year," Mr. Solomon said.

The director stated that a number of measures were initiated to allow for improved compliance in the contractual arrangement. "We have set guidelines for shipping, set new timelines, implemented a process that accounts for progress and delays as well as implementing penalties which include termination of the said contracts," he explained.

The director added, "We are hoping that this trip has reinforced the relationship between both parties and

that we both can continue to benefit from a symbiotic relationship."

The incinerator has been offline since February 2022. The public is being reminded to continue do their part to assist the department by diverting as much waste from Pockwood Pond where possible. Persons are asked to rinse and separate plastic, glass and aluminum household waste and utilise the Territory's, "We Recycle" programme."

The Department of Waste Management is committed to ensuring that the natural beauty of the Territory is maintained by utilising state of the art waste management



technology to ensure timely collection disposal, and where possible, the recycling of waste.



Gender Focal Points To Be Established In Public Sector

The Office of Gender Affairs has commenced the process of establishing focal points as it works to ensure the mainstreaming of gender equity and equality throughout the public sector.

Gender Affairs Coordinator, Ms. Patricia Hackett said that the establishment of Gender Focal Points is vital to the work of her office and that the aim is to see these focal

points established by early October. She said the office is engaging approximately 30 high-ranking public officers to begin the process.

Ms. Hackett stated that the Gender Focal Points will be expected to advocate for increased attention to and integration of gender equality and women's empowerment.

"They are expected to establish a system of regular

communication with the Office of Gender Affairs to provide relevant information on gender-based issues for each ministry and their departments and units as well as to promote the understanding of gender and gender equality and equity in the workplace among other things," the coordinator said.

Ms. Hackett said she was very pleased with the commitment received from the participants to advance the initiative, adding that their capacity will be built to carry out their role and functions.

The Gender Affairs Coordinator added that the focal points will play a critical role in implementing some of the priority areas within the Virgin Islands

Gender Policy. "They will also serve as a catalysts and an advocate in their ministries, departments and units to identify any gender issues that may be existing," she said.

Meanwhile, Minister for Health and Social Development Honourable Vincent Wheatley applauded the initiative stating that eliminating gender inequalities, inequities and discrimination against women, men and children in the Virgin Islands is among Government's top priorities.

Honourable Wheatley added, "Implementing

gender focal points in every ministry, department and unit is what we believe is the most effective way to achieve gender equality and equity and empowerment of women within the public service."

The Office of Gender Affairs is committed to ensuring gender mainstreaming to ensure equality of opportunity and reduction of discriminatory practices through the identification and implementation of appropriate equality and equity measures.





GLOBAL NEWS BRIEF

STORIES SELECTED BY **GIORGIO MIGLIAVACCA**

UKRAINE - A specter from the Cold War has appeared in the political debate about the future of Ukraine: the fear that the country will break in two, like what happened with the Korean peninsula. The stalemate on the frontlines — with neither the Russians nor the Ukrainians able to shift the balance of power — has led to more politicians and geopolitical experts noting that the possible cessation of the conflict may involve the kind of territorial split that occurred between North and South Korea. There could be a free Ukraine, which is integrated into the Western bloc, while another part of the country remains essentially annexed by Russia.

The end of World War II led to the division of the Korean Peninsula, which had — up until August of 1945 — been occupied by the Japanese Empire. The portion of the territory north of the 38th parallel would be protected by the Soviet Union, while the United States would take care of the south. After failed attempts at reunification, two new states were proclaimed in 1948: communist Korea and the Korea allied with the United States. North Korea invaded South Korea in 1950, which provoked a military

intervention by mostly American troops under the auspices of the United Nations. China participated militarily in favor of North Korea, while the Soviet Union provided material support. In 1953, an armistice was signed by both countries, which temporarily ceased hostilities. It continues to be in effect to this day — no formal peace agreement was ever implemented. [El Pais]

BELGIUM - Jessica, who lives in the Brussels borough of Etterbeek, has had her gender changed on her identity card, but to modify her first name, she has to go to Romania. She is a transgender woman of Romanian origin. The chances her native country will cooperate are nihil she says: “I have been living in Belgium for 10 years, yet they send me to a transphobic country for the name change”.

Jessica had no trouble getting her gender changed on her identity card. But when she also wanted her first name changed, it caused problems. Jessica can’t understand why. “Romania is a homo- and transphobic country.” It’s why Jessica left for Belgium about 10 years ago. She moved to Etterbeek in 2021 and married a Belgian a year later. In October 2022, her application for a legal gender

change was approved. Her Belgian identity card now bears an “F” for “femme”. So far, no problems. But now it turns out that a gender change doesn’t automatically allow a name change. [FLANDERSNEWS]

ROME, - Premier Giorgia Meloni wrote to German Chancellor Olaf Scholz Monday saying that she was “amazed” that Berlin had decided to fund NGOs working to rescue migrants at sea and helping them in Italy too, without liaising with the Italian government.

“I have learned with amazement that your government - in an uncoordinated manner with the Italian government - has allegedly decided to support with substantial funds non-governmental organisations engaged in the reception of irregular migrants on Italian territory and in rescues in the Mediterranean Sea,” she reportedly wrote.

“Both possibilities raise questions”, she said. [ANSA]

JAMAICA - Cuba has offered to supply teachers to Jamaica amid mass teacher resignations affecting the nation’s schools.

Cuba’s Ambassador to Jamaica, Fermin Quinones Sanchez, has stated that Cuba is prepared to provide assistance if the Jamaican government seeks support in this regard.

“There is no limitation from Cuba’s side about any

request that would be made by the Jamaican Government and the Ministry of Education to continue supporting the education sector,” the diplomat said. [CNW]

JAMAICA - Jamaicans make up half of the Caribbean population living in the United States, according to data released by the U.S. Census Bureau.

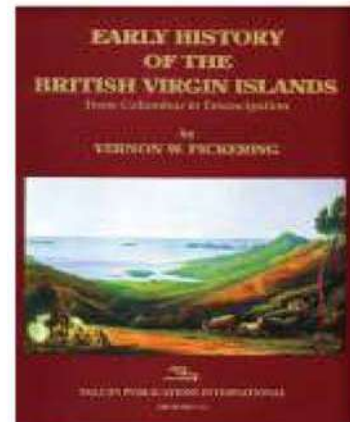
The bureau released its 2020 census population data this week, which reported that of the 46.7 million Black or African-American respondents to the census, some 2.6 million people identified as either being solely Caribbean or partially (mixed). Of the 2.6 million people, some 1,047,117 people identified as Jamaica, another 1,032,737 identified as Haitian, 194,364 identified as being Trinidadian and Tobagonian, and another 119,806 identified as being West Indian. [CNW]

BERMUDA - Google will be laying a cable between Portugal and the United States via Bermuda, bringing the island one step closer to becoming a telecommunications hub for the Atlantic.

It will be the first direct connection between Bermuda and Europe and will be the first cable from Bermuda to land in South Carolina, an emerging tech centre in the US.

The cable, called Nuvem — which means “cloud” in Portuguese — is set for completion in 2026, ending a decade-plus long drought in new capacity landing on the island. The Bermuda Business Development Agency CEO David Hart welcomed the Google announcement adding that with Bermuda as home to the new transatlantic cable, means the island is on the path to becoming a digital hub of the Atlantic.

According to TeleGeography’s submarine cable map, Bermuda is served by four cables: GlobalNet, which lands in Tuckertown, New Jersey, and also goes South to Brazil; the Caribbean-Bermuda US cable, which lands in Tortola, British Virgin Islands; Gemini Bermuda, which lands in Manasquan, New Jersey; and Challenger Bermuda-1,



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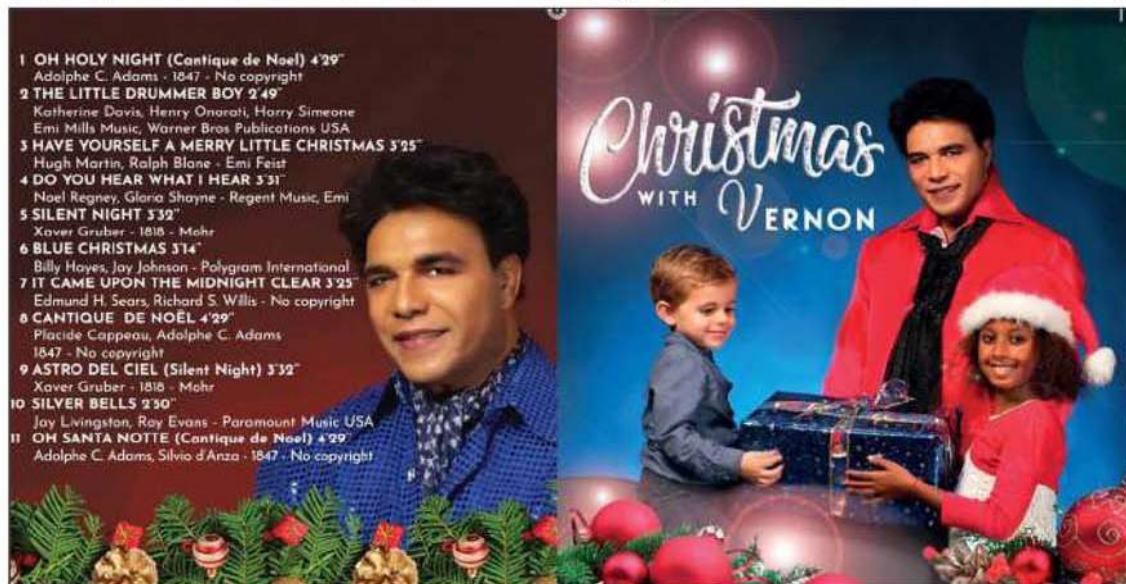
which lands in Charlestown, Rhode Island.

The most recent cabling was in 2009, when the link to the BVI was established, according to TeleGeography. [The Royal Gazette]

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC The Dominican government is open to talks with Haiti.

Vice President Raquel Peña said recently that what the government does not find acceptable is that unilateral decisions be taken. She was referring to the impasse over the construction of a canal that would divert the waters of a 55 km river that is born in the Dominican Republic and flows for two kilometers in Haiti.

Haiti’s Prime Minister Ariel Henry insisted in his words in the United Nations General Debate last week that Haiti has the right to manage river resources. Henry said that his country “has the same right” as the Dominican Republic to “use resources in binational water.” “[...] Haiti is not at war with anyone. Haiti is a generous and united people who believe in dialogue and the possibility of fairly sharing common resources with mutual respect [...] We have no intention against our neighbors with...- [DR1]



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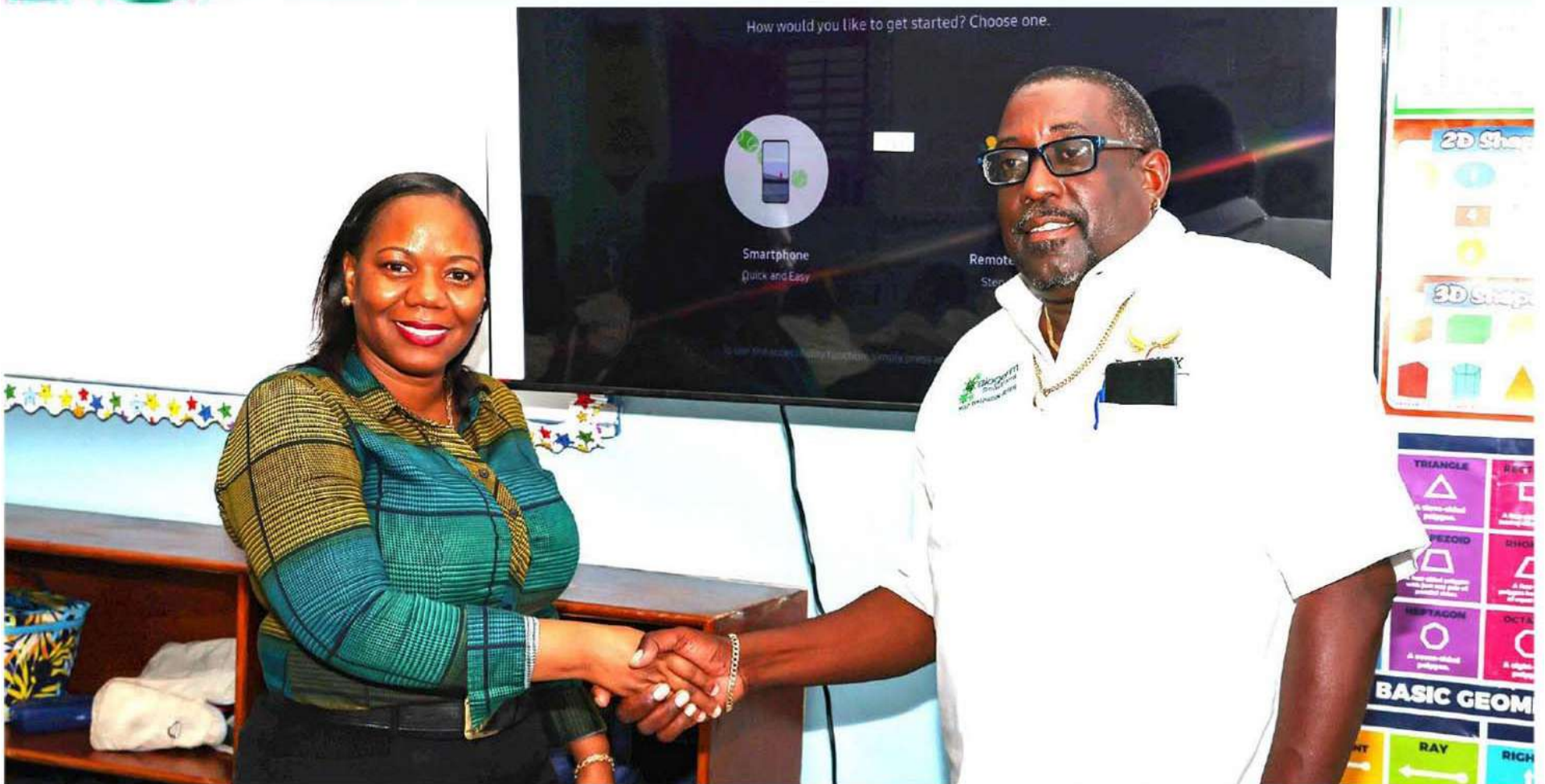
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Through the Lens of The Sunny Side



Willard Wheatley Primary School Grade 3 Teacher Mellisa Langedoc, left, class received one of two smart flat screen TV's, donated to the school by the East Action Committee, which were presented by Committee representative Allen Wheatley.

(Photo by Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway)

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HUNT FOR THE CURE TEAMS WIN PRIZES AND AWARDS AHEAD OF CIBC FIRSTCARIBBEAN WALK FOR THE CURE



Road Town, British Virgin Islands, 21 September 2023 - Five Hunt for the Cure teams won prizes and awards in the penultimate event of the annual CIBC FirstCaribbean Walk for the Cure fundraising campaign to combat cancer and support the work of the BVI Cancer Society. The teams were presented with their rewards by a category judge, Ms. Mayfield Muir-Daniels, at CIBC FirstCaribbean International Bank on September 19, 2023.

Nineteen private and corporate teams participated in a car scavenger hunt on September 2. The clues and challenges tested cultural and local knowledge of Tortola.

Harneys' Team X, who placed 1st after collecting all clues and completing the challenges in a time of 2 hours and 05 minutes, won a day sail donated by Horizon Yacht Charters. Conyers' team, Lady Lavenders came in 2nd place with 2 hours and 13 minutes on the clock to win a Necker Island Tour courtesy of Gumption's Learning Adventures. Lady Lavenders also won the Best Message of Hope award with their words "Empowerment is our weapon, Unity is our strength, and Hope is our guiding light. Together, we stand against cancer!"

BVI Red Cross placed 3rd in a time of 2 hours and 38 minutes and won a reef tour with Sea It Clear Glass Bottom Boat Tour provided by Gumption's Adventures. Special category winners were Conyers' team, Pink Warriors for Best Dressed Vehicle while Metro Construction's team, Clowns for the Cure won the Best Dressed Team award.

"Thank you to all teams that took part in this fun activity. We are glad to see so many of you return to participate in this 3rd edition of the Hunt for the Cure. We hosted the Hike for the Cure in June, and we plan to add another family oriented event for next year to help raise awareness as well as funds. We look forward to having you join us again next year in this and the other events," said Fabian Devonish, Acting Country Head and Walk Manager, CIBC FirstCaribbean.

"I am so pleased to see so many young people taking part in the Hunt for the Cure. Your show of support is very encouraging," said

Ms. Gloria Fahie, President of the BVI Cancer Society. "Cancer is a disease that affects people of all ages in so many different ways. It's not just breast cancer and we need to help people become aware of all the forms in which it manifests, which is one of the reasons we revised our logo. Your participation is not only about fund raising, but you are helping to raise awareness across a wider cross section of the community. The BVI Cancer Society and those impacted by the disease thank you for your continued support."

The 12th annual Walk for the Cure takes place on Saturday, October 7 starting at 5:30am. The round-trip route is from the bank at Wickham's Cay, Road Town to Sea Cows Bay. The \$20 registration fee includes a light breakfast and an event tee-shirt subject to availability.

The Walk for the Cure is the largest fundraiser to benefit the BVI Cancer Society in its efforts to combat cancer in the community. In 2022, the initiative raised \$51,500 and the target for 2023 is \$75,000. The funds generated from the campaign are used primarily to assist with the purchase and maintenance of equipment used in the diagnosis and treatment of cancer patients. They are also used to provide assistance, care and counselling to patients and their families as well as to raise awareness, and stress the importance of early detection, through education campaigns across the region.

Sponsors for the 2023 Walk for the Cure include Tradewinds Cruise Club, Walkers, ATU General Trust (BVI) Ltd, O'Neal Webster, Gold Leaf Consulting Limited, Harneys, Hike BVI, Island Sun Newspaper, BCQS, Conyers, Ernst and Young, Horizon Yacht Charters, Kendall Corporate Services Limited, Smiths Gore, Advocates BVI, Alphonso Warner Insurance Agency Ltd, Belmont BVI, Captain Mulligans, Capriccio di Mare, Carey Olsen, Caribbean Insurers, CCT BVI, 284media, Coldwell Banker, Crowe (BVI) Ltd, Driftwood Spa, Kenny Tees, Nagico, Premier Dental, TAG, Tradewinds Mexican Grill, Trellis Bay Market Bar & Grill, Hunt and Co.

To pre-register for the walk and reserve an event tee-shirt while supplies last, contact fabian.devonish@cibcfib.com

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Ladyburd Talks...

Dear Readers: Speak with your children about Bullying
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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.

For example, do you want to be more fit? If so, maybe you decide to spend less time on the couch watching TV and more time exercising. Write down a list of your favorite qualities about yourself. Read over the list each morning before school to boost your confidence. Spend time with friends who have a positive influence. Playing sports or participating in clubs are good activities to help build positive friendships and confidence.

Stand tall and keep your composure. Sometimes just acting brave is enough to stop a bully from approaching and intimidating you.

By standing tall and holding your head high, you send the message that you are not to be messed with.

Acting and even feeling brave is easier when you feel confident and good about yourself. It is also something you can practice. Practice walking with your head up, looking at people, and greeting anyone you know who looks back at you.

Practice using a strong and assertive tone of voice (and not shouting). Remember, practice makes perfect.

(Continue next week)

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



Light Bulb Moments

"Don't let yesterday take up too much of today."
— Will Rogers

"If you are working on something that you really care about, you don't have to be pushed. The vision pulls you."
— Steve Jobs

Poetry Corner

Don't Quit

*When times are hard,
you might stop for a bit,
But it's not over until
the moment you quit.
On a river's bridge,
failures are the planks;
Take one step at a time
until you reach its banks.*

*Don't give up on your
dreams; chase them
instead;
You will find, one
morning, as you wake up
from bed,
That you are the
person about whom you
dreamed,
And you can reach
great heights, impossible
though it seemed.*

*When things go wrong
and your back is to the
wall,
Try to stand up;
no more can you fall.
Life is full of ups and
downs;
take them in your
stride.
You will discover your
little star hidden inside.*

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Tickle My Funny Bones



Illegal right turn

A boy was riding in a car with his grandpa.
"Oh no," the grandfather said.
"I just made an illegal right turn."
"That's O.K., Grandpa.
The cop behind us just did the same thing!"

PAINTER

A businessman went into the office and found an inexperienced handyman painting the walls. The handyman was wearing two heavy Coats on a hot summer day. Thinking this was a little strange, the businessman asked the handyman why he was wearing the Coats on such a hot day. The handyman showed him the instructions on the can of paint. That read: "For best results, put on two coats."

FAT FREE FRENCH FRIES

A boy read a restaurant sign that advertised fat-free French fries. "Sounds great," said the health-conscious young man...He ordered some. He watched as the cook pulled a basket of fries from the fryer. The potatoes were dripping with oil when the cook put them into the container. "Wait a minute," the he said. "Those don't look fat-free." "Sure they are," the cook said. "We charge only for the potatoes. The fat... is free!"

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"I'm afraid of speed bumps, but I'm slowly getting over it.."



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Dear Ladyburd: I hope you are well and will be able to give me some advice on this matter. I loan a good friend of mine a sum of money and she promised me, that she would repay me within a few months. Ladyburd, we see each other basically, daily, because we work in the same office, it's about six months since the time she promised to repay me and she is seeing me every day; and she isn't saying anything to me. What do you think I should do, because I am really getting upset about it. And I really need it...**B.**

Ladyburd: Dear B: It is often said that you should not lend your friend money. Because normally, they do not repay the debt, and that often breaks friendships apart. So, you may remind her about the loan and let her know that you are in need of the money and see what the response is. If she still does not repay you, just look at it as lessons learnt.

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Canned Beans: Your Secret Weapon for Quick, Budget-Friendly, Nutritious Meals

In the fast-paced whirlwind of life, a can of beans might not seem like a hero ingredient, but trust me, it can be! Canned beans are the unsung champions of your pantry, ready to swoop in and save the day when you're craving a delicious, wallet-friendly and healthy meal in no time.

Canned beans offer a trifecta of benefits. First, they're incredibly cost-effective, making dining well on a budget a reality. Second, their convenience is unrivaled -- no soaking, no boiling, just pop the can open and let the culinary creativity flow. Third, they are a nutritional powerhouse, packed with fiber, protein and essential vitamins, nutrients and minerals, making them an ideal addition to your diet.

While homemade beans certainly have their virtues, the convenience of canned beans is hard to beat.



Canned beans offer a trifecta of benefits

When time is of the essence, canned beans offer a shortcut without sacrificing quality.

The culinary possibilities with canned beans are endless. Create salads, burritos, casseroles, dips and more with the modest canned bean at the core.

Today we're going to whip up a hearty White Bean Soup in a flash then elevate the humble dish with the vibrant flavors of this Provençal herb sauce. This makes a lovely lunch or light supper served with crusty bread and a green salad.

Provençal herb sauce is a vibrant and flavorful condiment with similarities to Italian pesto. It's a fragrant blend of fresh basil, garlic, tomato, red wine vinegar and olive oil, bursting with flavor and flair. This sauce brings a unique twist to this soup, adding a touch of Provençal charm to your culinary adventure.

The end of summer brings an abundance of herbs to our gardens that need to be used quickly. One easy way to preserve them is to make herb sauces like chimichurri, pesto or this Provençal herb sauce. They freeze beautifully, and they're nutrition-packed condiments. Herb sauces are rich in flavonoids with antioxidant properties and vitamin K.

SIMPLE WHITE BEAN SOUP

Yield: 4 (1 1/2 cup) servings

Total Time: 20 minutes

1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil

2 teaspoons garlic, chopped

3 (14.5-ounce) cans Great Northern or other white bean (5 cups)

1 (14.5-ounce) can vegetable or chicken broth (1 1/2 cups)

Kosher salt & fresh ground pepper to taste

4 thick slices of crusty bread, grilled or toasted

Provençal herb sauce (recipe follows)

In a saucepan on medium heat, warm the olive oil. Add garlic and stir until fragrant. Add beans and broth. Bring to a boil then simmer for 5 minutes. Now, you want to puree some of the beans to add creaminess to the soup. Puree about half of the beans with a food processor, blender or immersion blender, or smooch beans on the side of the pot with a

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fork. It all works! Return the puree to the soup and stir to combine.

Serve the soup topped with lots of pepper, a drizzle of sauce and a big chunk of toasted bread.

PROVENÇAL HERB SAUCE

Yield: 3/4 cup

Total Time: 10 minutes

1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil

1 tablespoon garlic, crushed

1 teaspoon red wine vinegar

2 cups basil leaves, torn into pieces

1/2 teaspoon kosher salt

1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper

1/4 cup tomato, diced

Pulse oil, garlic, vinegar and basil in a small food processor to a loose paste. Add salt and pepper. Stir in the tomatoes and refrigerate until ready to serve.

Canned beans are a frugal foodie's best friend, so stock your pantry with these versatile legumes and embark on a culinary adventure that's as delicious as it is cost-effective.

Lifestyle expert Patti Diamond is the penny-pinching, party-planning, recipe developer and content creator of the website *Divas On A Dime -- Where Frugal, Meets Fabulous!* Visit Patti at www.divasonadime.com and join the conversation on Facebook at [DivasOnADimeDotCom](https://www.facebook.com/DivasOnADimeDotCom). Email Patti at divapatti@divasonadime.com Visit Patti at www.DotCom. Email Patti at divapatti@divasonadime.com



POLICE NEWS

CHARGES LAID IN RECENT AMMUNITION RECOVERY

Thursday, September 21 – Detectives of the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force have charged three males in relation to the recent recovery of ammunition.

Cordell Oneal, 38-year-old of Fresh Water Pond, Kanmi Oneal, 34-year-old of Pockwood Pond and Jelani Christopher, 31-year-old, of Cane Garden Bay were all jointly charged with Unlawful possession of explosives.

On Wednesday, September 20, 2023, Police received information that men, armed with firearms, were

traversing Road Town, raising concerns for the safety of residents. As a result, several vehicles, including one occupied by the three men, were stopped and searched in the Road Town area. During the search a loaded magazine with 31 rounds of high-velocity ammunition was recovered.

All three men will remain in police custody pending their appearance at the Magistrate's Court at the next available sitting.

Commissioner Mark Collins

would like to express his gratitude for the unwavering support of citizens in the community. "I appreciate the ongoing support from the public and the force values their continued commitment to assisting us with maintaining safety and security.

Anyone who has information about this particular incident, or any other criminal activity is encouraged to call the Intelligence Unit at 368-9339, or Crime Stoppers at 800-8477 (TIPS).

ONE MALE RECEIVES SEVERAL CHARGES

Thursday, September 21 – Detectives of the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force have charged one male for several offences.

On Thursday, September 21, Nyron Erickson, a 31-year-old resident of West End, Tortola was charged with a total of 21 criminal offences including seven (7) counts of Possession of Prohibited Weapon, eleven (11) counts of Keeping a Firearm Without a License, two

(2) counts of Possession of a Controlled Drug with Intent to Supply Another, and one (1) count of Possession of the Proceeds of Criminal Conduct. Erickson remains in police custody pending his appearance at the Magistrate's Court at the next available sitting.

Erickson's arrest and subsequent charges stemmed from inquiries into high-level,

organized criminal activities being perpetrated by linked individuals.

The RVIPF will continue to investigate organized criminal activities within the Territory and are dedicated to ensuring the safety and security of the community.

Further updates on the investigation will be provided as they become available.

FIREARMS RECOVERED AFTER CHASE

Thursday, September 21 – Officers of the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force, during routine patrols in the Lambert Estate area, observed three males in hoodies heading in the direction of His Majesty's Prison, behaving suspiciously. Upon seeing the officers, the men fled on foot and as a result a chase ensued, but they managed to evade the officers.

During the chase, a bag was discarded by one of the suspects which revealed three firearms. One semi-automatic weapon and two pistols were recovered. The recent recovery brings the total number of firearms seized in September to five. The police remain resolute in their commitment to recovering illegal firearms and apprehending individuals found

in possession of such weapons. Anyone with information regarding the possible identity of these three males are asked to contact the RVIPF Intelligence Unit at 368-9339. All information will be held in the strictest of confidence. Further updates on the investigation will be provided as they become available.

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AN EDUCATIONAL PAST TIME: STAMP COLLECTING

Stamp collecting, also known as philately, is a popular and educational past time - under the best of circumstances it may even make you rich.

Once upon a time stamp collectors saved stamps from letters and covers, especially those from other countries. Old stamps of the 1800s to mid-1900s enjoy greater demand and value on cover, therefore it is best to leave the stamps on their original covers.

Collectors also search old stamps that represent a past time. Stamp enthusiasts can be found everywhere. Including throughout the Caribbean and in the British Virgin Islands. Their albums and glassine envelopes filled with stamps are fascinating to look through. Many of the stamps they collect are often valuable as well, ranging from \$2 to \$1000s.

Materials needed for starting a stamp collection include a stamp album, or better yet a stockbook or two. Stockbooks are stamp albums made of cardboard pages with horizontal glassine or foil strips into which stamps are inserted. Even if part of the collection is stored elsewhere, e.g. in preprinted albums: Stockbooks as a storage place for doubles, as a mobile solution e.g. for exchange days or also as a place to store the most expensive pieces in the locker, are an indispensable part of the philatelist's tools of the trade. A magnifying glass and tweezers (tongs) are imperative, patience too, Rome was not built in 6 months.

As you grow your knowledge and collection you will need a stamp catalogue of the area you collect and later on start a subscription to one of the best stamp magazines to keep up to date with information about old and new stamps.

The new philatelist can start with the stamps on the mail that arrives this very day. But that is "simple Simon" and 10, 20 years from now you may regret you removed the stamps from their covers. If they are cheap ordinary stamps you may soak them in clean water to separate them from the piece of paper they are stuck on. But if they are 40 years old or older leave them on the postcard or covers.

Now to soak the stamp in room temperature water. The remaining piece of envelope will turn loose, allowing you to lift the stamp from the water with the tongs or most carefully with your fingers, never force the separation of soaked stamps.

Lay the stamp on absorbing paper or on white paper adding a second sheet to help speeding the drying process.

When dry, place a heavy book on top of the clean sheet of paper to flatten the stamp or stamps. As a past time, stamp collecting requires precision and neatness. Place the dried and flattened stamps in the album (better yet a stockbook) or store it in one of the tiny glassine envelopes unique to stamp collecting.

Many collectors specialize in collecting currently available commemoratives as a past time. Stamp designs are varied, beautiful and interesting. Commemoratives are those special stamps that are

released by the post office for a limited time. They can commemorate special people or events. Most nations print commemorative stamps from time to time. British Virgin Islands stamps have featured wild life, artists, and many other themes and anniversaries.

Some BVI stamps of the past decades have been designed by BVI school children.

Apart from definitive stamps the postal services around the world issue stamps for special services such as: express mail, parcel post mail, postage due stamps used by the post office on insufficiently stamped mail.

A fun way for a young person to build a collection of foreign stamps is to find a few pen pals in foreign countries. This activity helps people make friends as well as broadening their outlook.

There are also companies that will send out introductory collections of foreign stamps in order to get stamp collecting customers on their mailing lists. These collections are usually colorful and contain a wide variety.

Stamp collecting is an educational past time. Stamp collections can sometimes become very valuable to the right people. If you are looking for a new hobby

or past time, stamp collecting might be for you!

The first BVI stamps were issued in late 1866 and depict the islands patron St. Ursula; the Saint continued to appear on local stamps for many decades to come.

Most memorable stamps issued by the BVI include the *Missing Virgin* so nicknamed because the glory space for the Saint was left blank. Only three to four examples have so far come on the market fetching prices over \$100,000. Other coveted stamps include the 1888 4 d. stamp double overprinted "4D" and the 1916-1919 1d. War Tax Stamp with sideways watermark of which only four have been recorded (price range from \$3000 to \$6000).

In modern times BVI stamps have honoured local politicians, chief ministers, teachers, nurses, boat builders, the founders of The Island Sun, educators, athletes of both sexes, local footballers and more BVI personalities.

All stamp collectors must have a philatelic catalogue or two: Stanley Gibbons, British Commonwealth & Empire countries (Gibbons also publishes a catalogue in several volumes of all world stamps, or Scott Stamp Catalogue listing world stamps by country and divided in alphabetical order A to Z in several volumes).

As for British Virgin Islands stamps the local Philatelic Bureau or the Road Town post office may still have copies of the 2001 Specialised Stamp Catalogue 1787-2001, including Postal History. Postmarks and cancellations (edited by Giorgio Migliavacca), hardbound 312 pages fully illustrated and with prices for mint and used stamps. These specialised catalogues are in demand and can be easily out of print.

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THE WEEK IN CORRUPTION

BY TRANSPARENCY
INTERNATIONAL

We are deeply saddened by the news of the magnitude 6.8 earthquake that recently hit central Morocco and the aftershocks continuing last week. Our hearts go out to those who lost their lives, loved ones and livelihoods as well as those who were injured and lost their homes.

Moroccan authorities label this earthquake the deadliest in decades. Although earthquakes are not uncommon in the region, this one was particularly extreme. At the time of writing, there are nearly 3,000 confirmed dead persons and more than 5,500 injured. The number is rising, as many victims are in remote mountain areas.

Added to this calamity are the floods in Libya which have caused over 11,000 deaths and 40,000 people misplaced as well as countless adults and children missing.

Several countries have offered support, but existing laws in Morocco slow down the access to international aid and medical teams in the country. Rescue missions are underway, with foreign aid workers supporting local authorities to find survivors, and provide essentials like water, food and tents.

Many are concerned about shelter and long-term recovery efforts - and we are especially worried about the corruption risks that come along with humanitarian aid efforts.

Natural disasters around the world showcase how corruption worsens the devastating effects of poor disaster



Earthquake survivors wait for relief food in the village of Moulay Brahim.

Photo: Philippe Lopez/AFP

management. Take the earthquakes in Turkey for example - many argued that the failure to have and enforce strong building regulations worsened the situation. Proper earthquake protection relies on strict adherence to building codes, but corruption during procurement and the use of substandard materials and assembly methods can compromise these vital safeguards.

But Morocco is not alone - corruption risks during emergencies are heightened no matter where they occur. There are documented accounts of widespread diversions of funds and medical supplies, misreporting salaries and payments for goods, petty bribery to bypass emergency measures and opaque procurement processes in crises across the globe. This requires strong anti-corruption frameworks to hold powerful people accountable and civic monitoring and engagement.

Humanitarian efforts mostly occur in fragile states, which often have

weak governance, inefficient public institutions and limited capacity to prepare for emergencies and prevent them. Although there are no specific figures on how much disaster relief money is lost to corruption, we know corruption reduces the quality and quantity of aid reaching those who need it the most. Such disasters also exacerbate existing issues in affected countries, such as economic insecurity, political unrest and inequalities.

This isn't a new problem and greater investment towards good governance and against corruption is needed. Governments and stakeholders must establish anti-corruption strategies before disasters strike. Humanitarian agencies should increase incentives to report corruption and strengthen whistleblower protections. Governments receiving aid must develop and abide by anti-corruption laws and accountability mechanisms. And civil society must be involved in these processes to monitor corruption risks and hold power to account for the benefit of all.

As Morocco and the international community continue to respond to the devastation caused by the earthquake, anti-corruption efforts are more important than ever to ensure that life-saving services, medications, goods and funds reach those who need them the most.

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COMMENTARY

How capital drives Social Inequality

By Dickson Igwe



Dickson Igwe

September 19, 2023

The idea that education and hard work are the great equalizers is wonderfully aspirational. It is however woefully inadequate as a theory. In capitalist societies, the family into which you are born determines your life chances over and above any notions of education and a merit driven economy: or as we say in the Virgin Islands, "it is who you for." Money comes from money and

Inheritance is key to wealth.

Those who own and control capital- the resources that drive wealth generation- are able to keep that control of wealth within the orbit of a tiny percentage of society, meaning, themselves and their families, no matter how fair the distribution of wealth may appear. Capital ownership, with its huge benefits is self-fulfilling for the 1%. This feature of inequality exists everywhere.

Capital is a wealth magnet attracting prosperity to those who control that capital. Leveraging capital is combining the components of capital- mainly finance, enterprise, and technology- for profit and power. Those who already possess capital have the advantage of leveraging capital for their own benefit.

An opinion piece in the UK Guardian by Faiza Shaheen highlighted a recent report that found social outcomes in the UK affected by the income and wealth of parents more than any other factor. The preceding is a wakeup call for policy makers who hope to engineer greater social and economic equality in society. Social class tends to crystalize around wealth ownership.

The fact is the capitalist system works against the least wealthy and influential in the society- that is the vast majority of inhabitants. Capitalism as a vast Ponzi scheme driven by the owners of wealth is an interesting assertion. OK. There are ways to break through to the top, but this remains a rarity, especially in a privileged society such as the UK. The

USA appears much more oriented towards upward mobility. However, even in the US, inequality has been growing very significantly in recent decades.

The widening inequality gap may simply be the way capital works. Those who control capital are inclined to increase their own power and wealth through the scope, depth, and value of their capital assets and resources.

As capital grows so does the power of the owners of capital who pass that power on to their offspring. That is only natural.

It is valid to assert that social and economic equality can be defeated through public investment: in other words, socialism or government intervention in the economy, especially

in capitalist societies. This can happen through the redistribution of wealth through taxation and public spending. In 2023 and beyond that idea looks unlikely.

The 21st Century is the Capitalist Century. Capital stalks the halls of governance and power wielding huge influence over politicians. Capital has become triumphant. Today, the capitalist model is more entrenched than ever.

In every society, access to capital is the first step to wealth. An establishment of wealthy and well-connected families tightly controls that access however. Powerful multinational corporations owned by a few hundred families rule the world. Capital thrives.

Tenders Invited for Construction of Vending Units at Long Bay Beach

The Government of the Virgin Islands invites tenders for the construction of vending units at Long Bay Beach on Beef Island. The proposed works comprise of providing all plant, labour, equipment, materials, personnel, staff and resources to perform the works and services in consideration of construction of three 10ft x 10ft vending units with deck, Construction of three 16ft x 16ft vending units with deck, Construction of one 10ft x 16ft administrative building with deck, and external works including electrical connections, plumbing connections and wastewater/sewer lines.

Procurement Coordinator, Mrs. Ishma Rhymer said eligible

tenderers are required to submit a Trade Licence for the specific type of work to be tendered, a list of similar projects completed within the last five years, and a work programme and method statement that details the proposed time schedule and methodology for executing the works.

Mrs. Rhymer added that amongst other documentation, tenderers must also have a valid Trade Licence related to the provision of the required goods and submit Certificates of Good Standing in respect of the Social Security and taxes, including Payroll and Income Tax, from VI Social Security Board, National Health Insurance and Inland Revenue. Tenders must also provide a list

of current contract commitments/work in progress.

Bid documents are available from Monday 2nd October between 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Documents will be sent to bidders electronically upon request to procurement@gov.vg with the subject title "Tenders for the Construction of the Vending Units at Long Bay Beach, Beef Island".

A virtual pre-tender meeting via Webex is scheduled for Thursday, 12th October, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. The access code and password will be provided prior to the meeting. All prospective tenderers are invited to attend.

Interested tenderers should submit one (1) original, three (3) copies and one (1) flash drive containing

the bidder's documents. The original bid should be placed in a sealed envelope and marked "ORIGINAL" and the additional copies placed in another sealed envelope and marked "COPIES". Both envelopes should then be placed in an outer envelope and marked "Tender for the Construction of Vending Units at Long Bay Beach, Beef Island" and addressed to:

The Chairman
Central Tenders Board
Ministry of Finance
Procurement Unit
RFG Place, 2nd Floor
Road Town, Tortola
Virgin Islands, VG1110

All tenders must be deposited in the Tender Box at the Ministry of

Finance (Procurement Unit), RFG Place, Second Floor, Road Town, Tortola, by the bearer not later than 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 31st October, 2023. Tenders will not be received after the Tender Box is closed.

Tenders will be opened on Tuesday, 31st October, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at the Ministry of Finance, RFG Place, Road Town, Tortola. Tenderers are invited to witness the opening via Webex. Tenderers will be provided with the access code and password prior to the opening of Tenders.

For more information, contact the Procurement Coordinator at (284) 468-4243/5921 or email procurement@gov.vg.

Caribbean News / Regional News

Forty-fifth COHSOD Endorses Decision to Draft CARICOM Position Paper on Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness and Response

Tuesday, 26 September 2023 (CARICOM Secretariat, Turkeyen, Greater Georgetown): Regional Public Health stakeholders endorsed the CARICOM Secretariat's support for Member States' involvement in the negotiations on the convention, agreement or other instrument on Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness and Response and to draft the CARICOM Position Paper. They underscored the urgency to formulate and communicate CARICOM's position to the Region and international community. The decision followed discussions at the 45th Meeting of the Council for Human and Social Development (COHSOD) – Health (ministerial meeting) held from September 23-24 in Washington.

Stakeholders emphasised the need for a unified position on the priority areas for Member States identified in the instrument.

HeDPAC

In addition, the COHSOD endorsed the proposal to strengthen regional capacity to produce and regulate medicines, including vaccines and health technologies, under the Health Development Partnership for Africa and the Caribbean (HeDPAC) and agreed to expand on the priorities of the proposal. HeDPAC is a health development platform between the African and Caribbean regions to strengthen South-South cooperation and build institutional capacity within and between the regions to address pressing health challenges collectively.

During the two-day meeting, stakeholders were engaged in in-depth discussions on

health system matters, regional health security and regional cooperation matters.

Strengthening Regional Cooperation

In remarks, Ms Allison Drayton, Assistant Secretary-General, Human and Social Development, CARICOM Secretariat, emphasised the need for continued regional cooperation with regional institutions and development partners on health challenges faced by Member States. These include non-communicable diseases (NCDs), climate change, and human resources for health.

"Within recent months, our lead public health agency, the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA), successfully secured a pandemic fund grant which will bolster efforts in surveillance, human resources and laboratory systems," stated the ASG, "We thank the hard-working team of CARPHA and Member States for the significant work done to make it a reality. This will certainly contribute to building resilient health systems capable of responding to emergencies and pandemics effectively."

Dr. Jarbas Barbosa, Director, Pan American Health Organisation (PAHO), echoed her sentiments about regional cooperation, stating that the COVID-19 pandemic made it glaringly apparent that we can only overcome the public health trials of our times through unity and collective action.

"CARICOM was founded with this understanding," stated Dr Barbosa, "It channels the collective capacities of its Member States and provides a productive forum to discuss

international and joint technical cooperation."

Priority Topics for Joint Action

The PAHO Director highlighted priority topics requiring joint action, including the successful implementation of evidence-based standards for Front of Package Warning Labels, agreement on communicable disease cross-border control measures, and improving the collective availability of healthcare workers across the Caribbean.

He stated, "This Region has faced its fair share of health crises. But every cloud has a silver lining. One optimistic spin-off of the pandemic is the aspiration of some Small Island Developing States (SIDS) to produce their own medicines and medical supplies."

Regional and domestic production of essential health goods

Dr Barbosa warned that relying solely on imports for these essential health goods could leave SIDS highly vulnerable during health emergencies, like pandemics or natural disasters. He advised that ensuring regional and domestic production reduces dependency on external suppliers, mitigating the risk of shortages. Producing local medicines and medical supplies can stimulate economic development, create jobs, and save costs.

He advised that it is a challenging task worth the investment, requiring significant financial commitments over long periods and establishing pharmaceutical and related industries. However, identifying even the participation in a part of the chain of process is essential.

Investment Partners

He reminded stakeholders that critical regional and international partners are ready to invest in well-developed projects that leverage existing resources. "PAHO stands ready to support you in approaching these partners and prioritising

technical cooperation on the regulatory aspects, demand planning and other relevant topics," stated the PAHO Director, "As you know, PAHO has several mechanisms to facilitate access to affordable medicines, vaccines, and health technologies, such your PAHO Revolving Funds, I hope that you use them extensively. These funds can also be used to leverage regional production in LAC."

Quality healthcare for all

He underscored that Caribbean unity is also about building resilient health systems that can withstand future challenges and ensuring that people in our Region have access to quality healthcare, regardless of socioeconomic status or location. "It is about building systems that prevent diseases, promote well-being, and address the social determinants of health," stated Dr Barbosa.

Priority Health Security Concerns

The PAHO Director referred to priority health security concerns for the Region. These included recapturing the immunisation gains of the past, addressing the emigration of health workers out of the Caribbean that leads to a lack of well-trained human resources for health, reversing the growing epidemic of NCDs with its devastating effects on health and economies, and mitigating the impact of the changing climate, including both health and economic consequences.

He reiterated that PAHO technical experts are working hand in hand with local authorities to develop and deploy evidence-based interventions to address these concerns and to build health systems that are strong, resilient, and ready to handle

the next crisis, whenever it comes.

Non-communicable Diseases

Dr Barbosa highlighted that NCDs are a significant priority concern. He emphasised that an estimated 80% of NCDs are preventable by reducing exposure to the associated major risk factors. He stated that the Region has proven public policy measures and legislative strategies that can benefit population health and economies. He noted that there has been increased use of health-related laws, specifically related to NCD risk factors in the Region.

"But we acknowledge that change is difficult. We face entrenched commercial and financial interests that hinder progress," stated Dr Barbosa, "Through measures like front-of-package warning labels, the banning of trans fats and the creation of a smoke-free Caribbean, we can reverse the rates of NCDs."

The Meeting

The meeting was chaired by Hon. Minister Kevin Bernard, Minister of Health and Wellness, Belize and included CARICOM ministers of health, permanent secretaries, chief medical officers, representatives of CARICOM, CARPHA and ministries of health, stakeholder organisations and development partners.

The 45th COHSOD was integral to fostering robust discussions, shared experiences, and policy decisions on proposed actionable recommendations with the overarching aim of better health outcomes for the people of the Caribbean Community.



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Setting Sights on a Biden-Xi Meeting, a Softer US Tone on China?



FILE - U.S. President Joe Biden, right, stands with Chinese President Xi Jinping before a meeting on the sidelines of the G-20 summit meeting, in Bali, Indonesia, Nov. 14, 2022.

WHITE HOUSE —

While remaining noncommittal about who will represent China at a coming economic gathering, Beijing is hinting that Chinese President Xi Jinping’s attendance — and thus a possible summit with U.S. President Joe Biden — depends on Washington’s creating the right environment.

The Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit in San Francisco in November should promote cooperation rather than provoke confrontation, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said Tuesday during a news briefing, in response to a question about Xi’s participation.

His comments echoed those of other Chinese officials. “To truly realize ‘from Bali to San Francisco,’ the United States needs to show enough sincerity,” the Ministry of State Security said in a post on its WeChat social media page earlier this month. The Bali reference was to the leaders’ last meeting on the sidelines of a G20 summit in Indonesia last November.

Urging Washington to “create better conditions” for the meeting, Wang repeated his criticism of “democracy versus autocracy.” The term is

a signature phrase that Biden has often used, especially in the first two years of his term, to describe what he sees as the defining struggle of our times. Beijing sees it as Washington imposing its values on others.

As American and Chinese officials continue laying the groundwork for a potential Biden-Xi meeting, Washington appears to be working toward such conditions, including by toning down language following months of harsh public comments between the two capitals.

The overarching approach has always been to minimize rhetoric that would veer the relationship toward conflict, a senior administration official told VOA Tuesday. However, the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, as is the norm when discussing national security strategy, said there has been no “downshift in tone” in recent weeks and “no strategic conversations to that effect” within the administration.

Biden himself has struck a more conciliatory tone. In his address to the United Nations General Assembly in New York last week, the president underscored his desire to responsibly manage

competition and avoid conflict, reiterating the message that his administration is “for de-risking, not decoupling with China.”

In a visit to Hanoi earlier this month, even as he upgraded bilateral relations with Vietnam — a communist country in Beijing’s backyard — Biden repeatedly declared that his efforts to strengthen ties with countries in the region are not designed to “contain” China.

Such messaging is needed to bring down the temperature following months of harsh exchanges. During a campaign fundraiser in June, Biden called Xi a dictator out of touch in decision-making and dismissed China as having “real economic difficulties.” Weeks later, he described the country as “a ticking time bomb.”

The heated rhetoric added to tensions already elevated from an incident in early February, when the U.S. military shot down a Chinese balloon carrying electronic equipment. Chinese officials deny the aircraft, which had traveled from Alaska to South Carolina, was used for spying.

The two powers have navigated turbulent years as they have been locked

in increasingly intense geopolitical rivalry, including in trade and technology. Washington slams China for its “economic coercion” and military assertiveness in the Indo-Pacific, while Beijing criticizes what it calls “Western hegemony.”

The APEC meeting is widely seen as an opportunity for the two leaders to stabilize ties. But many irritants are still unresolved, including the exclusion of the leader of Hong Kong, an APEC member. John Lee, chief executive of the Chinese territory, has been banned from entering the U.S. since 2020 for his role in enforcing a national security law that has targeted pro-democracy activists.

More positive tone

Bonnie S. Glaser, managing director of the Indo-Pacific program at the German Marshall Fund of the United States, noted a change in attitude on both sides.

“In my conversations about U.S.-China relations with Chinese scholars, I detect a more positive tone and expressions of interest in seizing the opportunity to stabited on his counterpart’s absence.

“He has overwhelming unemployment with his youth. One of the major economic tenets of his plan isn’t working at all right now,” Biden said during a news conference in response to VOA’s question on why he has not met with Xi since Bali.

“Nobody likes having

celebrated international meetings if you don’t know what you want at the meeting, if you don’t have a game plan,” Biden added. “He may have a game plan; he just hasn’t shared it with me.”

Beijing’s reluctance

Biden was referring to Beijing’s reluctance to confirm the San Francisco meeting, said Yun Sun, co-director of the East Asia Program and director of the China Program at the Stimson Center.

“The Chinese are not yet sure what they can get out of the meeting, and also what concessions they can get ahead of the meeting, which is also important for them,” she told VOA.

The White House has not provided further details but has stepped up bilateral engagements. In mid-September, national security adviser Jake Sullivan held a two-day meeting with Wang, part of ongoing efforts to “maintain open lines of communication.”

Washington and Beijing have also created working groups, to be overseen by U.S. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen and her Chinese counterpart Vice Premier He Lifeng, to promote healthier economic competition.

Beijing, which has also been more restrained in its U.S. rhetoric, said Yellen’s recent visit had brought “positive expectations for bilateral relations.”

Anita Powell and Fang Bing contributed to this report.

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SPORTS



BVI Women sweep hosts Dominica for ECVA U23 Volleyball bronze

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

VOLLEYBALL

Debuting in the Eastern Caribbean Volleyball Association's Women's U23 Championships, the BVI showed that it's not how you start, but rather, how you finish. After an opening four set 19-25, 25-22, 14-25 and 19-25 loss to hosts Dominica on Wednesday, the BVI swept them 25-14, 25-21 and 25-21 on Sunday, to claim the bronze medal.

"It means a lot—not necessarily for myself and Jackie (Weeks), but it speaks tremendous volume for the players themselves, in terms of a confidence booster," Assistant Coach Stephen Payne told Island Sun Sports in an exclusive interview. "We know a lot of them are still pretty much green in terms of the sport itself, skills and the likes. So, it was a tremendous help for them in terms of the game,

having to realize that what they were doing at home paid off and the sky's the limit from here for them."

BVI entered the pairings for the bronze medal, following a 17-25, 21-15 and 17-25 loss to eventual champions St. Lucia, after beating Anguilla in straight sets, 27-25, 25-14 and 25-10.

BVI Women collected four of the 10 individual awards on offer. Kayla Jacinto was the Best Setter. Anna Gordon and Kristin Abraham tied for Best Blocker. Amans Bispham won both the Best Digger and Best Libero.

"The BVI held Top 10 positions in every discipline in the entire tournament and we're glad for that," Payne said.

Gordon said she started off the tournament against Dominica a bit shaky, had a bit of doubt and had Abraham in mind to be the best blocker and she'd place second. "I didn't really have that much faith at first," she said, noting that chills ran down her body when she heard

her name called. "I remember the block against Dominica and I felt that it kinda topped it for me."

Abraham said she was 'very surprised' to hear her name called in a tie for the blocking award with Gordon. "I didn't expect to win this award when we set out to travel to the tournament," she said. "But in the end, it all came together, thanks be to God for that. It was funny too. My coaches believed in me more than I believed in myself so when I got the title, they weren't even surprised. They just rubbed my shoulder and said 'you did it.'"

Once she got the first set of stats and saw her name at the top, Bispham said she was surprised she was the top Libero. "I didn't get to see any of the other games as yet and I thought there would have been people that were better than me, but as the competition continued, my confidence grew, it felt like I was more deserving of the spot," she explained. "At the beginning, I wasn't sure if I was to have it, but at the end I felt like I



BVI won 4 of 10 ECVA awards: Best Setter, Kayla Jacinto, left, Best Blockers, (tie) Anna Gordon & Kristin Abraham. Best Digger & Libero, Amans Bispham PHOTO: Orisphotography

deserved to have it. And then the best digger—I don't know where that came from—because the stats just changed completely for the last two games. I thought someone else was going to get it and when they called my name, I was shocked about that one."

Apart from external competitions which is a big factor, Payne said what he'd like to see from this group of girls going forward, is that they become the cream of the crop and develop their

skills even further.

"Whenever there's the local Volleyball league, it is that these girls play together as a team," he pointed out. "Instead of being individually in other teams, that these girls stay together, develop their craft, get a deeper understanding of each other on the court, that will further enhance their development holistically, that when we travel, that we'll have an even better representation in tournaments."

Emmett Caines Knockout Tournament finalist to be decided on Virgin Gorda

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

FOOTBALL

Although it's just a preseason game, Virgin Gorda United and Sugar Boys will start their battle for bragging rights in Virgin Gorda at 6 p.m. on Sunday, for a place in the finals of the Oct 8, Emmett Caines Knockout Tournament.

The Virgin Gorda teams were pitted against each other in the final of three blind draws on Monday, when Sugar Boys had to pick between VG United and One Love, selecting them while One Love ended up with a bye to the final.

The youthful VG United dominated their home turf to the delight of their fans, en route to steam rolling visiting Old Madrid 5-0, after leading 2-0 at the half, on goals by Jaadon Quashie in the 12th minute and Deshawn Richards

in the 18th. Quashie added another goal in the 61st, before Bernard Cumberbatch poured in two more second half goals in the 69th and 83rd.

On Tortola, defending league champs One Love, stopped Positive 5-0. Goals came from Rebels transfer Johari Lacey, Jhon Samuel, Shyane Prince, Alcise Savery and Brent Bowman.

"It was a very good game, more like having possession of the ball and debuting most of our youthful players, to see them in action for the first time," Coach Javon Carty told Island Sun Sports. "It was very competitive in the first half, while in the second half, it was much easier because we were playing roughly against eight men."

The game he said was very important in their preparations for the league so that they can see where the team is on a whole, who's fit and not fit and what they need to work on regarding plays, going into the league.

"Knowing that we are the defending champions, everybody

is going to come at us with all they've got, so we need to prepare ourselves and come better this year," Carty said. "We're looking to win this season—win everything. Win the knockout. Win the league. Win the President's Cup and we're looking forward to participating in the CONCACAF Gold Cup. That's what we're looking for on a whole."

Positive's Coach Stephen Brown complained about the game officiating, rather than his team's shortcomings. "We didn't score—that's one of the reasons why we didn't win—but the referee system is not good," he stated. "We got a red card that mashed up the team. My main captain didn't play this evening so our team lacked most things."

Brown said that Positive is fielding a different team to the one that debuted last year and only won one game during the season. "We're much better and these are just warm up games," he noted of



A Positive player, left, and his One Love counterpart simultaneously kicks at the ball

the Caines Tournament. "But when the league starts, Positive will be there. We're looking to be in the top four this season."

Following the October 8 knockout final, the league is slated to kick off on October 15.

SPORTS



*BVI U23 Women's team defeated hosts Dominica for the ECVA Championships bronze medal
PHOTO: GIS*



Archers Keyara Smith, left, Naomi Onwufuju, David Persaud and Jadyian Smith, are competing in the Caribbean Development Championships in Tobago



*15 new Football Referees at different levels, received their certification on Sunday
PHOTO: Adrian Peters*



One Love's Carl Stewart rises above Positive's Sheldon Brown for a header, during the 5-0 victory

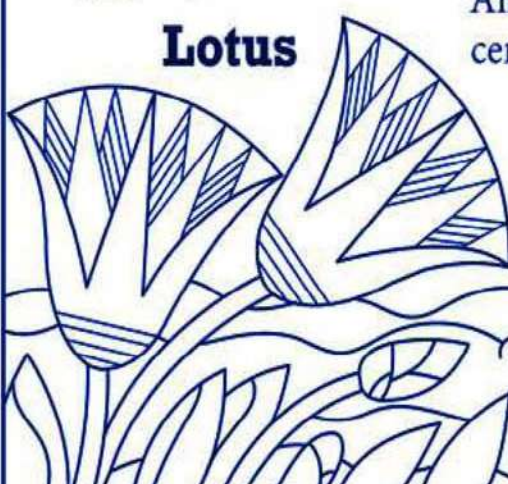
The Garden Bug

Lotus

One of the first flowers represented in the arts may be the lotus flower. It is sacred in many ancient cultures, including in ancient Egypt as a symbol of death and rebirth to the afterlife. Ancient Egyptians adorned amulets, ceramics, papyrus paintings, jewelry and household items with it. In King Tutankhamun's tomb, collar necklaces made of cut blossoms that included blue lotuses were found among his many trinkets and treasures.

- Brenda Weaver

Source: www.segmation.com



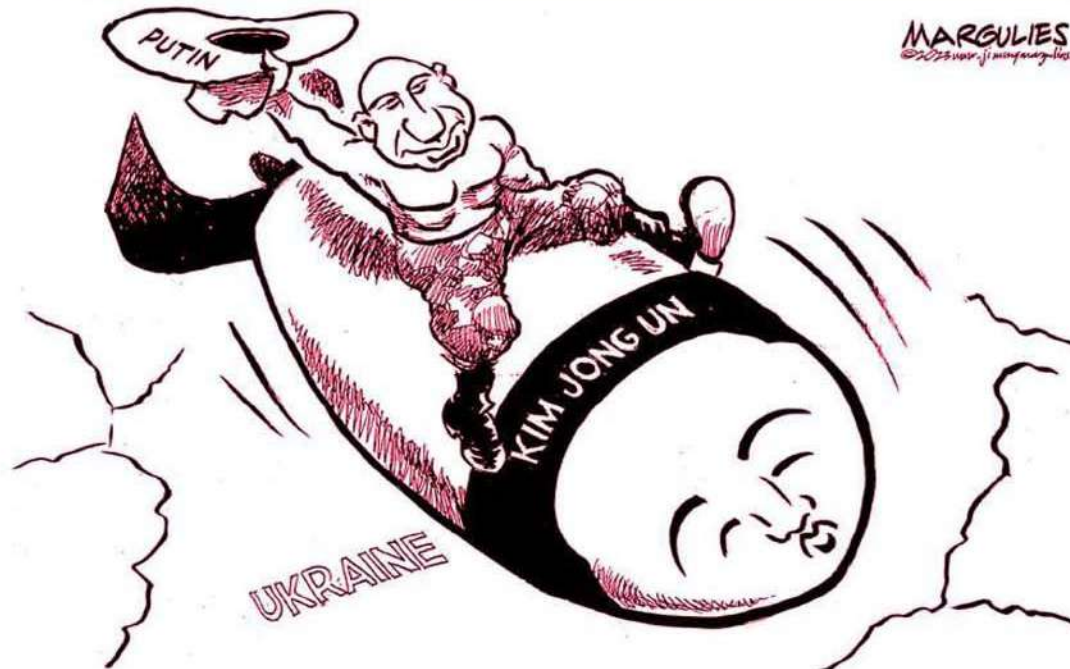
TOP TEN

Fastest Roller Coasters IN THE WORLD




1. Formula Rossa, Ferrari World, UAE
2. Kingda Ka, Six Flags, US
3. Red Force, Ferrari Land, Spain
4. Superman: Escape from Krypton, Six Flags, US
5. Fury 325, Carowinds, US
6. Steel Dragon 2000, Nagashima Spa Land, Japan
7. Millennium Force, Cedar Point, US
8. Leviathan, Canada's Wonderland, Canada
9. Orion, Kings Island, US
10. Intimidator 305, Kings Dominion, US

Source: Statista



THINK BEFORE YOU SPEAK. READ BEFORE YOU THINK.

-Fran Lebowitz



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GRIN and BEAR IT



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Wagner

"Does anyone remember where we hid the vice president?"



Out on a Limb

celebrity extra

by Dana Jackson

Q. Is "Dancing with the Stars" coming back to ABC, or will it just be on Disney+? When will they announce the new cast? I'm eager for the season to start. — P.L.

A. After one season of exclusively airing on Disney+, "Dancing with the Stars" is returning home to ABC. This is likely in part due to new episodes of scripted shows being postponed until 2024 due to the writers' and actors' strikes. It will still be available to stream on Disney+ and Hulu, but a return to network television is a welcome one.

Julianne Hough, a former pro dancer on the show, is also returning, but in the form of co-host, alongside former "DWTS" champion Alfonso Ribeiro. She replaces Tyra Banks, who has left the show after three years. Sadly, long-time judge Len Goodman passed away earlier this year after battling cancer. This year's judging panel consists of familiar faces: Derek Hough, Carrie Ann Inaba and Bruno Tonioli.

This fall's contestants feature some big names from reality TV — Charity Lawson of "The Bachelorette," Ariana Madix of "Vanderpump Rules," Mauricio Umansky of "The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills," Harry Jowsey of "Too Hot to Handle" — as well as singers Jason Mraz and Lele Pons. A wide range of thespians make up the rest of the roster: Matt Walsh ("Veep"); Mira Sorvino ("Sound of Freedom"); Barry Williams ("The Brady Bunch"); Tyson Beckford ("Zoolander"); Xochitl Gomez ("The Baby-Sitters Club"); Jamie Lynn Spears ("Zoey 102"); and Alyson Hannigan ("How I Met Your Mother"). This season's professional athlete is NFL running back Adrian Peterson.

Season 32 of "DWTS" premieres on Tuesday, Sept. 26, on ABC.

Q. I'm confused. Is Drew Barrymore's talk show coming back or not? What about Kelly Clarkson's talk show? — N.C.

A. Both of these beloved talk show hosts and their popular syndicated daytime shows are on hiatus until the writers' strike ends. Initially, "The Drew Barrymore Show" was slated to return this fall despite the strike, with Barrymore noting that her unemployed crew



Mauricio Umansky stars in season 32 of "Dancing with the Stars."

needed to get back to work. But after protests from picketers and the negative stories that ran in the press, Barrymore recently had a change of heart and agreed to wait until the strike is resolved. "The Kelly Clarkson Show" hasn't resumed filming in front of a live audience either. But when it does, it'll be relocating from Los Angeles to New York — once the strike ends.

Q. Whatever happened to actress Meg Tilly? I remember seeing her in the film "Agnes of God" years ago, but I don't recall anything recent. — L.L.

A. Meg Tilly is probably best known for her Oscar-nominated role in the film "Agnes of God" almost four decades ago, but she has transitioned from acting into a solid writing career. She has written several novels, mostly of dark subject matter, and recently co-wrote (with Kelly Fremon Craig) her first screenplay, "Ordinary Angels." The film, based on a heartwarming true story, stars two-time Oscar winner Hilary Swank and will open in theaters next February.

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by Gary Kopervas



Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



TIGER

by BUD BLAKE



The Spats

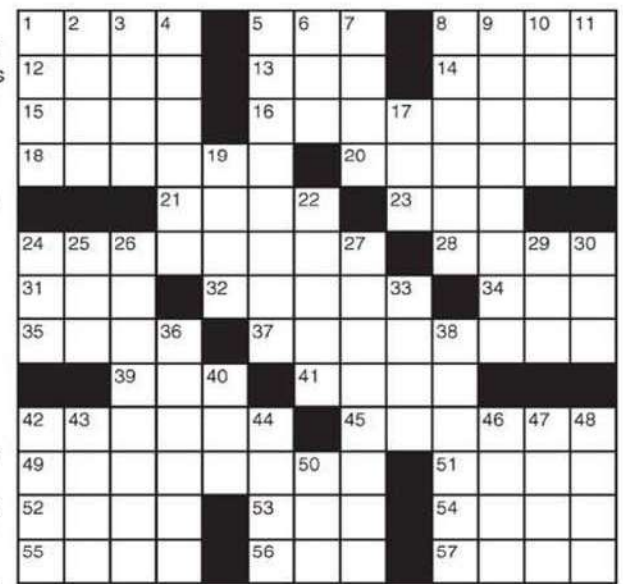
by Jeff Pickering



King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Filly's brother
- 5 Group of seals
- 8 Old U.S. gas brand
- 12 Sandwich cookie
- 13 Sailor's "yes"
- 14 "Pygmalion" writer
- 15 Nevada city
- 16 Tropical fruit
- 18 Nebraska river
- 20 Demons
- 21 Towel word
- 23 Bol. neighbor
- 24 Engages in make-believe
- 28 Tibia's place
- 31 PC key
- 32 Hotel offering
- 34 Bond rating
- 35 Bruschetta
- 37 Tormenting
- 39 Spanish gold
- 41 IRS agent
- 42 Rustic homes
- 45 TV type
- 49 Table protector
- 51 Inky stain
- 52 Italian wine region
- 53 Notable time
- 54 Booty
- 55 Slugger Sammy
- 56 Letter sealer



DOWN

- 1 Business abbr.
- 2 Hurler
- 3 Sultry Horne
- 4 Like some grins
- 5 Drink-to-go holder
- 6 Popeye's Olive
- 7 Hearing-impaired
- 8 Aromatic compounds
- 9 Chinese city
- 10 Uttered
- 11 Has
- 17 Actress Long
- 19 Afternoon affairs
- 22 Long-legged shorebird
- 24 Chest muscle
- 25 Baton Rouge sch.
- 26 Circus gymnasts
- 27 Short-lived levy of 1765
- 29 Author
- 30 Fleming Pester
- 33 Alike (Fr.)
- 36 One of the Nixons
- 38 Powerless
- 40 Low digit
- 42 Bookkeepers (Abbr.)
- 43 To boot
- 44 Diving duck
- 46 Trudge
- 47 Synthesizer pioneer
- 48 ABA member
- 50 Notre Dame's Parseghian

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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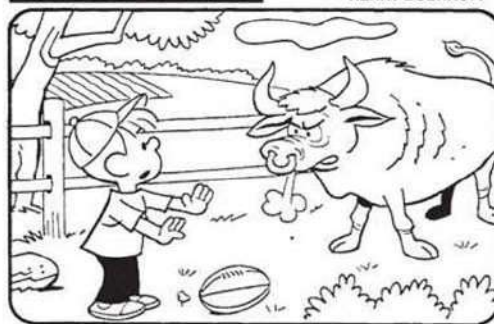
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Cap is missing. 2. Arm is missing. 3. Bull's tail is missing. 4. Cloud is different. 5. Horn is smaller. 6. Bull's tail is missing. 7. Football is missing. 8. Cloud is different.

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 22 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. LITERATURE: What is the name of the clown in Stephen King's horror novel "It"?
2. ASTRONOMY: How often does Halley's Comet appear in the Earth's sky?
3. U.S. STATES: Which state has the most electoral votes in 2024?
4. MOVIES: In "Jurassic Park," what kind of container is used to store stolen dinosaur embryos?
5. ART: Which art movement is Salvador Dali associated with?
6. AD SLOGANS: Which car manufacturer used the ad slogan "Quality is Job 1"?
7. TELEVISION: Which TV show spawned the spinoff comedy/drama "Maude"?
8. FOOD & DRINK: What is the main ingredient in falafel?
9. GEOGRAPHY: What is the world's shortest river?
10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What are a crab's pincers called?

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Trivia Test Answers: 1. Pennywise; 2. On average, every 76 years; 3. California (54); 4. A canister that looks like a Barbasol Shaving Cream can; 5. Surrealism; 6. Ford Motor Company; 7. "All in the Family"; 8. Chickpeas; 9. Roe River, Montana; 10. Chelae.

Trivia Test Answers

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



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BIBBLE TRIVIA
by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Esther (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
 2. Who killed 69 of his brethren, but spared Jotham for he hid himself? *Abimelech, Jeroboam, Uzziah, Horam*
 3. From Proverbs 25, "Whoso boasteth himself of a false gift is like clouds and wind without ____." *Meaning, Hope, Breeze, Rain*
 4. Who was the wife of Ananias, who died along with her husband after lying about an offering? *Jezebel, Anna, Sapphira, Jael*
 5. Which two foods were said to flow in the land of Canaan? *Peaches/Cream, Figs/Apples, Milk/Honey, Manna/Bison*
 6. What were the Israelites, as slaves of Egypt, mainly forced to make? *Bread, Bricks, Staffs, Spears*
- ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Abimelech, 3) Rain, 4) Sapphira, 5) Milk/Honey, 6) Bricks

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

Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- The small dots on strawberries are known as "drupelets" and are not seeds, as often thought, but do contain seeds.
- A dog named Chickie seemed like anything but man's best friend when she chewed up her owner's passport just days before his wedding in Italy. Fortunately, with a little help from local lawmakers as well as the community, a new one was issued in time for the nuptials to take place. As for Chickie, she was later given a mock "pupster passport"!
- Culinary icon Ina Garten, aka the "Barefoot Contessa," was a nuclear policy analyst for the White House before embarking on a career in cookery.
- A roll-on deodorant ball was the inspiration for Apple's first mouse prototype.
- Despite their widely different climates, Alaska and Hawaii share a highest recorded temperature of 100 F.
- Popular video game character Super Mario's original name was Jumpman. He was rechristened in honor of Mario Segale, Nintendo of America's landlord.
- A 2016 study by Yale University found that people over the age of 50 who read books for more than three and a half hours per week had a 20% lower mortality risk over a 12-year period than nonbook readers.
- Lachanophobia refers to the irrational fear of vegetables.
- All the nearly 6,000 residents of Suloszowa village in Poland live along one 9-kilometer street.
- While it's difficult to imagine anyone but Bruce Willis in the role of "Die Hard" hero John McClane, the part was originally offered to crooner Frank Sinatra, due to the film's technically being a sequel to "The Detective," in which Sinatra had played the lead.
- To own a rabbit in Queensland, Australia, you must first prove you'll display it for an acceptable purpose.

Thought for the Day: "Don't go through life, grow through life." —Eric Butterworth

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

They took the ornate robe back to their father and said, "We found this. Examine it to see whether it is your son's robe." He recognized it and said, "It is my son's robe! Some ferocious animal has devoured him. Joseph has surely been torn to pieces." Then Jacob tore his clothes, put on sackcloth and mourned for his son many days.

GENESIS 37: 32-34

Detail of "Jacob Weeping for Joseph" by Marc Chagall, 1956

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Salome's Stars

- ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Although practical situations continue to dominate this week, there's time for the Lamb to indulge in the fun things in life, like maybe taking a special someone out for a great evening.
- TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) This week favors relationships. Take time to renew old ones and make time to go where new friends can be found. On a more practical note, expect news about a business deal.
- GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) You should be seeing some progress on that new workplace situation. Meanwhile, family matters might demand more attention, and you'll want to set aside time to deal with them.
- CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) A relationship might suddenly present some challenges you never expected. After talking things out, you might want to consider taking some time to assess what you've learned.
- LEO** (July 23 to August 22) A disappointing response to a request might dampen the Lion's spirits, but you might want to ask the reasons behind it. What you learn can be of great importance in a future undertaking.
- VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) A once-volatile situation should be settled by now, giving you a chance to refocus on a project you've been planning for. Look for an interested party to rally for support.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A business matter that unexpectedly turns into a personal situation could create complications. Best to resolve the matter now before too much harm can be done.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Emotions can run high when they involve personal matters no one really wants to talk about. But this could be a good time to create the means to a workable outcome.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A positive response to a workplace request could lead the way to other long-sought changes. Congratulations. A personal situation also takes a welcome turn.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Patience pays off, as that once-overwhelming work situation continues to become easier to handle on a one-by-one basis. Look for positive news from a colleague.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) It might be a good idea to take more time and reassess your next move in working out a complex situation. You could benefit from a new perspective on the matter.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You might want to consider making time to discuss a change of plans with everyone concerned. Be prepared to explain your actions. Also be prepared to listen to alternatives.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a strong sense of what is right, and you try to work from that foundation. Friends see you as reliable.

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HOLLYWOOD

by Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD — “Priscilla’s revenge” is the new nickname for **Sofia Coppola’s** biopic of **Priscilla Presley**, as it is somewhat of a rebuttal to **Baz Lurhmann’s** “Elvis” (\$288.7 million gross and eight Oscar nominations, including one for its Elvis, **Austin Butler**). The Venice Film Festival audience afforded a tremendous ovation for “Priscilla.” In a Venice news conference, Priscilla even took the mic to say, “It’s very difficult to sit and watch a film about you and about your life and about your love. I think Sofia did an amazing job.”

She also expanded on how “Priscilla” tells her side of the story. “It was very difficult for my parents to understand that Elvis would be so interested in me and why. And I really do think [it was] because I was more of a listener,” she explained. “Elvis would pour his heart out to me in every way in Germany: his fears, his hopes, the loss of his mother, which he never got over. That was really our connection. People think, ‘Oh, it was sex.’ Not at all. I never had sex with him [then]. He was very kind, very soft, very loving, but he also respected the fact I was only 14 years old. We were more in mind, in thought, and that was our relationship.”

In addition, the Venice Film Festival gave rave reviews to **Cailee Spaeny** as Priscilla and “Euphoria” star **Jacob Elordi** as Elvis. This has elevated Elordi to the status of a sex symbol, as mobs of girls went wild outside the festival screaming “Jacob, Jacob, Jacob” desperately. Judge “Priscilla” for yourself when it opens in theaters on Nov. 3.

Woody Allen’s newest and, perhaps, last film, “Coup de Chance,” received a 5-minute ovation at the Venice Film Festival. Filmed in the French language, and also in France, it opens there on Sept. 27, but they haven’t yet set a date in the United States. Protesters stood outside shouting “no rape culture,” and “A rapist is not a sick



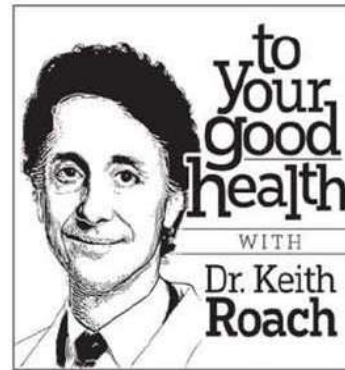
Depositphotos

Taylor Swift

man; he is the healthy son of patriarchy.” The day before, banners read “Island of rapists” and “No Golden Lion for predators,” referring to Allen and **Roman Polanski**, whose movie “The Palace” was up for a top prize. Sad that such giant creative talents have been marred by controversy.

Taylor Swift keeps breaking records. Not only has she become the first performer to gross more than \$1 billion in ticket sales in her recent tour, her movie “Taylor Swift: The Eras Tour” opens in theaters on Oct. 13. Tickets are priced at \$19.89 for adults and \$13.13 for children. The previous first-day record holder for ticket sales was \$16.9 million, and with AMC’s highly aggressive measures, her film will no doubt break records even before it hits theaters. After earning \$92 million in 2022, a fraction of what Swift will make for 2023, it’ll push her \$740 million net worth over the top. No doubt she’s a “Taylor made” billionaire!

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How to Best Utilize Compression Stockings

DEAR DR. ROACH: Would you please address how to use compression socks? I sit most of the day, so wearing the socks helps my legs to feel less heavy and tired by the end of the day. Are there people who should not wear them? And what about wearing them during exercise? — C.S.

ANSWER: Compression stockings are most commonly used in people with chronic venous insufficiency, a common condition in middle-aged to older people. The major symptom is swelling in the feet and lower legs. The swelling is usually minimal or gone in the morning and gets worse during the day, especially with prolonged standing and even sitting.

The underlying problem is that the veins, which carry blood from the legs back to the heart, get leaky over decades, and the fluid accumulates in the legs under the force of gravity. Your doctor can prescribe the right size, length and strength of stocking based on your personal condition.

The fact that you feel better with compression stockings suggests that you might have venous insufficiency, but it’s still a good idea to ask your doctor about them. Compression stockings are pretty safe, but should not be worn by people with serious reduction in arterial blood flow to the legs.

Arterial disease is completely different from venous insufficiency. It’s caused by blockages in the arteries that carry blood from the heart to the legs. An expert, such as a vascular surgeon, is an appropriate consultant for a person with arterial insufficiency before they consider using compression stockings.

Unless you have moderate to severe arterial disease (in which case you should check with your doctor if you aren’t sure), there is no harm from wearing compression stockings during exercise. There may even be some benefit.

Compression stockings should not be worn by those with an acute clot in a major leg vein (a deep venous thrombosis). Once the clot is stabilized for a few days with medication, compression stockings can help treat and even prevent swelling in the affected leg.

People with moderate to severe heart failure should exercise care before using compression stockings, which put the leaked-out fluid back into the circulation and can worsen heart failure. Again, this is an issue to discuss with your regular doctor or cardiologist prior to using compression stockings on your own.

Finally, severe venous insufficiency can cause breakdown in the skin. A person with ulcers or open wounds, or with any kind of acute infection, should be evaluated and treated prior to using compression stockings. A wound care nurse is an ideal consultant in this case.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I have a friend who is 75 years old and has large blue veins directly under the skin on her hands, arms, feet and calves. What causes them, and can they be treated? They are noticeable, and I think she is unhappy because of this issue. — P.G.

ANSWER: In fair-skinned people, it is common to see blue veins under the skin. This is not a problem. (The blood isn’t really blue. The color is due to light scattering.)

People with enlarged veins, such as varicose veins, may have more noticeable veins, but they do not need to be treated unless they are symptomatic, or if it is cosmetically important to the patient. There are many different types of treatments available, and an expert, such as a vascular surgeon, can discuss these options with the patient.

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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DO CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES NEED A NEW SOCIAL CONTRACT?

By Sir Ronald Sanders

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Recent findings by the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA) ring alarm bells for the global community: democratic governance is under threat, with an increasing number of people subjected to authoritarian regimes that bluntly infringe on human rights and freedoms.

While authoritarian regimes are emerging, detaining opposition figures, muzzling the media, and instilling fear, their societies are fragmenting and their economies are weakening, making them less able to satisfy the basic needs of their people, millions of whom are fleeing to other lands.

Their hold on power is buttressed by fear and the capacity of governing parties to keep the military loyal by acts of unusual generosity to leading figures and even to the institutions themselves. But as the adage goes, "Uneasy lies the head that wears the Crown".

Comfort in leadership is best and most sustainably derived from the wish of the people, by their informed votes cast at free, fair and transparent elections which are observed by international organizations. It ought not to rest on the vested interests of a few who benefit from the imposed structures of power.

True democracy nourishes human rights, ensures voices are heard, and confronts past injustices to foster a promising future. In this connection, governments that uphold the rule of law, human and political rights, and the freedoms of speech and dissent are more likely to guide their countries towards political stability, social advancement, and economic



development.

Yet, challenges abound. The rise of misinformation and disinformation, exacerbated by fake news on social media platforms, corrodes the fabric of democratic societies. This isn't just about inaccurate information; it's about using disinformation and misinformation as strategic ploys to mislead and harm societies.

The United Nations Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres, has expressed great concern about the use of misinformation and disinformation in societies.

While misinformation refers to the unintentional spread of inaccurate information, disinformation is not just inaccurate - it is crafted with the intent to deceive and cause harm, including race-hate and reputational damage.

All societies have to be alert to both misinformation and disinformation, questioning the accuracy of what they see and hear on social media platforms. The established media also have a responsibility to point out when false information is being spread on social media, and not to fall into the trap of themselves providing platforms for flawed and unsubstantiated charges.

In light of this, governments owe it to both themselves and their societies to maximize transparency and access to information, in order to build trust in public institutions, governance, and processes. As Secretary General Guterres put it, "they should also encourage public participation at all levels and enable meaningful dialogues and debates".

On the link between democracy and development, robust democracies are magnets for investments. They foster an environment of stability, predictability, and trust—cornerstones for any thriving economy.

However, the quality of life of the people is inextricably tied to these economic realities. Hence, at the intersection of democracy and development lies the urgent task of eradicating extreme poverty.


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elevating living standards, and ensuring that the fruits of economic growth are equitably shared.

Democracy has not fully achieved these goals, but authoritarian regimes have not attained them at all, particularly since, in their pursuit, the essential elements of human participation in decisions have been absent.

But democracies cannot rest on their laurels, having succeeded in creating societies where democracy is upheld and institutionalised, through the separation of powers between the executive, the legislature and the judiciary, a great urgency now exists to narrow the gaps between the rich and the poor, within nations and between them, by upgrading the quality of human life.

The Caribbean, with a few exceptions, stands out as a beacon in upholding democratic tenets. However, underlying issues such as high unemployment and escalating costs of living can spark civil unrest, necessitating forward-looking measures.

To navigate these crossroads, Caribbean countries must forge a renewed contract of democracy—one that not only pays homage to our tumultuous past in overcoming the bitter legacies of slavery, indentured labour, colonialism and imperialism, but also illuminates a path of hope, equity, and prosperity for all.

In its 2022 report on the Global State of Democracy, IDEA posited that democracies require a new social contract between political actors and civil society groups. IDEA proposed that this contract should be reconceptualized to reflect today's reality, addressing new and evolving public needs and demands.

This concept is already being addressed in several countries through citizens' assemblies, governmental dialogue mechanisms and new constitutions which allow for greater power sharing and structures for wider participation in decision-making.

It is a concept that might be energetically considered by all in the Caribbean.



PUBLIC NOTICES

APPOINTMENT BRICKEY INVESTMENTS CORP.

("the Company")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 32763
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that: **Brickey Investments Corp.** is in voluntary liquidation. The date of commencement of liquidation is 14th September 2023. The liquidator is **Carmine Bailey of Kendall Corporate Services Limited, 2nd Floor Abbott Building, 87 Main Street, Waterfront Drive, P.O. Box 3169; PMB425, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated 18th September 2023
Carmine Bailey
Voluntary Liquidator [19/1]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004
Agkura Technology Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2019165
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 21st 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: 22nd day of September 2023
(Sgd.) **Philippa V O'Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator [19/2]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004
CENTURY GALAXY HOLDINGS LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 654143
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 22nd 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: 22nd day of September 2023
(Sgd.) **Philippa V O'Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator [19/3]

The BVI Business Companies Act Advertisement of Liquidator's Appointment Section 204(1)(b)
RIFAT EXPORT & IMPORT COMPANY LTD
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
BC No. 1507728
(the "Company")
NOTICE is hereby given in accordance with Section 204(1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the above mentioned company has commenced liquidation and dissolution as of September 21, 2023. **Mr. Ryan Geluk of BDO Limited, Sea Meadow House, Tobacco Wharf, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands,** has been appointed liquidator.
Ryan Geluk
Voluntary Liquidator [19/4]

GREGORY SERVICES LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1859
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 21st day of September, 2023. The Liquidator is **Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated this 21st day of September, 2023
Sgd. Brian Jackson
Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator [19/5]

NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT LIGHTNING PLASMA LTD
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 2nd February, 2023; under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck from the Register.
The Liquidator is:-
Didier Parsad
c/o Clermont Consultants (MU) Limited [19/6]

NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT LIGHTNING BOLT LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 2nd February, 2023; under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck from the Register.
The Liquidator is:-
Didier Parsad
c/o Clermont Consultants (MU) Limited
1st Floor, 18, Unicity Office Park Black River Road, Bambous, 90522 Mauritius [19/7]

STRUCK OFF
Liquidator's Final Notice COVER STORY LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1799185
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to section (208) (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 7th September 2023.
Dated 25th September 2023
Carmine Bailey
Voluntary Liquidator [19/8]

Tenderfoot Investments Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1044478
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 22nd day of September, 2023. The Liquidator is **John Greenwood of FIN-LAW, Arawak Chambers, 3rd Floor, Mandar House, Johnson's Ghut, P.O. Box 2196, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
[19/9]

Plumtree Marketing Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 559075
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 22nd day of September, 2023. The Liquidator is **John Greenwood of FIN-LAW, Arawak Chambers, 3rd Floor, Mandar House, Johnson's Ghut, P.O. Box 2196, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
[19/10]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004
Tabitha Holdings Ltd.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1919997
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 25th 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: 25th day of September, 2023
(Sgd.) **Philippa V. O'Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator [19/11]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.
CHOICE MARINE VENTURES LTD.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 25th September, 2023. The Liquidator is **Mr. Meade Malone, with address at Geneva Place, 2nd Floor, #333 Waterfront Drive, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: 25th September, 2023.
(Sgd.) **Meade Malone**
Voluntary Liquidator [19/12]

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

Kaward Consulting Ltd.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1486058
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on September 25th, 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: September 26th, 2023
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator [19/13]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004
AIK INTERNATIONAL LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1792294
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 26th 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: 26th day of September 2023
(Sgd.) **Philippa V O'Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator [19/14]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
PRIMARY ERA BUSINESS INC.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1972800
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 25, 2023.
Dated: September 26, 2023
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator [19/15]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.
SAFERMA TRADING ENTERPRISES CORP.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1924191
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on September 25th, 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: September 26th, 2023
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator [19/16]

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

Soldis Commercial Corp.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1466301
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on September 25th, 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: September 26th, 2023
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator [19/17]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 203 of the BVI Business Company Act.
Bio Prox Environmental Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2044183
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 22 September 2023. The Liquidator is **Harry J. Thompson of Harbour House, P.O. Box 4428, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated 26 September 2023
(Sgd.) **Harry J. Thompson**
Voluntary Liquidator(s) [19/18]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act
DERRYVIEW HOLDINGS LTD.
(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company No. 2075610
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 5th September 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 6th September 2023
(Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**
Voluntary Liquidator [19/19]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act
Conexio Cx Ltd
(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company No. 2121757
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 5th September 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 6th September 2023
(Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**
Voluntary Liquidator [19/20]

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Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act
Happy 333 Limited
 (IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
 Company No. 1766438
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 7th September 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 7th September 2023
 (Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**
 Voluntary Liquidator [19/21]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act
Maxis Management Ltd
 (IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
 Company No. 550136
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 5th September 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 6th September 2023
 (Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**
 Voluntary Liquidator [19/25]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act
GREAT EASTERN ASSOCIATES LTD.
 (IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
 Company No. 609768
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 6th September 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 7th September 2023
 (Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**
 Voluntary Liquidator [19/29]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act
SHORE MARINE VENTURES LTD.
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 26th September, 2023. The Liquidator is **Mr. Meade Malone, with address at Geneva Place, 2nd Floor, #333 Waterfront Drive, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
 Dated: 26th September, 2023.
 (Sgd.) **Meade Malone**
 Voluntary Liquidator [19/33]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.
GT Energy, Ltd
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 2068734
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 25th September 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
 Dated: 25th September 2023.
 (Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**
 Voluntary Liquidator [19/37]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act
Happy 888 Limited
 (IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
 Company No. 1056776
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 7th September 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 7th September 2023
 (Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**
 Voluntary Liquidator [19/22]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act
SAMOT HOLDING LTD.
 (IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
 Company No. 1523964
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 6th September 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 7th September 2023
 (Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**
 Voluntary Liquidator [19/26]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act
NEW STYLE PROPERTIES INVESTMENT LTD.
 (IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
 Company No. 1853138
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 5th September 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 6th September 2023
 (Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**
 Voluntary Liquidator [19/30]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
KAIL FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS LTD.
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 1651273
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 26th, 2023.
 Dated: September 27th, 2023
 (Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
 Voluntary Liquidator [19/34]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.
Excellence New Energy Corporation
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 2068739
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 25th September 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
 Dated: 25 September 2023.
 (Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**
 Voluntary Liquidator [19/38]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act
LECANTO INVESTMENT CORP.
 (IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
 Company No. 1373101
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 5th September 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 6th September 2023
 (Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**
 Voluntary Liquidator [19/23]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act
SCOPE GROWTH INVESTORS INC.
 (IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
 Company No. 1054481
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 7th September 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 7th September 2023
 (Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**
 Voluntary Liquidator [19/27]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.
DUDELANGE FINANCIAL INC.
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 1039506
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on September 26th, 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
 Dated: September 26th, 2023
 (Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
 Voluntary Liquidator [19/31]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.
MBXNY Holdings Ltd.
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 2068738
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 25th September 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
 Dated: 25 September 2023
 (Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**
 Voluntary Liquidator [19/35]

KIRKGATE PROPERTIES (BVI) LIMITED
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company Number 262868
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 26th day of September, 2023. The Liquidator is **Mr. John Greenwood of**
 Dated this 26th day of September, 2023
 Sgd. **John Greenwood**
 Voluntary Liquidator [19/39]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act
MANDARINE BUSINESS LTD.
 (IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
 Company No. 1772307
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 6th September 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 7th September 2023
 (Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**
 Voluntary Liquidator [19/24]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act
ATLANTIC LIGHT INTERNATIONAL LIMITED
 (IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
 Company No. 2014177
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 6th September 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 7th September 2023
 (Sgd) **Myron Walwyn**
 Voluntary Liquidator [19/28]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.
Stereo IIG Growth Capital II Ltd
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 2014749
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on September 26th, 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
 Dated: September 26th, 2023
 (Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
 Voluntary Liquidator [19/32]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.
QHSD Holdings Ltd.
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 2068532
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 25th September 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
 Dated: 25 September 2023.
 (Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**
 Voluntary Liquidator [19/36]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
Engrit Services Limited
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 2084775
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 27, 2023.
 Dated: September 27, 2023
 (Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
 Voluntary Liquidator [19/40]

PUBLIC NOTICES

**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
[19]

**IN THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
VIRGIN ISLANDS
PROBATE NO. OF 2023**

IN THE ESTATE OF HUNG MAN, LATE OF P3, BLOCK C, MOUNT PAVILIA, 663 CLEARWATER BAY ROAD, SAI KUNG, NEW TERRITORIES, HONG KONG, 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 grant of the letters of administration of the estate of HUNG MAN, Deceased, late of P3, Block C, Mount Pavilia, 663 Clearwater Bay Road, Sai Kung, New Territories, Hong Kong, Deceased, granted to WONG, STEVEN KARJING and HUNG, YIN LAM by the Deputy Registrar of the High Court of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region with Grant No. HCAG021026/2022 on the 10th day of January 2023.

Harney Westwood & Riegels LP
Solicitors for the Applicants
[19]

**BELLEFLOWER
OVERSEAS LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1828412**

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 27th day of September, 2023. The Liquidator is Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated this 27th day of September, 2023
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[19/41]

**APPOINTMENT
DAKOVO HOLDINGS
LIMITED
("the Company")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1430164**

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that: Dakovo Holdings Limited is in voluntary liquidation. The date of commencement of liquidation is 26th September 2023. The liquidator is Carmine Bailey of Kendall Corporate Services Limited, 2nd Floor Abbott Building, 87 Main Street, Waterfront Drive, P.O. Box 3169; PMB425, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated 27th September 2023
Carmine Bailey
Voluntary Liquidator
[19/42]

THAI VENTURE HOLDINGS LTD

Company No. 1965991 (in voluntary liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given, in accordance with the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the above-named company, is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 25th day of September 2023 and Paula Ajarie of Lot 24 de Castro Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands VG1110, is the voluntary liquidator.
Dated: 18th day of September 2023
(SGD.) Paula Ajarie

Paula Ajarie
Voluntary Liquidator
[19/43]

**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 Karen 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 Dehodeneq 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
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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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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Notice of Appointment of a
Liquidator under Section 203 of the
BVI Business Company Act.
Runying Biotech Group
Ltd

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2076221
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 27 September 2023. The Liquidator is Harry J. Thompson of Harbour House, P.O. Box 4428, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.
Dated 28 September 2023
(Sgd.) Harry J. Thompson
Voluntary Liquidator(s) [19/44]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1864242
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 27th September 2023. The liquidator is Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.
Dated: 27th September 2023
(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator [19/45]

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

MONROE
INTERNATIONAL
TRADE LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 27th 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 Francis
Nerine Chambers
P.O. Box 905
Quastisky Building, Road Town
Tortola, VG1110 [19/46]

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

Shiny View Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 27th 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 Francis
Nerine Chambers
P.O. Box 905
Quastisky Building, Road Town
Tortola, VG1110 [19/47]

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

CLAIM NO. BVIHPB2023/

IN THE ESTATE OF HAIG ARA UREGIAN, LATE OF 10B
DRYADON STREET POLITIA KIFISIA, ATHENS 145 63
GREECE, DECEASED

ADVERTISEMENT

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 Haig Ara Uregian, late of 10B Dryadon Street Politia Kifisia, Athens 145 63 Greece granted in the High Court of Justice England and Wales Newcastle District Probate Registry on 26 October 2022.

Dated this 22nd day of September 202

Nelcia St. Jean
McW Todman & Co.
Legal Practitioners for the Administrator

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

BVIHPB 2023/

In the Estate of LUENG TAM WUN YEE late of 17th Floor, 5 Fontana Gardens, Block B, Hong Kong, deceased

ADVERTISEMENT (RESEALING)

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 Estate of LUENG TAM WUN YEE late of 17th Floor, 5 Fontana Gardens, Block B, Hong Kong, deceased was granted by the High Court of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, Court of First Instance on 23rd August, 2022.

Signed:
SAMUELS RICHARDSON & CO
Legal Practitioners for the Personal Representative

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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

PROBATE NO. OF 2023

In the Estate of Hsu, Chih-Chin late of 19F, No. 216, Xinyi Rd,
Linkou District, New Taipei City, Taiwan (R.O.C.), deceased

FORM P7: ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by KAO, CHIU-HUA of 8F-18, No. 121, Sec. 1, Chongqing S. Rd., Zhongzheng Dist., Taipei City, Taiwan (R.O.C.) for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant, who is the spouse of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on 21 January 2023.

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: 25 September 2023

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

BVIHPB2023/198

In the estate of JOHN OSWALD DAWSON also known as J. Oswald Dawson also known as Oswald Dawson, late of Carrot Bay, Tortola, Territory of the Virgin Islands, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that BRENDA PATRICIA DAWSON and SIMOND SIMEON LLEWELLYN, both of Carrot Bay, Tortola, Territory of the Virgin Islands, the Executors named in the Last Will and Testament (the Will) of JOHN OSWALD DAWSON, deceased who died on the 20th day of March, 2022 domiciled in the Territory of the Virgin Islands (the Deceased), have applied to the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the Probate Division for Probate of the Will bearing the date 29th day of September, 2020.

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



O'Neal
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Solicitors for the Executors

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

**ELEGANT TALENT
LIMITED**
BC# 1687488
(IN VOLUNTARY
LIQUIDATION)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 22 September 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St Jean of 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated 22 September 2023
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St Jean**
(Liquidator)
[19/48]

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

**Marsden Properties
Limited**
BC# 1438949
(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 25 September 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St Jean of 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated 25 September 2023
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St Jean**
(Liquidator)
[19/49]



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

Tir Na Nog Investments Ltd.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1653409

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on September 27th, 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: September 28th, 2023
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator [19/50]

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

**Online Teaching &
Education Group Limited**
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1997515

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 28 September 2023. Dated: 28 September 2023.
(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator
[19/51]

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GOVERNMENT OF THE
VIRGIN ISLANDS

VACANCY NOTICE

TAXI AND LIVERY COMMISSION (TLC)

The Government's Vision is to transform the Virgin Islands into a leading economy through entrepreneurship, innovation and local and foreign investment. This means creating a thriving, vibrant, diversified and innovative, knowledge-based economy, with an attractive business environment that ensures full employment and full participation in global trade.

TAXI AND LIVERY COMMISSION

The Taxi and Livery Commission is the regulatory body of the land transportation-for-hire industry of the British Virgin Islands.

The Government of the Virgin Islands is seeking qualified persons to fill the following positions:

- Member representing the Livery Service Operators

Persons applying to serve on the Board should have the professional competencies that exemplify integrity, respect and a balance of skills and experience that match the purpose, mission and values of the Commission.

THE IDEAL CANDIDATES EMBODY THE FOLLOWING QUALITIES:

Since most of the work of the Board will be done during regularly scheduled meetings, the competencies required for an effective Board Member include the ability to:

- a) Possess the requisite leadership skills and experience in sectors directly relevant to the Commission's functions and responsibilities. Clearly understand the industry and the needs of its stakeholders.
- b) Capable and willing to attend scheduled Board meetings, and actively contribute to the discussion.
- c) Attend meeting and make a substantial active contribution to Board deliberations. Share recommendations on how the Board can enhance the effective performance of its functions and mandate.

- d) Partner with Board Member to ensure that all Board resolutions are carried out and that actions to achieve the Commission's strategic goals are successfully undertaken.
- e) Develop a good working relationship with other Board members and contribute to the Board's working relationship with the senior management of the Commission.
- f) Demonstrate a commitment to confidentiality and good corporate governance.
- g) Think strategically, manage complexity and act decisively.
- h) Demonstrate ability and willingness to work effectively and collaboratively in a group.
- i) Possess an innovative spirit and the ability to think out of the box.

TRAINING/SKILL/EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:

Board Members must have commercial experience and acumen within a substantial private sector business or past public sector experience ideally from a relevant environment in the field of expertise which may include: leisure and tourism, maritime, finance, law, economics, management, among other related business sector leadership.

Interested persons are asked to send documents (**Cover Letter** and **Résumé/Curriculum Vitae**) to the address provided below by the closing date.

Agency:

Permanent Secretary
Ministry of Communications and Works
Government of the Virgin Islands
Simmonds Building,
Manuel Reef, Tortola VG1110
British Virgin Islands

Telephone: 1(284) 468-2183
Email: mcw@gov.vg

CLOSING DATE:
13th October, 2023

Lions Club of Tortola Sponsors Lions International Peace Poster Contest

(September 21, 2023, Road Town, Tortola)-- For over three decades, Lions Clubs around the globe have been sponsoring a very special art contest in schools and youth groups, the Lions International Peace Poster Contest. Today, Lions Club of Tortola is gearing up to launch the contest in our local BVI community.

Creating peace posters gives children everywhere the chance to express their visions of peace and inspire the world through art and creativity. The contest will give children from 11 - 13 years old the opportunity to display their interpretation of what Peace means to them through this year's theme "Dare to Dream". By entering this contest, local students are joining more than 600,000 children from around the world in sharing their vision of world peace. Lions Club of Tortola is eager to see how each participant interprets the theme and show how they'll turn their dream of a peaceful world into reality.

The contest would be administered through local schools and youth groups with a submission deadline of October 27th, 2023, to receive entries. The local competition would be judged by professionals and artists with prizes to be awarded to students placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd place and

to the school with the winning entry.

Posters will be evaluated on three criteria at each level of judging: originality, artistic merit and expression of the theme "Dare to Dream." The contest winner will be recognized by Lions Club of Tortola and the winning poster will advance to the next level of judging at the District Level. The international grand prize winner will receive a cash prize along with a trip for themselves and two family members or guardians to the Lions Clubs International Convention.

The International Day of Peace is observed around the world on 21 September and is dedicated to strengthening the idea of peace, educating people about the importance of coexistence and conflict prevention and fostering a non-violent culture. It encourages individuals and communities to work towards more peaceful solutions.

Please contact your school, youth group or tortolalions@gmail.com, for the official contest rules and conditions. Lions Club of Tortola has been serving the local community for the past fifty-one years. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month at the BVI Finance Conference Room, Cutlass Tower in Road Town.



LIONS CLUB OF TORTOLA
Sponsors

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PEACE 2023 - 2024
PEACE POSTER CONTEST
Theme: Dare to Dream



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Theme: Dare to Dream

Theme: this year's contest theme is "Dare to Dream". Students are asked to use their artistic talents to create a poster that visually communicates the contest's theme, and their interpretation of peace.

Eligibility: The contest is open to children who will be 11, 12 or 13 on November 15, 2023. By entering this contest, students are joining more than 600,000 children from around the world in sharing their vision of world peace.

Prizes: Winners at the local, district, and international levels will receive recognition and awards. The international grand prize winner will receive a cash prize along with a trip for themselves and two family members or guardians to the Lions Clubs International Convention. The school with the winning entry will also receive local recognition and an award.

Submission Deadline for submitting entries is October 27th, 2023.

Posters will be evaluated on three criteria at each level of judging: originality, artistic merit and expression of the theme "Dare to Dream." The contest winner will be recognized by Lions Club of Tortola and the winning poster will advance to the next level of judging at the District Level. Please contact your school, art group or email tortolalions@gmail.com for official contest rules & conditions.

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THE ISLAND SUN CLASSIFIED ADS



THELMA'S HIDEOUT, North Valley, Virgin Gorda is seeking to employ 1 **PART-TIME GENERAL WORKER**:
 The successful applicant should have worked previously in a bar/restaurant and is knowledgeable. This position requires a strong mature individual who is firm, polite, friendly with an out-going personality, and excellent customer service. Must be a team player and be able to multi-task and work unsupervised. Should be trustworthy, able to do simple math, take customers orders, serve, prepare tabs, physically fit and be able to lift, stretch, stand on feet for long time, work long late hours, and some cleaning/housekeeping as necessary and be willing to cover/work any area as it relates to the business should and when the need arise; must be willing to be flexible and work a split-shift, weekends, and public holidays.
 If you are seriously interested email resume/cover letter to: hi.a.grade.productions@gmail.com or write to: Hi.a.Grade. Productions, P. O. Box 1093, North Valley, Virgin Gorda VG1150
 [s20]

RelyOn-Marketing Group is accepting applications for a **SPORTS JOURNALIST**. Five-years-minimum experience, good editing and photography skills, and ability to work unsupervised. Salary - will be commensurate-with experience. Please respond in writing together with your Resume and four samples of your published work to The Publisher, RelyOn Marketing Group at www.relyonmg@gmail.com.
 [s20]

A C E - P r o p e r t y Development Ltd. is seeking a Cleaner. Minimum 3 years experience. Serious applicants please call 346-8180.-BVI Islanders or Belongers preferred.
 [s20]

Haven Rentals is seeking a **Customer-Service Representative**. Please email CV to havengroupdealers@gmail.com [s20]

BK C-Store Fashion & Auto Stop hiring Cashier / Store Attendant - **FULL-TIME** and Cleaner / Store Attendant - **PART-TIME**. Formal inquiries only - Email: bkestore@yahoo.com or WhatsApp: 284-442-1842. Absolutely no Telephone nor Walk-in enquiries. Belongers Preferred.
 [s20]

North Sound Maintenance Repair Services requires full time positions 2 Carpenters, 1 Mason, 1 Cleaning Service Person & 1 Delivery Driver. Please call 284-342-4268 for further details.[s20]

The **Pizza Guy** is seeking a full time Customer Services Representative to assist with kitchen supplies and delivery. Please call 284-547-9938 for further details.
 [s20]

PLAYROOM NIGHT CLUB seeks Four (4) full Time Bartenders. Please call 545-6776 for further details.
 [s20]

VIRGIN GORDA TRANSPORT LIMITED
 The following vacancies exist with Speedy's Garage Limited and Virgin Gorda Transport Limited

(2) **Ferry Captains**: Must be a holder of Grade 1 Masters License 100T Minimum. Individuals must be mature over 25 years old and have good leadership and communication skills. Applicant should possess valid STCW Basic, Crowd Control and Crisis Management Certificate and Security training. Minimum Experience of five years required

(5) **Ferry Crew/Deckhands**: Seeking able bodied individuals willing to fill these positions. Applicants must have STCW certificate, a strong swimmer, mature, possess

(5) **Shuttle Drivers**: Looking for individuals over 25 years old with excellent driving skills, must be able to drive standard transmission trucks. Applicants must be able to comfortably and safely transport passengers to designated destinations. Eligible person must have good customer service and communication skills and a friendly personality for this position.

(2) **Ticket Agents**: Applicants applying for this position must be pleasant with great customer service skills, be computer literate and have good math skills. Honest, committed and hardworking individuals only.

BVI Islanders or Belongers preferred. Only serious applicants need apply. Application Forms available at Speedy's Headquarters, Valley, Virgin Gorda.
 Email: info@speedysbvi.com
 Telephone: (284) 495-5240
 [s21]

FOR RENT

One Bedroom Apartments Available For Rent.
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 Note: Tenant(s) will be responsible for electricity - suitable for a single person or a couple. Please call Wayne Todman at 440-3494 for viewing. Serious inquiries only.
 [s21]

REAL ESTATE

For Sale of Land
 Available for immediate Sale is 0.869 acres of land located in the quiet hillside community of Soldier's Hill, Tortola, the land provides superb views of Brewer's Bay Beach and faces Tortola's North side with an access road off Brewer's Bay Road.
 The land is located seventeen minutes from Road Town and only a few minutes from Cane Garden Bay.
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 [s22]

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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 [s19]

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 to info@aquaviwater.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]

DAREO'S JERK CENTRE needs two full time COOKS with at least five years experience in Jamaican Cuisine. Telephone 543-1691 [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]

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. [s19]

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

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. [s21]

**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.
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- 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.

BVIlanders 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 [s19]

Beans Coffee Co.
Currently seeking full time barista with bartending experience for our well established coffee shop in Road Town. Experience in customer facing roles is essential and 2 years minimum barista experience required. These are long term roles involving early, late and weekend shifts including bank holidays. Interested persons should email their resume/CV to beansbvi@gmail.com. or Telephone: 541-1057
BVIlanders/Belongers preferred. [s20]

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