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TRIAL OF FORMER PREMIER FAHIE IS IN LEGAL LIMBO

Former-BVI-Premier Andrew-Fahie-finds himself-in-legal-limb-following-the-unprecedented-post-trial-dispute-gripping-the-case. In a Miami Herald article

on 20 February noting the most recent update on this matter it was stated that U.S. District Judge Kathleen Williams, who presided over the case, expressed her frustration

at the complexity of the situation, labeling it as "unusual in many respects."

The dilemma arose when two jurors, moments after being officially

discharged, reached out to the judge to voice apparent-misgivings regarding their guilty verdicts, creating a rare post-verdict controversy.

Despite efforts to resolve the issue, a solution remains-elusive.-The judge has summoned both federal prosecutors and defense attorneys to reconvene on 7 March, with the expectation of presenting a potential legal remedy.

At the heart of the debate lies the disagreement between the prosecution and-defense.-Federal prosecutors argue against revisiting the verdicts, citing-the-missing-evidence-of-a-mistake-or-external-p pressures-on-the-jury. Conversely, defense attorneys advocate for a reevaluation, emphasizing the-severity-of-the-mandatory-minimum-sentence attached to

Fahie's cocaine trafficking conviction.

Complicating matters further is the revelation that one of the jurors engaged in unauthorized communication with a defense attorney following the verdict. According to court documents, the juror expressed concerns about the possibility of jurors reconvening and failing to reach an agreement. This interaction has become a focal point in the ongoing and unprecedented legal saga.

The defense contends that the judge possesses the discretion to re-poll the jury or, at the very least, question the two jurors about their verdicts. However,-prosecutors vehemently oppose such actions, asserting that there is no legal basis for further inquiry in the

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absence of allegations of juror misconduct.

As both sides prepare to present their arguments once again before Judge Williams, the future remains uncertain for Fahie. The outcome of this legal conundrum will not only impact the former BVI Premier's fate but also raise questions about the integrity of the justice system in handling complex and contentious cases.

The Miami federal jury unanimously found Fahie guilty of conspiring to import cocaine into the United States and three related charges of money laundering and racketeering on 8 February. His sentencing is supposedly scheduled for 29 April.

It was explained that there are strict constitutional restrictions on how much inquiry judges and attorneys can make into a

jury's deliberations.

During an unusual post-verdict hearing on 12 February, Judge Williams acknowledged the unique scenario, stating, "I have extremely limited avenues to explore."

Ultimately, the judge could choose to uphold the verdicts or declare a mistrial, potentially leading to Fahie facing another trial with a different jury.

DEPUTY PREMIER TO TACKLE INSTANCES OF DISCRIMINATION WITHIN THE CHARTER YACHT INDUSTRY



Hon. Lorna Smith

During a recent House of Assembly sitting, Deputy Premier and Minister of Labour Hon. Lorna Smith reiterated her commitment to tackling any instances of discrimination within the charter yacht industry against local captains, chefs, and crew members. This declaration came in response to concerns raised by Second District Representative Hon. Melvin 'Mitch' Turnbull regarding the apparent reluctance of charter yacht companies to hire qualified British Virgin Islanders.

Hon. Turnbull highlighted a troubling trend indicating a decline in employment opportunities for British Virgin Islanders within the industry, with an increasing preference for individuals holding work permits or contracted positions.

Addressing lawmakers, the Deputy Premier firmly denounced any discriminatory practices. She assured that decisive action would be taken against any charter company found guilty of such practices. While acknowledging the absence of concrete data on recent employment figures, Hon. Smith emphasized her awareness of complaints lodged by industry employees. These grievances, she noted, are currently being addressed through mechanisms outlined in the Labour Code.

The Minister of Labour further acknowledged the prevalent perception within the community regarding unequal

opportunities for local talent compared to those holding work permits. She pledged to investigate these allegations thoroughly to ensure fair treatment for all.

It was further noted that the government, under Hon. Smith's leadership, is actively exploring various measures to bolster employment prospects for BV Islanders in the marine sector. This includes expanding training and skill development programs facilitated by the HLSCC (H. Lavity Stouff Community College) to equip locals with the necessary expertise.

Additionally, plans are underway to establish a comprehensive labor management system featuring a database of local talent actively seeking employment, complemented by a job matching platform. These initiatives aim to streamline the recruitment process and maximize opportunities for indigenous workers in the charter yacht industry.

MESSAGE BY DR. THE HONOURABLE KARL DAWSON JUNIOR MINISTER OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS IN THE AREA OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES ON THE OCCASION OF THE ELMORE STOUTT HIGH SCHOOL AGRICULTURE EXPO

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST, 2024



Karl Dawson

Good day.

I greet the Minister of Education and Culture, Principal, other leaders and staff of the Elmore Stouff High School, and most notably, the staff and students involved in the agriculture programme and largely responsible for today's exhibition. I was very much looking forward to this event, but I am currently off-island attending to a personal matter.

I congratulate you on today's exhibition. This accomplishment confirms the truth in the well-known saying, "Where there is a will, there is a way". The hard work of the students and the dedication of leaders such as Mr Cecil Hodge and Mr Gordon cannot be commended enough. The benefits of the agriculture activity at the school are many. I offer a few;

the active engagement of students in a positive co-curricula activity as opposed to involvement in activities that do not contribute to their development.

contribution to increased agriculture production in the territory as we seek to feed ourselves more and reduce the import bill

the production of safe and healthy; food that can be made available for any feeding programme at the institution igniting passion for agriculture in young persons that may lead to them choosing the field as a career or pursuing agricultural production as an activity that complements their career.

During my tenure as Junior Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries, we are seeking to re-energize the sector through greater engagement with producers and users of agriculture products, facilitating learning conversations between producers so that each one can help one, and clearly determining and communicating the Government's policy concerning the sector so stakeholders can be clear about what to expect.

A key part of this thrust must focus on you, the young people. While there have been individuals from the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries who have lent and continue to lend support to the school programme, our overall commitment must be higher. Our newly adopted mission for the Department is "to promote and facilitate the production of safe and healthy food". Facilitating this production requires investing time and other resources in our youth.

I pledge to do my part in encouraging and supporting this programme and advocating on your behalf. We plan to include an online forum that would expose interested students to the opportunities for agriculture education offered by various schools in the region during Agriculture and Fisheries Month to be held in March. I hope all those involved in the Agriculture club or enrolled in classes will find it possible to attend.

I congratulate you all once again and wish you a successful exhibition.

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DR. QUINCY LETTSOME LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE WILL IMPACT MANY GENERATIONS TO COME

The British Virgin Islands community is in mourning following the loss of Dr. Quincy Lettsome, a revered figure in education, BVI history, and community development. Dr. Lettsome passed away on 13 February at the age of 82, leaving behind a legacy of dedication and service that touched countless lives.

Born in Long Swamp, Tortola, Dr. Quincy Lettsome dedicated over five decades of his life to the noble pursuit of shaping young minds and enriching the cultural fabric of the British Virgin Islands. His journey in education began with his early teaching education at the Leeward Islands Teachers Training College in Antigua, where he honed his skills and passion for teaching from 1963 to 1965.

Following his training, Dr. Lettsome undertook various leadership roles in education, including serving as Head

Teacher at Cane Garden Bay Methodist Elementary School from 1965 to 1968 and later as Principal at Road Town Primary School. In 1972, he joined the BVI High School, where he left an indelible mark over the years, serving in roles such as Year Head, Geography Department Head, House Master, Deputy Principal, and ultimately as Principal. Even as he pursued his own academic endeavors, including completing his doctoral studies at Hull University in 1991, Dr. Lettsome remained dedicated to his students and the education system of the BVI. Upon his return, he held several key positions within the Department of Education and Culture, including Curriculum Coordinator, Five Year Education Plan Coordinator, Deputy Chief Education Officer, and Chief Education Officer.

Dr. Lettsome's influence

extended beyond the classroom. He was a tireless advocate for teachers' rights and educational advancements, serving for 18 years as President of the BVI Teachers Union. Under his leadership, significant strides were made in initiatives such as the establishment of the Teaching Service Commission, the implementation of the Hull University Programme, and the organization of Education Week.

Additionally, Dr. Lettsome's commitment to preserving the cultural heritage of the BVI was evident in his literary contributions. He authored impactful books such as "August Mondays and Festivals – An ABC Heritage Guide" and "Virgin Islands: An Alphabetical Heritage," which continue to serve as valuable resources for understanding and celebrating the islands' rich history.



The Late Dr. Quincy Lettsome

Dr. Quincy Filmore Lettsome' passing at age 82 leaves a profound void in the BVI community, but his legacy of excellence, dedication, and cultural preservation will continue to inspire generations to come. He is survived by his three children and three grandchildren, who carry forward his spirit of service and commitment to

education.

For many years Dr. Lettsome wrote regular feature articles for The Island Sun; he was a luminary and pioneer founder of the BVI Teachers Union.

The publishers, management and staff The Island Sun newspaper convey the most sincere condolences to the family, friends and admirers of the deceased.

BVI MUST BE FREE OF CRIME AND LAWLESSNESS: BISHOP CLINE SAYS



Bishop John I. Cline

Community advocate Bishop John I. Cline is calling for a bold stance against crime, poor policing, and security concerns in the British Virgin Islands, emphasizing the need for courageous

individuals to step forward and make their voices heard.

Despite a modest turnout of just about five persons for a recent march held on 14 February 2024, Bishop Cline delivered a powerful message, rallying attendees from Noel Lloyd Positive Action Movement Park to the Office of the Governor. He stressed that while a large crowd wasn't necessary, courageous individuals willing to stand up for their country and the safety of future generations are paramount.

"This isn't about numbers; it's about courage," declared

Bishop Cline during the march. "We need people who are willing to take a stand for their country, for the safety and security of our children and their children's children."

Highlighting the urgency of the situation, Bishop Cline reiterated the march's purpose of securing a better future for the BVI, free from the grip of crime and lawlessness.

"We want to save our youth from the clutches of crime," he urged passionately. "There is no place for criminals to roam our streets unchecked. We need to send

a clear message that their actions are not acceptable in our community."

In addition to addressing the role of law enforcement, Bishop Cline emphasized the crucial role parents play in curbing crime. He called on parents to take responsibility for their children's actions and urged them to report any illegal activity, including the possession of weapons, to the authorities.

"This isn't just a police issue; it's a community issue, and parents must play their part," Bishop Cline asserted. "We cannot afford to raise another generation plagued

by criminality. Our young men must know that there are better opportunities than resorting to a life of crime."

He also delivered a stern message to parents engaged in criminal activities, warning of the damaging example they set for their children and the broader community.

"What legacy are you leaving for your children if you engage in criminal behavior?"-questioned Bishop Cline. "We must show our youth that there is a better way, and it starts with us."

Statement by Honourable Wheatley on the New Glass Crusher Online at Pockwood Pond



Hon. Vincent O. Wheatley

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

TUESDAY, 20TH FEBRUARY 2024

Madam Speaker, the Ministry of Health and Social Development and the Department of Waste Management are diligently working towards our long terms goals in the area waste management for this Territory, and it gives me great pleasure to inform this

Honourable House that new equipment to process glass waste collected through our WE RECYCLE Programme is operational at Pockwood Pond.

Through our partnership with local non-profit organization, Green VI, we were able to acquire the new equipment. Green VI, which has partnered with the Government of the Virgin Islands for environmental betterment

since 2016, obtained a grant of fifty-two thousand dollars (\$52,000.00) from the Palmer Foundation for the purchase of a new Glass Crusher. We also received support from additional donors towards the housing and installation of the machinery.

The introduction of the crusher is in line with our on-going efforts to divert as much waste as possible from being burned or buried. The crusher, which is operated and maintained by the Department of Waste Management, is deemed an essential piece of machinery since approximately 20% of BVI waste consists of glass. When improperly managed, it presents numerous challenges, such as filling up our limited landfill space, damaging the incinerator and contributing to unsightly litter. Whereas, when properly managed, glass waste is an asset and an opportunity. Glass is made of silica, which is essentially sand. When crushed, glass is a valuable resource that can be used as aggregate in construction, roadworks, landscaping, beach restoration, land stabilization, filtration, sand blasting and art applications.

The newly acquired Andela Glass Crusher has the capacity to process 2000 pounds of glass waste per hour. Through the WE RECYCLE Programme, glass bottles and jars are collected and crushed by the machine, resulting in the production of fine sand and various sizes of aggregates. Madam Speaker, the by-product from the crusher will be used to cover incoming waste at the Pockwood Pond Dumpsite to reduce the risk of fires. The crushed glass will also be used at the site as the base for the access road. In due course, the aggregate will also be used for, among other things, sandblasting, filtration and in sidewalks.

With the glass crusher in place, it is expected that the BVI will be one-step closer in becoming a regional

model for effective glass management. Additionally, with the enactment of appropriate waste management legislation, it is anticipated that the BVI's glass waste can be diverted from environmentally harmful practices such as burning, burying, and littering.

Madam Speaker, I would like to encourage residents to support this initiative by rinsing their used glass bottles and containers, and placing them in our WE RECYCLE bins throughout the Territory. Restaurants, bars and other businesses are also urged to participate by taking clean discarded glass items directly to the Pockwood Pond Facility.

Madam Speaker, I thank you.

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VI Government to Reestablish Community Bus Service

Minister for Communications and Works, Honourable Kye M. Rymer has said that preparations are already underway to re-establish a Community Bus

Service in the Territory.

Honourable Rymer said the Government of the Virgin Islands recognised the need to re-establish a community based public transportation

service through the arm of the Taxi and Livery Commission (TLC) and that the initiative will be rolled out by the Third quarter of 2024.



Honourable Rymer said, "The completion of the Road Town Market Square Bus Shelter was the first phase, as a designated space in the picking up and dropping off of persons wishing to be connected to their respective communities."

Director of the Taxi and Livery Commission, Mr. Jevaughn Parsons said after the natural disasters of 2017 and the close of the National Bus Service contract, the initiative was dormant.

Mr. Parsons said, "We are aware of the need for public transportation in the Territory. However we also recognised the need for a designated staging area for the organisation, transfer and movement of persons within the city."

The director said, "On the roll out of the Community Bus Service, it is our hope that the Market Square Bus Stand will be the hub or terminal for persons desirous of being connected to their respective communities, by the Public Transport Operators who are members of the Community Bus Service conglomerate."

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



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- (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

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- (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

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- (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)

Road Works Underway From Hodges Creek To Paraquita Bay

The Government of the Virgin Islands is continuing its road improvement works and 3,813 linear feet of concrete roadway is under construction from Hodges Creek to Paraquita Bay.

Minister for Communications and Works, Honourable Kye M. Rymer said the Government is desirous of executing and completing road improvement works and remedying defects.

Honourable Rymer said, "The Road Rehabilitation Project from Hodge's Creek to Paraquita Bay are expected to last six months and we solicit the patience and caution of motorists and residents as we continue 'Building a Better Road Network One Project at a Time'."

Northam Construction was awarded the contract to undertake the project in the sum of Two Million Three Hundred and Eighty-Six Thousand, Fifteen Dollars and Ninety-Nine Cents (US\$2,386,015.99).

Chief of Infrastructure and Development in the ministry Mr. Duane Fraites said that the scope of works include providing all plant, labour, equipment and materials and performing all operations in connection with the following:

Demolition and excavation works to remove the existing asphalt road layer

Construction of manholes, interceptor drains, piping and other drainage systems.

Construction of retaining wall structures

Earthworks, compaction and installation of road base

Construction of new reinforced concrete roadway and entrance pavement

Facilitating works for all utilities and telecommunication companies and make good to all services.

Additional updates will be forthcoming as the works progress to completion.

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Deputy Governor's Office Reports Significant COI Implementation

The Office of the Deputy Governor has reported that of the 31 actions assigned to their office, twenty (20) have

been completed, ten (10) are significantly advanced and one (1) is no longer applicable.

This development follows

Minister for the Americas, the Caribbean and UK Overseas Territories, David Rutley's visit to the Territory, during which

he urged the Government to aggressively advance the Commission of Inquiry (COI) recommendations.

Premier and Minister of Finance, Honourable Dr. Natalio D. Wheatley, provided an update on the Minister's visit and subsequent progress of COI Implementation in a recent Press Briefing, stating, "The majority of the remaining [recommendations] is well on the way to a timely completion."

The Premier cited a number of recommendations under the Office of the Deputy Governor that have been advanced at the necessary pace to ensure significant progress in light of Minister Rutley's request.

These he said include Recommendation B4 – Public Register of Interests. The Premier said the legislation to extend the Register of Interests to a wider category of persons in public life is already with the House of Assembly, having undergone its First Reading.

It was noted that one of the Actions under this Recommendation is that of the establishment of the Integrity Commission and that with the Integrity in Public Life Act having come into force on 7th February 2024, the process of appointing the chairperson and members to establish the Integrity Commission will soon commence.

Additionally, Recommendation B36 – Review of the Public Service Management Act was also highlighted as the Draft Bill from the Attorney General's Chambers is presently in the process of being reviewed by the Deputy Governor's Office. Once the Bill is finalised it will be taken to Cabinet, and then to the House of Assembly for consideration and approval.



Deputy Governor,
Mr. David D. Archer, Jr.

Deputy Governor, Mr. David D. Archer, Jr. also commented on the significant progress being made adding that his office has been aggressively working toward meeting the requirements of all 31 recommendations that fall under its purview.

The Deputy Governor said, "This is a major responsibility, and public officers within our Office and throughout the Governor's Group continue to show their unwavering dedication in seeing this process to completion." He said that reform is a vital component in advancing the work of Government and transforming the Public Service into a world-class organisation.

Permanent Secretary, Mrs. Sharleen Dabreo-Lettsome, MBE similarly noted that all recommendations assigned to the Office of the Deputy Governor are well advanced.

Mrs. Dabreo-Lettsome, MBE said. "I am pleased with the significant progress that we were able to share with Minister Rutley. I encourage all public officers within the Office of the Deputy Governor and throughout other ministries to continue at this swift pace."

Individuals interested in the progress of the COI implementation can visit vicoiimplementation.vg for first-hand, updated information on the status of the recommendations.

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East End Public Library Relocated to Wheatley Building



The public library in Long Look East End has been relocated to the Wheatley building in Major Bay.

The library which is located on the ground floor of the Wheatley building was closed for several months to allow for infrastructural work on the building. The new location has a ramp and will be easily accessible by physically challenged persons, in keeping with the standard for library buildings worldwide.

Minister for Education, Youth Affairs and Sports Honourable Shari De Castro congratulated the Chief Librarian and her team on the reopening and spoke of the importance of public access to information in relation to the mandate of the ministry.

Honourable DeCastro said, “We are really appreciative of this step to create a public space where reading can come alive. Important is how close it is to the Willard Wheatley Primary School, and it creates an opportunity for the students to visit and truly experience what it means to have a library and to make it an integral part of our education system once again.”

The Minister added that her Ministry was extremely elated and looks forward to the additional steps to be taken to advance library services in the Territory.

Premier and Minister of Finance Honourable Dr. Natalio Wheatley also addressed the library’s opening and spoke of how

integral public libraries are to nation building.

The Premier said, “The foundation of the success of the Virgin Islands is education, and you cannot have education without having reading and libraries to be able to consume that information. I grew up in the library. I know the power of libraries to open up the minds of our young people to explore the possibilities way beyond the shores of the Virgin Islands and to engage your imagination to think of all the possibilities that exist for an individual.”

Meanwhile, Chief Librarian, Ms. Suzanne Greenaway said the space in the building will allow for a better organisation of the book collection and other furnishings. Ms. Greenaway said the library will now provide two small units which it did not have at its previous location: a Caribbean Studies Unit where Caribbean and local materials will be housed and computer sections where customers can access the Internet, check email, do word processing and print their documents. She added that the ambience in the library and the aesthetically



pleasant layout will be pleasing to the public.

The Chief Librarian said, “We know that the library is an integral part of the community, and we are eagerly looking forward to welcoming the public again, and meeting their varied information needs.”

The public is reminded that the Virgin Gorda and Anegada Community Libraries are open and available to meet their information needs.

Persons can contact the Public Library Service via email at libraryservices@gov.vg, on Facebook at Public Library Service of the Virgin Islands, and they can gain access to the Library’s catalog VILIBCAT at: www.vipubliclibraries.goalexandria.com

The Public Library Service of the Virgin Islands continues to provide-information through-technology and various formats to meet the educational, historical, recreational and cultural needs of the general public of the Virgin Islands.

Before you discipline a child

- S** - stop! Calm yourself and your child
- T** - take a few deep breaths
- O** - observe the needs of your child
- P** - proceed in a kind but firm manner











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**STATEMENT BY MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND WORKS HONOURABLE KYE M. RYMER AT
THE EIGHTH SITTING OF THE FIRST SESSION
OF THE FIFTH HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS ON THE CABLE AT JOST VAN DYKE**

Tuesday 20th February 2023



Hon. Kye M. Rymer

Madam Speaker, since 17th September of last year, the residents of Jost Van Dyke have endured inconveniences and uncertainties due to receiving power from a standby generator. This became

necessary after a fault occurred on a section of the lone subsea power cable from the electrical grid between Tortola and Jost Van Dyke, rendering it unusable.

Madam Speaker, I am pleased to report that on 15th February, the British Virgin Islands Electricity Corporation (BVIEC) successfully restored power to the entire island.

I must take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the General Manager, Dr. Neil Smith, and his entire team for their valiant efforts in supporting Jost Van Dyke during the period of the interruption.

They demonstrated immediate response, regardless of the time of day or night, to correct any concerns regarding the generator that supplied power island-wide. The BVI Electricity Corporation was also vigilant in stationing technical personnel on Jost Van Dyke during the New Year's Celebrations, to be able to immediately address any issues that may have developed during that time.

Madam Speaker, while the presence of this generator on Jost van Dyke was a temporary resolution, the BVI Electricity Corporation recognized that it

was an inconvenience for the residents in the form of the noise, and frequent outages that were needed to ensure that the generator was regularly serviced.

Commercially as well, it has also been a net loss to the Corporation. However, it must be noted that despite the high relative cost of operating the generator to provide a temporary source of electricity on Jost Van Dyke, the rates and charges to the residents have remained at the same per unit price of electricity charged to every other customer in these Beautiful Virgin Islands.

In a very limited/negligible way, due to the additional use of fuel to generate power on Jost Van Dyke, the fuel surcharge rates for all customers are affected. However, due to the insignificant volumes of fuel consumed relative to the fuel consumption used by BVIEC to power the rest of the territory, the changes in fuel surcharge calculation is unnoticeable as it is fractions of a cent on each dollar spent. Maintenance, repair and transportation costs are fully absorbed by the Corporation and not transferred to customers.

Madam Speaker, the residents' inconvenience and the high cost of operating the generator were some of the driving forces of the Corporation's urgent efforts to repair the subsea cable. Now that the cable is repaired, there will be a significant reduction in costs for supplying consistent and reliable power to the island.

I must emphasize that the additional costs incurred to maintain electricity supply to

Jost Van Dyke, beyond the negligible effect on the total fuel cost per unit generated for all BVI customers, were never passed on to the island's customers. Even though the materials to correct the cable fault arrived late last year, the Corporation attempted to repair the cable multiple times; unfavorable sea conditions prevented them from doing so.

The repairs on the cable required a stable platform at sea, which was not possible during the swells on the north shore of Tortola at this time of the year. I am confident that, despite the residents' desire to see the fault repaired sooner no one would wish to see serious bodily harm or a fatality because of the Corporation conducting these repairs in adverse safety conditions.

Despite the materials to correct the cable fault arriving late last year and the Corporation's multiple attempts, the nature as I mentioned Madam Speaker the cable repairs because of the unstable conditions.

Madam Speaker, the residents of Jost Van Dyke faced significant inconvenience and the Corporation incurred high operational costs due to the use of that generator. These factors were the main drivers, Madam Speaker behind again the Corporation's vigorous efforts to repair this subsea cable.

Madam Speaker I must thank the good people of Jost Van Dyke for their patience and forbearance during the past five months of this inconvenience.

Madam Speaker I thank you.

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GLOBAL NEWS BRIEF

STORIES SELECTED BY GIORGIO MIGLIAVACCA

RUSSIA- Russian authorities have opened at least 883 criminal cases against dissidents since the start of the Ukraine invasion. The repression not only extends to the democratic opposition, but also to sectors favorable to the war but dissatisfied with the president and the military leadership.

"It is impossible to live in Russia, but dying is possible," goes a well-known aphorism by the philosopher Dmitry Merezhkovsky, who died in exile during Stalinism.

The sudden death of Alexei Navalny in prison brings his words to mind. Not only dissidents, but anyone who has raised their voice against the Kremlin and has not fled, is either locked up in prison or dead. In the case of the internationally best-known dissident, the causes of death have not yet been clarified, but in Russia, on the streets and behind the scenes, it is believed that Navalny was murdered. Without politicians who disagree able to speak in public, President Vladimir Putin has paved the way to his fifth presidential term in the elections to be held between March 15 and 17..

The population that does not support the president has been orphaned of the figures that represented it within the

political system. The Central Electoral Commission has vetoed the two individuals to whom those dissatisfied with the war against Ukraine clung: the political scientist Boris Nadezhdin and the journalist Yekaterina Duntsova; the former is a regular speaker on Russian propaganda channels and the second is practically unknown. [El Pais]

ITALY - Florence paused on Saturday to mourn the victims of Friday's structural collapse at a supermarket building site that has left four construction workers confirmed dead and a fifth still missing feared dead and three more people injured.

Mayor Dario Nardella led a minute's silence at 3 pm in Piazza della Signoria together with Tuscany Governor Eugenio Giani, political and trade union representatives, and the archbishop of Florence, Cardinal Giuseppe Betori. [ANSA]

HUNGARY - The resignation of two top allies of Prime Minister Victor Orban over a decision to pardon a man convicted of covering up a child sexual abuse case has done little to quell public anger. Tens of thousands of people in Hungary protested in the capital, Budapest on Friday amid a continuing fallout from a scandal that has rocked

Prime Minister Viktor Orban's government.

President Katalin Novak and former Justice Minister Judit Varga both resigned last weekend for supporting a decision to grant a pardon to a man implicated in a child sex abuse scandal in April 2023. The deputy director of a state-run orphanage who had been imprisoned for covering up a string of child sexual abuses was pardoned last year, but it only became known early this month.

Both ministers were close allies of Orban, whose party has governed the country with a constitutional majority for nearly 14 years.

Demonstrators, led by some of the most popular online personalities, filled the capital's sprawling Heroes' Square and called for genuine reforms to Hungary's child protection system.

"I don't know exactly what we're going to achieve at the end of the day," said Zsolt Osvath, a popular online content creator who helped organize the demonstration. "But it's certain that we won't stay silent any longer, and that we had to step out from the comfort zone of our computer screens." [Deutsche Welle]

INDIA - India stands by its close relationship with Russia, refusing to join the condemnation of the death of Alexei Navalny. Speaking to DW at the Munich Security Conference, BJP National Spokesman Jaiveer Shergill

said India is "on the side of peace." [Deutsche Welle]

BERMUDA - Artificial intelligence can streamline government services without replacing workers — starting with the Department of Immigration, the House of Assembly heard during the 2024-25 Budget Statement.

David Burt told MPs that an unnamed local company would be taken on to put AI to use in the vetting of applications and free up frontline staff to tackle "more complex tasks".

The Premier credited the input of the Association of Bermuda International Companies for linking the Government with the partner firm. He added: "Continued deployment of AI in government departments will not only enable us to serve the people of Bermuda more efficiently, but as our economy continues to expand, it will reduce the pressures of hiring additional persons to complete the various tasks of government."

The new Budget earmarked an extra \$2.4 million in capital funding, a 68 per cent increase, for the Department of Information and Digital Technologies for "upgrades to network infrastructure, cybersecurity and server upgrades", Mr Burt said.

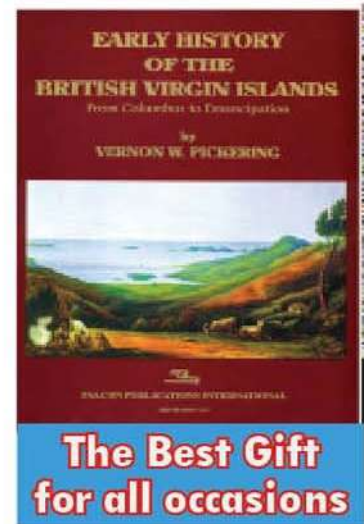
Additional funding has also been allocated to staff the digital transformation team.

Mr Burt said the investments in IT during recent years had proved insufficient, with a requirement to "redouble our efforts to ensure that the Government can be better protected in the future, as cyberthreats continue to increase". [Royal Gazette]

PUERTO RICO - Eleven persons have been implicated in a drug trafficking operation, exploiting the US Postal Service as a conduit for cocaine shipments between Puerto Rico and the United States mainland.

This revelation follows a detailed investigation culminating in a multi-state arrest operation.

The operation's masterminds, identified as Emmanuel A. Fernández García, Edwin Orlando Carrasquillo, Efraín Guillermo Vila Serrano, Marymar Marrero Torres, Pedro Benjamin Marrero Torres, Arajulia Ramírez Del Valle, Sebastián Restrepo Cano, Luis Dejesus III, Gadelys



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Rosario Alvarado, Tyrone José Beltrán Lugo, and David Custodio Hernández, were apprehended on February 14 across Massachusetts, Florida, and Puerto Rico.

A federal grand jury indicted these individuals on nine counts, including the intent to distribute cocaine through postal services.

The indictment traces the conspiracy back to April 2019, detailing a well-orchestrated plan to smuggle and distribute cocaine across the East Coast until September 2022. [CNW]

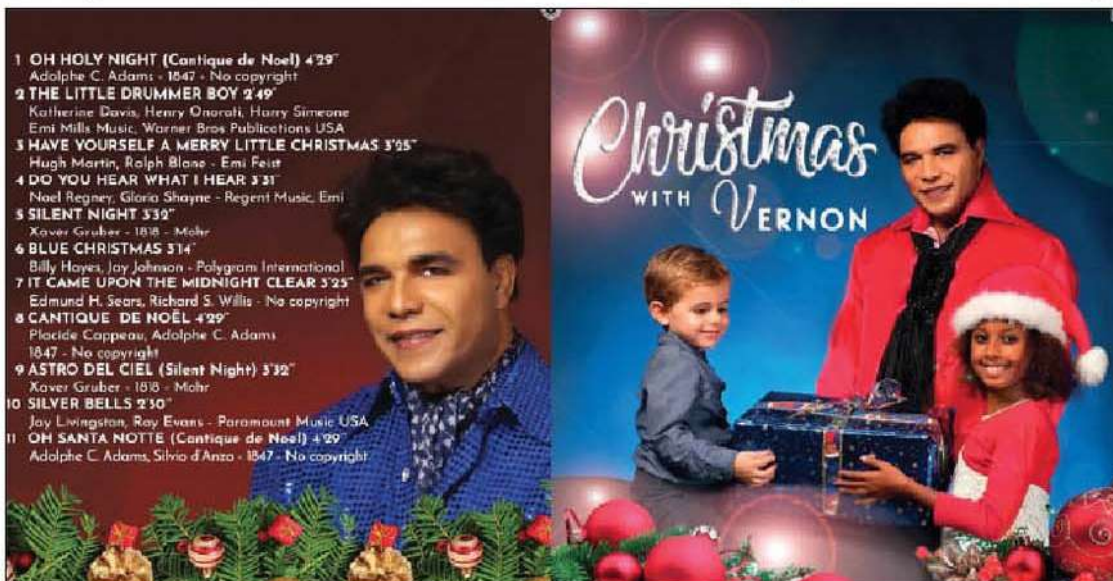
MIAMI - Federal agents thwarted the plans of two travelers attempting to embark on a cruise from PortMiami with illegal cargo.

The travelers, identified as Michael Quesenberry and Savannah Rose Minami are facing several charges.

According to the arrest report, agents seized more than 150 pounds of marijuana from the pair.

Department of Homeland Security reported that 112 vacuum-sealed bags of marijuana were found in their luggage.

Reports are that Quesenberry and Minami boarded the Norwegian Joy on January 11 to Southampton, England. [CNW]



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The Sunny Side Up



Through the Lens of The Sunny Side



BVI Swimmers prepare to return home after a successful competition in St. Thomas
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WE LOVE TENNIS MIXERS



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Tennis enthusiasts of all ages and skill levels gathered at Tortola Sports Club on Saturday, February 17 for the 2024 We Love Tennis Mixer. This year's event featured 29 participants forming 14 mixed doubles teams, including five juniors. The event showcased the vibrant tennis community on the island.

A standout feature of the event was the unique,

locally crafted trophies provided by Federica Dick-Read and Aragorn from Aragorn's Studio. These artisan trophies added a special touch to the occasion, serving as tokens of appreciation for the participants' dedication and sportsmanship.

The atmosphere was one of camaraderie and friendly competition, as players and spectators alike enjoyed a day of

tennis in the beautiful setting of Tortola Sports Club. The event provided a platform for players of all ages and skill levels to come together and celebrate their love for the sport.

After a series of closely contested matches, congratulations are in order for the following winners:

Champions: Vener De Torres Beniza and Donna



LadyburdTalks...

- Dear Readers: Why Do We Give Up Things for Lent?**
- Lent is based on the time Jesus went into the desert and fasted for 40 days. However, others believe it is based on the biblical significance of the number 40 — specifically, the 40 years the Israelites wandered in the desert and the 40 days of Jesus being in the wilderness.
 - It's-a-time-of-inner-reflection, self-sacrifice, denial, and repentance.
 - If something has a grip on you, more than likely, it's become unhealthy.
 - Lent season is an opportunity to grow closer to God, to remember Jesus' life and death, and to focus more on him and less on ourselves and our busy schedules.
 - **What to Give Up for Lent? Try these Great Ideas**
 - Meat. You can be a vegetarian for 40 days, or give up meat on Fridays, or give up red meat.
 - Whatever it is, make it meaningful to you.
 - 3. Soda. It's not good for you anyway.
 - 4. Pizza. You may be one of the millions obsessed with it, give it up.
 - 5. Clutter. If it doesn't bring you joy... If it prevents you from being organized...
 - 6. Sugar. Did you know a teaspoon of sugar has the ability to lower your immune system for three to four hours? Enough said.
 - 7. Dining out. All forms of fast food and restaurants.
 - 8. Online shopping. If those Amazon memes hit home, you know it may be a good time to try this.
 - 9. Netflix, Hulu. All forms of watching tv, movies or any of your shows.
 - 10. Dairy. This means cheese, lasagna, milk, you name it.
 - Alcohol. Yes, friends, wine is included in this category. And Beer, Bourbon, Whiskey, Cocktails, Martinis.



LIGHT BULB MOMENTS

"Lent is a time of going very deeply into ourselves... What is it that stands between us and God? Between us and our brothers and sisters? Between us and life, the life of the Spirit? Whatever it is, let us relentlessly come together, without a moment's hesitation."
Catherine Doherty

Poetry Corner

Lent

IS this a fast, to keep
The larder lean ?
And clean
From fat of veals and
sheep ?

Is it to quit the dish
Of flesh, yet still
To fill
The platter high with fish
?

Is it to fast an hour,
Or ragged to go,
Or show
A downcast look and sour
?

No ; 'tis a fast to dole
Thy sheaf of wheat,
And meat,
Unto the hungry soul.

It is to fast from strife,
From old debate
And hate ;
To circumcise thy life.

To show a heart grief-rent
To starve thy sin,
Not bin ;
And that's to keep thy
Lent.

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Tickle My Funny Bones



I AM DOING IT FOR LENT MY BROTHER IS NOT

A man walks into a bar and orders 2 beers.

The man drinks both and leaves the bar.

The next day the man orders two more beers and the bartender asks why he keeps ordering two beers at a time.

The man replies, "I order one for me and one for my brother in Ireland".

And so the man keeps doing the same thing for four years till one day, he only orders one beer.

The bartender asks,

"Oh no, did something happen to your brother?"

The man responds, "Oh he is fine, I'm just doing Lent"

I am Sorry

A priest is walking down the street when a man pushes him into an alleyway and points a gun at him.

"Give me all your money or I'll shoot you."

The priest opens his jacket to grab his wallet and the man sees his collar.

"Oh, I'm sorry, I am so sorry Father, I wouldn't have robbed you if I knew you were a priest."

The priest then asks, "I'm sorry, I don't have any money, but may I offer you a cigarette?"

The man shakes his head and replies,

"No, thank you. I gave up cigarettes for Lent."

PUN INTENDED

"Did you hear of the story
about the tornado?
There is a twist
at the end."



Ladyburd's Mail Box

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Dear Ladyburd: I am writing to you for your advice on a matter at hand, my two daughters that are living with me have decided to go and lived on their own, do you think that it's a good idea...Concerned Mom

Ladyburd: Dear Concerned Mom: Thank you for your letter with regards to you daughters, its is normal that any mother would be concerned, however, If your daughters are of age, responsible, focused, level-headed and are ambitious, go ahead and give them their wings and allow them to soar. I would also have a pep talk with them before they go, and let them know that they are always welcome home and that you are always willing to give a listening ear if needed. Do not let them leave on a sour note. **Give them your Blessings.** and acknowledge that it would have happened at some point..

Remember what the Poet Kahlil Gibran says

"Your children are not your children.

They are the sons and daughters of Life's longing for itself.

They come through you but not from you, And though they are with you yet they belong not to you." *That right there is Food for thought.*

So I would suggest: Pray for them that God will guide them and protect them; and hope for the Best.

Do not let your heart be troubled about it.

WE LOVE TENNIS MIXERS



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Padilla Runner-Ups: Marc Tan and Hazelle Valenzuela Semifinalists: Otis Jacobs and Linda Romney, Bhuddy Salvador and Regina Roscales

Additionally, special recognition was given to the best-dressed teams of the event. Luke Saltonstall and Kate Chleriza were awarded for their matching pink Inter

Miami jerseys, while Tony Campbell and Marissa Campbell impressed with their Team Campbell heat-printed match tops. The success of the 2024 We Love Tennis Mixer would not have been possible without the dedication of all participants and the support of the spectators. Their enthusiasm and sportsmanship contributed to making the event a fun and memorable experience for everyone involved.



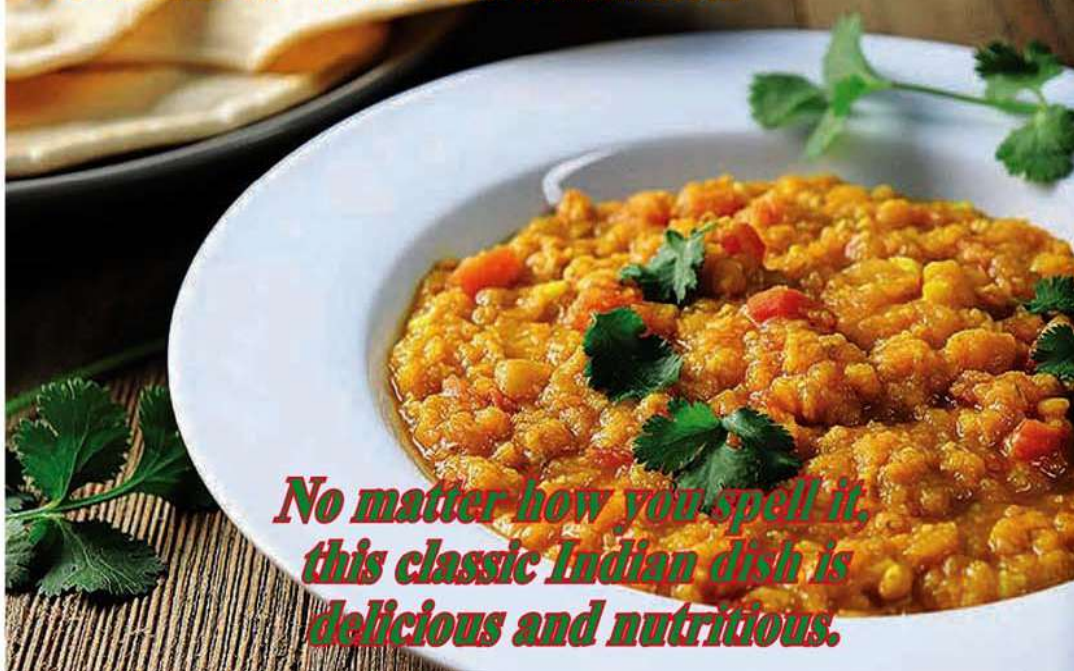
Savor the Spice: A Culinary Journey With Red Lentil Dal

Are you ready to tantalize your taste buds with a culinary adventure? While we might not be jetting off to distant lands anytime soon, we can certainly embark on a delicious journey right from our own kitchens. So, let's fasten our apron strings and take a flavorful trip to India with a classic dish: Red Lentil Dal.

Dal (also spelled "dahl," "daal" or "dhal," but I'm sticking with "dal") is the Indian name for dried, split pulses (like lentils, peas and beans) that don't require pre-soaking.

Dal, in its various forms, is a global nutritional powerhouse, transcending cultural boundaries and culinary preferences. Whether it's the comforting Indian dal, hearty Middle Eastern mujadara or savory Ethiopian misir wat, these dishes showcase lentils' versatility across diverse cuisines. Embraced by vegetarians, vegans and meat-eaters alike, dal stands as a testament to the universal appeal of plant-based foods, addressing food security

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No matter how you spell it, this classic Indian dish is delicious and nutritious.

challenges and promoting healthier diets globally.

Here's how to make something as simple as a cupful of lentils, some spices and aromatics into a hearty stew that's both delicious and nutritious. The stew is earthy and satisfying; the curry, garlic and ginger flavors are warm and soothing. This is comfort food at its finest.

A few thoughts: If you can't find red lentils, feel free to use any color of lentils you may have. If you don't often cook with fresh ginger, I urge you to try it. You just need a little knob, enough to fill a tablespoon. Peel it with a spoon and mince as you would garlic. The difference is amazing for mere pennies. Also, this dish is very mild. If you enjoy your Indian food spicy, add some jalapeno.

EASY RED LENTIL DAL

Yield: 4 servings

Total Time: 45

1 tablespoon olive oil

1 1/2 cups onion, chopped

4 to 6 cloves garlic, minced

1 heaping tablespoon fresh ginger, minced

1 tablespoon curry powder

1 teaspoon ground cumin

3 cups water or vegetable stock

1 1/2 cups red lentils

1/2 teaspoon salt

1 (14.5 ounce) can petite diced tomatoes, undrained

Cilantro and cooked rice, to serve

Optional add ins:

1 teaspoon jalapeno pepper, minced, or to taste

1 (10 ounce) box frozen spinach, thawed and drained

2 cups cauliflower, chopped

1 cup carrot, diced

In a medium-size pot over medium heat, heat the oil. Add the onion, and cook until soft, about 5-7 minutes. Add the garlic and ginger and a bit of extra oil, if needed. Cook for 1 minute, stirring occasionally. Add curry and cumin, stirring to coat the onions with spices, and cook for 1-2 minutes, until everything is spectacularly fragrant. Isn't that wonderful? Add around 1 cup of water or stock, using a spatula to scrape any bits off the bottom of the pan. Add the rest of the water or stock, the lentils and any optional vegetables, if using, and stir. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat to a bare simmer, cooking covered for 30 minutes. Stir this occasionally to prevent anything from sticking to the bottom of the pan. After 30 minutes, add the diced tomatoes and salt, stir and heat through. Serve with rice, garnished with cilantro. Store leftovers in the fridge for up to four days or freeze for up to four months. So, whether you spell it "dal," "dahl," "daal" or "dhal," one thing's for sure: This dish is a testament to the incredible versatility and flavor of lentils. Join the millions of dal enthusiasts around the world and treat yourself to a bowl of this savory delight.

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POLICE NEWS

WOMEN IN POLICING INITIATIVE LAUNCHED



Tuesday, February 20 – The Royal Virgin Islands Police Force proudly announces the launch of the Women in Policing Initiative, a pioneering effort aimed at fostering inclusivity and empowering women within the organization. This historic initiative, the first of its kind for the RVIPF, was officially launched on February 15th, 2024, becoming the fourth

Caribbean UK Overseas Territory to undertake this transformative endeavor. The launch of this initiative was facilitated and supported by Ms. Maria Stanley, a Project Officer with the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office. Ms. Stanley also joined the launching ceremony as a guest speaker, providing valuable insights and encouragement to the women in attendance.

His Excellency, Governor Daniel Pruce, expressed his support and best wishes for the success of the Women in Policing Network initiative. The Governor emphasized the need for the RVIPF's commitment to diversity and inclusivity,

recognizing the importance of engaging with the community as a public sector organization. Commissioner of Police, Mark Collins, congratulated the women of the RVIPF and affirmed his unwavering support for the Network. He acknowledged the significance of women coming together to create a stronger, more inclusive police force.

Deputy Commissioner Jacqueline Vanterpool, the first woman Superintendent and Deputy Commissioner of Police, shared her inspiring journey within the RVIPF. Reflecting on her achievements, she stated, "Though the challenges did not stop, they didn't stop me."

Deputy-Commissioner Vanterpool urged all female members of the organization to remain steadfast, persevere through challenges, and break barriers in their pursuit of professional success.

Inspector Angeline Samuel-Stevens provided a historical overview of the Women in Policing Initiative and outlined some of the plans that the

initiative has for women within the RVIPF and the broader community of the British Virgin Islands. Ms. Patricia Hackett, Gender Affairs Coordinator for the Virgin Islands Government, attended as a guest speaker, she emphasized the progress made in overcoming historical gender disparities. She noted, "We've come a far way from how life was, where men owned everything, and women didn't." Ms. Hackett highlighted the importance of initiatives like Women in Policing in creating a more equitable and inclusive society.

The RVIPF is proud to take this significant step toward gender equality and is committed to providing a supportive environment for the professional development of women in policing. The Women in Policing Initiative is a testament to the RVIPF's dedication to building a diverse and empowered police force that reflects the values and aspirations of the community it serves.



HIGH-SPEED CHASE ENDS WITH THREE ARRESTS

Wednesday, February 21 – On Wednesday, February 21, acting on intelligence, Officers of the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force attempted to stop a suspicious vehicle on route to the East End district. Rather than complying with the officers' signals to stop, the driver of the vehicle accelerated, initiating a pursuit through the district. The vehicle was successfully stopped in the Parham Town area. The three male occupants were subsequently arrested and taken to the Road Town Police Station for further questioning.

Investigation into this matter is ongoing, and updates will be provided as more information becomes available.

Trump's Civil Fraud Case Decision Is Likely to Impact His Business

By VOA

NEW YORK — Donald Trump won't face the "corporate death penalty," as one of his lawyer's called the potential outcome, after all.

A New York judge on Friday last week spared the ex-president that worst case punishment as he ruled in a civil case alleging Trump fraudulently misrepresented financial figures to get cheaper loans and other benefits.

Still, Trump was hit hard, facing big cash penalties, outside supervision of his companies and restrictions on his borrowing.

In a pretrial ruling last year, the same judge threatened to shut down much of the Republican presidential front-runner's business by calling for the "dissolution" of corporate entities that hold many of his marquee properties. That raised the specter of possible fire sales of Trump Tower, a Wall Street skyscraper and other properties.

But New York Supreme Court Judge Arthur Engoron called off the dissolution.

Instead, he said the court would appoint two monitors to oversee the Trump Organization to make sure it doesn't continue to submit false figures.

"It's a complete reversal," said real estate lawyer Adam Leitman Bailey. "There's a big difference between having to sell your assets and a monitor who gets to look over your shoulders."

In his ruling, Engoron banned Trump from serving as an officer or director in any New York corporation for three years, prohibited him from taking out loans with New York banks and said his company and other defendants have to pay hundreds of millions of dollars in fines.

Here is how the decision is likely to impact his business:

Cash drain, This is possibly the worst hit from the ruling.

Trump and his businesses were told they would have to pay \$355 million for "ill-gotten gains." Trump's sons, Eric and Donald Trump Jr., who help run the business, were ordered to pay \$4 million each. Trump's former chief financial officer was ordered to pay \$1 million, for a total judgment of \$364 million.

"I don't think there is any way Trump can continue to operate his business as usual," said Syracuse University law professor Gregory Germain. "It's a lot of money." The penalties will hit Trump's finances at a moment he is facing other steep legal bills stemming from several criminal cases. Trump separately was hit with \$88 million in judgments in sexual abuse and defamation lawsuits brought by writer E. Jean Carroll. Trump is also required to pay interest from the dates when he received benefits from his alleged fraud. That so-called pre-judgment interest adds another \$100 million to Trump's bills, according to New York's attorney general.

Trump lawyers have said they will appeal. That means he won't have to hand over the whole amount yet, though he will have to post a bond or escrow, which could tie up cash while waiting for the appeal.

In any case, Trump already has enough in cash to pay much of that penalty, assuming he is telling the truth about his finances. In a deposition in the fraud case, he said he had more than \$400 million in cash.

NO TRUMP PROPERTY FIRE SALE

The judge's summary ruling in September was vague in exactly what he meant by a "dissolution" of Trump businesses. But several legal

experts told The Associated Press that in the worse-case scenario, it could have led to a sale of not only of his New York properties, but his Mar-a-Lago club in Florida, a Chicago hotel and condo building, and several golf clubs, including ones in Miami, Los Angeles and Scotland.

One of Trump's lawyers, Christopher Kise, called that potential outcome a "corporate death penalty."

Not even the New York attorney general, who filed the lawsuit against Trump, had asked for a "dissolution."

An Associated Press investigation confirmed how unusual such a punishment would have been if carried out: Trump's case would have been the only big business in nearly 70 years of similar cases shut down without a showing of obvious victims who suffered major financial losses. The main alleged victim of the real estate mogul's fraud, Deutsche Bank, had itself not complained it had suffered any losses.

But Engoron on Friday backed down, saying monitors were good enough, basically handing New York Attorney General Letitia James most of what she had sought: bans, monitors and a massive penalty.

THREE-YEAR BAN

The ban on Trump serving as an officer or director for a New York corporation suggests a big shakeup at the Trump Organization, but the real impact isn't clear.

Trump may be removed from the corner office, but as an owner of the business his right to appoint someone to act on his behalf has not been revoked.

"It's not that he can't have influence at these enterprises," said University of Michigan law professor William Thomas. "He just can't hold any actually appointed positions."

Thomas added, however, much depends on how the monitor will handle Trump's attempt to run his company by proxy. "He might want to walk in the office and tell them what to do, but

there will be pushback," he said. "It could limit the avenues through which he can exert control."

Two obvious candidates to help Trump maintain control, his two adult sons, are already off-limits. The judge's ruling barred Donald Trump Jr. and Eric Trump from being officers of New York companies for two years.

BUSINESS LOANS

Trump is also banned from getting loans from New York-chartered banks, a potentially devastating blow given so many major lenders are based in the city.

Luckily for Trump, he has cut his debt by hundreds of millions in recent years and so won't need to refinance as much. He also has pushed out the maturity of many loans still on the books by several years.

The impact on funding for future businesses could be crushing, though. Without access to banks, he may be forced to use cash to finance new ventures, something that real estate moguls are loath to do and that won't be easy, given his cash payments.

Still, only banks appear banned in the ruling, leaving Trump free to borrow from fast-growing alternative financiers, the private equity and hedge funds that make up the so-called shadow banking world.

"I could imagine a load of private equity funds with very little prospects sitting on a bunch of dry powder saying, 'Hey, we'll lend you \$300 million,'" Columbia law school professor Eric Talley said.



THIS WEEK IN CORRUPTION

BY TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL

While people around the world celebrated Valentine's Day, Indonesia held its latest presidential elections. However, amidst the festivities, the atmosphere was marred by a cloud of corruption scandals ahead of the election.

The most recent allegation was against the former Minister of Agriculture, Syahrul Yasin Limpo. Earlier this month, while still in office, Limpo was arrested for suspected corruption and extortion. And it's not just him. During Joko Widodo's presidency, four former ministers were imprisoned on corruption charges. Other allegations of bribery also recently surfaced involving two Supreme Court Justices and their staff.

The frontrunner in the elections was Prabowo Subianto, a former military general and defence minister. He ran in a joint ticket with Gibran Rakabuming Raka, the eldest son of outgoing President Joko Widodo. Subianto's campaign has been controversial, mainly due to his dual role as a minister and a presidential candidate, raising concerns about potential abuse of power. Additionally, the close ties between Widodo and Rakabuming have prompted worry over dynastic politics and nepotism within the political system.

Students and activists have also voiced concerns about the alleged misuse of state resources to favour pro-government candidates. Another major concern is the distribution of direct cash and social assistance through various programs. The budget for social aid skyrocketed this year, surging to nearly 500 trillion rupiahs (US\$32 billion) - exceeding the allocation during the COVID-19 pandemic. International election observers echoed these concerns, calling for campaign finance to be closely monitored.

Despite no official declaration by election officials, Subianto claimed victory of the world's third-largest democracy after an unofficial "quick count" indicated he secured nearly 60 per cent of the vote. His two rivals have not yet conceded, and the official results

could take up to a month.

Continued concern remains over Subianto's past as a military leader accused of involvement in human rights abuses in Papua and East Timor. Due to this and his ties to Indonesia's former dictator Suharto, he was barred from entering the United States for nearly two decades.

Money politics is a big problem in Indonesian democracy. State funding is often marginal, and oversight of private funding is largely ineffective. Experts are calling for politicians to address corruption and advocating for closer scrutiny of opaque political funding in the country.

Various civil society organisations (CSOs), including Transparency International Indonesia, strive to uphold the integrity of the elections through digital platforms like KamuBersihAkuPilih (You Clean, I Choose), which allows citizens to report election violations and monitor political party funding databases.

Politicians made big promises during the campaign, like passing asset confiscation and political funding bills. But the reality of election dynamics has shown that they are not sticking to those values. Still, the initiatives led by CSOs to ensure the integrity of the post-election government give us hope. It's a long and challenging journey, but every step toward cleaner elections is a step toward a stronger democracy. It's about giving power back to the people, where their voices are heard and their choices are respected.

As the Asia Pacific region faces a big 2024 election year, with people coming out to vote in Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Pakistan, Solomon Islands, South Korea and Taiwan, the 2023 Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) reveals another year of little to no meaningful progress towards curbing corruption.

This year is the largest election year in history. If you live in one of more than 70 countries heading to the polls, you might want to know: who pays for politicians' election campaigns in your country? This should be a straightforward answer, but it isn't.



ALEXEI NAVALNY'S TEAM CONFIRMS HIS DEATH. HIS MOTHER IS SEARCHING FOR HIS BODY

By AP/NPR

RUSSIA - Alexei Navalny's spokesperson confirmed Saturday that the Russian opposition leader had died at a remote Arctic penal colony, saying he was "murdered," but it was unclear where his body was as his family and friends searched for answers.

Navalny's death at age 47 has deprived the Russian opposition of its most well-known and inspiring politician less than a month before an election that will give President Vladimir Putin another six years in power.

Although neither the imprisoned anti-corruption crusader nor other Kremlin critics were in position to challenge Putin for the presidency, the loss of Navalny was a crushing blow to Russians who had pinned their future hopes on Putin's seemingly indefatigable foe. It also prompted questions about what killed him.

A note handed to Navalny's mother stated that he died at 2:17 p.m. Friday, according to Navalny spokesperson Kira Yarmysh. Prison officials told his mother when she arrived at the penal colony Saturday that her son had perished from "sudden death syndrome," Ivan Zhdanov, the director of Navalny's Anti-Corruption Foundation, wrote on X, formerly known as Twitter.

A prison colony employee said the body was taken to the nearby city of Salekhard as part of a post-mortem investigation, Yarmysh said. When Navalny's mother and one of the late politician's lawyers visited the morgue in Salekhard, it was closed, Navalny's team wrote on its Telegram channel. But the lawyer called the morgue and was told the body was not there, his team said.

Another of Navalny's lawyers went to Salekhard's Investigative Committee and was told that the cause of Navalny's death had not yet been established and that new investigations were being done with the results to be released next week, Yarmysh said. Russia's Investigative Committee informed Navalny's team that the body would not be handed over to his relatives until those investigations were complete, she said.

"It's obvious that they are lying and doing everything they can to avoid handing over the body," Yarmysh wrote on X, adding that his team demanded that Navalny's body "be handed over to his family immediately."

Russia's Federal Penitentiary Service reported that Navalny felt sick after a walk Friday and fell unconscious at the penal

colony in the town of Kharp, in the Yamalo-Nenets region about 1,900 kilometers (1,200 miles) northeast of Moscow. An ambulance arrived, but he couldn't be revived, the service said, adding that the cause of death is still "being established."

Maria Pevchikh, head of the board of Navalny's Anti-Corruption Foundation, said the opposition leader would "live on forever in millions of hearts."

"Navalny was murdered. We still don't know how we'll keep on living, but together, we'll think of something," she wrote on X.

Meanwhile, arrests continued Saturday as Russians came to lay flowers in memory of Navalny at memorials to the victims of Soviet-era purges. OVD-Info, a group that monitors political repression in Russia, said Saturday that more than 273 people had been detained at memorial events since Navalny's death. Memorial items laid Friday were removed overnight, but people continued trickling in with flowers on Saturday. In Moscow, a large group of people chanted "shame" as police dragged a screaming woman from the crowd, video shared on



Alexei Navalny

social media showed.

More than 10 people were detained at a memorial in St. Petersburg, including a priest who came to conduct a service for Navalny there.

In other cities across the country, police cordoned off some of the memorials and officers were taking pictures of those who came and writing down their personal data in a clear intimidation attempt.

"After the murder of Alexei Navalny, it's absurd to perceive Putin as the supposedly legitimate head of the Russian state," Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said at the Munich Security Conference in Germany Saturday. "He is a thug who maintains power through corruption and violence." U.K. Foreign Secretary David Cameron said Saturday that Britain "will be taking action" against the Russians responsible for Navalny's death.

Speaking to broadcasters in Munich, Cameron said "there should be consequences" for "appalling human rights outrages like this." He said Britain would "look at whether there are individual people that are responsible and whether there are individual measures and actions we can take." Cameron did not say whether the response would consist of financial sanctions or other measures.

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MINISTRY OF TOURISM, INVESTMENTS & AVIATION SECURES HISTORIC AGREEMENT WITH SPACEX TO PROPEL BAHAMAS INTO THE SPACE TECHNOLOGY & TOURISM FRONTIER

Distributed by CTO on behalf of the Bahamas Ministry of Tourism.

NASSAU, The Bahamas (19 Feb. 2024) — The Ministry of Tourism, Investments & Aviation (MOTIA) is delighted to announce the successful negotiation and execution of a groundbreaking Letter of Agreement (LOA) with SpaceX (Space Exploration Technologies Corp.), marking a revolutionary leap for The Bahamas into the realm of space tourism.

The LOA establishes a strategic collaboration that positions The Bahamas as a global destination for witnessing booster landings.

SpaceX, a pioneer in space exploration, is currently finalizing mission designs where one of the company's autonomous droneships will serve as a Falcon 9 landing location east of The Exumas, offering a spectacle that will be visible only in The Bahamas. This unique opportunity sets the stage for tourists to witness awe-inspiring space events from cruise ships, resorts, and various tourist hotspots,

solidifying The Bahamas' position as a key player in the emerging space tourism industry.

The exclusive visibility of rocket landings on an autonomous droneship from various Bahamian islands distinguishes this destination as the only one of its kind worldwide.

The respective Bahamian landings covered in the LOA will not only support SpaceX's Starlink mission but also contribute to saving lives, enhancing first responders' capabilities, and ensuring connectivity in times of disasters.

"This Letter of Agreement with SpaceX marks a new era for The Bahamas. We are honored to work with SpaceX to enable their Falcon 9 rockets to safely land on an autonomous droneship within Bahamian waters, helping to continue their rocket reusability efforts," said Hon. I. Chester Cooper, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister

of Tourism, Investments & Aviation.

"Simultaneously, through Starlink's high speed internet from space, this agreement opens doors to unprecedented opportunities for our citizens, fostering long-term advantages for education, emergency response and innovation," Cooper said. "The Bahamian government aims to utilize this partnership for economic growth, job creation and enhanced educational opportunities."

In tandem with the LOA, SpaceX has committed to supporting the creation of a space installation or exhibit showcasing recognizable hardware and a SpaceX spacesuit. This exhibit, the only one outside the United States, is expected to draw significant attention and attendance from both Bahamian citizens and international tourists.

In addition to potential revenue

growth, The Bahamas has secured Starlink internet connectivity at multiple locations across the Family Islands. These terminals, specifically designated for schools lacking sufficient internet capacity, will also bolster the capabilities and operations of first responders in the area.

SpaceX's commitment to educational outreach through STEM and space-focused presentations on a quarterly basis will leave a lasting impact on the growth of STEM education in The Bahamas, providing invaluable opportunities for students and teachers.

Aisha Bowe, former NASA rocket scientist, and STEMBoard Founder & CEO played a significant role in this achievement. In 2024, she is set to become an astronaut, marking her as the first Bahamian in space. Her inspiring journey

shared globally through interviews, presentations, and a documentary, aligns with the Bahamas' vision for innovation and education. In collaboration with SpaceX over the past fifteen months, Bowe's expertise and STEMBoard's contributions were integral in outlining procedures for space operations in Bahamian territory.

Cooper expressed the Government's commitment to expanding impact beyond tourism.

"The Bahamas is poised to embrace its newfound role in the global space industry, marking a pivotal moment in the nation's history. We look forward to a future where The Bahamas stands proudly as a trailblazer in space tourism and technology in line with our Blueprint for change and our Innovate242 initiative," he said.

CARICOM SG sends Congratulatory Message to Saint Lucia on its 45th Independence Anniversary

CARICOM Secretariat, Turkeyen, Greater Georgetown, Guyana, Tuesday, 20 February 2024 - The Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat presents its compliments to the Ministry of External Affairs, International Trade, Civil Aviation and Diaspora Affairs of Saint Lucia, and has the honour to request the latter's kind assistance in having the following congratulatory message from Dr. Carla N. Barnett, Secretary-General of CARICOM, transmitted to the Honourable Philip J. Pierre, Prime Minister of Saint Lucia, on the occasion of the country's Forty-Fifth Anniversary of Independence on 22 February 2024.

Begins:

"Honourable Prime Minister,

On behalf of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), I am pleased to congratulate the Government and People of Saint Lucia on the joyous occasion of your Forty-Fifth Anniversary of Independence.

The theme "Douvan Ansanm: Building a Nation through Unity, Resilience, and Creativity" captures the indomitable strength, culture and spirit of Saint Lucia and its remarkable progress and journey over the past four and a half decades. On this momentous occasion, the Community joins you in celebrating the rich legacy of a nation that has consistently embodied the values of stability

and unwavering determination in the face of challenges. May this unyielding spirit continue to guide Saint Lucia on its journey towards a future filled with peace and prosperity.

The contributions of Saint Lucia to the regional integration movement are well noted. Honourable Prime Minister, the Community has benefitted considerably from your stewardship as Lead Head in the CARICOM Quasi-Cabinet with responsibility for Sustainable Development, including Environment and Disaster Management, and Water. These issues remain vital to the advancement of the Community's objective of improving the quality of life and well-being of its

citizens.

The Community is likewise pleased to celebrate Saint Lucia's recent election to the Presidency of the Executive Board of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). Saint Lucia's leadership will steer the critical processes of selecting a new Director-General of the Organization and allow for enhanced visibility for Small Island Developing States (SIDS) in the promotion of education, science, culture, communications, peace and sustainable development.

On this special Forty-Fifth Anniversary of Independence, I extend best wishes and heartfelt

congratulations to the Government and People of Saint Lucia, and assure you of the unwavering support of the Caribbean Community for your continued progress and unity."



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Blinken in Brazil for Talks with G20 Foreign Ministers

STATE DEPARTMENT — U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken is in Brazil for talks Wednesday with Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva and to meet with his counterparts from the Group of 20.

The State Department said Blinken will emphasize U.S. support for Brazil's G20 presidency, the U.S.-Brazil Partnership for Workers Rights, cooperation on the clean energy transition and commemorations for the bicentennial of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

With Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov also expected at the G20 meetings, there's potential for a rare face-to-face interaction between the two.

Blinken also plans to discuss the Multinational Security Support Mission in Haiti with G20 partners on the sidelines of the meetings, addressing the Haitian people's call for help to restore security and stability.

No G20 joint statement expected on Gaza, Ukraine

The G20, comprising 19 countries including the G7, the European Union and the African Union, represents about 85% of global GDP, 75% of global trade and two-thirds of the global population.

The G7 comprises the world's richest and most powerful countries.

Last week, G7 foreign ministers expressed outrage over the detention death of Russian opposition leader Alexey Navalny and pledged unwavering support to Ukraine as the two-year mark of Russia's invasion approaches.

The G7 foreign ministers' joint statement also advocated for "prolonged and durable pauses in the hostilities leading to a sustainable cease-fire" in Gaza while expressing "deep concern" over the "devastating" impact of Israel's planned military operations in Rafah,

where more than a million civilians are taking refuge.

Ramin Toloui, assistant secretary of state for economic and business affairs, said the U.S. will underscore the damage caused by the "Kremlin's war of aggression" and "encourage all G20 partners to redouble their calls for a just, peaceful and lasting end" to the war on Ukraine.

But Toloui said Brazil would not "attempt to mobilize a joint statement" during the upcoming G20 foreign ministers' meetings.

Distinct foreign relations Brazil, Blinken will travel to Buenos Aires to meet with the newly inaugurated Argentine President Javier Milei to discuss bilateral and global issues.

Argentina boasts one of the largest Jewish populations in South America. Following Milei's recent visit to Israel, a senior U.S. official said Blinken will engage in discussions with Milei regarding "the way forward between Israel and Gaza." Other topics high on the agenda include critical minerals and sustainable economic growth.

Blinken's diplomatic missions to Argentina and Brazil will navigate the countries' distinct foreign relations concerning various countries and issues, such as Russia, Gaza and China.

Lula initially assured Russia that President Vladimir Putin, who faces an International Criminal Court arrest warrant, would not be arrested if he attended the G20 summit in November in Brazil. However, he later amended his stance, indicating that the decision would ultimately be in the hands of Brazil's judiciary.

During his visit to Cairo, Feb. 14 and 15, Lula strongly criticized Israel's military actions in Gaza, advocating for a "definitive cease-fire." He announced Brazil's new contribution to the United Nations' Palestinian

refugee agency, or UNRWA, and supported Palestine's recognition as a sovereign state with full U.N. membership.

Lula wrote on the social media platform X, "While Hamas militants' attack on October 7 against Israeli civilians is indefensible and deserved strong condemnation from Brazil, Israel's disproportionate and indiscriminate response is unacceptable."

In contrast, during his visit to Israel in early February, Milei, a pro-Israel far-right leader, announced his intention to relocate Argentina's embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, a move previously made by only the United States and a few other countries.

Milei also announced his government's intention to classify Hamas as a terrorist organization.

This visit marked his first bilateral trip since his inauguration in December.

Following his meeting with Blinken on Friday, Milei plans to visit Washington and speak at the Conservative Political Action Conference, or CPAC, on Feb. 24, a gathering expected to be filled with supporters of former U.S. President Donald Trump.

BRICS and China

In 2025, Brazil will lead the BRICS group (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa) of emerging nations, in which China is a key player. During a state visit to Beijing last year, Lula called for BRICS countries to trade in their own currencies and end the U.S. dollar's trade dominance. Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran and the United Arab Emirates officially joined the bloc on Jan. 1.

Last month, Lula held talks with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi in which the two pledged to strengthen a comprehensive strategic partnership between the two countries.



U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken arrives in Brasilia, Brazil, Feb. 20, 2024.

In comparison, Milei has turned down an offer to join BRICS. During his presidential campaign, he said he would freeze relations with China.

Milei also chose to acquire secondhand American F-16 fighters from Denmark, favoring them over new Chinese JF-17 fighter aircraft.

"The United States is the largest source of foreign direct investment in Brazil, and we have a robust presence of U.S. companies in Brazil, as well as in Argentina, and we're looking forward to deepening

our economic ties between both of them," Brian Nichols, the assistant secretary of state for Western Hemisphere affairs, told VOA in a recent phone briefing.

Nichols emphasized the importance of countries trading freely while understanding the trade-offs involved.

"The United States is offering up a comprehensive and powerful alternative to those who may not necessarily have others' best interests at heart," he said.

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SPORTS

14 swimmers record 36 personal bests in St. Thomas competition

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

SWIMMING

It was a strong season opener for the BVI Barracudas Swim team, as the 14 swimmers between six and 16 years, recorded 36 personal best times and 23 top three finishes in the St. Thomas Swimming Association competition over the weekend.

"In our most noticeable performances, we had three swimmers who attained B times in their races, which put them on the National Age Group Motivational Times Chart for their age groups," Coach Rebecca Nocholds told Island Sun Sports. "Since they achieved these, they can work for the BB times and then the A times and bring them closer to qualifying for larger swim

meets. It's a huge step for the team and for the BVI post-Hurricane Irma, as we now have four swimmers with B times."

The four swimmers obtaining the BB times were: Arun Bissoondutt, 10 & Under Boys 50m Freestyle, 40.48 seconds. Evelyn Freeman, 10 & Under Girls 100m Breaststroke, 2:04.37. Charlie Potgieter, 13-14 Boys 50m Freestyle, 31.09 and Jack Morris, 15-17 Boys 50m Freestyle, 31.48.

Notably, Nocholds said that for Freeman to obtain the time in her first swim meet was huge.

"Overall, we had 23 top three finishes and these were across all the different age groups with most of them achieving multiple," Nocholds said. "We had nine first place finishes, nine second places and five third place finishes and out of the 43 races the swimmers competed in, 36 of those races they had personal best times for

the team."

Since their last competition in November, Nocholds said that she has seen tremendous improvements and some of the younger swimmers had some "really nice dives off the blocks, even though they don't get to practice that." Technique wise, they were able to make faster turns she noted and perform difficult turns like the flip turn on the backstroke legally where they had to count their strokes from the sides, which they only got to practice prior to the meet.

"The St. Thomas parents were commenting on the improvements of the swimmers and mentioned that there are some swimmers that have a lot of potential for the future," she said. "So we're going to keep working on it, keep getting faster and see where we can get them for the rest of this year."

Nocholds said while they had some financial help, they're in great need of funding for the



BVI Swimmers prepare to return home after a successful competition in St. Thomas

team to continue attending meets this year.

"For myself and the coaches, it was out of our pockets and the parents had to pay for their kids and because of the meet, it was quite expensive and involved the taxi to get there," she noted. "We've got a full

schedule of meets we're trying to get our swimmers to this year, but getting them to those meets will require funding, so we're always looking for funding from the community to help these swimmers achieve greatness."

Smith fends off Jones in 30-mile cycling season opening sprint finish

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

CYCLING

Calvin Smith fended off early leader Barry Jones and his late charge, to win Sunday's BVI Cycling Federation 30-mile season opening race, a 2-lap jaunt from Sea Cows Bay to West End and return. Smith, who won the America's Parade Challenge in St. Croix last October, had a winning time of 1 hour 34 minutes and 47 seconds. Jones finished in 1:34.49. "Truth be told, all the guys trained vigorously for this race including myself, because we had to compete with guys like Phillippe Leroy and possibly Sam Talbot—these are the two top riders in the territory," Smith noted, adding that other

commitments prevented Talbot from competing. "Barry Jones set the early pace then it was Phillippe and I alternating in the front for most of the race. Several times, Phillippe attacked in an attempt to drop us, but I held on to the best of my ability to keep it close and to my surprise, the guys held on to me as well. All the race, the pack was together despite several attacks." Smith commended Amory Joseph who entered the race despite having one gear and placed third in 1:34.50.

"Despite it being a tough race, I made up my mind that I have to win this race today," Smith said. "I trained long, and I trained hard, so I had to show what that training did for me. Through the whole course of the race, I was plotting how I was going to win the race because the sprint to the finish was not a long one."

Smith said that prior to the final sprint, they had to navigate the

bad roads in Sea Cows Bay and the speed bumps. He told himself that he would attack at the last speed bump by the entrance to the Seventh Day Adventist School and keep a certain speed between there and the finish. "And that is exactly what I did," he reflected. "With effective planning I was able to pull off the win."

Leroy, who had a flat and finished sixth, said that the race was fairly good. "People are improving a lot except for me, just trying to lose fitness not too fast," he said. "Amazing ride from Amory, having only one usable gear at the back. Sometimes people were watching others too much and not trying to race. We did go very slow some of the time. To progress, one should race more, attack more often and or take strong pulls, not worrying too much about winning."

He added that except for two or three important races this year, everyone wants to do well. "Mind



Calvin Smith leading the field of riders in Sunday's season opener

you, it may not be that important here as there aren't many riders in races," he said.

Jervis described the race as eventful, riding in one gear. "It was difficult at times, especially when you have the surges," he said. "Having a fixed gear bike, and a stiff gear, it's difficult to

accelerate fast."

Final results: Calvin Smith, 1:34.47. 2. Barry Jones, 1:34.49. 3. Amory Jervis, 1:34.50. 4. Jorge Jimenez, 1:34.59. 5. Shane Donovan, 1:41.05. 6. Phillippe Leroy, 1:43. Stephen Emmanuel was the B winner in 1:02.

SPORTS



Ty'Rique 'TyTy' Charles, 13, leapt 1.73m and joined Jamelia Chambers, marking the 1st time a Boys & Girl have qualified for Carifta in the High Jump



Lion Heart's Shevaughn Thomas, left, is defended by the Wolues' Hugo Liaziaro



Jameila Chambers, 14, clearing 1.55m to qualify for the 51st Carifta Games



Shara Stoutt, right, marching to U17 Girls 100m victory



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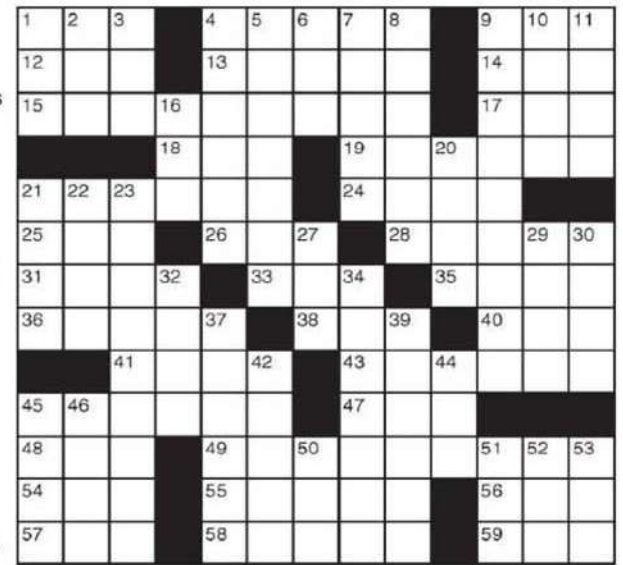
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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Pep
- 4 "Get Here" singer Adams
- 9 Opposite of "post-"
- 12 Equal (Pref.)
- 13 Jeremy of "Entourage"
- 14 Corn serving
- 15 Prepaid convenience for cell users
- 17 Texter's "Enough!"
- 18 Common verb
- 19 Spiritualist
- 21 Oliver Twist, for one
- 24 Cabinet dept. head
- 25 "Norma —"
- 26 Snake's warning
- 28 Mexican snacks
- 31 Actor Richard
- 33 UFO crew
- 35 Commanded
- 36 Enticed
- 38 Rep.'s rival
- 40 "Diamonds" singer
- 41 Goatee's spot
- 43 "O Pioneers!" author
- 45 Long recliner
- 47 Magic, on scoreboards
- 48 "A spider!"



- 49 Cell user's practical joke
- 54 Conk out
- 55 Dodge
- 56 Classic car
- 57 Hosp. areas
- 58 Opposite of most
- 59 Watch chain
- 7 Gabor
- 8 "Still ..."
- 9 Fund for minor expenses
- 10 Malek of "Bohemian Rhapsody"
- 11 Guitarist Clapton
- 16 "Unh-unh" type
- 20 Wound cover
- 21 Pitcher
- 22 Pasta sauce brand
- 23 Fruity baked goods
- 27 Norm (Abbr.)
- 29 Garfield's pal
- 30 Blacken
- 32 Classic soda brand
- 34 Extra helpings
- 37 Put to rest
- 39 Grocery store
- 42 Audacity
- 44 Patient's need, briefly
- 45 Give up
- 46 Estate recipient
- 50 Bond rating
- 51 Canine cry
- 52 Zodiac feline
- 53 Arced tennis shot

DOWN

- 1 Red-carpet
- 2 "Kinda" suffix
- 3 Cow's greeting
- 4 Verdi works
- 5 Permit
- 6 Hollywood's

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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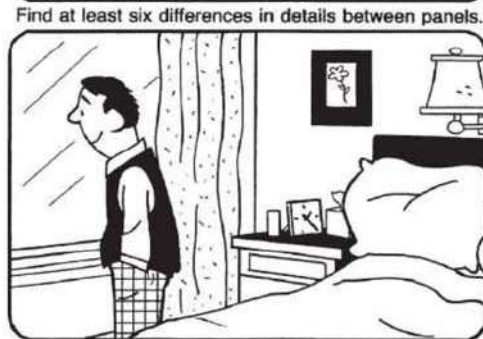
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Flower picture is reversed. 2. Clock is larger. 3. Nose is different. 4. Pillow is missing. 5. Curtain is wider. 6. Drawer is missing.

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Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 22 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

- 1. Ottawa; 2. A sheep; 3. Nam, Bert, Flossie and Freddie; 4. Pt.; 5. "That's All Right"; 6. Yellowstone National Park; 7. Dry skin; 8. Wine expert; 9. Richard Nixon; 10. Nazi Germany, Italy and Japan.

TRIVIA TEST ANSWERS

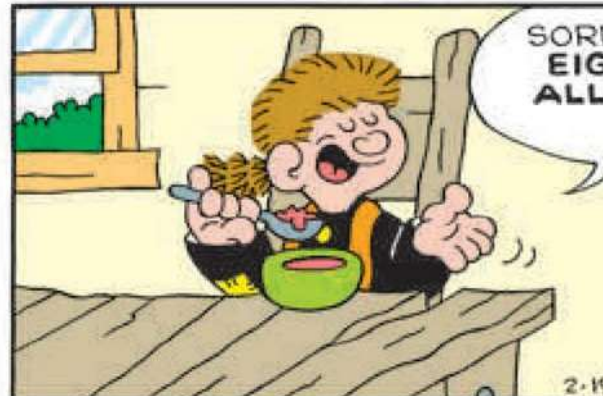
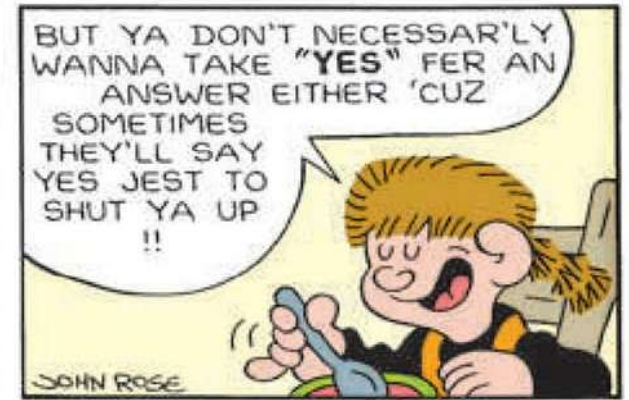
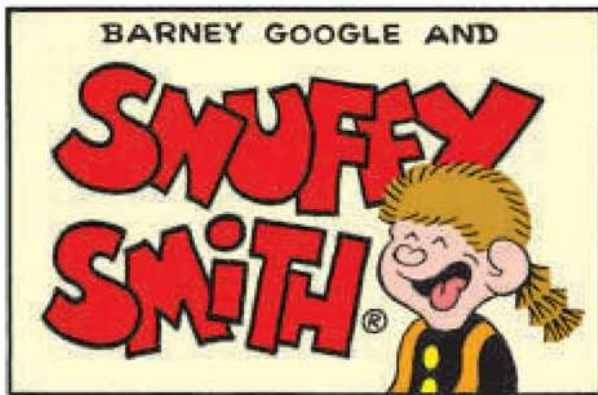
Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

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2. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What was the first animal to be cloned?
3. LITERATURE: In the children's book series "The Bobbsey Twins," what are the names of the two sets of twins?
4. CHEMISTRY: What is the symbol for the chemical element platinum?
5. MUSIC: What is the title of Elvis Presley's first commercial single?
6. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the first U.S. national park?
7. MEDICAL: What is a common name for xerosis?
8. FOOD & DRINK: What is a sommelier?
9. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the first president to visit all 50 states?
10. HISTORY: What were the principal powers of the Axis in WWII?

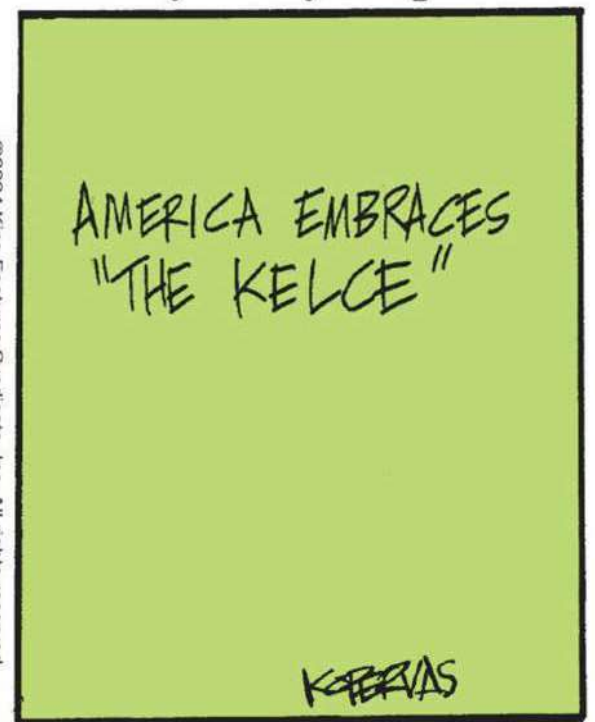
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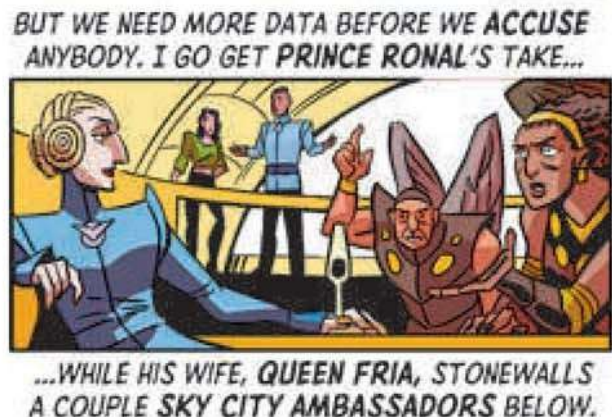
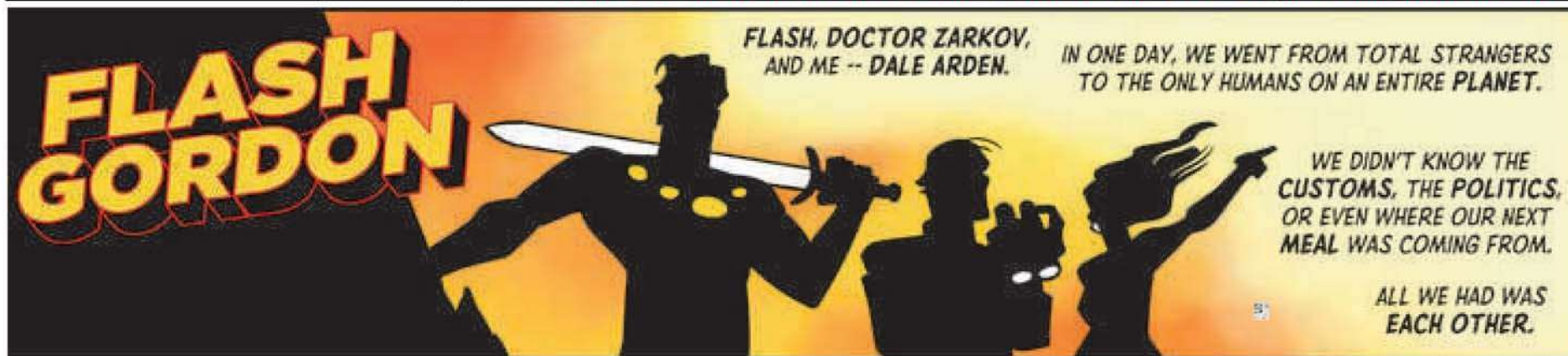
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Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas





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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

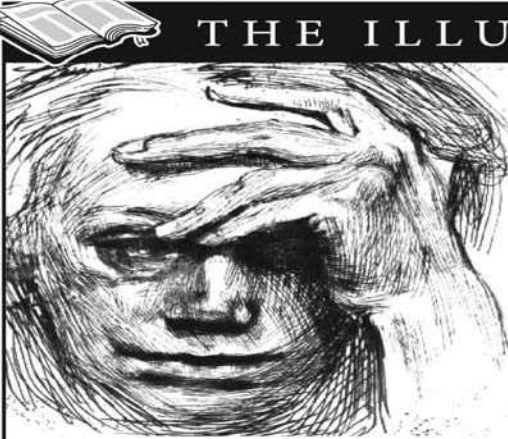


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"Then you'll just have to learn to drive an uncool car."

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Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

— MATTHEW 6:34 —

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HOLLYWOOD

By TONY RIZZO

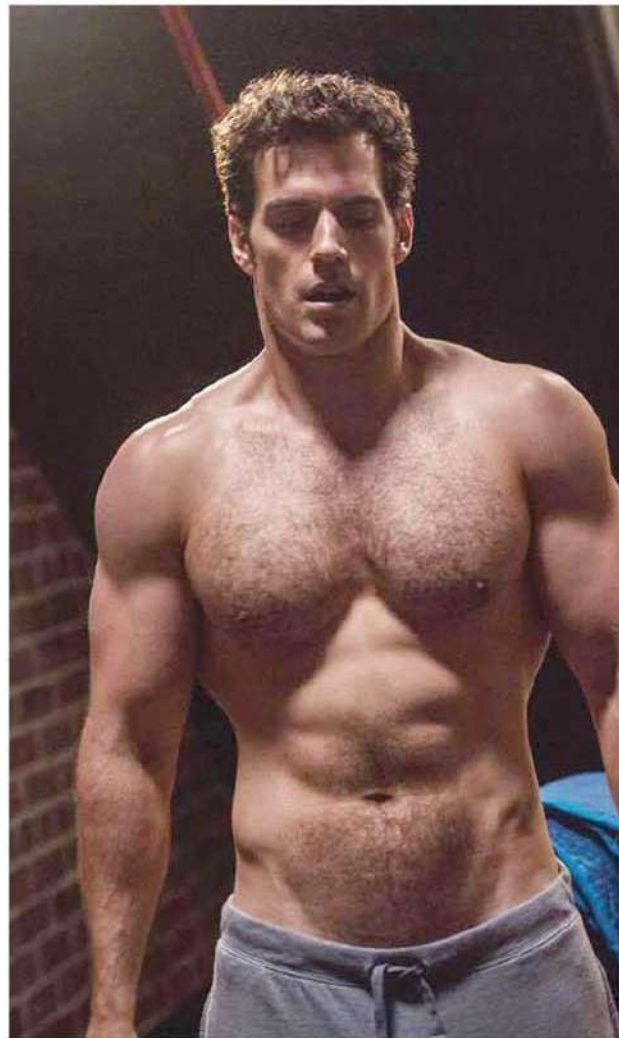
HOLLYWOOD -- Former "Superman" Henry Cavill is not a fan of sex scenes. He admits, "I don't understand them. ... There are circumstances where a sex scene actually is beneficial to a movie, rather than just the audience ... [but] I think sometimes they're overused these days." He says he often asks, "Is this really necessary, or is it just people with less clothing on?"

Cavill continued, "That's when you start to get more uncomfortable, and you're thinking, 'There's not a performance here. There's not a piece which is going to carry through the rest of the movie.'" While he believes that there are times when sex scenes can be great in a movie, Cavill thinks that "it can be a little bit of a cop-out if a TV show or a movie is just filled with gyrating bodies." He challenges this by asking, "What is this doing for us apart from the idea of, 'Oh, naked person, great?'"

This might explain why there were no sex scenes in his recent spy film "Argylle," which might have done better at the box office if he showed his "Superman" body. The \$200 million spy film barely made a dent in its cost, which has prompted Apple to reconsider giving the green light to the two proposed sequels for "Argylle." Apple was already bleeding money from the anemic box-office disappointments of "Killers of the Flower Moon" and "Napoleon."

Quentin Tarantino has chosen the title "The Movie Critic" for what he says is his 10th and final film. Brad Pitt, who appeared in two Tarantino films ("Inglourious Basterds" and "Once Upon a Time in Hollywood"), is in negotiations to star in the film, which will probably start shooting later on this year or in 2025.

James Cameron, who has three of the highest-grossing films of all time (No. 1: "Avatar," No. 3: "Avatar: The Way of Water" and No. 4: "Titanic"), has reached the post-production stage for the third "Avatar" film. He has already shot half of the fourth "Avatar" film and has plans for three more films after that, for a grand total of seven films. "Avatar 6" is planned for 2035.



Henry Cavill in "Batman v. Superman: Dawn of Justice" - photo Courtesy of Warner Bros. Pictures



COVID Vaccines Do Not Increase the Risk of Cancer

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am looking for your opinion regarding the new COVID booster. I am not opposed to vaccinations, as I have had the initial two shots and one booster. About 18 months ago, I was diagnosed with prostate cancer and have since had my prostate removed. My current PSA readings are undetectable, for which I'm grateful. I was also diagnosed with melanoma 12 months ago (along with multiple basal spots). Biopsy results showed that all were successfully removed and were within positive margins, for which I'm also grateful.

I want to get the new COVID booster for obvious reasons, but I'm reading that the boosters are creating cancer recurrence (including prostate cancer and melanoma) in some patients. Clearly, I don't want either to return, but I also don't want to get COVID. Can you help with my dilemma and offer a recommendation? — T.I.

ANSWER: I have also heard people making that claim, but it isn't supported by evidence. Both the National Cancer Institute and the American Cancer Society agree that there is no evidence, nor a scientific reason, suggesting that COVID-19 vaccinations increase the risk of cancer growth, whether it was the first one or an additional one. (By the way, if you saw, like I did, the term "turbo cancer," you can safely disregard the claim, since this isn't a real entity. That's fearmongering.)

The COVID vaccine, whether it's an mRNA or a traditional vaccine (like the Novavax), is a very limited exposure of

a critical protein in our immune system to help "teach" the immune system how to recognize a COVID infection. The vaccine provides pretty good protection against infections for a few months and excellent protection against severe infections (including hospitalization and death) for close to a year. Yearly vaccination seems like it might be reasonable, although public health experts have not decided on a long-term COVID vaccination plan.

People with cancer are particularly recommended to get vaccinated, since both cancer and its treatments may affect the immune system and make infections more serious. However, chemotherapy may affect the body's ability to successfully react to the vaccine, so your oncologist can help you decide the optimal time to get the vaccine if you are undergoing chemo.

DEAR DR. ROACH: You recently wrote about varicoceles and said that they are more common on the left side of the body. Why is that? — A.M.

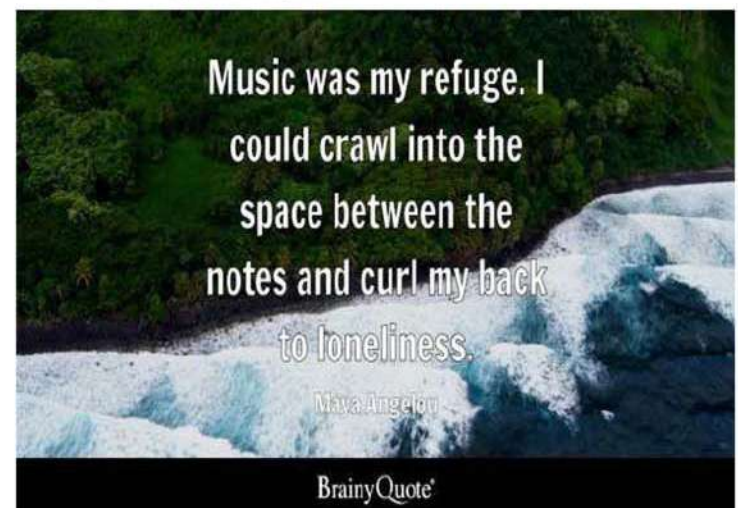
ANSWER: A varicocele is a dilated vein in the spermatic cord that can sometimes cause symptoms of fullness or discomfort in the scrotum. A varicocele forms just like any other varicose vein — increased pressure causes damage to the vein or the valves within the vein that are supposed to stop the backward flow of blood.

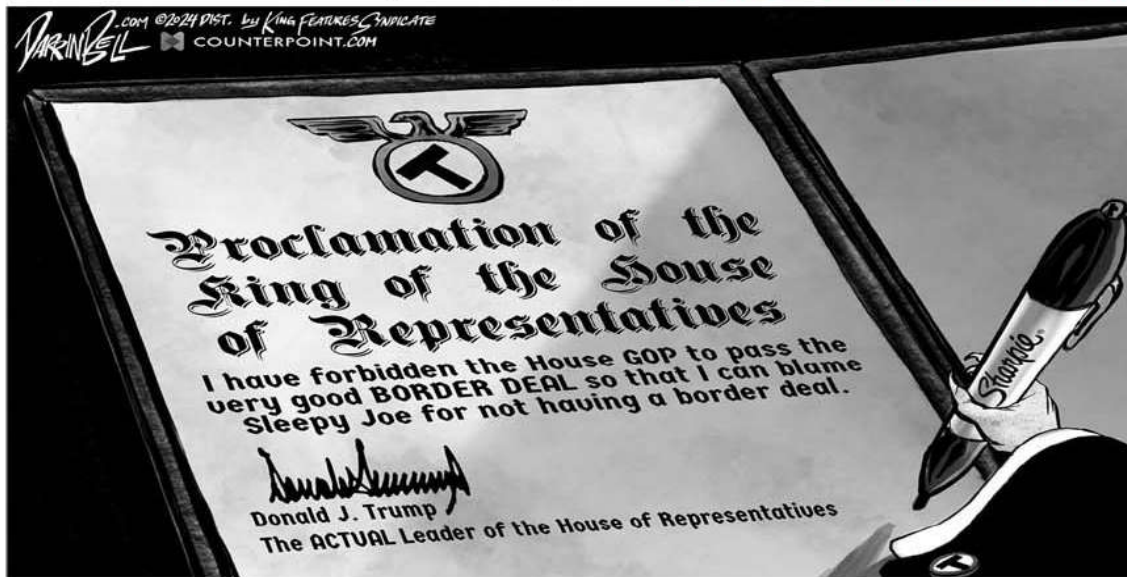
On the left side, the spermatic vein empties into the renal vein, but does so at a sharp angle that can allow for higher pressure and backward flow of blood. By contrast, the right spermatic vein empties into the inferior vena cava, which is large and has lower pressure.

In fact, when a man has a varicocele only on the right side, it raises concern for a tumor that can compress the inferior vena cava. However, the risk is still quite small — 2.7% of right-sided varicoceles compared to 1.6% of left-sided varicoceles.

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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TOP Ten

Most Common Physical Symptoms of ANXIETY

1. Fatigue
2. Heart Palpitations
3. Dizziness
4. Increased Heart Rate
5. Muscle Aches
6. Muscle Weakness
7. Headaches
8. Shortness of Breath
9. Digestive Discomfort
10. Tingling Sensations

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LAFF - A - DAY



"You are raising something, dear. And a fine rabbit it is, too."

GRIN & BEAR IT



"You've had your foot in your mouth again, haven't you, Senator?"

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Stop being the wool-gathering Lamb and start turning that dream project into a reality. You have the ideas, drive and charisma to persuade others to follow your lead, so do it.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You've scored some big successes. But remember that all hard-working Ferdinands and Ferdinandas need some time to restore their energies and refresh their spirits.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You're gaining a stronger mental image of what you're trying to achieve. Now look for the facts that will help get this to develop from a concept into a solid proposal.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Some of you eager-to-please Moon Children might want to delay some decisions until midweek, when you can again think more with your head than your heart.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A new business venture seems to offer everything you've been looking for. But be careful that this rosy picture doesn't betray traces of red ink under the surface.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A volatile situation needs the kind of thoughtful and considerate care you can provide right now. There'll be plenty of time later to analyze what might have gone wrong.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your loyalty to a friend in a tough situation earns you respect from the people you care about. Those who criticize you don't understand what friendship is all about.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your strong work ethic is rewarded with the kind of challenging opportunity you love to tackle. Now go ahead and celebrate with family and/or close friends.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A legal matter you thought had finally been resolved could require a second look. But don't make any moves yet without consulting your lawyer.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Taking charge is what you like to do, and since you do it so well, expect to be asked to lead a special group. This could open up an exciting new vista for you.

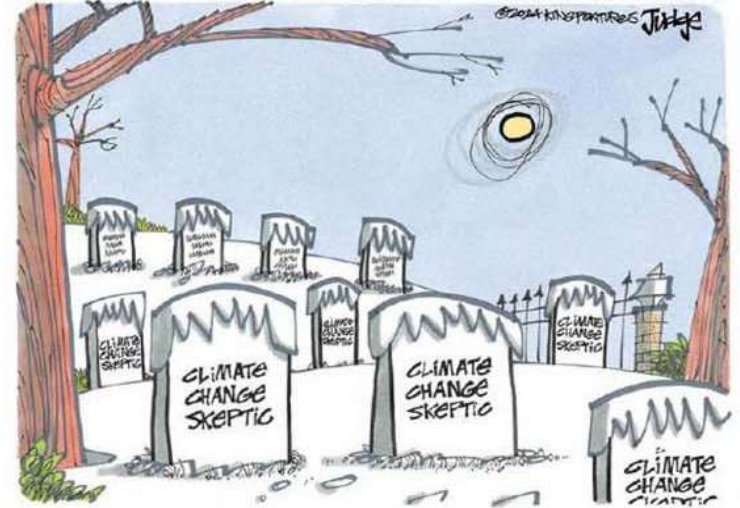
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) An important matter might wind up being entrusted to you for handling. The responsibility is heavy, but you'll have support from people who are able and eager to help.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Avoid getting lost in your thoughts early on in the week. Stay grounded until the week's end, when the aspects will give you a stroke of luck that can spur powerful action.

BORN THIS WEEK: You always try to do the right thing — and for the right reasons. No wonder people have come to depend on you.

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DOZENS OF DEATHS ARE LINKED TO WINTER STORMS;



One loyal friend is worth ten thousand relatives.

Euripides

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FORTIFYING INTERNATIONAL LAW: SAFEGUARDING GLOBAL STABILITY

By Sir Ronald Sanders

(The writer is Antigua and Barbuda's Ambassador to the US and the OAS. He is also the current President of the OAS Permanent Council. The views expressed are entirely his own.)

In today's complex global landscape, peace and prosperity face significant threats due to a blatant disregard for international law and the meticulously constructed human rights framework established since the aftermath of World War II. This disregard poses a grave threat to the stability of nations worldwide.

Hence, all nations, particularly the small and powerless ones, must be deeply concerned about the actions of Israel in Gaza and the Russian Federation in Ukraine. In both cases, international law and the global humanitarian system have been ignored, not only by Israel and Russia but also by other nations with a vested interest in supporting them, despite the illegalities that have been perpetrated.

Consequently, the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) finds itself paralyzed, with its five veto-wielding nations failing to act collectively, either due to direct involvement (as in the case of Russia) or because of alliances with Israel (as with France and the US).

The consequences of this inaction are stark and evident to all. It is a grim tableau of death, destruction, and displacement, with innocent individuals, including women and children, bearing the brunt of the conflicts. In Ukraine, nearly six million people have been forcibly displaced, with almost eight million fleeing to neighbouring countries and beyond. Alarming, UN officials report that more than 20,000 Ukrainian children have been forcibly deported to Russia, given Russian nationality in violation of established rules of war.

In Gaza, Palestinians have been forcibly displaced, enduring indiscriminate, disproportionate, and direct attacks on civilians and civilian infrastructure, including schools and hospitals. More than 28,000 Palestinians have been killed and over 69,000 wounded, with the majority being women and children.



In contrast, since Hamas launched an assault on Israel on October 7, 2023, the Israeli death toll stands at 233 soldiers and 1,200 civilians.

The atrocities and gross violations of human rights and international law persist. Yet, in the Israeli-Gaza conflict, the countries that have been the strongest advocates of human, civil, and political rights have failed to condemn Israel's disproportionate and excessive actions, which are indiscriminately killing Palestinians. Instead, powerful Western nations continue to provide billions of dollars in support to Israel, while refraining from supporting calls for a ceasefire in the UN Security Council.

To address any misconceptions, it's important to note that I have unequivocally condemned the October 7, 2023, attack on Israel by Hamas, describing it as "stupid." This condemnation stems not only from the inherent wrongness of attacks on civilians but also from Hamas's reckless miscalculation, providing Israeli leaders with the pretext to pursue what they term as "total victory."

Similarly, President Vladimir Putin of the Russian Federation has indicated that a ceasefire with Ukraine can only be achieved if there is agreement that Russia will not relinquish any Ukrainian territory gained during the conflict.

The fundamental point that should never escape acknowledgement is that Russia blatantly and knowingly violated international law and the Charter of the UN by its attack on Ukraine and annexation of its territory. This is a particularly egregious act because the Russian Federation is a veto power in the UNSC with the responsibility to safeguard peace.

Many smaller countries of the world, for example those in the Caribbean, have not developed any military muscle. None of them have military air forces or naval battleships, and such armies as they have, are rudimentary with no capability for war. This is so because, when they became independent from European powers, they regarded the Charter of the United Nations and international



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law as their protection from aggression, including invasion, by external forces. Small countries are now left to question the value of the international system to them.

It would be easy for developing countries to take the position that since powerful nations have betrayed the international system, it is no longer effective or beneficial.

However, such a position, while understandable, would be a mistake. For, it would play into the hands of authoritarian regimes everywhere.

The International legal and humanitarian systems, which have been painstakingly assembled over seven decades, should continue to be strongly upheld and vociferously advocated. They remain vital protections for democratic countries which should insist that they be upheld and vigorously applied to all.

This is why in all the organizations of the UN and other regional organizations such as the Organization of American States, smaller nations should not surrender their voice nor cede their votes to those who use the international system selectively and as a convenience for their own interest.

Similarly, the one-sided approach, taken powerful nations in relation to Russia and Israel in their conflicts with Ukraine and Hamas respectively, and their flouting of the international legal and humanitarian systems, has weakened their authority and influence. They should learn lessons from the ways in which they have damaged themselves by double standards.

In the face of all this adversity, it is imperative that democratic countries do not succumb to despair or cynicism. Rather, all nations must redouble their efforts to uphold and strengthen the international legal and humanitarian frameworks that serve as their collective shield against chaos and tyranny.

Small countries need global peace and stability in which to achieve economic prosperity and social progress, or their peoples will face persistent poverty and global inequity. The key to such prosperity and progress is the international legal and humanitarian systems which must always be upheld, strengthened, and broadened.



PUBLIC NOTICES

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
PETUNIA OVERSEAS LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 225264
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 February 15th, 2024.
Dated: February 16th, 2024
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator [39/1]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 663504
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 February 15th, 2024.
Dated: February 16th, 2024
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator [39/2]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
LEXHAM INVESTORS LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 601042
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 February 15, 2024.
Dated: February 16, 2024
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator [39/3]

Longwell Properties Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 677459
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 16th day of February, 2024. The Liquidator is **Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated this 16th day of February, 2024
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator [39/4]

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

(the "Company")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No.: 613886
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 February 14th, 2024. The Liquidator is **Meade Malone of 2nd Floor Geneva Place, #333 waterfront Drive, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: February 15th, 2024
Meade Malone
Liquidator [39/5]

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

Orion Trade and Services Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2058760
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 13 day of February 2024. The Liquidator is **Ray A. George of Long Trench, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated this 13th day of February 2024.

Ray A. George
Voluntary Liquidator
[39/6]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act
Maria's Investments Limited

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company No. 1841985
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 20th February 2024. 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 20th February 2024
(Sgd.) **Myron Walwyn**
Voluntary Liquidator [39/7]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.
ATHALMER COMPANY S.A.

(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 January 19th, 2024. The Joint Liquidators are **Michele Hibbert with address at Sea Cow's Bay, Tortola, British Virgin Islands and Saajid Jasat Bhana with address at Obarrio, Calle 59, Casa 5, Apartado 0816-04554 Ciudad de Panamá, República de Panamá.**
Dated: January 19th, 2024.
(Sgd.) **Michele Hibbert and Saajid Jasat Bhana**
Joint Voluntary Liquidators [39/8]

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

Fomo Holdings Limited

(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 February 15th, 2024. The Joint Liquidators are **Michele Hibbert with address at Sea Cow's Bay, Tortola, British Virgin Islands and Saajid Jasat Bhana with address at Obarrio, Calle 59, Casa 5, Apartado 0816-04554 Ciudad de Panamá, República de Panamá.**
Dated: February 15th, 2024.
(Sgd.) **Michele Hibbert and Saajid Jasat Bhana**
Joint Voluntary Liquidators [39/9]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
BASA BUSINESS LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1901191
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 February 20, 2024.
Dated: February 20, 2024
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator [39/10]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2029704
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 February 19, 2024.
Dated: February 20, 2024
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator [39/11]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
ZARMIA TRADING LTD

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1633852
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 February 19, 2024.
Dated: February 20, 2024
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator [39/12]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 6th day of February, 2024, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidators is:-
Joan Johnson
Nerine Chambers,
Quastisky Building
P.O. Box 905
Road Town, Tortola,
British Virgin Islands
VG 1110 [39/13]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2071250
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 19th February 2024.
Dated: 19th February 2024.
(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator [39/14]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.
NEW GOOD MANAGEMENT LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 679726
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 19th day of February, 2024. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: 19th day of February, 2024
(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator [39/15]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004
Xingxing International Company Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2039669
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 19th February 2024.
Dated: 19th February 2024.
(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator [39/16]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2030738
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 19th February 2024.
Dated: 19th February 2024.
(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator [39/17]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1393522
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 20th February, 2024.
Dated: 20th day of February 2024
(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator [39/18]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1565280
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 20th February, 2024.
Dated: 20th day of February 2024
(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator [39/19]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1538965
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 February 19, 2024.
Dated: February 19, 2024
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator [39/20]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act
PENTA LABS LTD

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company No. 2089539
(the Company)
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to section 204, subsection 1 (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act (as amended) that the Company is in Voluntary Liquidation. The Voluntary Liquidation commenced on 15 February 2024. The Liquidator is **Monique Peters of Travers Thorp Alberga, Jayla Place, 2nd Floor, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110.**
Dated 15 February 2024
(Sgd.) **Monique Peters**
Voluntary Liquidator [39/21]

NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
(NO. 16 OF 2004)
Nowdayee LDJ Holdings Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 15th day of February 2024, 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:-
Joan Johnson
of c/o Sertus Chambers, P.O. Box 905, Quastisky Building, Road Town, Tortola VG 1110, British Virgin Islands
[39/22]

PUBLIC NOTICES

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

IN THE ESTATE OF DOMINGOS NELSON MARTINS,
DECEASED

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by SILVANA LEONARDO FESTA MARTINS of Rua Cristóvão Diniz, 97, apartment 6, Cerqueira César, São Paulo - SP, Brazil, the intended Administrator of the Estate of the deceased who died intestate on the 7th day of November 2022, domiciled in Brazil, has applied to the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the Probate Division for a Grant of Letters of Administration in the Estate of the said DOMINGOS NELSON MARTINS, deceased.

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

Dated the 20th day of February 2024

HARNEY WESTWOOD & RIEGELS LP
Solicitors for the Intended Administrator

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

In the Estate of CHENG CHIT MING also known as CHENG, CHIT MING late of Flat B, 58th Floor, Block 5, Coastal Skyline, No. 12 Tung Chung Waterfront Road, Tung Chung, New Territories, Hong Kong, Deceased

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by CHENG KAMING VINCENT also known as CHENG KAMING of Flat B, 12th Floor, Tower 1, The Visionary, No. 1 Ying Hong Street, Tung Chung, Lantau Island, New Territories, Hong Kong, Merchant, for a Grant of Probate of the will of the above named deceased who died on the 12th day of April 2022 wherein the applicants is one of the named executors

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

Dated this 19th day of February 2024.

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 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.
Chipman Capital Inc.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1749515

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 February 21st, 2024. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean** with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.
Dated: February 21st, 2024
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator
[39/23]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004
FP INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1054773

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 February, 2024. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan** of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.
Dated: 21st day of February 2024
(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator
[39/24]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

KOWITART LTD.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1810657

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 February 19, 2024.
Dated: February 21, 2024
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator
[39/25]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act
CC & Pumps (BVI) Ltd
BC#1972958
(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 16 February 2024. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean** of 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.
Dated 16 February 2024
Nelcia St. Jean
(Liquidator) [39/26]

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

PROBATE NO. BVIHPB 2024/0017
IN THE ESTATE OF REBECCA FAHIE, DECEASED

NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by RUTH E. PENN and TANISHA PENN MOORE of Tortola, British Virgin Islands, the lawful grandchildren of the deceased aforesaid, who died intestate on the 3rd day of January 1978 at Road Town, Tortola for a Grant de Bonis Non Administrates to the Estate of the said REBECCA FAHIE, deceased.

Any person having an objection to the Grant de Bonis Non Administrates to the Applicants shall file an objection within 14 days of the date of the publication of this Notice with the Registry of the High Court of Justice in the British Virgin Islands.

Dated the 20th day of February 2024.

PHOENIX LAW
Solicitors for the Intended Administrators

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The Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

Virgin Islands
BVIHPB2024/0029

In the estate of Valdemir Alves Da Silva, late of Rua Inajaroba, no. 120, Apt 52, Vila Nova Conceição, São Paulo, Brazil, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that PATRICIA MARIA SIQUEIRA SILVA of Rua Juquis, 204, Apto 141, Bloco A, Bairro, Indianopolis, São Paulo, Brazil, a lawful child of VALDEMIR ALVES DA SILVA, deceased who died on the 9th day of November, 2014, domiciled in São Paulo, Brazil; intestate (the Deceased), has applied to the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the Probate Division for a Grant of Letters of Administration in the estate of the Deceased.

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

Solicitors for the Intended Administratrix



Solicitors for MICHAEL KARL KLATT, the Administrator

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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

IN THE ESTATE OF ANDREAS THOMAS GLAPIAK,
DECEASED

In the estate of ANDREAS THOMAS GLAPIAK, late of Müli-
bachstrasse 47, 8805 Richterswil, Switzerland, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Andreas
Hauenstein of Wollerauerstrasse 37, 8805 Richterswil, Switzer-
land, for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above named
deceased who died on the 7th day of July 2023 without revoking
a Will bearing the date of the 11th day of May 2023 and one
codicil bearing the date of 1st day of July 2023 wherein the ap-
plicant is named sole executor.

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

Dated the 22nd day of February, 2024

Filed by Andreas Hauenstein, Propounder whose address
for service is c/o Harney Westwood & Riegels LP, Craigmuir
Chambers, PO Box 71, Road Town Tortola VG1110, British
Virgin Islands
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EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE ESTATE OF LILIAN ALICE DECASTRO PICKER-
ING,
LATE OF ST. THOMAS, VIRGIN ISLANDS OF
THE UNITED STATES, DECEASED

NOTICE is given that after the expiration of 8 days application
will be made to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the re-
sealing of the Grant of Letters of Administration of the Estate
of Lilian Alice DeCastro Pickering, deceased late of St. Thomas,
Virgin Islands granted by The Superior Court of The Virgin
Islands Division of St. Thomas and St John.

Dated this 21st day of February, 2024

Filed by: Nelson Samuel
NR Samuel & Co
Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicants

Whose address for services is:
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3rd Floor, Chevelle Centre
P.O. Box 341
Road Town, Tortola
British Virgin Islands

Phone: 1-284-494-2418
email: nelson.samuel@nrsamuel.com

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APPOINTMENT
BIGGER SUCCESS
LIMITED

("the Company")

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1985714

NOTICE is hereby given
pursuant to Section 204 of the BVI
Business Companies Act, 2004
that: **Bigger Success Limited**
is in voluntary liquidation.
The date of commencement
of liquidation is 21st February
2024. 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 21st February 2024

Carmine Bailey
Voluntary Liquidator
[39/27]

Sewerage Overflow In Road Town

The Water and Sewerage
Department is advising
the public of a sewerage
overflow in Road Town,
as a result of a technical
malfunction at the main
pump station in Road
Town.

Motorists and pedestrians
are advised to proceed
with caution on approach
to any flowing water in
the vicinity of MidTown
restaurant to Crab-Lot.

As a result, the Road Town
Pump Station is closed
and persons are advised to
keep the entrance clear.

The Department has
prioritised this issue
and will be forthcoming
with any updates. Any
inconvenience caused is
regretted.

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

PROBATE NO. 0033 OF 2024

IN THE ESTATE OF LUIS FELIPPE INDIO DA COSTA,
LATE OF ESTRADA DA GAVEA, NO. 127, GAVEA, RIO DE
JANEIRO-RJ, BRAZIL, DECEASED

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by LUIS
OCTÁVIO AZEREDO LOPES INDIO DA COSTA of Estrada
do Embú No. 1550, Cofia, São Paulo-SP, Brazil who is the son
of LUIS FELIPPE INDIO DA COSTA, deceased who died
intestate on the 27th day of March, 2023, for a Grant of Letters
of Administration in the Estate of the said deceased.

ANY PERSON having any objections 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 9th day of February, 2024

Filed by HUNTE & CO. LAW CHAMBERS, Attorneys-at Law whose
address for service is 123 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British
Virgin Islands.
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THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
(PROBATE)

PROBATE NO. BVIHPB 0001 of 2024

IN THE ESTATE OF ARNANDO SCATLIFFE
Late of Long Bush, Tortola, Virgin Islands (UK), deceased

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Jeanette
Scatliffe-Boynes of Upper Lower Estate, Jerome Scatliffe of
Road Town, Collin Scatliffe of Hope Estate, all of Tortola,
VG1110 in the Territory of the Virgin Islands, Michael Scatliffe
of 334 Wintberg, St. Thomas, 00802 United States Virgin
Islands, and Marsha Scatliffe-Valdivieso of 1 Fir Rd., Jersey
City, New Jersey, 07035, United States of America, for a Grant
of Letters of Administration to the applicants who are the
children of the deceased, the deceased having died on the 2nd
day of January, 1997.

ANY PERSON having an objection to the grant of Letters of
Administration to the applicants shall file an objection within 14 days
of the publication of this Notice with the Registrar of the High Court
in the Territory of The Virgin Islands.

Dated this 12th day of February 2024

Filed by Travers Thorp Alberga, whose address for service is 2nd
Floor, Jayla Place, Road Town, Tortola, Virgin Islands (UK) VG1110.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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

CLAIM NO. BVIHPB2024/

IN THE ESTATE OF FLÁVIO EDUARDO LOPES, LATE, OF RUA CORONEL QUIRINO NO. 870, APT. 161, CAMBUI, 13.025-001, CAMPINAS-SP, BRAZIL, DECEASED

ADVERTISEMENT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Guilherme Da Costa Vicente Lopes of Rua Coronel Quirino No. 870, Apto. 161, Cambui, 13.025-001, Campinas-SP, Brazil for a partial Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who is the son of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate at Hospital Vera Cruz -Casa de Saude, Campinas-SP, Brazil on 7 September 2021.

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 5th day of February 2024

Filed by McW. Todman & Co, Attorneys-at Law for the Administrator whose address for service is: McNamara Chambers, 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands; email: nstjean@mctodman.com
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THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
(PROBATE)

PROBATE NO. BVIHPB 0002 of 2024

IN THE ESTATE OF JANE ANN SYLVIA SCATLIFFE ALSO KNOWN AS SYLVIA SCATLIFFE
Late of Long Bush, Tortola, Virgin Islands (UK), deceased

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Jeanette Scatliffe-Boynes of Upper Lower Estate, Jerome Scatliffe of Road Town, Collin Scatliffe of Hope Estate, all of Tortola, VG1110 in the Territory of the Virgin Islands, Michael Scatliffe of 334 Wintberg, St. Thomas, 00802 United States Virgin Islands, and Marsha Scatliffe-Valdivieso of 1 Fir Rd., Jersey City, New Jersey, 07035, United States of America, for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicants who are the children of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 2nd day of December, 2021.

ANY PERSON having an objection to the grant of Letters of Administration to the applicants shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice with the Registrar of the High Court in the Territory of The Virgin Islands.

Dated this 12th day of February 2024

Filed by Travers Thorp Alberga, whose address for service is 2nd Floor, Jayla Place, Road Town, Tortola, Virgin Islands (UK) VG1110.
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H. LAVITY STOUTT

24TH COMMEMORATIVE CELEBRATION

A Flashback on H. Lavity Stoutt's Impact

EVENTS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY	MONDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<p>27 FEB</p> <p>5:00 P.M.</p> <p>Reenactment of the First Sitting of the 13th Legislative Council</p> <p>Eileene L. Parsons Auditorium</p>	<p>04 MAR</p> <p>9:30 A.M.</p> <p>Wreath Laying Ceremony</p> <p>Cappoons Bay Cemetery</p>	<p>06 MAR</p> <p>6:20 A.M.</p> <p>General Knowledge Quiz</p> <p>ZBVI Radio (780 AM)</p>	<p>07 MAR</p> <p>9:30 A.M. - NOON</p> <p>Fair to showcase the Impact of H.L Stoutt</p> <p>Elmore Stouitt High School Campus, East Block, Lecture Rooms 1 & 2</p> <p>Territorial Wear</p>

A Flashback On The Impact Of H. Lavity Stoutt

The Territory will be observing the 24th Commemorative Celebration for the late H. Lavity Stoutt from 27th February to 7th March under the theme “A Flashback on H. Lavity Stoutt’s Impact.”

Deputy Secretary in the Premier’s Office and Chairperson for the Planning Committee, Dr. Lavon Chalwell-Brewley, is encouraging persons to attend this year’s events which will highlight the visionary’s impact on the Territory’s development with a great focus on education.

Activities will include:

A production in conjunction with Virgin Islands Studies Institute at the H. L. Stoutt Community College of the “Reenactment of the First Sitting of the 13th Legislative Council on Tuesday, 27th February, at 5:00 p.m. at Eileene L Parsons Auditorium;

A Wreath Laying Ceremony on Monday, 4th March at 9:30 a.m. at the Cappaons Bay Cemetery;

A radio quiz on ZBVI on Wednesday, 6th March at 9:30 a.m.;

and A Fair Showcase on Thursday, 7th March

from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Elmore Stoutt High School Campus.

The public holiday will be observed on Monday, 4th March in lieu of his birthdate which is Thursday, 7th March.

The late H. Lavity Stoutt was born on March 7, 1929. He served as an elected representative consecutively from 1957 to 1995 and was the Territory’s first Chief Minister. He is credited with establishing the cruise ship pier, overseeing the construction of the Central Administration Complex and spearheading the development of the local community college, which is named in his honour.

The Government of the Virgin Islands continues to celebrate the life of the late Honourable H. Lavity Stoutt every year on the first Monday in March. The day is declared a public holiday in celebration of the anniversary of the birthday of the Territory’s first Chief Minister. H. Lavity Stoutt died on May 14, 1995.

On October 13, 2023, H. Lavity Stoutt was among the first group of 10 persons who was declared as national heroes during a resolution passed by the House of Assembly.

GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

H. LAVITY STOUTT

24TH COMMEMORATIVE CELEBRATION

FREE ADMISSION

Join us for a night down memory lane for the

Reenactment of the First Sitting of the 13th Legislative Council

Featuring: Students from the H. Lavity Stoutt Community College

Tuesday, 27th February, 2024 | 5:00 p.m.
Eileene L. Parsons Auditorium

STATEMENT BY MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND WORKS HONOURABLE KYE M. RYMER AT THE EIGHTH SITTING OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTH HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS ON THE REPAIRS TO THE CRITERIA FOR TAXI PERMITS

Tuesday 20th February 2023

Madam Speaker, I thank you for the opportunity to inform this Honourable House and the people of the Virgin Islands about the anticipated improvements to the approval process for Taxi Permits. The Ministry of Communications and Works has worked diligently in partnership with the Taxi and Livery Commission to develop a criteria for issuing taxi permits that will engender transparency, fairness, efficiency and quality in the taxicab industry in the Virgin Islands.

Firstly, we focused on simplifying and streamlining the process for acquiring a taxi permit. The criteria for approving taxi permit applications will establish a standardised, efficient procedure that outlines precise requirements and reduces the waiting period for a response to an application. The criteria will require aspiring taxi operators to have knowledge of local roads and just as important, it will ensure driver competency through rigorous background checks, including criminal records, driving record evaluations, and proof of medical fitness. These checks will provide our citizens and visitors with safer, more secure taxi services.

Secondly, we endeavoured to mitigate the reality of limited taxi permit availability in our Territory. The system for the approval of applications must allow for fair competition and encourage innovation. There are currently 708 active taxi licences in the Virgin Islands. To prevent oversaturation of the industry, it is necessary to set a reasonable cap on the number of taxi permits issued while safeguarding an open, transparent process for obtaining them. This will foster a healthy market environment where drivers are motivated to provide excellent service, and passengers have access to a variety of options.

Thirdly, we are pursuing the ultimate goal of maintaining a well-functioning taxi industry. Accountability is crucial to this goal. Therefore, the establishment of a responsive, regulatory

body that handles complaints, investigates reports of misconduct, and takes appropriate action against drivers who violate the rules is paramount. Transparent reporting mechanisms are already in place to ensure that the public is aware of the steps being taken to address any issues emerging within the industry. The Taxi and Livery Commission will continue to enhance the taxi industry in its functions as the regulatory unit within the Ministry.

Furthermore, we must consider the introduction of performance-based standards for issuing taxi permits. We will establish clear benchmarks that drivers must meet to continue operating. These standards can include factors such as customer satisfaction ratings, adherence to traffic rules, and vehicle maintenance records.

Madam Speaker the Taxi and Livery Commission will be empowered to enforce these measures, which will raise the overall quality of taxi services in our city and provide improved experiences for our residents and visitors alike.

According to the Road Traffic (Taxi-Cab) Regulations, regulation 12: "The Minister may from time to time determine the maximum number of taxi permits that should be issued during the course of a year." Also, regulation 17 states: "In the exercise of his or her powers under regulation 12...the Minister may consult with the Commission for the purpose of determining the number of taxi-cabs currently in use in the taxi-cab industry."

With that in mind, Criteria for Approving Taxi Permit Applications have been developed to guide the approval of new applications and the renewal of applications. These criteria, will be submitted to Cabinet for review and approval, and they are as follows:

An applicant:
Holds the requisite Virgin Islands Driver Licence issued under the Road Traffic Act;
Has held the Virgin Islands Driver Licence for a period of two (2)

consecutive years prior to the date of applying for a Taxi Permit;
Possesses a police certificate indicating that he or she has not been convicted of a criminal offence punishable with imprisonment for three (3) months or more or a fine exceeding \$1,000 within the last five (5) years;

Possesses a certificate of medical fitness, including an eye examination, indicating that he or she is fit to operate a taxicab.
Has satisfactorily completed a course of training for new drivers of vehicles applying for hire, conducted by the BVI Tourist Board.

Once the above criteria are met:
The applicant further satisfies the Licensing Officer that:

He or she has adequate knowledge of the roads in the area to which these regulations govern.

He or she is a fit and proper person to hold a taxi licence; and

He or she has a current Trade Licence enabling them to engage in Taxi Operations.

Madam Speaker upon satisfying all of the above listed conditions, it is recommended that an applicant for a Taxi Permit be selected from each geographical/district area in the territory as per the following allotment of Maximum Number of Taxi Permits per calendar year:

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| District Area | Operators |
| 1 West End, Carrot Bay (Tortola) | 2 |
| 2 Meyers, Cane Garden Bay, Brewers Bay, Spooners etc. (Tortola) | 2 |
| 2 Jost Van Dyke | 2 |
| 3 Sea Cow's Bay and Surroundings (Tortola) | 2 |
| 4 Road Town and Surroundings (Tortola) | 2 |
| | 5 |

Huntum's Ghut, Long Trench, Horse Path, Fahie Hill, Georges Northside etc.

2
6 Baugher's Bay and East Central

2

7 Long Look (Tortola) and Beef Island

2

8 East End, Greenland and Hope Estate (Tortola)

2

9 Virgin Gorda

3 Anegada

2
TOTAL

23

Therefore, a maximum of twenty-three taxi permits will be approved annually.

Additionally, the following criteria apply to special circumstances:
Retirement from the Transportation for Hire Industry:

The Department of Motor Vehicles will provide a standard form letter, which a retiring Public Transport Operator can fill and submit as evidence/confirming that he/she, wishes to retire from the Industry. Once this is done, if a family member of the retired Operator desires to take their place, they will be given first preference providing they meet all the other criteria.

The afore-said standard letter would also feature a space to indicate the reason for retirement: e.g. health, age, etc.

Death of active Public Transport Operator:

A family member of the deceased Operator who meets all other criteria will be given first preference to operate the said business using the same permit. This criteria is to be tied to a medallion or similar system for sale/transfer of Permit.

Relocation:

Where a Public Transport Operator permanently migrates to another country and no longer has a need for the Permit, the standard form letter mentioned in Criteria 1 above must be submitted. In this case, a family member will be given first preference to use the permit once they meet the relevant criteria.

Resignation from Transportation for Hire Industry:
Where a Public Transport Operator resigns from working in the Industry, a reason would have to be supplied similar to the proposed standard letter in item 1 above.

Procedure to add Public Transport Operators on additional (new) Taxi Stands:

A new Taxi Operator permit would be issued on the grounds that the applicant has prospective membership with a Taxi Stand, especially a Stand that is in an area where one is needed or simply that they will be joining an existing Stand versus being an independent Operator.

In conclusion, the Ministry of Communications and Works, along with the Taxi and Livery Commission, is pleased to advance the process of simplifying and modernizing the process of issuing of a taxi permit. We are prioritising the establishment of the Taxi and Livery Commission as the accountable regulatory unit that promotes fair competition and enhances public safety.

The impact of the implementation of these criteria will be closely monitored and evaluated. To ensure that we are meeting the transportation needs of the public, we will undertake a review of the criteria after three years. We are committed to providing safe and efficient transportation for all, while contributing to the growth and prosperity of our Territory.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.



H. LAVITY STOUTT

24TH COMMEMORATIVE CELEBRATION



Wreath Laying Ceremony

Monday, 4th March, 2024 | 9:30 a.m.
Cappoons Bay Cemetery

Dress Code: Territorial Wear

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Morrell & Co. Ltd is seeking an IT Systems and Inventory Control Manager

The Ideal candidate is required to have but are not limited to the following:

Experienced in CPG inclusive of developing and building, scalable, CPG software SaaS, strong knowledge of integration and development of POS strategies, including software and equipment requirements and integration. Design and maintain networking and communications for the company, including PBX, network servers and switches, website and data management, security, and backup.

Candidate must be able to create and maintain the data infrastructure and reports for day-to-day operations on-site and in the cloud. Strong knowledge of Microsoft platform, networking concepts and protocols, such as TCP/IP, DNS, DHCP, VLAN, and VPN, support cross-platform computer networking with strong problem-solving and troubleshooting skills, inclusive of overseeing and implementing daily/monthly/quarterly reports and analysis on performance of brands and accounts. Applicants must have excellent communication and Management skills with the ability to supervise and lead team members; a proven track record is required.

Successful applicant will work in conjunction with General Manager and Brand Manager. Working nights, weekends and Bank holidays is required. Only qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview. Send CV with 2 reference letters to the General Manager c/o neliag@ticobvi.com

BVI Islanders/Belongers preferred. 284-494-2211 ext 308

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KAD POOL SERVICES LIMITED needs a Purchasing Manager to handle sourcing, supplier relationships, and cost management.

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Submit your application in writing to the Managing Director at:

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One full time CARETAKER needed to work seven hours per day to take care of an elderly person. must be caring and attentive. Please send resume or Whatsapp 499-1091 or email lydhae06@hotmail.com or telephone 499-1091

[s40]

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DO's

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

DON'TS

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



IMPORTANT NOTE IN CASE OF LEAKAGE

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



A message from the Department of Disaster Management and Sol

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Applicants must be caring loving and have patience
Interested applicants please send Resume to ginger2017@protonmail.com [s39]

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DOO Bespoke Furniture Marine and Land is seeking a full-time carpenter to construct custom furniture for both residential homes and boats. Candidates should possess a minimum of three years of relevant experience. For inquiries, please email your resume to dennisosipenkov@icloud.com or call 284-547-8100. [s39]

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Looking for a CARETAKER willing to work full time holidays & weekends. Also has experience administering medication via PEG feed tube for elderly person.
Telephone 443-5028. [s39]

Efficient Experts is seeking an Office Manager for a full time position to assist our customers from Monday until Saturday. Please call 284-543-9651. Must speak English. [s39]

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Bamboushay Lounge and Restaurant is hereby seeking to employed a Full Time Chef with at least five years experience
Applicant will have to work weekends and Holidays.
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REAL ESTATE

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