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Premier: Dr. the Hon. Natalio D. Wheatley
(GIS Photo)

Premier and Minister for Finance Dr. the Hon. Natalio Wheatley has issued a comprehensive statement in response to the recent publication of the Mutual Evaluation Report (Report) of the BVI by the Caribbean Financial Action Task Force (CFATF). The Report, a culmination of extensive evaluations and assessments, provides insights into the

jurisdiction's adherence to international standards and protocols concerning financial integrity and transparency.

In his address, Premier Wheatley emphasized the government's unwavering commitment to upholding high standards of financial integrity and transparency, which are paramount

for fostering trust and credibility within the global financial community. - The Premier underscored the importance of embracing the Report's findings and recommendations, viewing them as opportunities for enhancing regulatory frameworks and strengthening mechanisms aimed at combating financial crimes such as money laundering and terrorist financing.

The Government's response to the Report includes the unveiling of a comprehensive National Action Plan, meticulously crafted to address the recommendations

outlined therein. Premier Wheatley reaffirmed the government's dedication to rigorously implementing the Action Plan, allocating resources, and fostering collaboration between the public and private sectors to ensure its successful execution. This implementation process will be closely monitored by the CFATF through its follow-up mechanism, underscoring the jurisdiction's commitment to accountability and transparency in its financial practices.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Financial Services, Labour, and Trade, Hon. Lorna

Smith provided further insights into the concrete steps already underway to align with the Report's recommendations. These measures include the revision of the National Anti-Money Laundering/Countering the Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT) Policy, the enhancement of risk assessment frameworks and inspection processes, and the implementation of a regulatory framework for virtual assets service providers (VASPs) by the Financial Services Commission (FSC).

Attorney General, Hon. Dawn Smith, confirmed the commencement of the implementation of the National Action Plan, emphasizing the government's active engagement with CFATF and its commitment to

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BVI IS COMMITTED TO HIGH STANDARDS

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fulfilling its obligations as part of the Financial Action Task Force Global Network.- Minister Smith-highlighted the robust legislative framework already in place, which, coupled with the collaborative efforts between the public and private sectors, positions the Virgin Islands to effectively

implement the CFATF Recommendations and safeguard the integrity of its business and financial services sector.

Minister Smith further stressed the collective responsibility of all stakeholders, both in the public and private sectors, in mitigating the risks associated with financial crimes. She emphasized

the importance of fostering a culture of compliance and vigilance, urging for enhanced coordination-and cooperation among law enforcement-agencies, competent-authorities, and industry professionals to effectively identify and address potential threats.

PREMIER COMMITTED TO RESOLVING THE ISSUES PLAGUING CUSTOMS PROCESSING

Premier Dr. the Hon. Natalio Wheatley made a firm commitment to address the ongoing delays in processing goods at the Territory's ports. This assurance came in response to mounting concerns from both businesses and Leader of the Opposition, Hon. Ronnie Skelton regarding the sluggish pace of customs clearance procedures.

During the House of Assembly, Hon. Skelton expressed frustration over the extended wait times, citing that it now takes up to five days for goods to clear customs — a delay that he emphasized is severely impacting businesses. Leader of the Opposition's remarks underscored the urgent need for corrective measures to alleviate the strain on enterprises grappling with increased costs and operational inefficiencies. In response, Premier Wheatley echoed these concerns, acknowledging the detrimental

effects of delays on businesses, particularly the escalating fees incurred by containers lingering at the ports for extended durations. In light of these challenges, Hon. Wheatley pledged to initiate discussions with port authorities and customs officials to explore viable solutions aimed at expediting processing times.

During a recent House of Assembly sitting, Hon. Wheatley provided insights into the steps being taken to address the deficiencies in the Customs Automated Processing System (CAPS), which plays a pivotal role in revenue collection and importation data management. The CAPS modernization initiative seeks to enhance computing compatibility, data storage capacity, system security, and user experience to streamline operations and bolster efficiency.

Funding allocated in 2023 facilitated the procurement process, culminating in an

agreement with IBM for the acquisition of essential hardware, including the IBM Cisco HyperFlex node server, along with requisite licenses and accessories. Substantial investments have been made in server infrastructure, power supplies, backup systems, and software licensing, with construction underway to facilitate the system's upgrade. Premier Wheatley assured stakeholders-of-the government's-unwavering commitment to resolving the issues plaguing customs processing, emphasizing the pivotal role of an efficient system in sustaining the Territory's economic prosperity. The proposed upgrades to CAPS underscore a proactive approach by the government to modernize critical infrastructure, thereby fostering a conducive environment for business growth and development.

VI Government to Address Illegal Developments on Crown Lands



Mr. Ronald Smith-Berkeley

The Government of the Virgin Islands will be addressing illegal development on the Territory's Crown lands as well as removal of derelict vehicles, boats and heavy equipment machinery on these lands.

Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Environment Natural Resources and Climate Change Mr. Ronald Smith-Berkeley stated that as per the newly instituted Crown Land's Policy under the subject of Monitoring and Control, the policy authorises the Ministry of Environment to remove or demolish any illegal structure.

Mr. Smith-Berkeley said the Territory's Crown lands are to be strategically utilised to facilitate the administration and operations of Government and to achieve agreed development objectives, including ensuring delivery of critical public infrastructure, community facilities and social services.

He said other objectives also include development of agriculture and fisheries; environmental protection; adaptation to climate change; reduction of disaster risk; and supporting affordable land and housing programmes for Virgin Islanders, and belongers.

Mr. Smith-Berkeley is cautioning persons who are infringing on this section of the law/policy that their developments will be removed at their expense if they fail to comply with enforcement notices issued under the Physical Planning Act.

The Permanent Secretary said, "The Ministry, in collaboration with the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force will remove, at the owner's expense, any vehicle, building material and other personal property left unattended or abandoned on Crown Land, including public roads and sidewalks, for more than five (5) days."

Mr. Smith-Berkeley added that the ministry is charged with the conservation of the environment of the Virgin Islands, as well as the preservation and development of its natural resources and that the necessary legislation is put into place to support it.

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

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TRANSFER OF MANAGEMENT OF FESTIVALS CRITICIZED BY OPPOSITION MEMBER



Hon. Marlon Penn

Opposition Member Hon. Marlon Penn has accused Premier Natalio Wheatley of unlawfully transferring the management of festivals and events in the Territory. Penn's allegations center

around the purported illegal shift of responsibilities from the Virgin Islands Festival & Fairs Committee (VIF&FC) to the British Virgin Islands Tourist Board (BVITB).

During a recent interview on Tola Radio, Hon. Penn raised concerns over what he perceives as a pattern of sidestepping legal procedures in favor of personal agendas. He emphasized that the established law designates the VIF&FC as the rightful overseer of festivals and fairs within the Territory. Penn criticized the government's decision to bypass this legal

mandate, viewing it as a threat to the rule of law and accountability.

According to Penn, the Virgin Islands Festivals and Fairs Committee Act explicitly outlines the committee's role in managing national festivals and fairs, underscoring the necessity for adherence to legal frameworks. He argued that any changes to these protocols should be enacted through proper legislative channels rather than executive fiat.

Penn cautioned against the dangerous precedent set by disregarding established

laws and expressed apprehensions about potential future arbitrary decisions impacting other institutional frameworks. He urged for transparency, accountability, and adherence to due process to safeguard governance principles.

In response, the Cabinet of the Virgin Islands defended its decision, framing the transfer of festival management functions to the BVITB as a strategic move to enrich the tourism sector with elements of local culture and heritage. Premier Wheatley, who oversees the

Ministry of Tourism and Culture, highlighted the decision as part of broader efforts to enhance tourism opportunities by integrating Virgin Islands culture into the tourism product.

The dispute surrounding the transfer of festival management responsibilities underscores broader tensions concerning governance, legal compliance, and cultural preservation in the British Virgin Islands. As the controversy unfolds, stakeholders await further clarification on the legality and implications of the government's actions.

SENTENCING OF FORMER MANAGING DIRECTOR OF BVI PORTS AUTHORITY POSTPONED

The sentencing of Oleanvine Pickering-Maynard, the former Managing Director of the BVI Ports Authority who struck a plea deal with the US Drug Enforcement Administration-(DEA), has been postponed once more. Initially scheduled for various dates, most recently

22 February, the new sentencing date has been set for 28 March by a Miami federal court.

Pickering-Maynard's case has been closely watched, particularly after her testimony against Mr. Fahie in his recent trial, where he was found guilty of drug

and money laundering conspiracy charges. Her cooperation in Fahie's trial, coupled with her plea deal, has drawn significant attention to her own sentencing process.

This delay follows a pattern of postponements, with previous dates set for 21 August and 22 January. The latest extension further prolongs the resolution of Pickering-Maynard's legal proceedings, leaving stakeholders and observers awaiting further developments.

In a related case, Pickering-Maynard's son, Kadeem

Maynard, was sentenced on 20 November to serve 57 months in prison after pleading guilty to a single count of conspiracy to import cocaine. The interconnected nature of these legal proceedings underscores the complexity and scope of the investigations surrounding drug-related offenses in the region.

Meanwhile, Mr. Fahie's sentencing, initially scheduled for 29 April, faces uncertainty following revelations that two jurors have changed their minds about their guilty verdict. US District Judge Kathleen

Williams has called for federal prosecutors and defense attorneys to reconvene on 7 March to address this development and potentially find a legal solution.

The unfolding events surrounding Pickering-Maynard's sentencing and Fahie's trial highlight the intricacies of navigating the legal system in cases involving drug trafficking and conspiracy charges. As the legal saga continues, stakeholders anticipate further clarity on the outcomes and implications of these proceedings.

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BVI Yachting Hotel and Tourism Association Forges Strategic Alliance with Government

British Virgin Islands - Demonstrating their shared resolve to advancing the BVI's tourism product, the BVI

Yachting, Hotel and Tourism Association (BVIYHTA), and the Honourable Premier Dr. Natalio Wheatley, engaged in an exciting

dialogue on Thursday, February 22nd. For the newly formed BVIYHTA, this meeting marked a significant milestone in their



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Duties/Responsibilities:

- Provide leadership, vision, and direction to the team to accomplish resort and department goals and cultivate a strong team atmosphere focused on guest and team member engagement and satisfaction. Lead with trust, respect and by example.
- Ensures the Food and Beverage operation runs effectively in compliance with the operational standards.
- Demonstrates good judgment and discretion in decision making for the entire operation, in conjunction with the Restaurant Manager.
- Establishes and implements short- and long-term planning processes.
- Monitors operating standards, Policies and Procedures.
- Maintains and documents up-to-date Policies and Procedures to keep pace with changing needs of the resort and work force.
- Holds employees accountable towards achieving operating standards, Policies and Procedures.
- Ensures the operation is profitable in accordance with operational budgets.
- Achieves or outperforms company objectives and financial goals.

Essential Traits:

- Strong desire to lead and motivate employees.
- Judgment and speed in decision making.
- Professionally handle multiple tasks and demands simultaneously.
- Attention to detail.
- Attentive and friendly listener
- Sincere desire to provide exceptional customer service.
- High ethical standards
- Availability and dependability in meeting a work schedule.

Specific Technical / General:

- Must have exceptional, "full-rounded" Food and Beverage experience and working knowledge of all hotel operations.
- Should have eight (8) to (10) years Food & Beverage experience.
- Strong financial and inventory management skills with exceptional experience in managing food costs.
- Must have high quality menu / wine list development experience and abilities.
- Previous Caribbean/international experience helpful, but not mandatory.
- Must possess excellent communication, planning, and organization skills.
- Should have a strong background in computers / Food and Beverage systems.
- Strong 4-5-star Resort experience.
- Must be a self starter, energetic, & motivated.
- Due to the small island environment, must be a team player who enjoys challenges and working with others.
- Must be creative; however willing to work with existing core resort philosophy and style.
- Property location makes it important that applicant be in good physical shape.
- Must be able to read, write and communicate effectively.
- Ability to work at a physically demanding pace.
- Ability to lift fifty (50) pounds to a maximum height of six (6) feet.
- Ability to remain standing for lengthy periods of time; climb steps and stairs; stoop, bend, and kneel; push.
- Ability to climb ladders and work at high heights.

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effort to build partnerships which strengthen the tourism industry. The Premier was accompanied by the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry for Tourism, Culture, and Sustainable Development, Mr. Joseph Smith-Abbott, further signaling his commitment to implementing solutions towards an invigorated and resilient tourism industry. The BVIYHTA was represented in force by several members of its interim board of directors including chairman Mr. Clyde Lettsome and Mrs. Sharon Flax-Brutus, the organization's executive director.

Several fruitful discussions were had, all of which underscored a shared mission to cultivate robust relationships between the government and industry stakeholders. Key topics included the establishment of the new Ministry of Tourism and opportunities for long-term collaboration, a national strategic tourism plan, the BVI's competitive positioning within the region, and concerns related to crime impacting the tourism sector.

The Premier expressed his satisfaction with the meeting's outcome, "The vision which I have shared with my new Ministry is an ambitious and exciting one. As a destination, we continue to have all of the elements necessary, particularly in our natural resources and our people, to remain a first-choice destination internationally. Organizations-like the BVIYHTA and its contemporaries will always have my support as we work

together as a Territory to enhance our industry's defining products, experiences, and commercial environment!"

The collaborative spirit exhibited during the meeting reflects a positive step forward for the BVI's tourism product and marketing efforts. The BVIYHTA looks forward to working hand-in-hand with the government, particularly the new Ministry of Tourism, to navigate challenges, leverage opportunities, and collectively propel the Territory's tourism industry to new heights.

Remarking on the meeting, the chairman of the BVIYHTA, Mr. Clyde Lettsome, had the following to say, "The BVIYHTA is immensely grateful for the Premier's commitment to the tourism industry and his keen support for the Association. In meeting with our interim board, he has demonstrated his intentions to work with industry stakeholders, our members and prospective members, to invest in, and facilitate, the growth of BVI's tourism product at the national level. We, in turn, pledge to bring our collective experiences, resources, and perspectives to bear in shoring up his agenda for the future of BVI tourism. Tourism is everyone's business."

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STATEMENT ON PUBLICATION OF MUTUAL EVALUATION REPORT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

Premier Honourable Dr Natalio Wheatley has reacted to today's publication of the Mutual Evaluation Report (Report) of the Virgin Islands by the Caribbean Financial Action Task Force

(CFATF).

The Government has welcomed the Report and confirmed that it is committed to rigorously implementing its recommendations, as laid out in the National Action

Plan, also published today. This implementation process will be observed by the CFATF through its follow-up process.

Premier Wheatley said: "We know high standards of financial

integrity and transparency that meet global standards are essential. The Government has prioritised resources to support the work outlined in the Action Plan and I am confident that our public and private sectors will work together to ensure that we progress successfully."

Deputy Premier and Minister for Financial Services, Labour and Trade, Honourable Lorna Smith, OBE said: "The Report made a number of Recommendations and I can verify that a number of these actions are already underway.

These include:

Commencement of a revision of the National Anti-Money Laundering/Countering the Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT) Policy

Updating and implementing risk assessment frameworks and inspection processes of the FIA and Financial Services Commission (FSC)

Implementation of the virtual assets service provider (VASP) regulatory framework by the FSC

Drafting of legislation to address minor technical gaps identified in the Report

Ensuring that maintenance of beneficial ownership information is directly with a public authority

Commencement of the terrorist financing risk assessment of Non-Profit Organisations by the Financial Investigations Agency (FIA)

The establishment of a specific Sanctions Unit within the Attorney General's Chambers to ensure greater efficiency in dealing with all sanctions related matters

Specific training for law enforcement agencies and other relevant authorities on money laundering investigative techniques and sanctions compliance

Measures to enhance coordination and cooperation amongst law enforcement agencies

and other competent authorities

Plans to update our terrorist financing risk assessment and assess the specific risk posed to the jurisdiction by legal persons and legal arrangements.

The introduction of a Compliance and Governance Master Course to provide industry professionals with essential knowledge and skills."

Attorney General, Honourable Dawn J. Smith confirmed that implementation of the National Action Plan has started.

The Attorney General said: "The Minister's presence at the CFATF Plenary in November 2023 demonstrated the high level of commitment of the Virgin Islands Government, its respect for the CFATF and its responsibilities as a part of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) Global Network. We have a strong legislative framework in place and I believe this, together with the robust partnership between the public and private sectors, means that we will be able to safeguard the integrity of our business and financial services sector and implement the CFATF Recommendations in good time and to its satisfaction."

Minister Smith added "All of those engaged in business and financial services in the Virgin Islands - whether in the public or private sector - must recognise that there are those who would misuse our services. Our goal is to ensure that the Virgin Islands is always a hostile environment for illegitimate financial activity. The partnership between ourselves, our competent authorities, law enforcement agencies and the private sector, to identify and address the risks we face is vital. We must work together even more closely to mitigate them and successfully pursue the prosecution of financial crime."



PROGRAM LISTINGS

MONDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

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

THURSDAYS

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

FRIDAYS

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

SATURDAYS

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

SUNDAYS

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



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Documents to be presented when registering are either a Virgin Islands Passport with embossed seal, Belonger's Card or a Belonger's Certificate.

A Naturalization Certificate can also be used, provided the certificate is dated before June 15, 2007.

Further, section 17(1) of the Elections (Amendment) Act No. 14 of 2011 states that:

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Persons who have moved their place of residence and wish to transfer are encouraged to apply for a transfer.

Documents to support a transfer can be in the form of Cable, Water, Electricity or Telephone bills, a rent receipt, lease agreement or a notarized document stating the new address.

Registration and Transfer forms are available at the Office of the Supervisor of Elections, Road Town Post Office, the District Offices on Anegada and Virgin Gorda and the Government Office on Jost Van Dyke. \

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PETER ISLAND RESORT & SPA

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

Position: Retail Manager

Duties/Responsibilities:

- Provide leadership, vision, and direction to the team to accomplish resort and department goals and cultivate a strong team atmosphere focused on guest and team member engagement and satisfaction. Lead with trust, respect and by example.
- Provide leadership, vision, and direction to the Spa team to accomplish resort and department goals and cultivate a strong team atmosphere focused on guest and team member engagement and satisfaction. Lead with trust, respect and by example.
- Shop staffing levels are scheduled and assigned.
- Receive stock and store all gift shop articles arriving at the Resort.
- All goods received are to be entered into Counterpoint in accurate and timely fashion.
- Training and development of current and new staff to ensure guest service and restocking is done in a timely manner.
- Preparation of and adherence to an approved buying plan.
- Utilizing Counterpoint reports as a buying tool.
- Development of Budget to include financial reports, stocking, and accountability of goods.
- Maintain established boutique inventory par stocks.
- Maintain logo integrity.
- Maintain all inventories in a clean and organized fashion.
- Ensure all shop attendants are using proper sales reports at the end of the shift.
- Sales trips are to be planned with purchasing objectives.
- Purchasing objective to include vendor relationships, maintaining existing relationships and development of new.
- Invoice integrity is important as goods will not ship without proper invoicing.
- POs are to be used with all purchases getting prior approval from the Financial Controller and General Manager.
- Ensure merchandise turn over using sales techniques.
- Set Sales objectives for staff ensuring incentives are in place.
- Perform any related duties as assigned by supervisor. Assisting all other employees in their duties when required.

Essential Traits:

- Judgment and speed in decision making.
- Professionally handle multiple tasks and demands simultaneously.
- Possess extreme Attention to detail.
- Attentive and friendly listener
- Sincere desire to provide exceptional customer service.
- High ethical standards
- Availability and dependability in meeting a work schedule.

Specific Technical / General:

- Should have at least five years' experience in boutique management.
- Must possess excellent guest service and sales skills.
- Must have excellent articulation and communications skills.
- Must possess strong computer literacy and good understanding of Boutique systems.
- Must maintain a high level of professional appearance and demeanor.
- Must be a self-starter, energetic, & motivated with multi-task capabilities.
- Strong 4-5-star Resort experience.
- Must be a team player who enjoys challenge and working with others.
- Ability to work at a physically demanding pace.
- Ability to lift fifty (50) pounds to a maximum height of six (6) feet.
- Ability to remain standing for lengthy periods of time; climb steps and stairs; stoop, bend, and kneel; push.
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- Ability to load and unload supplies.

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Gender Affairs Office Promotes Healthy Workplace Environment

The Office of Gender Affairs Coordinator Miss Patricia Hackett is stressing the importance of healthy professional relationships in the workplace to ensure high levels of productivity.

Miss Hackett while addressing educators at the H. Lavity Stoutt Community College (HLSCC) at their staff meeting, highlighted the importance of proper communication in the work place as this prevents misunderstanding and misinformation which can foster animosity between co-workers.

Miss Hackett said, "As we try to foster a workplace culture that champions equality, equity and inclusivity, cooperation, collaboration and effective communication stands as backbone of progress."

The Gender Affairs Coordinator said prioritising communication, should be upward, downward, horizontal and vertical in the workplace. She added, "We cultivate an environment where diverse perspectives flourish, paving the way for collaborative solutions and ensuring that every individual, irrespective of race, ethnicity, contributes to and benefits from the collective success of the organisation."

Ms. Hackett underscored the importance of good workplace relationships between staff. She stated that healthy professional relationships are the cornerstone of a thriving workplace, promoting collaboration, trust, and open communication.

"In the workplace, fostering healthy professional relationships is crucial for gender equality," she said adding, "Building trust and respect creates an inclusive environment where everyone, regardless of gender, religion and cultural orientation, can contribute and thrive."

The presentation at HLSCC staff meeting is in line with the Office of Gender Affairs mandate to improve and promote healthy professional relationships and effective communication in the workplace to improve corporate culture in the Virgin Islands.

The Ministry of Health and Social Development through the Office of Gender Affairs remains committed to promoting gender equality and equity in all areas of the Virgin



Online Job Application For Public Service Jobs Launched

The Department of Human Resources has launched an online talent management system to streamline the application process for positions within the Public Service.

The new online talent management system has replaced the previous job board located on the Government website. Subsequently, paper applications will no longer be accepted by the Department of Human Resources and all applications must be submitted through the new system. When accessing the platform, job seekers will be prompted to fill out the employment application and submit all required documents. Additionally, applicants will now be able to track the status of their applications as well as receive automated updates and invitations to interviews.

To access the system, applicants should click on the "JOBS" tab on the Government's website (bvi.gov.vg) and select one of the "Apply Here" options for Public Service or Statutory Body vacancies, respectively.

Permanent Secretary in the Office of the Deputy Governor, Mrs. Sharleen Dabreo-Lettsome, MBE, said "The launch of this system is a significant milestone in our

plans to transform the work of the Department of Human Resources, through our new Human Resources Management vision for the Public Service. We are working to bring job-seekers closer into this critical process."

With the introduction of this new system, the Department of Human Resources aims to facilitate a more transparent, accountable and efficient hiring process for individuals desirous of entering the Public Service. Public Service Transformation Manager, Mrs. Kishann Cupid-Braithwaite said, "Digital Transformation is one of the main priority areas of the Public Service Transformation Programme.. Not only does it allow us to be a greener and more sustainable Public Service, it also allows our services to be accessible to all persons within, and outside, of the Territory. As we continue to transform the entire Public Service, we are focused on creating systems that are efficient and work to the benefit of our clients whom we proudly serve."

A key feature of the new talent management system is its ability to keep job-seekers informed throughout every step of their journey, ensuring they are connected with the

application process. This comes as the Department of Human Resources works to modernize communication with job seekers, transform the onboarding process, and reduce the time it takes for successful

applicants to begin working. Persons in need of assistance when applying for positions online, are encouraged to contact the Customer Service Care Centre via telephone at 284-468-3701 or

customerservice@gov.vg. The Government of the Virgin Islands remains committed to the transformation of the Public Service through a modernised Human Resources Management programme.



PETER ISLAND RESORT & SPA

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

Position: Spa Supervisor

Duties/Responsibilities:

- The Spa Supervisor provides a professional service for our guests while acting as a model that our Spa team follows. The Spa Supervisor is responsible for overseeing the daily operations of the Spa facility, ensuring exceptional service delivery, and maintaining high standards of cleanliness and professionalism. Leads a team of spa staff, coordinates schedule and assists in developing and implementing strategies to enhance our guest's satisfaction and maximize revenue. The general responsibilities include monitoring stock, promoting the different lines of products and spa services to our guests.
- Perform any related duties as assigned by supervisor. Assisting all other employees in their duties when required.

Essential Traits:

- Strong desire to lead and motivate employees.
- Judgment and speed in decision making.
- Professionally handle multiple tasks and demands simultaneously.
- Attention to detail.
- Attentive and friendly listener
- Sincere desire to provide exceptional customer service.
- High ethical standards
- Availability and dependability in meeting a work schedule.

Specific Technical / General:

- Help management keep the maintenance list updated. Broken, dirty, old, or missing parts on machines, building, soft goods (i.e., drapes, linens, blinds, etc.).
- Ensure the room assignment chart is completed daily.
- Make sure that all treatment rooms have fresh decoration daily.
- Monitor employee's uniforms and inform management, in confidence, when uniform code is not being practiced. Management will then approach the therapist.
- Qualified to perform Massages, Facials and Body Treatments at least.
- Experience in a 5 Star Resort, destination or luxury Spa is a plus.
- Good command of the English language, oral and written.
- Work flexible day and evening hours, weekends, and holidays.
- Experience with standard Spa equipment, i.e., facial equipment, hot cabbies, Vichy, hydrotherapy tubs, etc.
- A high standard of personal presentation.
- Must be a self starter, energetic and motivated.
- Training or knowledge in Aromatherapy theory/philosophy is preferred.
- Previous 2 years' experience working at a Spa as Spa Supervisor is required.
- Ability to work at a physically demanding pace.
- Ability to lift fifty (50) pounds to a maximum height of six (6) feet.
- Ability to remain standing for lengthy periods of time; climb steps and stairs; stoop, bend, and kneel; push.
- Ability to climb ladders and work at high heights.
- Ability to load and unload supplies.

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Elmore Stoutt High School Holds Agricultural EXPO

Junior Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries, Dr. Karl Dawson has extended congratulations to the principal, staff and students of the Elmore Stoutt High School for executing a successful agricultural expo on its school grounds.

Dr. Dawson said, "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".

Persons attending the expo were able to tour the school gardens and purchase agricultural goods, juices, jams and jellies, which were all produced at the school.

The school's agricultural project is part of the EU-sponsored RESEMBID Smart School

Project, which is being led by the Department of Disaster Management. Dr. Dawson also commended Green VI's leadership as a project partner which has allowed the school to obtain garden supplies, which include tools, a tool shed, a pergola, garden beds, compost soil, topsoil, trees and seeds. GreenVI also secured funding from TMF (BVI) Ltd. to supply the school with a garden shade house.



PETER ISLAND RESORT & SPA

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

Position: Pastry Chef

Duties/Responsibilities:

- Manage the pastry section of Peter Island's resort operations liaising with the Executive and Sous Chefs to ensure a successful working environment.
- Ensure pastry section of Peter Island's resort operations adhere to all HACCP procedures relating to food safety.
- Strong leadership skills and an ability to provide clear instructions to team members.
- Excellent communication skills and an enthusiasm for teamwork
- Certificate in culinary arts, pastry making or relevant field.
- Extensive knowledge of contemporary baking and pastry making techniques
- Ability to develop new and contemporary desserts/baked goods for our fixed and seasonal menus.
- Meet with clients to discuss custom-made desserts and pastries for special occasions such as weddings and birthdays.
- Experience as a pastry chef, pastry sous chef or chef de partie in a resort or hotel setting of a 100 resort or better.
- Identify staffing needs, supervise and train new pastry assistants and bakers when necessary.
- Ability to work flexible hours, including weekends and evenings when necessary.
- Perform any related duties as assigned by supervisor. Assisting all other employees in their duties when required.

Essential Traits:

- Work independently and efficiently.
- Listen attentively and follow directions exactly.
- Strong attention to detail
- Operate and control necessary equipment and machines.
- Availability and dependability in meeting a work schedule.

Specific Technical / General:

- Ability to work at a physically demanding pace.
- Ability to lift fifty (50) pounds to a maximum height of six (6) feet.
- Ability to remain standing for lengthy periods of time; climb steps and stairs; stoop, bend, and kneel; push.
- Ability to climb ladders and work at high heights.
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Dr. Dawson further stated that as Junior Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries, he is supported by his staff at the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, and is seeking to re-energise

the sector through greater engagement with producers and users of agriculture products.

He pledged to do his part in encouraging and supporting this programme and advocating on their behalf.

Honourable Dawson said, "We plan to include an online forum that would expose interested students to 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."

The Department of Agriculture and Fisheries is responsible for ensuring of sustainable production, harvest and supply of safe, high quality food by regulating the agricultural and fisheries sectors.



HM Prison Hosts First Ever Inmates Debate

His Majesty Prison held its first debate between male and female inmates as part of its ongoing rehabilitative initiative.

The initiative was a partnership between the prison and the New Life Baptist Church and is expected to be an annual event. The female and male debate team argued over the moot, 'Why is the rate of reoffending so high and what can the prison do to reduce the numbers.'

Minister for Health and Social Development Honourable Vincent O. Wheatley said that with ongoing discourse surrounding prisoner rehabilitation and the Territory's prison system, events like the debate underscores the prison's commitment to listen to inmates and develop strategies to help with rehabilitation.

Honourable Wheatley said, "To break this cycle, we must invest in rehabilitative measures within our prison services, providing inmates with the tools and support needed for successful reintegration into society, ensuring that the path to redemption is paved with genuine opportunities for change and growth."

The minister added, "This debate was a great initiative and I must give credit to the Prison Ministry arm at the New Life Baptist Church

and His Majesty Prison for a wonderful initiative."

Meanwhile, Superintendent for Prison Mr. Jay Kendall emphasised his team's commitment to ensure that there is a long term goal and strategy behind prisoner rehabilitation at the prison.

Mr. Kendall said, "Events such as this are really important. For inmates to have their voice heard in terms of what they think the reasons are why people reoffend and what some of the solutions may be. My pledge today, is that based on what is been said and some of the suggestions and ideas will be included in my three-year strategic plan as we look to develop His Majesty's Virgin Islands Prison Service."

The Superintendent also thanked the rehabilitation team at the prison for their continued hard work and constant innovating new ideas to enhance the institution's rehabilitative process.

The female team was declared winners of the debate and received \$500 for their efforts. The valiant effort of the male team was also acknowledged and they received \$250 which will be split between team members when they are released.

Meanwhile, Pastor of the Cane Garden Bay Baptist Church,

Reverend Dr Michael A. Turnbull, who was the moderator of the event also pledged to donate five laptops from the Cane Garden Bay Baptist

Church to His Majesty Prison to further assist with the prison's rehabilitative efforts of prisoners.

The Ministry of Health and Social Development through its

subsidiary His Majesty's Prison remains committed to advancing the rehabilitation of prisoners in the Virgin Islands.



PETER ISLAND RESORT & SPA

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

Position: Restaurant Manager

Duties/Responsibilities:

- Provide leadership, vision, and direction to the F&B team to accomplish resort and department goals and cultivate a strong team atmosphere focused on guest and team member engagement and satisfaction. Lead with trust, respect and by example.
- Assist the Food and Beverage Director in developing and training restaurant service staff and to ensure high quality guest experience.
- Supervise, train and develop new and existing restaurant staff.
- Manage food, beverage and labor costs.
- Manage food, beverage and service quality.
- Perform associate Performance Reviews
- Assist the Food and Beverage Director with other related.
- Perform any related duties as assigned by supervisor. Assisting all other employees in their duties when required.

Essential Traits:

- Strong desire to lead and motivate employees.
- Judgment and speed in decision making.
- Professionally handle multiple tasks and demands simultaneously.
- Attention to detail.
- Attentive and friendly listener
- Sincere desire to provide exceptional customer service.
- High ethical standards
- Availability and dependability in meeting a work schedule.

Specific Technical / General:

- Should have at least 2 years management experience, strong leadership skills, and good knowledge of hotel operations.
- Candidate has a desire for challenge and a talent for building high performance teams.
- Must possess strong problem solving and excellent guest service skills.
- Must have excellent articulation, leadership and communications skills.
- Must possess good computer literacy and basic understanding of Property Management Systems.
- Must maintain a high level of professional appearance and demeanor.
- Must be able to organize, motivate and lead the team, and direct the work of others.
- Assess ability to train and develop employees.
- Must be a self-starter, energetic, & motivated with multi-task capabilities.
- Strong 4-5-star Resort experience.
- Must be a team player who enjoys challenge and working with others.
- Must be creative and willing to work with existing core resort philosophy and style.
- Previous Caribbean / International experience helpful, but not mandatory.
- Ability to work at a physically demanding pace.
- Ability to lift fifty (50) pounds to a maximum height of six (6) feet.
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GLOBAL NEWS BRIEF

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SPAIN - A 14-story residential complex in Valencia, Spain's third-largest city, was devoured by a fire on Thursday last week, killing at least five people and injuring 15, by the latest count on Friday afternoon. The flames swept through the two contiguous buildings in just half an hour, raising questions about the way the complex was constructed.

Housing units inside the residential complex began to be marketed in 2006, and construction was completed in 2008, right in the middle of the property bubble in Spain. The complex is located in the northwest of Valencia, in the Nou Campanar neighborhood.

Like the entire real estate sector, the developer behind the building — a firm called Fbex — went into crisis. In 2010 it filed for bankruptcy after racking up €640 million (\$693 million) in debt. The development, financed by Banesto — a bank that was later absorbed by Santander in 2012 — passed into the hands of the lender. [El Pais]

RUSSIA - The Russian Olympic Committee has lost an appeal against its suspension by the International Olympic Committee. The Court of Arbitration for Sport said Friday that it had dismissed the ROC's appeal against the

suspension imposed in October. The IOC objected to the ROC incorporating four sports bodies representing regions of eastern Ukraine, which it calls "a breach of the Olympic Charter".

Russia was already barred by the IOC from entering athletes for the Paris Olympics under its own flag, and the suspension doesn't stop the IOC's efforts for Russians to compete as neutral athletes without national symbols. CAS said it found the suspension issued by the IOC executive board "did not breach the principles of legality, equality, predictability or proportionality."

The ROC said the CAS ruling, which has not yet been published in full, "practically copied out the IOC's arguments" and ignored the Russian case. [El Pais]

ITALY - Centre-left opposition Democratic Party (PD) leader Elly Schlein told supporters Saturday to fight for the legalisation of gay marriage and cannabis in Italy.

"Let us fight together for egalitarian marriage and for the legalisation of cannabis, also approved in Germany, these are important battles", she said at the event 'For the United States of Europe', organised in Rome by the Più Europa (More Europe) party. [ANSA]

RUSSIA - The body of late Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny has been handed to his mother more than a week after he died in an Arctic prison colony, his spokesperson said on Saturday.

Navalny, President Vladimir Putin's most vocal critic, died on Feb. 16 in one of Russia's toughest prisons in northern Siberia, where he was serving a 19-year sentence on charges widely seen as political retribution for his opposition.

"Alexei's body was handed over to his mother. Many thanks to all those who demanded this with us," Navalny spokesperson Kira Yarmysh said on X, formerly known as Twitter. For the past week, Russian authorities had refused to give Lyudmila Navalnaya custody of her son's body, after she traveled to the town of Salekhard in the Yamalo-Nenets region, the nearest settlement to the prison colony where Navalny died. [The Moscow Times]

FRANCE - Actress Judith Godreche, a leading figure in France's #MeToo movement, received a standing ovation at the Cesar Awards after calling for the French film industry to "face the truth" about sexual violence. At the Cesar Awards in Paris on Friday, French actress Judith Godreche denounced the French film industry's "level of impunity, denial and privilege" in dealing with allegations of rampant sexual abuse. A leading figure in France's #MeToo movement,

Godreche had been invited to speak at France's version of the Oscars, after actresses alleged they were teenage victims of sexual abuse by directors. Godreche has accused directors Benoit Jacquot and Jacques Doillon of sexually assaulting her while she was a teenager.

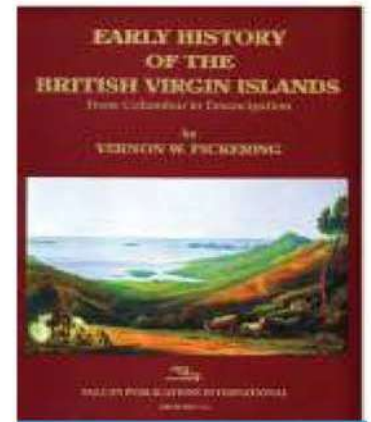
"Why accept that this art that we love so much, this art that binds us together, is used as a cover for illicit trafficking of young girls?" she said. "We can decide that men accused of rape no longer rule the [French] cinema." "Is it possible that we are able to face the truth?" the actress questioned. [Deutsche Welle]

GERMANY - A German bank is making negative headlines for its investments in US commercial property. While many European banks have avoided these assets on a grand scale, Deutsche Pfandbriefbank has embraced them. What comes next? Worries about US commercial property are making a German bank nervous. What had previously promised high profits is becoming a massive problem for Deutsche Pfandbriefbank (pbb). The mid-sized bank based near Munich specializes in commercial real estate loans in Europe, but is also heavily invested in America.

The vacancy rates for offices and business premises there are higher than they have been for years. It is partly a knock-on effect of the COVID-19 pandemic and the new norm of working from home. More broadly, tighter lending, higher interest rates and inflation are making construction and real estate less attractive.

Overall, pbb is sitting on customer loans of just over €49 billion (\$52.9 billion). Of that, around 44% of its real estate financing is connected to commercial real estate in Germany. Yet around €5.4 billion, or 15%, is tied to commercial real estate in the US. A market "where uncertainty surrounding commercial real estate valuations is particularly high," according to a recent report by S&P, a credit rating agency. [Deutsche Welle]

BERMUDA - A One Bermuda Alliance government would slash red tape, make debt reduction a priority and create a plan to reduce the cost of energy. Giving his Reply to the Budget, the Opposition



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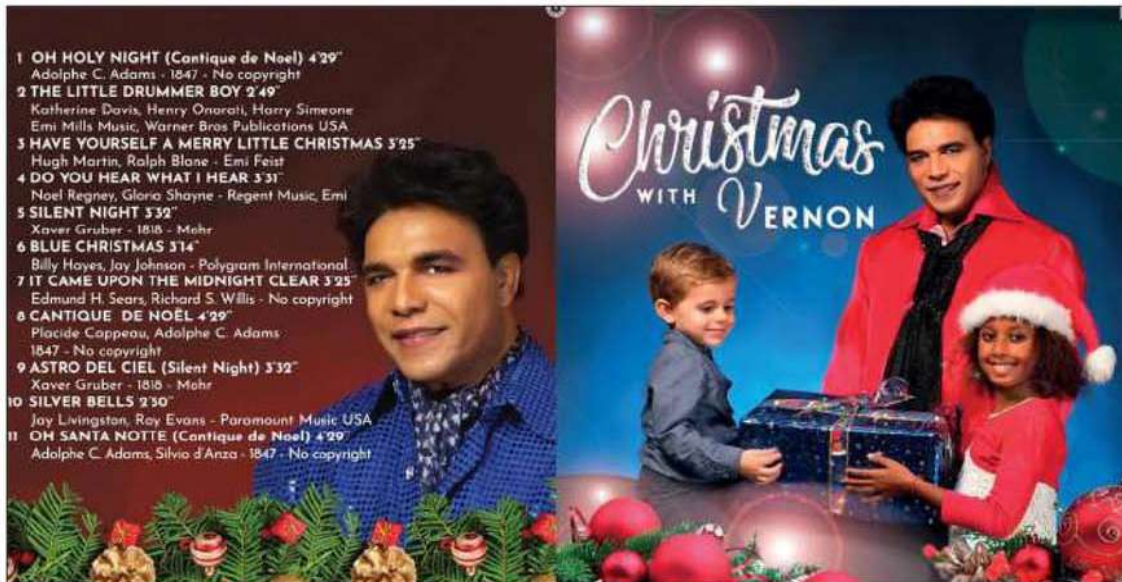
leader Jarion Richardson also said the OBA would replace the block grant for the Bermuda Hospitals Board with a fee-for-service model and would work to make government more efficient. He took aim at the Government. He said: "Under this PLP government, our economy has fallen into a gigantic pothole — not unlike most vehicles on our roads today. We are spinning our wheels, struggling to drive out." [Royal Gazette]

ST. LUCIA - Police authorities in St. Lucia are intensifying their investigations following a series of violent episodes that have rocked communities across the island.

In the southern town of Vieux Fort, two individuals were killed, while numerous others sustained injuries during a recent outbreak of gun violence.

Meanwhile, a separate fatal incident occurred in Dennery, a serene fishing village nestled along St. Lucia's eastern coast.

Vieux Fort has once again found itself thrust into the spotlight due to surge in violent confrontations. Last year, amidst escalating tensions, the government enlisted the support of the Barbados-based Regional Security System to help quell the rising tide of gun-related crimes. [CNW]



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SMART SCHOOLS PROJECT



A new cohort of teachers took the crucial step towards ensuring the safety and well-being of their students. As part of the SMART SCHOOLS PROJECT, these teachers have undergone first aid training, which was made possible through the generous funding of the RESEMBID initiative.

This project, which is part of a larger regional program, aims to equip schools with the necessary skills and tools to handle potential emergencies and crises. The training is expected to enhance the resilience of schools and their ability to respond effectively in the face of any unexpected situation.

THE SMART SCHOOLS PROJECT is a collaborative effort between various partner agencies and organizations that includes the BVI Red Cross, BVI Department of Disaster Management, H. Lavity Stoutt Community College, and the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. All of the agencies share a common goal of promoting the safety and security of school communities. Through their support, this project has been able to provide comprehensive first aid training to a new cohort of teachers, who will now serve as first responders in case of any emergencies. This

includes basic life-saving techniques, such as CPR, as well as how to provide immediate care for injuries and illnesses.

The need for such training has become increasingly evident in today's world, with the rise of natural disasters, accidents, and other unforeseen events. By equipping teachers with first aid skills, schools are better prepared to handle any crisis that may arise, ensuring the safety and well-being of their students. This also serves as a preventive measure, as teachers can identify potential risks and take necessary precautions to mitigate them.

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LIGHT BULB MOMENTS

"Those-who-bring sunshine into the lives-of-others cannot keep it from themselves." — J.M. Barrie

Poetry Corner

ON QUITTING

*How much grit do you think you've got?
Can you quit a thing that you like a lot?
You may talk of pluck; it's an easy word,
And where'er you go it is often heard;
But can you tell to a jot or guess
Just how much courage you now possess?
You may stand to trouble and keep your grin,
But have you tackled self-discipline?
Have you ever issued commands to you
To quit the things that you like to do,
And then, when tempted and sorely swayed,
Those rigid orders have you obeyed?*

*Don't boast of your grit till you've tried it out,
Nor prate to men of your courage stout,
For it's easy enough to retain a grin
In the face of a fight there's a chance to win,
But the sort of grit that is good to own
Is the stuff you need when you're all alone.
How much grit do you think you've got?*

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Tickle My Funny Bones



I Have Nothing

"If I'd known you were this poor,
I'd never have married you."

-
"Don't pretend I didn't warn you!
How many times did I tell you that
you're everything I have?"

I am Not Pregnant

"I've had it with your silly remarks
about my weight. I'm leaving you!"
"But honey, what about our child?"
"What child?!"

"Oh, so you're not pregnant?"

Nothing

Husband: "Soon we will be
married for 10 years. I will get you
a nice new car for our anniversary."

-
Wife: "Oh darling. Nothing would
please me more!"

And so the husband got her nothing
for the anniversary.

PUN INTENDED

"Trying to write
with a broken pencil
is pointless..."

- **Dear Readers:** Fun Easter Egg Hunt Ideas That Guarantee an Eggscellent Time (1 of 3)
- The egg hunt is one of our most time-honored Easter traditions, but that doesn't mean it always has to be the same. Mix it up this year by trying one of these creative Easter egg hunt ideas, whether you are planning an indoor, backyard, or neighborhood hunt.
- There are so many ways to make your Easter egg hunt more fun, but one of the main things to keep in mind is age. Older kids will love challenging scavenger clues leading to their Easter baskets, eggs filled with coupons offering coveted privileges (an extra hour before bedtime, oh boy!), or even hunts that incorporate other
- Easter games and activities, like a relay race or tag. For tots and teens, a nighttime glow-in-the-dark hunt will take the adventure to the next level (BTW, this is one of our favorite Easter egg hunt idea for adults too).
- Got a first timer on the field? Easter Bunny tracks marking the way, whimsical signs, or even helium balloons tied to each egg are all eggscellent Easter egg hunt ideas for toddlers who might need a little extra help. Next year, you might try stepping up the challenge with a color matching or counting activity.
- Whoever you're planning an Easter egg hunt for, you are sure to find an awesome idea here. Ready, set, hunt!
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Ladyburd's Mail Box

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Dear Ladyburd: I am writing this letter to you with the hope that you can help me. I have a friend that I love very much, but she is always stopping by my house at the wrong time. I do like it when people visit me, however, she has to have some discretion. If my boyfriend and I decide to relax for the evening, there she comes and it is really ticking me off and I don't know if I should tell her how I feel, I don't want to hurt her feelings...**Madge**

Ladyburd:Dear Madge: Thanks for your letter, I suggest you take your friend out to lunch and have a discussion with her, let her know you value her friendship a lot, and like to have her over. However, you would appreciate it very much if she could let you know when she is coming over, because you may have something planned for you and your boyfriend. Please note though that you have to keep the link, too many people get a new boyfriend or get married and forget their friend, and when they have problems then they remember their friends. I would say as long as you keep this link, she will understand where you are coming from and respect it, she cannot come by unannounced and thinks that is OK.

SMART SCHOOLS PROJECT



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The SMART Schools Project and its first aid training program are just one ex-

ample of the positive impact that can be achieved through collaborative efforts and initiatives.





Affordable, Sustainable, and Simply Delicious: Canned Salmon for Budget-Conscious Cooks

Here's a stellar pantry staple I don't write about often enough, so let's dive into some canned salmon.

There's no doubt that salmon is among the healthiest of foods. Yet fresh salmon is expensive, seasonal and sometimes hard to find, particularly salmon that's wild caught rather than farmed. So, while we wait for fresh salmon to go on sale, canned salmon is an affordable choice for the frugal and fabulous pantry.

It's crucial to scrutinize salmon labels for quality. Farmed salmon, raised in crowded pens with antibiotics and toxins, poses health risks. Avoid Atlantic salmon, which is farmed due to overfishing. Opt instead for wild-caught Alaskan pink salmon, sustainably harvested in well-managed fisheries. Not only is it ethically sound, but also budget-friendly.

If you've never tried canned salmon, here's what you should know. Canned salmon comes in two varieties: with the skin and

bones (less expensive) and without (more expensive).

If you buy salmon with the skin and bones, there's a tiny little drawback. Namely, skin and bones. You're getting a section of the whole fish (scales and organs removed) then pressure cooked right in the can. The bones are soft and completely edible, in fact, they're highly nutritious. You can choose to eat everything in the can, or you can pick out the skin and bones, leaving only the fillets.

If you or your family feel squeamish about the bones, I suggest you remove the obvious bits and add a handful of slivered almonds to any recipe using canned salmon to completely camouflage any remaining bones.

Canned salmon is so versatile; you can make sandwiches, salads, chowders, pasta and more. But a family favorite is salmon patties -- crisp on the outside, tender on the inside and bursting with flavor. This adaptable recipe also makes awesome burgers or little appetizer cakes.

SALMON PATTIES

Yield: 4 to 6 servings

Total Time: 1 hour

1 cup mayonnaise

1/2 cup green onion, minced, divided

1 teaspoon lemon zest

1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice

3/4 teaspoon Old Bay seafood seasoning

1/2 teaspoon low sodium soy sauce

1/2 cup celery, finely minced

2 eggs

1 (14.75 ounce) can pink salmon

1 tablespoon slivered almonds, optional

1 3/4 cups panko breadcrumbs, divided

1 tablespoon everything bagel seasoning

2 tablespoons vegetable or olive oil, for frying

In a mixing bowl, combine mayonnaise, half (1/4 cup) of the green onions, lemon zest and juice, Old Bay and soy sauce. Reserve about 1/2 cup of this mixture to use as a dipping sauce or spread later. Into the remaining mayo mixture add celery, remaining green onion, beaten eggs and salmon. For this purpose, I remove the skin and bones, but it's your choice. Add the almonds, if desired. Stir to combine. Thoroughly fold 1 cup of panko breadcrumbs into this mix. Refrigerate for at least 20 minutes. Meanwhile, in a shallow bowl, combine the remaining panko and everything bagel seasoning.

When you're ready to cook your patties, place a skillet on medium-low heat and add 1 tablespoon of oil.

Divide the mixture and form 4 or 6 patties. Press each patty into the panko mix, covering all sides. The patties are sticky until they're coated, then they're much easier to work with. Place into the heated skillet in batches. Cook on the first side for 4 minutes before carefully flipping over until fully cooked. Repeat with remaining patties, adding oil as needed. Serve with the reserved dipping sauce or as a burger with the usual accompaniments.

So, next time you're stocking your pantry, I hope a few cans of salmon find their way back upstream to your shelf.

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Enjoy a salmon burger, a delicious and budget-friendly meal option.

CARICOM Heads of Government exchange with Key International Partners on the Situation in Haiti

CARICOM Secretariat, Turkeyen, Greater Georgetown, Guyana - Thursday, 29 February 2024:



“CARICOM Heads of Government, including Haitian Prime Minister Ariel Henry, met with International Partners of Haiti including, Canada, France, the United States, the United Kingdom and the United Nations in a coordination meeting on the situation in Haiti in the context of the Security Council Resolution 2699. Haiti, as a sister nation of the Community was a key focus of the 46th Regular Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community in Georgetown, Guyana, on 26 February. “

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Government of the Caribbean Community in Georgetown, Guyana, on 26 February.

The Heads of Government and the Partners received an update on the situation by the Coordinator of the Eminent Persons Group, former Prime Minister Kenny Anthony. In the course of a frank and in-depth discussion on the situation in Haiti, the CARICOM Heads of Government expressed their deep concern over the continued deterioration of the security, humanitarian and political situation, and the continued delay in overcoming the political stalemate, which have blocked the possibility of free and fair elections. CARICOM Heads underlined the critical and immediate need for a clear political path forward which should be participatory and inclusive.

The CARICOM Heads took note of the commitment made by Prime Minister Ariel Henry to major steps to move the political process forward, including the holding of general elections to restore constitutional government and authority no later than 31 August 2025. To this end an

electoral needs gap assessment team will be put together led by CARICOM and the United Nations with the support of Canada, United States of America and the Organisation of American States by 31 March 2024, to support planning and efforts of the relevant Haitian institutions to be established.

The CARICOM Heads and the key Partners recognised the depth of the suffering of the Haitian people. This has been exacerbated by the lack of consensus among the political stakeholders, civil society, the private and religious sectors and the Government of Haiti. In this regard, the CARICOM Heads of Government called on all concerned to make the necessary concessions to arrive at a resolution of the political impasse. They urged that each Stakeholder must recognize that they will not obtain all that they want, but Haiti must obtain what it needs.

Against this background CARICOM will extend an invitation to the Stakeholders to participate in a meeting urgently to address and settle the critical political path that is participatory and inclusive.

CARICOM STATEMENT ON CRIME AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Heads of Government reiterated their firm commitment to the principles stated in, and to the implementation of the actions set out in the Declaration on Crime and Violence as a Public Health Safety Issue.

CARICOM Secretariat, Turkeyen, Greater Georgetown, Guyana - Thursday, 29 February 2024: Following the inaugural symposium on Crime and Violence as a Public Health Safety Issue and the Declaration of the Heads of Government in Trinidad and Tobago on 17-18 April 2024, CARICOM Heads of Government met in caucus in Georgetown, Guyana, on 27 February 2024 to discuss the prevailing dire state of crime, violence, and public safety amongst its Member States. Heads of Government reiterated their firm commitment to the principles stated in, and to the implementation of the actions set out in the Declaration on Crime and Violence as a Public Health Safety Issue.

In reaffirming the right to freedom of expression and to public speech CARICOM Heads of Government strongly condemned the development, presence, tolerance, or acceptance of violent, anti-social music and social media content that denigrate women and encourage or promote or support the use of violence, guns, and other anti-social behaviour, particularly targeted to our Youth.

CARICOM Heads of Government affirmed their support for engaging with young people in the creative economy, including the entertainment and music industry, and the sporting industry to develop, support and spread across the Region positive content to offset the negative impact of anti-social, violent, and criminal behaviour, which some elements in that sector promote and support.

Given the serious, significant and chronic negative developmental impact that crime and violence is having on Member States, CARICOM Heads of Government committed to working with all sectors and institutions, including civil society, academia, labour, churches, our creatives, law enforcement, the judiciary, political parties, employers and businesses, and our external partners to implement all of the measures set out in the Declaration on Crime and Violence as a Public Health Safety Issue. CARICOM Heads of Government remain committed to maintaining this Region as a zone of domestic peace and safety to ensure the preservation of our Caribbean civilisation.



Closure of Offices and Warehouses in Observance of Public Holiday

29 February 2024 – The British Virgin Islands Ports Authority (BVIPA) would like to inform the public that in observance of The Anniversary of the Birth of Hamilton Lavity Stoutt, the offices and warehouses on Tortola and Virgin Gorda will be closed to the public on Monday, 4 March 2024. Our offices and warehouses will resume normal business hours on Tuesday, 5 March 2024.

Cargo vessels will continue to be facilitated during the holiday. For more information, please contact 494-3435.

Cabinet Approves New Immigration Policy

The Belonger Status and Permanent Residence Policy for the Virgin Islands has been approved by Cabinet.

The policy addresses issues including the length of time required for being eligible for Residence and Belonger Status, the establishment of guidelines and criteria governing the award of status by Cabinet, and the process for determining quotas. Moreover, other issues addressed include children's path to Residence Status and Children Born in the BVI to Non-Belonger Parents.

Premier and Minister responsible for Immigration Honourable Dr. Natalio Wheatley said that the policy's foundation is focused on creating a balance between economic growth, cultural integration and social stability. He said the policy will not only recognise the invaluable contributions of immigrants to the Virgin Islands community, but will also safeguard the interests and heritage of Virgin Islanders.

Premier Wheatley said, "The new Immigration Policy proposes planning and decision-making processes that will inform the sustainable management of statuses granted. The policy was approved after a careful analysis of labour market needs, population density, the importance of fostering investment and availability of resources which will ensure balanced growth."

This approach the Premier said will allow for a more controlled and beneficial immigration process, contributing to the overall well-being and prosperity of the Virgin Islands.

The work that has been undertaken in this area of reform not only address the longstanding issues outlined in Recommendation B33 of the Commission of Inquiry, but also speak to an immigration policy that transcends the original scope.

Acting Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sustainable Development Mr. Joseph Smith Abbott said the process of extensive public consultations was in direct alignment with the Public Service Transformation plan that prescribes that public consultation forms part of the public policy mechanism for all considerations.

Mr. Joseph Smith Abbott said this strategic approach to incorporating the feedback from public consultation into the formulation of public policies will contribute to enhanced administrative policies and procedures for legal, financial and regulatory compliance, digital access, business continuity, document management and disaster resilience.

Mr. Smith Abbott said, "This policy aligns with the Public Service Transformation Plan, marking a significant step forward in our journey towards sustainable development and prosperity for all in the Virgin Islands."

The policy is now accessible on the Government of the Virgin Islands'-website.-<https://bvi.gov.vg/content/belonger-status-and-permanent-residence-policy-virgin-islands>

Persons are also encouraged to tune into the "Table Talk" programme on Thursday, February 29, at 11:00 a.m. where the policy will be further discussed.

The Government of the Virgin Islands is committed to the sustainable development of the Territory through the execution of policies and programmes that will contribute to the social and economic progress of the Territory.

PETER ISLAND RESORT & SPA

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

Position: Back of House Manager) Housekeeping & Laundry

Duties/Responsibilities:

- Provide leadership, vision, and direction to the team to accomplish resort and department goals and cultivate a strong team atmosphere focused on guest and team member engagement and satisfaction. Lead with trust, respect and by example.
- Responsible for the cleanliness and orderly appearance of the guest rooms, public areas, linen closets, and laundry areas of the resort. Coordinate and assist in the hiring, training, and supervising of the housekeeping staff. Ensure that cleaning and laundry products are used safely and properly. To minimize labor and other costs to ensure maximum profitability of the rooms department. To lead the daily operations of the Housekeeping and Laundry Departments, including the leadership and management of all staff within the department. To ensure a high standard of laundry services is always provided to the Resort within a compliant, safe, and inclusive environment.
- Responsible for inspections, scheduling, public areas, deep clean schedules, ordering, inventory.
- Assures consistency among room attendants in cleaning guest rooms and public areas.
- Schedule regular basic mattress turning, carpet shampooing, complete housekeeping of rooms, window washing, etc.
- Manage the control, ordering and issuing of all stock to laundry staff and other departmental staff at the resort, maintaining accurate records and ensuring that all stock is returned at the appropriate time.
- To ensure that all equipment is always maintained in a good and safe order, notifying relevant authorities of any defects or malfunctions.
- Comply with all necessary regulations concerning the use of machinery and materials.
- To work with payroll to provide up to date records of timesheets including absences and holidays to ensure accurate and timely pay.
- Ensuring that prescribed uniform standards for laundry staff are always adhered to.
- Perform any related duties as assigned by supervisor. Assisting all other employees in their duties when required.

Essential Traits:

- Strong desire to lead and motivate employees.
- Judgment and speed in decision making.
- Professionally handle multiple tasks and demands simultaneously.
- Attention to detail.
- Attentive and friendly listener
- Sincere desire to provide exceptional customer service.
- High ethical standards
- Availability and dependability in meeting a work schedule.

Specific Technical / General:

- Must have thorough knowledge of Revenue Management and Inventory Control.
- Should have at least five years' Management experience in progressive Laundry and Housekeeping), in a 4-5-star Resort environment.
- Must present positive leadership style and possess a desire to develop team members.
- Must demonstrate team building skills and promote teamwork.
- Must have excellent communication and motivational skills.
- Must possess strong problem solving and excellent guest service and sales skills.
- Must possess strong computer literacy and good understanding of Property Management Systems.
- Must maintain a high level of professional appearance and demeanor.
- Must be a self-starter, energetic, & motivated with multi-task capabilities.
- Must be creative and willing to work with existing core resort philosophy and style.
- Previous Caribbean / International experience helpful, but not mandatory.
- Property location makes it important that applicant be in good physical shape.
- Ability to work at a physically demanding pace.
- Ability to lift fifty (50) pounds to a maximum height of six (6) feet.
- Ability to remain standing for lengthy periods of time; climb steps and stairs; stoop, bend, and kneel; push.
- Ability to climb ladders and work at high heights.
- Ability to load and unload supplies

BVI Islanders or Belongers preferred. To apply, send resume to: Chad James, Director of Human Resources
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BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

Position: Room Rooms Manager- Front of House

Duties/Responsibilities:

Provide leadership, vision, and direction to the team to accomplish resort and department goals and cultivate a strong team atmosphere focused on guest and team member engagement and satisfaction. Lead with trust, respect and by example.

1. Ensures all guest service operations are consistent at the highest level.
 - a. Monitors training programs and maintains quality and service levels to Preferred Hotel and AAA standards.
 - b. Researches and implements industry "best practices" to improve all aspects of guest services.
 - c. Manages the Rooms Division in accordance with BVI Government regulations.
 - d. Implements and oversees resort Safety, Emergency, and Sanitation Programs.
2. Responsible for guest relationship management.
 - a. Maintains an active presence in all resort areas.
 - b. Promotes positive guest relations.
 - c. Resolves guest complaints as appropriate, ensuring guest satisfaction and hotel profitability.
 - d. Ensures repeat and VIP guests are recognized.
 - e. Oversees Guest Comment Card Program.
 - f. Increases positive and reduces negative guest feedback.
 - g. Ensures communication, follow through, and resolution of issues.
 - h. Develops and monitors manual and system procedures for tracking and reporting guest issues.
 - i. Ensures performance feedback is communicated to the appropriate persons.
3. Manages Rooms Division's annual budget.
 - a. Manages monthly profit and loss statement, forecast for revenues, and meeting or exceeding profit objectives from revenue down to the bottom line of all room's areas..
- Perform any related duties as assigned by supervisor. Assisting all other employees in their duties when required.

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- Professionally handle multiple tasks and demands simultaneously.
- Attention to detail.
- Attentive and friendly listener
- Sincere desire to provide exceptional customer service.
- High ethical standards
- Availability and dependability in meeting a work schedule.

Specific Technical / General:

- Must have thorough knowledge of Revenue Management and Inventory Control.
- Should have at least five years experience in progressive Rooms Division (Front Office, Reservations, Guest Service, Maintenance, Laundry and Housekeeping), in a 4-5-star Resort environment.
- Strong Front Office leadership skills and a working knowledge of Housekeeping and Maintenance standards and controls.
- Must present positive leadership style and possess a desire to develop team members.
- Must demonstrate team building skills and promote teamwork.
- Must have excellent communication and motivational skills.
- Must possess strong problem solving and excellent guest service and sales skills.
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Culture and Capital

By Dickson Igwe



February 13, 2024

Culture means way of life of a people. Culture affects capital mix. Capital Mix is the various combinations of capital-land, labor, management, technology, enterprise- that drive prosperity, and social wellbeing.

The most critical component of social prosperity is culture. The reason is that culture, drives up or down, the value of capital mix.

Culture is the way of life of a society that has evolved over centuries. Culture is human behavior. Culture can also denote the behavior of an organization from the largest to the tiniest. Leadership is the crucible that preserves a culture.

Social behavior is culture and culture decides the destiny of a society. The destiny of the Virgin Islands for example primarily depends on its culture, before any other consideration.

Now, culture is a word used loosely. It can denote many things. Specifically, culture is the customs,

traditions, and way of life of a society, as depicted in the society's geography, history, art, learning, technology, law, and governance. The preceding terms are a motley of what composes the culture of a community and society.

Culture is omniscient and omnipresent, even omnipotent. Culture is ubiquitous. Culture is also difficult to change, and changing a culture can take years.

A society is wise that recognizes the power of culture. Investing in culture and related subjects such as folklore, theater, music, writing and cuisine, and so on, helps define and enrich a society. I like to think of culture as the software that drives the hardware of a country.

One reality that this writer has been asserting in past months is the power of capital and the management of capital to drive up wealth and prosperity. What he omitted was the even greater reality that a society's culture is crucial in wealth creation. Culture decides the value of the capital mix.

History reveals that a society that possesses a rich culture, that adopts effective values such as honesty, good work ethics, and a zeal for arts and learning, prevails over others in terms of its prosperity.

Culture type decides capital mix, and culture can increase or decrease the

value of a country's capital mix. In other words, culture drives social and economic growth.

Culture also drives national power. A people with a rich culture, and the wherewithal to use that culture to achieve a national purpose, rarely fail. Culture and unity of purpose plays a part in economic and social success.

The Virgin Islands possesses a rich culture of freedom that is a broad

reflection of the freedoms enjoyed in the wider Caribbean. This is a freedom derived from a tragic history: slavery, the Plantation Era, - Post-Slavery-Colonialism, nationalism, and independence. The preceding are the cauldron that has shaped the culture.

The Virgin Islands culture coupled with its geography is what increases the value of tourism and the offshore services industry, and other aspects of the society's

capital mix. That capital mix is what pays the wages and drives up profits and balance sheet values.

We must never fail to understand the power of culture to improve all of our lives. Art, learning, cuisine, community, sport, and more, push up social and economic productivity. Investing in culture in creative and intelligent ways is not an option for a society that hopes to become an El Dorado.

Dickson Igwe

Be SMART

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- Keep your cylinder in a vertical position with the valve on top
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- Replace rusty cylinders
- Keep cylinder away from electrical sources, air conditioners and switch boxes
- Ensure regulators to be used on cylinder are the same diameter as the cylinder valve
- Check your lines once a year, many leaks are due to corrosion

DON'TS

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

IMPORTANT NOTE IN CASE OF LEAKAGE

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

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Remarks by Dr. Carla N. Barnett, Secretary-General of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) on the Occasion of the Opening Ceremony of the Forty-Sixth Regular Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community Georgetown, Guyana



Barnett delivers Remarks at the Opening Ceremony of Heads of Government of the Caribbean

19 February 2024

*CARICOM Secretariat,
Turkeyen, Greater Georgetown,
Guyana - Monday,
26 February 2024:*

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It is a distinct pleasure to address you at this Opening Ceremony of the Forty-Sixth Regular Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM). I am particularly pleased to welcome you to Georgetown, Guyana, the seat of the CARICOM Secretariat, the Headquarters of the Community, where we have enjoyed the warm hospitality of the Government and People of Guyana for over fifty years.

It is fitting, as we continue to celebrate our landmark 50th Anniversary year, and as we did in Trinidad and Tobago in July 2023, that we gather in the home

of one of the four signatories to the Original Treaty of Chaguaramas, the framework and compass for our Regional Integration Movement.

On behalf of the Community, I express heartfelt appreciation to our Host and Chairman of the Conference, His Excellency President Mohamed Irfaan Ali, for the gracious hospitality he has extended, and the excellent arrangements which have set the stage for a very productive three days of work.

Your Excellency, I have no doubt that under your guidance as Chairman of the Conference, and with the support of your colleague Heads of Government, the Secretariat and the Regional Institutions, the interests of our Region will be accelerated.

Over the last six months of 2023, our Community was ably led by the Honourable Roosevelt Skerrit, Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Dominica. We thank him for his unwavering commitment to his role, which has brought tangible results for our Member States. At the same time, we warmly welcome the Honourable Dickon Mitchell, Prime Minister of Grenada, to the Bureau of the Conference, and look forward to his robust involvement in advancing the interests of the Community.

Allow me to recognise the exceptional musical talent of the Region whose extravaganza, “Sounds of the Caribbean”, brings such verve and colour to our Opening Ceremony. Their combined sound is further illustration of what we achieve through effective coordination and collaboration as a Region. Excellencies,
Ladies and gentlemen,

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Significant technical and policy work has led to accomplishments in various areas, including food and nutrition security, advancing aspects of the CARICOM Single Market and Economy (CSME), border security, air and maritime transportation, among others.

We worked with stakeholders to help find solutions to the multi-dimensional crisis in Haiti. We are committed to retaining the Region as a Zone of Peace, despite various border controversies, and despite the passage of guns and dangerous drugs through our lands and seas.

As we continue to tackle these and other issues during this 46th Meeting, our dedicated hours in plenary, caucus and retreat sessions will be focused on moving our integration movement determinedly forward in the best interests of our Region and its citizens.

Later this week, we will be joined by our Special Guest, His Excellency Luiz Inacio da Silva, President of the Federative Republic of Brazil. Exchanges with him, as well as with high-level guests from Canada, the United States, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates,

the United Kingdom, and the United Nations, will allow us to continue robust engagement with diverse international partners on matters crucial to the sustained development and transformation of our Region.

CARICOM speaks loudly and clearly in the international community. Our determined advocacy has helped to spur positive change for critical hemispheric and global issues. The decision at COP28 in December 2023 to operationalize the Loss and Damage Fund; and growing acknowledgement in the international community that the Bridgetown Initiative presents a more relevant financial approach to addressing the unique needs of our Region, are but two examples of the impact of CARICOM’s advocacy.

We also proudly note Trinidad and Tobago’s Presidency of the 78th United Nations General Assembly; Guyana’s election to the United Nations Security Council and its current Presidency of that body; and Saint Lucia’s election to the Presidency of the Executive Board of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

Congratulations too, to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, which is completing a successful year as Pro Tempore President of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC), the first CARICOM country to undertake this role. These are all impactful forums where our Region has a voice in addressing complex and multi-faceted global issues.

Excellencies,
Ladies and gentlemen,
Our past and present generations of leaders have established a solid foundation for us to build on. Our more than 50 years of existence demonstrates that the Caribbean Community remains a viable integration movement. We have shown a keen appreciation of the developmental priorities that are critical to the Region’s peace and prosperity. The stage is well set for this new generation to engage its innovativeness, ingenuity and dynamism to secure and improve on the collective gains so far achieved.

Mr. Chairman, as you carry us forward, as the standard-bearer for CARICOM for the next six months, there is a heavy regional and global agenda which demands our undivided attention and active engagement, despite the ever-present vagaries of the global landscape.

Let us, therefore, harness the wisdom of our 50 years of existence, learning from what we have done well and what we know we can do better, and move forward with passion and determination to overcome today’s challenges.

Let us welcome active participation from our youth, our women, civil society, labour organisations and the private sector, our indigenous peoples, our creatives and our athletes. Let us ensure we constantly work to bring all on board to keep our integration movement growing and beneficial to the welfare of our people.

We owe no less to the people of the Caribbean Community, at home and in the Diaspora.

Thank you, ladies and gentlemen.

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Biden Issues Executive Order to Better Shield Americans' Sensitive Data From Foreign Foes

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden on Wednesday is signing an executive order aimed at better protecting Americans' personal data on everything from biometrics and health records to finances and geolocation from foreign adversaries like China and Russia.

The attorney general and other federal agencies are to prevent the large-scale transfer of Americans' personal data to what the White House calls "countries of concern," while erecting safeguards around other activities that can give those countries access to people's sensitive data.

The goal is to do so without limiting legitimate commerce around data, senior Biden administration officials said on a call with reporters.

Biden's move targets commercial data brokers, the sometimes shadowy companies that traffic in personal data and that officials say may sell information to foreign adversaries or U.S. entities controlled by those countries.

Most eventual enforcement mechanisms still have to clear complicated and often monthslong rulemaking processes. Still, the administration hopes eventually to limit foreign entities, as well as foreign-controlled companies operating in the U.S., that might otherwise improperly collect sensitive data, the senior officials said.

Data brokers are legal in the U.S. and collect and categorize personal information, usually to build profiles on millions of Americans that the brokers then rent or sell.

The officials said activities like computer hacking are already

prohibited in the U.S., but that buying potentially sensitive data through brokers is legal. That can represent a key gap in the nation's national security protections when data is sold to a broker knowing it could end up in the hands of an adversary — one the administration now aims to close with the president's executive action.

"Bad actors can use this data to track Americans, including military service members, pry into their personal lives, and pass that data on to other data brokers and foreign intelligence services," the White House wrote in a fact sheet announcing the move. "This data can enable intrusive surveillance, scams, blackmail, and other violations of privacy."

The order directs the Department of Justice to issue regulations that establish protections for Americans' sensitive personal data, as well as sensitive government-related data — including geolocation information on sensitive government sites and members of the military.

The Justice Department also plans to work with Homeland Security officials to build safety standards to prevent foreign adversaries from collecting data. It will further attempt better checks to ensure that federal grants going to various other agencies, including the departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs, aren't used to facilitate Americans' sensitive data flowing to foreign adversaries or U.S. companies aligned with them.

The senior administration officials listed potential countries of concern as China, Russia, North Korea, Iran, Cuba and Venezuela. But it is China

— and TikTok, which has over 150 million American users and is a wholly owned subsidiary of Chinese technology firm ByteDance Ltd. — that U.S. leaders have been most vocal about.

Rep. Mike Gallagher, a Wisconsin Republican who chairs the House Select Committee on the Chinese Communist Party, recently noted, "There's no such thing as a private business in China."

The senior administration officials stressed that the executive action was designed to work in conjunction with legislative action. So far, however, numerous bills seeking to establish federal privacy protections have failed to advance in Congress.

Wednesday's move follows



FILE - President Joe Biden speaks in the Oval Office of the White House, Feb. 27, 2024, in Washington. Biden on Feb. 28 is signing an executive order aiming to better protect Americans' personal data on everything from foreign adversaries like China and Russia.

Biden's executive order on artificial intelligence last fall that seeks to balance the needs of cutting-edge technology companies with national security and consumer rights.

That sought to steer how AI is developed so that companies

can profit without putting public safety in jeopardy, creating early guardrails meant to ensure that AI is trustworthy and helpful, rather than deceptive and destructive.

US Justice Department Says It Disrupted Russian Intelligence Hacking Network

The U.S. Justice Department said on Thursday it disrupted a Russian intelligence hacking network.

"For the second time in two months, we've disrupted state-sponsored hackers from launching cyber-attacks behind the cover of compromised U.S. routers," U.S. Deputy Attorney General Lisa Monaco said in a statement.

The Justice Department said that a January 2024 court-authorized operation

neutralized the network of hundreds of small office/home office (SOHO) routers controlled by Russian intelligence and used "to conceal and otherwise enable a variety of crimes."

"In this case, Russian intelligence services turned to criminal groups to help them target home and office routers, but

the Justice Department disabled their scheme," Attorney General Merrick Garland added.

Garland said the Justice Department was accelerating efforts to disrupt the Russian government's cyber campaigns against the United States and its partners, including Ukraine.

SPORTS

Croal wins BVI's 7th conference double as Gumbs lands 40th overall

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

TRACK & FIELD

South Florida sprinter Jaleel Croal ran personal bests to win an American Athletics Conference 60 and 200m sprint double on Sunday in Birmingham, Alabama, becoming the 7th BVI athlete to pull off the feat since Northern Arizona's Tracy Bradshaw started the streak in 1993. On Monday, Northwestern State strongman Djimon Gumbs, used a Shot Put personal best to bag the territory's 40th overall conference crown since Dean Greenaway won the first in 1979.

Croal, who ran the 60 in 6.65 seconds and the 200m in 20.96—the 1st BVI athlete under 21:00 indoors—joined Northern Arizona's Bradshaw, who won the Big Sky 55 and 200m in 1993; Minnesota's Keita Cline, Big 10 Long and Triple Jump, 1995; Portland State's Karene King,

Big Sky 100 and 200m in 2011; St. Thomas University's Dekoya Hodge, Summit League Shot Put and Javelin Throw, 2019 and Findlay's Eldred Henry, GMAC Shot Put and Discus Throw, 2019 and Northwestern State's Djimon Gumbs, Southland Shot Put and Discus Throw, 2022.

"To me, it means a lot. I don't think the feeling has sunk in, I've been saying that all weekend," Croal, who ran 6.68 and 21.08 seconds to advance, told Island Sun Sports. "People say that the sprint double is the hardest and I agree because of the circumstances this weekend, which was after the 60m, I had about a 25-minute break before the 200m. After running the 60, you put all that power in your legs—your legs feel weird—I was going through that and had to talk to myself to get it done, so it really means a lot."

He added: "It shows all the work I've been putting in, so it's a very proud moment for me, my family, and also the people who support me."

Entering the indoor season, Croal's 200m best was 21.75, after finishing 11th last year, said he lowered his time in every race.

His only goal was to get a personal best. "After accomplishing that, I did it again and again and again," he said 21.51, 21.45, 21.32, 21.08 before the 20.96. "It worked for me. Instead of setting big goals, I set small goals to make myself feel good and it really worked out."

He said that he has improved his start and has been more consistent with it and also improving his transition, which has helped him drop his times as well as working in the gym. His performances set him up well for outdoors he said.

"I have high expectations for myself because if I can do that indoors, outdoors should be even better because that's my normal," he said. "It's going to be scary. I was mainly trying to get a hang of indoors. Each race, I was trying to figure out how to run the 200m so it's going to drop more and more to make it harder for the next person."

Gumbs, the reigning outdoor Shot Put champion, unleashed a 5th round 19.35m (63'6") heave, to win his first Southland Conference indoor title and fourth overall, for the No 2 mark in conference history behind the 19.85 (65'1½") mark. In the process, he tied Minnesota's Cline, who won Long and Triple



Jaleel Croal is the first BVI collegian to dip under 21.00 secs indoors in the 200m

Jump titles between 1994 and 1995 and Portland State's King, 100 and 200m crowns in 2011 and 2012, for the most Collegiate conference crowns by BVI athletes. Gumbs' title brings the BVI's total to 40 by 20 athletes in 16 different conferences since 1979.

Twin brother Diamante was 5th with a best effort of 16.49m ((54'1¼"), after uncorking a season's best 19.38m (63'7"), the second best mark of his career in the 35 lbs Weight Throw, to place second.

After two losses BVI beats Belize 4-3 in CONCACAF U20 Championships

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

FOOTBALL

Azarni Callwood scored twice on Tuesday night in leading the BVI to a thrilling 4-3 victory over Belize in their first encounter in the CONCACAF U20 Championships, following losses to hosts Nicaragua and Cuba on Friday and Sunday.

Callwood scored from a penalty in the 37th minute to tie the game at 1-1. Two minutes later, Curtis Lane made it 2-1 off a header from a right corner. Then in traffic inside the 18-yard box, Callwood placed a laser to the right corner past the Belizean goalie in the 45+2, giving the BVI a 3-1 advantage at the half. It was his third goal

of the tournament.

In the second half, Belize scored from two penalties four minutes apart—first in the 54th then in the 58th—to level the game at 3-3. Striker Johari Lacey converted a penalty in the 70th and BVI's defense kept Belize out the nets and rode off with a 4-3 victory.

The BVI was coming off a 2-1 loss to Cuba on Sunday in a game Callwood scored, after Friday's 8-0 loss to hosts Nicaragua.

"After we played the first two games, the fellows recognized that we had enough that we can compete, so we asked them to complete what we finish building against Cuba, and we asked them to work as a unit, stay focused as much as possible," Coach Clinton "Tinnie" Percival told Island Sun Sports. "We asked them to continue doing the things we asked them to do because

we knew if we continue to do well, eventually we'll get some success. I think they did that tonight and I'm really proud of them because they stuck to the plan, and we got the result."

Percival said they'd asked the team not to give up an early goal, but they gave up one in the first 15 minutes. He said that he was proud that they continued to play and they eventually scored and kept the momentum to finish the first half up 3-1. During the break, he asked them not to get complacent because anybody with their backs against the wall will keep coming back at you.

"Unfortunately, when the second half started, we conceded two soft penalties and we brought them right back into the game, but again, the guys showed some resilience and continued to play hard and we finally got the goal we wanted



Azarni Callwood, left, scored the first two goals vs Belize and Johari Lacey scored the winner

to give us a 4-3 win," he said. "It was really a tough last 10 minutes for the players, then again it shows that we have

grit, they held out and we got the victory. So I'm really proud of the players tonight again."

SPORTS



Sugar Boys' Derol Redhead attempts a kick off a left corner against the Panthers



Deniel Clarke, left, and Othniel Gillings, qualified for the Carifta Games in the high jump, joining Jamelia Chambers and Ty'Rique "TyTy" Charles, not pictured.



Dominican Republic's 3rd baseman Yohanna Florian tries to control the ball against BVI All Stars, during the Dominican Republic independence weekend tournament



Runners at the start of the 9.81 miles Teneo Prison Break on Beef Island, the second tune up race for the April 20, Tortola Torture

THIS WEEK IN CORRUPTION

BY TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL

SHADES OF GREY

It's the eve of the second anniversary of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine. The suffering from the war has been immense, with millions displaced and tens of thousands of lives lost.

Despite international condemnation, Putin seems undeterred.

Last week, as Western leaders gathered in Munich to discuss myriad threats to global security, news broke that Russian opposition leader Alexey Navalny had died in prison.

Almost reflexively, the West is responding with more sanctions. For instance, the EU agreed a new sanctions package targeting an additional 200 individuals and companies, bringing the total to 2,000.

Two years later, we maintain that sanctions are simply not enough. Never mind that sanctions aren't an accountability tool, but they're also destined to become toothless. Tracking down and seizing assets isn't a stroll in the park; it's a tremendously challenging task due to financial secrecy and complicit enablers, not to mention challenges related to legally confiscating assets.

By overly focusing on sanctions, there's a risk that attention will be diverted from the systemic reforms that are essential to really counter kleptocracy. It's no secret that Russian elites have boosted their wealth, power and influence through corruption that extends across borders.

While Western economies have unleashed sanctions over the past two years, Russian elites have reportedly turned to other secrecy jurisdictions, including the United Arab Emirates (UAE). And they're not the only ones who have found safe haven in the Emirates. The UAE has been a money laundering hotspot for a long time. It has appeared time and time again in major cross-border corruption scandals, and has a knack for attracting individuals and businesses who like to conceal information about their wealth and activities. This appears to be an ever-growing and profitable business model for the country known for its opulent cities.

This hadn't gone unnoticed, and in 2022 the Financial Action

Tast Force (FATF) put the UAE on its so-called grey list. This move was prompted by the FATF finding several flaws in the UAE's anti-money laundering framework. For example, evaluators criticised law enforcement agencies that weren't up to scratch identifying significant money laundering cases considering the country's risk profile. They also highlighted low prosecution numbers and the country's poor record on international cooperation.

While the UAE has undertaken reforms in response to its grey-listing, it's still too early to assess their impact. Meaningful implementation and political will to fight financial crime have been historically lacking in the country, raising the risk that their recent efforts will ultimately be futile.

Crucially, UAE authorities have shown no signs of investigating cases of potential money laundering through real estate. This is even though ownership of these properties is not hidden through complex ownership structures. In fact, properties held through corporate vehicles remain shielded, demanding a more



*A grey fog blankets Dubai's skyline on a winter's day.
Photo: Jakub Porzycki and NurPhoto/AFP*

substantial commitment and investment by authorities.

Yet, today, FATF announced the country's exit from the grey list after just two years.

We'll have to wait for FATF to release more information to understand how some of the outstanding concerns may have been addressed. However, in the months and weeks leading up to this week's decision there have been reports that geopolitical considerations could play a role in their removal from the list. It's certainly troubling that allegations have arisen of direct lobbying and doubts about the credibility of information that UAE officials have provided the FATF.

Overall, recent media coverage suggests that the UAE's apparent cooperation on Russia-Ukraine sanctions earned the country some support within FATF. It's obvious to us that even if the UAE is finally cooperating on sanctions, it's still falling short. They have much more to prove when it comes to taking financial crime seriously, as their anti-money laundering failures have very real consequences that extend beyond its borders.

It's time for the international community to address the underlying problems that feed impunity.



'Bob Marley: One Love' Stirs Up \$27.7 Million Weekend at Box Office

By VOA

NEW YORK — Paramount Pictures' Bob Marley biopic "Bob Marley: One Love" outperformed expectations to debut at No. 1 at the box office with a \$27.7 million opening weekend, while Sony's "Madame Web" flopped with one of the lowest debuts for a movie centered on a Marvel character.

Both films launched in theaters on Tuesday to rope in Valentine's Day moviegoers. But on a weekend that was once expected to go to "Madame Web," "One Love" emerged as the much-preferred option in theaters, despite largely poor reviews.

Instead, "One Love," starring Kingsley Ben-Adir and produced with the involvement of the Marley estate, performed roughly on par with previous hit musical biopics like "Rocketman" and "Elvis." Paramount is forecasting that "One Love" will gross \$51 million over its first six days, including estimates for President's Day on Monday. It added \$29 million from 47 international territories.

Chris Aronson, distribution chief for Paramount, noted that pre-release projections forecast a six-day total closer to \$30 million for "One Love." But moviegoers from a wide range turned out for the first big-screen biopic of the Rastafarian legend.

It was across all generations. It wasn't just a movie for an older audience that grew up with Bob Marley's music," said Aronson. "Our highest quadrant was (age) 18 to 24. A third of the audience was under 25. That, to me, speaks volumes."

Produced for about \$70 million, "One Love," directed by Reinaldo Marcus Green, chronicles Marley during the making of the 1977 album "Exodus" while leading up to a pivotal concert for his native Jamaica. Among the movie's producers are Marley's children, Ziggy and Cedella, and his wife, Rita.

Ziggy Marley, in a statement Sunday, said: "We thank the people for embracing this film and in so doing helping to highlight the message of one love."

Though critics dinged the film (43% "fresh" on Rotten Tomatoes) for relying on biopic conventions, audiences gave it a much higher grade, with an "A" CinemaScore. That kind of audience response plus the strong opening should bode well for the film's run.

"Madame Web," however, was dead on arrival. Over six days, Sony is estimating a \$15.2 million weekend and a six-day \$25.8 million haul. Audiences (a "C+" CinemaScore) agreed with critics (13% "fresh").

Such launches were once unfathomable for stand-alone superhero films. But the film, an extension of Sony's universe of Spider-Man films, struggled to shed the bad buzz surrounding the \$80 million project. In it, Dakota Johnson stars as a New York paramedic with clairvoyant powers.

"The entire superhero genre has had a really rough go of it over the past year," said Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for data firm Comscore. "Certain things are no longer a sure bet. Except maybe now, the musical biopic has become the go-to genre. It just shows how tastes can change."

Sony's Spider-Man spinoffs have been mostly hit and miss. Its two "Venom" films have together surpassed \$1.3 billion worldwide. But 2022's poorly received "Morbius" collected just \$167.4 million globally. "Madame Web" still couldn't come close to the \$39 million domestic opening weekend for "Morbius." In 61 overseas markets, "Madame Web" added \$25.7 million.

The better news for Sony's Spider-verse came Saturday night at the 51st Annie Awards, where "Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse" won best feature and collected seven prizes in total. "Across the Spider-Verse" is nominated for best animated feature at the Academy Awards — and the Annie Awards can often be a good predictor of winner.

The 2024 box office has gotten off to a sobering start for Hollywood, and the

disappointing result for "Madame Web" won't help.

Moviegoing has slowed to a crawl in recent weeks, while 2023's strikes have impacted this year's release schedules. Even with the strong "One Love" opening, ticket sales were down 15% on the weekend compared to 2023, according to ComScore.

Expectations are high for "Dune: Part Two," opening March 1. Until then, "Bob Marley: One Love" will be jammin'.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Comscore. Final domestic figures will be released Monday.

1. "Bob Marley: One Love," \$27.7 million.
2. "Madame Web," \$15.2 million.
3. "Argylle," \$4.7 million.
4. "Migration," \$3.8 million.
5. "The Chosen," Episodes 4-6, \$3.4 million.
6. "Wonka," \$3.4 million.
7. "The Beekeeper," \$3.3 million.
8. "Anyone But You," \$2.4 million.
9. "Lisa Frankenstein," \$2 million.
10. "Land of Bad," \$1.8 million.



This image released by Paramount Pictures shows Kingsley Ben-Adir in "Bob Marley: One Love."

(Chiabella James/Paramount Pictures via AP)



Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



TIGER

by BUD BLAKE



The Spats

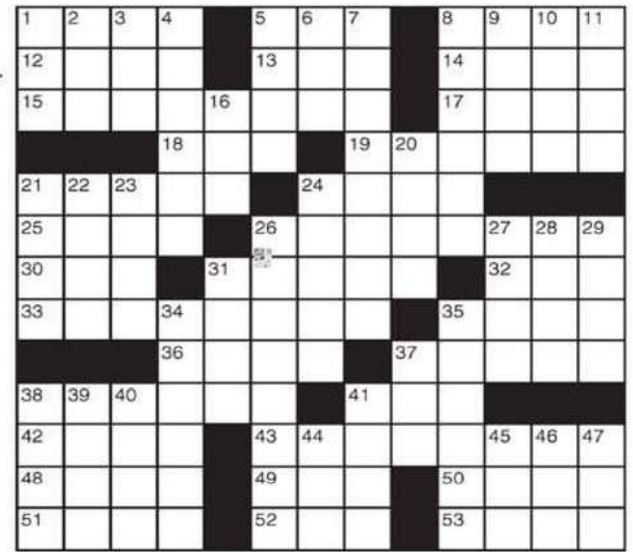
by Jeff Pickering



King Crossword

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- 5 Dog tags, e.g.
- 8 Quick look
- 12 Antioxidant berry
- 13 French vineyard
- 14 Impetuous
- 15 Dungeon's quality
- 17 Actress Rae
- 18 Small batteries
- 19 Detroit hoopster
- 21 Like a neglected lawn
- 24 Coop group
- 25 Within (Pref.)
- 26 Foppish behavior
- 30 Caustic cleaner
- 31 Loud
- 32 Dean's list stat
- 33 Writer Steel
- 35 Three- sloth
- 36 Barn birds
- 37 Travesty
- 38 "Jane Eyre" author
- 41 Tofu source
- 42 Chicago's Mayor
- Lightfoot
- 43 Hanging loosely
- 48 Location



- 49 Swiss canton
- 50 Roasting spot
- 51 Church song
- 52 Domino spot
- 53 Harvest
- 10 Canadian gas brand
- 11 "Star Trek II" villain
- 16 Aye undoer
- 20 "500" race
- 21 Use a blow-torch
- 22 New Age singer
- 23 Genesis garden
- 24 Salutes
- 26 Prettified
- 27 Composer
- Stravinsky
- 28 Detail, briefly
- 29 Created
- 31 Salamander
- 34 Sea off Sicily
- 35 "Fearless" singer Swift
- 37 Boating hazard
- 38 Humdrum
- 39 "Gilmore Girls" daughter
- 40 Utah city
- 41 Use scissors
- 44 "Exodus" hero
- 45 "- had it!"
- 46 Museum-funding org.
- 47 Econ. measure

DOWN

- 1 Bankroll
- 2 Obamacare acronym
- 3 Scooted
- 4 Japanese emperor
- 5 Frosts a cake
- 6 Hosp. workers
- 7 Hitchcock forte
- 8 Overly proper
- 9 Bridge position

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

- ◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Bumper is different. 2. Shelf is lower. 3. Window is added. 4. Wax is moved. 5. Neckline is different. 6. Door knob is added.

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Weekly SUDOKU

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Answers

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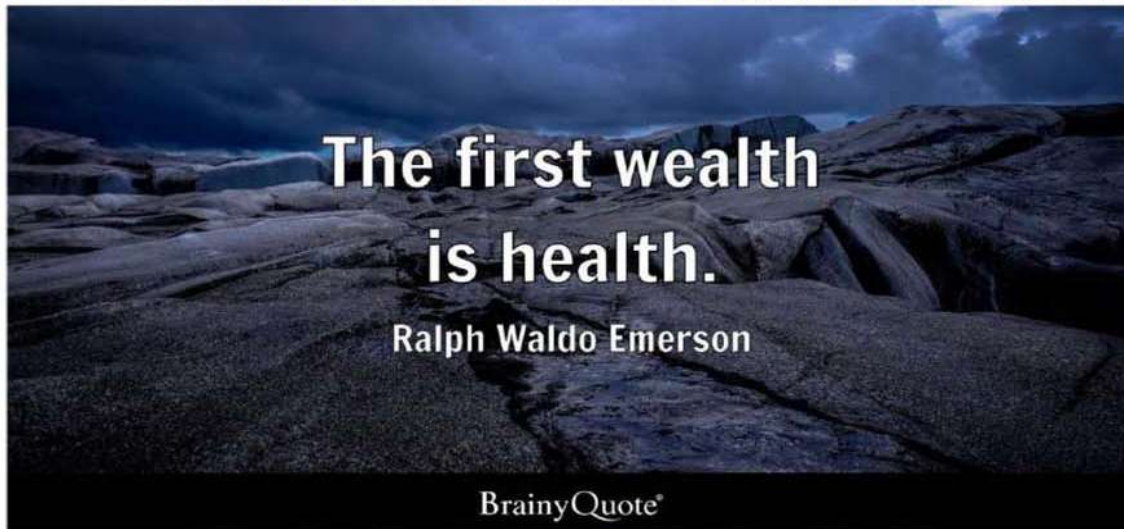
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2. ART: Who painted the work titled "Starry Night"?
3. FOOD & DRINK: Which vegetable is commonly used to make pickles?
4. MUSIC: What is pop singer Taylor Swift's favorite number?
5. MEDICAL: What is a common name for lachrymation?
6. BUSINESS: When was the Chia Pet invented?
7. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the first American to win a Nobel Prize?
8. HISTORY: The Aztec civilization emerged in which modern-day country?
9. TELEVISION: Who played the character Michael Scott on TV's "The Office"?
10. GEOGRAPHY: The volcano Mount Vesuvius overlooks which modern-day Italian city?

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1. He can talk with animals.; 2. Vincent van Gogh.; 3. Cucumbers.; 4. 13.; 5. Tears or crying.; 6. 1977 (Chia Guy).; 7. Theodore Roosevelt; the Nobel Peace Prize.; 8. Mexico.; 9. Steve Carell.; 10. Naples.

Trivia Test Answers

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HOLLYWOOD

By TONY RIZZO

HOLLYWOOD -- It's not a good sign when multiple cast members of a movie appear on every talk show to promote their film. "Argylle" stars Henry Cavill, Bryce Dallas Howard, Bryan Cranston and Ariana DeBose hit them all -- morning and night. One reason may be because the \$200 million film has received mixed reviews from 33% of the top critics on Rotten Tomatoes, and its success or failure may determine the fate of the next two films in the spy trilogy.

In 2015, Cavill starred in a film version of the hit spy TV series "The Man From U.N.C.L.E.," with Armie Hammer and Alicia Vikander (who won an Oscar the following year for "The Danish Girl"). The film cost \$75 million and only grossed \$110 million. Many have hoped Cavill would be the next James Bond, but he probably won't be considered anymore now that he's done "Argylle" and Guy Ritchie's next two films -- an untitled action film that has already been completed and "The Ministry of Ungentlemanly Warfare," with Alex Pettyfer, Henry Golding, Cary Elwes and "Reacher's" Alan Ritchson.

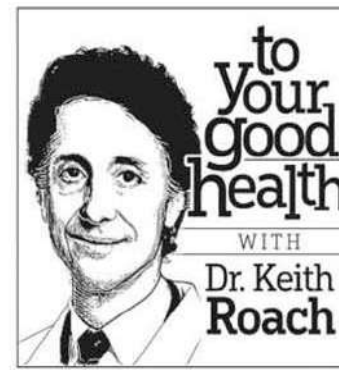
In 2022, Ariana DeBose won an Oscar as Anita in Steven Spielberg's "West Side Story," a role that also won Rita Moreno her Oscar. It was originally created on Broadway by the late, great Chita Rivera, who passed away on Jan. 30. DeBose, proving to be multitalented, has completed two more films: the superhero epic "Kraven the Hunter" due Aug. 30, opposite Aaron Taylor-Johnson and Russell Crowe, and her first top-billed film -- the supernatural-horror film "House of Spoils," in which she plays a chef.

"Dune" was divided into two films, with "Dune: Part Two" scheduled to drop on March 1. The second part stars Timothee Chalamet, Zendaya, Austin Butler and Florence Pugh. "Dune: Part One" cost \$165 million and grossed \$402 million. Now word comes that there'll be a "Dune 3" based on Frank Herbert's second novel "Dune Messiah." (Spoiler alert ahead!) Even though Butler has completed "The Bikeriders" (due June 21) and the recently released Apple TV+ series "Masters of the Air," don't expect to see him in "Dune 3," except maybe in a flashback. Just like "Elvis" had left the building, Butler has left Arrakis!

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Ariana DeBose ("West Side Story") - Depositphotos



High Troponin Levels Follow After Bout of Food Poisoning

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am a 77-year-old male who apparently suffered a case of food poisoning. I say apparently because no cause was ever discovered for the uncontrollable vomiting and diarrhea that lasted for a whole day and recurred briefly the following morning.

A trip to the emergency room involved many tests, but nothing turned up except a troponin level well over 0.04 ng/mL, which prompted an angiogram that didn't reveal any problems with my heart. What else might have caused my high troponin level? — Anon.

ANSWER: A troponin level is a standard blood test usually used to evaluate patients for heart attacks. However, newer, highly sensitive assays have proven that tiny levels of troponin may be detected in nearly everybody.

A level above 0.04 ng/mL is often used as the cutoff for the "normal" range, but depending on the assay and population studied, a few healthy people may have levels above this. People with heart attacks may have troponin levels in the hundreds or thousands. The higher the troponin level, the more muscle damage there is.

The fact that your coronary arteries don't show any blockages is very good news. Other types of heart damage may also cause a high troponin level, including inflammation of the heart (myocarditis) and heart failure. Also, critical illnesses can cause high troponin levels (at much higher levels than you may

have had) in people who don't have heart blockages. (A median of 0.57 ng/mL was found in people with septic shock.)

I found a long list of reported causes behind elevated troponin levels, but gastroenteritis was not on the list. I suspect your body was working so hard to fight off the infection without enough fluid that your heart needed more oxygen-carrying blood than it got, leading to tiny amounts of injury to the heart muscle despite normal heart arteries. You can lose a lot of fluid with vomiting and diarrhea, and people at age 77 don't have as much reserve as they did when they were younger.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I'm a 56-year-old male who never had the chicken pox. When the first of my children was born, I had blood tests done to see if I'd ever been exposed. I had not, so I received the chicken pox vaccine in case my children were to expose me.

Twenty-five years later, many friends and colleagues have either received the shingles vaccine or have had a shingles outbreak. My question to you is: Since I've never had chicken pox, do I still need the shingles vaccine? — D.S.S.

ANSWER: Yes, the shingles vaccine is still recommended. Shingles is a recurrence of the chicken pox virus. The vaccine you got was a live but weakened form of chicken pox. It has a lower risk of causing shingles than getting the actual chicken pox, but there is still a risk.

Shingles is so bad that the vaccine is absolutely worth it, in my opinion. Even people who have had the old one-shot vaccine (Zostrix), as well as those who don't recall having had chicken pox, should get the new two-dose vaccine (Shingrix), which is not a live virus. It's better to just get the vaccine than doing blood testing in people who don't recall getting chicken pox as a child.

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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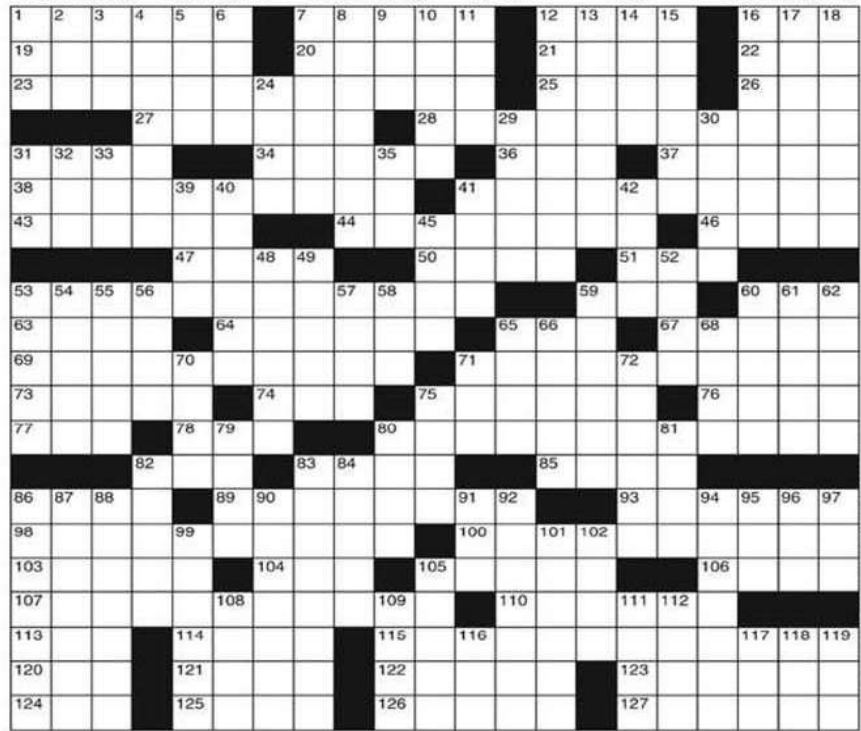
Joyce Meyer

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Super Crossword

INTERPRETING ALL THE SIGNS

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 - 7 Custard apple relative
 - 12 Peevish state
 - 16 Air gun ammo
 - 19 With no secrecy
 - 20 Caribbean resort island
 - 21 Physiques, for short
 - 22 Suffix with east
 - 23 Door-bashing device
 - 25 Working hard
 - 26 Grazing field
 - 27 Politician Alexandria — Cortez
 - 28 Bud Light mascot Spuds MacKenzie, for one
 - 31 A verb often follows it
 - 34 Vex
 - 36 Winning tic-tac-toe row
 - 37 "Hoarders" channel
 - 38 "Full House" acting pair
 - 41 Sideways-moving arachnid
 - 43 Judo teacher
 - 44 Test taker
 - 46 Sailors, informally
 - 47 "The Villain" actor Jack
 - 50 Gain's offset
 - 51 Ignited
 - 53 "If I Only Had the Nerve" singer
 - 59 "Ka-POW!" Me, in Lyon
 - 63 On — with (equal to)
 - 64 One of the Kennedys
 - 65 Org. with merit badges
 - 67 Leaning
 - 69 Mother of Jesus
 - 71 Things to step on in washrooms
 - 73 Moon that's home to the Ewoks
 - 74 Top-secret U.S. org.
 - 75 Dialect of Aramaic
 - 76 Ad biz award
 - 77 French article
 - 78 CEO's deg.
 - 80 Flashy, diving soccer move
 - 82 Put a flaw in
 - 83 Dog in "The Thin Man"
 - 85 Hockey's Phil, to fans
 - 86 Manufacture
 - 89 Leaned back
 - 93 Negev's land
 - 98 "Fatal Attraction" Oscar nominee
 - 100 Feta, for one
 - 103 Official order
 - 104 Prevarication
 - 105 Spiral-shelled mollusk
 - 106 Rep on the street
 - 107 Luxury writing implement
 - 110 Eye ring
 - 113 Rhinoplasty doc
 - 114 Nastase of tennis fame
 - 115 Halibut, sole and flounder
 - 120 Beatified Mlle.
 - 121 Madams' counterparts
 - 122 Eldest of the Musketeers
 - 123 1998 Masters champ Mark
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 - 125 Hug's partner
 - 126 Century's 100
 - 127 All 12 of its symbols are featured in this puzzle
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 - 2 Clean air org.
 - 3 Court divider
 - 4 Chants
 - 5 Actor Baldwin
 - 6 Vega's constellation
 - 7 Grill-marked sandwiches
 - 8 French forest region
 - 9 Brand of faucet filters
 - 10 Cry like —
 - 11 Bank bought by Chase, for short
 - 12 Govt. advances for mom-and-pops
 - 13 Opposite of destined
 - 14 "And When —" (1969 hit)
 - 15 Certain high-heel feature
 - 16 Go-Go's singer Carlisle
 - 17 Offspring producer
 - 18 Ones entrapping
 - 24 "Vidi," in English
 - 29 "Slow" primate
 - 30 Bonnie of blues rock
 - 31 Antis' votes
 - 32 Corrida cry
 - 33 Sailor's org.
 - 35 It runs on a
 - 52-Down
 - 39 — -do-well
 - 40 Bill of tennis
 - 41 "Hurry it up!"
 - 42 Actress Ward
 - 45 Balm additive
 - 48 Female grad
 - 49 Chatty birds
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 - 109 Auction website
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 - 112 Celeb's ride
 - 116 Radio host Charlamagne — God
 - 117 "Ball —"
 - 118 Epoch
 - 119 Small pouch



CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: G equals R

WY ZJH AGJKKIL V AIMQWSILI
 VML V SVGGJQ, W UJMLIG
 WY ZJH'L IML HS UWQN V
 UVROWI-QVROWI.

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STICKELERS

by Terry Stickels

Can you determine what is so unusual about the block of text below?

Think hard now: This musing is unusual. A bright mind probably has a solution right now. Is that you? Can you think your way to it? Study and think. ... Look again. What did you find? C'mon, you can do this. Got it?

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Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

1. Ladle	— I — — — —	Sporty, like Dan	— A — — — —
2. Leo's family	— — — — D —	Trophy	— — — — Z —
3. Absorb knowledge	L — — — — —	Long for	Y — — — — —
4. Robust	— — — — — Y	Fireplace	— — — — — H
5. Not as old	— — — — W — —	Certainly not	— — — — V — —
6. Gather up courage	— U — — — —	— Sandman	— I — — — —
7. Electrical outage	— O — — — —	Tee or tank	— I — — — —
8. Quite severe	H — — — — —	Swampland	M — — — — —
9. Silver or copper	— — — — T — —	Winner's decoration	— — — — D — —
10. Pancake mixture	— A — — — —	Acid-tasting	I — — — — —

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Even Exchange

answers

1. Dipper, Dapper	6. Mustel, Mister
2. Pride, Prize	7. Short, Shift
3. Learn, Vearn	8. Harsh, Marsh
4. Hearty, Hearth	9. Metal, Medal
5. Newer, Never	10. Batter, Bitter

The unusual thing about this word puzzle is that it does not contain the letter "E."

CryptoQuip answer
 If you crossed a centipede and a parrot, I wonder if you'd end up with a walkie-talkie.

Super Crossword

Answers

1. Friendly and cheerful	27. Politician Alexandria — Cortez
2. Custard apple relative	28. Bud Light mascot Spuds MacKenzie, for one
3. Peevish state	31. A verb often follows it
4. Air gun ammo	34. Vex
5. With no secrecy	36. Winning tic-tac-toe row
6. Caribbean resort island	37. "Hoarders" channel
7. Physiques, for short	38. "Full House" acting pair
8. Suffix with east	41. Sideways-moving arachnid
9. Door-bashing device	43. Judo teacher
10. Working hard	44. Test taker
11. Grazing field	46. Sailors, informally
12. Politician Alexandria — Cortez	47. "The Villain" actor Jack
13. Bud Light mascot Spuds MacKenzie, for one	50. Gain's offset
14. A verb often follows it	51. Ignited
15. Vex	53. "If I Only Had the Nerve" singer
16. Winning tic-tac-toe row	59. "Ka-POW!" Me, in Lyon
17. "Hoarders" channel	63. On — with (equal to)
18. "Full House" acting pair	64. One of the Kennedys
19. Sideways-moving arachnid	65. Org. with merit badges
20. Judo teacher	67. Leaning
21. Test taker	69. Mother of Jesus
22. Sailors, informally	71. Things to step on in washrooms
23. "The Villain" actor Jack	73. Moon that's home to the Ewoks
24. Gain's offset	74. Top-secret U.S. org.
25. Ignited	75. Dialect of Aramaic
26. "If I Only Had the Nerve" singer	76. Ad biz award
27. "Ka-POW!" Me, in Lyon	77. French article
28. Me, in Lyon	78. CEO's deg.
29. On — with (equal to)	80. Flashy, diving soccer move
30. One of the Kennedys	82. Put a flaw in
31. Org. with merit badges	83. Dog in "The Thin Man"
32. Leaning	85. Hockey's Phil, to fans
33. Mother of Jesus	86. Manufacture
34. Things to step on in washrooms	89. Leaned back
35. Moon that's home to the Ewoks	93. Negev's land
36. Top-secret U.S. org.	98. "Fatal Attraction" Oscar nominee
37. Dialect of Aramaic	100. Feta, for one
38. Ad biz award	103. Official order
39. French article	104. Prevarication
40. CEO's deg.	105. Spiral-shelled mollusk
41. Flashy, diving soccer move	106. Rep on the street
42. Put a flaw in	107. Luxury writing implement
43. Dog in "The Thin Man"	110. Eye ring
44. Hockey's Phil, to fans	113. Rhinoplasty doc
45. Phil, to fans	114. Nastase of tennis fame
46. Manufacture	115. Halibut, sole and flounder
47. Dollop	120. Beatified Mlle.
48. Clean air org.	121. Madams' counterparts
49. Court divider	122. Eldest of the Musketeers
50. Chants	123. 1998 Masters champ Mark
51. Actor Baldwin	124. One of the Kennedys
52. Vega's constellation	125. Hug's partner
53. Grill-marked sandwiches	126. Century's 100
54. French forest region	127. All 12 of its symbols are featured in this puzzle
55. Brand of faucet filters	52-Down
56. Cry like —	39. — -do-well
57. Bank bought by Chase, for short	40. Bill of tennis
58. Govt. advances for mom-and-pops	41. "Hurry it up!"
59. Opposite of destined	42. Actress Ward
60. "And When —" (1969 hit)	45. Balm additive
61. Certain high-heel feature	48. Female grad
62. Go-Go's singer Carlisle	49. Chatty birds
63. Offspring producer	52. Apple buy
64. Ones entrapping	53. Went spelunking
65. "Vidi," in English	54. Think aloud
66. "Slow" primate	55. Prison units
67. Bonnie of blues rock	56. 2012 Ben Affleck thriller
68. Antis' votes	57. Turkish money unit
69. Corrida cry	58. Bitterly cold
70. Sailor's org.	59. Adherents of an Iranian religion
71. It runs on a	60. Thousand; Prefix
72. Start to wake	61. — acid (fat product)
73. Light snack	62. "There, there"
74. Small rodents, jocularly	65. Georgia politician Bob
75. Sore feeling	66. Michael of the band R.E.M.
76. Slumber	68. Small nail
77. Star of "I'm No Angel"	70. "— la Douce"
78. Slower than allegretto	71. Drink-related party abbr.
79. Like bootees	72. Suffix with micro- or kaleido-
80. Cream-filled pastries	75. Read quickly
91. Big head	79. "I'm c-c-cold!"
92. Contributor	80. Start to wake
94. Covered anew, as a book	81. Light snack
95. — Lingus	82. Small rodents, jocularly
96. Suffix with Senegal	83. Sore feeling
97. Guided	84. Slumber
99. In harm's way	86. Star of "I'm No Angel"
101. Transversely	87. Slower than allegretto
102. Those people	88. Like bootees
105. 100-buck bill	90. Cream-filled pastries
108. Roman 1,052	91. Big head
109. Auction website	92. Contributor
111. "The Wizard —"	94. Covered anew, as a book
112. Celeb's ride	95. — Lingus
116. Radio host Charlamagne — God	96. Suffix with Senegal
117. "Ball —"	97. Guided
118. Epoch	99. In harm's way
119. Small pouch	101. Transversely

FRANCE AND THE US BROKE HAITI; THEY SHOULD BE THE FIRST TO MEND IT

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.)

When the Foreign Ministers of the world's wealthiest nations gathered in Brazil from February 21, 2024, Haiti's dire situation found a brief moment of attention—not in the main agenda but on the sidelines of the G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Rio de Janeiro. This sidelining is emblematic of the low priority assigned to Haiti by these global powerhouses.



U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken took the initiative to put Haiti on the agenda, highlighting U.S. concerns over the country's instability and the continuous arrival of Haitian refugees to U.S. shores, which has been a contentious issue. Yet, as of February 23, 2024, major G20 nations have not shown an enthusiastic response.

This lack of enthusiasm reflects the acute rivalry of other major G20 countries, particularly Russia and China, with the U.S., as they have differing interests concerning Haiti. In the case of China, it has argued for a multifaceted approach that includes political stability and security support to create a sustainable path forward for Haiti. For its part, Russia has expressed scepticism towards international military interventions without a clear national consensus and detailed operational plans. Russia abstained from voting on the UN Security Council Resolution, which authorized the deployment of a Multinational Security Support (MSS) mission to Haiti by like-minded countries, led by Kenya.

Nonetheless, Secretary Blinken has continued to encourage G20 and other nations, from both developed and developing regions, to join the MSS mission. To date, the U.S. has not managed to secure troop commitments except from Kenya and a few countries of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM). The particularly notable absence of troop commitments from European nations, especially France—a former imperial power in Haiti and a major

beneficiary of its slave-produced wealth—underscores this point.

The U.S. itself has committed no troops. Instead, it has concentrated on trying to get African and Caribbean nations to send their military personnel. The Biden administration's reluctance to commit troops to Haiti may be influenced by the stance of Donald Trump, Biden's presidential rival, known for his reluctance to deploy U.S. troops abroad. Nonetheless, it irks some nations that the U.S. is calling on them to provide troops who would be endangered in Haiti, while choosing to keep its soldiers at home.

Further, while the U.S. government is touting its willingness to pay \$200 million to finance an intervention in Haiti, it says half will come from the Department of Defence, but the other half must come from the U.S. Congress. To date, the Congress has not voted to allocate any money. Therefore, the full amount of the U.S. government pledge is not available and is \$100 million short of the Kenyan demand.

Jake Johnson, in his insightful book "Aid State: Elite Panic, Disaster Capitalism, and the battle to control Haiti," suggests that Western perceptions of Haiti are marred by a history of colonialism and racism. While I share Johnson's view and commend his work for its depth, I argue that the issue is primarily one of passive racism—a disregard for Haiti that likely wouldn't exist if its population were white.

That passive, almost unthinking, reflexive racial attitude is also mixed with the view that Haiti is a corrupt country where billions of dollars of aid has either been mismanaged or stolen. The two elements have been a toxic brew for western policy makers to swallow.

A further unofficial consideration in the minds of many governments, and one that is whispered in the margins of international gatherings, is that tens of billions of dollars have been spent on peacekeeping efforts in Haiti in the past by the United Nations and participating governments. Yet, as soon as peacekeeping forces leave, Haiti returns to instability resulting from conflicts between rival political forces in the country.



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It is noteworthy that while Caribbean Community (CARICOM) has generally agreed to support a humanitarian intervention in Haiti, less than five of its 15 members have actually offered troops. In the event, CARICOM lacks the capacity to make any significant military contribution to any intervention in Haiti. The grouping has done so because Haiti is a member state, and, more importantly, because the Haitians were the first nation to rise up against slavery and create a black independent nation in 1804.

But, in any analysis of the Haitian situation, France and the U.S. have a particular responsibility, having significantly profited from and subsequently destabilized the country. Neither country, whatever internal political issues they face, can be excused from their responsibility for impoverishing Haiti. The heavy debt imposed by France following Haiti's independence and the U.S.'s prolonged financial and political interference have left deep scars on Haiti's ability to self-govern and prosper.

In light of this, the primary onus for aiding Haiti lies with France and the U.S. They should be at the forefront of efforts to restore order and rebuild the nation, contributing not just through police presence now but also by investing in Haiti's infrastructure and social systems, rectifying the historical injustices that continue to impede its progress. Haiti's relegation to the sidelines of international discourse is a stark reminder of the need for a renewed, committed global effort to address its crises. It is time for those nations most implicated in its historical exploitation, to fulfil their moral and ethical obligations to Haiti.

There is need for an intervention in Haiti to end the current lawlessness, but the support for such an intervention should come from the broadest representation of the Haitian people. It should also include a timetable and a comprehensive plan, with resources, to build Haiti's much needed physical, social, political and governance infrastructure at the intervention's conclusion.

Only then can we hope to see Haiti as a stable, sovereign, and thriving nation, rather than perpetually labelled as a "failed" state or an "aid" state."



PUBLIC NOTICES

Dragons 418 Director Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1967597

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 12 February, 2024.
Dated 19 day of February 2024
(Sgd.) Mr. Alfredo Caruci
Voluntary Liquidator
[40/1]

Dragons 516 Director Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 1928877

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 12 February, 2024.
Dated 19 day of February 2024
(Sgd.) Mr. Alfredo Caruci
Voluntary Liquidator
[40/2]

SOLAR BREEZE CAPITALS LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 2027128

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204(1)-(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that SOLAR BREEZE CAPITALS LIMITED is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 18th October, 2023. The Liquidator is **Alfredo Caruci** addressed at **Flemming House, P.O. Box 662, Wickhams Cay, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110 British Virgin Islands.**
Dated 15 day of February 2024
(Sgd.) Alfredo Caruci
Voluntary Liquidator
[40/3]

NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
(NO. 16 OF 2004)
Linkall Holdings Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 22nd 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 Liquidator is:-
Joan Johnson
of Sertus Chambers,
P.O. Box 905,
Quastisky Building,
Road Town, Tortola VG 1110,
British Virgin Islands
[40/4]

NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
TERRANOVA INVESTMENTS CAPITAL LTD
("the Company")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 20th February, 2024; under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck from the Register.
The Liquidator is:-
Joan Johnson
Nerine Chambers
P.O. Box 905 Quastisky Building
Road Town, Tortola
British Virgin Islands
[40/5]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act.
Cwjia Holding Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2043296

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 23rd February 2024. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan** of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.
Dated: 23rd February 2024
(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator
[40/6]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act.
LIX Holding Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2043299

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 22nd February 2024. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan** of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.
Dated: 22nd February 2024
(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator
[40/7]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Companies Act.
NOVIA TRADING INC.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1454135

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 22, 2024.
Dated: February 23, 2024
(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean
Voluntary Liquidator
[40/8]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Companies Act.
NOVIA TRADING INC.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1454135

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 22, 2024.
Dated: February 23, 2024
(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean
Voluntary Liquidator
[40/9]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Companies Act. 2004
DURBERVILLE LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 279787

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 23rd February, 2024.
Dated: 23rd day of February 2024
(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator
[40/10]

Notice of Intention to Make an Application for the Cancellation of a Licence under Section 38 of the Financial Services Commission Act

THYBO ASSET MANAGEMENT LIMITED
Company Number: 391044
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 38(7) of the Financial Services Commission Act (the "Act") that the Company intends to make an application to the Financial Services Commission for the cancellation of its mutual fund licence under Section 38(1)(c) of the Act as the Company shall shortly cease to have any investors.
Dated: 20 February 2024
[40/11]

Notice of Intention to Make an Application for the Cancellation of a Licence under Section 38 of the Financial Services Commission Act
THYBO LEVERAGED FUND LTD.

Company Number: 1006169
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 38(7) of the Financial Services Commission Act (the "Act") that the Company intends to make an application to the Financial Services Commission for the cancellation of its professional mutual fund licence under Section 38(1)(c) of the Act as the Company shall shortly cease to have any investors.
Dated: 20 February 2024
[40/12]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act.
Wshuo Holding Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2043297

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 22nd February 2024. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan** of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.
Dated: 22nd February 2024
(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator
[40/13]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act
JOYO.COM LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number: 372814

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204(1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on February 23, 2024. The Joint Liquidators are **Anton Goldstein and Rachael Pape** of **Conyers Dill & Pearman, Commerce House, Wickhams Cay 1, P.O. Box 3140, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: February 23, 2024
Rachael Pape
For and on behalf of Anton Goldstein and Rachael Pape
As Joint Liquidators [40/14]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2052913
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 22 day of February 2023. The Liquidator is **Ray A. George** of, **Jennings Apartment, Apt No. 2, Manchester, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated this 22 day of February 2023

Ray A. George
Voluntary Liquidator
[40/15]

CTG Evergreen Investment V Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1849989

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, Subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from the 26th day of February, 2024.
Dated this 26th day of February, 2024
Sgd. Brian Jackson
Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[40/16]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No: 195439
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 January 22, 2024.
Dated: February 27, 2024.
Sgd: Philippa V. O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator
[40/17]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Companies Act.
Fortasec Group Ltd
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1837681

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 26, 2024.
Dated: February 26, 2024
(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean
Voluntary Liquidator
[40/18]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004
Great Gravity Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2006627

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 26th February 2024.
Dated: 26th February 2024.
(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator
[40/19]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004
Origin Blueprint Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2006622

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 26th February 2024.
Dated: 26th February 2024.
(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator
[40/20]

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

[40]

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 KA MING VINCENT also known as CHENG KA MING 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

[40]

RICHTIME MANAGEMENT
LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 424490

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, Subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from the 27th day of February, 2024.

Dated this 27th day of February, 2024
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[0/21]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act
Pewit Hall Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number: 1597208

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204(1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 27 February 2024. The Joint Liquidators are

Anton Goldstein and Rachael Pape of Conyers Dill & Pearman, Commerce House, Wickhams Cay 1, P.O. Box 3140, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110, British Virgin Islands.
[40/22]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act, 2004
ACG (BVI) I, Co. Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No: 2114635

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 27, 2024. Dated: February 27, 2024.

Sgd: Philippa V. O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator [40/23]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004
Infinite Lucky Top Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2102440

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 28th day of February, 2024. The liquidators are Monique Adams and Corinne Cellier of Ogier Global (BVI) Limited, Ritter House, Wickhams Cay II, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands and Ogier Global (Cayman) Limited of 89 Nexus Way, Camana Bay, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands, KY 1-9009. Dated: 28th day of February 2024

(Sgd.) Monique Adams
(Sgd.) Corinne Cellier
Voluntary Liquidator
[40/24]

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

[40]

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

[40]

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

[40]

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
VIRGIN ISLANDS
PROBATE NO. 0040 OF 2024

In the Estate of KENRICK ALFRED THOMAS (also known
as KENRICK ALFRED TOMAR AND/OR KENRICK AL-
FRED THOMAS LETTSOME AND/OR HENRICH ALFRED
THOMAS LETSSOME) late of 1-143-37 Estate Wintberg, St
Thomas, United States Virgin Islands, Deceased

FORM P7: ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR
GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by ARTHURLYN
CHRISTENE THOMAS of 1-143-37 Estate Wintberg, St Thomas,
United States Virgin Islands for a Grant of Letters of Administration
to the applicant, who is the lawful widow and intended administrator
of the Deceased, the Deceased having died intestate on 30 March 2023.

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

Dated this 26 day of February 2024

Filed by Conyers Dill and Pearman, Legal Practitioners for the Appli-
cants, whose address for service is Commerce House, Wickhams Cay
1, P.O. Box 3140, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands VG1110.
Tel: 1 (284) 852 1000 Fax: 1 (284) 1001 Email: Jerry.Samuel@conyers.
com

[41]

Drury Lane Holdings
Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1893259

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
9th day of January, 2024. The
Liquidator is **Brian Jackson**
of **Mandar House, 3rd Floor,**
Johnson's Ghut, Tortola,
British Virgin Islands.
Dated this 9th day of January, 2024
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[40/25]

*Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator
under Section 204 of the BVI Busi-
ness Company Act.*

BITFROST WALLET LTD

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2094443

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 26th, 2024. The Liquidator
is **Nelcia St. Jean** with an address at
116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola,
British Virgin Islands.

Dated: February 28th, 2024
(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean
Voluntary Liquidator
[40/26]

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

**TALENT ZONE
MANAGEMENT
LIMITED**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2060367

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 26 February 2024.

Dated 28 February 2024
(Sgd.) Harry J. Thompson
Voluntary Liquidator(s) [40/27]

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

**MEKONG MARINE
CORPORATION**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1494585

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 26 February 2024.

Dated 28 February 2024
(Sgd.) Harry J. Thompson
Voluntary Liquidator(s) [40/28]

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

VIRGIN ISLANDS
(PROBATE)

BVIHPB2024/0043

IN THE ESTATE OF MADLENE BLYDEN ALSO
KNOWN AS MADLENE PENN-BLYDEN LATE OF
TOWERS, WEST END, TORTOLA, BRITISH VIRGIN
ISLANDS, DECEASED

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by
Devon Valentine Blyden of Towers, West End, Tortola,
British Virgin Islands and St. Thomas, United States
Virgin Islands for a Grant of Letters of Administration
to the applicant, one of the children of the deceased, the
deceased having died intestate the 9th day of January
2020.

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

Dated this 23rd day of February 2024.

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

[41]

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

CLAIM NO. BVIHPB2024/

IN THE ESTATE OF SUZANA VERA MAMESAH, LATE
OF 33, TANGLIN ROAD, #16-05, SINGAPORE 247913,
DECEASED

ADVERTISEMENT

Notice is given that after the expiration of 8 days application will
be made to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the resealing
of the Probate of Suzana Vera Mamesah, of 33, Tanglin Road,
#16-05, Singapore 247913 granted by the Family Justice Courts
of the Republic of Singapore on the 8th day of November 2023.

Dated 27 February 2024

[41]

PUBLIC NOTICES

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

BVIHPB2024/0046

**In the estate of Alberto Daniel Imperial Garré,
late of N° 1238, Pedro Berro St., Apartment 701,
Montevideo, Uruguay, deceased**

TAKE NOTICE that DR. LAUDELINO VÁZQUEZ FRAGA of Juan Benito Blanco 870/102- Montevideo, Uruguay, the Testamentary Executor named in the Last Will and Testament (the Will) of ALBERTO DANIEL IMPERIAL GARRÉ, deceased who died on the 5th day of May, 2022 domiciled in Montevideo, Uruguay (the Deceased), has applied to the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the Probate Division for Probate of the Will bearing the date 15 April 2021.

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



Solicitors for the Executor

[41]

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

KECCAK CAPITAL LTD.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2086590

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 26 February 2024.

Dated 28 February 2024
(Sgd.) **Harry J. Thompson**
Voluntary Liquidator(s)
[40/29]

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

**Amazing Grace
Staffing, Inc.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2081540

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 26 February 2024.

Dated 28 February 2024
(Sgd.) **Harry J. Thompson**
Voluntary Liquidator(s)
[40/30]

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

**McKenzie Properties
International Inc.**
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1878302

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 203, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 21 February 2024. The Liquidator is Harry J. Thompson of Harbour House, P.O. Box 4428, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated 28 February 2024
(Sgd.) **Harry J. Thompson**
Voluntary-Liquidator(s)
[40/31]

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

ePropulsion ESOP Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company Number: 2006387
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204(1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act that the Company is in voluntary liquidation.

The voluntary liquidation commenced on 27 February 2024. The Joint Liquidators are **Anton Goldstein and Rachael Pape of Conyers Dill & Pearman, Commerce House, Wickhams Cay 1, P.O. Box 3140, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: 27 February 2024
Rachael Pape
For and on behalf of Anton Goldstein and Rachael Pape
As Joint Liquidators
[40/32]

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

ORLANCO LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 568417

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 28th, 2024. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: February 29th, 2024
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator
[40/33]

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

**David & Goliath Equity
Group Inc.**
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number: 1875454

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204(1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 28 February 2024. The Joint Liquidators are **Anton Goldstein and Rachael Pape of Conyers Dill & Pearman, Commerce House, Wickhams Cay 1, P.O. Box 3140, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: 29 February 2024
Rachael Pape
For and on behalf of Anton Goldstein and Rachael Pape
As Joint Liquidators
[40/34]

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

Glasstone Stars Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1960522
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. Voluntary liquidation commenced on February 28th, 2024. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: February 29th, 2024
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator
[40/35]

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

**Vaporwave Token Issuer
Limited**
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 2096048
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. Voluntary liquidation commenced on February 27th, 2024. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: February 29th, 2024
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator
[40/36]

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

**ASIA SHINE INTERNATIONAL
LIMITED**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 641477

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 26th, 2024.

Dated: February 29th, 2024
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator
[40/37]

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

PCC Token Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No.2085732

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. Voluntary liquidation commenced on February 29th, 2024. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: February 29th, 2024
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator
[40/38]

Request For Proposals: Repairs To JVD Burial Ground Perimeter Wall

The Ministry of Health and Social Development is requesting bids for the proposed Repairs to the Jost Van Dyke Burial Ground Perimeter Wall. The proposed works comprise providing all plant, labour, equipment, materials, personnel staff and all operations in connection with the proposed renovations.

All interested companies should contact the Ministry of Health and Social Development at email ministryof-health@gov.vg or by telephone at (284) 468-2174 to request an electronic copy of the tender document.

Please note that tender proposals are due on 29th March, 2024, by noon. A site visit will be scheduled for 12th March, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

Please be reminded that to be considered for this project, companies must submit a copy of their Trade Licence, Certificates of Good Standings from Inland Revenue, Social Security and National Health Insurance together with their final proposal on 29th March, 2024.

Sir Clive Lloyd to receive Order of the Caribbean Community (OCC) at 47th HGC



Sir Clive Hubert Lloyd CBE, AO, CM in conversation with Leaders and Delegates during the 46th CARICOM Summit, held in Georgetown, Guyana

CARICOM Secretariat, Turkeyen, Greater Georgetown, Guyana -

Thursday, 29 February 2024:

“Revered-Guyanese Cricketer and Caribbean hero Sir Clive Hubert Lloyd CBE, AO, CM will be conferred with the Order of the Caribbean Community (OCC) at the next Regular Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of CARICOM which will be held in Grenada in July. This was announced by H.E. Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali, CARICOM Chair on the final day of the 46th Regular Meeting in Georgetown, Guyana.”

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Sir Clive was a Special Guest during a plenary session and accompanied by young Guyanese Cricketer, Shamar Joseph, who was also recognised for having bowled the West Indies Team to victory during the recent Test Match against Australia. This marked the first victory for the West Indies Team against Australia in twenty-four years.

Heads of Government and delegates paid tribute to Sir Clive Lloyd following the announcement and remarked on his illustrious tenure.

Emerging from humble beginnings in Guyana, Sir

Clive is widely regarded as one of the greatest cricket captains of all time. He made his Test debut on 13 December 1966 against India and captained the West Indies in three World Cups, winning in 1975 (with Lloyd scoring a century), 1979 and the 1983 final.

In 1971, Sir Clive was named a Wisden Cricketer of the Year and captained the West Indies team between 1974 and 1985. He was also instrumental in its rise to become the greatest Test and One Day International team of the 20th Century; only Australia achieved comparable success. Sir Clive is considered one of the most successful Test captains in the history of West Indies Cricket. During his captaincy, his side had a run of 27 matches without defeat, which included 11 wins in succession. He was the first West Indian player to earn 100 international caps.

In 2009, Sir Clive was inducted into the ICC Cricket Hall of Fame and was knighted in 2022.

The Order of the Caribbean Community will be another crowning moment in Sir Clive’s decorated career and legacy.

CARICOM’s 50th Anniversary Rum Blend launched during the 46th Regular Meeting in Guyana



His Excellency Mohamed Irfaan Ali, President of Guyana and Prime Minister of Saint Lucia, the Honourable Philip J. Pierre

CARICOM Secretariat, Turkeyen, Greater Georgetown, Guyana - Wednesday, 28 February 2024:

"The Prime Minister of Saint Lucia, the Honourable Philip J. Pierre this week presented the new CARICOM 50th Anniversary Rum Blend from the Saint Lucia Distillers Group to His Excellency Mohamed Irfaan Ali, President of Guyana and Chairman of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM). The CARICOM Chairman received the rum blend during the ongoing 46th Regular Meeting of the Conference of CARICOM Heads of Government being convened in Guyana."

The Prime Minister of Saint Lucia, the Honourable Philip J. Pierre this week presented the new CARICOM 50th Anniversary Rum Blend from the Saint Lucia Distillers Group to His Excellency Mohamed Irfaan Ali, President of Guyana and Chairman of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM).

The CARICOM Chairman received the rum blend during the ongoing 46th Regular Meeting of the Conference of CARICOM Heads of Government being convened in Guyana.

The blend is attractively packaged under the Saint Lucia Distillers Group Chairman’s Reserve Brand, and this new expression honours the achievements of the Caribbean Community over the past 50 years. It is a specially selected blend of twelve (12) year old rums from the distillery’s unique collection of pot and column rum stills and aged in various oak casks and is one of several being developed by members of West Indies Rum & Spirits Producers’ Association (WIRSPA) to commemorate the Caribbean Community’s 50th Anniversary.

The products being showcased by regional rum producers will be distributed to CARICOM, with limited quantities being available for sale in local markets.

The Saint Lucia Distillers Group is the first WIRSPA member to make a 50th anniversary presentation to CARICOM.

Tanzania set to host Commonwealth Law Ministers Meeting on equal justice for all

26 February 2024



The United Republic of Tanzania is all set to welcome ministers and attorneys-general to the Commonwealth Law Ministers Meeting, which will open in Zanzibar on 4 March 2024.

Held every two years, the meeting of law ministers is a leading platform for collaboration among the 56 Commonwealth countries, which share a common legal tradition.

The theme of this year's meeting is 'Technology and Innovation: How digitalisation paves the way for the development of people-centred access to justice.'

Under this theme, law ministers will examine ethical ways to use technology to make legal services and information more accessible to people, while exploring responses to threats, such as cybercrime.

Speaking about the meeting, the Commonwealth Secretary-General, the Rt Hon Patricia Scotland KC, commended the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania for making

exceptional arrangements for the meeting.

Secretary-General Scotland drew attention to the pressing need to close the access to justice gap, which currently affects two-thirds of the world's population.

She highlighted the detrimental consequences of the lack of people's access to justice on development, inclusive growth, and conflict prevention.

The-Secretary-General continued: "At a time when increasing conflicts are undermining respect for international law, ensuring equal access to justice remains a fundamental precondition for building peace and security for all."

She said: "Our priority is to help all our member states deliver equal access to justice for all. That requires legal systems which can meet the needs of all.

"The upcoming Commonwealth Law Ministers Meeting offers us a vital platform to discuss the growing threats to the rule of law and find innovative

ways to deliver the changes which will guarantee justice for every one of the 2.5 billion people living in our Commonwealth."

Hon Ambassador Dr Pindi H. Chana, the United Republic of Tanzania's Minister of Constitutional and Legal Affairs and Chair of the 2024 Commonwealth Law Ministers Meeting, announced the meeting's details at a press conference in Zanzibar on 26 February 2024.

Addressing journalists, she said: "We expect to get a lot of benefits following this meeting as the topics that will be discussed will help to find the right ways to strengthen and enforce the law and access to human rights."

The meeting's four-day agenda will cover a range of topical legal issues, including digital assets, electronic resources for efficient

legal systems, access to justice for people with disabilities and developments in climate legislation.

The outcomes from the meeting will shape the agenda for the upcoming Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in Samoa later this year.

The meeting will be held at the Mora Hotel in Zanzibar from 4 to 8 March 2024.

Learn more about the 2024 Commonwealth Law

1995 Re-Enactment Highlights The Vision Of Past Leaders

Students of the H. Lavity Stoutt Community College presented a captivating flashback of the First Sitting of the 13th Legislative Council in 1995 that highlighted various plans of past leaders.

The re-enactment which is part of the 24th H. Lavity Stoutt Commemorative Celebration was a condensed version of the 1995 sitting capturing the vision of the members at the time, most of which have come to fruition. Plans included the expansion of the hospital, the Central Administration Complex, and the introduction of Integrity legislation.

In her remarks, Acting Premier, Honourable Lorna G. Smith, OBE addressed three passions of Mr. Stoutt: passion for the Territory, passion for the development of young people and passion for excellence.

"Mr. Stoutt was elected at the age of 27, and even at that age he had a vision for this country to be world-class. And until he passed that was his vision." Honourable Smith added, "Yes the world has changed since he died in 1995, but his three passions remain."

Past members from the 1995 sitting were also in attendance. These included, Mr. Alvin Christopher, Mr. Keith Flax and Mrs. Eileene L. Parsons, OBE, who was one of the two first elected females.

Members of the cast:

Honourable H. Lavity Stoutt - Chikae Stoutt-Igwe (relative)

Honourable Ralph T. O'Neal - Jadique Gibson (relative)

Honourable Oliver Cills - Nathan Nibbs (relative)

Honourable J. Alvin Christopher - Rochanna Butler

Honourable Reeial George - Jhadazia Lennard (relative)

Honourable Alfred Frett - Calize Matthew

Honourable Terrance B. Lettsome - Tanesha Warner

Honourable R. Dancia Penn - Kizzel Nape

Honourable Conrad Maduro - K'Mano Maduro (relative)

Honourable Andre Penn - Jaresha Rubaine

Honourable Omar W. Hodge - Palesa Caesar

Honourable E. Walwyn Brewley - Malacoy Levons

Honourable Ethlyn Smith - Michelle Jennings

Honourable Eileene L. Parsons - Jade Smith

Mr. Keith Flax (Speaker) - Bria Smith

Mr. Allington Hodge (Clerk) - Sarai Smith

Clerk Assistant - Julisa Pitt

Sergeant-at-Arms - Henrique Warren

Rev. Selwyn Vanterpool (Chaplain) - Alleyne Norlay

The First Sitting of the 13th Legislative Council was held on the 2nd March, 1995. This was the last sitting for late H. Lavity Stoutt, whose Government was in power at the time. He died in office on 14th May, 1995.

To view the re-enactment, visit the government's Facebook page @ [bvgovernment](https://www.facebook.com/bvgovernment) or <https://bit.ly/13legco>

The celebration continues with the following activities:

Wreath Laying Ceremony – Monday, March 4, 9:30 a.m. at the Cappsos Bay Cemetery;

Radio Quiz – Wednesday, March 6, 6:20 a.m. on ZBVI Radio 780AM; and Fair to showcase the impact of H. L. Stoutt – Thursday, March 7, 9:30 a.m. until noon at the Elmore Stoutt High School.

All events are free and open to the public.

Background: The Government of the Virgin Islands continues to celebrate the life of the late H. Lavity Stoutt, National Hero of the Territory, 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. On October 13, 2023, during the House of Assembly, H. Lavity Stoutt was among 10 persons named in a resolution as the Territory's first group of National Heroes.



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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WILLY'S-SECURITY SERVICES needs one full time/part time SECURITY OFFICER. Telephone 341-5925, 442-4110 or 547-2280 [s40]

SAPPY'S BAR & GRILL needs one full time BAR-TENDER. Telephone 441-4329 [s41]

S&S AUTO SALES & REPAIRS seeking two (2) full time Mechanics to hire. From Monday through Saturday, call 284-543-9651 for more details. [s41]

Jamal Moving Services is seeking a welder, please call 499 4325 for an interview [s41]

VIDAL K. DICKSON "NO WORRIES ON CALL VEHICLE MAINTENANCE" needs full time AUTOMOTIVE MECHANIC. Please call 341-8902 [s41]

Juan Carlos Maintenance & Repair Shop has a need for employees in the capacity of a Carpenters, Joiners and Finishing Carpenters. Please-call-343-6003 for more information. [s41]

Javelin Security is staffing for full-time Security Guards. We are searching for serious individuals willing to perform various tasks in a security environment. An excellent opportunity for training and to gain experience in the security environment. Contact us at javelinbvi@gmail.com or (284)543-4060. [s41]

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[s43]



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H. LAVITY STOUTT

24TH COMMEMORATIVE CELEBRATION

A Flashback on H. Lavity Stoutt's Impact

EVENTS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY

MONDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

27 FEB
5:00 P.M.

Reenactment of the First Sitting of the 13th Legislative Council

📍 Eileene L. Parsons Auditorium

04 MAR
9:30 A.M.

Wreath Laying Ceremony

📍 Capps Bay Cemetery

06 MAR
6:20 A.M.

General Knowledge Quiz

📍 ZBVI Radio (780 AM)

07 MAR
9:30 A.M. - NOON

Fair to showcase the Impact of H.L Stoutt

📍 Elmore Stoutt High School Campus, East Block, Lecture Rooms 1 & 2

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Part time & full time
positions.
Must be friendly, a team
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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
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lydhae06@hotmail.com
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Greenland plumbing and
construction are seeking
the following: steelmen,
masons, carpenters-
interesting persons please
call 284-541-3036 or 284-
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HELP WANTED!
Family on Virgin Gorda
is seeking a Care-taker.
Interested persons please
contact Ms. Winchester at
340-8856.
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Xiiomars - Ocean
Charters is looking for
an Operations Assistant.
Interested applicants can
submit their resume to
xiiomarscharters@gmail.com
or call 494-0214
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SAID - DEPARTMENT
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CLERK. Telephone 494-2686
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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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BVI SPRINGS needs one
(1) Bottler Fuller. Please
call telephone 284-494-1476.
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KAD POOL SERVICES
LIMITED needs a Purchasing
Manager to handle sourcing,
supplier relationships, and cost
management.

Responsibilities:
Source suppliers and negotiate
contracts.
Manage supplier relationships
and resolve issues.
Optimize inventory and control
costs.
Ensure quality and mitigate
supply chain risks.
Administer contracts and
collaborate with departments.
Analyze data and report
insights.
Ensure compliance and ethical
sourcing.

Requirements:
Previous experience in
procurement. - Strong
negotiation and communication
skills.

Proficiency in Microsoft Office
and procurement software.
Knowledge of swimming pool
equipment and supplies.

Submit your application
in writing to the Managing
Director at:
P.O. Box 3169, PMB 196,
Road Town,
Tortola VG1110, B.V.Is,
or call 541-8006 for more
information.
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NORBERT-DONOVAN
PAINTING-SERVICES
needs-full time **PAINTERS**
Telephone 440-1267
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ORQUI BAR is looking for
full time **BARTENDERS**,
persons interested please
call 442-1620 of email
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Orchards are seeking
farmers interesting person
please call 284-541-3036 or
284-394-3866.
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Fulltime landscape design and
installer in Tortola.
Must be certified and have
a minimum of three years
experience in permaculture
practices, erosion control,
composting methods, and
growing/maintaining native
plants and flowers. Background
in marketing with capability
to create video processes and
advertise company. Proficiency
in Microsoft Office products
required. Must be available
on weekends. Salary depends
on experience. Send resume to
funktionalgardeners@gmail.com
Telephone 345.6879. [s40]

P&N Construction Company
Ltd requires the following Full
and Part Time positions to be
filled: Mason, Carpenter, La-
borer, Steel Worker, Painter,
Tiler, Heavy Equipment Op-
erator. Must have a minimum
of 5 years experience. Contact
541-2831. BVI Islander or Be-
longer preferred.
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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.
Please send resume to info@bamboushaylounge.com
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REAL ESTATE

PROPERTY FOR SALE:
Registration Section: East
Central, Block: 2439B
Parcel 38 Lot Size: 0.92
acres Selling Price: US
\$1,100,000. Interested
Belongers please contact
Mouzaya Dabboussy from
MLS Realty 284-442-4200
or email: mouzaya@mlsbvi.com.
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