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TRANSFER OF BVI FESTIVAL AND FAIRS COMMITTEE TO THE TOURIST BOARD GENERATES AMBIGUITY: HON. PENN SAYS

Premier Dr Natalio Wheatley has addressed concerns surrounding the transfer of the Virgin Islands Festival and Fairs (VIF&F) Committee to the BVI Tourist Board, expressing confusion over the public's reaction to the move.

The transfer, which has sparked debate, has drawn criticism from the Opposition, who argue that the Tourist Board is already involved in VIF&F Committee activities without proper legislative adjustments.

In response to these concerns, Premier Wheatley denied any wrongdoing in the transfer process and assured that legislative changes would be made promptly. Speaking at a recent press conference, he questioned why some individuals were making a significant issue out of the matter.

"We are making a transition so there's going to be some spill-over. I'm not sure why people are planting their flag on this, nobody is going to

go to jail. This is not the thing to plant a flag on, there are a lot of things happening that we need to correct in this Territory. But really and truly, to the persons who are trying to make an issue out of this, it's a non-issue," the

Premier stated.

However, media owner and talk show host Cindy Rosan raised concerns about the legality of the situation, questioning whether the VIF&F Committee was still functioning independently

with its private budget. She emphasized that without legislative amendments, such actions should not be taking place.

Responding to Rosan's queries, Premier Wheatley clarified that while the

VIF&F Committee has not been entirely dissolved, its remaining members are collaborating with the Tourist Board for the upcoming VI Music Fest.

The Opposition has seized

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upon the transfer of the VIF&F Committee as another instance where the Wheatley administration allegedly sidestepped proper legal procedures. Similar concerns were raised regarding the government's delay in establishing the Trade Commission despite existing legislation.

Following pressure from the Opposition, the government subsequently suspended the Trade Commission, highlighting the ongoing tensions between the ruling party and its critics.

As discussions continue surrounding the transfer of the VIF&F Committee, attention remains focused on ensuring transparency and adherence

to legal processes within the administration's actions.

OPPOSITION MEMBER CRITICIZES FESTIVAL TRANSFER

The controversy surrounding the transfer of the Virgin Islands Festival and Fairs Committee to the portfolio of the BVI Tourist Board got wider and deeper as Opposition legislator and Eighth District Representative, Hon Marlon Penn accused Premier Wheatley of acting like a "supreme leader" and disregarding the laws of the Territory.

Hon Penn's accusations come in the wake of the Cabinet's announcement in January of the approved transfer of the VIF&FC's functions to the BVITB. However, Hon Penn

contends that the required ad hoc legislative changes have not been made to facilitate this transition.

"No bill has come to the House of Assembly to repeal that Act or to make any amendments to the Festival and Fairs Committee," Hon Penn emphasized during an appearance on Talking Points on ZBVI 780 AM on 11 March. He further elaborated, highlighting the legal framework governing festival activities in the Territory, stating, "There was a Cabinet decision to send instructions to the AG's Chambers to make the necessary changes and adjustments to the legislation, because you

have to make adjustments to tourism legislation as well... That is a private entity, [and] Government cannot just dictate to the Tourist Board what to do. It has to be based on the statute."

According to Hon Penn, Premier Wheatley's actions constitute a breach of legal protocol. "There is a statute that governs the fund that houses the monies for that particular portfolio and you cannot just transfer the monies," he asserted.

"He [the Premier] believes

he can do what he wants, he believes he is the supreme leader. You are elected, you have a country of laws. You have to obey the laws of the country. You can't be the leader of the country and ignoring the laws of the country," Hon Penn added.

In response to inquiries about the planning of the Festival this year, Hon Penn emphasized that the BVITB does not possess the authority to undertake such responsibilities, further highlighting the legal ambiguity surrounding the transfer.

WILLOCK REAFFIRMS HIS ADMIRATION AND RESPECT FOR HON. FRASER

A misunderstanding has led to tensions in the Thraserird District, as former Speaker of the House of Assembly, Julian Willock, and incumbent Representative, Honorable Julian Fraser, appear to be at odds over community work initiatives. The disagreement, stemming from the involvement of Willock and Kishma Forbes in local projects, has sparked a debate over perceptions and intentions, highlighting the need for clarity and open communication.

In a statement released on social media on 20 March, Willock defended the community work undertaken by himself and Forbes, stating: "I have been bombarded with phone calls, video clips and WhatsApp messages, from District Three residents that my very own longtime friend, mentor, and District Representative the Hon. Julian Fraser has allegedly attacked me for doing work in my very own community."

Fraser's concern stemmed from Willock and Forbes' use of the phrase 'Building on Hon Fraser's legacy' during these initiatives, which he believes is causing confusion regarding his candidacy in the upcoming General Elections.

Responding to Fraser's contentions, Willock clarified: "Yes, I have said that I am building on Hon. Fraser's legacy and that does not in any way mean that he is no longer running for office." Willock emphasized that their efforts were aimed at complementing Fraser's previous work in the district, particularly initiatives like job fairs and back-to-school events, which have been integral to the community over the past 25 years.

Willock revealed that since Fraser's job fairs had ceased, they had extended invitations for collaboration to Fraser and his District Committee. He emphasized their respect for Fraser's role as the elected District Representative and reiterated their intention to work alongside him.

However, Willock criticized what he termed as "hypocritical opposition members," who questioned Fraser's authority over community initiatives. He suggested that these individuals had previously opposed Fraser's elevation to the position of Premier, highlighting the political dynamics at play.

Furthermore, Willock expressed regret over Fraser's recent statements, urging him to focus on critical issues such as the water crisis, unemployment, harbor cleanup, and economic development in the district.

Despite the political tension, Willock affirmed his admiration and respect for Fraser, acknowledging the veteran legislator's popularity and electoral success over the years. He assured continued collaboration with the private sector to enhance the district's development, acknowledging Fraser's role in opening doors for him personally and professionally.

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RESUMPTION OF HORSE RACING STILL UNCERTAIN

Premier Dr. Natalio Wheatley has reiterated the government's dedication to revitalizing horse racing in the Territory, addressing concerns over the long-standing dispute surrounding the leasing arrangement for the Ellis Thomas Downs in Sea Cows Bay.

Speaking at a recent press conference, Premier Wheatley assured reporters of the government's unwavering commitment to the sport, despite challenges in negotiations with

the Thomas family, who own a portion of the property at the racing track.

"A dispute arose nearly two years ago over a leasing arrangement between the government and the Thomas family," Premier Wheatley explained. "Efforts were made by the owners to increase that lease by some 150%, citing inconsistencies in the original agreement."

However, Premier Wheatley affirmed that discussions between the government and



Hon. Natalio D. Wheatley

the landowners were ongoing. "We are absolutely committed to horse racing," he declared. "One way or the other, we will have horse racing back in the BVI."

While hesitant to divulge

specific details of the negotiations, Premier Wheatley emphasized that reaching a mutual understanding remained the primary objective. "It's just a matter of coming to an agreement and an understanding," he stated.

The resumption of horse racing has been eagerly awaited by enthusiasts and stakeholders alike, with mounting calls for a resolution to the impasse. Despite growing pressure, Premier Wheatley has maintained a cautious approach regarding the status of

negotiations with the Thomas family.

Addressing lawmakers last month, Premier Wheatley refrained from disclosing intricate details of the negotiations, citing the potential for legal ramifications. "Negotiations were last had some time last year over the leasing arrangement for the Ellis Thomas Downs," he noted. "I do not wish to prejudice the situation further, since the matter is currently under active consideration and certainly has the potential to be a legal dispute."

OPPOSITION CONTEMPLATES VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE

Opposition Leader Hon. Ronnie Skelton has issued a strong rebuke to the government, warning of potential action in the form of a vote of no-confidence in the House of Assembly if the current trend of alleged ineffectiveness persists.

Hon. Skelton's remarks come amidst escalating discontent with the current administration's performance, with concerns raised regarding various policy decisions and the handling of critical issues impacting the Territory.

"If what is happening continues, we will not be talking for the next three years. We will probably have to move a vote of no-confidence on the government," Hon. Skelton declared. "Can we win? They have seven, we have six. But [it] will

at least bring pressure to bear on them by us and the public."

Sixth-District Representative-Hon. Myron Walwyn echoed the Leader of the Opposition's sentiments, highlighting a sense of public disillusionment and the need for the Opposition to reflect citizens' concerns through parliamentary channels.

"The confidence of the public in this government is at an all-time low and in these instances it is incumbent upon the Opposition to show the displeasure of the public by activating the appropriate parliamentary device on their behalf. I think we are now at this point," Hon. Walwyn remarked.

The Sixth District Representative criticized

the government's track record, particularly in economic management and engagement with the community.

"If they have any understanding at all as to how to run the government, they're doing a very good job at hiding it," Walwyn commented, expressing frustration over decisions made without adequate consultation.

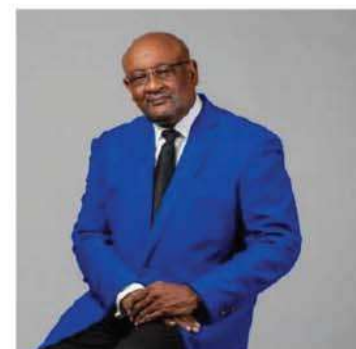
He singled out the government's pursuit of CARICOM membership without public input, alongside broader economic-challenges and infrastructure deficiencies.

"Too many important decisions are being made without consulting with the people," he emphasized. "The people of the Virgin Islands

have yet to be asked their views on further self-determination."

Hon. Walwyn further lamented the economic struggles faced by many residents, citing a squeezed middle class and a lack of job opportunities. He pointed to failures in the tourism sector, missed investment-prospects, and infrastructure gaps-as-indicative of-the-government's shortcomings.

"Many are finding it



Hon. Ronnie Skelton

hard to make ends meet. The calls for access to a reliable supply of potable water are growing louder with no relief in sight," the Sixth District Representative concluded.

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NSC Statement on Recent Shooting

STATEMENT FROM THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

In light of the shooting incident on Friday, 22 nd March, 2024, the National Security Council (NSC) met today.

The Commissioner of Police took the opportunity to update the meeting on the welfare of the victim, Jeron Romney, and also the ongoing investigation.

The Commissioner of Police also updated the NSC of recent media reports of further gunshots heard in the area of Huntum's Ghut during the evening on 23 rd and 24th March, 2024, and indicated that investigations to date have not confirmed the nature of these incidents.

The NSC undertook to remain updated on these matters and return to a fuller discussion later this week.

The NSC thanked the many persons in the community who have come forward to assist the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force with this investigation.

The NSC also encouraged all communities throughout the Territory to support the police in the current investigations, specifically anyone who had contact with Mr. Romney over the past 24 to 48 hours, by calling Crime Stoppers and the confidential and untraceable hotline 800-8477[TIPS], 800-847-8477 and 368-9339.

Meanwhile, the NSC called for calm in the Territory.

The NSC remains committed to introducing measures and any relevant legislation to bring resolution to this and all other unsolved crimes.

The National Security Council considers matters relating to internal security and any significant security developments in the Territory, including the occurrence of significant criminal activity. The NSC comprises the Governor, as Chairman and members, including the Premier, the Minister for Communication and Works, the Attorney General (ex-officio) and the Commissioner of Police (ex-officio).

Statement By The Honourable Dr. Natalio Wheatley, Premier Of The Virgin Islands On Best Wishes to the Princess of Wales

A pleasant Good Day.

On behalf of the Government and the people of the Virgin Islands, myself my family, I join with the global community in extending prayers and best wishes to Her Royal Highness Catherine, Princess of Wales for a swift and full recovery in light of her recent health concerns.

We also extend words of comfort to Prince William, George, Charlotte and Louis, and the rest of the Royal family, as they continue to support Princess Kate during these challenging times.

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Statement by Honourable Luce Hodge-Smith on Music Fest

A pleasant good day to all the beautiful people of the Virgin Islands, and especially the members of the media who are present with us.

I recognize the protocols already established.

The main thrust of my message today, is that we have a lot to gain as a Territory by coming together and working together to ensure that initiatives that stand to benefit the Virgin Islands do benefit the Virgin Islands. We cannot afford to

lose opportunities or to squander opportunities, either for lack of effort or because of personal or political differences.

If something can benefit the Virgin Islands, then as people who want the best for our country, we

need to come together and try to make sure it succeeds as best as possible.

We have been hearing for a long time that the tourism market is becoming increasingly competitive. And it became even more competitive after the COVID-19 pandemic. A lot of other countries and islands have stepped up their tourism product development and marketing.

The BVI has a unique product that has historically enjoyed high demand. But many of our competitors are actively marketing to the same visitors that we have been relying on for business. Some of those destinations can offer the sun, sand and sea experience. Some of them have beautiful waters for diving and sailing, and picturesque reefs. But they are also able to offer additional attractions – whether it is eco-tourism adventures, or cultural experiences, and so forth.

So – and we have been saying this from Day-1 – we in the BVI cannot sit back and pretend it is business as usual. We have to re-assess our product and our offerings. We have to look at how we are packaging our offerings. How can we give it a new flavor or a new twist, so that the returning visitor feels that his second or twentieth visit is even better and more exciting than the last visit?

We have to look at what new attractions we can add to complement those that we already have.

The BVI has a great product that has served us – and continues to serve us – faithfully and well. But by further developing our product and creating new attractions, we can open up avenues for increasing our visitor arrivals and encourage visitors to spend more money in our Territory, which increases the economic opportunities for our local entrepreneurs and businesses, especially those that are engaged directly and indirectly in tourism related businesses.

If I could put it another way, is year, our total tourist arrivals are projected to cross 1 million guests. Over the past several years, apart from those years that were affected by COVID-19 and the 2017 hurricanes, our cruise arrivals fluctuated around 500,000 persons and peaked to about 699,000 persons in 2016. Overnights fluctuated around 400,000. Day-trippers fluctuated around 16,000 to 17,500. This is the trend when

we look at the figures for several years. If we want to keep those numbers climbing – and keeping the revenues climbing; to keep growing the opportunities for business for taxi and tour operators, hotels, restaurants, bars, and all our other businesses – we need to keep developing our product. We need to keep improving and adding to our attractions.

As the Premier has said on prior occasions, the Government is working to expand our tourism industry. We are working to revive the BVI's presence in the market as a venue or destination for Meetings, Conferences, Events and so forth. Music Fest is one initiative in this regard.

Music festivals and live performances have a significant impact on local economies and tourism. The benefits extend beyond the immediate revenue generated from ticket sales. The impacts on the local economy and community can go much deeper. Overall, these types of events serve as catalysts for economic growth, attracting tourists, stimulating local businesses, and enhancing the overall image and appeal of a destination.

Economic benefits include: creating an array of economic opportunities for local businesses. They generate revenue through ticket sales, food and beverage sales, merchandise sales, and sponsorships, among others. This leads to increased job creation, higher government revenues, and overall economic growth.

Music festivals attract visitors from far and wide. People may travel to a destination specifically to attend a music festival or concert performance. I think we are all familiar with how our economy and our businesses benefit from increased tourism activity.

Hosting successful music festivals and similar activities helps to enhance a destination's image and reputation. It profiles the destination as a vibrant cultural hub and a place to have a good time. This can attract further investment and development opportunities. Positive experiences during these events increase word-of-mouth promotion, which encourages more persons to visit the destination in the future.

As these kinds of events grow they require and encourage



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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infrastructural development. Keep in mind the social and economic benefits contribute to the resources required to effect this development. Infrastructural development can include construction of new venues, better public transportation systems, road upgrades, and development of capabilities for managing major events. These contribute to the long-term development of the country.

Events such as music festivals encourage community engagement and civic pride. They provide a platform to showcase our communities, our artistes, our talents, our food, our culture, and all the wonderful things about our destination. They also strengthen community bonds as people work together to present the country in the best light.

Music fest will provide an opportunity for our local artistes to get exposure. Persons who are drawn in by the international acts will also get a taste of BVI talent and culture. Similarly, this will also provide promotion for our destination.

One of the headline performers, Rotimi, who is a Nigerian-American actor and singer, has an Instagram following of over 4 million persons. He has over 1 million Youtube followers. This is just one performer – and the potential audience we can be exposed to. Keep in mind that his music touches the genres of R&B, traditional Afrobeats and dancehall, which has wide appeal globally. Freddie Jackson is a legendary R&B artist who ruled the airwaves in the late eighties and early nineties. He also has a fan base that we may be able to appeal to as well.

Some persons would recall that in the 2000's we used to have Music Fest which was an anticipated event on the BVI calendar. We used to have very popular international artistes alongside local performers, and we attracted decent crowds. We stopped having the event. Many of the neighbouring destinations host music festivals. Some perform very well, and some are growing in popularity. So, those destinations have added to their tourism offering.

Secondly, and this goes back to the point of developing the product and developing the brand, brand development does not occur in one go. You build a reputation over

time. Word spreads about how good your event is over time.

And a good example of that is Coachella. The first Coachella was in 1999. It was in a unique and unusual venue – a desert. The attendance was about 37,000 and the organizers reportedly saw

a loss of \$1 million. Coachella is now a multi-week event, that drew over 125,000 persons per day in 2023. It is now one of the most anticipated and prestigious events, and a huge commercial success. It took them four Coachella events over five years before they saw a profit, and turned into a worldwide interest.

I am not comparing the BVI

and our Music Fest to Coachella, or any other event, but the point is that events – if properly executed and managed – have the potential to grow into very lucrative opportunities.

And on that note, I once again reiterate my call for us to all work together to make Music Fest and all our tourism products enjoyable to our visitors, and to all contribute to their success. When our tourism

efforts succeed, our entire country benefits...

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Virgin Islands Is First To Implement E-Litigation Criminal Module

The Virgin Islands has become the first jurisdiction to implement the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court's (ECSC) e-litigation criminal module.

The Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court's (ECSC) e-litigation portal provides a platform for submitting and processing court documents electronically. The addition of the criminal module allows for the expansion of the portal to include the electronic management of criminal cases and documents.

Speaking at the launch ceremony held at the Supreme Court of the Virgin Islands, Premier and Minister of Finance, the Honourable Dr. Natalio Wheatley said, "The executive branch remains good partners in this nation building exercise. We look forward to providing support to ensure that the administration of justice here in the Virgin Islands is one that we can all be proud of."

Her Ladyship, The Honourable Dame Janice M. Pereira, DBE, LL.D, Chief Justice reflected on the initial roll out of the E-Litigation portal for civil matters, noting that the expansion of the portal to criminal matters was always intended.

The Chief Justice said, "We knew we had to get to other parts of the portal, and we continued that work along with our team and the developers in ensuring that the product that we bring is fit-for purpose. We

are now implementing the very last module within that e-litigation portal system, which is to introduce the criminal module and we are happy to start again in the Territory of the Virgin Islands."

Dame Pereira explained that the new module will benefit the criminal division of the court by introducing electronic filing for documents such as indictments and complaints.

"We are really happy that we have gotten to this stage which, in essence, will close the circle in relation to what we have sought to do with the e-litigation portal to ensure that there is access to justice for everyone at any time," the Chief Justice added.

Deputy Governor, Mr. David D. Archer Jr. acknowledged the work of the Chief Justice and officers of the Judiciary who are able to impact the lives of those around them and the wider community.

The Deputy Governor said, "I know of the sacrifices that you make as Judges and Magistrates and people who keep the court together. To be able to take us forward, we have to commit every single day to make ourselves better and make the people around us better, so we can celebrate beyond this point for the new generation to come."

Director of Public Prosecutions, Ms. Tiffany R. Scatliffe, LL.M. acknowledged the hard

work and resources that went into developing and expanding the e-litigation platform and affirmed her office's commitment to the criminal justice system and the Crown.

Ms. Scatliffe said, "E-litigation is only one aspect of the criminal justice system and it is important that we have a mutual consensus to develop and improve the criminal justice system as this will always benefit the Territory in the immediate and the long term."

Prior to the official launch of the criminal module, a series of training sessions was held at the Department of Information Technology (I.T.) to ensure that relevant stakeholders would be able to navigate the platform once implemented. Judges, Magistrates, the High Court Staff, Magistrates Court Staff, members of the Criminal Bar and Counsels at DPP Chambers all benefitted from the all-day training, instructed by I.T. Manager for the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court Mr. Mark Ernest.

Civil procedure in the Virgin Islands Supreme Court and its appellate courts is regulated by the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court. To learn more about the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court and the e-Litigation Portal, persons can visit www.eccourts.org or call 758-457-3600.



(Group photo on page 1 -GIS Photos)

Statement by Director of Tourism Clive McCoy on Music Fest 2024



Ladies and gentlemen, Good morning and welcome to this exciting press conference. Today, I sit before you with a great sense of enthusiasm and anticipation as we unveil the much-awaited news about the upcoming Virgin Islands Music Festival. Get ready to be captivated by an extraordinary experience that will leave you breathless!

First and foremost, I am thrilled to announce that the plot of land behind the Central Administration Complex will be transformed into a mesmerizing venue to accommodate this grand event. Picture an enchanting setting where music, and culture come together to create an unforgettable atmosphere. The beauty of this location will only enhance the magic that awaits us all!

As you are aware, the Virgin Islands Music Festival will be Three days of non-stop excitement, celebration, and pure musical bliss that will ignite the soul and serve as a precursor for the 70th Emancipation Celebrations

Prepare to be blown away by an incredible lineup of world-class artists who will grace the stage with their extraordinary talent. We have carefully curated a stellar roster that includes the sensational Rotimi, the soulful Voice, the legendary Freddie Jackson, the reggae maestro Gramps Morgan, the electrifying Alkaline, and some of our very own top local acts. Get ready to be mesmerized by their performances as they take us on a musical journey like no other!

But let me take a moment to acknowledge the significance of this moment. The Virgin Islands Music Festival has been on hiatus

since 2014, and today, we proudly announce its triumphant return. This festival is not just about music; it is about the revival of an event that was once known for its top-flight entertainment, vibrant energy, and unforgettable memories.

With the reintroduction of the Virgin Islands Music Festival, we aim to reignite the spirit of celebration, unity, and artistic expression that our beloved islands are known for. This event will serve as a testament to the resilience, creativity, and passion of our people. It is a moment to come together, to embrace our culture, and to showcase to the world the incredible talent that exists right here in our own backyard.

Furthermore, we are delighted to share that we are well aware of the Leverick Bay Poker Run, which is scheduled to take place on the 26th of May, 2024. The timing couldn't be more perfect, as it allows for a seamless integration of entertainment and excitement with this highly anticipated event. By attending the Virgin Islands Music Festival, you not only get to immerse yourself in the captivating world of music but also have the opportunity to partake in the exhilarating activities of the Leverick Bay Poker Run. It's a double dose of enjoyment that promises to make this weekend an unforgettable experience for everyone.

So, my friends, get ready to witness history in the making. Join us as we embark on this incredible journey of music, joy, and discovery. The Virgin Islands Music Festival is a celebration of life, a celebration of our vibrant community, and a

celebration of the power of music to transcend boundaries and touch our hearts.

Save the dates, spread the word, and get ready for an experience

that will leave you exhilarated, inspired, and filled with a renewed sense of pride. Together, let us make the 24th to the 26th of May 2024 a weekend that will forever

be etched in our memories.

Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you at the Virgin Islands Music Festival! Let the countdown begin!

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More Than 4,000 Join Caribe Wave In The VI

Director of Disaster Management Jasen Penn said he is pleased with the Virgin Islands overall response in the regional tsunami exercise Caribe Wave.

Mr. Penn said the exercise last week went very well, with more than 4,000 Virgin Islands participants, including number of retail, financial services, tourism and other businesses. Students, public officers and private sector workers practised elements of safe tsunami response such as heading to higher ground or inland during the exercise.

The drill was coordinated locally by the Department of Disaster Management (DDM), and is a test of local equipment and procedures; and a run-through of how international monitoring agencies share tsunami warning messages with the Virgin Islands and other regional partners.

Mr. Penn said the education sector demonstrated particular commitment to safety with their participation.

“It was impressive to see the entire Elmore Stoutt High School, junior and senior students and their instructors, move as a group to their designated assembly area. We also saw a number of early childhood education centres successfully and safely evacuating with their

toddler classes,” Mr. Penn said.

The director added that as usual, government ministries, departments and statutory bodies also participated.

“All these groups recognise that carrying out a safety drill is a challenge worth taking on because the benefit

is improved safety for their team,” he said.

Participation was up substantially from 2023, when about 3,000 in the VI took part, said exercise coordinator and DDM Training Manager Carishma Hicks.

“We hope that more and more persons in the community are coming to recognise the importance of regular emergency exercises as part of the overall cycle of practise and improvement so that in the event of a real emergency, they will be

ready to protect themselves and their families,” Ms. Hicks said.

Participants are encouraged to share feedback on the exercise via a short online form at <https://bit.ly/3ToO5wA>.



Lions Club of Tortola Launches Vision 24 Project

Initiative will provide free eye screening and eyeglasses for students and elderly persons in the BVI

(March 27, 2024, Road Town, Tortola) – Youth and seniors in the BVI community will have access to free eye screening and eyeglasses compliments of the Lions Club of Tortola as it launches Phase Two of its Vision

Screening Project: “Vision 24”, aimed at promoting eye health through the detection and correction of vision impairment of young people and the elderly in the community. “Statistics have shown poor vision to be one of the top five reasons for underachievement in young children and the results of our Phase One screenings have highlighted the challenges faced by children in our Territory” said During the second phase of the project, a team of 16 Optometrists and assistants from Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity, (VOSH) International, will provide free eye screenings and eyeglasses to students and elderly persons within the Territory. All persons requiring prescription glasses will receive one, along with a free pair of sunglasses for eye protection and courtesy of VOSH International.

Those requiring further medical intervention or surgery will be referred to an Ophthalmologist for the care needed.

The project is scheduled to take place from Monday April 22nd through to Friday April 26th, 8am - 4pm daily at the Multi-Purpose Sports Complex on Station Avenue in Road Town.

Although the services will be completely free to participants, a signed Consent Form from the

parent or guardian of the students is required for testing to take place. Completed consent forms should be submitted to the respective schools by April 3, or to the Lions Club of Tortola using the QR Code below or the link provided by the schools.

The Club takes this opportunity to encourage parents of students who have been recommended for this phase of screening, or who are not yet pre-screened, to complete the required consent form.

Lion Daphodil Sampson MJF, President of Lions Club of Tortola said: “In keeping with our 2024 Lionistic theme, “Serving our Legacy, Shaping our Future”, and recognizing the importance of early detection in maintaining good eye health, we have partnered with VOSH International, the Ministry of Education, UniteBVI, BVI Recreational Trust and other stakeholders to assist in alleviating this problem, ensuring that no child is denied a full and fruitful education because of undetected visual impairment.”

President Sampson explained that Vision 24 will involve a team of dedicated volunteers trained in vision screening techniques, utilizing state-of-the-art equipment to assess visual acuity, screen for common eye conditions, and provide referrals for further evaluation and treatment, if necessary.

VOSH International is a non-profit organization headquartered in Omaha, Nebraska with a mission to bring

“Vision to Every Person on the Planet” since 1971. The organization has close ties with Lions International and has performed similar projects in neighboring countries and worldwide.

All visiting Optometrists have received the necessary clearance and certification from the BVI Allied Health

Professional Council in compliance with Ministry of Health requirements to practice in the BVI. The Club’s goal

is to identify people with vision difficulties and immediately provide them with the necessary glasses. The team has the capacity to screen approximately 2,500 people over the course of the week. All the necessary glasses and sunshades are in stock.

President Sampson stated, “Vision 24 aligns with Lions International mission to serve our community and make a positive impact on the lives of those in need. We believe that everyone deserves access to quality eye care, and by offering free vision screenings, we hope to contribute to the overall well-being of our community.”

In Phase One of Vision 24, members of the Lions Club of Tortola, under the leadership of project co-chairperson

Lion Linda Cills MJF pre-screened over 2,000 students in public and private primary and secondary schools on

Tortola, Jost van Dyke and Anegada. Of those screened, approximately 1,000 children (49%), have been referred to Phase 2 of the project for further screening by the VOSH Team, for vision impairment.

Vision impairment is a very significant public health concern that affects millions of people worldwide. According to the World Health-Organization, approximately 2.2 billion people globally have vision impairment or blindness, and yet, many of these cases are preventable or treatable with early detection and

intervention. Lions Club of Tortola has been serving the BVI community for the past fifty-two years. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month at the BVI Finance Conference Room, Cutlass Tower in Road Town. To learn more about the upcoming screening event or to inquire about volunteer opportunities, please contact us by phone or WhatsApp at (284) 343-6950 or (284) 541-0395, by email at tortolalions@gmail.com, via Facebook or any member of the club.





GLOBAL NEWS BRIEF

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RUSSIA - Russia observed a national day of mourning on Sunday after a shooting massacre at a concert hall on the outskirts of Moscow.

At least 133 people were killed and more than 140 injured when attackers stormed the Crocus City Hall on Friday.

The Islamic State Khorasan Province (ISIS-K) claimed responsibility for the rampage, but there were indications that Russia was pursuing a Ukrainian link despite firm denials from Kyiv.

It was the deadliest attack in Russia for almost two decades.

Putin says all four gunmen arrested

Russian President Vladimir Putin said all four gunmen responsible for the attack were among the 11 people detained for the attack.

According to Russian news reports, the gunmen were citizens of Tajikistan, a former Soviet republic in Central Asia that is predominantly Muslim and borders Afghanistan.

Putin said they were heading for Ukraine but did not directly implicate Kyiv and vowed to punish those behind the "barbaric terrorist attack."

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said, "Putin and the other scum are just trying to blame it on someone else," denying any

involvement.

Russia detains 4 suspects as death toll rises [Deutsche Welle]

PHILIPPINES - The Chinese Coast Guard used a water cannon against Philippines' ships attempting to deliver supplies to Filipino troops at an outpost in the South China Sea, according to Manila.

Philippine naval vessels were involved in a clash with the Chinese coast guard on Saturday while attempting to resupply troops at a contested outpost in the South China Sea.

A Philippine civilian boat, escorted by two navy ships and two coast guard vessels, was on a monthly supply run to a small number of Filipino marines stationed on the "Sierra Madre" - a warship intentionally run aground on the Second Thomas Shoal in 1999 in order to reinforce The Philippines' territorial claims in the area.

Manila says Chinese ships were 'irresponsible'

According to a statement from the Philippine coast guard, one of its ships was "impeded" and "encircled" by a Chinese coast guard vessel and two ships from the Chinese maritime militia.

Philippine authorities said one of its vessels had been damaged by a water canon during the "dangerous

maneuvers" undertaken by the Chinese, who it said had showed a "disregard" for the Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGS).

The statement accused he Chinese ships of "irresponsible and provocative behavior."

China, which claims most of the South China Sea as its territorial waters, has regularly deployed vessels to monitor and disrupt efforts to resupply the "Sierra Madre" and described Saturday's operation as "control measures." [Deutsche Welle]

LIAT - Efforts to revive LIAT, the regional airline that ceased operations in 2020, are progressing according to plan, with aims to have the carrier back in the skies by the end of April.

Antigua and Barbuda's Information Minister, Melford Nicholas, expressed confidence in the timeline set by shareholder governments, assuring journalists during today's post-cabinet media briefing that progress is underway.

Nicholas highlighted the approval of aircraft leases by the airline's administrator and the allocation of necessary funds, signaling adherence to the predetermined schedule. The shareholders of LIAT, including the Governments of Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, St Vincent and the Grenadines, and Barbados, are actively pursuing the

acquisition of three aircraft in the initial phase of the airline's reintroduction.

Antigua and Barbuda, taking a leading role in the financing of LIAT, is poised to invest approximately US\$12 million to procure three ATR 42-600 aircraft. [CNW]

BERMUDA - A "cold and callous" lawyer who stole almost \$500,000 from clients was last week Friday sentenced to 15 years behind bars.

Tyrone Quinn, 37, was found guilty in November of three counts of theft by a unanimous verdict after a jury found that he had taken a total of \$483,000 from compensation payments to three of his clients.

While Quinn maintained that he fully intended to repay his victims; the court heard that none of the stolen funds had been returned.

Puisne Judge Juan Wolffe said Quinn had exploited the good nature and close relationship he had with one of the victims and had taken advantage of a senior.

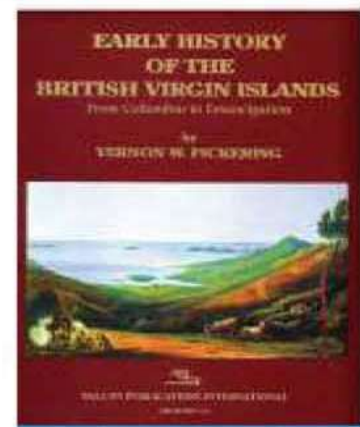
"He did so at a time when the victims were experiencing excruciating physical pain and mental anguish," the judge said.

In addition to a 15-year prison sentence, Mr Justice Wolffe ordered a confiscation inquiry under the Proceeds of Crime Act to determine what assets could be seized to offer compensation to the victims.

"This is a sad, sad case," he added. "You have individuals who underwent insurmountable pain as a result of an accident and that pain continued unabated through the actions of the defendant. [Royal Gazette]

SANTO DOMINGO.- Arajet has reported that the Specialized Airport Security Corps (CESAC), in adherence to international protocols, removed two passengers from flight HI1078 from Santo Domingo to Cartagena after they falsely claimed to be carrying an explosive object on board.

According to the company statement, an employee overheard one of the passengers mentioning the alleged explosive object. Consequently, the employee alerted the aircraft's captain, who activated the standard security protocols for such cases.



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 CESAC conducted a thorough inspection of the aircraft, which was moved to a remote position away from the terminal. All passengers were disembarked from the plane, and it became evident that the alarm had been triggered by the false statements made by the two individuals on board.

Both passengers have been detained by CESAC and are currently under investigation for making a false alarm. Throughout this incident, all other operations at Las Americas International Airport (AILA) proceeded as usual.

Arajat has noted that the flight to Cartagena will experience several hours of delay due to this situation. The airline also expressed gratitude to the authorities for their swift collaboration in handling such cases.

Additionally, the company issued a warning to passengers against making jokes or false claims about explosive objects at airports, emphasizing that such behavior is unacceptable and may result in serious consequences for those involved.

While Arajat regrets the inconvenience caused to the passengers of this flight, it reaffirms its unwavering commitment to safety above all else. [Dominican Today]



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The Sunny Side Up



Through the Lens of The Sunny Side



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THE INAUGURAL VIRGIN ISLANDS ICON AWARDS! COMING SOON



Prepare to be dazzled as the Virgin Islands gears up to launch its most extravagant affair yet—the inaugural Virgin Islands Icon Awards! This electrifying event promises to be a showstopping celebration of excellence, talent, and sheer brilliance that will leave audiences spellbound.

Fuelled by a burning passion to honor the extraordinary achievements of Virgin Islanders, Belongers, residents, and diaspora luminaries, the Virgin Islands Icon Awards is more than just an event—it's an extravaganza of epic proportions. It's a glittering showcase of the very best the islands have to offer, set against a backdrop of glitz, glamour, and undeniable star power.

Picture this: a red carpet rolled out for the crème de la crème of Virgin Islands society, bedecked in their finest attire, ready to strut their stuff and bask in the limelight. From the moment guests arrive, they'll be swept up in a whirlwind of excitement and anticipation, as the air crackles with the promise of something truly extraordinary.

But the Virgin Islands Icon Awards is not just about style; it's substance meets spectacle in the most spectacular fashion. With 26 dazzling categories spanning every conceivable field—from arts and entertainment to sports, philanthropy, and beyond—this is where excellence takes center stage and steals the show.

From the iconic Lifetime Achievement Award, honoring a lifetime of unparalleled contributions, to the pulse-pounding

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Happy Easter
Ladyburd Talks...

Dear Readers: Kite flying is a popular tradition in the Caribbean, especially on Easter Monday, when families and enthusiasts take to open spaces to display various kites of shapes and sizes either for leisure or in competition.

Like any other aerial sport, there are safety rules which should be followed to ensure no one is hurt during kite flying as well as property is not damaged.

Here are five rules for safe kite flying:

1. Do not fly kites near power lines

Kites should not be flown in yards or spaces that are close to overhead power lines. Your kite flying line can be used as a path for electrical current. If your kite does become stuck on a power line, do not try to remove it yourself. Contact your local utility company if the kite poses a danger to others and needs to be taken down.

2. Do not fly kites near airports

Most airport authorities will issue warnings about the dangers of flying kites in the vicinity of a space with air traffic.

This could place persons' lives at risk on the ground as well as those within an aircraft.

3. Do not fly kites during stormy weather

It is never a good idea to fly a kite when it is raining or when the weather is stormy. A wet kite string can become a conductor of electricity if there is lightning when there is inclement weather.

4. Be aware of your surroundings

When choosing a spot to fly your kite, make sure you are not too close to other kite flyers as everyone is trying to enjoy the space. Also make sure you are not flying your kite over or near other people as a kite falling on someone depending on the size, as well as someone becoming entangled in the flying line, could result in injury. And, to avoid injury to yourself always be aware of any objects, holes on the ground in front or behind you to prevent falling over.

Think about your strength and the size of the kite you could manage when the wind begins to pick up. You might have to consider wearing gloves to prevent injury to your hands if flying a giant kite. Keep in mind that you should not fly a kite that you cannot control.

5. Choose your kite size wisely:

Think about your strength and the size of the kite you could manage when the wind begins to pick up.

You might have to consider wearing gloves

to prevent injury to your hands

if flying a giant kite.

Keep in mind that you should not fly

a kite that you cannot control.

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Don't wait for someone to bring you flowers. Plant your own garden and decorate your own soul.

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Spring

There is no time like
Spring,
When life's alive in
everything,
Before new nestlings
sing,
Before cleft swallows
speed their journey back
Along the trackless track

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God guides their wing,
He spreads their table
that they nothing lack, —
Before the daisy grows a
common flower
Before the sun has power
To scorch the world up in
his noontide hour...

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Tickle My Funny Bones



Easter Jokes

Why was the Easter Bunny hired for the job?

He had the most eggs-perience!

What did the kids do when their treats were all hidden on Easter morning?

They demanded an eggsplanation!

Why are Easter bunnies more tired when Easter's in April?

Because they've just finished a long March.

We got her Pregnant

Husband approaches his wife, "Jenny, I think I have a problem."

Jenny smiles at him kindly,

"Darling, your problems are my problem also.

Trouble shared is trouble halved.

Tell me."

"OK," says the husband, "in that case, we got the neighbor pregnant."

PUN INTENDED

**" What do you give the dentist of the year?
...A little plaque.**



THE INAUGURAL VIRGIN ISLANDS ICON AWARDS! COMING SOON

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Emerging Youth Talent Award, designed to shine a spotlight on the rising stars of tomorrow, each category is a testament to the boundless talent and creativity that thrives within the Virgin Islands.

And let's not forget the pièce de résistance—the 26th Category, a dynamic, ever-changing tribute to the most pressing issues of the day. This is where the Virgin Islands Icon Awards truly comes alive, reflecting the zeitgeist of the moment and honoring those who are making a real difference in the world.

But the glitz and glamour are just the beginning. Behind the scenes, the VIconic Training Academy is shaping the next generation of talent, offering 50 aspiring creatives the chance to learn from the best in the business and hone their craft to perfection. It's a breeding ground for

future superstars, where dreams take flight and the sky's the limit.

Of course, none of this would be possible without the generous support of our corporate sponsors, who not only help bring the magic to life but also play a vital role in giving back to the community. From sponsoring young talent to rewarding the brightest stars of today, their contributions ensure that the Virgin Islands Icon Awards remains the pinnacle of excellence for years to come.

So mark your calendars and prepare to be swept off your feet, because the Virgin Islands Icon Awards is coming to town—and it's going to be a showstopper like no other. Get ready to witness greatness, celebrate achievement, and experience the magic of the Virgin Islands in all its glory. This is one event you won't want to miss! **SO STAY TUNED.**



Embrace the Season With a Tangy Twist -- Lemon Polenta Cake

Welcome to spring, where zest meets zing! As we bid adieu to winter's chill, ready to embrace the warmth of spring, it's time to infuse our kitchens with the vibrant flavors of the season. And what better way to welcome the sunshine than with a delightful, unexpected treat? Introducing the Lemon Polenta Cake -- a delectable twist on the Italian classic. It's perfect for your Easter celebration, too!

Now, I know what you're thinking. Polenta in a dessert? Trust me, I've been there. But once you experience the harmonious marriage of sweet and tart, brought to life by the humble cornmeal, you'll be singing a different tune.

Picture this: a buttery, moist, tender crumb, slightly chewy, infused with the zesty brightness of freshly squeezed lemons. It's like indulging in a slice of sunshine itself.

This Lemon Polenta Cake traces its roots back to the rustic kitchens of the northern regions of Italy, where polenta is a staple ingredient. Inspired by the abundance of lemons in the Mediterranean climate, bakers sought to infuse cornmeal with the bright, tangy zest of citrus.

In a world of dietary restrictions, this Lemon Polenta Cake comes to the rescue, proudly sporting its gluten-free badge thanks to the absence of traditional flour. And let's not forget that light, fruity olive oil can substitute for butter for our dairy-free friends.

LEMON POLENTA CAKE

Yield: 12 servings

Total Time: 55 minutes

For the cake:

1 3/4 cups almond meal/almond flour

3/4 cup fine cornmeal polenta

1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder

1 1/2 cups butter (softened)

1 cup granulated sugar
Zest of 2 large lemons (save juice for syrup)
3 eggs

For the syrup:

Juice of 2 lemons, about 1/2 cup

3/4 cup powdered sugar

Preheat oven to 350 F. Line the bottom of a 9-inch springform pan with parchment paper and grease sides with butter. In a mixing bowl, combine almond meal, cornmeal and baking powder (dry ingredients), and set aside. In another bowl, using a hand mixer, beat butter, sugar and lemon zest until pale (wet ingredients).

You're going to mix the dry ingredients into the wet ingredients in three stages. To the wet ingredients, add roughly one third of the almond/cornmeal mixture, followed by 1 egg, and continue to beat. Alternate dry ingredients and eggs until it's all incorporated, beating the whole time.

Scoop the batter into the prepared pan. Bake the cake on the center rack until it's golden brown, and a cake tester or toothpick comes out relatively clean, about 35-38 minutes. Although the cake will be done, it might seem a bit soft in the center, that's alright. Leaving the cake in the pan, place it on a rack and let it cool for 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, make the syrup by boiling together the lemon juice and powdered sugar in a small saucepan until the sugar is dissolved.

Pearce the top of the cake all over with a cake tester or toothpick. Pour the warm syrup over the top of the cake, then let the cake cool completely in the pan.

To serve, run a thin knife or small spatula along the edges, then remove the springform sides. If desired, garnish with powdered sugar and blueberries. Slice and enjoy! Refrigerate any leftovers.

As you slice into this lemony masterpiece, let its sunny disposition remind you that spring is not just a season, it's a state of mind. So, gather your loved ones, and keep spreading joy, one slice of lemon polenta cake at a time.

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POLICE NEWS

RVIPF CHARGES ONE FOR FINANCIAL CRIMES

Saturday, March 23 – The Royal Virgin Islands Police Force has made significant strides in its ongoing efforts to combat financial crimes in the British Virgin Islands.

Romaine Baird, 34, of Pasea Estate, has been charged with Theft, Obtaining Property by Deception, and Possession of Proceeds of Criminal Conduct. The allegations stem from an investigation that lasted

several months in 2023. It is alleged that Mr. Baird unlawfully acquired and utilized the complainant's card-for-unauthorized-transactions totaling over \$19,000 locally and internationally.

Commissioner of Police Mark Collins states, "We take allegations of financial misconduct seriously and are committed to thoroughly investigating such matters.

Our dedicated officers have worked-diligently-over several months to uncover the truth in this case. We will continue to collaborate with local and international authorities to ensure justice is served and uphold the integrity of our financial systems."

Mr. Baird was granted bail in the Sum of \$40,000 to appear at the Magistrate's Court on April 25, 2024.

POLICE RESPOND TO REPORT OF SHOTS FIRED

Sunday, March 24 – Officers of the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force responded to a report received of shots fired in the Huntums Ghut area after 8 pm on March 23.

Following a thorough search of the vicinity, no evidence relating to the reported incident was found, and as of the time of this release, no individual has been found or reported injured.

However, investigation into the report will continue.

The RVIPF urges the public to assist in identifying individuals who may be recklessly discharging firearms. Similar reports of such incidents across the territory are cause for concern, and the community's cooperation-is-vital-in combating the possession and use of illegal firearms.

Those with information regarding this incident or individuals possessing illegal firearms are encouraged to confidentially call the Crime Stoppers hotline at 800-8477 (TIPS) or, if located overseas, at 1-284-800-8477.

Alternatively, you may contact the RVIPF Intelligence Unit at 368-9339.

Ensuring the safety of our community is our top priority.

International Flights Resume On Anegada

Minister for Communications and Works-Honourable Kye M. Rymer has said the reintroduction of international flights at the Captain Auguste George International Airport on Anegada is a testament to the-government's commitment-to

revitalising the local economy.

Honourable-Rymer said the Government of the Virgin Islands is--unwavering-in-its-dedication-to-maintaining-the-highest-standards-of-aviation-safety-and-regulation-to-ensure-a-smooth-and-secure-travel-experience-for-all-passengers.

Honourable Rymer said, "This initiative not only highlights our dedication to expanding air connectivity but also-underscores-our-commitment-to-fostering-economic-growth-in-the-Virgin-Islands."

The-airport-welcomed-international-flights-from-San-Juan-and

RVIPF SEEKING INFORMATION FOLLOWING ATTEMPTED MURDER

Saturday, March 23 – Officers of the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force responded to reports of a shooting on John's Hole, Road Town, after 9 pm on Friday, March 22.

One male individual sustained serious injuries and was transported to Dr. Orlando Smith's Hospital where he is currently warded undergoing treatment.

The RVIPF urges the public to come forward with any information pertaining to the incident. Individuals are encouraged to reach out confidentially via the Crime Stoppers line at 800-8477 (TIPS) or, if overseas, at 1-284-800-8477. Alternatively, you can contact the RVIPF Intelligence Unit at 368-9339.

Regardless of how seemingly insignificant, every piece of information could be pivotal in advancing the ongoing investigation.

St. Thomas on March 23, facilitated by Fly BVI and Island Birds,-two-locally owned and operated charter-companies. The-minister said this-significant-milestone not only enhances connectivity-and-accessibility-for-visitors-to-the-neighbor-ing-island but also underscores the-Government's dedication-to-bolstering-tourism across the sister islands.

Honourable Rymer said, "The inclusion of foreign flights into Anegada-signifies a strategic move to showcase the natural beauty-and-warm-hospitality-of-the-island, thereby-attracting-more

visitors." He added that granting access to international aircraft from key hubs like San Juan, St. Thomas, and St. Martin, opens up new opportunities for the local businesses on Anegada to thrive.

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

Attention Retirees: Beware Of The Current Inflation Rate

For your parents and grandparents generation, retirement investing guidelines consisted mainly of preserving their assets. Back then, such advice made perfect sense, because retirement represented a shorter period of a persons life. The new retirees not only live longer, but have to contend with the current inflation rate. Our economy is based on global performance. The world is smaller and anything that occurs across the globe reaches our shores.

Big industries are no longer dependent on only what is happening in America. What happens across the sea does not stay there; it makes its way here. Our economy is much more sensitive to world events. Oil, gas, and raw material prices are increasingly affecting the product cost and the price to bring it to market.

Today retirement requires a whole new way of thinking. For the first time in history the economy depends on the countries of the world for cooperation and stability. As past generations had to rely on the U.S, economy for the relative safety of their investments, this generation has to make sense of changes in the world market. The domino effect now is dependent on a world economy. That means watching the European, Asian, and Middle East regions for possible upheaval. Remember, all that happens in these parts of the world will affect the current inflation rate.

A new millennium has new rules to live and invest by. The bar has been raised on fund management. The social, demographic, and economic trends provide for multinational companies. The risk today is the political turmoil and global upheaval in a world connected by technology. With home prices slumping and fuel prices climbing the people affected

the most are those on fixed income.

The choices proliferate for those that wish to invest in managed funds. There are long term investments, mid-term, and short terms. Retirees usually need financial advisors to help redistribute their portfolios. This especially true if you do not have the knowledge to shift though all the choices, it can be too daunting a task.

Risk management takes on a whole new meaning for retirees in todays world. Long-Term care can drain you of more than your rainy day funds. The aging population and inadequate

health care is making this a burning issue that must be considered when having someone review your portfolio. So between Annuities, Funds, Bonds, CDs, and saving, you need some

one with the knowledge to direct you and guide you in choosing solutions that may generate enough income though your retirement. There are many long term care policies available today that can be a great benefit.

The average time to regain your investment in a care facility is just seventy seven days. This make getting one of these policies very attractive. Chart a solid strategy with a financial advisor. This approach stands head-and-shoulders above going it alone in the world of finance. The technical analysis that is provided has the long term solutions that an investor needs. It is time to take stock of your retirement and discuss the options that will empower you. Familiarize yourself with Keiber Retirement Solutions, Inc.

CAUSES OF INFLATION

Demand factors

- a) Growth of Population
- b) Rise in employment and income
- c) Increasing pace of urbanization

Supply factors

- a) Irregular agricultural supply
- b) Hoarding of essential goods
- c) Rise in administered prices
- d) Inadequate growth of industrial production
- e) Agricultural price policy
- f) Rising prices of imports

Monetary & Fiscal factors

- a) Rising level of Government expenditure
- b) Deficit financing.

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KOVELS ANTIQUES AND COLLECTING



*This midcentury Windsor style chair features the crest and colors of Harvard University. It sold for \$438, more than twice its estimate, at a Bonhams Skinner auction.
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By Terry and Kim Kovel

ADVERTISING ICONS

The Bonhams Skinner auction where this chair sold listed it as a Harvard University Windsor chair, bringing together two icons of colonial America. Harvard University, originally called the New College, was founded in Cambridge, Massachusetts, in 1636, making it the oldest college in the United States. This means that Harvard predates the Windsor chair in America.

The first Windsor chairs were made in England in the seventeenth century, and they were being made in Philadelphia by the 1730s. There were many variations on the Windsor chair, especially in America.

American designers were the first to add rockers and writing arms to Windsor chairs. The chair can be made in many shapes, and they can be easily distinguished by the shape of the chair's back.

No matter the style, a Windsor chair can be recognized by its spindle back, turned legs and stretcher base. They are made with stick-and-socket construction, meaning the chairs are built by inserting the legs and the back spindles into holes in the seat. Windsor chairs and similar styles are also called "stick furniture."

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Q: I have a fairly rare, autographed baseball from the 1940s, signed by one of the most famous baseball players of all time. The authenticity of the item, signature, etc. is all documented. Do you have a good source where I can get a fair estimate of value?

A: Value depends on the fame of the player, significance of the event, rarity and condition. The highest price paid for an autographed ball was \$3 million for Mark McGuire's 70th home run ball, the record for home runs in a single season, in 1998. You didn't say who autographed your ball. Babe Ruth is often considered the greatest baseball player of all time. His autographed ball, the first home run hit in an All Star game (1933), sold for \$805,000 in 2006. Babe Ruth autographed balls often come up for auction and prices vary. A ball in near mint to mint condition sold last year for \$7,620. Contact an auction house that specializes in sports memorabilia. You can find some listed in Kovels.com's Business Directory.

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TIP: Examine a piece of furniture and look for unexplained holes, stains and fade marks. They may indicate a fake or repair.

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Brass cigar cutter, deer's head, antlers, elongated neck with textured finish, 6 1/4 inches, \$425.

Toy, pedal car, Studebaker Golden Jet Hawk, pressed steel, original horn, Midwest Industries, c. 1957, 37 inches, \$875.

Perfume bottle, cameo glass, etched butterfly and fern, red ground, tapered laydown shape, sterling silver hinged cap with RK monogram, Thomas Webb, cap marked Gorham, 8 x 1 3/4 inches, \$1,500.

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COMMENTARY

VIRGIN ISLANDS PRODUCTIVITY

By Dickson Igwe



Dickson Igwe

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This is the first of two articles on capital and productivity. Productivity is the human effort, that when joined with capital mix drives greater prosperity in the Virgin Islands.

OK. The wealth of the Virgin Islands primarily depends on the productivity of its workforce. Productivity is simply the measure of human effort that increases the country's economic output- every other factor being equal.

Productivity is the key measure driving up the value of the Virgin Islands capital mix. A productive economy possesses a capital mix that achieves optimum outcomes from its inputs of human effort, for example customer service, skills and learning, ethics, innovation, and so on. Learning and culture are critical to economic productivity

The efforts of Virgin Islands entrepreneurs,

managers, and the country's workforce, skilled and unskilled, is what drives up or down the value of the capital mix. Without the human factor, capital is redundant. Human effort is the most critical factor in the productivity of an economy. Ironically, productivity is not easily measured.

The increase in GDP from one year to the next is probably the most appropriate and easily available measure of economic productivity.

Productivity is the human effort that drives the best return from the country's capital mix, its wealth generating assets of land, labor, enterprise, technology, and machinery. Productivity increases the value of the goods and services produced by a country. Human effort in the economy is the invisible hand that drives the economic engine.

Now, value and supply chains drive the Virgin Islands economy. The value cum supply chain is the combination of the capital mix especially land, technology and machinery linked together with the human factors in specific markets that increase in value at each subsequent stage.

The value supply chain increases the value of a specific market at every stage of the trading process

from inception until it reaches the consumer. The value supply chain drives the economy to the desired outcome. However, it is human effort that is crucial to the movement of the value supply chain.

The chain drives the Virgin Islands economy to one outcome or the other. Productivity- human effort- determines the scope, reach, and value of the chain. Policy makers must take both value supply chain and productivity into account when deciding on both public and private investment.

Productivity or human effort applied to capital is the key to increasing Virgin Islands prosperity.

OK. Do these Virgin Islands know the scope and value of the capital assets sitting in the country? Is there a list of wealth generating assets also known as capital assets? How much of that wealth is in public hands or government? How much is in the private sector? What capital assets do alien interests own? Is the best use being made of those assets in terms of employment, management opportunities, and profit share for natives? Are the Virgin Islands value supply chains identifiable?

Can the country's wealth generating assets be accurately valued? Which sector of the economy- for example, tourism, financial

services, agriculture and internal market has potential to increase in value, offering greater revenues and greater national prosperity?

One measure of the country's wealth generating assets is the increase in revenues earned from various sectors of the economy. A sector or market is composed of value supply chains. GDP is another useful economic measure that measures all the products of the various sectors of the economy. However, does GDP accurately place value on a country's wealth generating assets?

GDP is not necessarily a good measure of productivity, as GDP fails to measure sufficiently the intangible resources that drive wealth such as culture, learning and human effort.

Productivity is more than rent or revenue earned from this or that economic sector of the Virgin Islands. Productivity is the effort that drives up or down the country's GDP. Productivity is action focused on

achieving specific economic outcomes.

Capital and value chains drive Virgin Islands prosperity, and productivity is that intangible factor that decides increase in the value of the country's capital assets and direction of its value chains. Productivity is the human effort, strategy and vision that derives the best outcomes from those value chains. Productivity is the human effort that drives tourism, financial services and internal markets.

Then, in a tourism, oriented economy, customer service is the major component in driving up productivity in the sector. Customer service adds value to the capital mix and value chain that drives tourism and that is in addition to the skills that are required to service the travel industry such as hotel management, culinary, maritime, and more. The better the quality of Virgin Islands customer service the greater the output from tourism and travel. Productivity is King.

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Caribbean News / Regional News

Caregivers happy 59 orphans from Haiti now able to get better care in Jamaica

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The vessel that transported the orphans and caregivers from Haiti to Jamaica is docked at the Errol Flynn Marina in Jamaica

IMMEDIATELY-after arriving at the Errol Flynn Marina in Port Antonio, Jamaica on Thursday, Susan Krabacher, founder of HaitiChildren, huddled in prayer with members of her team amidst wails from some of the 59 disabled orphans who were rescued from crisis-torn Haiti.

Krabacher described the gangs wreaking havoc and exacting death in Haiti as “agents of Satan”.

Through her orphanage, Krabacher became legal guardian of the orphans and went through great pains to get the children out of Haiti and to safety. According to her, she is determined to evacuate another 34 children under her organisation’s care and protection who are still in Haiti so they can receive the necessary care as gangs have shut off access

to hospitals and continue to make aggressive demands for money. They aren’t afraid to exact violence on people trying to access services, she said.

Even the planned journey to Jamaica was delayed by six hours because gangsters refused to let the children board the ship until they received cash, according to Krabacher.

“They stopped our bus for six hours, demanding money and shooting in the air. I told my oldest son to give them money but he didn’t want to give them his last money. He gave them and they eventually let us pass, but they had detained these disabled children for six hours,” Krabacher told the Jamaica Observer in an exclusive interview on Thursday.

“In Haiti the [gang] leader

wants to be the president and said that he will continue to rain down genocide on the country until foreign communities stop interfering with his leadership. I am not going to stop until I get our remaining children in Haiti out of the country. My orphanage is in-between two warring gangs, so we are just praying. We have armed security taking care of us. God got us here and He will get the others out. I lost faith a few times but look what has happened! I will never lose my faith again,” she said.

“The gangs told us clearly that if we don’t put these disabled kids out of their misery they would do it for us. The disabled are shunned in Haiti. They are ostracised and people believe they are cursed because of voodoo. This is the best day of the entire journey. Everytime I

would have to call the children and say ‘I am sorry, they changed their mind’. We had so many starts and stops. We would start and then the Government changes its mind. It was incredibly difficult to get them to sign the release of the children because they said Haitians must remain in Haiti,” she said.

Krabacher said many of the children “are extremely ill” and that there is no place in Haiti to treat them.

“The last child we had that died [was taken to] three different hospitals and not one was equipped to take them in, because nurses and doctors are fleeing the country. They just say, ‘We can’t help you’ and when we leave we get attacked by gangsters. The children either die because they can’t find medical care or from gunshots,” she said.

After experiencing many nightmares over the situation, the orphanage founder said she was grateful to all stakeholders for making Thursday’s voyage a reality. She singled out Mustard Seed Communities and the Jamaican Government for agreeing to accept and accommodate the children and revealed that she spent 14 months trying to finalise the release of the children from Haiti.

Krabacher said Thursday night would be the first time she will get a good night’s

rest in more than a year.

Jamaican health officials, meanwhile, screened the children before they were taken to Mustard Seed’s Ephesus Village, Jacob’s Ladder in Moneague, St Ann, where they are being housed.

The arrangement is initially for two years and funding will be provided by HaitiChildren’s various established donors.

“It took a lot of sacrifice to get the children here. It could have cost me my life. I just risked it because we had to get the children better care,” Christo Romain, the Haitian director of the orphanage, told the Observer. Austin Holmes, operations officer of rescue organisation Sentinel Foundation, was satisfied that he and his colleagues, equipped with their military background, were able to participate in rescuing the children.

“Everybody likes to talk about the negatives, but there are some great things happening and we are thankful to be a part. We were requested to go in and help extract them from Haiti. Without a group like the Mustard Seed stepping up this wouldn’t have been possible. We had a short window to evacuate them. Once aboard the vessel on the 19th we were able to safely deliver care to them. We are thankful to 13 caregivers who diligently ensured they were cared for on the voyage here to Jamaica,” he said.



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Trump Faces Gag Order in New York Hush Money Criminal Case

NEW YORK — Donald Trump on Tuesday was hit with a judge's gag order sought by prosecutors in his upcoming criminal trial involving hush money paid to a porn star, restricting him from publicly commenting about witnesses and court staff.

Ahead of the former U.S. president's trial, which is scheduled to begin April 15 in the New York state court, Justice Juan Merchan granted a request for the order made last month by Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg's office. The prosecution sought an order blocking Trump from "making or directing others to make" statements about witnesses concerning their role in the case and from commenting on court staff and prosecutors other than Bragg himself.

Silencing Trump was necessary because of his "longstanding history of attacking witnesses,

investigators, prosecutors, judges and others involved in legal proceedings against him," prosecutors said.

Trump's lawyers argued that a gag order would violate his right to free speech under the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment, leaving him defenseless against attacks by political opponents over the case.

Merchan separately ruled on March 7 that jurors were to remain anonymous except to Trump, his lawyers, prosecutors and a handful of others, after prosecutors highlighted Trump's history of publicly deriding trial jurors and grand jurors.

Bragg's case is one of four criminal indictments the Republican-presidential candidate faces, with Trump pleading not guilty in all the cases and portraying them as politically motivated.

It could be the only case to reach trial before his expected Nov. 5 rematch with President Joe Biden.

Trump pleaded not guilty to 34 felony counts of falsifying business records to hide reimbursements to his former lawyer Michael Cohen for a \$130,000 payment to porn star Stormy Daniels to buy her silence before the 2016 election about a sexual encounter she claimed to have had with Trump a decade earlier.

Trump has denied having the encounter with Daniels, whose real name is Stephanie Clifford.

The requested gag order was similar to restrictions a federal judge imposed last year in a criminal case over Trump's efforts to overturn his 2020 election loss to Biden.

Trump also faces state criminal charges in Georgia over his push to reverse the 2020 results, and federal criminal charges



Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg, left, returns to the courtroom following a break during a hearing about Donald Trump's hush money trial at Manhattan Criminal Court in New York on March 25, 2024. Bragg sought, and was granted, a gag order against Trump.

in Florida over his handling of sensitive government documents after leaving the White House in 2021.

In a separate civil fraud case brought by New York Attorney General Letitia James, another New York state judge fined Trump \$15,000 last year for twice violating a gag order against publicly talking about

court staff.

Trump is appealing a \$454.2 million judgment in that case for misstating the values of his family real estate company's properties to dupe lenders. On March 25, a midlevel state appeals court paused that judgment as long as Trump posts a smaller \$175 million bond within 10 days.

UK Court: Assange Can't Be Extradited Until US Rules Out Death Penalty



Demonstrators gather after Stella Assange, wife of WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange, spoke outside the Royal Courts of Justice in London on March 26, 2024. High Court judges said they would grant Assange an appeal unless the U.S. gives assurances about what will happen to him.

LONDON — A British court ruled Tuesday that Julian Assange can't be extradited to the United States on espionage

charges unless U.S. authorities guarantee he won't get the death penalty, giving the WikiLeaks founder a partial victory in his

long legal battle over the site's publication of classified American documents.

Two High Court judges said they would grant Assange a new appeal unless U.S. authorities give further assurances within three weeks about what will happen to him. The ruling means the legal saga, which has dragged on for more than a decade, will continue — and Assange will remain inside London's high-security Belmarsh Prison, where he has spent the last five years.

Judges Victoria Sharp and Jeremy Johnson said the U.S. must

guarantee that Assange, who is Australian, "is afforded the same First Amendment protections as a United States citizen, and that the death penalty is not imposed."

The judges said that if the U.S. files new assurances, "we will give the parties an opportunity to make further submissions before we make a final decision on the application for leave to appeal." The judges said a hearing will be held May 20 if the U.S. makes those submissions.

Assange's supporters say he is a journalist protected by the First Amendment who exposed U.S. military wrongdoing in Iraq and Afghanistan that was in the public interest. They have argued that his prosecution is politically motivated

and that he can't get a fair trial in the U.S.

Assange's wife, Stella Assange, said the WikiLeaks founder "is being persecuted because he exposed the true cost of war in human lives."

"The Biden administration should not issue assurances. They should drop this shameful case, which should never have been brought," she said outside the High Court in London. The ruling follows a two-day hearing in the High Court in February, where Assange's lawyer Edward Fitzgerald said American authorities were seeking to punish him for WikiLeaks' "exposure of criminality on the part of the U.S. government on an unprecedented scale," including torture and killings

SPORTS

BVI lands historic win vs USVI on penalties, in 'VI Classic II' thriller

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

FOOTBALL

VI. Classic II' a one game winner takes all battle between the U.S. and British Virgin Islands' senior men's Football teams for the rights to advance to the FIFA World Cup Qualifying rounds at the A. O. Shirley Grounds on Tuesday, lived up to its billing and more.

The showdown came after a 1-1 draw on Friday in St. Croix.

Like two prized heavyweight fighters, they battled through halftime, 90+5 minutes of stoppage time, then two 15 minutes extra times, tied at 0-0. It came down to penalty kicks, where the BVI went up 3-1, then the USVI pulled it back to 3-2, before substituting Midfielder Azarni Callwood made it 4-2, ending the BVI's 28-year World Cup Qualifying drought with its first victory and the first time ever advancing in its history.

"I told them. I told Mr. Rymer (Kye, Minister of Communications and Works) that I was going to win it for him," Callwood told Island Sun Sports as Rymer acknowledged

the conversation. "It's the best thing I've ever felt in my life and I've felt a lot of things. This is the best. When I came on, my impact was to change the game, not long talking. It's so crazy to think of how far we have come in a short time. We're now in a group with Jamaica, Dominican Republic and Guatemala. Jamaica is coming here. We're coming to fight. We aren't coming to play."

The USVI launched its attack early in the game, but BVI goalie Frankie Beckles blocked the shot. BVI had its best shot at goal just before halftime, when Tyler Forbes attempted a header off a Justin Smith pass that went wide. The BVI came out attacking in the second half with Jerry Wiltshire's header missing. On the next play, Luka Chalwell missed a one-on-one opportunity, then USVI Goalie Dylan Ramos, cut through the BVI's defense to bat the ball away on the next play. The USVI missed several second half, stoppage time and extra time chances.

BVI coach Chris Kiwomya said there were all kinds of emotions in the game. The USVI played hard in the first 25 minutes, and they had to make adjustments.

"We had chances to win the game, so did they, but I think overall, it

was an even hard battle contest," he said. "The sending off changed the game a little bit, but we just couldn't get over the line. It came down to penalties as I said it would do. It came down to substitutions as I said it would do, and thankfully, the Goalkeeper turned up for us and the penalty takers as well."

Becoming the first BVI coach to win a World Cup Qualifying game since the territory began playing in 1996, means an "awful lot" to him, he said.

"Since I came, I have loved the island. I love the people here, they shout out my name on the street sometimes, coach Chris, but also, it's a lot of pressure," he noted. "There were a lot of fans telling me, 'we need to win,' and I'm saying hopefully, we can. Now the players have done it, they can celebrate with family and friends. I feel truly blessed to be able to do that."

Kavon "Troy" Caesar who has been Captain since 2011 and endured numerous years of losses, said he was lost for words.

"It's a long time since I've represented the BVI and to be able to lead the team to victory today and create some history for the BVI, is just a wonderful feeling," he said. "I just have to thank God



Goalkeeper Frankie Beckles, withstood the USVI's attack from regulation, through two extra times and penalty kicks, helping the BVI to a historic 4-2 penalty kicks victory

for his blessings towards the team and the country."

USVI Coach Gilberto "Giba" Damiano said he told his boys before the game started that they must do everything they can to play their style. It doesn't matter if they score. It doesn't matter the number of players they have on the field, the number BVI have on the field, they must play their game.

"It worked at times when we had the composure to move the ball around and there, at times when it was a bit difficult, because they made the first half difficult for us, pressing us a little higher and we really couldn't play our best," he said.

Damiano said they made halftime adjustments but unfortunately, Defender Quinn Farrell head butted BVI substitute William "Bill" Green in the 67th and drew a red card leaving 10 men on the field.

"It becomes difficult in a World Cup qualifying game where you have one chance to try to win, it's even more difficult when you lose a player. But the boys' discipline and attitude kept them in the game," he noted. "I believe we created more chances when we had a player down, and that was the game. We gave everything. We tried everything and congratulations to the BVI for the first time winning a World Cup Qualifier game and I wish them good luck."

BVI sending 25 to 51st Carifta Games in Grenada

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

TRACK & FIELD

BVI Athletics Association officials have selected 25 athletes for the 51st Carifta Games, which opens on Saturday and runs through Monday in Grenada.

A total of 10 athletes met the association's qualifying standards including a record five high jumpers.

During Saturday's press conference to introduce the team, association president Steve Augustine said that his executive looked at athletes who were close to the qualifying standards and made a determination among themselves in relation to their development, as to whether

the games would be beneficial to their athletic progress.

"Those who were just outside the qualifying standards, that is the basis of those who are sitting here today," he said. "Getting those athletes to compete with each other based on the fact that World Juniors and meets of that type as meets that the association looks to project to doing very well in, we see the Carifta Games as a development process towards meets such as those."

Comparing the team to last year's winners that won two medals in the Bahamas, Augustine said it's smaller. Jah'Kyla Morton who won U17 Girls High Jump silver in 2023 after bronze in 2022, moved up to the U20 division and there are other hopefuls that are coming along nicely he noted.

"We had a number of fifth place positions last year, those athletes are back again. We did rather well

in the relays with some fifth placed positions and a national record was developed as well and we're out to achieve the same or even greater," he said. "It's a smaller team, but in dynamics and in performance, I think we are just as equipped as we were last year, to go to Grenada and do the very same things. We do intend to secure some medal winning performances in Grenada, but we also intend to ensure that the next generation of athletes, they get a chance to get their feet wet, because these are the very same athletes that will return in the Under 17 and Under 20 age categories in years to come."

The BVI team is comprised of: U17 Girls: Jamelia Chambers, High Jump; Deniel Clarke, High Jump; M'Kenzi Crabbe, 100, 200m, 4x100m; Shyra Stoutt, Long Jump; Romeena Davis, Shot Put/



22 of the 25-member BVI Carifta Games team are home based

Discus Throw; Macayla Logan, relays.

Boys: Ty'Rique Charles, High Jump; Othniel Gillings, High Jump, Tiondre Frett, 100/200m; Mario Carter, 100/200m and Jaheem Lennard-Joseph, relays.

U20 Girls: Palesa Caesar, Discus Throw and Shot Put; Savianna Joseph, Discus Throw/ Shot Put; Jah'Kyla Morton, High Jump;

Jordanne Thomas, 100/200m; Amia Todman, 100m; Jahtivya Williams, 200m; A'Sia McMaster, Long Jump; Shannia Johnson, relays.

U20 Boys: J'Den Jackson, 100/200m; M'Kori Crabbe, 400m; Jabari Pemberton, Octathlon; Jonathan Lynch, 800m; Andre Smikle, Discus Throw/Shot Put; Shaumal Donovan, relays.

SPORTS



Chris Kiwomya has become the BVI's most successful Football Coach. He guided them to their 1st Nations League victory on Sept 9, ending a 19-year regional losing streak. On Tuesday, he led them to a 4-2 penalty kicks victory over the USVI, after being 0-0 in two extra times. The win ended BVI's 28 year World Cup Qualifying victory drought and is the first time advancing



BVI Captain and defender Kavon "Troy" Caesar and USVI defender Karson Kendall, go head to head at a ball off a corner kick



USVI Captain and defender, Joshua Ramos, right, controls the ball ahead of BVI Midfielder, Kristian Javier



BVI's Jerry Wiltshire goes for a header off a corner kick while a USVI player attempts a bicycle kick



Lone Star Tick Bites Cause Alpha-Gal Syndrome

DEAR DR. ROACH: I was recently diagnosed with alpha-gal syndrome (AGS). I live in the country, but I do not remember having a tick on me. My husband and I are very cautious and always check for them. I am struggling to understand what exactly are my symptoms, and what I can and cannot eat. I don't know if I am someone who can have dairy or not.

The biggest challenge seems to be eating out. If I order chicken, fish or vegetables and they are cooked on the same grill as meat, then they are not safe to eat due to cross contamination. Also, dairy, lard and whey are in many food items.

Is there a specialist I should consult? My doctor seems to know about some of this, but is unable to answer many of my questions. Any information you can share would be helpful. — S.N.

ANSWER: AGS is an allergy to galactose-alpha-1,3-galactose, a carbohydrate allergen found in all mammalian meats, such as beef, pork and lamb. The allergy can be serious as people develop symptoms, including various syndromes like skin itching and rashes; gastrointestinal symptoms; and even anaphylaxis, a severe allergy syndrome of cardiovascular collapse.

These reactions are delayed compared to other typical allergic responses, with people often developing symptoms the night after consuming meat — about two to six hours after consumption. A blood test for alpha-gal allergies can confirm the diagnosis.

These symptoms usually begin after getting bitten multiple times by a Lone Star tick. The tick has alpha-gal in its saliva, which triggers the sensitivity. Many medical professionals are unaware of this newly described condition (40% reported never having heard of the syndrome), which can prevent a diagnosis from being made in a timely fashion.

Because the condition is new, there are some factors that we don't really understand about it, like why some people tolerate muscle meat from an animal but react strongly to organ meat. There just aren't answers to some of the questions that you might be asking. For example, milk, whey and gelatin sensitivity have been described with AGS, but not lard (at least that I could find).

Sometimes a person tolerates cooked meat but is intolerant of raw (or barely cooked) meat. Some people lose the allergy over time (usually a few years), but additional tick bites may bring it back.

The ideal specialist in this case is an allergist. You should certainly have and know how to use an epinephrine injector in case of a severe reaction.

DEAR DR. ROACH: A dietician recommended that I drink six glasses of water every day. I tend to drink most of the water in the morning and early afternoon. My husband thinks I should drink it "equally" throughout the day. His logic is that I don't retain enough water to stay properly hydrated throughout the evening and night. Does timing really matter? — C.R.

ANSWER: Your body has a system in place to hold onto water so that you don't need to drink it during the night. Unless you are losing unusually high amounts of water (as you would in a very dry and hot environment, for example), there is no reason to hydrate at night. Most people realize that doing so will cause you to visit the bathroom rather than sleep.

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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Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- Residents of the Galapagos island of Floreana use a barrel of disorganized mail in place of a formal postal system. Tourists are responsible for sorting through the mail and grabbing any parcels they can deliver on the way to their destination.

- In curling, good sportsmanship and politeness are essential. Congratulating opponents on plays and abstaining from trash talk are part of what's known as the "Spirit of Curling."

- Apollo 17 astronaut Harrison Schmitt was allergic to moon dust.

- According to the record-holder for tallest waffle stack, Guinness World Records has a 40-page document defining what a waffle is. (Frankly, we think we could have managed it in just 30.)

- Alaska is simultaneously the westernmost and easternmost state.

- High schools and universities in New Zealand are allowed to keep up to a pound of uranium on the premises for educational purposes.

- Marie Curie's notebooks are still radioactive.

- In 2010, rock band Nickelback approached Dark Horse Brewery about having their beer featured in a video, which would have provided great exposure for the small Michigan company. They declined, however, as "none of us at the brewery really care for the band."

- The German version of the term "Average Joe" is Otto Normalverbraucher, which translates to "Otto normal consumer."

- An ordinance in Gainesville, GA, states that everyone must eat fried chicken, "a culinary delicacy sacred to this municipality, this county, this state, the Southland and this republic," with their hands. The tongue-in-cheek law began as a publicity stunt aimed at getting folks to think of Gainesville as the fried chicken capital of the world.

- Polar bears gain more than 400 pounds during pregnancy.

Thought for the Day: "If you're going to do something tonight that you'll be sorry for tomorrow morning, sleep late." — Henny Youngman

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Moments in time

- On April 8, 1930, baseball legend Babe Ruth signed a two-year contract for a then enormous sum of \$160,000 with the New York Yankees, prompting the team's general manager, Ed Barrow, to predict (with, of course, now laughable inaccuracy) that "No one will ever be paid more than Ruth."

- On April 9, 1860, French inventor Édouard-Léon Scott de Martinville used his phonograph, the earliest known sound recording device, to capture himself singing the French folk song "Au Clair de la Lune."

- On April 10, 2001, mercy killings became legal in the Netherlands following the Dutch senate's controversial approval of a bill legalizing euthanasia for patients with unbearable terminal illness.

- On April 11, 1951, President Harry Truman fired Gen. Douglas MacArthur as commander of the United Nations and U.S. forces in the Far East after he made public statements calling for an attack on mainland China if Communist forces failed to lay down their arms in Korea.

- On April 12, 1877, with a well-justified fear of ricocheting foul balls (not to mention being hit by a bat), Harvard's Alexander Tyng wore a converted fencer's mask for a baseball game in Lynn, MA, becoming the first-known player to don a catcher's mask. While the new gear initially drew taunts from fans, designer Fred Thayer's patent for the device was approved the following January.

- On April 13, 1964, Sidney Poitier became the first Black actor to win the coveted Best Actor Oscar for his role as laborer Homer Smith, who assists a group of poor East German nuns with building a church, in "Lilies of the Field." Three years later, he was Hollywood's top box office draw.

- On April 14, 2010, Neil Armstrong criticized the Barack Obama administration's stripped-down space plans in an open letter co-signed by Apollo commanders James Lovell and Eugene Cernan, describing the president's proposals as "devastating." Supporters, however, insisted that the accelerated rocket program would set new goals for American efforts in outer space.

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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



TIGER

by BUD BLAKE



The Spats

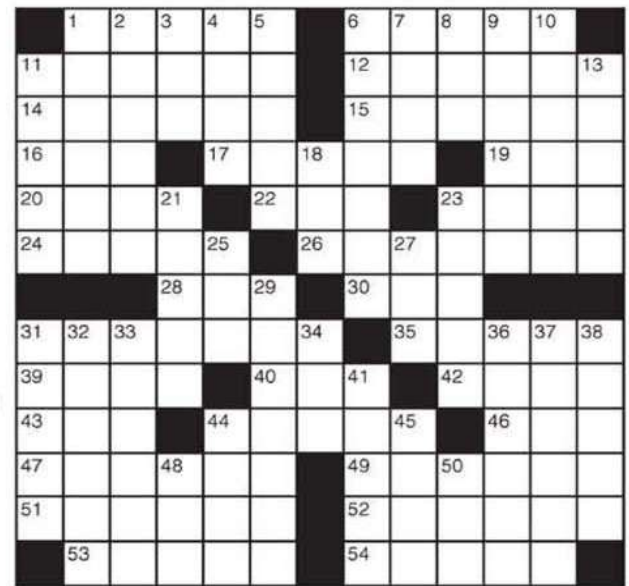
by Jeff Pickering



King Crossword

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- 6 Sitar tunes
- 11 Fearful
- 12 Using the Internet
- 14 Eagles' homes
- 15 Julianne and Demi
- 16 Away from SSW
- 17 Auto style
- 19 Wager
- 20 Food regimen
- 22 Cariou of Broadway
- 23 Visibility hindrance
- 24 Cancel
- 26 Journeys
- 28 Head of st.
- 30 Animal doc
- 31 "Lolita" author
- 35 Summary
- 39 Plow pullers
- 40 Felon's flight
- 42 Sitarist Shankar
- 43 Soccer's Hamm
- 44 Prom duds
- 46 Heavy weight
- 47 E-business
- 49 Boring type
- 51 New citizen, perhaps



- 9 Car safety feature
- 10 Allergy season sound
- 11 Hourglass fillers
- 13 "Melrose Place" actor
- 18 "Lion" star
- 21 Yank at
- 23 Misanthrope
- 25 - choy
- 27 " - outta here!"
- 29 Library array
- 31 - plume
- 32 Wise sayings
- 33 "Scram!"
- 34 Preventive shot, in slang
- 36 40 winks
- 37 Sidesteps
- 38 Lipstick shades
- 41 Repairs
- 44 Rent
- 45 Foolproof
- 48 Hollywood trickery (Abbr.)
- 50 Ruby or Sandra

DOWN

- 1 Picturesque
- 2 Life's work
- 3 Onassis nickname
- 4 Cask sediment
- 5 '50s Ford
- 6 Peter the Great, e.g.
- 7 Shortly
- 8 Day- - paint

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

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

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Arm is moved. 2. Neck opening of undershirt is lower. 3. Pocket is different. 4. Cabinet door is wider. 5. Bottle on counter is moved. 6. Watch is added.

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Answers

King Crossword

Trivia test

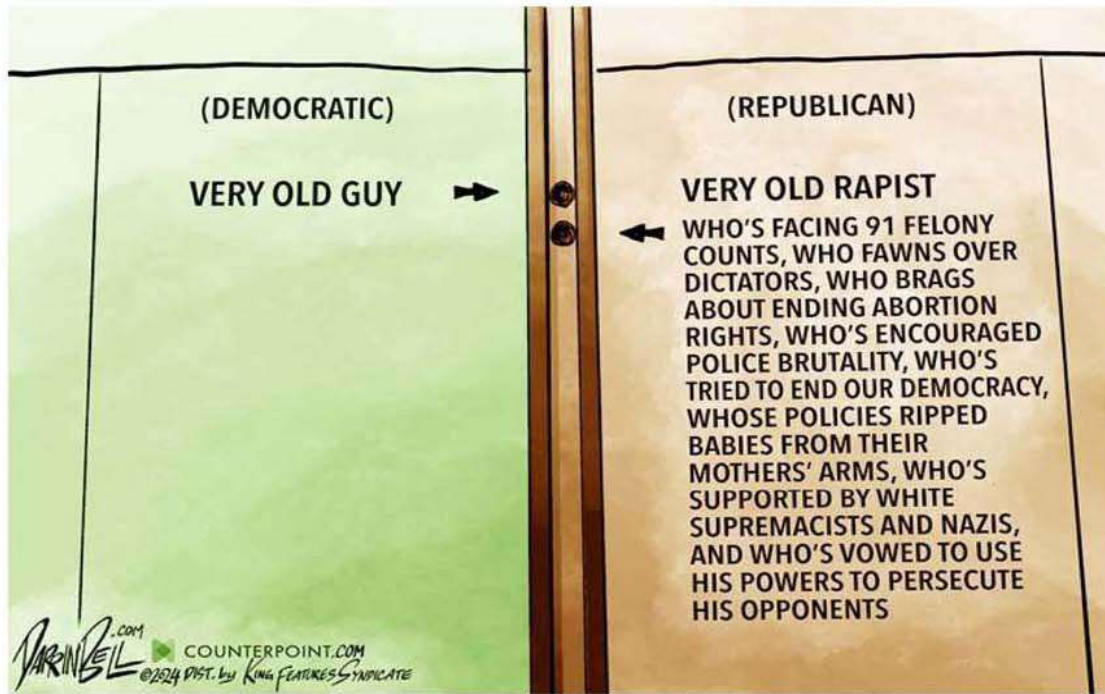
by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: Where are the Seychelles islands located?
2. TELEVISION: In which sitcom is the catchphrase "Hello, Newman" used often?
3. FOOD & DRINK: What is a cornichon?
4. HISTORY: According to a WWII government slogan, what should citizens do after they "Keep calm ..."?
5. MOVIES: What is the name of John Wayne's character in "True Grit"?
6. LANGUAGE: The Latin word "genu" refers to which part of the human body?
7. U.S. STATES: How many states begin with the letter "R"?
8. MEDICAL: The first vaccine was created to protect against which disease?
9. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the name of Helen Keller's teacher, who taught the blind and deaf girl how to communicate?
10. ANATOMY: What is the smallest organ in the human body?

MORE READERS:
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1. Indian Ocean; 2. "Seinfeld"; 3. A small pickle; 4. "... and carry on"; 5. Rooster Cogburn; 6. The knee; 7. One; Rhode Island; 8. Smallpox; 9. Anne Sullivan; 10. Pineal gland.

Trivia Test Answers



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might feel a little sheepish about admitting your feelings for a certain someone. But do it anyway. Your sincerity will make the right impression.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's a good time to clean out the clutter in your home. It's also a good time to sort out personal priorities and make decisions about certain relationships.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Avoid getting caught up in conflicting advice, even from trusted friends and family members. You need to dig for your own facts and make choices accordingly.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Conflicting aspects cause some confusion, both on the job and in your personal life. Try to keep your balance as you work things out to your benefit.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Money matters become especially taxing for many Leos this week. Pay careful attention to details so that you can avoid more complicated financial problems later on.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Don't let regret for a past, rash act keep you from moving on. Meanwhile, a good friend reaches out to help you, and a family dispute needs to be resolved quickly.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Someone you thought was an ally

suddenly creates on-the-job problems. Wait for the fuss and fury to end before going ahead with your plans.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You're moving into a more favorable period in your personal life. Continue to be patient and allow those pesky problems to work themselves out.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Ask questions about a financial matter in your family. Don't rely on reassurances. Insist on proof that all is as it should be. And if isn't, why not?

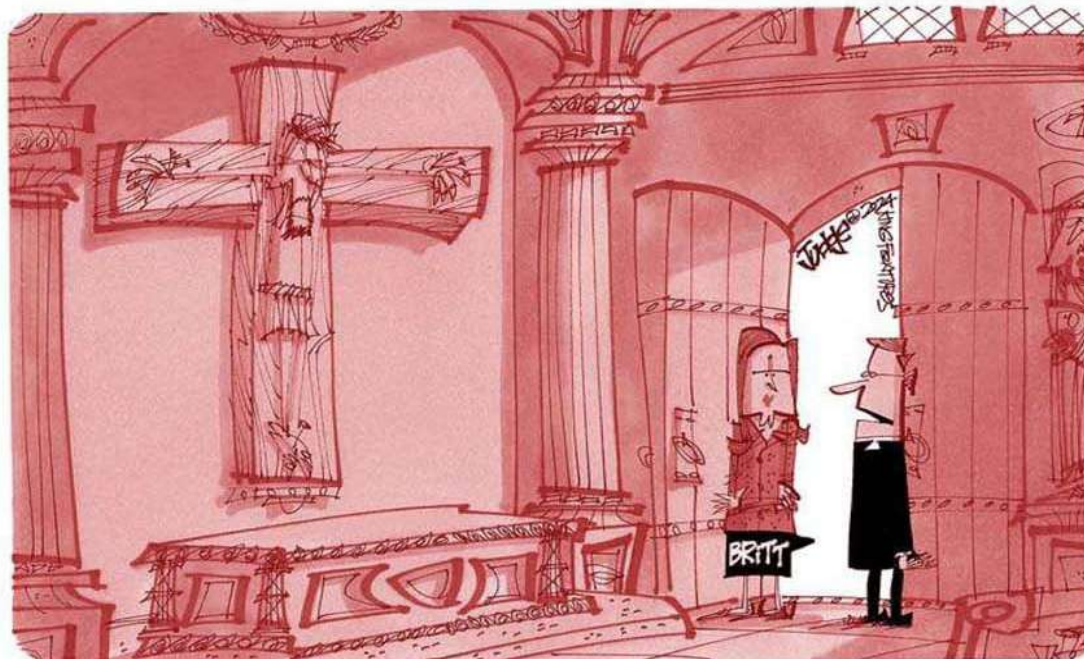
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Personal relationships continue to improve. Vital information comes in about a matter that you almost gave up on. Ask a trusted friend for advice on a major purchase.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Your financial situation continues to improve. Meanwhile, a family member makes demands on your time. Give what you can, but save some for yourself. You need it.

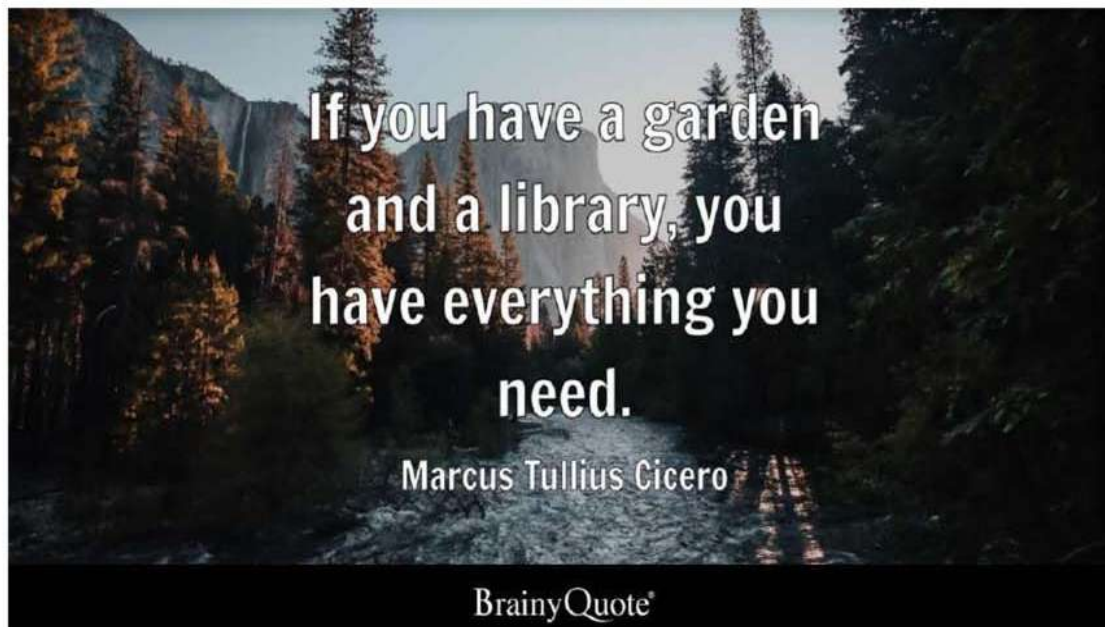
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) That romantic attraction you've tried to ignore grows stronger. In addition, a former business associate turns up with important news that could affect your financial future.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a quiet strength that often surprises people. You are sensitive to the needs of others, even if you sometimes ignore your own.

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"JUST SO YOU'RE CLEAR... THAT **ALSO** DIDN'T HAPPEN IN THE UNITED STATES DURING THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION."



John Parkinson began his apprenticeship to a London apothecary in 1585. He went on to have a distinguished career as a medical practitioner. In 1622, he gave up this career to concentrate on his garden in London's Long Acre. He started researching and writing his first book, *Paradisi in sole paradisus terrestris*. The book included descriptions and illustrations of hundreds of plants, their origins, alternative names and medicinal properties. Parkinson was given the title "First Botanist to the King" by King Charles I. - Brenda Weaver

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THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.



I am grateful to be a woman. I must have done something great in another life.

Maya Angelou

BrainyQuote

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



Just Like Cats & Dogs

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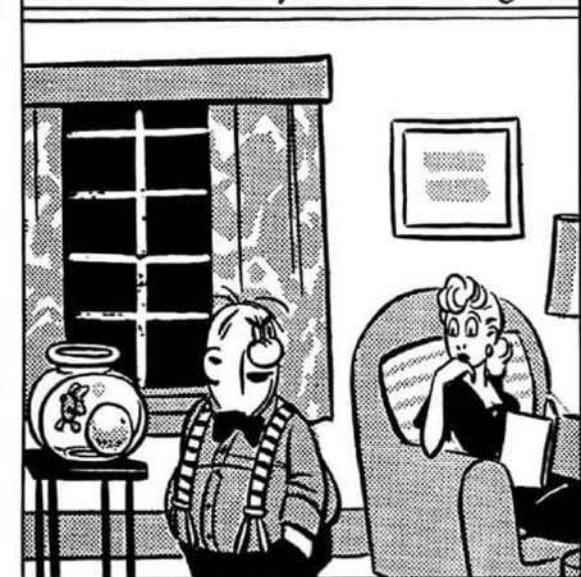
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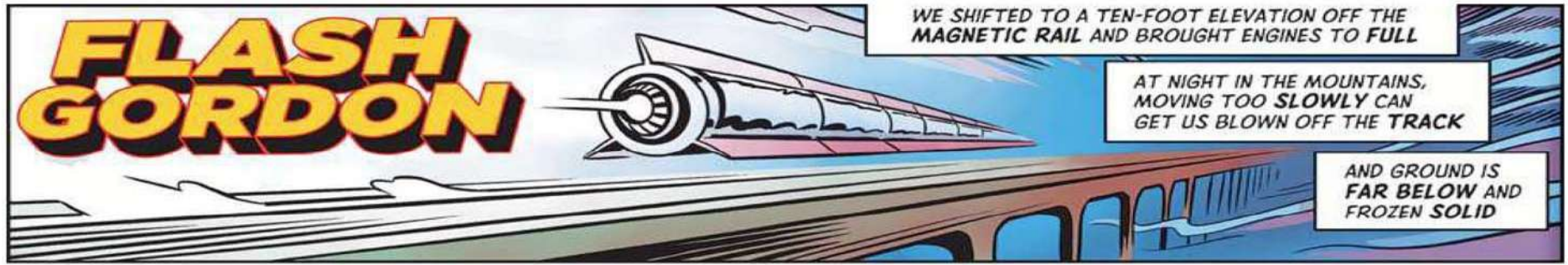


"I'll tell you the same thing my father told me. ... Go ask your mother."

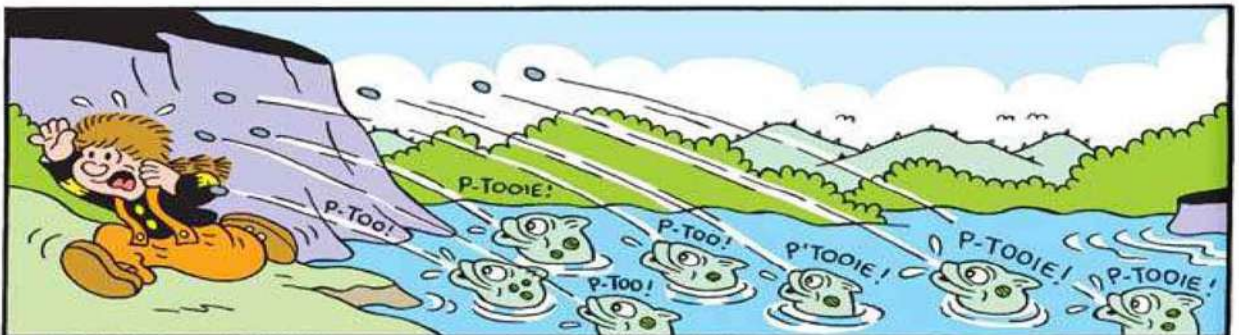
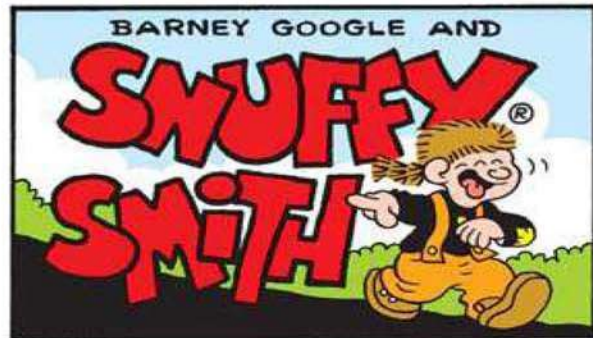
HUBERT—By Dick Wingert



"How do YOU know he doesn't like grapefruit?"



ROCKET TRAIN "MARGELLA"-- PILOT NOTES:



THIRSTY FUTURE? URGENT ACTION FOR CARIBBEAN AND LATIN AMERICA

By Sir Ronald Sanders

(The writer is Antigua and Barbuda's Ambassador to the US and the OAS. The views expressed are entirely his own.)

In the face of escalating global environmental challenges, water scarcity and water stress have emerged as critical issues that threaten the livelihoods and well-being of millions of people.

Nowhere are these challenges more acute than in the Caribbean and Latin American regions, where countries grapple with the harsh realities of limited freshwater resources. Among these, Antigua and Barbuda stands as a poignant example of struggle in the face of severe droughts and the pressing need for potable water.

Antigua and Barbuda is a drought-ridden country, surrounded by the Caribbean Sea. The line in Samuel Taylor Coleridge's poem of the Ancient Mariner, "Water, water, everywhere; nor any drop to drink", has applied to the country before when it has experienced periods as long as seven years without rainfall to fill reservoirs. That situation could still exist today if it were not for a deliberate policy position by the present government to invest heavily in desalination and reverse osmosis plants, as a priority, to satisfy the need for water by the local population and the tourism industry on which the country's economy depends.

The Antigua and Barbuda government and its public utilities supplier have spent large sums of money on desalination and Reverse Osmosis plants to convert seawater into a lifeline. Yet, this solution comes at a steep price, making the cost of water in Antigua and Barbuda per head of population amongst the highest in the world.

Recently, in order to continue to manufacture water to satisfy the needs of the country, the utilities provider has had to raise water rates. This decision has escalated expenses at a time when disruption of global supply chains, resulting from the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic and conflicts, such as the Russian war against Ukraine, has already raised the cost of living.



The gravity of the situation in the Caribbean is underscored by the World Resources Institute, which identifies several Caribbean nations as experiencing "extremely high" levels of water stress. These countries include Dominica, Jamaica, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados and St. Kitts-Nevis, with the latter three also being designated as water scarce.

Latin American countries are not immune. According to the World Bank, over the last two decades, Latin America has experienced 74 droughts, causing more than US\$ 13 billion in damage. The Bank says that this phenomenon impacts agricultural and livestock production and farmers' livelihoods, especially those living in vulnerable conditions. For example, more than 50 percent of 1.9 million small-scale farmers live under these conditions in the Dry Corridor, an ecological region on the Central American Pacific coast affected by drought and food insecurity.

While the World Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) have acknowledged the crisis—highlighting the need for investment in non-conventional water sources and advocating for integrated water resources management—their actions fall short. The crux of the issue lies in the misalignment of their concessional financing lending policies with the urgent needs of the most affected countries. This gap between recognition and response leaves nations, like Antigua and Barbuda, to bear the brunt of securing water for their people and economies.

The repercussions of this financing misalignment extend beyond economic strains, touching the very core of societal health and food security.

The global water crisis, with over 703 million people lacking access to clean water, is not just a statistic but a daily reality for many in the Caribbean and Latin America. The time spent by women and girls fetching water and the deaths of children from water-related diseases are heart-wrenching reminders of the human cost of inaction.



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In the case of Antigua and Barbuda, its policy decision to invest in manufacturing water to fulfil the needs of the population, undoubtedly results in higher costs now. However, it also puts the country in a better position to alleviate the water scarcity and stress problem which will intensify through factors, such as population and tourism growth and the impacts of climate change. The strain now will considerably ease the pressure in the future, contributing to both tourism development and public safety.

This brings us to a pivotal moment where the urgency to act cannot be overstated. While Antigua and Barbuda and similar nations undertake significant financial burdens to address water scarcity, the role of international financial institutions to support these efforts is indispensable. It is imperative that these institutions realign their lending policies to offer low-cost financing for urgent water infrastructure projects, enabling equitable access to water for all.

With the global investment need in the water sector surpassing \$1.37 trillion and a sixfold increase required to meet UN Sustainable Development Goals by 2030, the time for real action on water issues is overdue.

The cost of inaction will be measured in human suffering and lost opportunities for sustainable development.

Critical to this is a change in policy by the Boards of Directors of the World Bank and the IDB. That change must come from the major governments that control the policies of these institutions. They must ensure that lending policies match real development needs and provide financing on terms that will allow vulnerable countries to purchase the desalination and reverse osmosis plants they require, through affordable repayment schemes.

Today, with 2.2 billion people globally lacking safely managed drinking water, 3.5 billion lacking access to safely managed sanitation, and 2 billion lacking access to basic hand hygiene facilities, the importance of urgent and aligned action is great.

The time for action on addressing the real water issue, rather than talking about it, has long past.



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(NO. 16 OF 2004)
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Nerine Chambers,
Quastisky Building
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Road Town, Tortola,
British Virgin Islands
VG 1110
[44/4]

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Dated 12 day of March 2024
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Voluntary Liquidator
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Dated 12 day of March 2024
(Sgd.) **Alfredo Caruci**
Voluntary Liquidator
[44/6]

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(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 8 March, 2024.
Dated 12th day of March 2024
(Sgd.) **Mr. Alfredo Caruci**
Voluntary Liquidator
[44/7]

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

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 8 March, 2024.
Dated 12 day of March 2024
(Sgd.)
Mr. Alfredo Caruci
Voluntary Liquidator
[44/8]

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 8 March, 2024.
Dated 12th day of March 2024
(Sgd.) **Mr. Alfredo Caruci**
Voluntary Liquidator
[44/9]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
PCC Kitty Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2085723
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 March 22, 2024.
Dated: March 25, 2024
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator
[44/10]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
Asteroid Global Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2099598
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 March 22, 2024.
Dated: March 25, 2024
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator
[44/11]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2025017
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation.-The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 19th day of March, 2024. The liquidator is **Philippa V.O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: 25th day of March, 2024
Sgd. Philippa V. O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator
[44/12]

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

RICHMOND BUSINESS INVESTMENTS LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1024965
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 21st day of March, 2024. The liquidator is **Philippa V.O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: 25th day of March, 2024
Sgd. Philippa V. O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator
[44/13]

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

Welfare & Weal Corp
- BVIBC NUMBER: 1744666
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
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 22nd day of March 2024. The Liquidator is **Ray George of Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated this 22nd day of March 2024

Ray George
Voluntary Liquidator
[44/14]

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

HXB Yuanqi Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2088816
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 March 2024. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: 22nd March 2024
(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator
[44/15]

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

RAMSGATE OVERSEAS INC.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 68879
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 March 25th, 2024. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean** with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.
Dated: March 25th, 2024
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator
[44/16]

FIRST DYNASTY RESOURCES INC.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 194751
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 15 March 2024
Dated 15th day of March 2024
Sgd. LI King Shan Sandra
Voluntary Liquidator
[44/17]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act
Gruber Holdings Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number: 1921819
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 25 March 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: 25 March 2024
Rachael Pape
For and on behalf of Anton Goldstein and Rachael Pape
As Joint Liquidators
[44/18]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004
Cwjia Holding Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 2043296
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 25th March 2024.
Dated: 25th March, 2024.
(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator
[44/19]

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

Wshuo Holding Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2043297
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 25th March 2024.
Dated: 25th March 2024.
(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator
[44/20]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2043299
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 25th March 2024.
Dated: 25th March 2024.
(Sgd.) *Philippa O'Sullivan*
Voluntary Liquidator
[44/21]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004
CAPISTRANO GLOBAL LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 424522
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 25th March, 2024. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, Blackburne Highway (P.O. Box 116) Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: 26th March, 2023
(Sgd.) *Philippa O'Sullivan*
Voluntary Liquidator
[44/22]

Helcis Ltd

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1384257
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 March, 2024.
Dated this 26th day of March, 2024
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[44/23]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1601419
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 March 26th, 2024. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: March 26th, 2024
(Sgd.) *Nelcia St. Jean*
Voluntary Liquidator
[44/23]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 593928
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 March 26th, 2024. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: March 26th, 2024
(Sgd.) *Nelcia St. Jean*
Voluntary Liquidator [44/25]

NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
Whenuapai Limited

("the Company")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 26th 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
Nerine Chambers
P.O. Box 905 Quastisky Building
Road Town, Tortola, VG 1110
British Virgin Islands
[44/26]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.
Brent & Lily Holdings Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1701116
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 26th March 2024. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: 26th March 2024.
(Sgd.) *Philippa O'Sullivan*
Voluntary Liquidator
[44/27]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.
Three Bridge International Ltd

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1972218
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 26th March 2024. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: 26th March 2024
(Sgd.) *Philippa O'Sullivan*
Voluntary Liquidator
[44/28]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1548736
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 March 27th, 2024. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: March 27th, 2024
(Sgd.) *Nelcia St. Jean*
Voluntary Liquidator
[44/29]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1856221
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 March 27th, 2024. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: March 27th, 2024
(Sgd.) *Nelcia St. Jean*
Voluntary Liquidator
[44/30]

FORM "A" "NEW"
To: The Licensing Magistrate
And

The Officer in Charge of Police
I, JEVOUNE WARD dba LYNDON'S BAR -now residing at **BAUGHER'S BAY, TORTOLA in the Territory of the Virgin Islands** do hereby give notice that it is my intention to apply to the Licensing Magistrate at the Special Sitting of the Magistrate's Court to be held at Road Town, Tortola, on the **3rd day of June, 2024** for **BAR & CLUB Licence** to sell intoxicating liquor at my premises situated-at-**BAUGHER'S-BAY, TORTOLA, BVI**, in the territory of the Virgin Islands and registered **Parcel Number 153 of Block 3038B of the Road Town, Registration Section in the Land Registry of the Virgin Island**
Dated this 22nd day of March, 2024
Signed J. Ward
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THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE ESTATE OF GNANALINGAM GUNANATH LINGAM, DECEASED

In the estate of GNANALINGAM GUNANATH LINGAM, late of No. 8, Dalaman Tunku, Bukit Tunku, Kuala Lumpur, Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, deceased

Notice is given that after the expiration of 8 days application will be made to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the resealing of the Grant of probate of the Deceased granted by the High Court of Malaya on the 26th day of September 2023 to **RUBEN EMIR GNANALINGAM BIN ABDULLAH** of Unit 82, Kiara Hills, No. 1, Jalan 32/70A, Taman Sri Hartamas, 50480 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, and **SHALINE GNANALINGAM** of No. 8, Dalaman Tunku, Bukit Tunku, 50480, Kuala Lumpur, Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur Malaysia.

Dated the 26h day of March 2024

Filed by **Ruben Emir Gnanalingam Bin Abdullah** and **Shaline Gnanalingam**, Propounders whose address for service is c/o **Harney Westwood & Riegels, Craigmuir Chambers, PO Box 71, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110, British Virgin Islands.**

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

BVIHPB 2024/0055

In the Estate of JAMES ALFRED CHRISTOPHER
Also known as ALFRED CHRISTOPHER
Late of McNamara Tortola deceased

ADVERTISEMENT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **LORNA CHRISTOPHER** and **JULIA DAWSON** both of Diamond Estate, Tortola, Birtish Virgin Islands for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above named deceased who died on the 26th day of September 2023 without revoking a Will bearing the date of the 16th day of October 2019 wherein the applicants are jointly named as executors. Any person having an objection to the Grant of Probate to the application shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 11th day of March 2024

FILED by **KENDALL Law, Legal Practitioners** for the Executors whose address for service is c/o **KENDALL Law 2nd Floor Abbott Building, Waterfront Drive, Road Town Virgin Islands VG 1110**

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

**In the Estate of NG, KA YING (吳家英) late of No. 9 Braga
Circuit, Homantin, Kowloon, Hong Kong, Deceased**

FORM 16: ADVERTISEMENT (RESEALING)

Notice is given that after the expiration of 8 days application will be made to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the resealing of the letters of administration of **NG, KA YING (吳家英)** late of No. 9 Braga Circuit, Homantin, Kowloon, Hong Kong, Deceased, granted by the High Court of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, Court of First Instance on 8 December 2023.

Dated: 25 March 2024

Filed by: **Conyers Dill & Pearman**
Attorneys-at-Law for the Administrator
Whose address for service is: Commerce House, Wickhams Cay 1, PO Box 3140, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110, British Virgin Islands

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

BVIHPB2024/0064

In the estate of Carlos Eduardo Fahrenkrug Anwandter, late of Av. Nueva Presidente Riesco 6480, ap. 1401, Las Condes, Santiago, Chile, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that **CONRAD FAHRENKRUG GARRIDO** of Av. Nueva Presidente Riesco 6480, ap. 1401, Las Condes, Santiago, Chile, the Personal Representative named in the Last Will and Testament of **CARLOS EDUARDO FAHRENKRUG ANWANDTER**, deceased who died on the 8th day of December, 2023 domiciled in Chile (the Deceased), has applied to the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the Probate Division for Probate of the said Last Will and Testament bearing the date 6 September, 2017.

ANY PERSON having an objection to the Grant of Probate to the said **CONRAD FAHRENKRUG GARRIDO**, 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 Personal Representative

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1983649

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 27th March 2024. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: 27th March 2024.
(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator
[44/31]

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

Paribus Ventures Fund I Ltd.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No: 2095831

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 18th day of March, 2024. The liquidator is **Philippa V O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: 18th day of March, 2024
(Sgd.) **Philippa V O'Sullivan**
Liquidator
[44/32]

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

**Paribus Ventures Management
Ltd.**
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No: 2095890

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 18th day of March, 2024. The liquidator is **Philippa V O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: 18th day of March, 2024
(Sgd.) **Philippa V O'Sullivan**
Liquidator
[44/33]

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

BVIHPB2024/

**IN THE ESTATE OF ROGER DAVID LAW, LATE OF 700/26
SUKHUMVIT ROAD, SAN SUK SUB-DISTRICT, MUANG
CHONBURI DISTRICT, CHONBURI PROVINCE, THAILAND**

ADVERTISEMENT (RESEALING)

NOTICE is given that after the expiration of 8 days, application will be made to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the resealing of the Grant of Probate of **ROGER DAVID LAW** late of 700/26 Sukhumvit Road, San Suk Sub-District, Muang Chonburi District, Chonburi Province, Thailand granted by the High Court of Justice England and Wales at Principal Registry of the Family Division, HMCTS Probate, Harlow, CM20 9QE, United Kingdom on the 21st day of February, 2022.

**Signed: Hunte & Co. Law Chambers
123 Main Street
Road Town, Tortola
British Virgin Islands
Legal Practitioners for the Applicant**

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

PROBATE NO... OF 2024

**IN THE ESTATE OF WONG CHUNG SHEK ROBERT
ALSO KNOWN AS WONG CHUNG SHEK ALSO KNOWN
AS ROBERT C WONG, LATE OF FLAT 1, 11TH FLOOR,
BLOCK A, THE DAHFULDY, NO.21 HO MAN TIN HILL
ROAD, KOWLOON, HONG KONG, DECEASED**

Notice is given that after the expiration of eight (8) days application will be made to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the resealing of the grant of letters of administration of **WONG CHUNG SHEK ROBERT ALSO KNOWN AS WONG CHUNG SHEK ALSO KNOWN AS ROBERT C WONG** late of Flat 1, 11th Floor, Block A, The Dahfuldy, No.21 Ho Man Tin Hill Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong, granted to **WONG JAMES** and **WONG LILIAN** by the Deputy Registrar of the High Court of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region on the 13th day of September 2023 with Grant No. HCAG011118/2023.

**Harney Westwood & Riegels LP
Legal Practitioners of the Administrators**

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

BVIHPB 2024/0065

IN THE ESTATE OF CALMELITA DOSINE O'NEAL
also known as CALMENITA DOCINE O'NEAL,
DECEASED

TAKE NOTICE that DAWN CLOTHILDA O'NEAL-GEORGE, of Black Witch Hole, South Valley, Virgin Gorda, Virgin Islands, the Executrix named in the last Will and Testament of the deceased who died on the 28th day of February, 2023 at Iris O'Neal Clinic situated at Valley, Virgin Gorda, Virgin Islands, has applied to the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the Probate Division for a Grant of Probate of the last Will and Testament of the said CALMELITA DOSINE O'NEAL, deceased.

ANY PERSON having objections to the Grant of Probate to the said DAWN CLOTHILDA O'NEAL-GEORGE 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 objections.

Dated this 20 day of March, 2024.

DAWN O'NEAL-GEORGE
The Executrix

[44]

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

**CATALYST
INVESTMENT CAPITAL
CORP.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No: 1994398

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 26th day of March, 2024. The liquidator is **Philippa V O'Sullivan** of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated: 26th day of March, 2024
(Sgd.) **Philippa V O'Sullivan**
Liquidator

[44/34]

APPOINTMENT

FORBUILD CORPORATION

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1486315

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 27th March 2024. The liquidator's name is **Nelcia St. Jean** of c/o 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Sgd: **Nelcia St. Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator

[44/35]

APPOINTMENT
EMPIRE SYSTEM LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1726867

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 27th March 2024. The liquidator's name is **Nelcia St. Jean** of c/o 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Sgd: **Nelcia St. Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator

[44/36]

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

**Sustainable Education
Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1793081

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 11th day of December 2023. The Liquidator is **Ray A. George, of Long Trench, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated this 11th day of December 2023.

Ray A. George
Voluntary Liquidator
[44/36]

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

In the estate of **JOSEPH
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS** also known
as **JOE ROBERTS**, late of Hannah's
Estate, Tortola, Territory of the
Virgin Islands, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that **NICHOLAS ROBERTS** of 154 Franklin Street, Unit 3, Clinton Massachusetts, United States of America 01510 and **ADRIAN ROBERTS** of 11 Thongsley, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire, United Kingdom, PE291NU, being the lawful sons and executors of the estate of **JOSEPH ADOLPHUS ROBERTS** also known as **JOE ROBERTS**, deceased (the Deceased) who died on the 9th day of March, 2024, domiciled in the Virgin Islands, has applied to the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the Probate Division for Grant of Probate by Will in the estate of the Deceased.

ANY PERSON having any objection to the Grant of Probate by Will to the said **NICHOLAS ROBERTS** and **ADRIAN ROBERTS**, 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.

Filed by O'Neal Webster, Attorneys-at-Law for the intended Executors, whose address for service is 2nd Floor Commerce House, 181 Main Street, P.O. Box 961, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands VG 1110.



Solicitors for the Personal Representative

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**Magistrate Court Relocates
To
Old Clarence Thomas Building**

The public is notified that the Magistrate's Court, Criminal-Division, previously located at John's Hole, has relocated to the Old Clarence Thomas building. The court will be officially opened to the public on Tuesday, April 9 for the hearing of criminal matters.

‘In The Beehive’ Launches April 5

Local author Mrs. Andria Flax, will be launching her fifth book titled, ‘In the Beehive: The Regal Queen, the Lazy Drone & The Busy Worker Drone’ on Friday, 5th April.

Mrs. Flax, who is also a poet, said that her aim is to introduce youth to honey bees and their importance to the environment. The book also highlights the different functions of various bees through a poetic form.

“‘In the Beehive’ was written for young children,” the author said. She added, “Next year, a second book will be geared towards younger children and adults.”

Mrs. Flax said the text teaches youngsters of the critical role honey bees play in the natural ecosystem and the overall functioning and survival of the planet. It also highlights important values like teamwork, synergy and collaboration

from which children can incorporate into their own lives.

Mrs. Flax and her husband, a beekeeper with more than four decades of experience, are also visiting schools throughout the Territory to conduct “Show and Tell” sessions, read samples of the book and facilitate a question-and-answer segment.

Meanwhile, Director at the Department of Culture Dr. Katherine said her department continues to celebrate local authors and the variety of subject areas that is written about.

Dr. Smith said “We are no stranger to author Mrs. Andria Flax and her versatility and writing skills. This time around, her children’s book ‘In the Beehive’ is a lovely and informative introduction to the world of bees and honey.”

Dr. Smith also stated that she was pleased to learn of

the subsequent educational efforts about bees and the natural world. She said, “Let us be reminded that the environment is critical to culture and there is an interdependence between human beings and the environment.”

Persons are encouraged to attend the launch on 5th April, at the Department of Youth Affairs and Sports’ Conference Room in Road Town Tortola at 11:00 a.m. Books are available at NookBVI and will be on sale at the book launch.

The Department of Culture in accordance with the Virgin Islands Culture & Heritage Policy & Strategy (2023), continues to promote the contributions of local artists including literary artists and the Virgin Islands’ cultural heritage and traditions

Only Online Job Applications Will Be Accepted By Government

Applicants are now required to submit applications online for job vacancies at bvi.gov.vg/employment-opportunities as the Government of the Virgin Islands will no longer accept paper applications.

Job seekers are urged to pay close attention to the qualifications and experience required for each position and to upload all necessary documentation.

Applicants in need of assistance with completing the online application can contact the Customer Service Care Centre via telephone at 468-3701, via WhatsApp at 468-9760 or via email at customerservice@gov.vg. Persons can also visit the Customer Service Care Centre in the Burhym Building (first floor) in Road Town.

215 Problems Solved Through BVI GOV Report It App

A total of 215 problems have been solved to date through the “BVI GOV Report It” App.

The App allows the public to take photos and file live, trackable reports of Public Service non-emergencies such as potholes, broken pipes and signage, stray animals, derelict vehicles, and other related issues.

A total of 313 reports were made since the App’s initial launch in April 2023 and 215 problems have been solved to date, while 98 solutions are in progress.

Customer-Service Manager Ms. Abbarah Brown said, “The App has done exceptionally well in its first year, and I would like to acknowledge the members of the public for their role in this success by engaging with the App from the onset.”

Ms. Abbarah Brown reminded users that the App is still active and that reports are being resolved daily.

“I encourage everyone to file reports of things that need addressing in their community. Remember that you can view these reports after they’ve been filed and track our progress in addressing these reports in a timely

manner,” the Customer Service Manager said.

The BVI GOV Report It App is available for download on both Android and IOS devices at the Apple App Store and Google Play store respectively. Persons in need of assistance with downloading and/or using the App can contact the Customer Service Care Centre via telephone at 468-3701, via WhatsApp at 468-9760 or via email at customerservice@gov.vg.

Persons can also visit the Customer Service Care Centre in the Burhym Building (first floor) in Road Town.

The Customer Service Care Centre seeks to enhance the customer service relationship between the Government and its clients, by utilising Customer-Service Specialists that serve as the single point-of-contact for the public to communicate with the Government.

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THANK YOU!
For using the app!

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- 215 Problems solved
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Take photos and file live, trackable reports of Public Service non-emergencies by downloading the BVI GOV REPORT IT APP, available on:



Civil Road Improvements Commence In Cane Garden Bay

The Government of the Virgin Islands, through the Ministry of Communications and Works is enhancing the road infrastructure in Cane Garden Bay to address existing issues and elevate the quality of transportation in the area.

Director of the Public-Works Department, Mr. Jeremy Hodge said, "Our primary goal is to conduct civil works along the road and coastal defense, specifically rectifying - a 175-foot-section that has been compromised."

Mr. Hodge said the-project-has commenced-and works have been carefully planned

to - minimise disruptions to the traffic flow.

The Director is urging the public to exercise caution and follow all signage during this period. Works are expected to be completed by Monday, April 8. The Ministry of Communications and Works reaffirms its-commitment to-upholding international standards-in infrastructure development and maintenance. By ensuring the reliability-and affordability-of public-utilities, the-government aims to enhance the quality of life for both residents and visitors in the Virgin Islands.



CARIBBEAN AIRLINES LAUNCHES VILLAGE CRICKET PROGRAMME CELEBRATING CARIBBEAN CULTURE

Port-of-Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, March 26, 2024. Caribbean Airlines announces the launch of its new Instagram page @our-caribbeanexperience and "Caribbean Village Cricket" a T10 format celebrating community spirit through the beloved sport of cricket.

"Caribbean Village Cricket" is part of the airline's focus on Caribbean culture and a follow-up to its successful "Culture in D'Park" event over the Trinidad Carnival. Other elements of the Caribbean Culture program will be rolled out later this year.

"Caribbean Village Cricket" kicks off

in Trinidad on March 29, 30 and 31, taking place at three locations: Powergen Penal Sports-Club, Santa Cruz Sports Association and the National Cricket Centre, Couva.

Following the inaugural matches in-Trinidad, Caribbean Village Cricket-will journey to Jamaica, and then Guyana culminating in the final round at the renowned Queens Park Oval, Port-of-Spain on May 05.

The planned dates for the tournament are as follows:

Trinidad (3 locations) - March 29 - 31

Kingston, Jamaica - April 20

Georgetown, Guyana - April 28

Finals - Queens Park Oval, Trinidad - May 5

CEO of Caribbean Airlines, Garvin Medera stated, "Village cricket holds a cherished place within Caribbean culture, embodying the spirit of community, camaraderie, and the love for the game. In the Caribbean, cricket is more than a sport; it's a tradition that brings together people of all

ages, backgrounds, and walks of life."

He continued, "The village cricket matches conjure feelings of home and become vibrant social events where families gather to cheer on their local teams, creating an atmosphere that transcends the boundaries of the cricket field."

The sport serves as a unifying force, fostering a sense of identity and pride among communities. Whether played on the breezy grounds in Guyana or the grassy fields of Jamaica, village cricket in the Caribbean is a celebration of not only

athletic prowess but also the rich cultural heritage that defines the region.

Caribbean Airlines is proud to support and promote this aspect of Caribbean life, further strengthening its commitment to connecting communities and celebrating the diverse cultures of the region.



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SONNY'S LAUNDROMAT LIMITED needs one full time-**LAUNDRY-MAT ASSISTANT**.
Telephone 496-7141 [s45]

We are seeking a highly skilled private chef and grocery shopper.

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- Shop for groceries daily, including visits to major supermarkets and local farmers' markets.
- Clean up after meal preparation.
- Ensure adherence to dietary restrictions for individuals with conditions such as diabetes, high cholesterol, high blood pressure, and obesity.

Requirements:

- Degree or diploma in culinary arts.
- Minimum of 10 years' experience as a private chef.
- Strong knowledge and experience with nutrition and dietary restrictions.
- Possession of a good working vehicle and a valid BVI driver's license.
- Ability to communicate effectively in verbal and written English.

Qualified applicants may submit a covering letter, resume, and evidence of qualifications to: groceryshopperbvi@gmail.com. [s45]

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Responsibilities include- Customer service, Cashing, Coffee preparation and food services.
 BVI Islander/Belonger Preferred
 Call for Interview 340 4926 [s44]

Island Roots Cafe is seeking the following position:
Cook - full time. Min. of 3 years experience, including catering experience. Willing to work weekends and public holidays.
 Please submit resume to: tinabvi@yahoo.com or call 494-8985. [s44]

CLASSIFIEDS WORK WONDERS

NEVER - DONE RESTAURANT & BAR is seeking the following full time staff:
BARTENDERS
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KITCHEN-HELPER
DISHWASHER
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 For more information call 342-7093 or 495-1335 [s44]

Karel's Artistry Salon in Virgin Gorda is in constant need of part-time and full-time
Cosmetologist, Barbers, Nail Technicians, Hairdressers, Cosmetologist/Nail Technician.
 Please call 441-3910 to apply. [s44]

REBORN - SALON located in Lower Estate needs the following full time staff:
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 Telephone 343-4985 [s44]

BVI painters Ltd is hereby seeking to employed a Full Time Fiberglass technician with at least five years experience and a Laborer. Must be able to work weekend and Holidays. Please send resume to picassobvi@gmail.com. [s44]

Samuel-Enterprises requires - four - (4) fishermen and one (1) Cook must have two years' experience for the job and knows what you are doing. Please call 541-5330 for more information. [s45]

EMCS Caribbean is looking for Technicians
 Interested applicants can submit their CV/Resume with cover letter to P O Box 386 Road Town, Tortola, BVI or call 284-494-0232 [s45]

Watersports Retail Assistant looking for Enthusiastic Individual
 To help with retail and watersports setup. Must have general experience in watersports to include, Kayaks, Sups, Efoil & Seabobs.
 Applicants must have Powerboat and First Aid experience.
 Applicants must be able to lift watersports equipment to assist customers.
 Drivers Licence preferred. Have experience with POS Systems.
 Must be able to work weekends and bank holidays. B.V.I. Islanders and Belongers preferred. Please apply in writing and send CV to: admin@arawakvi.com
 Telephone: 284-494-5240 [s45]

EMCS Caribbean is looking for Plumbers
 Interested applicants can submit their CV/Resume with cover letter to P O Box 386 Road Town, Tortola, BVI or call 284-494-0232 [s45]

EMCS Caribbean is looking for Electricians
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Afro Fusion Restaurant & Sports Bar requires the following employees in the capacity of Waitresses, Bartenders, Cooks and a Handyman.
 Please call 346-6467 for more information. [s45]

Assurance Security Services has a need for security officers for the business.
 Please call 345-1953 for more information. [s45]

REAL ESTATE

PROPERTY-FOR SALE:-Registration Section: Virgin Gorda Central, Block: 5044A Parcel 1/1/128 Lot Size: 0.541-acres-Selling Price:-US-\$199,900.
 Interested-Belongers, please contact Mouzaya Dabboussy from MLS Realty-284-442-4200 or email: mouzaya@mlsbvi.com. [s45]

REAL ESTATE

For sale: Land at Biras Creek, Virgin Gorda registered as **Parcel 24** Block 5545A Virgin Gorda East Registration Section, measuring approx. 0.499 of an acre. Land is subject to covenants and purchaser is required to enter into a construction-agreement with Biras Creek Resorts Ltd for development of a resort villa unit on the land as a condition of the purchase.
Sale-price-is US\$1,000,000. Interested Belongers please contact ghp@ghpbvi.com for more information. [s46]

For sale: Land at Biras Creek, Virgin Gorda registered as **Parcel 25** Block 5545A Virgin Gorda East Registration Section, measuring approx. 0.499 of an acre. Land is subject to covenants and purchaser is required to enter into a construction-agreement with Biras Creek Resorts Ltd for development of a resort villa unit on the land as a condition of the purchase.
 Sale price is US\$1,050,000.
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