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E.C. SUPREME COURT OF THE BVI PAYS TRIBUTE TO THE LATE JAMAL SMITH



*The late attorney
Jamal Smith.*

The Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court of the Territory of the British Virgin Islands convened a special sitting on 12 April to pay tribute to the life and contributions of the late attorney Jamal Smith. The gathering, attended by legal luminaries and members of the community, served as a poignant reminder of Smith's profound impact on the legal profession and society at large.

During the solemn occasion, distinguished members of the Inner Bar, including Dancia Penn-Sallah, KC, and Lewis Hunte, KC, offered heartfelt reflections on Smith's legacy. Hunte, in his remarks, characterized Smith's life as one of immense promise and impact, cut short tragically. He lamented the loss of Smith's intellectual acumen and noted the significant void left by his untimely passing. Hunte emphasized the need for the legal fraternity to honor Smith's memory by upholding the principles of integrity and excellence that he exemplified: "Jamal's life was short, but impactful, and we only got a glimpse of what he was capable of. The Bar has been deprived of an intellect on the verge of blossoming into maturity, and this Territory is all the poorer. We, who are left, must continue in the noble

tradition of this most ancient and honourable profession. That is, perhaps, what Jamal would have said to us had he been given a chance to give a parting word," he expressed. Similarly, -Penn-Sallah fondly remembered Smith as a son of the British Virgin Islands, deeply rooted in the community and dedicated to advocating for its interests. She praised his fearlessness in championing causes close to his heart, including issues of governance and constitutional matters.

Penn-Sallah highlighted Smith's unwavering commitment to serving his fellow citizens and his invaluable contributions to various legal and regulatory bodies within the Territory. "Jamal Smith, a son of the soil, a scion of the Smith and Forbes families of Sea Cows Bay... Today, we pay tribute to a man who since 2002

had the right to and stood at this Bar as an advocate for man, on many a cause," she remarked.

King's Counsel Penn-Sallah also stated, "Jamal was not afraid to express his views, however controversial they may have been. He spoke truth to power and his voice could be heard on some local Talk Shows speaking without fear or favour on matters of governance and the Constitution. The advertisements sponsored by Jamal's Law Firm, Thornton Smith at Christmas and August Festival and voiced by Jamal himself were cultural joys. As is known, he mounted a staunch defence of tarts; be they coconut, guava or pineapple. Jamal leaves a solid legacy and among his greatest contribution, in my view, was his service as Chairman of The Labour

Arbitration Tribunal."

THIRD DISTRICT REP. SADDENED

Meanwhile, Third District Representative - and Opposition Member Hon. Julian Fraser expressed concern over the collective response to Smith's passing, in view of a noticeable absence of widespread outrage. The veteran legislator, during a session of the House of Assembly, extended condolences to Smith's loved ones and underscored the profound loss suffered by the community.

While remarking on his own shock at the news of Jamal's passing Hon. Fraser said: "You would ask yourself the questions and there are no answers. I would say those who have the answers aren't giving them. You

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ask yourself the question why? Why does someone with so much to offer? Why does someone with so much promise? Why does someone who the community has so much to gain from has to be

snatched away so soon, even in terms that are mysterious?...Why is it that we can't understand what is happening or what has happened?"

The Legislator urged a renewed commitment

to seeking answers surrounding Smith's death, drawing parallels to similar tragedies in the past. "The Territory has lost a valuable citizen with the death of Jamal Smith," he emphasized.

Dumping Prohibited At Road Town Pump Station

The public is informed that with immediate effect, the discharge of sewage at the Road Town pump station is strictly prohibited.

This change was implemented to redirect sewage disposal to the recently re-commissioned and upgraded Burt Point pump station.

The times for dumping will remain the same.

SENSATION FERRIES DISCONTINUES OPERATIONS BETWEEN TORTOLA & VIRGIN GORDA

In a recent announcement on 12 April Sensation Ferries, a prominent ferry service operating in the Territory, revealed its decision to discontinue its operations between Tortola and Virgin Gorda effective 1 May.

The news came as a surprise to many frequent travelers and locals who rely on the ferry service for their daily commutes and island explorations.

The company took to social media platform Facebook to communicate the decision, stating: "Due to circumstances beyond our control, effective 1 May, Sensation Ferries will cease daily scheduled

operations between the islands of Virgin Gorda and Tortola indefinitely." This abrupt halt in service reflects challenges that the company may have encountered, although specifics regarding the circumstances were not disclosed.

Expressing gratitude for the years of patronage and loyalty, Sensation Ferries conveyed its heartfelt appreciation to its customers. "It has been our absolute pleasure serving our daily customers for the past six years. We extend our heartfelt appreciation for your loyalty, patronage, and support over the

years," the company's statement read. Despite the unavoidable nature of the decision, the ferry service assured its clientele that the move was not made lightly. Sensation Ferries acknowledged the inconvenience the discontinuation may cause and apologized sincerely to affected passengers. "We sincerely apologize for the inconveniences caused and look forward to serving you again in the future," the statement continued. While the announcement signifies an end to the Tortola-Virgin Gorda route for the foreseeable future,

the company hinted at the possibility of resuming services down the line.

Since its inception on 4 November 2018, Sensation Ferries has been a vital link between Road Town, Tortola, and Spanish Town, Virgin Gorda. Operating seven days a week, the ferry service provided essential connectivity for residents, tourists, and businesses alike. The morning departure at 6:30 am from Road Town, Tortola, served as a daily routine for many commuters, facilitating seamless travel between the two islands.

In addition to its ferry

services, Sensation Ferries also offered private water taxi services covering destinations across both the British Virgin Islands and the US Virgin Islands. The company prided itself on its modern fleet equipped with state-of-the-art technology and amenities to ensure a comfortable journey for passengers. Notably, the M/V Dream Star, the latest addition to the fleet, boasted luxurious features such as air conditioning, flat-screen TVs, and complimentary Wi-Fi, elevating the travel experience to a 5-star standard.



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POTENTIAL CHANGES TO BVI TERRITORIAL DRESS SPARKS HEATED DEBATE

An unexpected radio call-in on 10 April, sparked a heated debate over potential changes to the British Virgin Islands Territorial Dress. Junior Minister of Culture and Tourism, Hon. Luce Hodge-Smith, found herself fielding questions from Rosemary Cindy Rosan, co-host of "The Morning Ride Show with a Side of Politics" on ZROD 103.7 FM, concerning the iconic attire.

In response to inquiries about alterations to the Territorial Wear, Hon. Hodge-Smith revealed that a Committee was currently

deliberating the matter but was not yet ready to make their findings public. "There is a committee in place, and they are not ready as yet to go public... but I am sure there are justifiable reasons, but I am not in a position to speak about it at this time," she explained.

The Territorial Dress, a symbol of the British Virgin Islands culture, was established in July 2012 by the House of Assembly under the National Democratic Party. At its core lies the British Virgin Islands Territorial Print, showcasing unique aspects of local

culture such as the turtle dove, oleander, hibiscus, soursop, sugar apple, the VI's sloop, and representations of the islands themselves, all intricately woven into the fabric.

"ASININE AND FOOLISH"

However, the prospect of revising this emblematic attire has stirred controversy, with cultural icon and former lawmaker, Eileene Parsons, vehemently opposing any changes. Parsons denounced the idea as "asinine and foolish," arguing that extensive thought and effort had been invested in crafting

the original Territorial Dress over a decade ago. "Are you going back to the public and telling them what [they] selected wasn't good enough?" she questioned incredulously.

Parsons highlighted the collaborative-process behind the creation of the Territorial Dress, revealing that proposals from her committee had been taken to the Cabinet by former Education and Culture Minister Myron Walwyn, and subsequently approved by the House of Assembly. She emphasized the widespread acceptance

of the cultural attire among residents and visitors alike. Regarding the purported reasons behind the proposed changes, Parsons disclosed conversations with Hon. Hodge-Smith, citing complaints from dressmakers and tailors regarding fabric wastage and technical difficulties in crafting the outfits. While acknowledging these concerns, Parsons proposed a compromise that involves revising the pattern and collaborating with the original fabric designers to address any challenges.

HON. SKELTON URGES EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO SUPPORT ECONOMIC RESILIENCE AND GROWTH IN THE BVI

Opposition Leader Hon. Ronnie Skelton has put forth a recommendation aimed at alleviating financial burdens on middle-class workers and small businesses in the Territory. Hon. Skelton proposed that employees-earning less than \$23,000.00 annually should receive an annual payroll tax exemption on the first \$15,000.00-earned, effectively raising the exemption threshold from its current level.

In a statement made during the Continuation of the Ninth Sitting of the First Session of the Fifth House of Assembly (HoA) on 9 April, Skelton emphasized the urgent

need for governmental action to support struggling sectors of the economy. He highlighted the challenges faced by middle-class workers and small businesses, stressing the necessity for immediate relief measures.

Skelton recalled the policies implemented during his tenure, specifically-citing the provision of a \$10,000.00 tax exemption on the first \$10,000.00 of earned remuneration.-He proposed extending this relief to workers earning under the \$23,000.00 threshold, emphasizing the importance of targeted assistance to those most in need.

Addressing the plight of small businesses, Hon. Skelton expressed concern over their appeals for financial aid. He lamented his inability to provide direct-assistance due to resource constraints, urging-affected businesses to seek support from the Small Business Bureau. However, he noted the apparent obstacles faced by entrepreneurs in accessing such assistance,-citing staffing issues within the Bureau.

Furthermore, the Leader of the Opposition emphasized the importance of allocating resources effectively, taking a swipe at Premier and Minister of Finance Dr. the Hon. Natalio

Wheatley. He stressed the need to prioritize economic support measures over lavish expenditures, urging the Premier to redirect resources where they are most needed.

"We have to, Mr. Premier, we cannot keep another party," Skelton stated, urging fiscal responsibility. He suggested that any celebratory-events should be deferred to the 70th Emancipation Festival later in the year, emphasizing the need to prioritize economic recovery efforts.

Skelton's-proposal underscores the ongoing debate surrounding economic policy in the British Virgin Islands,



Hon. Ronnie Skelton

with=stakeholders seeking solutions to address the challenges faced by workers and businesses-amidst prevailing economic uncertainties.-As discussions continue, the focus remains on identifying effective measures to support economic resilience and growth in the Territory.

RDA Successfully Completes Marine Base, Ready For Handover

The Virgin Islands Recovery and Development Agency (RDA) is pleased to announce the successful completion of the Virgin Islands Law Enforcement Marine Base (Marine Base), marking another milestone in the Agency's commitment to excellence in sustainable development through infrastructural investment.

This project was jointly funded by the Government of the Virgin Islands and the UK Government through the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office.

The construction of the Marine Base, initiated in February 2023, continues the implementation of the RDA's 'Good Governance' sector, and the 'Security and Safety for All' subsector which are guided by the Outcome Statement, "Provision of safety, security and rights of our people and strengthened borders through law enforcement capability, resources and engagement."

The newly rebuilt Marine Base will promote safety and security and improve communication between law enforcement agencies of the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force, His Majesty's Customs and the Immigration Department.

It will make use of a designed joint command and operations centre and will enable effective monitoring of marine ports of entry while facilitating stronger partnerships and information sharing between law enforcement agencies. This is envisioned to create a safer, more secure, and more efficient border environment in the Virgin Islands.

Chief Executive Officer at the RDA Mr. Anthony McMaster said, "I am immensely proud of our team's hard work, expertise, and unwavering dedication that have led to successful completion of the Virgin Islands Law Enforcement Marine Base."

"This project exemplifies our

commitment to delivering exceptional results while upholding the highest standards of integrity, safety, and environmental responsibility. I wish to publicly recognise the expertise and commitment of James Todman Construction Ltd., the winning contractor whose dedication was instrumental in the success of this project," CEO McMaster said.

With the completion of the Law Enforcement Marine Base Project, the RDA is now prepared to hand over the facility to the client Ministry, the Office of the Deputy Governor, for operational use.

The project handover signifies the culmination of a collaborative effort between the RDA, the Office of the Deputy Governor, Design Consultants Trojan Design and Development Limited, the contractor James Todman Construction and all stakeholders involved.

The Office of the Deputy



Governor-expressed satisfaction with the outcome of the project during an official walk-through and site visit held with Permanent Secretary Mrs. Sharleen DaBreo-Lettsome and her team on Friday 5 April, 2024. Official tours and walk-throughs were also held with key stakeholders and end-users of the facility.

As the RDA celebrates this achievement, it reaffirms its commitment to continued excellence in the construction industry, striving to exceed expectations in every project undertaken.

Since the RDA's formation in April 2018, the Agency has continued to be a key development partner of the Government of the Virgin Islands, working to deliver its three-pronged mandate of project implementation, fundraising and capacity building. Infrastructure investments have been made

across five distinct sectors and 13 subsectors, guided by the Recovery to Development Plan (RDP). This has translated to the completion of 43 project activities.

At the end of 2023, the Virgin Islands Recovery and Development Agency (Amendment and Validation) Act, 2023, extended the life of the RDA to 31st December 2026. Over the next few years of a renewed mandate, the RDA looks forward to continuing work in partnership with Central Government in delivering projects, funding, and capacity building towards accomplishment of important development outcomes for the people of the Territory. This will build on the agency's goal to build a Stronger, Smarter, Greener and Better Virgin Islands.

For more information about the RDA and its projects, visit BVIRecovery.vg.

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RDA Celebrates Six Years of Sustainable Development & Impact

The Virgin Islands Recovery and Development Agency (RDA), a statutory body dedicated to driving sustainable development and positive impact in project

implementation, fundraising and capacity development, proudly celebrates its sixth anniversary.

The Government of the Virgin Islands created the

RDA with the passage of the Virgin Islands Recovery and Development Agency Act (No. 1 of 2018). The Act was passed by the House of Assembly, and gazetted on 16th April, 2018.

Today, on its sixth anniversary, the RDA will proudly handover its 43rd project activity to the Government of the Virgin Islands: The Virgin Islands Law Enforcement Marine Base.

Established with a vision to help lead the Territory's recovery following the devastation caused by Hurricanes Irma and Maria, the RDA has remained steadfast in its commitment to excellence, through its diverse portfolio of projects and initiatives.

From - Government Administration Buildings on the Sister Islands to the re-engineered Fish Bay and Ballast Bay roads; from the commissioning of three reservoir projects to the restoration of the Anthonie Jeffrey Caines Sports Arena; from the completion of the JVD Primary and the new Elmore Stoutt High School to capacity development of 25 interns and 16 procurement workshops; the RDA has consistently delivered projects and services that redefine possibilities.

The full list of completed project activities can be found in Table 9 of the RDA's monthly reports, produced every month and shared on BVIRecovery.vg.

Anthony McMaster, CEO of the RDA said, "As we commemorate our 6th anniversary, we reflect on the incredible journey that has brought us to this moment. We are immensely proud of the achievements we have

accomplished thus far in support of the Government of the Virgin Islands. That said, our journey is far from over. With unwavering dedication and a relentless pursuit, we look forward to shaping the future and continuing to make a meaningful difference in the Virgin Islands."

Since the RDA's formation in April 2018, the Agency has continued to be a key development partner of the Government of the Virgin Islands, working to deliver its three-pronged mandate of project implementation, fundraising and capacity building.

Infrastructure investments have been made across five distinct sectors and 13 subsectors, guided by the Recovery to Development Plan (RDP). At the end of 2023, the Virgin Islands Recovery and Development Agency (Amendment and Validation) Act, 2023, extended the life of the RDA to 31st December 2026. Over the next few years of a renewed mandate, the RDA looks forward to a continued working partnership with Central Government towards the accomplishment of important development outcomes for the people of the Territory. This will build on the agency's vision for a Stronger, Smarter, Greener and Better Virgin Islands.

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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)





Telecommunications Regulatory Commission

Notice of Public Consultation on Draft Annual Work Plan and Budget 2024/2025

(20th April 2024)

TAKE NOTICE THAT:

In accordance with Section 63 of the Telecommunications Act, 2006 (**Act**), the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of the Virgin Islands (**Commission**) is required to consult upon its Annual Work Plan and Budget.

The Annual Work Plan sets out the Commission's priorities and discusses the work that the Commission is planning for its 2024/2025 financial year and the attendant Budget for that period.

The consultation will be open to the public as we seek to receive views from all interested stakeholders, citizens and businesses of the Virgin Islands.

The Commission shall, at least fourteen (14) days before the commencement of the consultation, publish notice of same on the Commission's website and in a newspaper published and circulated in the Virgin Islands.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT:

The Commission shall commence a public consultation on the Commission Draft Annual Work Plan and Budget 2024/2025 on 6 May 2024. In accordance with Part II, section 7(2) of the Telecommunications Code (Part 1) (Public Consultations and Public Hearings) Guidelines, 2010, responses to the public consultation shall be due 28 days from the date of publication of the consultation document. Accordingly, this consultation will close on 3 June 2024.

When published, the consultation document will be made available at the Reception desk of the office of the Commission located at 3rd Floor, LM Business Centre, Fish Lock Road, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands. Alternatively, a copy of the consultation document will be available on our website (www.trc.vg). Instructions for responding to the consultation will be included in the consultation documents.

The person responsible for this consultation is Mr. Guy L. Malone, Chief Executive Officer, and he can be contacted at gmalone@trc.vg concerning this consultation. All queries in relation to this consultation should be copied to Chantal L. Flax-Ward, Chief Legal Advisor, at cflax-ward@trc.vg.

Issued by the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission on the 20th day of April 2024.

(Sgd.) Guy L. Malone.

Chief Executive Officer

All Public Officers Converted To New Salary Scale

The Department of Human Resources has successfully converted all 2499 public officers to the new salary structure in line with their March 31 deadline.

The conversion follows the Compensation Review and Job Classification report completed by consultants PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) in October 2023 and submitted to Cabinet on November 8, 2023.

Deputy Governor Mr. David D. Archer Jr. said, "Public Officers are the driving force of our Territory. Therefore, we have a responsibility to ensure that they are equitably compensated according to industry and international standards. The success of this exercise speaks to our continued commitment to building a world-class Public Service that is filled with individuals that are truly proud to be public officers."

The Deputy Governor added, "Today, no public officer is earning a salary below the living wage and this is due to the hard work executed by public officers alongside the consultants."

During his 2024 Budget

Address, Premier and Minister of Finance, Honourable Dr. Natalio D. Wheatley announced Cabinet's decision to include nearly \$10 Million in this year's budget to effect the new Public Service salary structure.

The Office of the Deputy Governor began consultations following this announcement on the findings of the Compensation Review report in an effort to gather feedback on the proposed new salary structure. These meetings included Public Service Associations and Unions, Senior Managers and the wider Public Service.

Permanent Secretary in the Office of the Deputy Governor, Mrs. Sharleen DaBreo-Lettsome commented on the work of the Department of Human Resources to achieve all conversions on schedule.

Mrs. DaBreo-Lettsome said, "The Department of Human Resources and Human Resources teams across the Public Service worked feverishly to ensure that all factors of this exercise were in place to allow

public officers to receive their salary conversions in a timely manner. The completion of this step is the result of a major team effort, both within the Government and externally with PricewaterhouseCoopers and marks the beginning of a new age in the Public Service."

The Office of the Deputy Governor will also implement a new allowances and benefits schedule for the Public Service beginning April 15. The schedule seeks to streamline the allocation of additional compensation for eligible public officers.

The Government of the Virgin Islands awarded PricewaterhouseCoopers International Limited (PwC) a contract in October 2022 to carry out a Compensation Review and Job Classification for the Public Service. The contract was valued at Three Hundred and Two Thousand, One Hundred and Three Dollars (\$302,103.00).

The Government of the Virgin Islands remains committed to ensuring that all public officers are adequately and equitably compensated.

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Work Permit Exemptions By Minister's Discretion Temporarily Suspended

The public is notified that effective immediately, the acceptance of new applications for work permit exemptions by Minister's discretion is temporarily suspended.

The Ministry of Financial Services, Labour and Trade will however continue to accept renewal applications for work permit exemptions by Minister's discretion.

The Ministry is currently developing guidelines to establish clear criteria for eligibility under the Minister's Discretion category to ensure a fair and transparent process for all applicants.

Applications for work permit exemptions can still be submitted in the following categories:

By Marriage - Persons who are married to a BVIslander or Belonger and living with their spouse in the Territory.

By Education - Persons who would have attended significant schooling in the Territory.

For additional information, contact the Ministry at 468-2112.

Burt Point Waste Water Treatment Plant Re-Commissioned

The Government of the Virgin Islands has announced the successful re-commissioning of the Burt-Point Waste Water Treatment Plant on Tortola.

Minister for Works, Honourable Kye M. Rymer revealed on Friday, April 12 that the comprehensive restoration works at the plant totaled \$2,594,317.86 (2.6million).

Minister Rymer said with the Burt Point Plant now operational, immediate measures have been implemented to prohibit the dumping of sewerage at the Road Town pump station, redirecting it instead to the Burt Point pump station.

Honourable Rymer said, "The plant, which was previously out of service, has now been upgraded and is fully operational, providing tertiary-level sewage treatment for the surrounding community. This service extension encompasses areas such as, Baugher's Bay, Free Bottom, Purcell, Huntum's Ghut,-Horsepath, Long Bush, Road Town, and surrounding areas,-ensuring improved-sanitation and-environmental protection."

The re-commissioning of the

plant is said to be an important milestone in the National Sewerage Programme, which aims to provide safe and sustainable sewage treatment facilities throughout the Virgin Islands. The programme includes the completion of the sewerage project in East End/ Long Look and the installation of the sewerage treatment plant in Cane Garden Bay.

The upgrades to the facility include the installation of new equipment and infrastructure to improve its efficiency and reliability. The plant is now able to treat sewage to a higher standard, reducing the impact of sewage disposal on the environment and improving public health.

The - Ministry - of Communications and Works is committed to improving the infrastructure and services-throughout the Virgin Islands. The re-commissioning-of the Burt-Point Waste Water Treatment Plant is a testament to this commitment, and the Ministry looks forward to continuing to provide high-quality services to the people of Tortola and the wider Virgin Islands.



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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY REPORT AND OTHER REFORMS

REPORT SUMMARY FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2024

The Commission of Inquiry Implementation Unit has reported to the Governor and Premier on the status of work completed up to the end of March 2024.

Based on the timelines agreed in the Framework for Implementation of the Recommendations of the Commission of Inquiry Report and Other Reforms:

Work on 50 of the 50 Framework Recommendations has begun. 29 of the Recommendations have been completed (an increase of three recommendations) and 21 Recommendations are in progress.

The Recommendations are currently split into 130 Actions. Of these, 88 actions (68%) are completed, 15 actions (12%) are in progress and on track, 17 actions (13%) are in progress but experiencing challenges (a decrease of 4 actions). There are 10 actions (8%) that have not yet begun to be worked on.

Most notably in March, the Governance Reform Coordination Centre was set up to have a dedicated space for collaboration and coordination meetings and work in order to expedite the implementation of Framework Recommendations. Work continued to complete policies and drafting instructions to prepare to complete the remaining Actions.

The Dashboards give a pictorial summary of the status of the fulfilment of the COI recommendations as agreed in the Framework, as well as other reforms, so you can

track the status of work on each recommendation. The Key lists and summarises each of the 50 COI Framework Recommendations as well as the other reforms, now being worked on as the main focus of Government of the Virgin Islands to raise our standards of governance in our beautiful Territory. It is colour coded to quickly indicate the overall progress on work connected with that particular Recommendation.

If you have any specific questions on the implementation of any of the COI Framework Recommendations or desire further information, please email the COI Implementation Unit directly at implementationunit@gov.vg

KEY OF COI FRAMEWORK RECOMMENDATIONS AND OTHER REFORMS

A02
Review the Constitution to enable the people of the BVI to meet their aspirations, including those in respect of self-government within the context of modern democracy.

A03
Review discretionary powers held by elected public officials, removing where unnecessary or, where considered necessary, ensuring they are exercised in accordance with clearly expressed and published guidelines.

A04
Review all areas of government based on the audit timetable and prepare reports on appropriate areas.

B01
Review the Commissions of Inquiry Act and make recommendations designed to improve the conduct of Commissions of Inquiry in the BVI.

B02
Establish a system of Registration of Interests, open to public access, with effective provisions to require compliance.

B03
Properly formulate and cost a plan for implementation of Registration of Interests system to cover additional

persons in public life.

B04
Consider extension of Registration of Interests system to other public officials on an incremental basis.

B05
Amend the Constitutional Review Commission Terms of Reference to include making clear the circumstances in which a person seeking election to the House of Assembly, or a Member of the House, is required to declare interest in contracts with Government.

B06
Amend the Constitutional Review Commission Terms of Reference to include making clear whether the term "Government of the Virgin Islands" encompasses statutory bodies.

B07
Review welfare benefits and grants system.

B08
Cease House of Assembly Members' and Government Ministries' Assistance Grants.

B09
Reallocate assistance grants funds to Social Development Department for distribution.

B10
Review local district projects and develop open and transparent process for proper recording, assessment and monitoring of projects.

B11
Determine process for allocating grants for educational scholarships.

B12
Audit all grants made by House of Assembly Members for the last three years.

B13
Audit all four COVID-19 Assistance Programmes.

B14
Instructions given to begin criminal investigation of the obstruction of the Internal Auditor by the Premier's Office related to COVID-19 Assistance Programmes.

B15
Instructions given to begin criminal investigation of the obstruction of Auditor General by Premier's Office, related to COVID-19 Assistance Programmes.

B16
Consider amending the Audit Act to make a failure to cooperate with or otherwise impede Auditor General a criminal offence.

B17
Amend the Public Service Code and Service Commission Regulations to make failure to cooperate with the Auditor General or Internal Auditor an act of gross misconduct.

B18
Audit all major contracts in respect of major projects in the past three years.

B19

Amend Cabinet Paper Drafting Process to ensure that there are no associated contracts which together would trigger an open tender process, for all Government contracts and also Include Internal Audit's opinion in all proposed tender waivers to Cabinet (Tender Waiver is no longer an option for contracts under the new Public Procurement Act and Regulations 2021 that came into force in September 2022).

B20a
Instructions given to refer SCB Harbour Development project to be considered for criminal investigation.

B20b
Instructions given to refer VI Neighbourhood Partnership Project to be considered for criminal investigation.

B21a
Instructions given to continue criminal investigation into Elmore Stoutt High School Perimeter Wall Project

B21b
Instructions given to continue criminal investigation into BVI Airways Project

B22
Audit all Claude Skelton-Cline Government contracts since 2019.

B23
Audit EZ Shipping-Government contracts concerning provision of radar barges since 2019.

B24
Review all Statutory Boards to determine overall level of governance and steps required to remedy any deficiencies.

B25
Review provisions under which statutory bodies are established and maintained.

B26
Consider the establishment of an overriding statute setting out framework for the establishment and maintenance of all statutory boards.

B27
Amend the Constitutional Review Commission Terms of Reference to include considering whether a Statutory Boards Commission should be responsible for selecting and revoking statutory board membership and monitoring internal policies and procedures.

B28
Develop Protocol for appointment and removal of statutory board members.

B29
Consider revoking any appointments to statutory boards made since 2019.

B30
Review processes for disposal of Crown Land.

B31
Audit all disposals of Crown Land over the last three years.

B32
Instructions given to refer the process

for the disposing of parcel 310 of Block 2938B be considered for criminal investigation.

B33

Review processes for grant of residency and belonger status.

B34

Audit all applications for and grants of residency and belonger status under the Fast Track scheme.

B35
Drive forward Public Service Transformation Programme.

B36
Finalise Public Service Management Code or Act.

B37
Coordinate expenditure on training of public officers within the Department of Human Resources.

B38
Review law enforcement and justice systems.

B39
Vet all serving HM Customs and Immigration Department Officers.

B40
Investigate possible corruption within HM Customs.

B41
Consider ensuring RVIPF and other enforcement agencies have facilities and powers to prevent, monitor and detect crime.

B42
Review Criminal Procedure Rules to give courts modern case management powers.

B43
Consider revisions to Jury Act to increase size of jury pool and grant court wider powers to hear judge-only criminal trials.

B44
Build upon current initiatives for revising, consolidating and publishing in readily accessible form the laws of the BVI.

B45
Make arrangements for the Complaints Commissioner to report annually to Governor, Deputy Governor and House of Assembly.

OR
Other reforms including reforming the electoral process including campaign finance and ensuring enhanced cooperation and oversight.

PrS
Preparatory steps and other work required to action all Framework Recommendations



Private sector steps up support to Tahesia Harrigan-Scott Elite Athlete Scholarship programme

Tortola, British Virgin Islands, April 15, 2024 – More private sector businesses and individuals have committed their support to the BVI Olympic Committee's roster of elite athletes as they look ahead to the Paris 2024 Summer Olympic Games. National Bank of the Virgin Islands (\$5,000), The Guana Fund (\$3000), Republic Bank (\$2,500), BDO (\$2,500), Scrub Island Resort and Smiths Gore (each at \$1000) pledged their support to the Tahesia Harrigan-Scott Elite Athlete Scholarship (THSEAS) fund over the last few weeks.

In presenting the cheque from the National Bank of the Virgin Islands to BVIOC and Commonwealth Games President, Ephraim Penn on Thursday, April 11, Mrs. Joy Penn, the bank's CEO said, "We are delighted to join as a bronze sponsor of the Tahesia Harrigan-Scott Elite Athlete Scholarship Programme. NBVI firmly believes in supporting community-initiatives that foster the nation's development and progress.

Athletes representing our country at the highest level not only excel as incredible ambassadors but also inspire future Olympians. We eagerly anticipate cheering on our champions at the Paris Olympics and celebrating their future successes.

Additionally, Mrs. Vivian Lloyd donated a sum of \$5000 in memory of her late husband, Mr. Jim Morris, a founding member of the BVI Olympic Committee in 1980.

"One of the highlights of Jim's life was being able to attend the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles as one of the BVI's officials. He would be very proud to see how far the BVI athletes have come since then," wrote Mrs. Lloyd in a letter to President Penn.

"The support that the THSEAS has received from the community so far is truly wonderful," said President Penn. "These national athletes are proud Virgin Islanders, competing for the Virgin Islands with their hearts and minds set on flying the flag for kin and country. We know that they are even more encouraged and bolstered in spirit when they see businesses and individuals rallying behind them in their efforts to represent their country at major Games. On behalf of the athletes, the BVIOC, the BVI Athletics Association and the Royal BVI Yacht Club, I thank all supporters of the programme and encourage others to join in donating to the cause."

Funds from the THSEAS are entirely dedicated to the development of the BVIOC's elite athletes identified by their respective National Federations and confirmed by the International Federations as being on track to compete for medals at major Games.

The roster of athletes each receive a monthly stipend to assist them on their journey to the Olympics. The fund distribution is documented in regular reports for

Olympic Solidarity and PanAm Sports who provide \$200,000 towards the programme.

The BVIOC's current roster of elite athletes - all of whom are national and regional record holders with proven track records in major Games - include Kyrion McMaster, silver medalist in World Championships and world ranked #4 in the men's 400m hurdles, Chantel Malone (long jump), Eldred Henry (shot put), Rikkoi Brathwaite (100m) Adayjah Hodge (200m) and Thad Lettsome (ILCA 7 laser sailor).

The THSEAS stipend contributes to training and coaching, athlete support including access to sports medicine, physical therapy, performance-analysis, nutrition counselling, and mental resilience training.

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Major sponsors who committed to support the THSEAS earlier in the year include Clarence Thomas Ltd (CTL), DLT Solutions, Conyers, and Capriccio di Mare Trattoria. THSEAS sponsors may have access to tickets to select events at Paris 2024. Entities who would like to support the THSEAS programme are invited to contact the BVIOC office by email at info@bviolympics.org or call (284) 346 8375 or visit the BVIOC website for more information.

Library Week 2024 Highlights Libraries And Literacy

Chief Librarian, Ms. Suzanne Greenaway has said that libraries and literacy are an integral part of community building as the Territory observes Library Week 2024.

The week will be observed from April 22 to the 27 under the theme, "Libraries: Moving full STEAM Upstream" and is always scheduled to coincide with World Book and Copyright Day, which is celebrated on April 23.

Ms. Greenaway stated that the week's activities are aimed mainly towards the Territory's youth in order to foster an appreciation for libraries, promote reading, advance literacy, and highlight the department's services to the community.

The Chief Librarian said, "Library Week is a special time when we celebrate the invaluable and unique role libraries have in a society. It is a time when we recognise that libraries transform lives, and build communities by providing the space, services, programmes and information needed by the community."

Minister for Education, Youth Affairs and Sports Honourable Sharie de Castro will declare the week open on Monday, April 22 while the department will also have book displays reflecting STEAM in Book Hunts and Word Searches at all libraries.

The highlight of Library Week will be the launch of the Public Library's new eBook OverDrive platform which has a digital collection of eBooks and audiobooks for adults and children, both fiction and non-fiction. Access is granted through the Libby Application which persons can download to their personal devices.

Other activities include visits from a variety of schools, science experiments and demonstrations to reflect the theme, arts and crafts, storytelling, introductions to eBooks, readings from local authors and visits by the library team to all library locations on the sister islands.

The week's activities will conclude with the Dads' Reach Out & Read Programme in conjunction with the BVI Reading Council on Saturday, April 27 from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Other activities will include arts and crafts from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m., and interactive games from noon to 1:00 p.m. for children ages 4 to 12 years old. The public is encouraged to support the week's activities by participating in the events.

Library Week was implemented in order to create awareness of the value of a public library and foster the love for reading. The department has library branches in Virgin Gorda, East End, Tortola and Anegada.

For more information, persons can contact the public libraries at the following numbers:

Virgin Gorda Community Library: 468-6534

Anegada Community Library: 468-4991

East End / Long Look Community Library: 468-9750 / 468-503

The Library Services Department of the British Virgin Islands continues to provide globally competitive information through technology and various formats to meet the educational, historical, recreational and cultural needs of the general public of the Virgin Islands.



GLOBAL NEWS BRIEF

STORIES SELECTED BY **GIORGIO MIGLIAVACCA**

BITCOIN - Last weekend Bitcoin briefly dropped by the most in more than a month, helping to trigger a string of liquidations of speculative crypto positions that led to a rout in smaller digital assets such as Solana, Cardano and Polkadot.

Coinglass data show about \$780 million worth of bullish crypto wagers were liquidated in 24 hours — the largest such drop in a month. The financial world was roiled on Friday by a flare-up in geopolitical risks that spurred a flight to the safest corners of the market such as bonds and the dollar.

Ether, the second-biggest cryptocurrency after Bitcoin, was down as much as 12% at one point, the biggest intraday decline since November 2022. It later pared the drop. The token has been under pressure since the Ethereum Foundation revealed last month that it was under scrutiny from the the US Securities and Exchange Commission. “As cryptocurrencies across the board embrace correlation to risk assets, the slight decline in price quickly turned into an all-out cascade of liquidations,” said Chris Newhouse, DeFi analyst at Cumberland Labs.

Bitcoin fell as much as 7.5% to \$65,214, before paring losses. Solana and Dogecoin slumped

more, declining around 12% and 13%, respectively. Cardano and Polkadot each tumbled around 15%.

The sudden rout came on the back of rising Bitcoin prices in part driven by Bitcoin halving, a code update that has been perceived as a positive catalyst for the market as it will reduce the supply of the digital asset. Bitcoin is still up around 60% this year. [Bloomberg; Yahoo Finance]

O.J. SIMPSON - In 1997 the ex-athlete was sentenced in a civil lawsuit to pay \$36 million to relatives of his ex-wife Nicole Brown and Ron Goldman, but they claim he never paid. Now one or more trials will determine what his assets are and to whom they will go.

The trial of the century, as the criminal case was called, declared him innocent and Simpson avoided jail. But a civil lawsuit in 1997 sentenced him to pay \$33.5 million in damages to the victims’ families; In 2006, after another lawsuit for not complying with that ruling, the penalty increased to \$36 million. He never paid. During his 11 seasons in the NFL, the athlete amassed a large amount of money from his contract and his sponsors, although he also spent a lot of it on a luxurious lifestyle. When he separated from Nicole Brown in 1992, a court estimated that he

had earnings and property worth \$10.8 million and that he earned about \$55,000 a month (about \$122,000 with current inflation). He was also left with a pension and certain payments from the NFL. But the Goldman family lawyers assure that he never paid the damages, which should now be covered by his inheritance and which, in addition, has escalated to \$114 million. [El Pais]

DONALD TRUMP - After years of fits and starts before an indictment last year, the Republican presidential candidate is set to stand trial this week in New York on state charges related to the very sex scandal that he and his aides strove to hide. It was the kind of tawdry tale that Donald Trump might have relished before politics: a porn star claiming they had had sex. But on the eve of the 2016 presidential election, Trump feared the story, which he says is false, would cost him votes. So, prosecutors say, he arranged to pay Stormy Daniels to keep quiet. Barring a last-minute delay, it will be the first of Trump’s four criminal cases to go to trial. It will be an unprecedented event in U.S. history — the first criminal trial of a former president. It wasn’t always clear the hush money allegations would even lead to charges — let alone be the first to reach trial. It is arguably the least perilous of Trump’s indictments, with others involving government secrets and threats to democracy. [El Pais]

CUBA - A former US diplomat has been sentenced to 15 years

in prison for spying for Cuba for decades. The incident has been called “one of the highest-reaching and longest-lasting infiltrations of the US government.”

Former US diplomat Victor Manuel Rocha led a double life spanning decades. While working for the US government, he also served as a spy for Cuba.

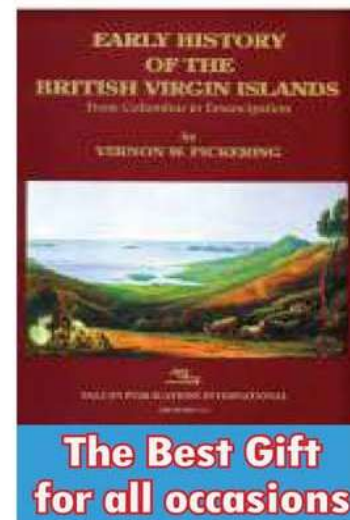
Rocha was sentenced to 15 years in prison on Friday after pleading guilty to acting as an illegal foreign agent and will pay a \$500,000 (€469,000) fine. He is also required as part of a deal with prosecutors to disclose details of his cooperation with Cuban intelligence. The US Justice Department called it “one of the highest-reaching and longest-lasting infiltrations of the US government.” [Deutsche Welle]

TRINIDAD - Seven babies have died in four days from a bacterial infection at the Port of Spain General Hospital in Trinidad, according to the island’s health authorities. The Port of Spain General Hospital is the main health care facility in the Trinidad capital. The outbreak occurred at the neonatal intensive care unit of the hospital, according to a release from the country’s North West Regional Health Authority (NWRHA), responsible for the hospital’s management. In a statement on Thursday night, the North West Regional Health Authority (NWRHA) said the deaths occurred during the period April 4 -7. “It is with profound sadness that the NWRHA confirms that during this time, some of the very premature neonatal babies at the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit of the Port of Spain General Hospital succumbed to the infection.” [CNW]

ANTIGUA - The Antigua and Barbuda Union of Teachers (ABUT) and the government have inked a collective bargaining agreement, heralding a 14 per cent salary boost for educators.

The agreement, spanning the years 2018 to 2024, delineates clear expectations regarding various facets of the teaching profession, ranging from working conditions to compensation. The signed accord not only addresses salary increments but also delves into crucial aspects such as benefits, working conditions, and the rights of both teachers and the union in navigating contractual disagreements. Of notable importance is the provision stipulating that the salary hike will be retroactive, dating back to 2018. [CNW]

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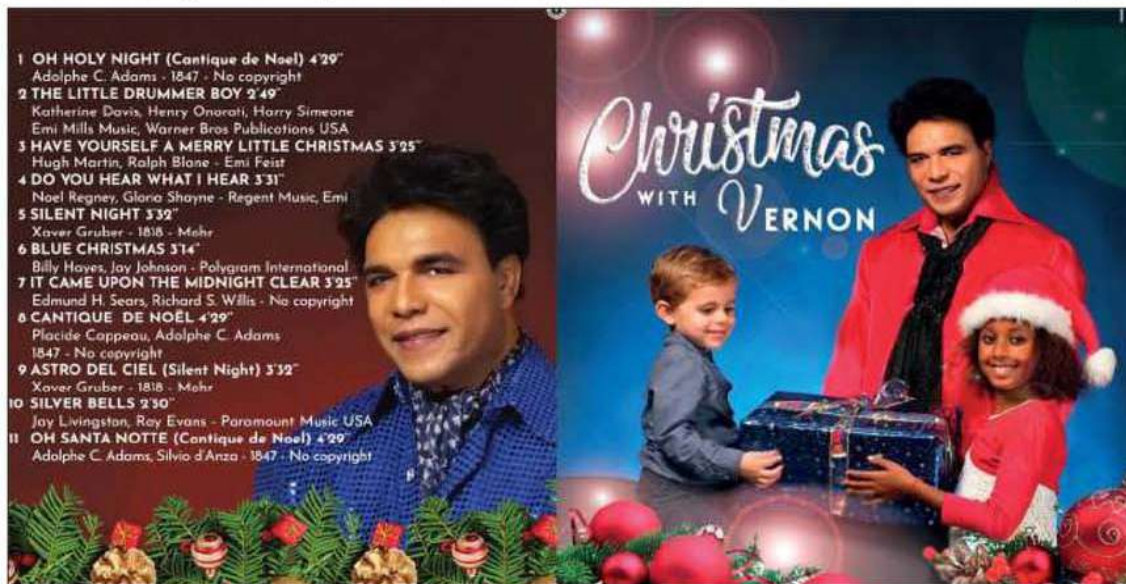
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Court of Justice in the Dominican Republic has rejected an appeal by the Bávaro International Airport (AIB), affirming a ruling that deemed the airport’s construction harmful to the collective interest and ordered its cessation. The decision, led by judges Manuel Alexis Read Ortiz, Manuel Herrera Carbuccia, and Anselmo Alejandro Bello, upholds the ruling of the Second Chamber of the Superior Administrative Court. The Supreme Court found no faults in the TSA’s decision to reject a contentious appeal against the Civil Aviation Institute’s (IDAC) decision. This unanimous decision by the magistrates effectively legitimizes IDAC’s action, which prevents the AIB’s project development. The sentence, issued on December 22, noted the absence of the interested party in presenting a defense or relevant documentation, despite being summoned multiple times.

This absence was considered a fault on their part. Miguel Valerio, representing the Corporación Aeroportuaria del Este, owner of the Punta Cana International Airport, stated that the Supreme Court’s decision aligns with previous criticisms of the project’s approval process and even disavows an Executive Branch decree approving the AIB project.

The ruling, being final and unappealable, establishes the prohibition of the Bávaro International Airport’s construction. [Dominican Today]



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The Sunny Side Up



Through the Lens of The Sunny Side



BVI Spring Regatta Displayed VI Culture

The just concluded 51st BVI Spring Regatta and Sailing Festival, prominently depicted elements of Virgin Islands culture and cultural arts.

Pictured: BVI Heritage Dancers (GIS Photo)

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Divas On A Dime

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The DYAS Industrial Bowling League concluded its thrilling season last evening with a remarkable display of sportsmanship and skill. The championship event, held at the Save the Seed Energy Centre, saw the culmination of weeks of intense competition, as numerous teams vied for the coveted title.

In a nail-biting finale, SSB Investors emerged as the champions of the DYAS Industrial Bowling League 2024, showcasing exceptional talent and teamwork throughout the season. Their victory was a testament to their dedication and prowess on the lanes.

The competition was fierce, with teams from across the industrial sector participating in the league. Treasure Isle secured the second-place position, while RTW Fuzion Delight claimed the third-place spot, highlighting the depth of talent in the league.

Notably, NBVI King Pins clinched the fourth-place position, boasting the highest pinfall in a game. Additionally, they were crowned Zone A Champions, further solidifying their dominance on the lanes.

Individual performances were also celebrated, with several players

demonstrating outstanding skills. Chantelle McLennon stood out with an impressive record, earning titles for the most strikes in the league, most pinfall in a game, and most strikes in Zone A. Drexel Glasgow's stellar performance earned him the title of League Most Valuable Player, along with numerous other accolades, including most points and strikes in Zone A.

TW Fuzion Delight emerged as the Zone B Champions, with Karen Gordon leading the charge with the most strikes and points in Zone B. Intershore claimed the title of Zone C Champions, with Patra Stoutt securing the most points in the zone. Among the standout performers in Zone C were Jessi Wheatley, who earned the title of Rookie of the League Female, and Aaron John and Jerome Faulkner, who tied for the most strikes in the zone. Franklyn Penn Jr. was recognized as the Rookie Male of the league, highlighting the emergence of new talent in the sport. Individual achievements were also celebrated, with KB Alphonse, Drexel Glasgow, and Tom Richardson achieving the most strikes in a game. KB Alphonse further distinguished himself with the most points in a game, showcasing exceptional skill and precision on the lanes.



LadyburdTalks...

Dear Readers: April is Child Abuse Awareness Month
Ten Ways to Help Prevent Child Abuse (2of 2)

6. **Help to develop parenting resources at your local library.**
 Find out whether your local library has parenting resources, and if it does not, offer to help obtain some.
7. **Promote programs in school.**
 Teaching children, parents, and teachers prevention strategies can help to keep children safe.
8. **Monitor your child's television, video, and internet viewing/usage.**
 Excessively watching violent films, TV programs, and videos can harm young children.
9. **Volunteer at a local child abuse prevention program.**
 For information about volunteer opportunities, contact your local Prevent Child Abuse Awareness Group. .
10. **Report suspected abuse or neglect.**
 If you have reason to believe a child has been or may be harmed, call your local department of children and family services or your local police department.

Source: <https://preventchildabuse.org/resources/ten-ways-to-help-prevent-child-abuse/>



LIGHT BULB MOMENTS

"When you put love out in the world it travels, and it can touch people and reach people in ways that we never even expected." —

Laverne Cox

Poetry Corner

The Will To Win

If you want a thing bad enough
 To go out and fight for it,
 Work day and night for it,
 Give up your time and your peace and
 your sleep for it
 If only desire of it
 Makes you quite mad enough
 Never to tire of it,
 Makes you hold all other things tawdry
 and cheap for it
 If life seems all empty and useless without it
 And all that you scheme and you dream is about it,
 If gladly you'll sweat for it,
 Fret for it, Plan for it,
 If you'll simply go after that thing that you want.
 With all your capacity,
 Strength and sagacity,
 Faith, hope and confidence,
 stern pertinacity,
 If neither cold poverty,
 famished and gaunt,
 Nor sickness nor pain
 Of body or brain
 Can turn you away from the thing that you want,
 If dogged and grim you besiege and beset it,
 You'll get it!

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Tickle My Funny Bones



Outstanding Bills

One day, a customer placed a huge order for numerous goods but suddenly the company realized they hadn't paid for the previous order.

Immediately, they left a voice mail saying the new order cannot be placed until the last bill has been paid.

The next morning, they opened their emails to find a reply

'We would like to cancel our order, we just can't wait that long'.

On The Uninstalled phone

Sitting behind his new desk for the first time since opening for business, a young businessman spots his first client enter the outer offices.

He picks up the phone and starts waving his hands around in the air, pretending to be deep in conversation about figures.

Finally, he puts the phone down.

'Hi, can I help you?'
 'Yes, I'm here to install...
 the phone lines'

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Ladyburd's Mail Box

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Dear Ladyburd: I have a serious problem with my boyfriend. He is a spendthrift. Ladyburd, he does not have his priority straight. He is always broke and he has a good job, for the life of me, I do not know what he spends his money on. Yet he is saying he wants us to get married. How can I marry a man like this, who is not financially responsible. I am done talking to him about this matter. Any Advice?.**Jan**

Ladyburd: Dear Jan: The red flag is all over this relationship. Remember, marriage is not going to make him financially responsible, if you married a spendthrift he will continue to be just that, and when you get married the problem is going to be compounded. So despite the fact that you think you have spoken to him enough, you have to speak with him some more, because, if this is not dealt with before you walk down the aisle. I can see where you will always be in lots of problems, can you imagine when you start having children? My advice would be look before you leap into something that you may regret.

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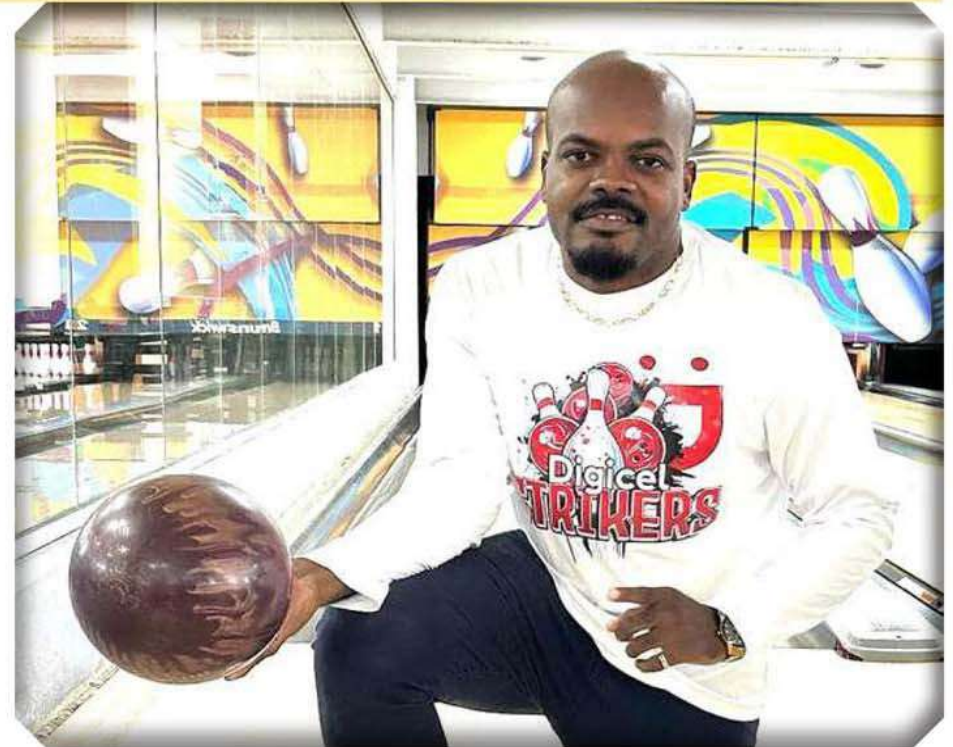
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Individual achievements were also celebrated, with KB Alphonse, Drexel Glasgow, and Tom Richardson achieving the most strikes in a game. KB Alphonse further distinguished himself with the most points in a game, showcasing exceptional skill and precision on the lanes. The DYAS Industrial Bowling League 2024 was not only a showcase of sporting excellence but also a testament to the camaraderie and spirit of competition within the industrial community. As the season came to a close, participants and spectators alike reflected on the memorable moments and eagerly anticipated the excitement of future seasons.





Artful Focaccia: A Burst of Color and Flavor in Your Kitchen

We're diving into the world of focaccia bread, a beloved staple in Italian cuisine. Its simplicity in ingredients and preparation make it a favorite for home cooks. From its pillowy texture to its golden crust, every bite of focaccia is divine.

Is working with yeast dough new to you? If so, this recipe is an excellent starting point. It's amazingly easy and makes you look like a culinary maestro!

Topping focaccia with garlic, flaky sea salt and lots of olive oil is classic, but why stop there when we can transform focaccia into a work of edible art? It's just fun to create beautiful designs that are both appetizing and beautiful.

You'll want to mix this dough the night before you want to bake it. It takes literally five minutes. An overnight proof in the fridge gives it flavor and a lovely airy interior with a chewy crust.

PERFECTLY EASY FOCACCIA

Yield: 22 (2-x-2-inch) servings

Prep Time: 5 minutes

Rising Time: 8 to 24 hours

Bake Time: 25 minutes

4 cups all-purpose flour

2 teaspoons kosher salt

1 teaspoon white sugar

2 1/4 teaspoons instant yeast (1 packet)

2 cups warm tap water

4 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, plus more for hands
Butter, for the pan

To make the dough:

First, make sure your large bowl can fit in your fridge!
(Ask me how I know this.)

In the bowl of your stand mixer, or a mixing bowl, combine flour, salt, sugar and instant yeast. Add the warm water (it should be around 110 F). Using your stand mixer

with the dough hook, or a sturdy wooden spoon and your stalwart arms, mix until all the flour is totally incorporated. There shouldn't be any pockets of dry flour.

FIRST RISE:

Pour 4 tablespoons olive oil into a big bowl (that will fit in your refrigerator). Transfer the dough to the bowl, turning to coat all sides with olive oil. Tuck edges of dough underneath to form a round. Cover the bowl with plastic wrap or a damp towel and place it in the fridge. Refrigerate until dough is doubled in size for at least 8 hours and up to 24 hours. The longer it rests, the better the flavor.

If you're in a hurry, this can rise at room temperature until it doubles in size, 3 to 4 hours.

SECOND RISE:

Generously butter a 9-by-13-by-2-inch baking pan for thicker focaccia, or an 18-by-13-by-1-inch rimmed half sheet pan for thinner focaccia.

Gently transfer the dough to the pan, adding any oil left in the bowl. The dough should be cold.

Let the dough rise, uncovered, in a warm spot (like on top of the fridge) until doubled in size, at least 2 hours and up to 4 hours.

To bake:

Preheat oven to 450 F (232 C) with a rack positioned in the center of the oven.

With oiled fingers, using both hands, press down to make deep dimples that go all the way through the dough, (like you're angry at a piano). Gently stretch out dough to fill the pan if necessary.

To decorate:

You can use a variety of toppings, including green onion, red onions, asparagus, peppers, tomatoes, herbs, edible flowers, greens, etc. Create flowers, holiday designs or abstract patterns, the possibilities are endless. Lightly coat the toppings with olive oil, pressing into the dough and sprinkle with kosher salt.

Bake for 22 to 28 minutes, until the top is golden and the undersides are crisp. Allow it to cool slightly before serving. Enjoy!

Whether you're hosting a gathering or indulging in culinary creativity, scrumptious focaccia is sure to impress.



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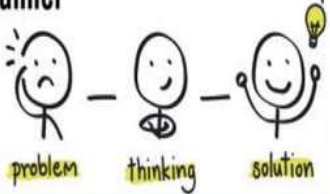
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POLICE NEWS

ARREST BLOTTER

BURGLARY

1. On 12-03-2024 at 1712 hrs., Police arrested and charged Deron Antoine, 30, of Ballast Bay, with four counts of Burglary.
2. On 24-03-2024 at 1120 hrs., Police arrested and charged Marvin Gumbs, 47, of no fixed place of abode with Theft.
3. On 25-03-2024 at 1844 hrs., Police arrested and charged Wendy Hendricks, 60, of Jost Van Dyke, with Theft. She was granted bail in the sum of \$5,000 to appear at Magistrate's Court on 01-05-2024.

On 27-03-2024 at 0928 hrs., Police arrested and charged Alex Moore, 29, of Johnson's Ghut, with Burglary, Handling Stolen Goods, and Giving False Information to the Police. He was granted bail in the sum of \$10,000 to appear at Magistrate's Court on 25-04-2024.

THEFT

On 21-03-2024 at 0925 hrs., Police arrested and charged Romaine Baird, 34, of Pasea Estate, with Theft, Obtaining Property by Deception, and Possession of Proceeds of Criminal Conduct. He was granted bail in the sum of \$40,000 to appear at the Magistrate's Court on 25-04-2024.

DRUNKENNESS WHEN IN CHARGE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE

On 06-03-2024 at 1712 hrs., Police arrested and charged Triston Creque, of Litle Dix Hill, with Drunkenness When in Charge of a Motor Vehicle.

ASSAULT OCCASIONING ACTUAL BODILY HARM

1. On 01-03-2024 at 1040 hrs., Police arrested and charged Hannif Allen, 33, with Assault Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm and Inflicting Grievous Bodily Harm.
2. On 15-03-2024 at 0216 hrs., Police arrested and charged Nasyan Fredrick, 27, of Little Dix Hill, with Assault Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm. He was granted bail in the sum of \$5,000 to appear at the Magistrate's Court on 29-04-2024.
3. On 22-03-2024 at 1710 hrs., Police arrested and charged Kayaba George, 25, of The Valley, Virgin Gorda, with Assault Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm, Armed with an Offensive Weapon, Taking Conveyance without Authority.

CRIMINAL DAMAGE

1. On 05-03-2024 at 2125 hrs., Police arrested and charged Janelle Smith-Haywood, 43, of Windy Hill, Virgin Gorda, with three counts of Criminal Damage. She was granted bail in the sum of \$5,000 to appear at the Magistrate's Court on 16-04-2024.
2. On 26-03-2024 at 1508 hrs., Police arrested and charged a 14-year-old of Virgin Gorda with Criminal Damage. He was granted bail in the sum of \$5,000 to appear at the Magistrate's Court on 27-05-2024.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED DRUG

1. On 02-03-2024 at 1532 hrs., Police arrested and charged Quentin Noel, 19, of Purcell Estate, with Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Drug.
2. On 02-03-2024 at 1802 hrs., Police arrested and charged Seantroy Hanley, 36, of Fat Hog's Bay, with two counts of Keeping a Firearm without a License, two counts of Unlawful Possession of Explosives, two counts of Possession of a Controlled Drug and two counts of Possession of a Controlled Drug with intent to supply.
3. On 02-03-2024 at 1800 hrs., Police arrested and charged Jahkeema Charles, 32, of Fat Hog's Bay, with two counts of Keeping a Firearm without a License, two counts of Unlawful Possession of Explosives, two counts of Possession of a Controlled Drug and two counts of Possession of a Controlled Drug with intent to supply. She was granted bail in the sum of \$40,000 to appear at the Magistrate's Court on 18-04-2024.

ASSAULT ON POLICE

1. On 18-03-2024 at 1904hrs., Police arrested and charged David Todman, 42, of Fahie Hill, for Assault on Police, Indecent Language, Resisting Arrest, Disorderly Conduct in a Police Station, Driving an Uninsured Vehicle, Driving an Unlicensed Vehicle, and Keeping for us an Unlicensed Vehicle. He was granted bail in his own recognizance to appear at the Magistrate's Court on 02-05-2024.

THIS WEEK IN CORRUPTION

TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL DEEPLY CONCERNED OVER BRAZILIAN SUPREME COURT'S INVESTIGATION ORDER

Transparency International strongly denounces the unjust retaliations it is facing in response to its anticorruption work in Brazil. The situation has escalated to a disturbing level following the Supreme Court minister's order to initiate an investigation against Transparency International, based on unfounded allegations.

Minister Dias Toffoli's decision comes a week after Transparency International's publication of its 2023 Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI), which highlighted setbacks in Brazil's fight against corruption. Transparency International's analysis specifically pointed to the minister's recent

decision to invalidate all evidence from the Odebrecht leniency agreement and suspend the multimillion-dollar fine for large-scale corruption schemes against this construction group, now known as Novonor, and J&F investment, parent company of JBS - the world's largest producer of beef and chicken.

It is regrettable to witness legal action founded on groundless accusations and false information, suppressing civil society's efforts to expose corruption and the unchecked influence of the powerful.

These baseless attacks, stemming from inaccurate claims and false information, assert that Transparency International received funds from the leniency agreements following Operation Car Wash - a corruption probe that exposed a massive corruption scheme

within Brazilian state-owned enterprises nearly a decade ago.

Transparency International has never received, nor would it ever have any managerial role over any funds from such agreements. Our organisation, our Brazilian chapter, and Brazilian authorities have consistently

refuted these false claims. Despite the readily available information, smear campaigns continue unabated and are, in fact, intensifying.

François Valérien, Chair of Transparency International, said:

"We express our full confidence in and support for our Brazilian chapter in



the face of yet another attack. It is noteworthy that this investigation request coincided with the publication of the Corruption Perceptions Index a week before. The publication was accompanied by strong criticism from the Brazilian chapter, highlighting the judiciary's decisions that have perpetuated widespread impunity for large-scale corruption schemes affecting numerous countries. These attacks underscore the crucial role of Transparency International's work in Brazil to keep power in check. We will not be intimidated, and our commitment to speak out against corruption remains steadfast."

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KOVELS ANTIQUES AND COLLECTING



*The embroidered figures on this 17th-century box were made with a technique called stumpwork that shows the embroiderer's advanced skill.
[Photo: Kovels.com]*

By Terry and Kim Kovel

Embroidered Textiles

Textiles are fragile and need special care. Dust, light, insects and moisture can damage them. Antique textiles in good condition are rare and often sell for high prices.

This needlepoint casket was made about 1660 in England and sold for \$17,920, nearly three times its low estimate, at Morphy Auctions. A closer look shows that the colorful people, plants and animals stitched onto the fabric are three-dimensional, making the stitching even more complex. This tricky technique, called stumpwork, required padding the stitches to make the designs stand out.

All forms of embroidery, including stumpwork, were popular in England throughout the 1600s. Richly embroidered textiles and the items made from them grew more popular as more people could afford them. Many surviving examples of embroidery, including some museum-quality pieces, were made by amateurs, probably girls or young women. Girls would learn embroidery at a young age and practice their stitches with samplers, another popular collectible. Elaborately embroidered boxes like these may have been projects for girls learning embroidery to show their mastery of the skill.

Q: You had an article about a "Back to the Future" VHS tape selling for thousands of dollars. What auction houses or other outlets might be interested in buying or selling VHS tapes or LPs?

A: The VHS tape that sold for a record \$75,000 was a sealed copy of the original 1985 film from a collection owned by Tom Wilson, who played "Biff" in the film. Factors contributing to the high price include the popularity of the film and the actor who owned the tape. Desirability, rarity and condition determine price. An unopened or sealed copy is more valuable than a used copy. Most VHS tapes sell for less than \$10. Vinyl records have become popular again. Many are worth less than a dollar, but sought-after albums, including those from the 1960s and '70s, are worth more. You can find prices online for both VHS tapes and LPs by searching sites like valueyourmusic.com or discogs.com. Look for "sold" prices on eBay. There are stores that buy and sell old VHS tapes and LPs. They can tell you which ones are worth more than a few dollars. They'll give you about half what they expect to sell them for.

TIP: The best way to store plates is vertically in a rack. If you don't have space, store them with pads between the dishes.

CURRENT PRICES

Cane, carved figure of fisherman with net, crustacean and fish, varnished wood, resin and green stone accents, D.P. Dahlquist, 20th century, 37 1/2 inches, \$190.

Advertising sign, Perrier, c'est fou (it's crazy), stylized woman's face with bottles as eyes, wild yellow hair, red ground, heavy paper, linen backing, signed by artist Bernard Villemot, holes for hanging at top, 1970s-1980s, 26 x 18 inches, \$685.

Stoneware jug, cobalt blue bird and flowers, stamped White's Utica, bulbous, tapered, two high curled handles, marked at top, 5 gallons, 17 inches, \$1,375.

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COMMENTARY

Value and Supply Chains

By Dickson Igwe



Dickson Igwe

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Follow the capital trail through the behavior of the capital mix and its value supply chains.

It is important to assess how much of the Capital Mix

– wealth generating assets in the Virgin Islands- with its associated supply and value chains, is in public hands or government, and how much is in the private sector, including non-profit organizations.

What capital assets do alien interests own? How does capital respond to specific actions from managers and investors? How does the local culture affect the mix? The capital mix decides the nature, scope, and direction of the Virgin Islands economy and wider society. The effective management of capital drives national

prosperity.

OK. The optimum use of capital: land, human resources and technology in terms of employment and management opportunities for natives, and profit share for local investors and businesspersons is crucial for economic prosperity. Are the Virgin Islands value and supply chains – the stages in the flow of capital from input to output, adding value as it gets to the consumer? Is the capital mix appropriately defined, and adopted by government and stakeholders, to increase national output, or GDP and national revenue?

Can the country's wealth generating assets – capital mix-be accurately valued? Is there a method of valuation? Which sector – identified by its own unique capital mix- of the economy, for example, tourism, financial services, agriculture and internal market, has potential to increase in value through added human effort? What value and supply chains offer greater revenues to their various sectors? One factor of the country's wealth generating assets is the increase in revenues earned from various sectors of the economy from quarter to quarter and from the value and supply chains within

those sectors. A sector is composed of value and supply chains: in effect the businesses and organizations that operate in the sector and the various stages from start to finish of providing a product or service.

Especially important is how these value and supply chains rise in value as they move through the different stages of production or service, up until a product or service is in the marketplace. That flow of capital decides the nature, scope, and productivity of the Virgin Islands economy.

Dickson Igwe

RDA Celebrates Six Years of Sustainable Development & Impact

The Virgin Islands Recovery and Development Agency (RDA), a statutory body dedicated to driving sustainable development and positive impact in project implementation, fundraising and capacity development, proudly celebrates its sixth anniversary.

The Government of the Virgin Islands created the RDA with the passage of the Virgin Islands Recovery and Development Agency Act (No. 1 of 2018). The Act was passed by the House of Assembly, and gazetted on 16th April, 2018.

Today, on its sixth anniversary, the RDA will proudly handover its 43rd project activity to the Government of the Virgin Islands: The Virgin Islands

Law Enforcement Marine Base.

Established with a vision to help lead the Territory's recovery following the devastation caused by Hurricanes Irma and Maria, the RDA has remained steadfast in its commitment to excellence, through its diverse portfolio of projects and initiatives.

From - Government Administration-Buildings on the Sister Islands to the re-engineered Fish Bay and Ballast Bay roads; from the commissioning of three reservoir projects to the restoration of the Anthonie Jeffrey Caines Sports Arena; from the completion of the JVD Primary and the new Elmore Stoutt High School to

capacity development of 25 interns and 16 procurement workshops; the RDA has consistently delivered projects and services that redefine possibilities.

The full list of completed project activities can be found in Table 9 of the RDA's monthly reports, produced every month and shared on BVIRecovery.vg.

Anthony McMaster, CEO of the RDA said, "As we commemorate our 6th anniversary, we reflect on the incredible journey that has brought us to this moment. We are immensely proud of the achievements we have accomplished thus far in support of the Government of the Virgin Islands. That

said, our journey is far from over. With unwavering dedication and a relentless pursuit, we look forward to shaping the future and continuing to make a meaningful difference in the Virgin Islands."

Since the RDA's formation in April 2018, the Agency has continued to be a key development partner of the Government of the Virgin Islands, working to deliver its three-pronged mandate of project implementation, fundraising and capacity building.

Infrastructure investments have been made across five distinct sectors and 13 subsectors, guided by the Recovery to Development

Plan (RDP). At the end of 2023, the Virgin Islands Recovery and Development Agency (Amendment and Validation) Act, 2023, extended the life of the RDA to 31st December 2026. Over the next few years of a renewed mandate, the RDA looks forward to a continued working partnership with Central-Government towards the accomplishment of important development outcomes for the people of the Territory. This will build on the agency's vision for a Stronger, Smarter, Greener and Better Virgin Islands.

For more information about the RDA and its projects, visit BVIRecovery.vg.

Caribbean News / Regional News

Trinidad and Tobago to host Regional Conference on West Indies Cricket



West Indies (CWI) and territorial boards to strategically advance the sport in all its formats: Tests, One Day Internationals and T20s. The conference will be chaired by Dr. the Honourable Keith Rowley, Prime Minister of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and Chairman of the CARICOM Prime Ministerial Sub-Committee on Cricket.

This intervention stems from the 46th Regular Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of CARICOM, where it was agreed that Trinidad and Tobago would host the event, which will explore the business trajectory of the sport and emphasise collaborative efforts toward cricket development and promotion. The Conference will include all relevant agencies, organisations, cricketing legends, former and current players, clubs, coaches and administrators.

Key topics to be discussed during the two-day conference include the: Strategic Direction of West Indies Cricket Development of CricketFinance and Commercial Considerations Fan Engagement Cricket and Tourism. Interested individuals are invited to participate in this event by logging on to CARICOM's social media platforms: @caricomorg.

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CARICOM Secretariat, Turkeyen, Greater Georgetown,

Guyana - Tuesday, 16 April 2024: The Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago are set to host a pivotal Regional Conference on West Indies Cricket. Scheduled for 25 -26 April 2024, the event will take place at the Hyatt Regency in Trinidad and Tobago.

Themed "Reinvigorating West Indies Cricket – A Symposium for Strategic Collaboration and Innovation," the conference aims to foster a collaborative environment to secure the commitment of CARICOM Governments, Cricket

Remarks by Dr. Carla N. Barnett, CARICOM Secretary-General at the Opening of the Sub-Regional Dialogue on National Biodiversity Strategies

(CARICOM Secretariat, Turkeyen, Greater Georgetown, Guyana - Monday, 15 April 2024)

* Honourable Vickram Bharrat, M.P., Minister of Natural Resources of Guyana;

* Representatives of Caribbean Governments;

* Representatives of Regional and International Organisations;

* Mr. Joseph Cox, Assistant Secretary General, Economic Integration, Innovation and Development and other members of staff of the CARICOM

Secretariat;

* Special invitees;

* Distinguished Delegates;

I am pleased to welcome you to Georgetown, Guyana, the home of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat, and specifically, to this important Dialogue on the Global Biodiversity Framework.

The 2022 United Nations (UN) Biodiversity Conference in Montreal underscored that biodiversity is the foundation of the global economy. It is estimated that more than half of

global economic output is dependent on the healthy functioning of global biodiversity systems. In our Caribbean Region, the economic, social and environmental characteristics of our countries, make us particularly dependent on healthy ecosystems.

CARICOM Member States are richly blessed with natural and environmental resources. However, we remain particularly vulnerable to biodiversity loss, climate change, and pollution. Although CARICOM countries are not major emitters, we bear the inordinate

burden of the impact of the emissions of others. Historically, deforestation, land degradation, and air and water pollution put the Region's rich biodiversity, including its endemic flora and fauna at risk.

As Small Island and Low-lying Coastal Developing States (SIDS), we are constantly reminded of the challenges to our sustainable development. Because the solutions to many of our challenges do not lie only in our hands, we remain engaged with our international partners, discussing, negotiating and advocating for global changes that are critical to the survival of all on this planet.

We do this in the context of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) negotiations, as part of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS), as well as in international biodiversity discussions. We are determined to lead by example, wherever we can, in efforts to tackle global challenges.

Ladies and gentlemen, there are ongoing significant regional initiatives in this regard.

For example, the Region has articulated its first Caribbean Community Environment and Natural Resources Policy Framework. This is to be formally launched at the Fourth International Conference on Small Island Developing States (SIDS) scheduled for 27-30 May 2024, in St. John's, Antigua and Barbuda.

This Policy Framework, which has been approved by Environment Ministers, is designed to serve as the umbrella policy for the sustainable management and use of the Community's environmental and natural resources. The Framework acknowledges the vital role that land, air, water and oceans play in sustaining the economic, social and environmental development of the Community.

The Framework also provides the basis on which a Caribbean Community Biodiversity Strategy, aligned to the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, is being finalised for Ministerial approval. The Strategy will guide our Member States and development partners towards harmonised action for the management, conservation, and fair and sustainable use of the Region's biodiversity resources.

Secondly, the Region has been implementing Vision 25 by 2025, our comprehensive strategy to reduce the near US\$6B food import bill in CARICOM as we focus on building food and nutrition security. The Region is taking action to strengthen food production, improve intra-regional trade, and create wealth and economic opportunity within the agriculture sector in every CARICOM Member State. Biodiversity is critically integrated into food security through agricultural production, mitigating the negative effects of pollution, increasing crop production, and supporting nutrient cycling.

Thirdly, CARICOM has played a very constructive role in the successful

completion of the negotiation of the new High Seas Treaty on Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ). The CARICOM grouping negotiated en bloc, and led in the negotiations on Marine Genetic Resources and Cross-Cutting Issues. We continue to coordinate as a Region as we move to expand the signature, ratification and implementation of the Treaty. As we do so, we applaud the Government of Belize which became the first CARICOM country to ratify the BBNJ Agreement, setting the pace for wider Caribbean engagement.

Ladies and gentlemen,

While we are proud of what we have accomplished so far, we remain acutely aware that implementation requires adequate human resources, training and capacity building, research, technology transfer and development, and most importantly, adequate and accessible financing. Partnerships and cooperation remain critical to the implementation of the Region's policies and programmes.

In this regard, CARICOM reiterates its appreciation to the European Union (EU), the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS) Secretariat, and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), for their support for CARICOM's regional environmental initiatives. We look forward to a continued and expanded partnership.

In this regard, I wish to highlight the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Multilateral Environmental Agreements Project, funded by the EU and UNEP. This initiative has allowed the CARICOM Secretariat to be the coordinator of the Caribbean hub of this Project. In fact, the Project team collaborated closely with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, and the Government of Guyana, to ensure that together, we could successfully prepare for and host this week's Dialogue.

Commitments such as the ACP Multilateral Environmental Agreements Project empower key stakeholders to address environmental challenges, and reap the benefits of improved environmental management at the national and regional levels. Given the impact made and the prospects for greater results, it is critical that this work continue.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

During this week, governments, international organisations, indigenous peoples, local communities, non-governmental organisations and other stakeholder groups in the Region are all at this table to address our critical challenges.

My expectation is that this rich mix of participants, experience, and expertise will yield excellent exchanges while addressing common challenges and proposing solutions. I urge your active engagement as you deliberate on how we protect and restore nature, prosper with nature, share benefits fairly, invest and collaborate.

I wish you a productive meeting. Thank you very much.

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US works on 'comprehensive response' on Iran, urges Israel to exercise restraint

WASHINGTON — The United States said it is working with allies on a coordinated response to Iran's drone and missile strikes on Israeli soil over the weekend. At the same time, it continues to urge Israel to exercise restraint and avoid igniting a wider regional conflict.

President Joe Biden is "coordinating with allies and partners, including the Group of Seven, and with bipartisan leaders in Congress, on a comprehensive response," national security adviser Jake Sullivan said in a statement.

The U.S. will impose new sanctions targeting Iran in the coming days, Sullivan said, including its missile and drone program and against entities supporting the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps and Iran's Defense Ministry.

The U.S. will bolster the integration of air and missile defense and early warning systems across the Middle East, he added. Biden aides have repeatedly called for de-escalation. The president "does not want to see a war with Iran. Don't want to see the conflict widen or deepen," White House national security spokesman John Kirby told reporters Tuesday.

Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has vowed to retaliate, but Israeli officials have not said how or when they might strike.

"We will choose our response accordingly," said Lieutenant General Herzl Halevi, Israel's military chief.

A direct Israeli strike on Iranian soil would amount to another significant escalation, with Tehran already pledging a much harsher response to such a counterattack.

Tehran launched more than 300 drones, ballistic missiles and cruise missiles, most of them intercepted by the Israeli military with the help

of the U.S. and regional allies, causing only minor damage to an Israeli base. That suggests Iran may have calibrated the strikes to limit casualties or telegraphed advanced notice, which the White House denies.

Israel's counterstrike will likely target Iranian soil without killing civilians, said Jonathan Rynhold, head of the Political Studies Department at Israel's Bar-Ilan University.

"And it would not seek to publicly hit any very obvious public symbolic buildings of the regime," he told VOA. "That could embarrass the regime and make them feel that they need to escalate it further."

Rynhold said that the Iranian strikes were "very, very carefully calculated," and predicted that a potential Israeli counterattack would be similarly calibrated. Still, they could easily lead to dangerous miscalculation, he said.

Israel could opt for covert operations targeting Iranian officials. Or it could launch a cyberattack, said Gregory Hatcher of White Knight Labs, a cybersecurity consultancy firm.

"If I was Israel, I would stick with the normal cyber warfare playbook that they've been using for the better part of the last 15 years, starting with Stuxnet in 2010," he told VOA.

Under a joint operation, Israel and the U.S. created Stuxnet malware and injected it into an Iranian nuclear facility that "made the centrifuges spin uncontrollably and destroyed millions of dollars and slowed down the nuclear capabilities of Iran," Hatcher said.

Iran said its Saturday strikes were in retaliation for an Israeli airstrike earlier this month on its diplomatic building in Damascus, Syria, that killed seven Iranian military advisers, including two generals.

Pressure on Netanyahu

Netanyahu is facing intense

international pressure to bring Israel's war in Gaza to an end and immense domestic pressure to free the hostages held by Hamas.

Israel's war with Hamas began when the militant Palestinian group attacked Israel on Oct. 7, killing 1,200 people and taking more than 240 hostages. Israel's response has killed nearly 34,000 Palestinians, according to the Health Ministry in Gaza. Many humanitarian organizations have warned of famine.

Some international leaders are accusing Netanyahu of intentionally escalating tensions with Iran. This includes Ayman Safadi, the foreign minister of Jordan, a U.S. ally that helped protect Israel from Tehran's attacks.

"It's no secret that Netanyahu's policy aims to expand the conflict to relieve the growing pressure on him globally as a result of the killing, war and destruction he is doing in Gaza," Safadi said Tuesday.

Turkey, a NATO member, has also placed blame on Israel.

"The main one responsible for the tension that gripped our hearts on the evening of April



A member of the Israeli military stands next to an Iranian ballistic missile which fell in Israel on the weekend, during a media tour at the Julis military base near the southern Israeli city of Kiryat Malachi on April 16, 2024.

13 is Netanyahu and his bloody administration," -Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said Tuesday, echoing de-escalation calls by regional and Western leaders.

Israel has neither confirmed nor denied the Damascus attack and has not responded to the accusations from Jordan and Turkey.

It's unclear whether Netanyahu will heed calls to de-escalate as he calculates a response that satisfies far-right members of his government and his own political instincts, said Barbara

Slavin, distinguished fellow at the Stimson Center.

"He has always wanted to attack Iran, in particular to go after the Iranian nuclear sites. He may see this as his last opportunity to defeat all of Israel's enemies — Hezbollah, Iran, you name it," she told VOA. "And who will stop him? I'm very, very worried about that."

Whatever option Netanyahu decides on, Biden has told him the U.S. will not participate in Israel's counterattack.

Begum Erzos of VOA's Turkish Service contributed to this report

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SPORTS

Gumbs twins continue rewriting record books with personal bests

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

TRACK & FIELD

Northwestern State strongmen twin brothers Djimon and Diamante Gumbs continued their assault on the school's All Time List, with personal best performances on Saturday.

With the best series of his career, Djimon had four throws well beyond his 19.35m (63'6") indoor and 19.24m(63'1½") outdoor bests Shot Put, in the Leon Johnson Invitational on his home track. In the process, he claimed the facility record, meet record and improved his own school record, narrowly missing the coveted 20m Shot Put barrier by 4cms, with his 19.96m (65'6") third round personal best heave.

He followed up with throws of 19.74m (64'9 ¼"), 19.62m (64'4½") and 19.49m (63'11½"), to lead a 1-2 finish with Diamante, who had a season's best 17.04m (55'11").

"This weekend was nothing short of amazing," Djimon told Island Sun Sports, after his mark moved him to No 2 on the All Time OECS List, behind the BVI's Eldred Henry's 21.49m (70'5¾").

"Everything just lined up for that moment. Training went well coming off a heavy cycle; I hit some personal bests in the weight room. I was just feeling good going through it, stuck with the plan—no better way than doing it on home soil—so I was just happy to come away with a personal best."

Djimon said he had a few miscues feeding off the energy of his teammates, his coach and everyone supporting him and was happy with how things went. "I wasn't really paying attention to the series until I saw the results and I was like 'wow.' I had four throws over 19m and they were all over my personal best and once that happens, it's a good thing," he said.

Djimon had to settle for 2nd behind personal best Diamante's Discus Throw of 57.42m (188'10") with 56.10m (184'0").

He said that he's at a point in his Discus development where they're trying to figure some things out technically. Djimon, who has a 62.77m (205'11") personal best said that 56m is not really 'a bad day' and he'll take it.

"It has been a bit rocky, but I'm still fighting, still waiting for things to come together so that I could really get that big one," he said. "I often tell people and myself, if you don't want to go through a rough moment, then you don't deserve the good moments that come. Right now I'm just fighting through it. If



Djimon Gumbs, left and twin brother Diamante, set personal bests in the Shot Put and Discus Throw on Saturday. PHOTO: NSU Media Services

56 is a bad day for me, then I'll take it."

Djimon said that his brother's Discus Throw performance—with his winner coming on the last attempt—wasn't a surprise as he's been improving every meet. "I knew 56 wouldn't have won the competition—although I was leading from rounds 1-5, he was just the better man that day and put one together on his last attempt," he reflected. "He felt the pressure from me and he knew he had to put one out there. For him to get a personal best in such an environment, it's amazing. Hats off to him."

After winning both the Discus and Hammer Throws—the latter with 58.55m (192'1") the second best mark of his career—Diamante described it as a 'successful weekend.' "To be honest, the

Hammer was a result of injuring my wrist and not being able to do much Shot Put, allowed me to focus on Hammer and Discus, but I really wanted to get the three turns down in the Hammer, so I did less Discus," Diamante explained. "I know my Discus would always come along—that's a technique I really can't forget—it just so happens now that I'm playing catch up in the Shot Put. I'm making good progress with that, so really, Shot Put and Discus work hand in hand because it's the same technique, but the Hammer is something completely different. Hammer is something I've been able to put more time and effort into and now the work is paying off and I'm really happy about that."

Despite pulling off the double victory, Diamante said he was

struggling in the Discus and wasn't getting some things done technically.

"On the last attempt, my brother and my teammate put one out there and I really had to lock in and compete to the best of my ability," he reflected. "I was able to put one out there—I was surprised to hear it went to 57.42m—I thought it would have been a high 56, but I really can't complain about 57, so I'm happy about that."

Sprinters

Competing in the Tom Jones Memorial Olympic Development 100m in Gainesville, Florida, Rikkoi Brathwaite ran a windy 10.22 seconds (2.5) for third in his heat and 13th overall.

In the Women's Olympic Development 200m, Beyonce deFreitas recorded a season's best 23.15 seconds (1.8), for second in her heat and seventh overall.

Runners tune up for Tortola Torture in Trident Trust 5K

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

a headwind going towards the airport," he noted. "It's a relatively flat course and there's not much of a challenge, it's just the wind and the sun."

Ricketts—who led from gate to wire—knew Farley would be his main rival and said his strategy was simply to 'keep pushing.' "He gave me some push so that was good also," Ricketts said.

This weekend, he'll run a 10-mile anchor leg as part of a team with Lennon DaBreo and Jose Banay in the 33.5 miles Tortola Torture. He will run from Georges Northside past the Prison, over to Little Mountain with a finish at Trellis Bay. The Little Mountain segment which is over a mile and a half with a steep hill isn't 'long'

he noted. "By time you get there, it's how far you're coming from," he said. "That's the only challenge. The heat and the time of the day is something else to consider but you just do your best. It's only 13 miles."

James Ramprashad was third among the males in 20:37. He was followed by: Dean Robson, 20:53. Sergio Dantas who's tuning up for a weekend Marathon in Austria, in 21:45. Curvin Andrews from Virgin Gorda ran 22:26 in eight, Jose Francisco Babay, ninth in 24:03 and 10th was Luke Saltonstall in 24:36.

Katrina "Kat" Lindsay, fifth overall, was the first woman in 20:42. 2. Priya Mattu, 24:03. 3. Rosmond Johnson, 25:42. 4. Krystal



The Trident Trust 5K Series made its third tour stop, with a start and finish on Long Bay, Beach, Beef Island

Blackman, 27:28. 5. Samantha Hollingsworth, 27:33. 6. Kay Reddy, 28:22. 7. Olga Danilova,

28:31. 8. Andrea Henchey, 29:20. 10. Louise Henderson, 29:42.

Jermaine "JJ" Ricketts led a field of 70 participants in Saturday's Trident Trust 5K tour stop on Beef Island, covering the 3.1 miles course in 18 minutes and 41 seconds, as he tuned up for this weekend's Tortola Torture's 13-mile leg as part of a team.

Julius Farley was second in 19:15, with Mark Stephenson third in 20:32.

"It was a nice run with little wind, it was cool but there was

SPORTS



The third race of the Trident Trust 5K Series tour stops on Beef Island, attracted 70 participants including a runner from Virgin Gorda



Royal Knights bowler Reno Mitteleholzer, 2nd right, is congratulated for taking his second wicket against the Vikings in rain affected match



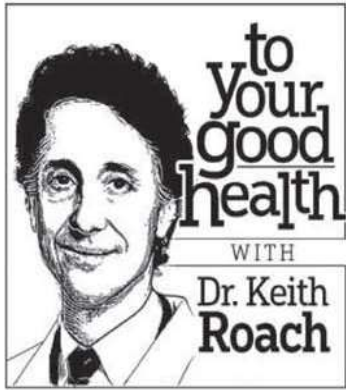
Bowlers from Vikings and Royal Knights, were caught in action during Sunday's rain shortening opening game that Royal Knights won by 72 runs



MC Dion "Ragga" Clarke, keeping the the Cricket crowd entertained with his commentary



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Vocal Cord Becomes Paralyzed After a Cold

DEAR DR. ROACH: My daughter, 45, has had a paralyzed left vocal cord for about a year now. We have been to an ear, nose and throat (ENT) doctor who ran at least a half dozen tests, including several scans. These didn't show a reason for the problem, and everything else appeared to be normal. She had a cold before this happened, and we were treating her for a lingering sore throat.

The doctor has told us that there is nothing to be done to unfreeze the vocal cord. I would love your opinion on this matter, as she has a lot of pain associated with it, and she coughs trying to get out what feels stuck in there. — K.P.

ANSWER: Paralysis of the vocal cord is often the result of damage to the nerve that leads to the vocal cord; there's one on each side. The left side is particularly vulnerable and may be damaged during surgery (especially thyroid surgery), but a big fear is that a mass (especially a cancerous one) can damage the nerve and cause paralysis of the vocal cord. This is why her doctor did a CT scan.

There are other less-common causes, such as nerve damage from other occurrences (stroke and multiple sclerosis); inflammatory diseases (lupus and others); and infections (such as Lyme disease). It sounds like the ENT doctor looked for other possibilities such as these. (But if not, then it should be done.) When a cause can't be found, we call

it "idiopathic unilateral vocal cord paralysis." This often seems to happen after a viral infection, and it sounds like your daughter might have had one. Many people with this condition get better by themselves during the first year, but now that it has been about a year for her, she isn't likely to get better without treatment.

I am not an expert in treatment, but ENT surgeons have several types of surgical interventions to improve hoarseness, cough and discomfort. It's time to go back to her ENT doctor or get referred to an expert in the surgical treatment of this condition.

DEAR DR. ROACH: If exercise helps new arteries to grow, would it also help new veins to grow and alleviate varicose veins? — M.D.

ANSWER: It's a good thought, but unfortunately, exercise does not make the body grow new arteries, which are the large blood vessels that bring oxygen-rich blood to our organs and muscles. Exercise increases the size of the arteries and can help keep them from getting stiffer with age. Exercise in combination with a good diet can also help keep them from getting blocked.

In addition, exercise can help with varicose veins, but once again, it isn't because the body grows new veins. Varicose veins are dilated veins that occur due to damage in the tiny valves inside the veins. Without those valves, the venous blood can pool under the effects of gravity, causing the veins to swell.

Exercise helps because of the pump effect of the intermittent muscle contraction, which forces blood back into the large veins and ultimately back into the heart. Exercise, compression stockings and elevation are among the most important lifestyle changes for varicose veins.

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

- It is impossible for a human to sneeze during sleep due to a bodily state called REM atonia.

- For 200 years tomatoes were considered poisonous in Europe. In reality, their acidity was dissolving poisonous metals like lead from plates.

- Scientists investigating the occasional appearance of thousands of dead fish on the banks of an African river eventually discovered that the cause was huge numbers of hippos pooping in the water.

- Actor Danny DeVito used to be a beautician.

- Ten thousand years ago, everyone's eyes were brown until someone living by the Black Sea developed a genetic mutation that turned brown eyes blue.

- In 2007, a gorilla escaped from his exhibit, grabbed and mauled a nearby woman, and then attacked a restaurant. Later it was later revealed that the woman had been making eye contact and smiling at the primate several times a week, something zookeepers had warned her not to do.

- Freelance diamond setter Raffi Stepanian found he could collect enough bits of carelessly dropped diamonds, rubies, platinum and gold on the sidewalks of New York City's Midtown Diamond District to earn a living.

- In April of 2018, scientists at the Gladstone Institutes in California completely erased Alzheimer's disease damage in human cells by altering the structure of a single protein.

- The most expensive photograph ever sold, "Rhein II," a basic picture of the lower Rhine river under an overcast sky that had been digitally altered to remove dog walkers and a factory building, was purchased in 2011 for a cool \$4.3 million.

- Research has shown that taller people are happier but shorter people live longer.

Thought for the Day: "Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter, and those who matter don't mind." — Bernard M. Baruch

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Moments in time

- On April 29, 2004, the World War II Memorial opened in Washington, D.C. The granite and bronze monument stands on 7.4 acres on the former site of the Rainbow Pool at the National Mall, between the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial.

- On April 30, 1993, tennis player Monica Seles was stabbed between the shoulder blades by Gunter Parche during a match in Hamburg. Parche, a fan of German tennis star Steffi Graf, apparently hoped that by injuring Seles, his idol would be able to regain her No. 1 ranking.

- On May 1, 1963, Gloria Steinem published the first half of "A Bunny's Tale" in SHOW magazine, recounting her brief stint as a Bunny in Manhattan's Playboy Club. Steinem's undercover reporting revealed a culture of misogyny and exploitation behind the glamorous facade of Hugh Hefner's empire.

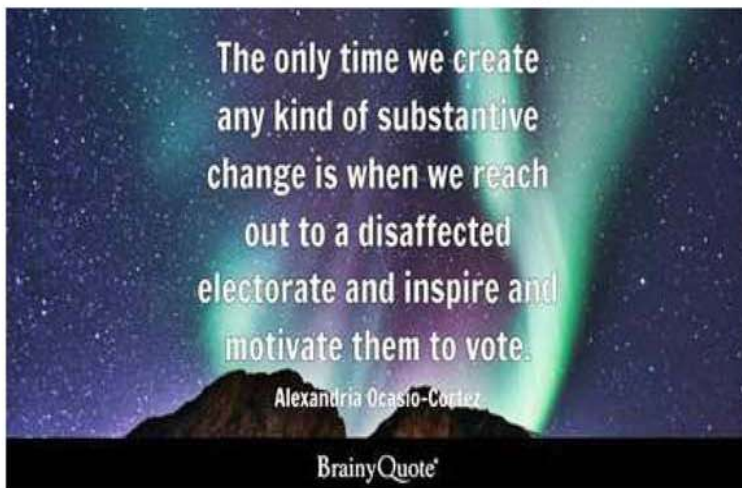
- On May 2, 1924, Patrick Mahon was arrested at London's Waterloo train station on suspicion of murder. He was executed later that year for killing his pregnant mistress, but an important innovation resulted from the crime scene: The officers, who had no gloves, were forced to handle the victim's remains with their bare hands. After the investigation, rubber gloves became standard equipment at murder scenes.

- On May 3, 1980, 13-year-old Cari Lightner of Fair Oaks, California, was walking to a church carnival when she was struck and killed by an out-of-control car driven by an intoxicated Clarence Busch. Her death led her mother, Candy Lightner, to found the organization Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), which would grow into one of the country's most influential nonprofit organizations.

- On May 4, 1776, Rhode Island, which was founded by the most radical religious dissenters from the Puritans of Massachusetts Bay Colony, became the first North American colony to renounce its allegiance to King George III. It would also be the last state to ratify the new American Constitution more than 14 years later.

- On May 5, 1816, the first published poem by John Keats, the sonnet "To Solitude", appeared in the London journal The Examiner. Keats' sadly brief but overall brilliant span of work includes "Ode on a Grecian Urn," "La Belle Dame Sans Merci" and "Ode to a Nightingale."

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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



TIGER

by BUD BLAKE



The Spats

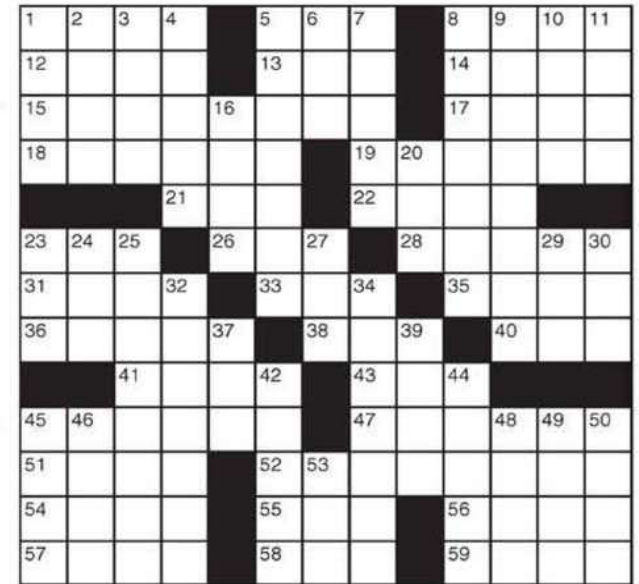
by Jeff Pickering



King Crossword

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- 12 Eventful periods
- 13 Cleric's tunic
- 14 Jared of "House of Gucci"
- 15 Persistence
- 17 Privy to
- 18 Tar
- 19 Laid down the lawn
- 21 Cattle call
- 22 Crystal gazer
- 23 Not "dis"
- 26 Scale abbr.
- 28 Impetus
- 31 Crunchy cookie
- 33 Chef Garten
- 35 Faux pas
- 36 Reddish dye
- 38 PC screen type
- 40 Salty expanse
- 41 Leave an impression?
- 43 Gear tooth
- 45 Salsa ingredient
- 47 Chopin pieces
- 51 Say it's so
- 52 Stresses
- 54 Hindu royal
- 55 911 responder
- 56 Tizzy
- 57 Sax range



- 11 Frogs' hang-out
- 16 Hip
- 20 British ref. work
- 23 Homer's cry
- 24 "Right you —!"
- 25 Multi-family dwelling
- 27 NBC week-end show
- 29 Compete
- 30 Ecol. watchdog
- 32 Toronto's province
- 34 Emphasizes
- 37 Play segment
- 39 Pixels
- 42 "Monopoly" buy
- 44 Appearance
- 45 Skater Lipinski
- 46 Ellipse
- 48 Word of warning
- 49 Author Bagnold
- 50 Bygone fliers
- 53 Punk-rock subgenre

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- 4 Sacred song
- 5 Capital of Kenya
- 6 Crunchy sandwich
- 7 Void
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- 9 Curly strands
- 10 Oklahoma tribe

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 24 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. MOVIES: Which dramatic film features the character "V"?
2. GEOGRAPHY: Luzon belongs to which island nation?
3. LANGUAGE: What is the Latin phrase for "before the war"?
4. U.S. STATES: Which state has the most national parks?
5. LITERATURE: Which 1950s novel includes the line, "Nothing behind me, everything ahead of me, as is ever so on the road."
6. CHEMISTRY: What kind of gas makes a drink bubbly?
7. TELEVISION: Which sitcom features a mom named Debra Barone?
8. MUSIC: What was the former name of the English band Muse?
9. SCIENCE: What are the gaps between nerve cells called?
10. THEATER: Who wrote the play "The Crucible"?

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Trivia Test Answers:
1. "V for Vendetta" (2005); 2. The Philippines; 3. Antebellum; 4. California, with nine; 5. "On the Road" by Jack Kerouac; 6. Carbon dioxide; 7. "Everybody Loves Raymond"; 8. Rocket Baby Dolls; 9. Synapses; 10. Arthur Miller.

HOLLYWOOD

By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- The search for 007 is over. Everyone guessed Tom Hardy, Henry Cavill, Idris Elba, and even this year's Best Actor Oscar winner, Cillian Murphy, but it's Brit-born Aaron Taylor-Johnson who will be Bond ... James Bond! However, producer Barbara Broccoli, who is overseeing the screenplay, confessed that "filming is at least two years away."

Johnson has previously starred in "Kick-Ass" (2010) and "Avengers: Age of Ultron" (2015), among others. In addition, he has completed the reboot film of the TV series "The Fall Guy," opposite Ryan Gosling and Emily Blunt (releasing May 3). He has also completed the superhero film "Kraven the Hunter" with Ariana DeBose and Russell Crowe (out on Aug. 30), as well as "Nosferatu" with Bill Skarsgard ("It") as Count Orlok, Nicholas Hoult, Lily-Rose Depp and Willem Dafoe.

Pay no attention to social media posts advertising that Matthew McConaughey and Kate Hudson will team up for a remake of "Overboard" (1987), which starred Hudson's mother, Goldie Hawn, and Kurt Russell. It was already successfully rebooted in 2018 with Anna Faris and Eugenio Derbez. McConaughey actually just wrapped "The Rivals of Amziah King" (ironically with Russell), while Hudson just completed the thriller "Shell" with Elisabeth Moss.

The legendary producing/directing team of Roger Corman (97), Brad Krevoy (68) and Joe Dante (77) are recreating "Little Shop of Halloween Horrors," with Dante directing and Corman and Krevoy producing. Among these three names, they've made titles such as "The Masque of the Red Death," "Death Race 2000," "Piranha," "The Raven," "Gremlins" and the original "The Little Shop of Horrors" (1966), with Jack Nicholson. Chris Evans, Taron Egerton and Scarlett Johansson were attached to the project back in 2020, but it became a pandemic casualty.

The FBI's finally returned Judy Garland's ruby slippers from "The Wizard of Oz," which were stolen from the Judy Garland Museum in Grand Rapids, Minnesota. Their owner, Michael Shaw, originally bought them from an MGM costumer and loaned them to the museum in 2005. The thief, 76-year-old Terry Jon Martin, broke into the museum during the first week. Due to his poor health, he's been sentenced to hospice care. These ruby slippers have been deemed in the best condition of the existing seven pairs and were held for years while the trial pended.

Imagine owning the number-one memorabilia article in the world and not having it for 20 years! Maybe Shaw felt that the ruby slippers are too hot to handle because he's now turned them over to Heritage Auctions in Dallas. The organization is sending the slippers on a whirlwind tour around the world, and on their return, they will be sold to the highest bidder, which could bring in a lot more than their estimated value of \$3.5 million.

Maybe Shaw's selling them because no matter how many times he clicked his heels, the ruby slippers never took him home!

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Aaron Taylor-Johnson
("The Fall Guy")

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ber 22) Expect to be called on once again to act as the peacemaker in a long-simmering dispute that suddenly flares up. Offer advice, but be careful to stay out of the fray.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your organizational skills help you line up your priorities so that you get things done without added pressure. The weekend could hold a special surprise.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) New ventures are favored, but don't launch yours before rechecking all the facts and sources. Also, be sure that you can rely on support from certain people.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Don't be pushed into renegotiating an agreement, even though it might help avoid a potential impasse. Get legal advice before you sign or agree to anything.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Helping others is what Aquarians do so well. But this time, someone wants to help you. Expect to hear some news that will both surprise and delight you.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Things go so swimmingly by mid-week that you're tempted to take on more tasks. Best advice: Finish what you have now, then enjoy a well-earned relaxing weekend.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your understanding of human nature helps you make wise decisions that are appreciated by all. You would make a fine judge.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A little wool-gathering is OK, but don't let that dreamy state linger beyond mid-week, when you'll want to be ready to take on new workplace responsibilities.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Love rules the week for single Bovines seeking romance. Attached pairs also find new joy in their relationships. The 29th should bring news about a business opportunity.


GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Home becomes the center of a new social whirl, as you show off your talent for hosting great parties. You can expect to impress a lot of people who've never seen this side of you.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The Moon Child might have to raise those powers of persuasion up a notch to get a still-wary colleague to agree to go along with your plans. Finding more facts to back up your position helps.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Hold off trying to fix the blame for an apparent mishandling of a work situation. A full investigation could reveal surprising facts on how and why it really happened.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your ability to see the details that others might overlook gives you an advantage in assessing an offer that possibly seems too good to be true. A trusted colleague has advice.

LIBRA (September 23 to Octo-



The Garden Bug

Groundcover plants provide dense soil cover, retard weed growth and prevent soil erosion. They can be woody or herbaceous, clumping or running, evergreen or deciduous. With many colors and textures to choose, they can define and unify a landscape, or soften hardscapes such as walks, steps and driveways. - Brenda Weaver

When selecting a ground cover, consider these choices:

- Tall or low in height
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- Moist conditions or dry
- Showy flowers or less showy
- Seasonal or evergreen

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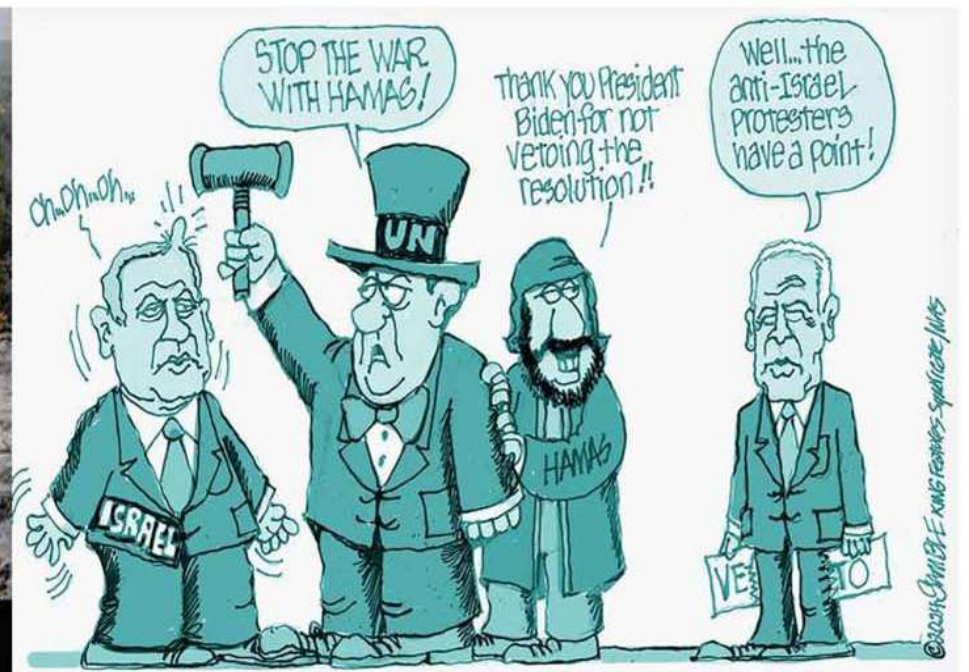
Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, "Why do you test Me, you hypocrites? Show Me the tax money." So they brought Him a denarius. And He said to them, "Whose image and inscription is this?" They said to Him, "Caesar's." And He said to them, "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

MATTHEW 22:18-21

One side of a denarius coin portraying Julius Caesar, dated 42 BCE



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Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps





EMBASSY RAID SPARKS OUTCRY: URGENT HEALING ACTION NEEDED

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.)

On April 10, the Permanent Council of the Organization of American States (OAS) passed a resolution firmly denouncing the government of Ecuador for authorising an intrusion of the Mexican Embassy in Quito by Ecuadorian police and for the use of force against diplomatic staff.



The resolution arose because, on the evening of April 5, the Ecuadorian police intruded into the Embassy to arrest a former Vice President of Ecuador, Jorge Glas, who had sought refuge in the Mexican Embassy and had been granted political asylum by the government of Mexico just hours before the raid. The police action against Glas was brutal.

Tension, between the governments of Mexico and Ecuador which already existed, escalated the day before the violation of the Mexican Embassy when the Mexican President, Andrés Manuel López Obrador, made a statement implying that the election of Ecuadorian President Daniel Noboa was influenced by the assassination of a presidential candidate, Fernando Villavicencio. President López Obrador suggested that the murder created a "rarefied atmosphere of violence" and affected the election outcome.

The Mexican President's remarks were described publicly by the Ecuadorian government as "very unfortunate", but subsequent events demonstrated that President Noboa resented the remarks more deeply. He promptly ordered that the Mexican Ambassador be declared "persona non grata" on April 4, the day before the police raid on the Mexican Embassy.

All of this was fuel for a conflict between the two governments that was already in play. The Mexican Embassy in Quito had given Jorge Glas refuge since 17 December 2023 on the basis of his claim that criminal charges against him were acts of political persecution by the Noboa government. Prior to the police violation of the Mexican Embassy, Ecuadorian authorities had sought permission from Mexico to enter the embassy and arrest Glas, who had been sentenced to six years in prison in 2017 after being found guilty of receiving bribes from the Brazilian construction firm, Odebrecht, in exchange for awarding it government

contracts.

However, Mexico did not agree.

It was in the height of these difficulties that the Ecuadorian police intruded into the Mexican Embassy to seize Glas in contravention of Article 22 of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, which underlines the sacrosanct nature of diplomatic premises and mandates the host country to protect them from any intrusion or violation.

This contravention alarmed the overwhelming majority of member states of the Organization of

American States (OAS), which rightfully regard the rights and immunities granted to diplomatic missions not as a mere legal formality, but as the bedrock of peaceful and respectful international relations. By invading the Mexican Embassy, the Ecuadorian government eroded the role of essential communication that embassies represent and the critical work of diplomatic personnel in fostering constructive relationships with host governments.

Therefore, whatever concerns the Ecuadorian government had about Mexico granting Glas political asylum, invading the Embassy, violently seizing and beating him and manhandling Embassy officials, cast the government of Ecuador squarely in the wrong.

This was not a matter other governments could overlook. It had to be condemned in order to send a strong message to the Ecuadorian government and all governments that such violations of international law are unacceptable.

Hence, on April 10, after consultations between member states, 29 of the 32 active OAS member states voted in favour of the Resolution which condemned Ecuador's action. Only Ecuador opposed, and only one country, El Salvador abstained.

Mexico was absent from the meeting, likely due to the presence at the meeting of a Vice Minister from Ecuador with which Mexico had severed diplomatic ties immediately following the assault on its Embassy.

Having rightly condemned the government of Ecuador for intruding into the Mexican Embassy, thereby violating international law and eroding a pivotal cornerstone of peaceful international relations, a continuing dispute between Mexico and Ecuador has repercussions which must be avoided in the interest of the two countries and the broader hemisphere.

The ongoing dispute between Mexico



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and Ecuador risks disrupting unanimity within the OAS's Group of 10 and could extend its divisive effects to the Latin American and Caribbean group (GRULAC) at the United Nations, potentially hampering consensus on important issues. Recognizing the critical need for resolution, the OAS resolution encourages dialogue, with the Permanent Council offering its support to mediate efforts towards reconciliation.

Navigating such a path may be difficult in the present circumstances where both Mexico and Ecuador feel aggrieved with each other. Indeed, on April 11, the Mexican government filed an Application instituting proceedings against Ecuador before the International Court of Justice (ICJ), contending that "Ecuador has violated Mexico's rights under customary and conventional international law, as well as fundamental principles upon which the international legal system is based". Mexico has asked the court to indicate provisional measures pending a final judgment in the case, including that "Ecuador refrains from any act or conduct likely to aggravate or widen the dispute".

In its full hearing of the case, the ICJ, the Court may have to assess the merits of a counter claim from Ecuador, which has publicly stated that the Mexican asylum offer to Jorge Glas was wrongful under international law because individuals facing criminal charges should not be granted asylum.

The Ecuadorian government bases this contention on Article III of the 1954 Caracas Convention on Diplomatic Asylum which is legally binding only on 14 States that have ratified it - 13 from Latin America and one (Haiti) from CARICOM.

However, the 1954 Convention may have been superseded by the Convention on Diplomatic Relations which came into effect in April 1964 and to which 193 states are signatories, including Ecuador and Mexico. Additionally, Article IV of the 1954 Convention also states, "It shall rest with the State granting asylum to determine the nature of the offense or the motives for the persecution".

It will be for the ICJ to decide whose legal arguments concerning granting asylum is right, but what cannot possibly be justified is the invasion of an Embassy. On that, Ecuador will undoubtedly be rebuked.

Notwithstanding these circumstances Mexico and Ecuador, in their own interest, should try to overcome this problem which, while framed in legal terms and now before the ICJ, has strong political overtones.



PUBLIC NOTICES

LIQUIDATOR
Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act, 2004
FRIDER COMMERCIAL INC.
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 1687208
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 12 April, 2024.
 Dated: 12 April, 2024
(Sgd.) Philippa V. O'Sullivan
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [47/1]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004
Gemini Enterprises International Ltd.
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 1610797
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 9th April 2024.
 The liquidator is *Philippa O'Sullivan*.
 Dated: 9th April 2024.
(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [47/2]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004
Gemini Shipping Ltd.
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 1403460
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 9th April 2024.
 The liquidator is *Philippa O'Sullivan*.
 Dated: 9th April 2024.
(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [47/3]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.
Infinite Possibility. Limited
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 2124470
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 10th April 2024. The liquidator is *Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands*.
 Dated: 10th April 2024
(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [47/4]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act (as amended)
PAGAC TCS Holding I Limited
 (IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
 Company No. 1903221
 (the Company)
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to section 204, subsection 1 (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act (as amended) that the Company is in Voluntary Liquidation. The Voluntary Liquidation commenced on 12 April 2024. The Liquidator is *Monique Peters of Travers Thorp Alberga, Jayla Place, 2nd Floor, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110*.
 Dated 12 April 2024
(Sgd.) Monique Peters
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [47/5]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.
Talent Spirit Holding Limited
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 2048527
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 11th April 2024. The liquidator is *Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands*.
 Dated: 11th April 2024
(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [47/6]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
Langbridge Properties Limited
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 1607193
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 April 12, 2024.
 Dated: April 15, 2024
(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [47/7]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
CORAL PORTFOLIO LTD.
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 1493066
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 April 12, 2024.
 Dated: April 15, 2024
(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [47/8]

Smart Resolute Ltd.
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company Number 1819862
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, Subsection (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 12th day of April, 2024. The Liquidator is *Christopher S. McKenzie of FIN-LAW, Arawak Chambers, 3rd Floor, Mandar House, Johnson's Ghut, PO Box 2196, Tortola, British Virgin Islands*.
 Dated this 15th day of April, 2024
Sgd. Christopher S. McKenzie
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [47/9]

NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
Cheerful Pacific Investments Limited
 ("the Company")
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 11th April, 2024; under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck from the Register. The Liquidator is:- *Joan Johnson of c/o Nerine Chambers, P.O. Box 905, Quastisky Building, Road Town, Tortola VG 1110, British Virgin Islands*
 [47/10]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
MINDEL ASSOCIATED INC.
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 86224
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 April 12, 2024.
 Dated: April 15, 2024
(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [47/11]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
Kopist Isa Capital Limited
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 1653198
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 April 12, 2024.
 Dated: April 15, 2024
(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [47/12]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
Kopist Mar Capital Limited
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 1653278
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 April 12, 2024.
 Dated: April 15, 2024
(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [47/13]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
Kopist Ros Capital Limited
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 1653253
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 April 12, 2024.
 Dated: April 15, 2024
(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [47/14]

STRUCK OFF
FORBUILD CORPORATION
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 1486315
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection (1) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from the 15th day of April 2024.
 Dated 15th April 2024
Sgd. Nelcia St. Jean
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [47/15]

STRUCK OFF
EMPIRE SYSTEM LTD.
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 1726867
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection (1) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from the 15th day of April 2024.
 Dated 15th April 2024
Sgd. Nelcia St. Jean
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [47/16]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
McKenzie Properties International Inc.
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 1878302
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 April 2024.
 Dated 15 April 2024
(Sgd.) Harry J. Thompson
 Voluntary Liquidator(s)
 [47/17]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
Spray Roses Limited
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 1901877
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 April 2024.
 Dated 15 April 2024
(Sgd.) Harry J. Thompson
 Voluntary Liquidator(s)
 [47/18]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
HUAMEI TIMBER CO., LTD.
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 239343
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 April 2024.
 Dated 15 April 2024
(Sgd.) Harry J. Thompson
 Voluntary Liquidator(s)
 [47/19]

QC Investment Ltd
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 1876235
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 April 2024.
 Dated 15 April 2024
(Sgd.) Harry J. Thompson
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [47/20]

PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act.
STORFELD INVESTMENTS LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1769626
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 August 17, 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean, with address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: April 15, 2024.
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator
[47/21]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act, 2004
Gemini Chartering Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1403689
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 15th April 2024.
Dated: 15th April 2024.
(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator
[47/22]

PEX GROUP LTD
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company Number 2121198
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, Subsection (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 15th day of April, 2024. The Liquidator is **Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated this 15th day of April, 2024
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[47/23]

Talent Strategy Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company Number 2066584
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 15th day of April, 2024.
Dated this 15th day of April, 2024
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[47/24]

Sure Empire Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company Number 2066627
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 15th day of April, 2024.
Dated this 15th day of April, 2024
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[47/25]

Rise Effort Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company Number 2066578
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 15th day of April, 2024.
Dated this 15th day of April, 2024
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[47/26]

CTG Evergreen Investment K Two Holding Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company Number 2103638
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 15th day of April, 2024.
Dated this 15th day of April, 2024
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[47/27]

Full Eternal Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company Number 2066585
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 15th day of April, 2024.
Dated this 15th day of April, 2024
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[47/28]

CTG Evergreen Investment U One Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company Number 2051507
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 15th day of April, 2024.
Dated this 15th day of April, 2024
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[47/29]

Sure Empire Holding Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company Number 2104480
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 15th day of April, 2024.
Dated this 15th day of April, 2024
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[47/30]

Sure Empire Holding Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company Number 2104480
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 15th day of April, 2024.
Dated this 15th day of April, 2024
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[47/31]

Rise Effort Holding Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company Number 2104475
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 15th day of April, 2024.
Dated this 15th day of April, 2024
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[47/32]

Cheer System Holding Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company Number 2104476
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 15th day of April, 2024.
Dated this 15th day of April, 2024
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[47/33]

CTG Evergreen Investment K Two Holding Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company Number 2103638
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 15th day of April, 2024.
Dated this 15th day of April, 2024
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[47/34]

Full Eternal Holding Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company Number 2103615
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 15th day of April, 2024.
Dated this 15th day of April, 2024
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[47/35]

LHB GLOBAL CORP.

(In Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 2033119
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204(1)-(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **LHB GLOBAL CORP.** is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 8th March, 2024. The Liquidator is **Alfredo Caruci addressed at Flemming House, P.O. Box 662, Wickhams Cay, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110 British Virgin Islands.**
Dated 15 day of March 2024
(Sgd.) **Alfredo Caruci**
Voluntary Liquidator
[47/36]

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

CLAIM NO. BVIHPB2024/

**IN THE ESTATE OF MURAT SANER, LATE,
OF YENIKOY MAHALLESİ, KOYBASI CADDESİ 99,
SARIYER, ISTANBUL, TURKEY, DECEASED**

ADVERTISEMENT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **Elif Yakut of Kucukcamlica Sehıt İsmail Moray Sokak 10 G/999 Ap. Uskudar, Istanbul, Turkey** for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who is the daughter of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate in Istanbul Turkey
on 14 August 2023.

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

Dated this 8th day of April 2024

Filed by **McW. Todman & Co, Attorneys-at Law for the Administrator** whose address for service is: **McNamara Chambers, 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands; email: nstjean@mctodman.com**

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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

PROBATE NO. 0089 OF 2024

In the Estate of PIETRO BASILE late of C.S. Petrene
52, - 53017 Radda in Chianti, Siena, Italy, deceased

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by BRUNO ERNESTO RAFFAELE BASILE and ALISON FIFE WARDLE of C.S. Petrene 52, - 53017 Radda in Chianti, Siena, Italy for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicants who are the son and wife of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on 4 February 2022.

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

Dated: 15 April 2024

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

Email: Robert.Lindley@conyers.com

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

CLAIM NO. BVIHPB2024/

IN THE ESTATE OF JAMES DAVID HASSAN, LATE
OF 22 ARLINGTON, MIDTOWN, QUEENSWAY,
GIBRALTAR, DECEASED

ADVERTISEMENT

Notice is given that after the expiration of 8 days application will be made to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the resealing of the Probate of James David Hassan, late of 22 Arlington, Midtown, Queensway, Gibraltar granted by the Supreme Court of Gibraltar on the 10th day of October 2022.

Dated this 10th day of April 2024

McW Todman & Co

Legal Practitioners for the Executor

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NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES
ACT

Quad Solutions Corp

("the Company")

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 5th April, 2024; under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck from the Register.

The Liquidator is:-

Joan Johnson

Nerine Chambers

P.O. Box 905 Quastisky Building

Road Town, Tortola

British Virgin Islands

[47/37]

NOTICE

**BVI BUSINESS
COMPANIES ACT
Whenuapai Limited**
("the Company")

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 5th April, 2024; under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck from the Register.

The Liquidator is:-

Joan Johnson

Nerine Chambers

P.O. Box 905

Quastisky Building

Road Town, Tortola

British Virgin Islands

[47/38]

NOTICE

**BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES
ACT
DERSAR HOLDINGS
LTD.**

("the Company")

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 5th April, 2024; under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck from the Register.

The Liquidator is:-

Joan Johnson

Nerine Chambers

P.O. Box 905

Quastisky Building

Road Town, Tortola

British Virgin Islands

[47/39]

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

BVIHPB2024/00087

In the estate of Morley Lyford Smith, late of 297 London
Drive, Beaconsfield, Quebec, Canada, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that ADAM SETTECASE and GINA EMOND, Senior Trust Officer and Associate Trust Officer, respectively, of THE BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA TRUST COMPANY, a body corporate with place of business at 1002, Sherbrooke Street West, 5th Floor, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, being the authorised representatives and duly appointed Attorneys of the said BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA TRUST COMPANY, one of the two Executors named in the Last Will and Testament of MORLEY LYFORD SMITH, deceased (the Deceased), who died on the 3rd day of March, 2022 domiciled in Quebec, Canada, have applied to the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the Probate Division for a Grant of Letters of Administration with Will Annexed in the estate of the Deceased.

ANY PERSON having any objection to the grant of Letters of Administration with Will Annexed to the said ADAM SETTECASE and GINA EMOND, shall within fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of this Notice lodge with the Registry of the High Court in the Territory of the Virgin Islands a proper document setting out the said objections.



Solicitors for the Intended Administrators

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

BVIHPB 2024/0060

IN THE ESTATE OF KATHE WINDMULLER,
DECEASED

In the estate of KATHE WINDMULLER of Rua Deputado
Fabio Aranha, 3- Pacaembu, São Paulo- SP-Brazil-
CEP 01250-060, deceased.

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by SILVIO LUIZ DE TOLEDO CESAR of Alameda Franca, 684-Residencial 1- Alphaville-Barueri-São Paulo-Brazil-Cep. 06474-070, for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above named deceased who died on the 26th day of October 2023 without revoking a Will bearing the date of the 7th day of June 2018 wherein the applicant is named executor.

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 the 2nd day of April 2024.

GEORGE HERNY PARTNERS LP

Solicitors for the Applicant

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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

IN THE ESTATE OF VICTOR ROBERT LAMEY,
DECEASED

In the estate of VICTOR ROBERT LAMEY, late of Unit 19C, Pacific Plaza Condominium, Ayala Avenue, Makati City, Philippines, deceased.

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Sam Sotirios Gioskos of 3b Solar Street, Bel Air 3 Village, 1209 Makati City, Philippines., for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above named deceased who died on the 25th day of September 2016 without revoking a Will bearing the date of the 23rd day of February 2007 wherein the applicant is named executor.

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

Dated the 9th day of April, 2024

Filed by Sam Sotirios Gioskos whose address for service is c/o Harney Westwood & Riegels LP, Craigmuir Chambers, PO Box 71, Road Town Tortola VG1110, British Virgin Islands

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

Claim No: BVIHPB 2024/

In the Estate of RAZANNA HODGE DECEASED

TAKE NOTICE: that Reginald Owen Hodge of West End, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, intends to apply to the Probate Division of the High Court of Justice in the Territory of the Virgin Islands for letters of Administration of the estate of RAZANNA HODGE, deceased, late of West End, Tortola, British Virgin Islands who died on the 25th day of June, 2023.

ANY PERSON: having any objections to the grant of representation to the Intended Applicant shall within fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of this notice, lodge with Registry of the High Court in the Territory of the Virgin Islands a proper document setting out the said objections.

DATED: this the 4th day of April, 2024.

The Applicant in Person
284 340 8979

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Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.
NADINE WELLNESS INC.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 254193

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 April 16, 2024.

Dated: April 17, 2024
(Sgd.) *Nelcia St. Jean*
Voluntary Liquidator
[47/40]

Hillhouse UX-II Holdings Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1905929

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 12 April, 2024.

Dated 15 day of April 2024
(Sgd.) *Mr. Alfredo Caruci*
Voluntary Liquidator
[47/41]

Hillhouse TL Holdings Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1870837

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 12 April, 2024.

Dated 15 day of April 2024
(Sgd.) *Mr. Alfredo Caruci*
Voluntary Liquidator
[47/42]

LHB GLOBAL CORP.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2033119

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 April, 2024.

Dated 16 day of April 2024
(Sgd.) *Mr. Alfredo Caruci*
Voluntary Liquidator
[47/43]

DORIC LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 001722

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204(1)-(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that DORIC LIMITED is in voluntary liquidation.. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 4th day of April 2024. The Liquidator is Alfredo Caruci of Citco B.V.I. Limited addressed at Flemming House, P.O. Box 662, Wickhams Cay, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated 15th day of April 2024
(Sgd.) *Alfredo Caruci*
Voluntary Liquidator
[47/44]

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

BVIHPB 2024/0086

In the Estate of JOHN MICHAEL GARDNER late of Upper MacNamara, PO Box 3566, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, deceased

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT _____

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by JAMES GARDNER of 75 St. Marys Terrace, Upper Cayon, Cayon, St. Kitts, West Indies, Self Employed Chef for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above named deceased who died on 4th day of March, 2024 at 199 MacNamara, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, domiciled in the British Virgin Islands without revoking a will bearing the date of 4th day of March, 2011 wherein the applicant is the Sole Executor named in the Last Will and Testament of the deceased.

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 April, 2024

Filed by:

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

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

CLAIM NO. BVIHPB2024/

IN THE ESTATE OF RICHARD JAMES OVERTON, LATE, OF 47/33 BAAN SIRI 31 CONDOMINIUM, SUKHUMVIT SOI 31, SUKHUMVIT ROAD, 10110, BANGKOK, THAILAND, DECEASED

ADVERTISEMENT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Ulgen Ahu Overton of 47/33 Baan Siri 31 Condominium, Sukhumvit Soi 31, Sukhumvit Road, 10110, Bangkok, Thailand for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who is the widow of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate at The Barn House, Longbridge Farm, Longbridge, Warwick CV34 6RB, United Kingdom on 3 October 2023.

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

Dated this 16th day of April 2024

Filed by McW. Todman & Co, Attorneys-at Law for the Administrator whose address for service is: McNamara Chambers, 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands; email: nstjean@metodman.com

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PUBLIC NOTICES



Lands and Survey Commission
P.O. Box 143
Harbour Chambers, Tortola, Virgin Islands

BY VIRGIN ISLANDS GAZETTE
BVILR/PRE/01/2024

NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION BY PRESCRIPTION SECTION 135 OF THE REGISTERED LAND ACT CAP 229 OF THE 1991 EDITION OF THE REVISED LAWS OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Jost Van Dyke	1640A	342

The Chief Registrar of Lands hereby gives NOTICE that JUNIOR COAKLEY and JOYCELYN COAKLEY MATHURIN of Garner Bay, Jost Van Dyke, Virgin Islands have applied to be registered by Prescription as Joint Proprietors of a portion of Parcel 342, Block 1640A, Jost Van Dyke Registration Section as identified on an unapproved plan dated 14th June, 2022 and produced by Alvin Lee, Licensed Surveyor. An affidavit was filed in support of their application.

Parcel 342 is registered to:

- George Hendricks
- Jonathan Hendricks
- Alberta Pedler
- Anesta Cristina Hendricks St. John and Hulda Casiana Hendricks Small as Personal Representatives of Frederico Hendricks (deceased)

- Russell Jones and Phylis Jones Monsanto, as Personal Representatives of
- Harris Rodwell Jones (deceased)
- George Hendricks, as Personal Presentative of Victoria Alberta Peolar (deceased)
- Irma Pickering, Laurecia Chalwell and Sendrick Chinnery, as Executors of the Will of Ethien Emanuel Chinnery, (deceased) PO Box 976, Road Town, Tortola, VI

Proprietors in Common

Anyone who has just cause to object to JUNIOR COAKLEY and JOYCELYN COAKLEY MATHURIN being registered as joint proprietor for the aforementioned of Parcel 342 (portion), Block 1640A, Jost Van Dyke Registration Section should file their written their objection in hard copy at the Lands Unit on or before Friday 3rd May 2024.

The filed application may be inspected at the Lands Unit upon request or a copy can be requested from Applicants' Legal Practitioners.

Dated this 27th day of March 2024

Natalie Stevens-George
Administrative Officer
(for) Chief Registrar of Lands

To: George Hendricks
Jonathan Hendricks
Alberta Pedler
Anesta Cristina Hendricks St. John and Hulda Casiana Hendricks Small, as Personal Representatives of Frederico Hendricks (deceased)
Russell Jones and Phylis Jones Monsanto, as Personal Representatives of Frederico Hendricks (deceased)
George Hendricks, as Personal Representative of Victoria Alberta Peolar (deceased) Irma Pickering, Laurecia Chalwell and Sendrick Chinnery as Executors of the Will of Ethien Emanuel Chinnery (deceased) PO Box 976, Road Town, Tortola, Virgin Islands
Proprietors of Parcel 342

NR Samuel & Co
Main Street, 3rd Floor, Chevelle Centre
PO Box 341, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110
Virgin Islands
Legal Practitioners for the Applicants
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Notice of Appointment of a Voluntary Liquidator under Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004.
WIND GROVE GLOBAL LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1934790

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 16th day of April 2024. The Liquidator is **Ray A. George of Long Trench, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated this 16th day of April 2024

Ray A. George
Voluntary Liquidator
[47/45]

FINAL NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION UNDER THE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT, 2004

Ideas International Services Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1554403

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from April 16th 2024.

Dated this April 16th 2024

Ray A. George
Voluntary Liquidator
[47/46]

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

Zing 7Road Holdings Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 9th day of April 2024, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.

The Liquidator is:-

Joan Johnson
of c/o Sertus Chambers, P.O. Box 905, Quastisky Building, Road Town, Tortola VG 1110, British Virgin Islands
[47/46]



Lands and Survey Commission
P.O. Box 143
Harbour Chambers, Tortola, Virgin Islands

BY VIRGIN ISLANDS GAZETTE
BVILR/PRE/02/2024

NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION BY PRESCRIPTION SECTION 135 OF THE REGISTERED LAND ACT CAP 229 OF THE 1991 EDITION OF THE REVISED LAWS OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
West Central	2538B	418

The Chief Registrar of Lands hereby gives NOTICE that ANITA HARRIGAN of Cane Garden Bay, Tortola, Virgin Islands has applied to be registered by Prescription as Proprietor of Parcel 418, Block 2538B, West Central Registration Section. Affidavits were file in support of her application.

Parcel 418 is registered to:

- John James Sparks 1/12th Share
- Angelina Sparks 1/12th Share
- Christephena Matthias 1/12th Share
- Chrystalia Varlack 1/12th Share
- Wilmouth Sparks 1/12th Share
- Constania Sparks 1/12th Share

Proprietors in Common

Anyone who has just cause to object to ANITA HARRIGAN being registered as proprietor of Parcel 418, Block 2538B, West Central Registration Section should file their written their objection in hard copy at the Lands Unit on or before Friday 3rd May 2024.

The filed application may be inspected at the Lands Unit upon request or a copy can be requested from Applicants' Legal Practitioners.

Dated this 27th day of March 2024

Natalie Stevens-George
Administrative Officer
(for) Chief Registrar of Lands

To: John Sparks
Cosilda Sparks
Angelina Sparks
Christephena Matthias
Chrystalia Varlack
Wilmouth Sparks
Constania Sparks
Proprietors of Parcel 418

Harbour Chambers BVI
12 Chalwell Street
Road Town, Tortola, VG1110
Virgin Islands
Legal Practitioners for the Applicant

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act
ABO Securities Ltd
 BC#1995989
 (IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 15 April 2024. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St Jean of 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
 Dated 15 April 2024
Nelcia St Jean
 (Liquidator)
 [47/48]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act
BROTHERHOOD INVESTMENTS LIMITED
 (IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
 Company No. 144330

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to section 204, subsection 1 (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in Voluntary Liquidation. The Voluntary Liquidation commenced on 16th April 2024. The Liquidator is **Myron Walwyn of Travers Thorp Alberga, 2nd Floor Jayla Place, P.O. Box 216, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110.**
 Dated 16th day of April 2024
(Sgd) Myron Walwyn
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [47/49]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act
MANGOBAY ESTATES LTD.
 (IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
 Company No. 657820

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to section 204, subsection 1 (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in Voluntary Liquidation. The Voluntary Liquidation commenced on 16th April 2024. The Liquidator is **Myron Walwyn of Travers Thorp Alberga, 2nd Floor Jayla Place, P.O. Box 216, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110.**
 Dated 16th day of April 2024
(Sgd) Myron Walwyn
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [47/50]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act
RAGPIU COMPANY INC.
 (IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
 Company No. 1571308

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to section 204, subsection 1 (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in Voluntary Liquidation. The Voluntary Liquidation commenced on 17th April 2024. The Liquidator is **Myron Walwyn of Travers Thorp Alberga, 2nd Floor Jayla Place, P.O. Box 216, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110.**
 Dated 17th day of April 2024
(Sgd) Myron Walwyn
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [47/51]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act, 2004
OAK HOUSE GROUP LIMITED
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)
 Company No. 224317

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 18th April, 2024.
 Dated: 18th day of April 2024
(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan
 Voluntary Liquidator
 [47/52]



EVERY CHILD MATTERS

Parents! Teach your child the **PANTS RULE!**
 Talk Pants and you've got it covered!

**Private parts are private.
 Nobody is permitted to touch it**

**Always remember
 your body is yours and yours only.**

**No means no.
 Never yield to pressure.**

Talk about secrets that upset you.

**Say something and speak up!
 Someone can help.**

Hon. Dr. Karl Dawson to Make First District Report on Saturday

Dawson to report on achievements and activities of Year 1 and share future plans

West End, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, 18th April 2024 – First District Representative Hon. Dr. Karl Dawson will make his first Annual District Report on Saturday 20th April at 7:00 PM at the Cappoon’s Bay Field. Hon. Dawson indicated that he has held several meetings in the District since being elected about one year ago, but he thought it useful to give an annual report around the anniversary of taking office. An annual district report was a key feature of the practice of his immediate predecessor in the District, Hon. Andrew Fahie.



Hon. Dr. Karl Dawson

Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries. Hon. Dawson said, “While the people of the First District did not elect me as Junior Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries, it is because they elected me, that I currently have the role and as such, I am also accountable to them for my performance in that area.

According to Dr. Dawson, the report will not only consider his activities in the District, but also as a legislator, member of Government and as Junior

Premier Hon. Dr. Natalio Wheatley and members of government are also

expected to be present at the First District Report and bring brief greetings and reports on their assigned areas. Premier Wheatley said, “I commend Honourable Dawson for retaining this tradition started by Former Premier and District Representative, Andrew Fahie, that has been a feature of accountability in the District for some time.” He continued, “It is good for representatives to periodically and formally report to the constituents who elected them.”

The event is scheduled to take place at the Cappoon’s Bay Field at 7 pm, this coming Saturday and will also showcase some of the talent in the district. Residents of the First District and the general public are invited to attend.

CARICOM EQUIPPING YOUTH TO TACKLE CLIMATE CHANGE AND HEALTH CHALLENGES

CARICOM Secretariat, Turkeyen, Greater Georgetown, Guyana - Thursday, 18 April 2024: - Empowering CARICOM Youth Ambassadors (CYAs) and other Youth Leaders with technical knowledge and expertise to confront the global challenge of climate change is a main goal of the upcoming “CARICOM Climate Change and Health Orientation and Training for CYAs and Youth Leaders” which will take place from 23-26 April at the CARICOM Secretariat’s Headquarters in Georgetown, Guyana.

Over 30 youth advocates and regional stakeholders comprising representatives from groups such as UWI STAT (Students Today, Alumni Tomorrow), Vice Chancellor’s Ambassador Corps, the University of Guyana and other academic and youth-oriented entities are also expected to participate in this four-day initiative.

This training programme aligns seamlessly with the CARICOM Secretariat’s Climate Change and Health Programme (CCHP) which is aimed at deepening awareness of how climate change affects health

and disseminating knowledge on prevention and adaptation measures to reduce greenhouse gases.

According to Michele Small-Bartley, Deputy Programme Manager, Youth Development, CARICOM Secretariat, the exercise is intended to elevate youth leaders’ awareness of the health impacts of climate change and enhance their engagement in identifying and implementing effective strategies to mitigate these impacts.

“The workshop will provide these young leaders with the requisite knowledge, skills, and tools for identifying and addressing climate change-induced health issues within their respective countries and communities,” she explained. She also reiterated that the workshop seeks to extend support in developing national and community projects geared towards bolstering efforts to mitigate the adverse effects of climate change on health and address community needs.

Mitigating the effects of climate change in the Region has already been a priority for the CYAs

under the CCHP. In St Kitts and Nevis, CYAs implemented a six-month project in which youth were engaged in implementing household waste management techniques to reduce methane emissions and the effects of climate change. The project helped 20 young people develop an understanding and garner knowledge of composting biodegradable material techniques.

In Trinidad and Tobago, there was “The Eco Restorers Project”, where young climate change advocates learned about the recycling process, how it helps mitigate the effects of climate change and how to convert recycled products into sustainable business ideas. This project partnered with a local recycling company, Recycling Waste and Logistics Limited, allowing another 20 young participants to benefit from an enriching practical entrepreneurial incubator experience. The training exercise will build on these achievements by the CYAs. The Pan American Health Organisation (PAHO), the European Union (EU) and CARIFORUM support the capacity-building initiative.

Open Call for Entries: PLURAL+ Youth Video Festival [Deadline - 31 May 2024]

The PLURAL+ Youth Video Festival is a joint initiative of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) that invites young creators aged up to 25 years old to submit original and creative short films of up to 5 minutes in length. This year, PLURAL+ will continue to illuminate the enduring themes of migration, diversity, and social inclusion, while also spotlighting two special categories focusing on combating xenophobia and fostering inclusive climate action. Creators of the selected videos will be honored during a Recognition Ceremony within the framework of the 10th UNAOC Global Forum in Portugal.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<p>Monday, 22nd April, 2024</p> <p>Minister of Education, Youth Affairs and Sports declares Library Week open with a message. Book Display reflecting STEAM at all three libraries.</p>	<p>Wednesday, 24th April, 2024</p> <p>Francis Lottsome Primary's visit to the Library. Introduction to eBooks and STEAM Book Hunt and Word Search. 10:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>Inez Braithwaite Learning Centre's visit to the Library science experiment demonstration, arts and craft, and story telling. 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Friday, 26th April, 2024</p> <p>Willard Wheatley Primary School's visit to the Library. Introduction to eBooks, STEAM Book Hunt and a local author to read an excerpt of her work. 11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.</p> <p>Library Team's visit to the Anegada Community Library and host students from the Claudia Crooke School. All day</p>
<p>Tuesday, 23rd April, 2024</p> <p>Mactavious Tey Totz' visit to the Library, science experiment demonstration, arts and craft, and story telling. 10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.</p> <p>Agape Total Life Academy's visit to the Library, Introduction to eBooks and STEAM Book Hunt and Word Search. 1:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.</p> <p>World Book and Copyright Day live readings from local authors to be aired on radio stations and videos of the same posted to the Library's and Government's Facebook page.</p>	<p>Thursday, 25th April, 2024</p> <p>Lord's Lambie Preschool's visit to the Library, science experiment demonstration, arts & craft and story telling. 10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.</p> <p>Library Team's visit to the Virgin Gorda Community Library and a presentation on the eBooks collection. All day</p>	<p>Saturday, 27th April, 2024</p> <p>Dads Reach Out and Read Programme in conjunction with the IRI Reading Council. Programme for that day is as follows:</p> <p>Arts and Craft: 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Dads' Read Programme: 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.</p> <p>Games: 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.</p>

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Horizon Yacht Charters is seeking a First Mate/Stewardess to join a Lagoon 65 starting in November 2024. The successful candidate must hold a valid STCW, a powerboat certification, a certificate in a type of watersports instruction and hold a minimum of PADI Open Water Diver qualification. A love and understanding of a wide range of watersports is a must. This position also requires the candidate to have excellent service skills and attention to detail. Past service experience is a plus. Please - send resume to apply@horizonyachtcharters.com. [s48]

Transcibbean International Inc. is seeking to fill the position of a full-time ADMINISTRATIVE ACCOUNTANT with at least 5 years of experience. Interested applicants can send their CV/Resume with a cover letter at P.O. Box 386 Road Town Tortola British Virgin Islands or call 284-494-1300. [s48]

CONNOR - MAINTENANCE seeks two full time cleaners to start immediately. Please call 284-543-9651 for information. 1 year experience required. [s48]

CP4 BAR & GRILL needs ONE FULL-TIME CHEF. Telephone 499-1542. [s48]

♣ CHARTERED, CERTIFIED or CPA ACCOUNTANTS - or equivalent to join busy public accounting practice at the manager, assistant manager and associate levels. Must have at least one to three years' practical post-qualification experience in public accounting practice, be able to demonstrate good written and oral communication skills, the ability to delegate, work under tight deadlines, travel with no notice and possess clean full driving licence. Please apply in writing, together with curriculum vitae and references to: Staff Director, Baker Tilly (BVI) Limited, P.O. Box 650, Road Town, Tortola, or telephone +1 (284) 542-4500 for further information. [s48]

ALWON'S BAR in Sea Cow's Bay and Jost Van Dyke now seeking two (2) Bartenders for full time evening and day shifts. Will be working between both locations. Please call 284-543-9651 for details. [s48]

CP4 ENTERTAINMENT BAND needs ONE FULL TIME - KEYBOARD PLAYER. Telephone 499- 1542. [s48]

S & S CONSTRUCTION needs one full time LABOURER. MUST be honest and ready to work. Telephone 544-6411 [s48]

Busy restaurant and bar requires : An experienced waitress / waiter on a full time basis. Applicants should be proactive in anticipating the needs of customers and have an aggressively pleasant-personality resulting in upselling the restaurant's dining and bar menu fares. Knowledge of, or willingness to learn Point of Sale systems and cashier operations is essential for this position. Should also be willing to work and cooperate in a team supported environment. Please send resume and contact details to : vijobz@outlook.com Sweet & Savoury Ltd. (541-1212) [s48]

EMCS Caribbean is looking for full time Finishers/Decorators Interested applicants can submit their CV/Resume with cover letter to P O Box 386 Road Town, Tortola, BVI or call 284-494-0232 [s48]

EMCS Caribbean is looking for full time Carpenters Interested applicants can submit their CV/Resume with cover letter to P O Box 386 Road Town, Tortola, BVI or call 284-494-0232 [s48]

Pierre Maintenance Services has a need for employees in the capacity of Gardeners, Painters, Masons and Carpenters. Please call 341-3868 for more information. [s48]

EMCS Caribbean is looking for full time 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 [s48]

EMCS Caribbean is looking for full time Electricians Interested applicants can submit their CV/Resume with cover letter to P O Box 386 Road Town, Tortola, BVI or call 284-494-0232 [s48]

EMCS Caribbean is looking for full time Masons Interested applicants can submit their CV/Resume with cover letter to P O Box 386 Road Town, Tortola, BVI or call 284-494-0232 [s48]

EMCS Caribbean is looking for full time Steel Fixers Interested applicants can submit their CV/Resume with cover letter to P O Box 386 Road Town, Tortola, BVI or call 284-494-0232 [s48]

EMCS Caribbean is looking for full time Site Engineers Interested applicants can submit their CV/Resume with cover letter to P O Box 386 Road Town, Tortola, BVI or call 284-494-0232 [s48]

GOODFELLAS need one full time STORE CLERK. Email: goodfellasbvi@yahoo.com or Telephone 494-2744 [s48]

Mervin's Plumbing Service requires two Plumbers for the business and must have three years experience to be considered. Please call 499-6731 for more information. [s48]

A liquor retail store requires a flairtender/bartender specialized sales clerk to sell and promote the store's products. Applicants should be well versed in mixology, with certification and at least five years' experience in professional flairtending. The applicant should have a pleasant and welcoming personality and should also be willing to engage with customers needing guidance or product recommendations. Candidates for this position should be computer literate and have experience with, or are willing to learn POS sales and inventory control systems. Please send resume and contact details to: vijobz@outlook.com That's The Spirit! Limited (541-1212) [s48]

EMCS Caribbean is looking for full time Assistant Project Managers Interested applicants can submit their CV/Resume with cover letter to P O Box 386 Road Town, Tortola, BVI or call 284-494-0232 [s48]

EMCS Caribbean is looking for full time 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 [s48]

Maintenance Man Needed for Beach From STUDIOS AT FISCHER'S COVE, Virgin Gorda, BVI 2years experience Please contact : 1-284-343-3724 [s48]

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STAFF WANTED

Method Property Management and Maintenance is seeking to hire a MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN. A minimum of 10 years experience in plumbing, masonry, electrical and carpentry work is required. Driver must possess a valid driver's license and reliable transportation. Please send resume via email to methodgroupbvi@gmail.com or mail to P.O. Box 3912, Sea Cows Bay, Tortola VG1110 [s47]

EMCs Caribbean Ltd. is seeking to fill the position of 1 full time TRUCK DRIVER with at least 5 years of experience. Interested applicants can send their CV/Resume with a cover letter at P.O. Box 386 Road Town Tortola British Virgin Islands or call 284-494-1300. [s47]

Inlove Bar and Restaurant is in need of full time Waitresses/Barmaids and Chef. Please email your resume at Johannyr603@gmail.com or call 345-8383 [s47]

EMCs Caribbean Ltd. is seeking to fill the position of 2 full time Heavy Equipment Operators with at least 5 years of experience. Interested applicants can send their CV/Resume with a cover letter at P.O. Box 386 Road Town Tortola British Virgin Islands or call 284-494-1300. [s47]

Moose Success Restaurant and Bar seeks two bartenders. Applicants must have bartending experience, excellent customer service skills and available to work, nights, weekends and holidays. Applicants should send CVs to Moosesuccess@gmail.com. BVI Islanders and Belongers preferred. [s47]

Richards-Barbershop located in East End is now seeking to hire two (2) Barbers for full time work at our location. One (1) year experience required. Call 284-543-9651 for details. [s47]

Busy restaurant and bar requires :
A professional bartender/waiter with experience in mixology is needed to cater to local and international clientele. Should be proficient in waiting tables and all areas of bartending including the cleaning and maintenance of the bar along with its equipment as well as preparation of bar appetizers, cocktail/drink garnishes, and maintaining inventory and cash control systems. A pleasant welcoming personality is very important. Flexibility of hours is required for this position. Please send resume and contact details to : vijobz@outlook.com Sweet & Savoury Ltd. (541-1212) [s47]

Caribbean-Vacation Concierge Services needs the services of a Provisional Person, Cooks, Chefs and Sous Chef, Steward and Hostess. Please call 541-2023 for more information. [s47]

Gertrude's Beach Bar is seeking two full time KITCHEN HELPERS for the establishment on Jost Van Dyke. Please call 543-1626 for more information. [s47]

Busy restaurant and bar requires :
An experienced Head Waitress / Waiter on a full time basis. Applicants should be proactive in anticipating the needs of customers and possess a pleasant personality, with the ability to upsell and promote the restaurant's dining and bar menu fares. Must be experienced in efficient management of dining floor operations, have knowledge of, or a willingness to learn Point of Sale systems and cashier operations is essential. Should also be willing to work and cooperate in a team supported environment. Please send resume and contact details to : vijobz@outlook.com Sweet & Savoury Ltd. (541-1212) [s47]

Job Vacancy: A Value Ltd is seeking two full time, one parttime, and one temporary store assistant. Tasks include but are not limited to cleaning, cashing, driving and stocking. Applicants must have a strong command of the English language. Must be able to work as early as 5:00 am and as late as 10:00 pm weekends and holidays. Must have a pleasant personality and values positive customer service. Experience as a cashier is an asset but not necessary. Call 541-7012 to set an appointment for an interview. [s47]

A & M FIBERGLASS LIMITED. Needs one full time FIBERGLASS WORKER Telephone 543-9019 for more information. [s47]

Job Vacancy: A Value Ltd is seeking a Store Assistant/Deli assistant. Successful applicant must be able to prepare healthy salads and quick meals. Bake from scratch and work with par-baked goods is a plus. Person must be able to work with commercial equipment and display knowledge of a healthy approach to preparation. Call 541-7012 to set an appointment or email info@avaluebvi.com [s47]


Charles Hodge Cleaning Services needs a Houseman/Driver and Housekeeper for a full time position. Please email your resume at chcleaningservice21@gmail.com or cal 345-8383. [s47]

Solid State Construction has a need for Carpenters, Masons.-Plumber, Electrician, Sheet Rock Person, Foreman and Labourers. Please call 541-2023 for more information. [s47]



Bless Hands Health Spa needs one full time : Experienced - Massage Therapist with at least 5 years experience. Must be able to work unsupervised. BVI Islanders or Belongers preferred.- Telephone 340-815, to set up an appointment for interview. [s47]

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