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## AIRPORT EXPANSION PROJECT ALREADY ON THE MOVE

Premier and Minister of Finance Dr. the Hon. Natalio Wheatley has reasserted his government's commitment to extending the Terrance B. Lettsome International Airport runway.

While speaking at the signing ceremony of a transformative Development Agreement with JOMA (Properties) Ltd on 25 March, Premier Wheatley underscored the runway extension as a cornerstone of the BVI's tourism strategy. The agreement not only signals the inception of a stylish 65-room boutique hotel but also promises enhancements to marina facilities in Port Purcell, marking a significant leap forward in bolstering the Territory's tourism infrastructure.

Premier Wheatley emphasized the indispensable role of quality accommodation

and amenities in attracting discerning travelers to the BVI. He stressed the

importance of providing an unforgettable experience for visitors, which not only fosters loyalty but also serves

as a powerful marketing tool for the destination. With unwavering determination, Premier

Wheatley declared: "The runway expansion will happen." He outlined the

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15-year old Tiondre "Dre" Frett, won an U17 Boys 200m bronze medal at the 51st Carifta Games in St. Georges, Grenada, after running 22.18 seconds, missing silver by .02. He joined Jaleel Croal as the second U17 Boys making a 100/200m final since the BVI began participating in 1976.

He also joined Keita Cline, 1990 and Croal, 2019 as BVI's U17 Boys 200m medalists

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# AIRPORT EXPANSION PROJECT...from page 1

transformative impact of a lengthened runway, which would enable direct flights from key cities along the Eastern Seaboard of the United States. This increased accessibility, he asserted, would unlock untapped markets and propel the BVI onto the global tourism stage.

Premier Wheatley also highlighted the interest from international investors in the BVI's tourism sector, emphasizing the need for strategic infrastructure development to harness this momentum. As plans for the runway extension gain momentum, the BVI is poised to emerge as a premier travel

destination, captivating visitors with its unparalleled natural beauty and warm hospitality.

## PRIOR PROMISE

The quest to lengthen the T. B. Lettsome International Airport runway spans quite a few administrations, and the Premier seems hopeful that it might commence before his administration's term comes to an end. Dr. Wheatley stated during the ceremony commemorating the American Airlines flight on 1 June, last year: "I eagerly look forward to standing in this very location, perhaps around 2027, to welcome the next flight from New York, Atlanta, or Boston." The Premier emphasized that realizing this vision hinges on the extension of the runway,

underscoring the need to move beyond discussions and actively pursue the project. Dr. Wheatley called for the initiation of the request for proposal process, urging Minister Rymer to take concrete steps towards extending the runway.

## AIRPORT EXPANSION PROJECT ALREADY ON THE MOVE

During a press conference in November 2022 Minister Rymer disclosed that runway expansion plans were in the pipeline. The Minister who seemed optimistic about the plans told reporters that the new Board of the BVI Airports Authority pledged to move this mandate of improved airlift forward.

Hon. Rymer said: "I was able to have a good meeting with my newly formed board yesterday, the BVI Airports Authority Board led by Theo Burke and the mandate was given that this is the direction that the board needs to be taking the airport into where we are speaking about increase airlift and expansion of the runway."

The quest to improve particularly direct flights to the Territory is not new. In fact, there have been many studies done over the years to determine the best approach to the situation. This fact, was also referenced by the Minister when he noted the previous plans that were done. "What

we have is over the years we have done quite a lot of consultancies and had various drawings and so forth in terms of the expansion," Hon. Rymer noted.

The Minister also suggested that the new Board considers some of the studies that were done in order to propose the next step forward. "I don't think that we need to recreate the wheel. And I know the Premier can confirm that we have some investors that are ready to come in and assist with certain parts of the expansion. So we are eager to get started in terms of making sure that the runway extension is a priority," Hon. Rymer announced.

## TOURISM SURGE SPARKS OPTIMISM: VIRGIN ISLANDERS PROMPTED TO SEIZE THE MOMENT

In a stirring call to enhance the Territory's tourism sector, Premier and Minister of Finance, Dr. the Hon Natalio D. Wheatley, has rallied Virgin Islanders to seize the moment and position themselves for success in this large industry. Speaking fervently at an event on 25 March, marking the signing of a pivotal Investment Agreement with JOMA (Properties) Ltd for a transformative hotel development and marina upgrade, Premier Wheatley underscored the imperative of capitalizing on the territory's economic upswing.

With conviction, Premier Wheatley asserted: "The BVI is doing very well, but some of us are not well positioned to be able to benefit from the success happening. So the BVI is doing well and if we want to do well, we have to pay attention to the trends."

Recognizing the need for economic diversification, Premier Wheatley acknowledged the historical significance of financial services while advocating for a balanced approach with substantial investments in tourism.

With investors flocking to the BVI, Premier Wheatley stressed the necessity of readiness to capitalize on the tourism surge. He outlined plans to enhance incentives regimes, including revisions to the Investment Act, to attract more tourism-focused investment into the BVI.

In a call to arms, Premier Wheatley urged Virgin Islanders to embody the optimism sweeping through the tourism industry and take proactive steps to position themselves for success.

## Sister Islands Programme Seeks Emergency Response Volunteers

The Sister Islands Programme Unit is seeking Community-Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteers from Anegada, Virgin Gorda and Jost Van Dyke.

Sister Islands Programme Coordinator, Mrs. Monel Nickie said residents of the Sister Islands who are interested in volunteering for CERT should contact their local District Office.

The CERT volunteers will respond to their community's immediate needs in the aftermath of a disaster or when emergency services are not readily available. They will also help to save lives and protect property.

Mrs. Nickie said, "To ensure that sister island communities are adequately prepared to respond to disaster situations, there

must be a holistic approach that engages key emergency stakeholders, Government entities, as well as the general public. The re-establishment of CERT allows residents to become directly involved in saving lives and assisting those in need."

"Persons are encouraged to become volunteers to strengthen disaster preparedness and response," Mrs. Nickie added.

Interested persons can register through their local district office by calling THE telephone numbers for the following offices:

**Anegada District Office:**  
(284) 368-9712

**Virgin Gorda District Office:** (284) 468-9542

**Jost Van Dyke District**

**Office: (284) 468- 9013**

The - Sister - Islands Programme Unit serves as the liaison for the Department of Disaster Management on the Sister Islands. District Officers are tasked with performing duties related to timely and adequate assistance within their communities prior to, during and after a disaster situation. This involves participating in overall planning of disaster preparedness-operations, coordinating-activities and resources, as well as overseeing-emergency communications.

The Sister Islands Programme is committed to monitoring, promoting, and facilitating projects designed to bring about sustained improvement in the quality and delivery of Government Services to the Sister Islands.



# HON. TURNBULL AND OPPOSITION CALL FOR ACCOUNTABILITY AND PRUDENCE IN GOVERNANCE



Hon Melvin 'Mitch' Turnbull

Another member of the Opposition has lashed out with sharp criticism of the Government over the

recent decision to transfer oversight of the VI Festival & Fairs Committee to the BVI Tourist Board.

According to Hon. Melvin 'Mitch' Turnbull, Second District Representative the move reflects a troubling pattern reminiscent of past mistakes. While sounding the alarm, the legislator drew parallels between the current actions and the failures that prompted previous inquiries. In a scathing rebuke, Hon. Turnbull highlighted the

perceived disregard for established protocols and the erosion of accountability mechanisms within the government. He cautioned against repeating past errors that led to investigations such as the Commission of Inquiry (COI), emphasizing the importance of upholding transparency and checks and balances.

"The systems were put in place. The festival affairs committee was put in place for accountability to

protect you from yourself," Hon. Turnbull asserted, underscoring the necessity of maintaining robust governance structures.

Expressing concern over what he described as a rushed approach, the Second District Representative further criticized the government's apparent haste in implementing changes ahead of the COI's impending recommendations deadline in May. He warned against sacrificing due diligence for

expediency, urging a more deliberate and thoughtful decision-making process.

In response to the backlash, Premier Dr. Natalio Wheatley sought to downplay the controversy, dismissing it as a "non-issue" and citing a transition process to justify the decision. Despite attempts to quell concerns, Turnbull and the opposition remain steadfast in their calls for accountability and prudence in governance.

## SENTENCING OF OLEANVINE MAYNARD POSTPONED TO 26 APRIL

The sentencing for Oleanvine Maynard, the former Managing Director of the BVI Ports Authority, has been postponed once more, with the new date set for 26 April in a Miami court. This delay follows Maynard's admission of guilt to cocaine-related charges and her agreement to testify against former Premier Andrew Fahie. Originally scheduled for 21 August, 2023, the sentencing has faced numerous postponements, largely due to delays in Fahie's trial. The exact reason behind this latest delay remains unclear.

Maynard's plea agreement offers her the possibility of a reduced sentence for

her involvement in a high-profile narcotics scheme that shook the Territory in 2022. She was arrested in Miami for allegedly conspiring with her son, Kadeem Stephan Maynard, and Fahie to facilitate the passage of large quantities of cocaine through the BVI's ports as part of a multi-million dollar deal with a DEA informant posing as a drug trafficker.

While Maynard's son, Kadeem, was sentenced to 57 months in prison on 20 November, 2023, after pleading guilty to conspiracy to import cocaine, Fahie's sentencing date has been thrown into uncertainty following a unique challenge to his conviction.

After Fahie was found guilty on 8 February, two jurors expressed doubts about their verdicts, leading to an unprecedented post-trial conflict. Nonetheless, Judge - Kathleen Williams upheld the guilty verdicts rendered by the 12-member jury

during Fahie's drug and money laundering trial. Fahie is set to be sentenced on 29 April and faces a mandatory minimum-sentence of 10 years up to life for his conviction on the-cocaine-import conspiracy charge.

As the legal proceedings

continue, the BVI remains gripped by the developments in this high-profile case, which has captured widespread attention and raised significant-questions about the Territory's governance and legal system.

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# Sanctions Training Exercise

The Government has agreed that the Virgin Islands should establish a dedicated and well resourced sanctions unit. This follows the unprecedented package of sanctions introduced against Russia after its invasion of Ukraine and the recommended actions in the Virgin Island's recent CFATF Mutual Evaluation Report. A similar approach to sanctions has already been taken by the UK and Bermuda.

Governor Daniel Pruce, and the Attorney General made the announcement on 19th March at the two-day sanctions training. Funded by the UK's Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office and delivered by trainers from Sanctions SOS, the training included a tabletop exercise where agencies ran through various sanction related real-life scenarios. The training was well attended and included participants from the Governor's Office, Financial Investigation Agency, Financial Services Commission, Attorney General Chambers, the Sanctions Unit, Civil Aviation Authority, HM Customs, HM Immigration, Virgin Islands Shipping Registry, Ports Authority, RVIPF and Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Governor Daniel Pruce said "I'm pleased to see many agencies represented today. Sanctions are a vital tool in cutting off funding streams to the Putin regime and stopping those close to the regime from benefitting from western services. That's why today's training is so important and will help continue to strengthen our efforts to implement sanctions effectively.

I'm grateful for the UK's funding support, both for today's training and also the setup of the Sanctions Unit, including expert guidance and short-term resourcing."

International Relations Counsel Mrs Fiona Forbes Vanterpool, on behalf of the Attorney General, said "We all have to play our part and become more efficient and more effective to ensure that we live up to our responsibilities as credible service providers - be it, for the financial services sector, in the maritime industry, the police or on issues of ownership and possession of the assets of BVI international business companies. As a jurisdiction, we have invested heavily in deterring malign actors from perceiving the Virgin Islands as exploitable. At the same time, we encourage legitimate

business and investment by doing our part to ensure the integrity of the financial system."

The Virgin Islands complies with all sanctions issued by the United Kingdom, which are extended by way of the relevant Overseas Territories Orders in Council. The Sanctions Unit will ensure the effective implementation and enforcement of these sanctions and work closely with partners across government and industry. The Sanctions Unit will sit under the leadership of the Attorney General with Ms Kisha Frett heading up the unit as Sanctions Coordinator.

There will be a six-month transition period from the Governor's Office to the Sanctions Unit to allow for a smooth transition and relevant training. In the meantime, businesses are asked to direct all sanction queries and requests to Governor's Office at: -GOVOfficesanctions.tortola@fcd.gov.uk.



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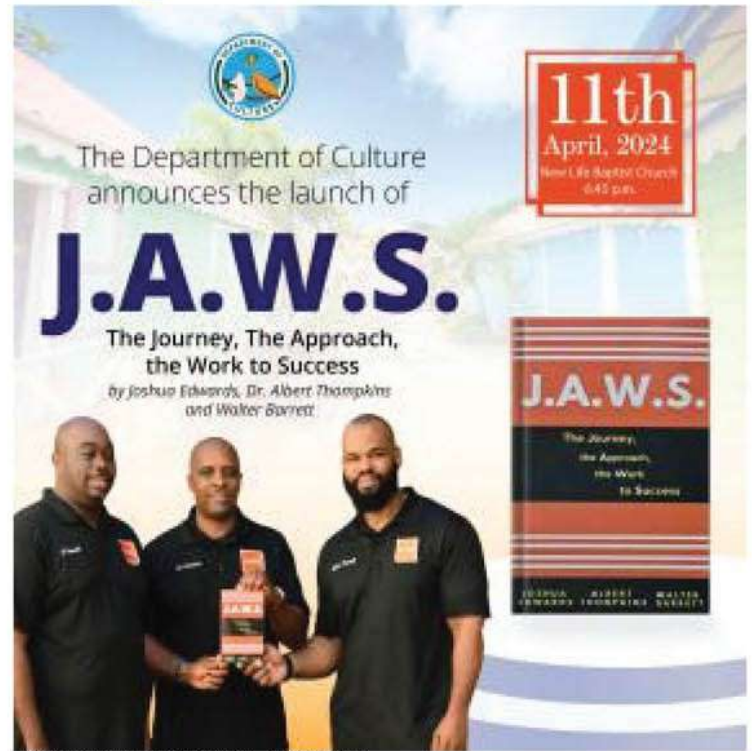
# J.A.W.S To Be Launched April 11

Three local authors will be launching their book titled, "J.A.W.S: The Journey, The Approach, The Work to Success" next month.

Authors, Joshua Edwards, Dr. Albert Thompkins, and Walter Barrett whose first

initials comprise the title, had previously worked on individual projects prior to JAWS. They decided to collaborate on this text, based on the similar aligned interests, passions, and the overall desire to empower people.

According to the preface, "J.A.W.S. is not some large, oversized, dangerous predator in the ocean that attacks boats and swimmers, but rather, a massive, living, moving body of thoughts, ideas, principles, and concepts that attacks



stagnancy, mediocrity, and status quo."

The book also recounts the individual experiences of each of the authors from their own unique perspectives.

The preface further states, "The book is a testimony to its very name. It speaks of the journey each author had to embark upon, the approach they took in their writing, and the work they had to put in for their project to be a success."

The authors also said: "Your attention to the journey, the approach, and the work will determine the level of your success."

Director at the Department of Culture Dr. Katherine Smith stated that the department continues to celebrate local authors and their contributions.

Dr. Smith said, "We would like to congratulate the authors on their substantial book. In our opinion, this work will not only help every one of us as individuals, but it is also of great

value to organisations."

The director added, "This book has a broad appeal and it is wonderful to see these authors hone their skills for the betterment of all. Please join the movement."

Persons are invited to attend the launch on Thursday April 11, at the New Life Baptist Church at 6:45 p.m. Books will be on sale at the book launch and on Amazon, subsequent to the launch.

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

For more information about the Department of Culture's book launch programme, persons can contact the department at 468-4379.

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

#### 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)



## Virgin Islands Government Maintains Strong Credit Rating with Stable Outlook

The Government of the Virgin Islands (GoVI) has successfully maintained its 'high creditworthiness' issuer ratings of CariAA- (Foreign and Local Currency) on the Caribbean Information and Credit Rating Services Limited-(CariCRIS) regional scale. CariCRIS has also assigned a stable outlook on the ratings.

"This reaffirmed rating is a testament to the Virgin Islands' sound fiscal management and our commitment to economic stability," stated the Honourable Dr. Natalio Wheatley, Premier and Minister of Finance. "Even amidst global challenges, our territory's economic fundamentals remain strong, demonstrating the resilience of our people and our governance practices."

### Factors Contributing to the Rating:

**Continued Support from the UK:** As a UK Overseas Territory, the GoVI benefits from a level of stability and support that underpins its creditworthiness.

**Strong-Economic Fundamentals:** The Virgin Islands boasts a high GDP per capita, driven by a robust tourism industry and financial services sector.

**Dollarization:** Pegging the local currency to the US dollar fosters economic

stability and facilitates international trade.

**Prudent Fiscal Policy:** The Protocols for Effective Financial-Management (PEFM)-framework guides responsible fiscal practices, resulting in low public debt levels.

### Considerations for Continued Success:

- **Human Resource Development:** Investing in its human capital base is crucial for the Virgin Islands' long-term economic growth.

- **Enhanced External Sector Monitoring:** Improved monitoring of external factors will inform more strategic policy decisions.

- **Political Uncertainty:** Addressing uncertainties surrounding the implementation of the Commission of Inquiry's recommendations can further strengthen investor confidence.

**Debt Management Strategy:** Mitigating the potential interest rate risk associated with variable-rate public debt is essential for continued fiscal sustainability.

The Government's ability to maintain this positive credit rating, despite global inflationary and other international pressures, underscores its commitment to responsible economic stewardship.

The Premier and Minister

of Finance confirms the Government of the Virgin Islands dedication to promoting sustainable economic development and a high quality of life for all residents of the

territory.

### About CariCRIS

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## HLSCC STUDENTS JANAEE OLIVE AND KASSIDY PENN TO ATTEND PHI THETA KAPPA PTK CATALYST 2024



Thursday, 28 March – HLSCC students Janae Olive and Cassidy Penn will travel to Orlando, Florida in April 2024 to represent the British Virgin Islands at the Phi Theta Kappa's premier event, PTK Catalyst 2024 alongside Senior Lecturer and new PTK Advisor, Dr. Anita Pinzi.

The PTK Catalyst 2024 is Phi Theta Kappa's premier annual convention, bringing together members, advisors, and their supporters for professional development and celebration of the accomplishments of their community. The three-day event is designed to create momentum that leads to change – individually and in the life of a PTK chapter and college.

The announcement was made during the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society: Beta Omicron Sigma Chapter Induction Ceremony on 21 May 2024. The Chapter welcomed seventeen provisional members and 8 inductees at the Spring 2024 ceremony.

Director of Student Life and PTK Advisor, Ms. Debra Hodge said, "We are pleased and excited to share that our Chapter continues to recognise excellence as our students work hard and perform at the top of their programmes during their studies with us. We remain steadfast in our commitment to the hallmarks of Phi Theta

Kappa: Service, Scholarship, Leadership, and Fellowship while encouraging our students in their education pursuits. We let them know: It's OK to be smart!"

PTK Catalyst 2024 will include immersive opportunities for personal and professional development, college transfer guidance from experts, speakers who inspire, election of leaders, and endless opportunities to network and learn from other members of the PTK community.

Keynote Speakers at the event will include American Ballet Theatre Principal Dancer, Philanthropist and Bestselling Author, Misty Copeland; Former Secret Service Agent and Multimedia Journalist, Ivy Poupouras; Phi Theta Kappa International President, Liam Blakeway; and Phi Theta Kappa President and CEO, Dr. Lynn Tincher-Ladner.

HLSCC Students Janae Olive and Cassidy Penn shared their excitement in attending the premier event.

Janae Olive said, "I am excited to showcase HLSCC and learn as much as I can from this experience. I am not usually one to step out of my comfort

zone, but I am excited to see how my participation in this event can lead to opportunities and self-growth."

Cassidy Penn also expressed similar sentiments when she said, "I am a fun, energetic, hardworking, bright, and proud student of HLSCC. I enjoy meeting new people and experiencing new things and because of my love for the college and my passion for networking, I look forward to attending the convention on behalf of my Beta Omicron Sigma Chapter here at HLSCC."

Senior Lecturer in the Humanities Department and new PTK Advisor, Dr. Anita Pinzi shared that she is proud of the students and honoured to be serving as their new advisor. She said, "This group of students embodies the values of scholarship, leadership, fellowship, and service that define the Phi Theta Kappa organisation. Their passion, perseverance, and the quality of their work are to be celebrated and represent a positive example for all students. I'm proud of them and honoured to be serving as their new advisor." The purpose of Phi Theta Kappa is to recognise and

encourage scholarship among two-year college students. To achieve this purpose, Phi Theta Kappa provides opportunity for the development of leadership and service, for an intellectual climate for exchange of ideas and ideals, for lively fellowship for scholars, and for stimulation of interest in continuing academic excellence.

The H. Lavity Stoutt Community College Phi Theta Kappa Chapter Beta Omicron Sigma was chartered on 28th May 2006, and started with 5 advisors and 36 members. Today, the Beta Omicron Sigma has 3 advisors and over 500 members. The Beta Omicron Sigma requires students to have at least 12 hours of degree coursework and a minimum GPA of 3.4. To remain a member, students must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.4 for full membership. Provisional members must have at least 12 hours of degree coursework and a GPA of 3.00 to 3.39.

For more information regarding the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society: Beta Omicron Sigma Chapter and the PTK Catalyst 2024, please contact Ms. Debra Hodge via email at [dhodge@hlsc.edu.vg](mailto:dhodge@hlsc.edu.vg).





# Ministry of Finance Receives Technical Assistance on Revenue Forecasting Tools



Advisor, Mr. Christian Johnson, conducted a two-and-a-half-day training session from March 26-28, 2024. Representatives from the Treasury-Department, Accounts, Budget, and Macro-Fiscal Units with the Ministry of Finance participated in the sessions. "The training covered a broad range of theoretical concepts and practical applications using forecasting software,"

explained Mr. Johnson. "By the end of the week, participants had a working knowledge of the tools and techniques necessary to implement real-time revenue and expenditure projections linked to GDP, the primary macroeconomic variable." This new framework will allow the MoF to forecast revenue more accurately, facilitating informed discussions on expenditure

policies and fiscal strategies. "We are grateful to CARTAC for providing this valuable expertise," said Jeremiah Frett, Financial Secretary. "This technical assistance will contribute significantly to strengthening the design and efficiency of our budget processes."

The next phase of the program is tentatively scheduled for May 2024.

The Ministry of Finance (MoF) has completed the first phase of a technical assistance program aimed at improving the efficiency and accuracy of its revenue forecasting processes. The program is being led by the Caribbean Regional Technical Assistance Centre (CARTAC), a specialized agency of the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

"An evaluation of our budget drafting processes identified areas that could be streamlined and made less labor-intensive," said Michelle Richmond-Phillips, Macro-fiscal Coordinator. "We specifically wanted to improve the linkages between fiscal data and key macroeconomic variables for more accurate forecasting."

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# BVIHSA Continues Critical Services Amidst Ongoing AC Challenges at the Dr. D. Orlando Smith Hospital.

British Virgin Islands, 4th April 2024 – The BVI Health Services Authority (BVIHSA) remains committed to providing uninterrupted healthcare services to the community, even as we address the recent air condition (AC) challenges at the Dr. D. Orlando Smith Hospital. We understand the importance of keeping our patients comfortable and cared for during this time, and we want to reassure everyone that measures are in place to minimize disruptions.

The replacement part necessary to fix the AC system is anticipated to arrive in the Territory by Thursday. Furthermore, we have secured the services of a highly skilled technician from Johnson Corporation who is scheduled to arrive on Monday to expedite the repair process. This means that the problem should be rectified by Wednesday 10th April. In the interim, the BVIHSA deeply

appreciates the patience and understanding of our community as we work diligently to swiftly resolve this matter.

In the face of this challenge, our dedication to providing exceptional care remains steadfast. Our Imaging Unit is currently operating between the hours of 9 am and 2 pm providing limited x-ray and ultrasound services. In the meantime, we apologize that we are currently unable to provide our other diagnostic services such as CT, MRI and Mammograms to the public. As we await the Technician's arrival, the BVIHSA would like to emphasize that patient care continues without interruption. Emergency surgeries are proceeding seamlessly, and our emergency department stands fully equipped to serve the needs of our patients with unwavering efficiency.

We are thrilled to share

that visiting hours remain uninterrupted. We recognize the vital role of familial support in the healing journey of our patients and are committed to maintaining a welcoming environment for all visitors.

Although elective surgeries are temporarily on hold until the AC issue is resolved, we assure you that urgent

cases are receiving our immediate attention. Additionally, Road Town Clinic, laboratory services, and dialysis services remain unaffected, ensuring that critical medical care is readily accessible to those in need.

In our patient rooms, we have implemented measures to ensure comfort

and well-being, including the provision of additional fans and the strategic opening of windows to enhance ventilation. Rest assured; our dedicated team is tirelessly working to mitigate any inconvenience caused during this time.

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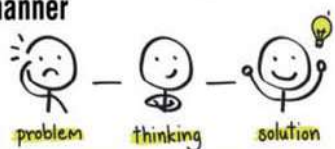
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# GLOBAL NEWS BRIEF

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**ROME** - Rallying from a winter-long bout of respiratory problems, Pope Francis led some 30,000 people in Easter celebrations Sunday, making a strong appeal for a cease-fire in Gaza and a prisoner swap between Russia and Ukraine.

Francis presided over Easter Sunday Mass in a flower-decked St. Peter's Square and then delivered a heartfelt prayer for peace in his annual roundup of global crises delivered from the loggia overlooking the piazza. In between, he made several loops around the piazza in his popemobile, greeting well-wishers.

"Peace is never made with weapons, but with outstretched hands and open hearts," Francis said, to applause from the wind-swept crowd below.

Francis appeared in good form, despite having celebrated the 2.5-hour nighttime Easter Vigil just hours before. The pontiff, who had part of one lung removed as a young man, has been battling respiratory problems all winter.

The Vatican said some 30,000 people attended the Mass [E! Pais]

**RUSSIA** - Russian President Vladimir Putin signed a decree to enroll 150,000 conscripts into the military, a document posted on the Kremlin's website showed on Sunday.

All men in Russia are required to serve one year of compulsory military service.

According to Statista, Russia has approximately 1.32 million active military personnel and two million reserve military personnel.

Compulsory military service has long been a sensitive issue in Russia. Many men try to avoid conscription during the twice-yearly call-up periods.

The Defense Ministry had previously assured conscripts they would not be sent to the front in Ukraine as they cannot legally be deployed to fight outside Russia.

However, on Sunday, the ministry also published a document releasing soldiers who had completed their basic training from service.

These trained soldiers have the option to volunteer for service in Ukraine, but many feel pressured to sign up. Earlier this month, the UK Ministry of Defense said it estimated 355,000 Russian personnel have been killed and wounded since the February 2022 invasion of Ukraine. In February, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said that 31,000 Ukrainian soldiers had been killed in action since Russia launched its full-scale invasion. [Deutsche Welle]

**ST. LUCIA** - In light

of allegations of sexual misconduct by a medical doctor, Hon Moses Jn Baptiste, Saint Lucia's Minister for Health, Wellness, and Elderly Affairs, has issued a stern reminder to the public regarding avenues for seeking redress on matters of sexual assault.

Reports of the purported incident emerged, alleging that a medical practitioner engaged in inappropriate behavior during a routine house call to an elderly patient.

Responding to these revelations, Minister Jn Baptiste stressed the importance of proactive measures when faced with such egregious situations.

While expressing initial unawareness of the incident, he underscored the necessity for individuals to promptly report instances of sexual assault to law enforcement authorities.

Highlighting that sexual assault is not exclusive to medical professionals, Minister Jn Baptiste emphasized the broader significance of addressing such misconduct within the community at large. [CNW]

**JAMAICA** - In a tribute to outstanding contributions to community development both locally and internationally, the fourth staging of the Jamaican Pioneers 2024 celebrations shone a spotlight on two distinguished individuals from the Caribbean nation residing in Atlanta, Georgia.

Attorneys Allan Alberga and Anthony Lee Hing emerged as

the 2024 honorees, garnering recognition during a virtual ceremony held on Saturday, March 23.

This year's event, themed 'Our Stories, Jamaican Pioneers in Georgia,' bore the mark of Dr. Elaine Bryan, Jamaica's Honorary Consul in Atlanta and esteemed Real Estate Broker. Dr. Bryan's vision and meticulous organization were pivotal in bringing this celebration to fruition.

In his address to the honorees and attendees, Minister of State in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, Hon. Alando Terrelonge, hailed the resilience and dedication of the Jamaican immigrants turned local luminaries.

Minister Terrelonge extended accolades not only to the honorees but also to Dr. Bryan for her relentless efforts in spotlighting the accomplishments of Jamaicans residing beyond the island's shores.

Her unwavering commitment as the Honorary Consul for Jamaica over nearly five years has been instrumental in fostering a sense of unity and pride within the Jamaican community in Atlanta. [CNW]

**GUYANA** - A senior official from the Guyana Police Force (GPF), Superintendent Mitchell Caesar was detained and questioned by United States law enforcement authorities at John F Kennedy International Airport in New York.

Vice President Bharrat Jagdeo confirmed the incident while addressing reporters during his weekly news conference.

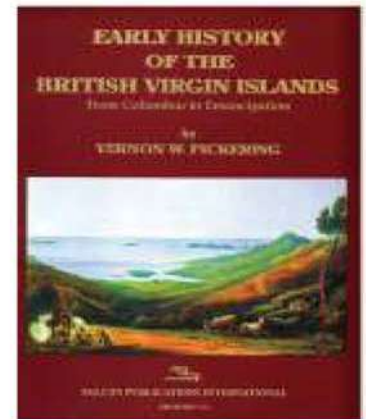
During his media briefing, Vice President Jagdeo affirmed Superintendent Caesar's encounter with US authorities.

Caesar, who heads the country's Major Crimes Unit, underwent questioning during his transit through the airport.

Jagdeo emphasized that the matter had been brought to the attention of higher-ups within the police force, indicating that internal processes would address the issue.

Vice President Jagdeo underscored the US policy of not sharing immigration-related details with foreign governments.

This lack of direct communication complicates matters for Guyanese officials



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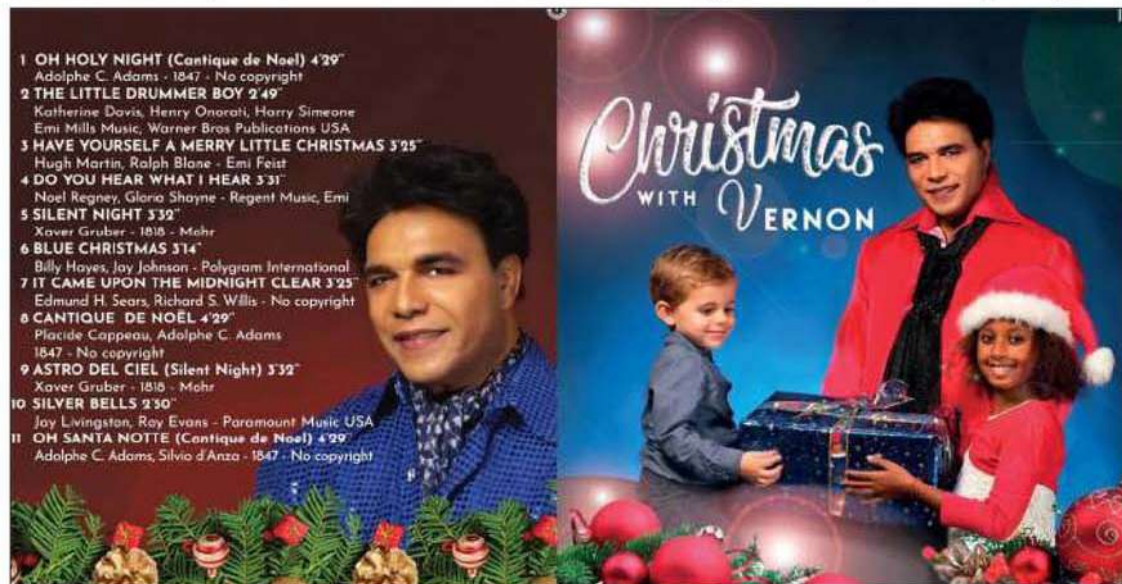
**CAYMAN ISLANDS** - The Cayman Islands are a paradise – pristine beaches, world-class diving, and unique wildlife, like endangered blue iguanas and rare birds like the red-footed boobies.

They are also the Caribbean islands most negatively impacted by extreme weather, and the fifth-most vulnerable islands in the region to rising sea levels.

The irony is the Cayman Islands aren't just victims of climate change – they are also significant contributors to the problem.

According to the World Bank, the Cayman Islands consumed 655 million kilowatt hours of electricity in 2019, with only 2.5% of that being produced from island-based renewable sources.

Henk Rogers has lived in Hawaii for much of the last 50 years, and I understand precisely the problems the Cayman Islands are facing. I've also participated in Hawaii's energy transformation and know how the lessons we've learned in the Pacific can help our Caribbean friends improve their relationship to energy and have a more resilient, affordable and climate-friendly future. [Cayman Compass]



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# The Sunny Side Up



## Through the Lens of The Sunny Side



### ***BVI Carifta Games Team Welcomed Back Home***

*The BVI Athletes that participated in the 2024 CARIFTA games in Grenada were greeted with a welcoming ceremony at the Terrence B. Lettsome International Airport yesterday. Well family members and supporters were in attendance for the as the athletes were thanked for representing the Territory and leaving it all on the track and many members of the team achieved personal bests and, medaled, and set National Records. Relive the excitement by viewing the welcoming ceremony on the Government's Facebook page at [BVIGovernment](https://www.facebook.com/BVIGovernment). (GIS Photo)*

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Divas On A Dime



## An Exciting Easter Event held Last Saturday, 30 March, at CTL Home Center



Last Saturday, 30 March CTL Home Center held an exciting Easter event at their Fish Bay location. The event which was also hosted by AWOL started at 1 PM, and families were eager to participate in the Easter Egg Hunt. Participants of the egg hunt were even treated to free pizza and ice pops.

Aside from the egg hunt, there were also other activities such as Easter masks and Easter egg bag decorating.

But the Easter fun didn't stop there. Early birds were treated to some amazing deals at CTL Home Center. From 6:30 AM until 8 AM, the store offered a 15% discount on the entire store, including free bush tea and muffins.

Moreover, customers had the chance to choose discount eggs at checkout with discounts ranging from 5% to 20% savings until 5 PM. The store was bustling with shoppers taking advantage of these amazing offers.

CTL Home Center's Easter event was truly a hit among families in the area. It was a fun-filled day that brought the community together while offering great deals and exciting activities. The store's commitment to providing a great shopping experience while offering community events and promotions is admirable. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 16**







## LIGHT BULB MOMENTS

*It's important to talk about it. You raise awareness. But you can also prevent it (child abuse) by not letting it be a secret.*  
...Herbert Ward

*The true character of a society is revealed in how it treats its children.*  
...Nelson Mandela

Source: <https://www.azquotes.com/quotes/topics/child-abuse>.

## Poetry Corner

### Hurt No Living Thing

Hurt no living thing:  
Ladybird, nor butterfly,  
Nor moth with dusty wing,  
Nor cricket chirping cheerily,  
Nor grasshopper so light of leap,  
Nor dancing gnat, nor beetle fat,  
Nor harmless worms that creep.  
Anonymous

## Tickle My Funny Bones



### THE CEILING

I needed some supplies from a Sunday School cupboard that was seldom used and was secured with a lock. I didn't know the combination, but our clergyman offered to give it a try. Father Jack placed his fingers on the lock's dial and raised his eyes heavenward for a moment. Then he confidently spun the dial and opened the lock. Seeing how impressed I was with this demonstration of faith,  
he smiled and confided,  
"The numbers are written on the ceiling."

### CAN'T RESIST

An overweight colleague of mine decided it was time to shed some excess pounds. He took his new diet seriously, even changing his driving route to avoid his favorite bakery. One morning, however, he arrived at work carrying a gigantic coffeecake. We all scolded him, but his smile remained cherubic. "This is a very special coffeecake," he explained. "I accidentally drove by the bakery this morning and there in the window were a host of goodies. I felt this was no accident, so I prayed, 'Lord, if you want me to have one of those delicious coffeecakes, let me have a parking place directly in front of the bakery.' And sure enough," he continued, "the eighth time around the block, there it was!"

## PUN INTENDED

"Dogs can't operate MRI machines, but cats-can."

### Dear Readers: April is Child Abuse Awareness Month

The 2023/2024 Prevention Resource Guide recognizes that there are actions we can take as a society and within communities, organizations, and families to address the root causes of child abuse and neglect.

The prevention resource guide seeks to highlight the innovative ways that communities around the country are doing purposeful prevention work to help children and families thrive.

The protective factors have always been central to the Resource Guide. A protective factors approach focuses on positive ways to engage families by emphasizing their strengths, in addition to identifying areas where they have room to grow with support. Focusing on protective factors helps children, youth, and families build resilience and contributes to positive outcomes.

Every child should grow up feeling safe and supported, yet sadly, half of the world's children experience violence every year [1]. It's important to know that children in every country, every culture and at every social level can face various forms of violence and abuse.

During the month of April, as well as throughout the entire year, it's important to raise the issue of child abuse to maximize the impact of Child Abuse Awareness Month.

Source: <https://www.savethechildren.org/us/charity-stories/child-awareness-month-2024>

### Ladyburd's Mail Box



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**Dear Ladyburd:** I am in a predicament. I am pregnant at the moment and I am not sure if the child is for my boyfriend. You see Ladyburd, my boyfriend and I had an issue, and we were separated for a few weeks, during that time I met up with my ex and he was trying to comfort me and one thing led to another, you can read between the lines. So I am overwhelmed right now wondering what my next move should be. Please help...**Confused**

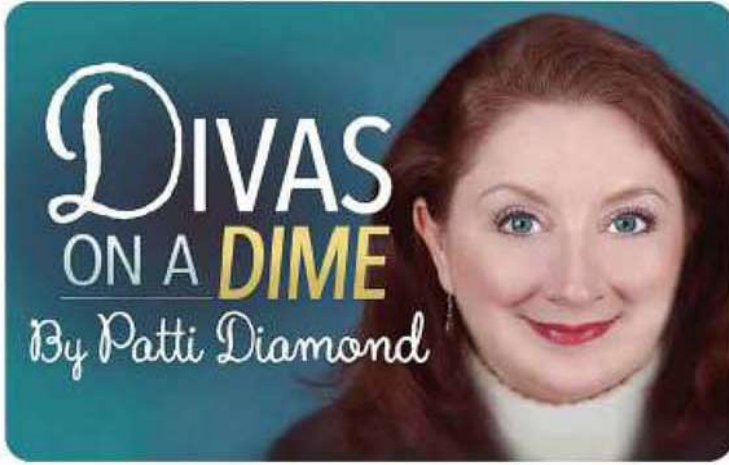
**Ladyburd:** Dear Confused: You are really in spot of bother right now. The only way I see out of this is to come clean and let them both know about the situation...When the child is born do a DNA test to determine who the father is and go from there,  
You have to stop stressing yourself out, so that you do not have a stressful child.  
You just cannot cry over spilt milk.



# An Exciting Easter Event held Last Saturday, 30 March, at CTL Home Center







Once the eggs are cool, gently tap each egg on a hard surface to crack the shell, then peel under cool running water. Pat the eggs dry with a paper towel.

Slice the eggs in half lengthwise and carefully remove the yolks. Place the yolks in a separate bowl and mash them with a fork until smooth.

Add the mayonnaise, mustard, vinegar and salt to the mashed yolks. Mix until well combined and creamy. Spoon the yolk mixture back into the egg white halves, dividing evenly. Alternatively, spoon the yolk mixture into a baggie and cut the corner for easy squeeze egg filling.

If desired, sprinkle the deviled eggs with paprika for a classic touch. Refrigerate the deviled eggs for at least 30 minutes before serving to allow the flavors to meld together.

Serve chilled and enjoy these timeless appetizers at your next gathering! To ensure food safety, store any leftover deviled eggs in the refrigerator and consume within two days.

## Egg-citing Delights: Deviled Eggs Galore!

As Easter rolls around, so does the inevitable surplus of hard-boiled eggs. But we're about to transform those humble eggs into delectable delights: deviled eggs! These egg-cellent creations are not only perfect for post-Easter gatherings, but can be enjoyed all year round. Versatile, flavorful and oh-so-satisfying, deviled eggs are the ultimate crowd-pleaser.

The Green Ring Dilemma. Ever wondered about that unsightly green ring around hard-boiled egg yolks? It's not a culinary catastrophe, but merely a harmless reaction between sulfur and iron during cooking. To avoid this, follow our foolproof method for perfectly boiled eggs: Gently simmer them in water, cover, and let them rest before cooling in an ice bath.

Some Diva tips: Always boil extra eggs, because some won't peel cooperatively, and a few extra yolks makes for abundantly filled deviled eggs. For the classic deviled egg experience, use good old yellow mustard. Also, leave perfectionism out of this. Remember, even the ugliest deviled egg tastes delicious! Absolutely worst-case scenario, chop them up and serve egg salad on croissants.

### CLASSIC DEVILED EGGS

Yield: 24 deviled egg halves

Total Time: 1 hour

12 large eggs

1/4 cup mayonnaise

1 tablespoon yellow mustard

1 teaspoon white wine vinegar or rice vinegar

1/4 teaspoon table salt

Paprika, for garnish (optional)

Lay the eggs flat in a pan and cover with cold water. Put the pan over medium heat and bring to a rolling boil. Once at a boil, immediately cover with a lid, remove from heat and let the eggs sit for 12 minutes. Submerge in very cold water until cooled.

### EGG-CITING VARIETIES TO TRY:

**Spicy Sriracha:** Add a fiery twist to your deviled eggs by incorporating a generous drizzle of sriracha sauce into the filling. It's sure to spice up any occasion!

**Bacon Lover's Dream:** Indulge in savory bliss by topping your deviled eggs with crispy bacon bits. The smoky flavor pairs perfectly with the creamy filling.

**Avocado Avenger:** For a healthier spin, swap out mayo for mashed avocado in your deviled egg mixture. It's creamy, luscious, and oh-so-delicious.

**Zesty Mediterranean:** Elevate your deviled eggs with a burst of Mediterranean flavors. Mix in chopped olives, sun-dried tomatoes and a sprinkle of feta cheese for a taste of the Mediterranean sunshine.

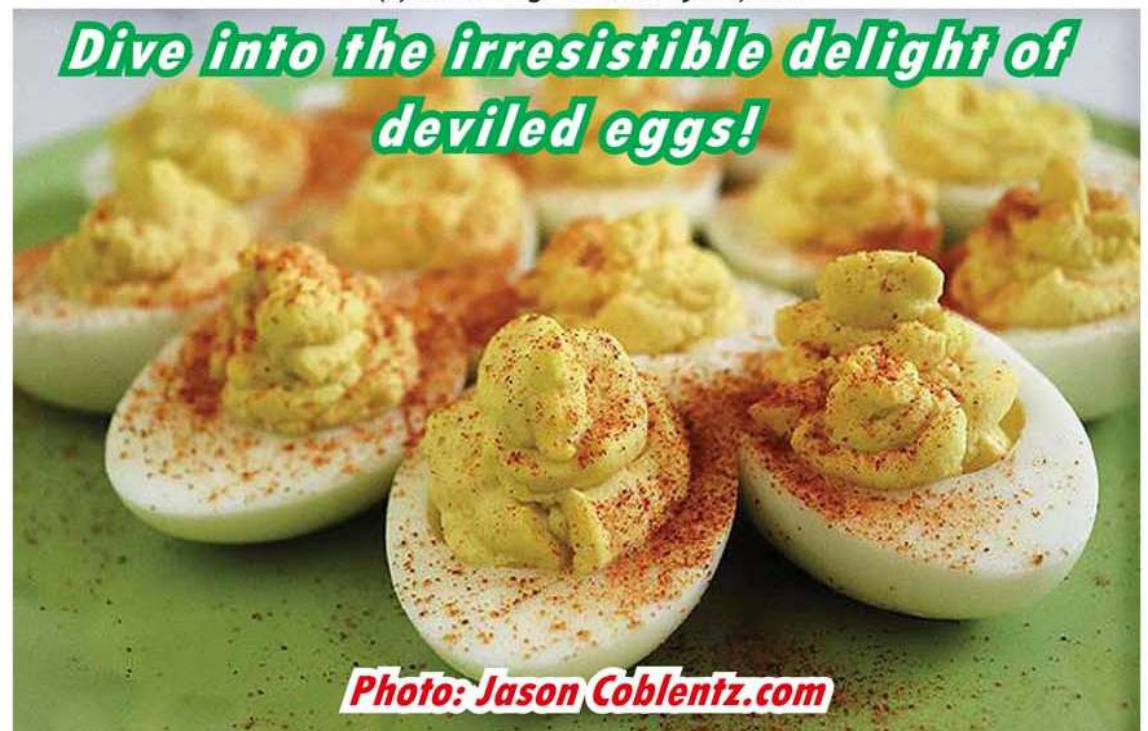
**Everything Bagel Bliss:** Embrace the flavors of your favorite breakfast treat by sprinkling everything bagel seasoning on top of your deviled eggs. It's a crunchy, savory delight that will leave you craving more.

With endless variations to explore, deviled eggs are sure to become a staple in your culinary repertoire. Enjoy, and happy egg-sperimenting! Too many egg puns? Well, egg-scuse me!

Until next time, happy cooking, my frugal friends!

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# Moving Together: The Caribbean's Journey from JaMoves to Global Health Transformation

March 27, 2024, 10.30 am, a sunny day with great expectations in the small island of Dominica, as the Chair of the Council for Human and Social Development (COHSAD) a subcommittee of CARICOM, signalled the start of the meeting to consider the adoption of Caribbean Moves, a regional response to lifestyle diseases (NCDs) which is responsible for over seventy percent of deaths in the Caribbean region. This was the culmination of The Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) led consultancy consultations funded by the Caribbean Development Bank to integrate physical activity and nutrition programmes under one umbrella called

Caribbean Moves. The report was ready for presentation and hopefully adaptation by the Caribbean community.

I was asked to make one of the presentations by the head of CARHA, Dr Joy St John and with good reason. Jamaica enjoyed pride of place with this initiative as the country that conceptualised this branded Behavioural change response to counter the ravages of non-communicable diseases caused by lifestyle practices. As a people, we have evolved out of a colonial experience and increasing globalisation influencing our consumption of high levels of ultra-processed foods with excess salts, sugars and fats, alcohol and tobacco, and less than adequate physical activity.

The consequences of this are rapidly increasing cases of cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, hypertension and cancers. A Response was required.

## Lifestyle Changes

In 2016, as the newly minted Minister of Health (later health & wellness) the concept of a branded Behavioural-change physical activity & nutrition programme was birthed through small talk at the Mona Dam and the Pacers Running Club. I was

searching for a new approach to confront lifestyle illnesses which claimed up to 80% of lives lost in the country. The answer was not on a prescription pad, I thought at the time, but in the choices we made as individuals, communities and countries. The concern & concept I was clear on, the name and branding were done through collaboration with one of the craziest (creative crazy) but brilliant creative thinkers I knew at the time. Jamaica Moves (JaMoves) was born.

Let's brand movement in keeping with culture - music & activities - and subtract the vices, so serve only water. There is enough magic in the music, the dance, the runs, the hikes, the swims; the Caribbean culture can be healthy if we nudge people into healthier active lifestyle practices. Create the forum and they will come and participate. Then let's measure the impact of movement on our health status. The message was simplified; thirty minutes of activity each day, with proper nutrition, may keep the doctor away.

But for the JaMoves brand to take the route it needed funding for activations and the Government process, while endorsing, was not initially prepared to fund the concept, so we creatively packaged selected corporate brands as value to them for promoting good health to their consumers. We had some successes there.

So here we were, almost eight years after the JaMoves concept was created through private-sector partnerships and-collaboration, witnessing the start of the regional integration of an idea that has outlasted starts & stops, trials and triumphs. Today was upbeat, with Caricom ministers endorsing a regional framework for Caribbean people. There was unusual pride captured in this leg of the journey.

Endorsements

As I read the brief in

Dominica, I was reminded that eight years on JaMoves turned Caribbean Moves received the endorsement of Caricom heads in Montego Bay,

Jamaica in July 2018, was sanctioned at the launch of the United Nations (UN) High-Level meeting on the Prevention and Control of NCDs in New York on September 27th, 2018. The concept has also been endorsed by the Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization, the Commonwealth, the Healthy Caribbean Coalition (HCC) and the University of the West Indies.

Passion for the programme saw much labour of love supported by small contributions from agencies like the local branch of the Inter American Development

Bank (IADB) for the creation of branded shirts and travel miles to support the activations or start-ups in New York, St Kitts and Nevis and Barbados, with advice for start-ups in Trinidad and St Lucia. Overcoming Challenges

But it was not always an easy road. The JaMoves concept underwent a public trial on how the concept was created, who owned the idea, how it was funded and what

were the motives. There were interrogations and calls for access to information which made the road to Caribbean Moves that much more difficult. For a time JsMoves was a symbol of sadness and disappointment for many. But we pressed on knowing that the road with good intentions is never paved with gold.

Today an endorsement and adoption by the Caribbean Community meant that it was all worth it. A regional institution has been created. It's now up to us, as Caribbean leaders and Caribbean citizens, to make it work for us. As Covid has taught us,

Health and Wellness is fundamental for social and

economic advancement.

## Need for More

Caribbean Governments must integrate lifestyle policies for the health and wellness of their populations to enhance Caribbean Moves, school nutrition and elimination of trans fats. They must see the creation of parks and walking trails as essentials of a healthy wholesome society. And they should brand and package healthy living to counter the negative impact of branding and marketing unhealthy lifestyles and products.

As I reflect on the journey travelled and the sacrifices made by so many, I revisited a proposal I wrote that captured the concept of JaMoves as a global cause. I am convinced that Jamaica and the Caribbean can lead the rest of the world on a path to sustained movement and balanced nutrition. I am proud to say this has started.

From JaMoves to Caribbean Moves and hopefully to the world! Let's keep moving!

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March 27, 2024, 10.30 am, a sunny day with great expectations in the small island of Dominica, as the Chair of the Council for Human and Social Development (COHSAD) a subcommittee of CARICOM, signalled the start of the meeting to consider the adoption of Caribbean Moves, a regional response to lifestyle diseases (NCDs) which is responsible for over seventy percent of deaths in the Caribbean region. This was the culmination of The Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) led consultancy consultations funded by the Caribbean Development Bank to integrate physical activity and nutrition programmes under one umbrella called Caribbean Moves. The report

was ready for presentation and hopefully adaptation by the Caribbean community.

I was asked to make one of the presentations by the head of CARHA, Dr Joy St John and with good reason. Jamaica enjoyed pride of place with this initiative as the country that conceptualised this branded Behavioural change response to counter the ravages of non-communicable diseases caused by lifestyle practices. As a people, we have evolved out of a colonial experience and increasing globalisation influencing our consumption of high levels of ultra-processed foods with excess salts, sugars and fats, alcohol and tobacco, and less than adequate physical activity.

The consequences of this are rapidly increasing cases of cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, hypertension and cancers. A Response was required.

## Lifestyle Changes

In 2016, as the newly minted Minister of Health (later health & wellness) the concept of a branded Behavioural change physical activity & nutrition programme was birthed through small talk at the Mona Dam and the Pacers Running Club. I was searching for a new approach to confront lifestyle illnesses which claimed up to 80% of lives lost in the country. The answer was not on a prescription pad, I thought at the time, but in the choices we made as individuals, communities and countries. The concern

& concept I was clear on, the name and branding were done through collaboration with one of the craziest (creative crazy) but brilliant creative thinkers I knew at the time. Jamaica Moves (JaMoves) was born.

Let's brand movement in keeping with culture - music & activities - and subtract the vices, so serve only water. There is enough magic in the

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# Vacationing in the Caribbean: Popular Vacation Destinations

The Caribbean is famous for its collection of small islands, warm climate, wonderful hotel resorts, and amazing beaches. The atmosphere created by in the Caribbean is ideal for those looking to get married, honeymooners, or just couples looking to get away. While the Caribbean may appeal to those looking for romance, it is also a great area to vacation with your family.

As with any other area of the world, selecting a Caribbean vacation destination can be a difficult task. In the Caribbean there are so many vacation destinations to choose from and they are all similar, in one way or another. If you experience difficulty narrowing your search down to just one destination, you are encouraged to review some of the most popular vacation destinations in the Caribbean. Below is an overview of five popular Caribbean destinations that attract beachgoers from all around the world.

The Turks & Caicos Island is located in Atlantic Ocean. The two islands are not far from the Bahamas. These Caribbean islands are most noted for their beautiful beaches and underwater adventures. The ocean water, near the Turks & Caicos Island, is home to large coral reefs. These reefs

bring in tourists from all around the world. Aside from traditional beach activities, you can enjoy fishing, diving, and snorkeling.

St. John is located in the U.S. Virgin Islands in the Caribbean. Many claim that the St. John beaches are the best in all of the Caribbean. St. John visitors are encouraged to visit Trunk Bay. Trunk Bay is owned and protected by the United States National Park Service. Aside from traditional beachfront activities, Trunk Bay is well known for their snorkeling tours. Trained, underwater guides and markers make the Turk Bay snorkeling adventure one of the best in the world.

Canouan Island is located in the Grenadines, which can also be found in the Caribbean. Canouan Island comes highly recommend from beach lovers. Beach activities include wind surfing, snorkeling, scuba diving, and sailing. Canouan Island is most well known for its private and

intimate settings. While many beaches in and around the Caribbean fill up each year with tourist, Canouan Island is still relatively undiscovered.

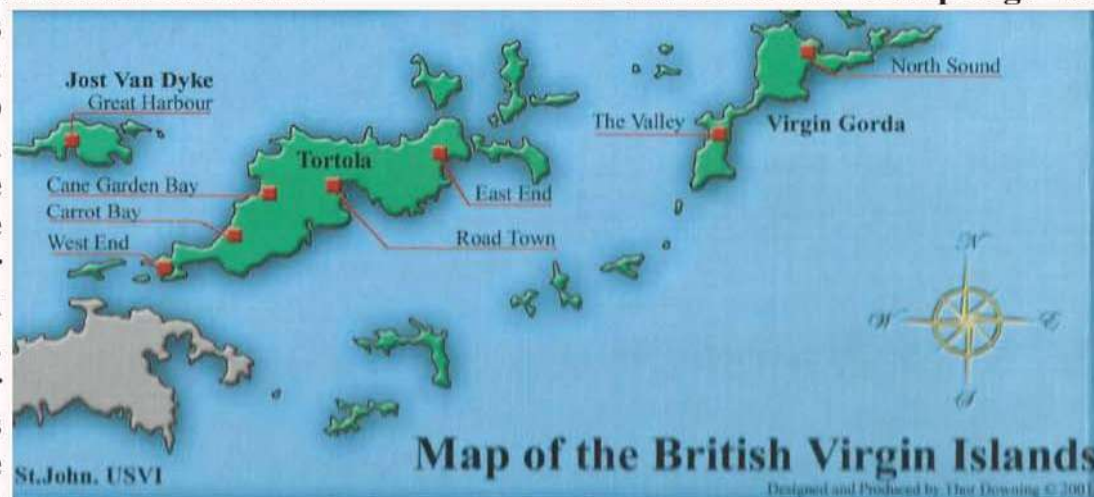
The tagline for Jamaica is no wonder hearts beat faster in Jamaica. This tourist slogan is accurate in more ways than one. Jamaica is home to wonderful beaches, including Seven Mile Beach. While Jamaica has a number of beach resorts that are so beautiful it is often hard to describe, they are most well-known for their music and fun offshore activities. Vacationers visiting Jamaica will not leave the island unsatisfied.

The British Virgin Islands have always something new to see, do, hear, taste, experience or discover no matter the time of year. If you plan a holiday in the BVI visit the BVI Tourist Board website - [bvitourism.com](http://bvitourism.com). Many islands in this seductive archipelago dot the crystalline waters

around the Sir Francis Drake, a historic sea highway. The BVI is considered the *Mecca of the yachting world*: its annual BVI Spring Regatta has reached its 50th edition. There are wondrous tints of earth, sky, and sea in these truly fabulous islands.

The Cayman Islands

is another popular summer vacation destination in the Caribbean. All three islands, Grand Cayman, Little Cayman, and Cayman Brac are home to a number of popular beaches, the most popular Being Seven Mile Beach. Seven Mile Beach is located on the Grand Cayman Island. All three islands offer numerous on and offshore activities. With Seven Mile Beach being one of the most well-known beaches in the Caribbean, it is often packed with travelers. Vacationers looking for more intimate settings in the Cayman Islands often vacation at one of the two smaller islands. Of course, you could always visit all three if you wish to. Millions of tourists flock the Caribbean for their vacations. If you have yet to visit the Caribbean area, you are encouraged to get down there and see what you have been missing. Whether you choose to vacation at one of the above mentioned Caribbean destinations or you select another, you are sure to have a vacation that will be impossible to forget.





# KOVELS ANTIQUES AND COLLECTING



*This three-dimensional figures of animals and wildlife are often seen on elaborate silver pieces. This bowl takes a slightly different approach, with figures of sea animals attached to a wire net.*

*[Photo: Kovels.com]*

**By Terry and Kim Kovel**

## THE DECORATIVE SILVER

Collectors and makers alike know that there are many ways to decorate silver. It can have an engraved design or monogram. It can be pierced or reticulated with lace-like cutouts. A textured design may be hammered, gadrooned, repousse or made with another technique. Some of the most elaborate and complex decorations on silver are applied; that is, made separately and then attached to the silver piece. Applied pieces may be functional, like handles or finials, or strictly decorative. Three-dimensional figures, especially natural elements, human figures or mythological creatures, are popular.

This Italian silver plate bowl was listed as the "Sealife bowl" at a Rago auction, where it sold for \$1,188. Its design is more complex than a typical decorative silver bowl; instead of being applied directly onto the bowl, the three-dimensional silver sea creatures are "caught" in a wirework net attached to the rim.

Another feature of this bowl, its gilt enameled interior, may serve a purpose besides decoration. As any collector knows, silver is prone to tarnish, especially when exposed to substances like salty, acidic or sulfurous foods. Some tableware is coated with gold or enamel on the interior, which protects the silver as well as adding decorative value.

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**Q:** I bought some toys at an estate sale. One is a 4 1/2-inch by 2 1/4-inch box that contains six smaller boxes that form puzzles. The boxes can be turned to make two different pictures. Each of the smaller boxes contains a tiny bisque doll. I would like to know more about these tiny dolls in puzzle boxes.

**A:** We've seen a set like this marked "made in Japan," which means it was imported into the United States. The 2-inch dolls are painted wearing various costumes. The set was probably made in the 1930s. It's listed for \$125 but hasn't sold yet, so the price is probably too high.

**TIP:** Be sure to remove salt and pepper from shakers and dishes after use. Wash, then store.

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## CURRENT PRICES

Poster, travel, 1964 New York World's Fair, Come Back to the Fair, mother, father and two children with balloons, linen backing, 16 x 11 inches, \$110.

Quilt, applique, Bear Paws pattern, 16 squares, each with a small square center and bear paw corners, red on cream and cream on red printed fabric, Long Island City, 1910-1920, 72 x 72 inches, \$245.

Wooden sailor's chest, mahogany, brass mounts, escutcheon and latch, hinged top, side handles, 18th century, 14 x 36 x 22 inches, \$535.

Sewing machine, table top, Goodspeed & Wyman, single thread, C-shape frame, hand crank wheel, black metal, gilt decoration, 1800s, 8 x 12 1/2 x 4 1/2 inches, \$765.

Stoneware crock, cobalt blue stripes and twisting vines, stamped E. Lulley, 616 Penn. Ave., Washington, D.C., rolled rim, two applied ear handles, 4 gallons, 14 3/4 inches, \$1,240.

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## CURRENT PRICES

Advertising, poster, "24 Hours of LeMans," 14 & 15 June 1969, photo image of sports cars and race track, A. Delourmel, linen backing, 24 x 15 1/2 inches, \$250.

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

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

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

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# COMMENTARY

## VALUE AND SUPPLY CHAINS

By Dickson Igwe



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Follow the capital trail for greater economic understanding.

OK. The scope, type, and value of capital assets sitting in the Virgin Islands require-observation, assessment, and evaluation. Why? Detailed assessment of the wealth generating assets of the Virgin Islands – the capital mix- is beneficial for economic and social planning. It is also important information for organizations and businesses, both local and international. The innovative management of capital is key to Virgin Islands prosperity.

In fulfilling the vision of a developed Virgin Islands, the community must determine what capital resources sit in the country, including capital resident outside the country, but owned by citizens and Virgin Islands organizations. The capital mix is there to drive the Virgin Islands to El Dorado- the Promised Land. The flow of capital

towards a vision of the economic future is rightly termed the value and supply chain.

Assessing and then evaluating the Virgin Islands capital mix is the most essential component of Virgin Islands economic management. What type of economy the country possesses depends on the type of capital mix it harbors.

Then, is there an official list of wealth generating assets also known as capital assets for the Virgin Islands? How is capital valued? What are the features of the capital mix unique to the Virgin Islands? What office is responsible for oversight of capital? Clearly, it is the new ministry of economic planning in the case of this Virgin Islands Party Government.

Now, value and supply chains are the movements of capital in a specific sector through the various stages, from pre-production, through to production, to final product or service. In essence, the value supply chain is the pathway of the capital mix governing the supply of a product from start to finish. It begins with initial input and ends with the final output.

Value and supply chains are the strategic flow or movement of the capital mix responsible for producing a product

within a specific sector of the economy. The chain proceeds systematically, stage by stage, until the process is completed and the product cycle concluded. At the end of the cycle is the consumer. The profitable business and satisfied consumer is the objective of the process.

Value Supply chains define the processes from start to finish of providing a product or service, and the type of capital mix required. It is therefore imperative that the Virgin Islands identifies its value and supply chains for the various businesses in each sector of the economy. This evaluation is core to ensuring good economic governance, and good economic outcomes.

All sectors of the Virgin Islands economy, including the businesses and organizations within the various sectors such as tourism, financial services, and agricultural and food markets, and internal markets that serve the community, possess value and supply chains.

These chains are the wealth generating activities of the businesses and organizations within each sector. For example, the value supply chains in tourism contain all the organizations and businesses in tourism. The chains adopt the various stages from the start of a

production process to the final stage of selling the tourism product.

Each stage of that process is a link in the value and supply chain. Policy makers evaluate the value and supply chain to identify what decisions add value to the tourism product, and what activities to avoid.

It is the same with financial services: where does a financial service begin and where does it end? How do the various stages of the process

increase the value of the product so that at the end of the process there is increased revenue and capital gain?

In agriculture, the value supply chains in the various businesses begins with the what, when, where, how and why of land acquisition, the control and management of arable land, to the sowing, reaping and marketing of farm produce, livestock and fish stocks.

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# Caribbean News / Regional News

## Jamaica claim 38th straight Carifta Games title

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Team Jamaica had no equal at the final day of the 2024 Carifta Games as the nation's athletes claimed their 38th straight Carifta Games title in Grenada last night. Jamaica led the way with 84 medals – 45 gold, 23 silver and 16 bronze.

Bahamas finished second overall with 35 medals – nine gold, 13 silver and 13 bronze. Trinidad and Tobago were third on the table with 27 medals – four gold, 11 silver and 12 bronze.

Jamaica started the day with promise, as the pair of Rasheda Samuels and Dejanae Bruce finished first and second respectively in the under-20 girls' high jump final. Samuels won gold with her highest clearance of 1.78m while her teammate Bruce took silver with a best of 1.76m. Keneisha Shelbourne of Trinidad and Tobago took home bronze with 1.70m.

Jaeda Robinson secured another Carifta record for Jamaica in the under-17 girls' triple jump as her gold-medal winning distance of 12.69m, erased the mark of 12.61m set by Rochelle Farquharson in 2009. Tessa Clamy of Guadeloupe took silver with 12.09m while high jump gold medallist Zavier Bernard claimed another medal when she took bronze with 11.63m.

Jamaica swept the sprint hurdles events, extending their dominance throughout the day.

In the under-17 girls' 100m hurdles final, Malaysia Duncan led the way as she took gold in 13.63 seconds ahead of Jenna-Marie Thomas of Trinidad and Tobago, 13.74, and Curaçao's Zsa-Zsa Frans who took bronze in 14.21.

In the under-20 girls' final, the Jamaican duo of Habiba Harris and Briana Campbell led the way. Harris recorded a wind-assisted time of 12.93. Despite eclipsing the Carifta record set by Alexis James last year, Harris' time will not be considered for the meet record as the tailwind was above the legal limit of plus 2.0 metres per second. Campbell stopped the clock in 13.11 ahead of Sofia Swindell of the US Virgin Islands who took bronze in 13.95.

### WINNING TIME

Michael Dwyer took the under-17 boys' 110m hurdles final with his gold-medal winning time of 13.81. He finished ahead of Bahamian Jahcario Wilson who claimed silver in 13.94 while Jamaica's Robert Miller was third in 13.97.

Jamaica again reigned supreme in the under-20 boys' 110m hurdles final. The pair of Shaquane Gordon and Daniel Beckford secured a one-two finish for Jamaica while Curaçao's Lizheng Zhuang took bronze. Gordon won in 13.15 ahead of teammate Beckford, 13.25. Zhuang rounded off the

podium positions with his time of 13.94.

Michelle Smith of the British Virgin Islands added to her under-20 girls' 400m hurdles gold medal when she won the 800m final. Smith took gold in 2:06.18 ahead of Haiti's Victoria Guerrier 2:07.45. Jamaica had to settle for bronze as Monique Stewart crossed the line in 2:07.56.

Jamaica had a series of storming performances in the 4x400m relays to close out the night's performances.

The team took gold in the under-17 4x400m final in 3:41.84 ahead of silver medallists Bahamas 3:47.13 and bronze medallists Barbados 3:49.68.

Boys' under-17 400m record holder Nickecoy Bramwell ran a blistering anchor leg to carry Jamaica to gold in the under-17 4x400m final in a time of 3:18.43. Trinidad and Tobago took silver in 3:21.24s while Grenada secured bronze in 3:21.92.

It was a sizeable gap between the Jamaicans and the rest of the pack in the under-20 4x400m final as they took gold in 3:34.69. Trinidad and Tobago collected silver in 3:47.51 with Barbados taking bronze in 3:48.21.

The under-20 boys completed the 4x400m sweep in 3:10.58 ahead of Trinidad and Tobago 3:11.10 and Guyana getting third in 3:14.05.

Japan Summit in Trinidad and Tobago. The summit was attended by the late Prime Minister of Japan, H.E. Shinzo Abe, the first Japanese Prime Minister to visit the Region.

Speaking at the reception in Tokyo on 26 March, Dr. Barnett said Japan has remained an important partner for the Community since they established formal diplomatic relations in 1993.

"We attach great value to the enduring bonds of friendship that have been forged over the years. Our partnership is built on a foundation of mutual respect, shared values, and a genuine desire to collaborate for the benefit of our peoples," the Secretary-General said.

Japan's Foreign Affairs Minister, Her Excellency Yoko Kamikawa stated that Japan and CARICOM countries are important partners, sharing values and principles in an international situation where cooperation among such countries is becoming more important than ever.

To date, CARICOM and Japan have had a Heads of Government summit, seven Ministerial meetings, and 19 Consultations between senior officials on the two sides.

The Secretary-General noted their technical cooperation which redound to critical support to CARICOM in small and medium-sized enterprises, agriculture and fisheries, information technology, environmental conservation, disaster management, climate change, energy, culture and tourism. She also highlighted CARICOM-Japan cooperation at the multilateral level, stating:

"While the focus of CARICOM-Japan relations has primarily been on technical cooperation, through the CARICOM-Japan Friendship and Cooperation Fund (JCFCF) and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), there has also been collaboration and support at the multilateral level. In this regard, I extend appreciation to Japan for its support to the Community over the years on the vulnerability of Small Island and Low-lying Coastal Developing

States (SIDS). Your leadership in recognising vulnerability as an important criterion for concessional financing and moving away from GDP per capita as the only standard, has been much welcomed."

CARICOM Secretariat, Turkeyen, Greater

At the launch event on Tuesday, Dr. Barnett also highlighted the cultural and skills exchange programmes which form significant elements of CARICOM-Japan relations.

"The Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Programme, the Scholarship Programme for Research Students and the CARICOM-Japan Young Diplomats Exchange are examples of people-to-people exchanges that strengthen relations at all levels.

Our cultural links continue to deepen, as signaled by the popularity of Caribbean music and our products, including rum and coffee in Japan and the growing popularity of Japanese cuisine in the Caribbean," Dr. Barnett stated.

So far, more than 800 participants from the Region have benefited from the JUNTOS Programme. Fifteen CARICOM nationals are currently participating in the programme in Japan from 21 – 29 March. The programme includes the dispatch of Japanese professionals to CARICOM Member States and CARICOM Institutions and provides opportunities for young professionals to learn about the Japanese economy, foreign policy, culture, and environmental policy.

CARICOM nationals have also participated in the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Programme through which CARICOM nationals teach in Japanese schools.

CARICOM Assistant Secretary-General for Foreign and Community Relations, Ms. Elizabeth Solomon accompanied the Secretary-General to Japan. They also met with government officials including the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan, Her Excellency Yōko Kamikawa; the Parliamentary Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Tsuge Yoshifumi and senior officials from other state agencies.

## Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretary-General, Dr. Carla Barnett conducts visit to Japan

Georgetown, Guyana - Tuesday, 26 March 2024: Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretary-General, Dr. Carla Barnett concluded a two-day visit to Japan where she met with high-level government officials and participated in the launch of the CARICOM-Japan Friendship Year 2024, and JUNTOS, Japan-

CARICOM Exchange Programme for Young Diplomats.

2024 was designated CARICOM-Japan Friendship Year to mark the 30th anniversary of the first Japan-CARICOM Consultation, and the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Japan and

Jamaica, and Trinidad and Tobago, respectively.

The inaugural Japan-CARICOM Friendship Year was celebrated in 2014 to mark the 20th anniversary of the first Japan-CARICOM Consultation. Several high-profile events were held that year including the first CARICOM-





# VOA NEWS VOA NEWS VOA NEWS VOA NEWS

## Israeli military calls airstrike that killed 7 aid workers in Gaza 'grave mistake'

Israel's military said Wednesday its airstrike that killed seven aid workers in Gaza was "a grave mistake."

Israeli military chief Lt. Gen. Herzi Halevi attributed the attack, which killed members of the aid group World Central Kitchen (WCK), to "a misidentification at night, during a war, in very complex conditions."

"WCK is an organization whose people work across the globe, including in Israel, to do good in difficult conditions," Halevi said in a video statement. "The IDF works together closely with the World Central Kitchen and greatly appreciates the important work that they do."

World Central Kitchen founder José Andrés said in an essay published Wednesday in The New York Times that Israel carried out "a direct attack on

clearly marked vehicles whose movements were known by the Israel Defense Forces."

Andrés said the attack was the result of "a policy that squeezed humanitarian aid to desperate levels," referencing complaints from humanitarian organizations about the difficulty of getting aid into Gaza and into the hands of Palestinians who are desperately in need of help amid the Israel-Hamas war.

"In the worst conditions, after the worst terrorist attack in its history, it's time for the best of Israel to show up," Andrés said. "You cannot save the hostages by bombing every building in Gaza. You cannot win this war by starving an entire population."

U.S. President Joe Biden said late Tuesday he was "outraged and heartbroken" by the attack.

"They were providing food to hungry civilians in the middle of a war. They were brave

and selfless. Their deaths are a tragedy," Biden said in a statement.

The U.S. leader said Tuesday's attack was not a stand-alone incident, and that Israel "has not done enough to protect aid workers trying to deliver desperately needed help to civilians."

"The United States will continue to do all we can to deliver humanitarian assistance to Palestinian civilians in Gaza, through all available means," Biden said. "I will continue to press Israel to do more to facilitate that aid. And we are pushing hard for an immediate ceasefire as part of a hostage deal."

World Central Kitchen said it was immediately pausing its humanitarian efforts in the region following the attack.

The charity said in a statement that it had completed a delivery of 100 tons of food aid to a warehouse in Deir al-Balah, and that a convoy of



FILE - A person looks at a vehicle where employees from the World Central Kitchen (WCK) were killed in an Israeli airstrike, in Deir Al-Balah, central Gaza, Strip, Apr. 2, 2024.

two armored cars with the group's logo was leaving the site when it was struck.

World Central Kitchen said the group had coordinated its movements in advance with the Israeli military.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu acknowledged that the country's forces had carried out the "unintended strike ... on innocent

people."

"Unfortunately, in the past day there was a tragic event in which our forces unintentionally harmed non-combatants in the Gaza Strip," Netanyahu said in a video statement Tuesday.

"This happens in war. We are conducting a thorough inquiry and are in contact with the governments. We will do everything to prevent a recurrence."

## 7.2 magnitude earthquake strikes Taiwan, damaging buildings and infrastructure



In this image taken from a video footage run by TVBS, a partially collapsed building is seen in Hualien, eastern Taiwan on April 3, 2024. An earthquake rocked the island, collapsing buildings in a southern city and creating a tsunami that hit southern Japanese islands.

TAIPEI, TAIWAN — A magnitude 7.2 earthquake shook Taiwan early Wednesday, causing massive power outages and the partial collapse of several buildings in eastern Taiwan. At least seven people died and more than 700 were injured.

The earthquake's epicenter was located 25 kilometers off the island's east coast, with a depth of 15.5 kilometers. Taiwan's Central Weather Administration said the earthquake caused changes in water levels off the east coast and issued a tsunami warning. The alert was lifted around 11 a.m. local time.

Since the initial earthquake, which took place at 7:58 a.m. local time, more than 100 aftershocks have been detected. It was the strongest earthquake

to have hit Taiwan in 25 years. At least 26 buildings have either completely or partially collapsed across Taiwan.

The earthquake caused damage across the island, with most serious cases concentrated in Hualien County in the east. More than a dozen buildings across the county have partially collapsed. While more than a dozen people have been rescued from two of the partially collapsed buildings in Hualien, at least one person is still trapped in the building.

Stunning images circulating on social media showed the first floor of one of the buildings in Hualien completely collapsed and the rest of the building tilted 45 degrees.

The earthquake has also caused rocks to fall along mountainous

highways in central and eastern Taiwan, injuring people. At least 77 people remain trapped across Hualien county near the epicenter.

Authorities have temporarily closed off the Central Cross-Island Highway and the Suhua Highway, where some parts of the road sustained serious damage and injuries have been reported. The main railway and one of the bridges connecting Hualien to northern Taiwan suffered serious damages and the Ministry of Transportation hoped to resume railway traffic by Thursday.

The earthquake has forced Taiwan's high-speed trains and metros in the three major cities - Taipei, Taichung, and Kaohsiung - to temporarily suspend operation. Following close evaluation, the Taipei metro and Taiwan high-speed rail resumed operation at a reduced capacity. In New Taipei City, at least 12 people have been evacuated from houses that experienced foundation subsidence.

Officials at semiconductor giant Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. said they evacuated staff in parts of their plants, but the industrial safety system remained normal. The plant in Southern Taiwan Science Park remains operational. Videos on social media showed books, plates, and other items falling from shelves in homes while people were seen

opening doors and rushing outside.

Some Taiwan residents said Wednesday the earthquake was one of the strongest they've felt in many years.

"I jumped out of bed when the whole apartment began to shake and my first reaction was to open the door, grab my cat, and run out onto the street," Alan Yang, a 36-year-old engineer in Taipei, told VOA by phone.

Others said the quake didn't create too much interruption in their daily routines. "I was attending a meeting when the whole building started to shake, but the speaker continued her lecture on the podium and no one around me was panicking," Janice Tsai, a 30-year-old office worker, said in a phone interview. Despite relative calm in many parts of Taiwan, Hualien County, near the epicenter, suspended schools and work for the day. Several schools in Taipei City ended classes early due to damaged buildings.

Amid the strongest earthquake in decades, many Taiwanese residents told VOA they didn't receive the early warning message issued by the Central Weather Administration, raising questions about the effectiveness of Taiwan's public warning system.

In response, the Central Weather Bureau said the system's first two attempts to predict the magnitude of earthquake, which was 7.2, had underestimated the level of the

earthquake, causing the public warning system to leave out some parts of Taiwan when it sent out earthquake alerts.

They vowed to improve the accuracy of the public warning system in the future. The Central Disaster Response Center is coordinating disaster relief efforts across Taiwan while the military has been deployed to support local governments. The Central Weather Administration warned that aftershocks with a magnitude of 6.5 to 7 could take place in the next four days, urging people to stay vigilant.

Meanwhile, the Japan Meteorological Agency issued a Tsunami alert and evacuation advisory for coastal areas in the southwestern part of the Okinawa prefecture. At 9:18 a.m. local time, local authorities reported a 30-centimeter tsunami near Yonaguni Island, and two 20-centimeter tsunamis were also reported at nearby islands. The tsunami advisories were later lifted around noon local time in Japan.

In addition to Taiwan and Japan, the Philippines and parts of China also felt the impact of the earthquake. Chinese state media said several cities in the southern Fujian Province felt the quake Taiwan has long been troubled by earthquakes. In 1999, a magnitude 7.6 earthquake hit Taiwan and killed around 2,400 people.



# SPORTS

## Tiondre "Dre" Frett shines at Carifta with 200m bronze

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

### TRACK & FIELD

With no medals in the vault after the first two days of the 51st Carifta Games in St. Georges, Grenada, heading into Monday's final day, the BVI's medal hopes rode on the legs of High Jumper Jah'Kyla Morton. That was before Tiondre "Dre" Frett won his U17 Boys 200m Heat in a personal best 22.21 second to make the final on Sunday. On Monday, Frett fought his way to a bronze medal, lowering his personal best to 22.18 seconds and missed silver by .02.

"This means a lot for myself and my country, my coaches and my family, because I didn't have high hopes that I would come out victorious, but I did," Frett told Island Sun Sports. "I'm very, very impressed with 22.18, because I never knew I would have gotten so far at a young age, but I did. I felt a bit nervous going into the race, but my coach (Willis Todman) spoke to me and I felt better. But the 200 is my favorite race and you've seen it there."

Frett ran a personal best of 10.88

seconds on Saturday in the 100m final and was sixth, after running 10.92 to advance. "I'm very surprised with the time because I knew I was the youngest in the field and for me to do that, it's marvelous," Frett told Island Sun Sports. "I felt pretty good and knew I could have done better, but that will come next year."

Frett became just the fourth since 1987 advancing to an U17 Boys 100m final and the second along with Jaleel Croal, in a 100/200m final. He also joined Keita Cline as the third 200m medalist.

Meanwhile, Morton—who won U17 Girls High Jump bronze in 2022 and silver in 2023—moved to the U20 division and shared a 5th place finish with a 1.65m (5'5") leap.

"When I woke up this morning, all the nerves were there, and when I got to the competition, my heart was actually racing throughout the whole competition and I was scared—I've never been that scared," Morton said. "I couldn't calm down myself and jump to the best of my ability."

The 4x100m quartet of Mario Carter, Frett, Shamaul Donovan and Jaheem Lennard-Joseph, broke the U18 Boys national record of 42.59 seconds established at last year's Carifta Games in the Bahamas, when they

ran 42.47, to finish 4th in the U17 Boys event.

In the U20 Boys 800m, Jonathan Lynch had his second fastest time of the season to place 5th in his heat in 1:56.84.

Mario Carter was 4th in his 200m heat in 22.54 seconds and 5th in the 100m in 11.39. In the U20 Boys race, J'Den Jackson was timed in a non-advancing 11.31 seconds.

M'Kenzie Crabbe missed a spot on the U17 Girls 100m final by .09 seconds, when she ran a personal best of 12.40 seconds, the 9th best time. She was 4th in her 200m in 25.44. In the U20 Girls, Jordanne Thomas ran a personal best of 12.30/24.87 seconds in the 100/200m. Amia Todman ran 12.52. Jahtivy Williams was 8th in the 200m with 25.45.

M'Korri Crabbe finished 5th in his U20 Boys 400m Heat in 49.38 seconds. The U17 Girls 4x100m relay quartet was disqualified and the U20 Girls did not finish.

#### Field Events

Romeena Davis was 4th in the U17 Girls Shot Put with a 12:24m (40'2") heave. Jamelia Chambers had a 5th placed finish in the U17 Girls High Jump, with a leap of 1.55m (5'1"), while Deniel Clarke placed 9th with 1.50m (4'11"). Shyra Stoutt settled for



**Tiondre "Dre" Frett, right, picked up the BVI's only Carifta Games medal, U17 Boys 200m bronze, missing silver by .02 by Jamaica's Jervis Oshane, left and Trinidad and Tobago's Kadeem Chinapoo, snatched gold**

a 5.14m (16'10¼") Long Jump leap, after fouling her first two attempts.

Savianna Joseph was 5th in the Shot Put with a heave of 12.24m (40'2") and 9th in the U20 Girls Discus Throw with 36.30m (119'1"). Palesa Caesar, coming off a personal best of 43.84m (143'10") to place 6th in the Discus, was 8th in the Shot with 10.04m (32'11¼").

Andre Smikle had 6th place finishes in both the U20 Boys Discus Throw, with a personal best 47.73m (156'7") and 14.19m (46'6¾") in the Shot Put.

A'sia McMaster had a leap of 5.36m (17'7") and was 12th in the U20 Girls Long Jump.

Jabari Pemberton moved from 14th to 12th in the Boys Octathlon with 4,300 points, after a 5:08.61 seconds 1500m.

## Gemi Evans becomes first BVI woman Carifta Games starter

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

### CARIFTA GAMES

BVI athletes at the 51st Carifta Games in St. George's, Grenada, heard a familiar voice giving commands to start their race—the voice of starter Gemi Evans—who became the first woman from the territory to become a Carifta Games starter and the second person behind the late Patrick Harrigan.

Evans will remember the games for a variety of reasons but one was very special to her—starting the U17 Boys 200m final, where Tiondre Frett won the territory's only medal—bronze.

"What made that bronze medal better, was being able to start that race for him," Evans, who started several races and was also a recall starter, told Island Sun Sports. "That was an amazing

feeling."

Evans said her journey began when coach Ralston "Grandfather" Henry had a vision of her having an opportunity to attend the games and gain valuable experience. He contacted fellow coach Willis "Chucky" Todman, who's also the BVI Athletics Association treasurer, and general secretary Stephanie Russ Penn was on board and "they made it come to fruition."

"My interest for starting was sparked some 10 years ago, when I saw Grandfather walking across the track and he was going to meet Mr. Harrigan and I told him that I wanted to be a starter," Evans recalled. "He told me 'come' but I don't know if he was serious, however, I did join him and Mr. Harrigan. He told Mr. Harrigan that I was interested in being a starter. I got a crash course on the spot and eventually, the gun was placed in my hands."

Evans said it was Harrigan's vision for all the up-and-coming starters to eventually branch out to regional and international meets and not just being

able to start locally. She said that there haven't been many starters leaving the BVI as starters since Harrigan, so it came as a surprise as she's one of the most dependable starters for all the BVI Athletics Association and school sports starters.

Evans was entrusted into the starter's role with Saturday's 400m semifinals. "I had a crash course with Jamaica's international starter Ludlow Watts. He mentored me and we did a couple run-throughs and I was able to execute well," she said, noting the higher standard than in BVI. "It's different in certain instances. We don't have microphones on the starting blocks or the electric gun. I didn't have the worries of it jamming like the manual gun at home. The gun itself is lighter, the sound is way different. I noticed that some of the athletes who may have been accustomed to the manual gun, would be a bit hesitant coming out the blocks because they're expecting a bigger explosion. The sound is a little more subtle than the big explosion and

rapid shot you'd hear from the manual gun."

Evans also worked with Grenadian starters, as well as the technical team of officials from Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago and Grenada.

At one time, Evans asked athletes if they could hear her at the start of the 400m. She said that it was to ensure athletes in lane eight could hear her commands, when the gun is fired, and they need to come out of the blocks.

One of her assignments as an assistant starter was to give out one of the cards—red, green, or yellow—if there was an infringement of the rules. "With technology, sometimes there are glitches, and we might ask athletes to come out of the blocks and stand, which is no fault of their own," she said. "You'll have to walk around with a green card to let them know that they are all safe. If I present a yellow card for whatever reason, that would be a warning that you need to check yourself. A red card would mean you have false started or have committed some sort of violation and you'd have



to leave the field."

She hopes the opportunity will open the door for more BVI officials to assist in different regional competitions. "I hope one day that we have more local starters in the BVI," she said. "I do look forward to future regional and international competitions, so they could know that we do have those talents nestled right here in the Virgin Islands as well."



# SPORTS



Tiondre "Dre" Frett, 15, center, finished 3rd in the U17 Boys 200m in 22.18 seconds, behind winner Trinidad and Tobago's Kadeem, Chinapuro, left, 21.78. Grenada's Kemron Mathlyn was fifth.



Competing in the Octathlon Boys Long Jump, Jabari Pemberton was 4th with a personal best leap of 6.45m (21'2")



Soon to be 14-year old M'Kenzi Crabbe, right, missed the U17 Girls 100m final by .09, after running a personal best, 12.40 seconds



Andre Smikle followed through on his U20 Boys Shot Put heave of 14.19m (46'6¾") where he was sixth. He was also sixth in the Shot Put with a personal best of 47.73m (156'7")





### Slower Heart Rates Are More Common in Athletes

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** I have a question about a resting heart rate, specifically when it is considered too slow for one's health. I am a 67-year-old male who, from an early age to the present time, has always been physically active every day. Now retired, I feel a great sense of accomplishment when I work out. The endorphin boosts and benefits to my body are my daily rewards.

Recently, I received a fitness watch that tracks my heart rate. My nightly sleep sessions show a range of 39-58 bpm over the past month. During a dental visit a while ago, I was told by the hygienist that she knew of an athlete who died in his sleep, and his heart rate was so slow that it just stopped. Is this possible? — D.M.

**ANSWER:** This really wasn't a great thing for the hygienist to say, as there is very little truth to it. Most people who exercise do have a slower heart rate, and it's a good sign of a healthy heart. However, some older people can develop heart block when the electrical impulse from the natural pacemaker of the heart fails to pass to the ventricles. This is an occasional cause of sudden cardiac death.

Your heart rate suggests, to me, that it's more likely the healthy heart rate of an athlete than it is a disease of the electrical conduction system, but a visit with your regular doctor or cardiologist can separate this through a simple electrocardiogram in most cases. Some people just have slow heart rates, but they can be treated with a pacemaker if they're symptomatic.

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**DEAR DR. ROACH:** I am a 79-year-old man with diabetes and high blood pressure. What are your thoughts on taking a supplement designed for horses by humans? My son-in-law takes 1 teaspoon of this every other day for building his body and suggests that it might help me. — Anon.

**ANSWER:** Please don't take products designed for other animals. The dosing that is healthy for some animals can be toxic for others. I looked up the product — it contains vitamins and minerals that are important for humans, but the dosing isn't right.

Supplements are not an effective treatment for diabetes or high blood pressure. Strong data show that people who eat well don't benefit much, or at all, from vitamin and mineral supplementation, but if you choose to do so, choose one designed for humans, not horses.

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**DEAR DR. ROACH:** I read your recent column on overactive bladders. Like many middle-aged and older women, I've progressively had more and more trouble with frequent urination and bladder control. I saw a urologist who diagnosed me with bladder spasms. I got very good improvement on an expensive drug called Myrbetriq.

A few years later, an abdominal scan done for another reason revealed a large uterine fibroid. I eventually had a hysterectomy a year ago. Now at 75, I don't have any bladder spasms and don't take any medication. — C.J.R.

**ANSWER:** Fibroid tumors and other pelvic masses can press on the bladder and cause symptoms that feel like an overactive bladder. These aren't common causes, but I am glad you wrote in about this cause and that your symptoms have gone away after surgery. Since the medicine worked, I suspect that the mechanical pressure of the fibroid triggered bladder contractions.

*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](mailto:ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu).*

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## Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- Modern brunch was first proposed in 1895 as a post-hangover meal.
- Quetzalcoatlus, the largest known flying animal, was as tall as a giraffe and may have used its powerful forelimbs to pole-vault into the sky.
- Cathay Williams became the first African-American woman to serve in the U.S. Army in 1866. Since women were barred from joining the military at the time, she enlisted as a man under the pseudonym William Cathay.
- In Australia, weed whackers are called whipper snippers.
- Beaver College changed its name to Arcadia in 2001, partly because anti-porn filters blocked access to its web-site.
- The human body emits visible light, but it's not visible to the naked eye.
- The FBI dubbed Ted Kaczynski "The Unabomber" because his early mail bombs were sent to universities (UN) and airlines (A).
- As astronauts spend months traveling to Mars, their eyeballs may change shape. Some scientists believe that's due to the pressure from fluids that won't drain from their heads, thanks to the low-gravity environment.
- President Thomas Jefferson hated formal affairs so much that he would often greet foreign dignitaries in his pajamas.
- Newborn babies have nearly 100 more bones than full-grown adults.
- The Antikythera mechanism, discovered by sponge divers in 1900, is sometimes called the world's first analog computer. Designed to calculate dates and predict astronomical phenomena, it was so advanced nothing surpassed it for nearly 1,500 years.
- Some libraries have been known to use extraordinary measures to ensure titles remained on shelves. A notable example is Marsh's Library in Dublin, Ireland, where in the 1800s, visitors desiring to peruse rare books were locked in cages until they finished reading!

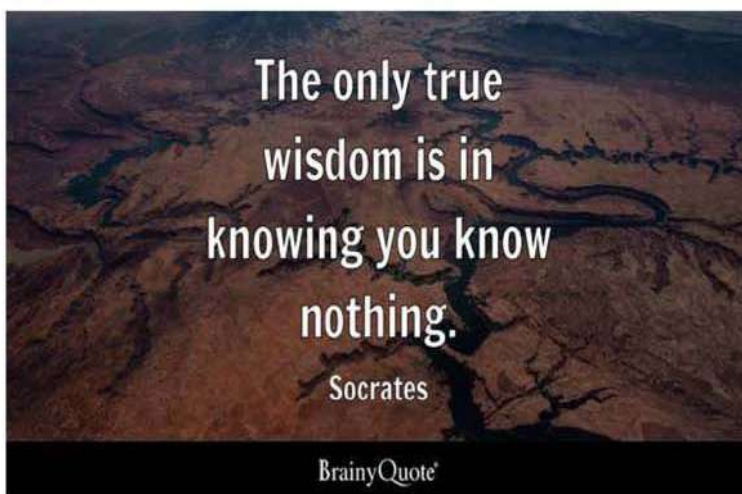
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**Thought for the Day:** "If we open a quarrel between past and present, we shall find that we have lost the future." — Winston Churchill

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- On April 15, 1945, British troops liberated the German Bergen-Belsen concentration camp, where they discovered thousands of dead and rotting corpses, and many more thousands of sick and starving prisoners confined to severely overcrowded and dirty compounds. The prisoners were suffering from acute typhus, typhoid and tuberculosis due to a lack of running water. More than 30,000 others had died in the previous months, many from typhus, but even more from starvation.
- On April 16, 1964, The Rolling Stones' debut album, "The Rolling Stones," issued in the U.S. as "England's Newest Hit Makers," was released. The band consisted of lead singer Mick Jagger, rhythm guitarist Brian Jones, lead guitarist Keith Richards, bassist Bill Wyman and drummer Charlie Watts.
- On April 17, 1985, the U.S. government announced a campaign to increase organ donation awareness with the hope of making the procedure as widespread as donating blood, following similar campaigns from other countries around the world as organ transplants became more common.
- On April 18, 1997, major floods in Grand Forks, N.D., caused by the Red River's breaching a dike, necessitated the evacuation of 50,000 residents from their homes. In some areas, only the roofs of their houses were visible.
- On April 19, 1897, the world's oldest annual marathon run took place for the first time. Today the Boston Marathon ranks among the world's most prestigious road racing events, with an average of 20,000 participants, and is one of five members of the World Marathon Majors, which also include the cities of London, Berlin, Chicago and New York.
- On April 20, 2008, Pope Benedict XVI visited Ground Zero in New York, the scene of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the city's Twin Towers, at the end of his six-day tour of America. He greeted survivors, fire and police workers, and relatives of some of the 2,749 people who died at the scene, and prayed for the rescuers and victims, as well as "those whose hearts and minds are consumed with hatred," before celebrating Mass at New York's Yankee stadium.
- On April 21, 1918, Baron Manfred von Richthofen, the German ace pilot popularly known as the "Red Baron" and credited with 80 confirmed air combat victories, was killed in action during World War I.



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# Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



# TIGER

by BUD BLAKE



# The Spats

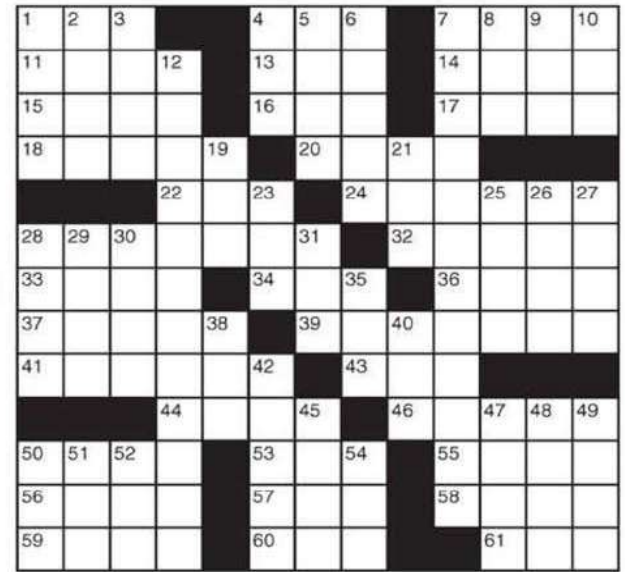
by Jeff Pickering



# King Crossword

## ACROSS

- 1 Goal
- 4 Hosp. hook-ups
- 7 "Peter Pan" pooch
- 11 "Pygmalion" writer
- 13 Use a straw
- 14 Bone-dry
- 15 Teeny bit
- 16 Capita lead-in
- 17 Makes lace
- 18 Tic
- 20 Laptop connection
- 22 Deli choice
- 24 Radiated
- 28 Reach
- 32 Battery part
- 33 King of the jungle
- 34 Dog's foot
- 36 Similar
- 37 Canal vessel
- 39 iPads, e.g.
- 41 "In America" writer Susan
- 43 — Perignon
- 44 Partially mine
- 46 Chip choice
- 50 First light
- 53 Suitable
- 55 Roller coaster feature
- 56 "Zounds!"
- 57 Three, in Rome
- 58 Links org.
- 59 Pear variety
- 60 Storm center



- 61 Designer monogram

- 9 Quibble
- 10 Billboards
- 12 Capital on the Potomac and 7-Down locale

- 31 Chow down
- 35 Bankroll
- 38 Vichy water
- 40 "— voyage!"

## DOWN

- 1 Tag sale words
- 2 Breakfast chain
- 3 — Hari
- 4 AOL, for one
- 5 Perspective
- 6 Parsley piece
- 7 Site of the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial
- 8 Coach Parseghian

- 19 Astronaut Jemison
- 21 Ga. neighbor
- 23 Super Bowl VIP
- 25 Stirred
- 26 Tend texts
- 27 Cozy rooms
- 28 Priestly vestments
- 29 Pisa farewell
- 30 Trumpet
- 42 Shred, as cheese
- 45 Agile
- 47 Mimic
- 48 Swine
- 49 October birthstone
- 50 Cotillion celeb
- 51 Previously
- 52 Existed
- 54 Golf peg

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# Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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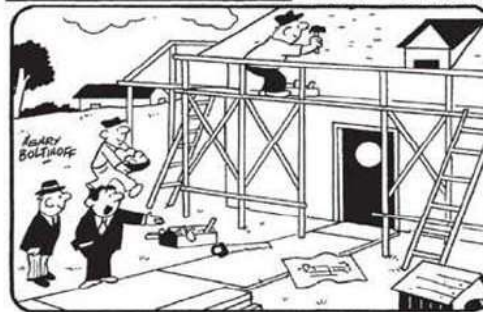
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- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

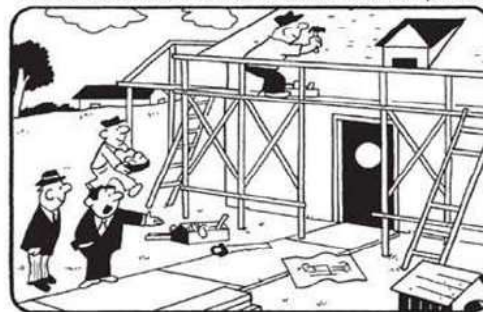
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# HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Door is taller. 2. Toolbox is moved. 3. Man is taller. 4. Dormer is moved. 5. Ladder rung is missing. 6. Line in walkway is moved.

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Answer

## Weekly SUDOKU

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Answers

## King Crossword

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# Trivia test

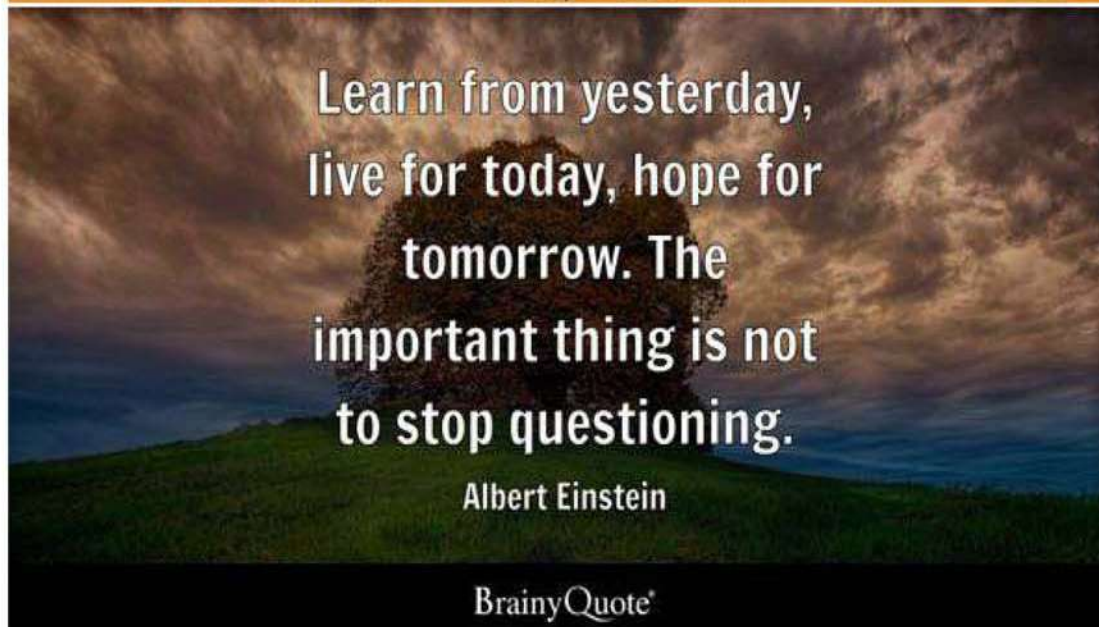
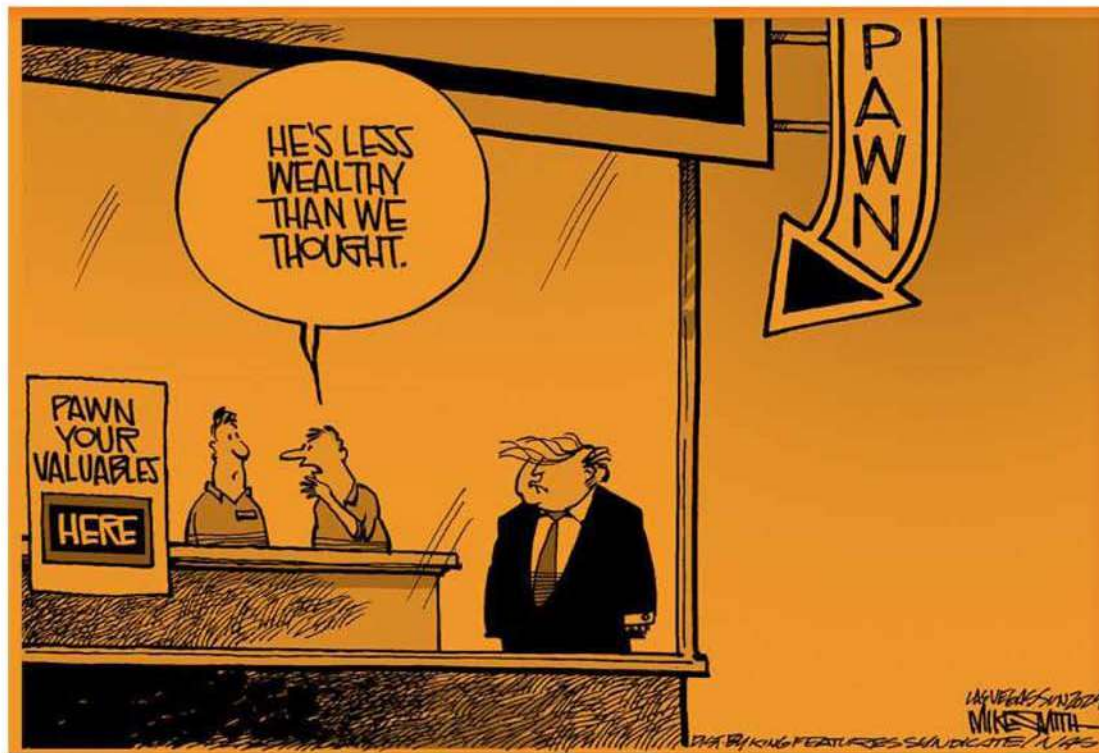
by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: When did April Fools' Day come into being?
2. GEOGRAPHY: In which nation is the Great Victoria Desert located?
3. MOVIES: What sport is featured in the movie "The Mighty Ducks"?
4. HISTORY: What is the name of the island where Napoleon was exiled in 1814?
5. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the largest rodent in the world?
6. LITERATURE: What is the name of Ron Weasley's pet rat in the "Harry Potter" book series?
7. U.S. STATES: Which letter of the alphabet is not in any U.S. state's name?
8. TELEVISION: Which iconic 1960s sitcom inspired two spinoff hits, "Petticoat Junction" and "Green Acres"?
9. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for bravery in WWII?
10. ANATOMY: How many pairs of spinal nerves exist in humans?

1. Likely in the late 16th century, when calendars changed from Julian to Gregorian.
2. Australia.
3. Ice hockey.
4. Elba.
5. Capybara.
6. Scabbers.
7. Q.
8. The Beverly Hillsbillies.
9. George H.W. Bush.
10. 31 pairs.

## Trivia Test Answers!





**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) New opportunities spring up for the Arians. Kick up those heels and go, go, go for them. Remember, someone special will be rooting for your success.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Indulge in your love of beauty. Buy something marvelous for your home, then plan a romantic dinner at a special place with your special person.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Your diligent search for the truth pays off. You can now go ahead and make a decision fully armed with the facts. But expect some resistance to your plans.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Travel is favored, but be prepared to be flexible in planning your trip. A family situation may cause you to delay your original departure date.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Be careful to whom you confide in with your secrets. While you certainly have your admirers, you also have detractors who would love to puncture the Lion's pride.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) A certain family problem still needs your attention. It would be unwise at this time to let things slide. Things start to look more promising on the job.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Your mate seems to feel increas-

ingly ignored. Try for a better balance between your home and work commitments. Start with a romantic weekend getaway.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Missed opportunities usually come from miscommunication, but it's not too late to correct the wrong assumptions. A timely call can help reestablish important contacts.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Your usually keen sense of direction needs some sharpening this week. Stay focused on your goals despite some pesky distractions. Your efforts will soon pay off.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Don't automatically reject suggestions from friends and family members. Some of their ideas might be helpful. Check them out before you decide to chuck them out.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Expect to be pleasantly startled when a promise from the past finally comes through for you. Use this as an opportunity to restart a long-delayed project.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) An air of conspiracy dominates the workplace. Avoid taking sides. This is one time when you need to concentrate on being your own best friend.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You despise hypocrisy. Your honesty is admired, although your friends sometimes feel you could be less blunt and a little more diplomatic. You love living life to the fullest.

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## The Garden Bug

### Light needs for plants

Low light	Medium light	High light
Peace lily	Asparagus fern	Cactus
Snake plant	Boston fern	Hibiscus
Philodendron	Spider plant	Ti plant
English ivy	Jade plant	Gardenia
Difffenbachia	African violet	Geraniums

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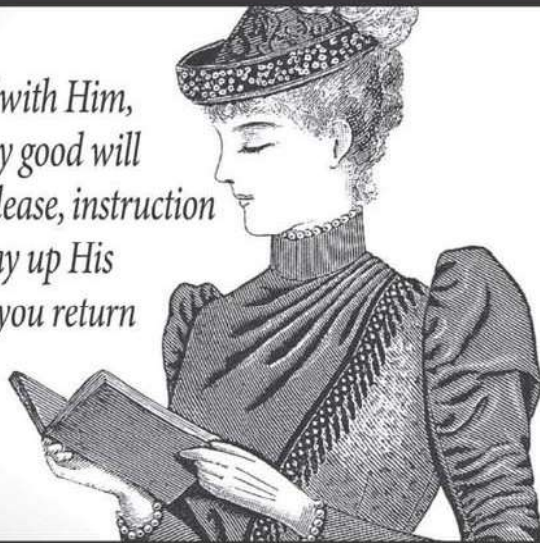




THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

Now acquaint yourself with Him, and be at peace; thereby good will come to you. Receive, please, instruction from His mouth, and lay up His words in your heart. If you return to the Almighty, you will be built up...

JOB 22:21-23



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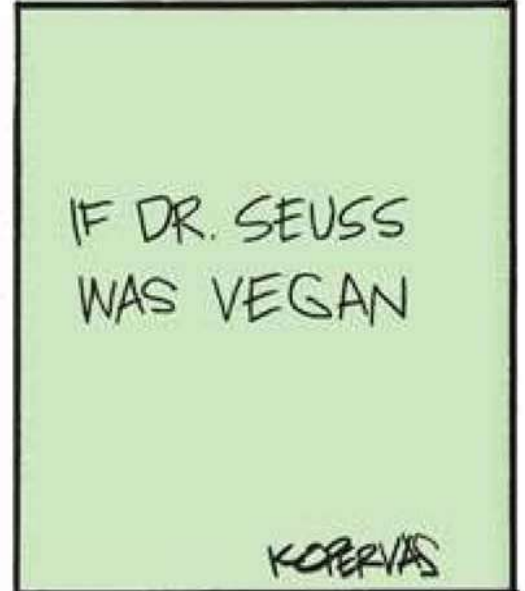


Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



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GRIN and BEAR IT Wagner

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"For 10 bucks more, he's even taller, darker and more handsome!"



"May I remind you that we frown on rival forms of entertainment?"





I GREW UP IN THE FORESTS OF ARBORIA ALONGSIDE MY COUSIN BARIN.



AS PRINCES, WE REALLY ONLY HAD TWO MAIN DUTIES: LEARN ARMS AND MARRY WELL.

NOW I LIVE FAR AWAY FROM THOSE TREES...



...STANDING INSTEAD BESIDE BRAVE, BEAUTIFUL FRIA.

I MARRIED VERY WELL.



OUR TRAIN TO FRIGIA DERAILED. FRIA -- MY WIFE, MY QUEEN -- WAS THROWN TO HER DOOM...

...IF NOT FOR FLASH GORDON.

PRINCE RONAL IS IN YOUR DEBT AGAIN, FLASH.



I LIKE THE HUMANS -- THEIR ACCENTS, THEIR ODD HUMOR.

I ESPECIALLY LIKE DALE...

INASMUCH AS I'M ALLOWED TO.



ANYWAY:

COME MORNING, A SQUAD OF SNOWBIRD LANCERS ARRIVES TO RETRIEVE US.



THEY TAKE US HOME TO DAY'S PEAK, CAPITAL OF FRIGIA.

WE'VE BEEN OFF AT WAR FOR A YEAR...



...LEAVING COUNT KORRO IN CHARGE. NOT A BAD MAN, BUT BY TOA, A HARD ONE.

PROBLEMS HAVE ARISEN UNDER HIS WATCH.



RAIDING GIANTS.

PIRATE MINERS.

AND... SOMETHING.

SOMETHING BIG.

NEXT: THE SNOW SPRINGS



IT'S JEST FEATHERS, SHERIFF !! MAW'S MAKIN' US NEW PILLERS !!



JEST FEATHERS, EH ?

WELL, WOULD'JA LOOKA THAR !! A STOWAWAY !!



HA !! GOT'CHA NOW, SMIF !!

THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK, SHERIFF !!



HUH ?! WHAT TH'...?!!



WHY, YOU SNEAKY LI'L VARMINT !!



A ZIPLINE !!

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JOHN ROSE



## KEEP YOUR SHIRT ON SKIRT THOSE FOREX SCAMS

Whenever there is an opportunity to make large amounts of money, there will be people who are eager to jump right in and start making money. And where there are people who are eager to get rich quick with a minimum of effort on their part, there are fraudsters waiting to take their money. Experienced traders are wise enough to avoid the frauds its the new traders who are most vulnerable to the forex scams that are slipping into the currency exchange market.

The U.S. CFTC (Commodity Futures Trading Commission), which regulates futures and commodities trading, warns new investors to be wary of frauds and scams that promise huge profits from your investments, in and out of the Forex market. The CFTC has issued several Consumer Fraud Alerts in connection with foreign currency trading. They offer the following tips to help you avoid being scammed.

### BE SKEPTICAL OF HIGH-PROFIT-LOW-RISK COME-ONS.

I made \$1900 in one minute! touts one sidebar ad for a Forex trading company. Ads that promise high returns on small investments with little or no risk to you are tempting bait. The fact is that while there are certainly big profits to be made in forex, there are correspondingly large losses. And most novice traders drop out of active trading by the end of their first year because they cant afford the risk.

### BE SUSPICIOUS. PERIOD.

Before you part with a penny, thoroughly check out the company or trader youre

planning to do business with. Check the CFTCs consumer fraud alert page. Check to see if the company is registered with the CFTC, or is a member of the National Futures Association. Check to see if theres any disciplinary action against the firm or company. Get even more basic. Get a valid address and telephone number, and verify that it belongs to the company. Check to be sure the person youre dealing with actually works for the company. Especially if youre doing business on the Internet, its very easy for a scammer to fake credentials.

### BE WARY OF SENDING MONEY OVER THE INTERNET.

The Internet has made it incredibly easy for scammers to operate. It only costs \$6.95 a month to have a professional looking web site hosted thats pennies a day to reach millions of potential marks. Before you part with credit card numbers, bank account transfer permissions or wire transfers, be sure to check out the company with all the authorities listed above.

### BEWARE HIGH PRESSURE SALES TACTICS.

Legitimate dealers dont need to contact you with unsolicited email, or pressure you into doing business with them. If someone is pushing you to invest right now, tonight, this moment, it should set off huge warning signals in your head. A real dealer is more concerned with keeping you as a customer for the long haul. Hell be patient while you check out his credentials and reputation. A phony dealer cant afford that luxury he needs to get you on



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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 649806  
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 2, 2024.  
Dated: April 2, 2024  
(Sgd.) *Nelcia St. Jean*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[45/1]

**Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 CLASSIC NAVIGATOR INTERNATIONAL LIMITED**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 618373  
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 2nd April, 2024.  
Dated: 2nd day of April 2024  
(Sgd.) *Philippa V O'Sullivan*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[45/2]

**Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004 Refined Standard Holdings Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1934958  
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 2nd April 2024.  
Dated: 2nd April 2024  
(Sgd.) *Philippa O'Sullivan*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[45/3]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1578109  
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 3rd, 2024.  
Dated: April 3rd, 2024  
(Sgd.) *Nelcia St. Jean*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[45/4]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 2118536  
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 April 3rd, 2024. The Liquidator is *Nelcia St. Jean* with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.  
Dated: April 3rd, 2024  
(Sgd.) *Nelcia St. Jean*  
Voluntary Liquidator [45/5]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 2091415  
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 2nd, 2024.  
Dated: April 3rd, 2024  
(Sgd.) *Nelcia St. Jean*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[45/6]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 2118537  
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. Voluntary liquidation commenced on April 3rd, 2024. The Liquidator is *Nelcia St. Jean* with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.  
Dated: April 3rd, 2024  
(Sgd.) *Nelcia St. Jean*  
Voluntary Liquidator [45/7]

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

(the "Company")  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No.: 1970981  
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 April 2nd, 2024. The Liquidator is *Meade Malone* of 2nd Floor Geneva Place, #333 waterfront Drive, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.  
Dated: April 3rd, 2024  
*Meade Malone*  
Liquidator [45/8]

**Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act. GIRASOLE FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS LTD.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1650530  
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 April 4th, 2024. The Liquidator is *Nelcia St. Jean* with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.  
Dated: April 4th, 2024  
(Sgd.) *Nelcia St. Jean*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[45/9]

**THE CABINET OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS - POST MEETING STATEMENT**

**CABINET DECISIONS - 14th, 20th and 27th March, 2024**

**Cabinet Meeting – 14th March, 2024**

His Excellency, the Acting Governor Mr. David D. Archer Jr., chaired the special meeting held on 14th March, 2023, in the absence of Governor Daniel Pruce, who was overseas on private business. The special meeting was held at the Premier's Conference Room. All Members were present.

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

BVIHPB 2024/

**In the Estate of MELVA FELECIA MADURO-MILLS, deceased of Jean Hill, Tortola, British Virgin Islands. ADVERTISEMENT**

**OF APPLICATION FOR A GRANT OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION**

TAKE NOTICE that an Application has been filed by EVERARD EVERETTE MILLS of Jean Hill, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, the widower of MELVA FELECIA MADURO-MILLS, deceased for a Grant of Letters of Administration, the deceased having died intestate on 9th day of November, 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 this 2nd day of April, 2024.

**Dancia Penn & Co.**

Legal Practitioners for the Intended Administrator  
Filed by Dancia Penn & Co. Attorneys-at-Law whose address for service is 49 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands. Telephone (284) 494 4197. Email: [legalsupport@danciapenn.com](mailto:legalsupport@danciapenn.com)  
The Registry is at Sakal Place, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, telephone number 468-5001. The office is open between 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Mondays to Fridays except Public Holidays.

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# PUBLIC NOTICES

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

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

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

ANY PERSON having any objection to the Grant of Probate by Will to the said NICHOLAS ROBERTS and ADRIAN ROBERTS, shall within fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of this Notice lodge with the Registry of the High Court in the Territory of the Virgin Islands a proper document setting out the said objections.

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



Solicitors for the Personal Representative

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

BVIHPB2024/

**In the Estate of DOUGLAS ALBATO PENN, deceased of East End, Tortola, British Virgin Islands  
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OF  
APPLICATION FOR A GRANT OF LETTERS OF  
ADMINISTRATION**

TAKE NOTICE that an Application has been filed by CYNTHIA ADINA PENN of East End, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, the lawful widow of the deceased and DOUGLAS ALBATO PENN JR. of East End, Tortola, British Virgin Islands and AKETHA MARISA PENN of East End, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, two of the four lawful children of DOUGLAS ALBATO PENN, deceased having died intestate on 7th March, 2023.

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

Dated this 2nd day of April, 2024.

Filed by Dancia Penn & Co., Attorneys-at-Law whose address for service is 49 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands. Telephone (284) 494 4197. Email: [paralegalsupport@danciapenn.com](mailto:paralegalsupport@danciapenn.com)

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

**GENUINE ASSETS  
INTERNATIONAL CORP**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1442108

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 4, 2024.

Dated: April 4, 2024  
(Sgd.) *Nelcia St. Jean*  
Voluntary Liquidator

[45/10]

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

**WMZ Limited**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company Number: 617480

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204(1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 4 April 2024. The Joint Liquidators are Anton Goldstein and Rachael Pape of Conyers Dill & Pearman, Commerce House, Wickhams Cay 1, P.O. Box 3140, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110, British Virgin Islands.

Dated: 4 April, 2024

*Rachael Pape*  
For and on behalf of Anton Goldstein and Rachael Pape  
As Joint Liquidators

[45/11]

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

**Alternative Capital  
Solutions Holdings Limited**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company Number: 1841278

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204(1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary-liquidation commenced on 26 March 2024. The Joint Liquidators are Anton Goldstein and Rachael Pape of Conyers Dill & Pearman, Commerce House, Wickhams Cay 1, P.O. Box 3140, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110, British Virgin Islands.

Dated 26 March, 2024

*Rachael Pape*  
For and on behalf of Anton Goldstein and Rachael Pape  
As Joint Liquidators

[45/11]

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

BVIHPB 2024/

**In the Estate of EUNICIA DAWSON also known as UNICIA DAWSON, deceased of East End, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

**ADVERTISEMENT**

**OF**

**APPLICATION FOR A GRANT OF LETTERS OF  
ADMINISTRATION**

TAKE NOTICE that an Application has been filed by GLENDA DAWSON-RIDDICK of East End, Tortola, British Virgin Islands now residing at 1227 Rocky Branch Trail, Lawrenceville, Georgia, 30043, United States of America for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicant, the lawful daughter of EUNICIA DAWSON also known as UNICIA DAWSON, the deceased having died intestate on 3rd December, 2019.

Any person having an objection to the Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicant shall file an objection within 14 days

of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 2nd day of April, 2024.

Filed by Dancia Penn & Co., Attorneys-at-Law whose address for service is 49 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands. Telephone (284) 494 4197. Email: [legal.support@danciapenn.com](mailto:legal.support@danciapenn.com)

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

BVIHPB 2024/0074

**In the Estate of OTELIA RABSATT also known as OTHELIA RABSATT, deceased 6531 Estate Nadir #10, St Thomas, United States Virgin Islands.**

**ADVERTISEMENT  
OF APPLICATION FOR A GRANT OF LETTERS  
OF ADMINISTRATION**

TAKE NOTICE that an Application has been filed by SHERRIL SHERLENE RABSATT of 1728 Weber Ave, Chesapeake, Virginia, United States of America and BERRIL ERLINE RABSATT-COX of 2205 Woodwind Dr., Orlando, Florida, United States of America two of the lawful children of the deceased OTELIA RABSATT also known as OTHELIA RABSATT for a Grant of Letters of Administration, the deceased having died intestate on 17th January, 2014.

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

Dated this 2nd day of April, 2024

**Dancia Penn & Co.**

Legal Practitioners for the Administratrices

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

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

FORM 16: ADVERTISEMENT (RESEALING)

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

Dated: 25 March 2024

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

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

BVIHPB 2024/0072

In the Estate of VASTHI AUGUSTA JENNINGS also known as VASTHI AUGUSTA STEVENS, deceased of Long Look, Tortola, The Virgin Islands.

**ADVERTISEMENT  
OF APPLICATION FOR A GRANT**

TAKE NOTICE that an Application has been filed by FRANDI THOMAS of Long Look, Tortola, British Virgin Islands for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above-named deceased who died on 16th March, 2022 without revoking a Will dated 23rd November, 2007 and a Codicil thereto bearing the date 30th January, 2008, wherein the Applicant is named Sole Executor.

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

Dated this 2nd day of April, 2024.

Dancia Penn & Co.  
Legal Practitioner for the Executor

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

**SUNQILAS LTD.  
(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)**

Company No. 2019396

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 4th 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 4th day of April 2024

(Sgd) Myron Walwyn  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[45/13]

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

**RAS HOLDINGS INTERNATIONAL LTD**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. - 1030484

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 8th March, 2024. The liquidator is Philippa V. O'Sullivan, of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated: 11th day of March, 2024.

(Sgd.) Philippa V. O'Sullivan

Philippa V. O'Sullivan  
Liquidator  
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**THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT  
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In the Estate of CATHERINE ALMA FAHIE also known as ALMA CATHERINE FAHIE, deceased of Leonard's Estate, Tortola, Virgin Islands.

**ADVERTISEMENT  
OF APPLICATION FOR A GRANT OF PROBATE**

TAKE NOTICE that an Application has been filed by JENIFER AVRIL TURNBULL of Leonard's Estate, Tortola, British Virgin Islands and 9412 SW20, Miramar, Florida, 33025, United States of America and EURMAN EDWIN FAHIE of Leonard's Estate, Tortola, British Virgin Islands and P.O. Box 2149, Kingshill, St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above named deceased who died on the 31st day of October, 2020 without revoking a Will bearing the date 21st May, 1998 wherein the Applicants are two of the three children named as Executors of the Will of CATHERINE ALMA FAHIE also known as ALMA CATHERINE FAHIE, deceased

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

Dated this 2nd day of April, 2024.

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

BVIHPB 2024/0069

In the Estate of VERNON KENMORE DAWSON, deceased of East End, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

**ADVERTISEMENT  
OF APPLICATION FOR A GRANT OF PROBATE**

TAKE NOTICE that an Application has been filed by GLENDA RIDDCK-DAWSON of East End, Tortola, British Virgin Islands now residing at 1227 Rocky Branch Trail, Lawrenceville, Georgia, 30043, United States of America for a Grant of Probate of the Will of VERNON KENMORE DAWSON, deceased who died on 12th December, 2013 without revoking his Last Will and Testament dated 29th November, 2013 wherein the Applicant is named as the alternate Executrix.

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

Dated this 2nd day of April, 2024

Dancia Penn & Co.  
Legal Practitioners for the Executrix.

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## Moving Together: from page 18

music, the dance, the runs, the hikes, the swims; the Caribbean culture can be healthy if we nudge people into healthier active lifestyle practices. Create the forum and they will come and participate. Then let's measure the impact of movement on our health status. The message was simplified; thirty minutes of activity each day, with proper nutrition, may keep the doctor away.

But for the JaMoves brand to take the route it needed funding for activations and the Government process, while endorsing, was not initially prepared to fund the concept, so we creatively packaged selected corporate brands as value to them for promoting good health to their consumers. We had some successes there.

So here we were, almost eight years after the JaMoves concept was created through private-sector partnerships and collaboration, witnessing the start of the regional integration of an idea that has outlasted starts & stops, trials and triumphs. Today was upbeat, with Caricom ministers endorsing a regional framework for Caribbean people. There was unusual pride captured in this leg of the journey. Endorsements

As I read the brief in Dominica, I was reminded that eight years on JaMoves turned Caribbean Moves received the endorsement of Caricom heads in Montego Bay, Jamaica in July 2018, was sanctioned at the launch of the United Nations(UN) High-Level meeting on the Prevention and Control of NCDs in New York on September 27th, 2018. The concept has also been endorsed by the Pan American Health Organization/World Health-Organization, the-Commonwealth, the Healthy Caribbean Coalition (HCC) and the University of the West Indies.

Passion for the programme saw much labour of love supported by small contributions from agencies like the local branch of the Inter American Development Bank (IADB) for the creation of branded shirts and travel miles to support the activations or start-ups in New York, St Kitts and Nevis and Barbados, with advice for start-ups in Trinidad and St Lucia.

**Overcoming Challenges**  
But it was not always an easy road. The JaMoves concept underwent a public trial on how the concept was created, who

owned the idea, how it was funded and what were the motives. There were interrogations and calls for access to information which made the road to Caribbean Moves that much more difficult. For a time JsMoves was a symbol of sadness and disappointment for many. But we pressed on knowing that the road with good intentions is never paved with gold.

Today an endorsement and adoption by the Caribbean Community meant that it was all worth it. A regional institution has been created. It's now up to us, as Caribbean leaders and Caribbean citizens, to make it work

for us. As Covid has taught us,

Health and Wellness is fundamental for social and economic advancement.

Need for More Caribbean Governments must integrate lifestyle policies for the health and wellness of their populations to enhance Caribbean Moves, school nutrition and elimination of trans fats. They must see the creation of parks and walking trails as essentials of a healthy wholesome society. And they should brand and package healthy living to counter the negative impact of branding and marketing unhealthy lifestyles and products.

As I reflect on the journey travelled and the sacrifices made by so many, I revisited a proposal I wrote that captured the concept of JaMoves as a global cause. I am convinced that Jamaica and the Caribbean can lead the rest of the world on a path to sustained movement and balanced nutrition. I am proud to say this has started.

From JaMoves to Caribbean Moves and hopefully to the world! Let's keep moving!

Dr Chris Tufton is the Minister of Health and Wellness, in Jamaica. He can be contacted at [cctufton@gmail.com](mailto:cctufton@gmail.com)

## Before you discipline a child

**S** - stop! Calm yourself and your child

**T** - take a few deep breaths

**O** - observe the needs of your child

**P** - proceed in a kind but firm manner









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# Caribbean News / Regional News

## CONDOLENCE MESSAGE ON THE PASSING OF THE HONOURABLE MADAME JUSTICE DESIREE BERNARD



*The Caribbean Community (CARICOM) is deeply saddened by the passing of the Honourable Madame Justice Desiree Bernard on 28 March 2024.*

CARICOM Secretariat, Turkeyen, Greater Georgetown, Guyana - Thursday, 4 April 2024: The Caribbean Community (CARICOM) is deeply saddened by the passing of the Honourable Madame Justice Desiree Bernard on 28 March 2024.

Madame Justice Bernard embodied the ideals of distinguished professional advancement, gaining stellar academic qualifications in jurisprudence and blazing a trail as the first woman to be appointed to many significant roles, including Justice of the Court of Appeal of the Supreme Court of Guyana; Chief Justice of Guyana; the Chancellor of the Judiciary of Guyana; and Judge of the Caribbean Court of Justice.

Her focused advocacy for

the rights of women saw her involvement at the highest levels in women's organizations, as well as through contributions to legislative reform. In recognition of her outstanding contributions, in 2005 she was awarded the CARICOM Triennial Award for Women, recognising her as a Caribbean woman of distinction for landmark contributions to women's development.

The Community has lost a luminary, whose legacy represents exceptional contributions to the regional judiciary and commitment to gender equality.

We extend heartfelt condolences to her family members, the Government and People of Guyana, and the regional and global legal fraternity.

May her soul rest in peace.

creating an environment that will enable better health outcomes for the people of the Caribbean Community.

By engaging with a wide cross-section of public and private sector organisations, CM promotes and supports preventive health behaviours aligned with the World Health Organization's (WHO) "Best Buys" for NCD prevention and creates a supportive environment.

During the virtual gathering, COHSOD Chair, Hon. Dr Cassandra Williams, Minister of State in the Ministry of Health, Wellness and Social Services, Dominica, explained that the completed CM initiative framework provides a wide-ranging approach to promote physical activity as a means of preventing and controlling NCDs, a leading cause of morbidity and mortality in the Region.

The Chair underscored that the proposed governance structure also ensures effective coordination and collaboration among stakeholders, while the implementation plan will focus on individual, community, and policy-level strategies. "I would like to thank CARPHA for its continued thrust to advancing health, and the work on this activity is commendable," added the Chair.

Ms. Alison Drayton, Assistant Secretary-General for Human and Social Development at the CARICOM Secretariat, described the endorsement as a "momentous occasion". She underscored that the CM framework and implementation plan represent the culmination of significant work to move the initiative forward. She urged Ministers of Health to pay close

attention to the governance structure as it will call for the continued commitment of Member States at both a national and regional level.

The Assistant Secretary-General further explained that successfully implementing the framework will require a whole-of-society, gender-responsive approach and development of a sustainable financing plan.

Ministers of Health welcomed the offer of guidance and support from Dr. the Honourable Christopher Tufton, Minister of Health and Wellness of Jamaica, to implement the CM initiative across the Region. Jamaica launched the "Jamaica Moves" initiative in 2018, and CARICOM Ministers of Health agreed to adopt this initiative on a region-wide basis to increase the momentum of national programmes in promoting physical activity and healthy diets.

CARICOM leaders endorsed the CM initiative in 2018 to mitigate against NCDs, which account for 70% of deaths in the Region. CARPHA led the development of a framework and implementation plan for the initiative. Two regional consultations had been convened to review the proposed framework, gain stakeholder input, and develop an implementation plan collaboratively.

Before this, CARICOM Heads of Government committed to promoting policies and actions aimed at increasing physical activity in the entire population as vehicles for improving the population's health in the 2007 Port of Spain Declaration on "Uniting to stop the epidemic of NCDs."

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## CARICOM HEALTH MINISTERS ENDORSE CARIBBEAN MOVES INITIATIVE

CARICOM-Secretariat, Turkeyen, Greater Georgetown, Guyana - Wednesday, 3 April 2024: In a powerful display of unity and commitment, CARICOM Ministers of Health collectively endorsed the proposed "Caribbean Moves" (CM) framework and implementation plan. They also expressed their support for including the initiative under the current standard Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) agenda item for

subsequent Council for Human and Social Development (COHSOD) Health meetings.

The decision to endorse the movement was made during the Thirty-Third Special Meeting of COHSOD (Health) held virtually on Thursday 28 March, following a comprehensive presentation on the initiative by Dr. Joy St John, Executive Director of the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA).

The approval and support of

the developed CM framework and implementation plan by the regional governance structure is critical to the initiative's success. This regional endorsement will support the brokerage of strategic partnerships for the financing and sustainability of the initiative.

CM is a regional movement aimed at significantly reducing the burden of NCDs in the Caribbean. Its overarching goal is to significantly enhance regional development by



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# Court rulings on abortion could rattle Florida's November elections

The Florida Supreme Court this week issued two rulings that virtually guarantee that the issue of abortion will be top of mind for many voters in November, potentially driving higher turnout among reproductive rights supporters in the key battleground state.

In an opinion issued on Monday, the court ruled that Florida's constitution does not include the right of women in the state to receive an abortion. The ruling cleared the way for the state to enforce a ban on abortion after the sixth week of pregnancy, which the legislature passed and Governor Ron DeSantis signed into law last year.

At the same time, the court found that a proposed amendment to the constitution that would create a right to abortion must be allowed to go before voters in November, raising the possibility that the six-week ban — one of the strictest in the country — might be in effect for only a few months.

### Complex history

The case regarding the constitutionality of abortion restrictions in Florida has a complex history. The suit was brought as a challenge to an earlier abortion ban that blocked access to the procedure after 15 weeks, which DeSantis signed into law in 2022. The plaintiffs had argued that a Privacy Clause added to the state constitution in 1980 protected access to abortion, a claim the court found unpersuasive.

The more recent 6-week ban was on hold pending the court's decision in this case, which cleared the way for the stricter ban to go into effect 30 days after it was issued. Because the

6-week mark is when fetal heart tissue begins to develop, such bans are frequently referred to as "heartbeat" bills.

### Amendment language

The second decision concerned an effort to add the following language to the state's constitution: "No law shall prohibit, penalize, delay, or restrict abortion before viability or when necessary to protect the patient's health, as determined by the patient's healthcare provider. This amendment does not change the Legislature's constitutional authority to require notification to a parent or guardian before a minor has an abortion."

Known as Amendment 4, the change would make it unconstitutional for the state to ban abortions before viability — the point at which a baby can survive outside the womb — which is generally believed to be at 24 weeks of pregnancy.

Critics of the language had argued that the proposed amendment was not clear in its meaning and that it should not be put to a vote, claims the court dismissed.

### Mixed reactions

The twin rulings gave supporters of abortion rights and abortion opponents something to celebrate on Monday.

Floridians Protecting Freedom, an umbrella group made up of various organizations supporting abortion rights, including the American Civil Liberties Union and Planned Parenthood, pledged to muster support for the change through its "Yes on 4" campaign.

"Today, the Court affirmed what we've known all along: *that Amendment 4 clearly satisfies the requirements for placement*

on the ballot," Lauren Brenzel, the campaign director of Yes on 4 said in a statement. "We are thrilled Floridians will have the opportunity to reclaim their bodily autonomy and freedom from government interference by voting for Amendment 4 this November."

For abortion opponents, Monday's decision on the current constitutionality of an abortion ban was seen as confirmation of their claims. The organization Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America issued a statement calling the decision a "victory for unborn children who have a heartbeat and can feel pain."

However, it called on abortion opponents and DeSantis to organize to defeat the proposed constitutional amendment, depicting it as the brainchild of large pro-choice organizations.

"As Florida faces what may be its biggest ballot fight yet, Gov. Ron DeSantis must be at the forefront of protecting Florida from Big Abortion's attempt to eliminate the rights of unborn children, parents, women, and girls," the group said in a statement.

### Track record of turnout

Recent history suggests that the opponents of the amendment may have a serious fight on their hands in November. Since the U.S. Supreme Court in 2022 overturned *Roe v. Wade*, the decades-old ruling that had prevented states from completely banning abortions, the issue has been put before voters in several states.

In traditionally liberal-leaning states, voters were quick to enshrine the right to an abortion in state constitutions. However, in a number of otherwise conservative-leaning states,

such as Ohio and Kentucky, voters flocked to the polls to show their support for retaining the state-level right to an abortion.

Ohio voters in November approved a constitutional right to abortion, while a year earlier, Kentucky voters blocked an effort to strip similar rights from their state's constitution.

### Impact on election

In recent decades, Florida has been considered a "swing" state in U.S. elections. But in the past two election cycles, the state has trended Republican, voting for Donald Trump twice and supporting Republicans in most statewide offices.

President Joe Biden, who will be facing Trump in November's election, was quick to issue a statement reiterating his support for abortion rights in the state, saying that he and Vice President Kamala Harris "remain steadfast in our commitment to protecting reproductive freedom in Florida and across the nation."

Aubrey Jewett, a professor

of political science at the University of Central Florida who studies the state's politics, told VOA that the presence of the abortion amendment on the ballot is likely to help Biden in the state.

"It's going to help mobilize liberal progressive, Democratic-leaning voters in Florida," Jewett said. "And it will also, maybe, mobilize some independents ... who might otherwise not turn out for an election."

Jewett said the overall effect might not be enough to flip the state's presidential vote into the Democratic column but could have a significant impact on other races, including a closely contested race for one of the state's two seats in the U.S. Senate.

"I wouldn't rule out the fact that Biden could have an upset — anything's possible," Jewett said. "But I think it's more likely that it will just allow Democrats to be competitive up and down the ticket, and that Biden, if he competes, at least won't get blown out."





## Press Conference Opening Statement By Minister For Financial Services, Labour And Trade



*Hon. Lorna Smith, OBE,*

Good morning. Thank you for joining us at the Ministry of Financial Services, Labour and Trade's first press conference. We're excited to engage with you today and provide updates on our ongoing work, as well as address any questions you may have.

This Ministry strives to create a strong business environment that fosters economic growth while ensuring fair treatment for all workers. We achieve this by strengthening policies, introducing innovative services, and improving departmental operations.

Let's start with the crucial Minimum Wage Review. Since its inception in November 2023, the Minimum Wage Advisory Committee has been diligently evaluating our current minimum wage structure.

We value diverse perspectives in this process, and therefore we want to get the widest cross-section of input from the different types of stakeholders. Everyone is invited to participate and to send us their submissions

by 15 April, 2024, through the online survey on the Government's website ([bvi.gov.vg](http://bvi.gov.vg)) or by sending written feedback to [MFSLT@gov.vg](mailto:MFSLT@gov.vg). The public's voice matters in shaping a better minimum wage policy!

I anticipate receiving the Committee's report by the end of this month.

We are modernizing the Department of Labour and Workforce Development with a new Labour Management System (LMS) to streamline processes, improve efficiency, and enable online applications and payments starting in June 2024.

The LMS goes beyond streamlining work permit processing. It provides valuable data to identify skill gaps and develop targeted workforce development strategies. This data will empower us to forge stronger partnerships with educational institutions and employers. Together, we can also optimize opportunities for Virgin Islanders and Belongers to actively participate in the workforce.

Furthermore, we will in fact

be among the first paperless offices in government.

I want to publicly thank Acting Labour Commissioner, Mr. Mervin Hastings, for his leadership during this transition.

We anticipate the appointment of a permanent Labour Commissioner by the end of May 2024.

Looking towards businesses, we are creating a new era of support through the revitalization of the National Business Bureau. The imminent appointment of a Business Development Manager in the Department of Trade, Investment Promotion, and Consumer Affairs further strengthens this commitment.

The National Business Bureau will foster a supportive ecosystem through mentorship, training, co-working spaces, technical advice, and networking opportunities. We are ramping up our partnerships with educational institutions, the private sector, non-profit organizations, and regional organisations, to further develop these programs.

I am also pleased to announce a draft policy for the Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Grant Programme. This programme will provide financial assistance for locally-owned MSMEs and foster an environment conducive to their growth. Stakeholder consultations are ongoing to ensure our business development initiatives are inclusive,

transparent, and effective, laying the groundwork for sustainable economic expansion.

We are also working with the banking sector to promote the financial inclusion of SMEs, which often face significant hurdles in obtaining financing from traditional sources.

The BVI Business Banking Expo slated for 6th June, 2024, will bring together financial institutions, the regulator, business owners, and entrepreneurs from throughout the territory to discuss the latest trends and innovations in banking, and offer advice to small business owners and entrepreneurs on navigating the banking industry.

Residents of the Sister Islands are especially encouraged to attend this expo and take advantage of this great opportunity to connect with banks and other financial institutions.

By investing in our MSMEs and working with them, we are not just supporting individual businesses; we are laying the foundation for a thriving and resilient economic landscape.

We are continuing to diversify our financial services industry, with a focus on digital assets. The Virtual Asset Service Provider (VASP) Act, which came into effect in February 2023, regulates Virtual Asset Service Providers operating in and from the BVI. Our VASP regime enhances the integrity and stability of the virtual assets market while

fostering innovation and compliance. The Financial Services Commission (FSC) received a significant number of applications, demonstrating the BVI's importance in this sector. While the FSC prioritizes a rigorous review process, I am pleased that they've already approved several licenses and continue to see strong interest.

We are confident these initiatives will act as a catalyst for innovation, job creation, and a more diversified and resilient Virgin Islands economy. I'm excited about the opportunities that lie ahead as we continue to collaborate, innovate, and prioritize the interests of our community. Together, we can build a future where prosperity is shared, businesses flourish, and our workforce thrives.

I'm also delighted to announce the opening of a new constituency office on Anegada next week Friday, April 12th. In addition, I am planning to open a similar office in Jost Van Dyke, hopefully in June. These offices will allow me to be more present and better serve those communities by providing a dedicated space to connect with constituents and represent your interests effectively.

Thank you all for your attention. I'm eager to hear your questions and delve deeper into any specific areas of interest you may have regarding the Ministry's initiatives.



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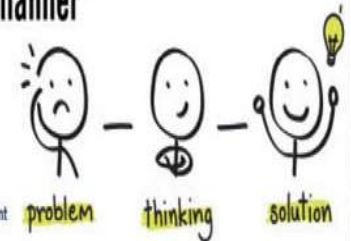
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