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HON. DAWSON AIMS AT GREATER OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS IN THE FIRST DISTRICT

Following in the footsteps of his predecessor First District Representative Dr. the Hon Karl Dawson presented a comprehensive progress report to his constituents at a gathering held at the Cappoon's Bay Playfield on Saturday, 20 April. The report was presented amidst a backdrop of community spirit and shared vision, and marked Dr. Dawson's inaugural District Report since assuming office in April 2023.

During his presentation, the Dr. Dawson showcased his accomplishments, ongoing initiatives, and made a commitment to further growth in the District. At the event, Hon. Dawson was accompanied by members of the Virgin Islands Party (VIP) government, including Premier and Minister of Finance Dr. the Hon Natalio Wheatley, Deputy Premier and Minister for Financial

Services, Labour, and Trade Hon. Lorna Smith, as well as Minister of Health and Social Development Hon. Vincent Wheatley.

Before articulating his unwavering dedication to fostering economic prosperity within the District, Hon. Dawson explained why he felt the need to present a District report. He stated, "I have been reporting to you throughout the year in District meetings, but you deserve to have an annual report."

During his address, Dr. Dawson reflected on the journey thus far, expressing humility and a steadfast commitment to learning and growth: "It has been a learning process, one which I willingly embrace. It has been tough at times but what does not kill you makes you stronger. I have been working for you and pledge to continue to do so," he affirmed.

Central to the District

Representative's report was the emphasis on collaborative efforts to enhance the local economy.

He outlined initiatives aimed at promoting tourism and attracting visitors, notably the establishment of

Cultural Thursdays in Carrot Bay. "One of the ways that I sought to accomplish this
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Miss Teen British Virgin Islands 2024 Unveiling and Sashing ceremony, held at Loose Mongoose restaurant on April 21. the three contenders vying for the coveted crown: Asha Hyndman, Tiya Herbert, and Eriel Stewart.

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Dr. the Hon Karl Dawson

priority included collaborating on branding and target marketing of areas in the district to attract local and foreign visitors. The major step in building this brand was the inauguration of Cultural

Thursdays in Carrot Bay," Dr. Dawson explained.

With Cultural Thursdays gaining traction as a beloved community event, Dr. Dawson assured constituents of its permanence and highlighted the positive ripple effects, including increased vendor activity on non-event days.

Looking ahead, Dr. Dawson unveiled plans for the restoration of historical sites and the upgrading of First District landmarks such as the Carrot Bay Post Office. The First District Representative

announced that the plan is to turn this Post Office building into a multipurpose facility. He stated: "We need to make services more accessible for seniors in the District. The current post office in Carrot Bay will be transformed into a multi-purpose facility, where in addition to postal services, persons would be able to pay bills. It will also serve as a tourist Information Center, and persons would have access to computers and the internet."

The First District

Representative also mentioned the introduction of innovative experiences such as farm tours and tropical cooking classes. These initiatives, he stressed, are aimed at diversifying the district's offerings and creating new economic opportunities.

Additionally, Dr. Dawson celebrated the revival of cultural traditions, such as the Last Friday Fish Fry in Little Apple Bay, which he described as a collaborative effort with local businesses to foster community spirit and economic revitalization.

Concluding his address, Dr. Dawson reiterated his

gratitude for the collective effort and pledged to continue working tirelessly on behalf of his constituents. "Some of these initiatives are in the infancy stage but I believe that they are steps in the right direction that will create greater opportunities for persons in the District and enhance the reputation of the district," he affirmed.

With a shared commitment to progress and prosperity, Dr. Karl Dawson's District Report exemplifies a community united in pursuit of a brighter future for the First District of the British Virgin Islands.

"BVI TO STRENGTHEN ITS POSITION AS A LEADING DESTINATION FOR DIGITAL ASSET SERVICES" DEPUTY PREMIER SAYS

During a press conference on 4 April, Deputy Premier and Minister for Financial Services,

Labour, and Trade, Hon. Lorna Smith, shared the BVI's ambitious plans to embrace the digital asset revolution and strengthen its position as a global financial services hub.

"We are steadfast in our commitment to diversify

financial services industry, and digital assets represent a significant frontier in this endeavor," Deputy Premier Smith declared, outlining the pivotal role of the Virtual Asset Service Provider (VASP) Act, which came into effect in February 2023.

Hon. Smith emphasized the regulatory framework's dual purpose which is to provide oversight for Virtual Asset



Hon. Lorna Smith, OBE

Service Providers; while nurturing an environment conducive to innovation and compliance: "The VASP regime, under the VASP Act,

ensures the integrity and stability of the virtual assets market. At the same time, it fosters an atmosphere where businesses can thrive and innovate within regulatory parameters," the Deputy Premier explained.

Acknowledging the remarkable response from the industry, the Minister of Financial Services noted the substantial number of applications received by the Financial Services Commission since the implementation of the VASP Act. "The influx of applications underscores the BVI's significance in the digital asset landscape. The FSC's diligent review process has already yielded approvals for several licenses, signaling a promising trajectory for the sector," Hon. Smith remarked.

The Minister also underscored the broader

implications of these initiatives, highlighting their potential to spur innovation, drive job creation, and fortify the resilience of the BVI's economy. "Our efforts are aimed at building a future where prosperity is inclusive, businesses flourish, and our workforce thrives. By prioritizing collaboration and innovation, we can unlock the full potential of our community."

The Deputy Premier's announcement aligns with a global trend of jurisdictions adapting regulatory frameworks to accommodate the burgeoning digital asset market. With the BVI's proactive stance and commitment to fostering a conducive environment for financial innovation, it is poised to strengthen its position as a leading destination for digital asset services.

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STEP TO SLASH RESIDENTIAL ELECTRICITY BILLS: HON RYMER SAYS



Hon. Kye Rymer

In a resolute effort to tackle the escalating costs of electricity while championing sustainable energy practices, the BVI Electricity Corporation (BVIEC) has launched the Solar Technology Energy Programme (STEP). This groundbreaking

initiative was announced on 18 April by Minister for Communications and Works, Hon Kye Rymer during a press conference.

Acknowledging the burden of high living expenses in the Territory, Minister Rymer passionately introduced STEP as a beacon of hope. "Today, we embark on a transformative journey with the introduction of the Solar Technology Energy Program or STEP," declared Hon. Rymer, underscoring that the project's mission is to slash residential electricity bills

by an impressive 50%.

During his outline, the Minister emphasized the immediate benefits anticipated from STEP's implementation: "This initiative heralds the installation of grid-tie systems, empowering customers to harness solar energy. Participating households may even witness surplus energy, resulting in financial credits courtesy of BVIEC," Hon. Rymer noted.

Detailing the operational

framework, the Minister further elucidated: "BVIEC assumes responsibility for procuring and installing equipment, substantially mitigating electricity costs linked to imported fuel." He also stressed that initial savings would be channeled into offsetting setup expenses, subsequently translating into tangible reductions in bills or credit refunds for consumers.

To streamline participation, Minister Rymer announced the launch of a user-friendly

survey on the BVIEC website, encouraging residents to express interest in STEP. "BVIEC pledges swift action in deploying associated systems over the upcoming months," assured Hon. Rymer, urging widespread community engagement to fortify the BVI's sustainable agenda.

In assuring cost efficiency, Hon. Rymer affirmed: "BVIEC will facilitate duty-free imports of equipment, ensuring minimal financial strain on residents."

“CULTURAL INVESTMENTS PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN ENHANCING THE TOURISM EXPERIENCE”: PREMIER WHEATLEY SAYS

The government-sponsored Music Festival is a month away, and amidst ongoing criticism, Premier and Minister of Finance Dr. Natalio Wheatley continues to tout the government's decision to support the May event. Hon. Wheatley while speaking at a press conference on 18 April reaffirmed his support for music festivals and cultural events, emphasizing the necessity of economic diversification in the face of ongoing challenges in the BVI's financial services sector.

The Premier acknowledged the resilience of the financial services sector while underscoring the government's commitment to bolstering tourism revenue. "We have set a goal of increasing our revenue, in large part through tourism," Premier Wheatley stated.

He further noted, "While we maintain confidence in financial services, we recognize the need for diversification and have a robust strategy in place to address these challenges." Hon. Wheatley pointed out that the Music

Festival is just one of the ways that the Territory's tourism offering is being diversified. In fact, Premier Wheatley outlined plans to expand the tourism sector by diversifying offerings and enhancing cultural experiences alongside the Territory's renowned sailing attractions. "Our strategy is to broaden the tourism product, providing visitors with a rich tapestry of cultural activities alongside the unparalleled sailing experiences," he explained.

He also noted that

investments in hotel infrastructure, such as Prospect Reef, and support for the growth of properties like Nanny Cay and Norman Island, are key components of this strategy.

Despite criticism regarding the allocation of funds for cultural events, Premier Wheatley defended the government's stance, highlighting the broader economic benefits. "Cultural investments play a vital role in enhancing the tourism experience and fostering economic growth," Premier



Dr. the Hon. Natalio D. Wheatley
Wheatley emphasized.

He also pointed out that "while infrastructure development is important, cultural enrichment initiatives contribute significantly to the overall attractiveness and competitiveness of the BVI as a tourist destination."

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Statement by Hon. Sharie de Castro- World Book and Copyright Day



Hon. Sharie de Castro

Tuesday 23rd April, 2024

World Book and Copyright Day, celebrated annually on April 23rd, holds profound

significance as a global tribute to the joy of reading and the cultural importance of books. This special day serves as a reminder of the transformative power of literature in our lives and communities.

Books serve as a timeless link connecting the past with the future, bridging generations, and fostering understanding across diverse cultures. Through the pages of a book, we embark on journeys of

imagination, discovery, and enlightenment.

I am pleased to share that for World Book and Copyright Day 2024, the BVI National Commission for UNESCO, in collaboration with our esteemed local authors, will be visiting schools across our Territory. This initiative aims to inspire our students and promote the love of reading through engaging interactions with talented writers from our

own community.

These interactions with our talented authors will undoubtedly enrich our students' literary experiences and ignite their passion for storytelling and creativity.

Let us embrace World Book and Copyright Day as a celebration of knowledge, imagination, and the enduring legacy of literature. Together, let's nurture a culture of reading and appreciation for our local

literary talents.

Thank you to the BVI National Commission for UNESCO and our esteemed authors for their dedication to promoting literacy and education in our community.

Happy World Book and Copyright Day to all!

Thank you to our dedicated library staff and partners for their hard work in organising this exciting week. Let's make Library Week 2024 a resounding success!

Seminar Highlights Importance Of Positive Co-Parenting

The Social Development Department hosted a conscious co-parenting seminar to highlight the correlation between positive co-parenting and child protection as part of activities to observe Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month.

Programme Director for Children and Family Support Services in the Social Development Department, Miss Laurel Freeman said hosting the co-parenting seminar demonstrated a proactive commitment to promoting healthy family dynamics and safeguarding children's well-being.

Miss Freeman said providing parents with the platform to learn and engage in effective co-parenting strategies will only contribute to a safer and more supportive environment for children to grow and thrive.

"It does not lend well for healthy and positive child development for children to see their parents not having healthy communication," Miss Freeman said, adding, "Abuse is not only physical but it can be psychological.



the middle and tends to receive the harsher end of the fallout."

The Programme Director said the message that was stressed by the panelists was that proper and healthy communication must be maintained regardless of the relationship between both parents.

Miss Freeman said, "The main focus should be the child and the seminar also highlighted several other coping mechanisms such as family support and therapy to overcome challenges and become better co-parents."

The panel featured Therapist at Therapy Works Ms. Sasha Stoutt, Grade Nine Guidance Counsellor at the Elmore Stoutt High School Mrs. Chonda Jeffers-George, - Woman Detective Constable in the Family and Juvenile Unit in the Royal Virgin Islands Police



Baltimore and Mr. Paul Thomas who are co-parents.

The Ministry of Health and Social Development remains

Consultation on Reforms to BVI Business Companies Act

Tortola, British Virgin Islands - 22 April 2024 - The BVI Financial Services Commission (the Commission) invites members of the public to provide feedback, opinions and comments on the proposed reform to the BVI Business Companies Act, via the Draft BVI Business Companies (Amendment) Act, 2024 ("the Bill"). The Explanatory Memorandum outlines the proposed changes to the Bill, along with the rationale behind those changes.

Interested persons are invited to review the Explanatory Memorandum along with the Bill and provide feedback, opinions and comments within the Consultation Comments Template.

For ease of reference, the BVI Business Companies Act (Revised Edition 2020), as well as the 2022 and 2023 amendments to the BVI Business Companies Act can be found on the Commission's website to assist with your review.

To participate in the consultation process, feedback should be submitted to consultation@bvifsc.vg via the Consultation Comments Template by 6:00 pm on Monday, 6 May 2024.

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Financial Services Minister Lorna Smith Addresses ICC Fraudnet Conference On Its 20th Anniversary

Deputy Premier and Minister for Financial Services, Labour, and Trade, Honourable Lorna Smith, OBE today delivered the keynote address at the special 20th anniversary meeting and conference of

ICC FraudNet, highlighting the strong position the Virgin Islands Government takes in relation in the deterrence of fraud and the fight against financial crime.

The conference, which was held at Scrub Island

Resort, brought together over 100 attendees from 71 countries, including many of the top asset recovery lawyers and representatives from strategic partner organisations such as GreyList Trace, Mintz,

BDO, and Grant Thornton. The event follows the highly successful 10th anniversary event, held a decade ago in the Virgin Islands.

In her address, Honourable Smith reinforced the Virgin Islands Government promise to fight financial crime in all its forms, at a time when such threats faced are growing, with geopolitical instability further exacerbating those risks.

Hon. Smith said: "I am immensely proud that ICC FraudNet chose the Virgin Islands for its 20th anniversary conference. There is no doubt that we face challenges from those with criminal intent who seek to misuse our services. The decision by ICC FraudNet to come to the Virgin Islands reflects our shared responsibility to ensure that financial crime is investigated and prosecuted and that assets lost or stolen are identified and recovered through the courts."

Hon. Smith reiterated the Virgin Islands Government's commitment to its robust regulatory regime, and its adherence to the rule of law. She commended the role that industry members and the private sector play in upholding these high standards.

Hon. Smith concluded: "The challenges that



Hon. Lorna Smith, OBE

financial services centres face have increased with the recent transformative change we have seen in the sector, including in the digital assets area. The Virgin Islands has developed a reputation for agility and innovation, and we are well placed to take advantage of this potential new business. But above all, we acknowledge that high standards of financial integrity and transparency are essential if we are to continue to attract the calibre of business we want, retain our international reputation and drive continued success. This includes leveraging digital tools to enhance our capabilities in detecting and preventing illicit financial activity."

ICC FraudNet holds a meeting and conference once every six months. To date, the network has held 39 bi-annual meetings and conferences in over 30 different countries.



PROGRAM LISTINGS

MONDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

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

THURSDAYS

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

FRIDAYS

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

SATURDAYS

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

SUNDAYS

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

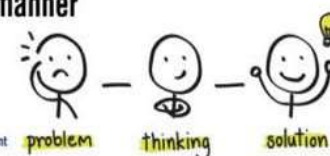
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T - take a few deep breaths

O - observe the needs of your child

P - proceed in a kind but firm manner



New Law Enforcement Marine Base Officially Handed Over

The Royal Virgin Islands Police Force (RVIPF), Immigration Department and His Majesty's Customs have new accommodations with the newly constructed Virgin Islands Law Enforcement Marine Base.

The reimagined joint command centre was officially handed over at a ceremony on April 16. The centre was constructed following the destruction of the RVIPF Marine Base during the passage of Hurricanes Irma and Maria in 2017.

The new Marine Base features male and female barracks, vessel storage and deployment facilities, a kitchen and numerous offices. There are also provisions for aerial asset deployment among other additions that will aid in the prevention of marine based illegal activities.

Deputy Governor, Mr. David D. Archer Jr. said, "Having a completed, state of the art marine law enforcement base is a welcomed addition to the Public Estate, especially at this critical time in our Territory. The safety and security of our residents is our primary responsibility and this base serves as a leap forward in the fight against crime."

Deputy Secretary in the Office of the Deputy Governor, Ms. Aisha Hill said the office is committed to the advancement of the Public Estate through the construction of the base.

Ms. Hill said, "As the managing office for the Government's Public Estate, the Office of the Deputy Governor has worked closely with the Recovery and Development Agency, the designers and contractors to ensure that the marine base is constructed to meet the ever-evolving demands of marine based law enforcement in the Territory."

Ms. Hill added that the new Marine Base now allows the three agencies to simultaneously carry out critical operations with enhanced provisions for communication and effective planning, all aiding the advancement of the Territory's law enforcement capacity.

Following the handover ceremony, newly appointed Public Estate Manager, Mr. Floyd Stoutt met with the occupants of the building to establish a formal agreement for the maintenance of the base.

The construction of the base was managed by the Recovery and Development Agency, in collaboration with the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force, Immigration Department and His Majesty's Customs. The building was designed by Trojan Design and Development Limited and constructed by MGA Project Management & Construction Services and James Todman Construction Limited. Caribbean Security Limited installed the CCTV

and fire suppression system. The new Marine Base was constructed in thirteen

(13) months and was jointly funded by the Government of the Virgin Islands and the

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO).



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Court Address for Jamal Smith

By TIFFANY R SCATLIFFE, LL.M.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS

Special Sitting: 12th April, 2024

If it pleases this Honourable Court, permission to adopt the protocol that has been established and to refer to learned Counsel Mr. Jamal Smith as Jamal during this address.

We are here to pay tribute to our learned friend Jamal Smith. It is with great sadness that we have to gather under these circumstances. While we cannot ignore the tragic circumstances that have led to the loss of a son of the soil; we will never allow it to distract us from the person Jamal was, his legacy and our good memories of him.

Mr. Smith was not a regular criminal defence counsel and did not appear that often at the Criminal Court in recent times, but when he did appear and we engaged with him, we all agree that he was a passionate opponent, as he cared about justice. However, when the proceedings were concluded he was cordial and pleasant with all. There were times that we battled during hearings but would always laugh and chat in the parking lot after.

Mr. Smith being a Virgin Islander at the Bar truly demonstrated his love for this Territory and its people. For him being a lawyer was not just about a career and its benefits. It was about doing his best for his Country, the Territory of the Virgin Islands. He took it as his responsibility to defend the Virgin Islands, or to "Defend VI" in the words of Nicholas "Daddy Friday" Friday of Jam Band. Defending the VI was a responsibility that Jamal held dear to his heart. This is clearly shown by the numerous government and public boards and organisations on which he served, from being

the Chairman of the Labour Tribunal. Board of directors of the National Bank. Board of Governors of the HL Stoutt Community College, the Chairman of the BVI Chamber of Commerce and Hotel Association and on the board to review the Commission of Inquiry, just to name a few. Counsel always encouraged Virgin Islanders to pursue the legal profession and higher education as he wanted to see his people, Virgin Islanders, to succeed.

Jamal was also a dedicated Episcopalian. He served as the Vice Chancellor for the Episcopal Diocese of the Virgin Islands for a significant period and was one of the persons responsible for the drafting of the 2012 Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of the Virgin Islands. He served effortlessly and was committed to the work of the Church. I had the pleasure of working with Jamal on projects for the benefit of the BVI Deanery and the Diocese of the Virgin Islands. While he was the Vice Chancellor, I served as the Church Attorney. We has great times at conventions and would joke at the antics that sometimes transpired. Jamal did not see serving the church as a duty he deemed it as an honour to serve his Lord and his church. On the fateful day that Jamal was found in his home, he was to be at Court that morning to represent the Church in an ongoing matter. Jamal and I at one time were lecturers at the HL Stoutt Community College, teaching in the area of business and law. When my duties as Crown Counsel caused me to have to travel to the Privy Council,

Jamal graciously stepped in and held my classes. My students would tell me how much reading assignments that Mr. Smith would give them. Jamal was always one you could call on to help and assist.

I have on numerous occasions raised on the numerous dangers prosecution and defence counsel have to face while conducting their duties at the Bar and to the Court, to what feels to no avail. The nonchalant attitude to crimes against those who work in the Court system must change. This is the second instance we have lost a Virgin Islander, who is an officer of the Court to unnecessary violence. We cannot as a community allow this to reoccur ever.

On the behalf of the Counsel and Staff of the Office of the DPP, we extend our heartfelt condolences to Jamal's father, his siblings, his extended family, his community and all who held him dear. We pray that you receive the comfort of the Holy Spirit during this difficult time. There are difficult situations in this life that are beyond our understanding but we remember that God the Almighty gives victory to his people in the most complex and arduous situations. We continue to pray to the Lord to bring to the family comfort, to bring fruit for Your kingdom out of the dirt and ashes of pain and to Show us how to shine Your light, love, and forgiveness in a what is sometimes a dark world. May Jamal Rest in Eternal Paradise and May Light Perpetual Shine on his soul.

If it pleases this HONOURABLE COURT.
TIFFANY R SCATLIFFE, LL.M.
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS
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Statement by Hon. Sharie de Castro- Library Week 2024

Greetings one and all,

As we celebrate Library Week from April 22nd to April 27th, 2024, this week holds special significance as it coincides with World Book and Copyright Day on April 23rd, a day celebrated globally to promote the joy of reading and respect for intellectual property.

The theme for this year's Library Week is "Libraries: Moving full STEAM Upstream," highlighting the vital role that libraries play in advancing Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) education and innovation.

Throughout Library Week, we have set ambitious objectives to further engage our community with the wealth of resources available through our public libraries.

Firstly, we aim to promote our extensive eBook collection, which patrons can conveniently access using the Libby app—a gateway to a digital world of knowledge and entertainment.

Secondly, we want to encourage the use of library cards to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to access and benefit library services across the territory.

Thirdly, we seek to promote and encourage participation in the diverse services offered by our libraries, ranging from educational programs to cultural activities.

Lastly, we are determined to expand our library membership, welcoming new individuals, schools and families into our vibrant community of readers and learners.

A highlight of Library Week will be the introduction of our eBook collection to the students of Willard Wheatley and Francis Lettsome Primary Schools, enriching their learning experience through digital resources.

The week's schedule includes a variety of engaging activities, such as science experiments, arts and crafts, storytelling sessions, and readings from local authors. We are particularly excited about the "Dads Reach Out & Read Programme" on Saturday, April 27th, organised in collaboration with the BVI Reading Council.

I encourage everyone to participate in the Library Week activities. Let us celebrate the power of knowledge and the joy of reading as we embrace the theme of "Moving full STEAM Upstream" together.

Thank you to our dedicated library staff and partners for their hard work in organising this exciting week. Let's make Library Week 2024 a resounding success!





FirstCaribbean International Bank (Cayman) Limited
British Virgin Island Branch
Financial Statements

For the year ended October 31, 2023 (expressed in thousands of United States dollars)

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Board of Directors
 FirstCaribbean International Bank (Cayman) Limited

Report on the Audit of the Special Purpose Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the special purpose financial statements of FirstCaribbean International Bank (Cayman) Limited – British Virgin Islands Branch (the Branch) which comprise the statement of financial position as at October 31, 2023, and the statement of income, and notes to the special purpose financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying special purpose financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Branch as at October 31, 2023, and its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the framework described in Note 2 to the special purpose financial statements.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Branch in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) (IESBA Code) and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 2 to the special purpose financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. These special purpose financial statements are prepared to comply with the financial reporting requirements of the British Virgin Islands Financial Services Commission. As a result, the financial statements may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibilities of Management and the Board of Directors for the Special Purpose Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the special purpose financial statements in accordance with the framework described in Note 2 to the special purpose financial statements, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of special purpose financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the special purpose financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Branch's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Branch or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Board of Directors is responsible for overseeing the Branch's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Special Purpose Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the special purpose financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these special purpose financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the special purpose financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Branch's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Branch's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the special purpose financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Branch to cease to continue as a going concern.

We communicate with the management and the Board of Directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Ernst & Young Ltd

April 23, 2024

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

(expressed in thousands of United States dollars)

	As of October 31	
	2023	2022
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
Cash and balances with Central Banks	8,127	7,699
Due from Banks	324,328	455,276
Other assets	3,149	3,256
Loans and advances to customers	205,709	192,731
Property and equipment	7,735	7,386
Retirement benefit assets	1,455	727
TOTAL ASSETS	550,503	667,075
LIABILITIES		
Customer deposits	450,727	495,288
Other liabilities	2,113	1,257
Retirement benefit obligations	126	139
TOTAL LIABILITIES	452,966	496,684
EQUITY		
Reserves	600	(189)
Retained earnings	96,937	170,580
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	550,503	667,075

STATEMENT OF INCOME

(expressed in thousands of United States dollars)

	Year Ended October 31	
	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Interest and similar income	34,699	14,130
Interest and similar expense	986	247
Net interest income	33,713	13,883
Operating income	6,545	6,471
	40,258	20,354
Operating expenses	14,150	11,917
Credit loss release on financial assets	(253)	(923)
	13,897	10,994
Income before taxation	26,361	9,360
Income tax expense	4	-
Net income for the year	26,357	9,360

Obituary

NORWELL ELTON HARRIGAN

aka TONY



The late Elton Harrigan

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved Norwell Elton Harrigan, aka Tony, son of the late Dr. Norwell and Beatrice Harrigan. Tony transitioned on April 17, 2024 at the age of 78 at South Miami Hospital in Florida.

Tony was a magnificent human being who could always connect with the better version of ourselves, because he found beauty in all life.

His formal education was an important part of his life's journey. It all began at primary school in Road Town, Tortola, and was completed along with his secondary education at Bristol Cathedral in Wales, United Kingdom. Upon graduation, he returned home to Tortola where he met his future bride, Dr. Birney Davies-Harrigan, a high school senior at the time. Two years later he was admitted to the University of Pittsburgh to pursue a baccalaureate degree in political science,

and completed his studies at Lincoln University where he earned a master's degree in Human Services. He remained in Pittsburgh with his spouse and daughter for almost 40 years, before returning to BVI in 2004.

Tony manifested his purpose primarily through his service to others. He did this in a myriad of spaces: In the BVI as Human Resources Manager both at Road Town Wholesale and at Scrub Island Resort and as Community Development Officer. In Pittsburgh as Project Manager and Career Counselor for Jewish Family and Children Services; as Director of the Independent Living Programs at Ward Youth and Family Services; as Supervisor of Residential Facility at Alternative Program Associates; as Residential Supervisor, Pittsburgh Job Corp; as Family and Children Services Coordinator at the Council of Three Rivers American Indian Center; as System Consultant for Three Rivers Youth; and as Senior Therapist for Whales Tale, among others. His professional-objective was always to promote transformational learning through-continuous self-assessment-and improvement.

Tony is survived by

his spouse Dr. Birney M. Davies-Harrigan; daughter-Nadja-D. Harrigan, Esq; grandson Qian Harrigan-Thomas; sister Peta Harrigan Cole, nephew Derek Harrigan; and great niece, Faith Harrigan;-Surviving aunts are Alice Harrigan-Harewood, Lilleth Naar, and E. Bernice Harrigan; Special Cousins are Genevieve-Donovan, Barbara Fredericks, Rev. Dr. Earl Harrigan and Lyra Freeman. Sisters-and brothers-in law are Rosetta Davies Carrot, Lola Davies-Malone, Utia Davies-Scatliffe,-Dollee Davies-Lloyd,-Roger Davies, Pauline Davies, Delma Davies-Maduro and Samuel Davies.

Other relatives are too numerous to mention individually. His biological lineages include the Harrigans, Donovans, Maduros, DeCastros, Penns, Blydens, Smalls, and Pickerings. His marital lineage is the Davies clan of the BVI.

The Funeral Service will be held on Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at All Saints Cathedral on Garden Street, St. Thomas. The Viewing will take place at 9:00 am., and the Service will begin at 10:00 am. A Memorial Service will be held at 10:00 am on Friday, May 10, 2024 at St. George's Episcopal (Anglican) Church, Road Town, Tortola.

Public Asked To Submit Feedback On Human Rights Commission Bill

The Government of the Virgin Islands is seeking the public's feedback on the Human Rights Commission Bill, 2024.

The Bill seeks to establish the Virgin Islands Human Rights Commission and outline its powers and functions. It also proposes that the Commission consists of five human rights commissioners with equal gender representation and would require at least one commissioner to be a Sister Island Resident.

The proposed rights of the Commission includes receiving and investigating complaints of any act or practice that may be inconsistent with or contrary to any human right. They will also be responsible for the promotion of better public awareness, understanding, acceptance, appreciation and discussion with respect to human rights and related international instruments or activities.

Additionally, it is proposed that the Commission makes public statements in relation to any matter affecting human rights, including statements promoting an understanding of, and compliance with, the Act and Chapter 2 of the Constitution.

Deputy Governor, Mr. David D. Archer, Jr. said, "Your opinion and feedback matters and is essential to the legislative process. As such, it is important for members of the public to read through the contents of the Bill and provide their valued perspectives so that we may collectively shape the future of the Virgin Islands."

"Every piece of feedback received is read and taken into consideration as we progress the Bill to its final stages," The Deputy Governor said, adding, "We acknowledge the members of the Public as the primary stakeholders of this Bill," Permanent Secretary in the Office of the Deputy Governor Mrs. Sharleen Dabreo-Lettsome said, "Human rights is a keystone concept for Good Governance. This Bill will allow the Virgin Islands to be in line with international standards and expectations as a modern, democratic society."

The public can access the Bill and provide feedback at bvi.gov.vg/humanrights. Alternatively, persons can email the Deputy Governor's Office at dgo@gov.vg with questions regarding the bill.

GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
Office of the Deputy Governor

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION BILL, 2024

✓ Seeks to establish the Virgin Islands Human Rights Commission and outline its powers and functions.

Help Us Decide

what these powers and functions look like by reading the Bill and filling out the survey that can be accessed at the link below

bvi.gov.vg/humanrights

Rasheda Hodge Appointed Official Receiver



Ms. Rasheda Hodge has been appointed Official Receiver at the Ministry of Finance.

The Official Receiver is a public officer appointed by the Government of the Virgin Islands who serves as an officer

of the court. The officer assumes various roles, including that of a Court-appointed liquidator, provisional-liquidator, supervisor, interim supervisor, receiver, -administrator, administrative receiver, or bankruptcy trustee.

Ms. Hodge will be responsible for the administration and management of casework, including investigations and overseeing the affairs of companies placed into insolvency or recovery appointments.

Following the ascension of the Insolvency (Amendment)

Act, 2022, the portfolio of the Official Receiver now falls under the Ministry of Finance. Subsequently, Ms. Hodge was later identified by the Ministry of Finance as the appropriate candidate to fill the position.

In preparation for the role, Ms. Hodge underwent secondments to the UK Insolvency Service for three months and a local Insolvency Firm, Teneo, for six months.

Ms. Hodge said, "As the newly appointed Official Receiver for the Government of the Virgin Islands, I am honoured to step into this vital role within the

insolvency industry and pledge to maintain integrity, fairness, and efficiency across all my responsibilities."

"My aim is to catalyze constructive transformations within the insolvency industry by streamlining processes, enhancing collaboration with stakeholders and introducing inventive strategies and solutions to address emerging challenges thereby ultimately fostering a more robust and equitable insolvency landscape for the territory," she added.

Ms. Hodge holds a Bachelors of Laws (LLB) and a Masters of Laws (LLM), Corporate & Commercial, from the University of the West Indies,

Cave Hill Campus. She was called to the Bar of the Virgin Islands on 16th February 2016. She has previously served as Assistant Secretary in the Ministry of Finance, Administrative Senior Assistant to the Deputy Financial Secretary, and worked within the Anti-Money Laundering Implementation Unit (Implementation of NRA Recommendations).

The Government of the Virgin Islands is committed to providing strategic, economic and fiscal leadership that promotes the sustainable economic development of the Virgin Islands.

RECOGNITION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS' FIRST YEAR IN OFFICE

Warm greetings to the people of the Virgin Islands!

Today marks a significant milestone on our collective journey towards building a sustainable nation.

Exactly one year ago, the people of the Virgin Islands placed their confidence in my administration to safeguard our beloved Virgin Islands, against challenges irrespective of their origin. Today, I am here as your Premier to not only thank you for your confidence that you have instilled in me, but to continue to solicit your support and to listen to your needs as we strive to create a greater Territory for all.

Over the past year, we have earnestly sought to honour the profound trust placed in us, ever mindful of the Biblical teaching that "To whom much is given, much will be required." I fully grasp the weight of this responsibility and strive daily to lead with both humility and assurance.

With a renewed sense of purpose, a shared vision, and unwavering determination, we set about the people's business a year ago. We embarked on a journey to not only advance but to transform our Territory in a manner that current and future generations of Virgin Islanders can be proud of.

I would like to acknowledge the challenges we've encountered over the past year, including securing the resources needed to recover from the worst disaster in our history, brutal inflation brought on by global conflict, the rigorous work of governance reform, the shifting international regulatory landscape, and ever increasing financial obligations in the face of limited resources. Despite these

obstacles, we continue to move forward together, fueled by vigor, hope, and determination.

Despite the complex and challenging external circumstances, despite the vulnerabilities that small island developing states such as ours experience, despite our internal struggles to transform our public service to better meet the needs of our growing society, my perspective is extremely optimistic.

My confidence is buoyed by a fervent belief in the capabilities and good nature of the people of the Virgin Islands. I am positive in the knowledge that God has blessed us with beautiful natural resources that are a wonder for all to see. I am encouraged that our tourism arrivals continue to grow, resulting in some of the best numbers we have seen in our history. I am grateful that our financial services industry continues to be world-class. Our young people continue to make us proud on the international stage, whether through their professional accomplishments, sports, academics, or culture. We have a lot to be grateful for.

I assure the people of the Virgin Islands that we are guided by a strong and clear vision. We have passed a National Sustainable Development Plan. We are now dedicating the resources to transform that Plan into a series of practical steps which will move us from plans to progress. We are laying the groundwork for sustained excellence over time.

Like many small territories, we face a long road of hard work ahead. I stand before you today with a steadfast belief in our ability to not only complete this work but also to continue as a leader among nations. We are prepared to take

the essential steps to prioritize our greatest asset—our people—and to foster their continued confidence in our leadership. Together, we will rise to new heights, striving to make our nation one of the greatest on this earth.

I say this with a heart full of admiration and appreciation: my people have a proven historical record to withstand. We have a reputation trail-blazing freedom, and overcoming adversities, and in the wake of man-made and natural disasters, we are a people who have rebuilt, and transformed our society with our heads held high.

We not only withstand, but we triumph!

Indeed, our resilience is collectively demonstrated on a day-to-day basis as we press towards developing our Territory across social, economic, and political spheres while simultaneously equipping our people to be world-class citizens.

For this reason, my confidence in my government and the people of the Virgin Islands is reinforced and amplified.

My administration pledges to continue to deliver for the people of the Virgin Islands through strategic national transformation.

Through Building, through development goals underpinned by the need for sustainable growth.

I am pleased to announce the Inaugural Territorial address scheduled for May 16, 2024, where my government and I will discuss or past accomplishments and present goals; ideas on solving our territories challenges, celebrating our accomplishments, putting our best foot forward as we continue to work towards, "Building a Sustainable Nation".

I thank you.



Our goal is to help you reach yours



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GLOBAL NEWS BRIEF

STORIES SELECTED BY GIORGIO MIGLIAVACCA

USA - Students exposed to gun violence are less likely to do well in school or graduate. At North Community High School in Minneapolis, students are well aware of those effects. The school's quarterback was shot and killed blocks from the school two years ago. Another member of the football team was shot in both legs last spring and survived. As part of President Biden's Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, Minneapolis Public Schools will receive at least \$500,000 to help fund strategies to bolster school safety and mental health resources to combat gun violence. But some say there's a disconnect between what the government is offering and what they need. [NPR]

JAMAICA - The Marley Brothers - Ziggy, Stephen, Julian, Ky-Mani, and Damian - are hitting the road for The Marley Brothers: The Legacy Tour, marking their first joint tour in two decades.

Produced by Live Nation, this 22-date extravaganza kicks off on September 5, 2024, at Festival Lawn at Deer Lake Park in Vancouver, BC, before traversing the U.S. and Canada throughout the fall.

Bob Marley's music continues to resonate as a symbol of strength, hope, and togetherness, drawing in an

ever-expanding global fanbase. With over three decades of individual success, his sons have collectively amassed an impressive 22 GRAMMY Awards, with Julian clinching the 2024 "Best Reggae Album" win. Reuniting for The Marley Brothers: The Legacy Tour, they'll pay homage to their father's enduring legacy by delivering a blend of their own hits and timeless Bob Marley classics. April 20 will mark an expansion of screenings of the biopic Bob Marley: One Love, while the 40th anniversary of the "Could You Be Loved" singer's landmark 1984 greatest-hits compilation Legend will be celebrated next month; in addition, 2025 marks what would have been Marley's 80th birthday. [CNW]

JAMAICA - This year's Jamaica Carnival, which culminated on April 7, is said to be one of the most lucrative carnival seasons in Jamaica, according to the Ministry of Tourism. According to Delano Seiveright, a Senior Strategist in the ministry, early estimates indicate a surge in interest and earnings from Jamaica's Carnival compared to previous years.

In 2023, Jamaica Carnival was estimated to have contributed \$4.6 billion to the Jamaican economy, stemming

from a multitude of sources, including tourism spending, merchandise sales, corporate sponsorships, and the rapidly increasing market for carnival-related services.

With a higher spend for this year, Seiveright forecasted revenue to soar to as much as \$5 billion.

"The flow through effect in the economy is significant, especially for the micro and small tourism enterprises and also micro and small enterprises all together, because every taxi man, every vendor, every jerk chicken man, they're making their money too," he noted. [CNW]

VENICE - The historically excluded have taken the reins at the Venice Biennial. The foremost event in the world of contemporary art opens the doors of its 60th edition on Saturday in the Italian city with a celebration of "the immigrant, the foreigner, the queer and the Indigenous," in the words of its Brazilian artistic director Adriano Pedrosa. The curator has devised an itinerary guided by a new ideal of the imperative decolonialization of culture. The vast majority of selected artists - 200, from other historical eras, and 100, contemporary - hail from the global south. Hardly any of them had present at the event before, and many are true unknowns. Pedrosa's edition is an invitation to sit with all that has been ignored throughout the biennial's 130-year history

- and, by the art world and society as a whole.

Pedrosa, director of the São Paulo Art Museum (MASP), is the first Latin American to assume this role, one of the most coveted positions in the cultural sector. He is also the first openly queer curator to lead the biennial. And, the first to travel to countries like Kenya, Zimbabwe, Angola, Indonesia, Guatemala and Paraguay to search for artists, a list admirable in its geographic scope. "I felt I had a mission," he said on Monday as he put the finishing touches on the exhibition. In truth, non-Western art and pieces made in collective have counted with high-profile presence in recent events, such as Documenta 2022 and the São Paulo Biennial 2023, which featured 80% non-white artists. But their prominence in a biennial as canonical and Eurocentric as Venice implies a certain consecration. "It is natural that these are increasingly dominant themes, because they mark our current moment. I wanted to make a proposal that was very political, but also very poetic," says Pedrosa. [El Pais]

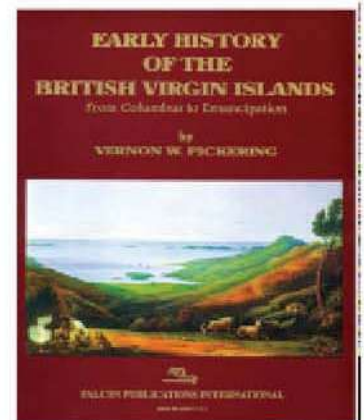
MEXICO - Two mayoral candidates were killed in two different parts of Mexico as the country heads to elections in June, authorities said.

Center-right mayoral candidate Noe Ramos of Ciudad Mante was fatally stabbed in the northeastern state of Tamaulipas, said state attorney general Irving Barrios. Authorities are searching for the suspect. Local media reported Ramos, who was seeking reelection, was meeting with residents in the street on Friday when the suspect stabbed him with a knife.

Meanwhile, in the southern state of Oaxaca, another mayoral candidate Alberto Antonio Garcia, was also found dead on Friday, according to the state prosecutor.

He and his wife Agar Cancino, who is the mayor of San Jose Independencia, were reported missing on Wednesday. Cancino was found alive. The electoral board said such crimes "should not occur during elections." [Deutsche Welle]

CARIBBEAN - Antigua and Barbuda claim a notable position, introducing a low barrier to entry for global



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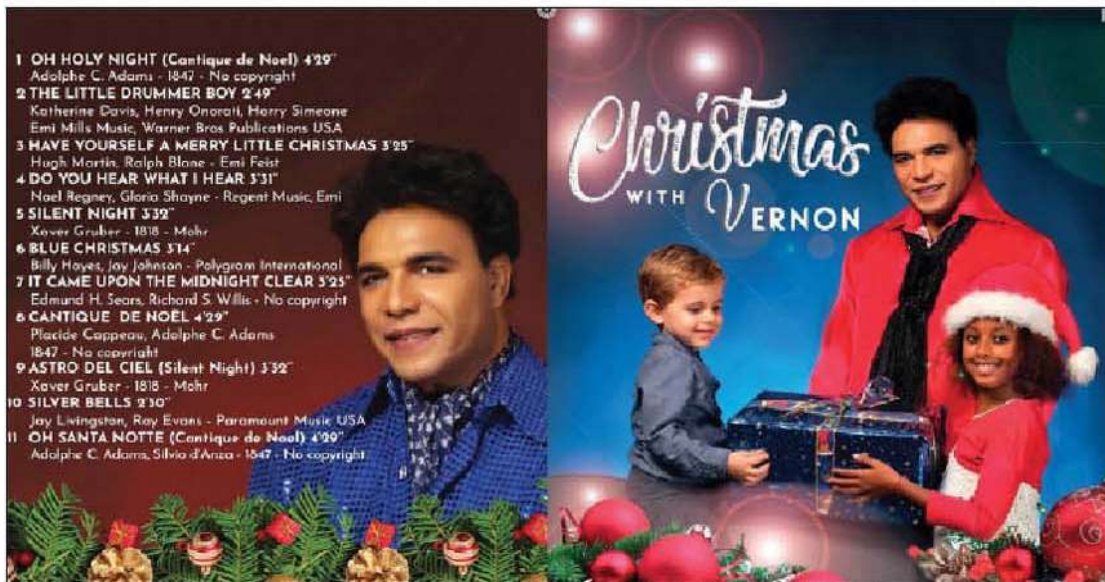
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Sharing the limelight, Grenada and St. Lucia offer compelling citizenship opportunities, each with its unique appeal. Grenada emphasizes security and global accessibility, while St. Lucia targets entrepreneurs with enticing fiscal incentives and a variety of investment avenues. [CNW]

ANTIGUA - In a bold declaration emphasizing the paramount importance of quality healthcare delivery, the government of Antigua and Barbuda has enacted a zero-tolerance policy against any form of disrespect towards patients or visitors at the Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre.

During the unveiling of the newly expanded emergency room at the nation's primary public hospital, Minister of Health Sir Molwyn Joseph reinforced this resolute stance.

His message, delivered on April 7, 2024, coinciding with World Health Day, echoed throughout the ceremony, attended by dignitaries and medical professionals alike. [CNW]



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Miss British Virgin Islands 2024 Teen Pageant Unveiling and Sashing ceremony



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The stage is set for the Miss British Virgin Islands 2024 Teen pageant as the Unveiling and Sashing ceremony, hosted by the Miss Teen British Virgin Islands Committee, dazzled attendees at the picturesque Loose Mongoose restaurant on April 21.

The event, a delightful affair, introduced the public to the three contenders vying for the coveted crown: Asha Hyndman, Tiya Herbert, and Eriel Stewart, labeled as Contestants #1, #2, and #3 respectively.

With an air of elegance and promise, the event provided a

sneak peek into the charisma and grace each contestant brings to the table. Their presence illuminated the afternoon, setting the stage for an exciting competition ahead.

Scheduled for June 2, the Miss Teen BVI pageant holds immense significance for the contestants, each of whom dreams of clinching the title. As the Unveiling and Sashing ceremony unfolded, attendees were treated to a glimpse of the contestants' determination and poise, leaving them eagerly anticipating the main event.



Ladyburd Talks...

Dear Readers: Earth day was April 22:

This year's theme is Planet vs. Plastics, which calls on government leaders, businesses, and everyday people to reduce plastic production by 60% by 2040. It is also calling for the full elimination of single use plastics by the end of this decade

"The Planet vs. Plastics campaign is a call to arms, a demand that we act now to end the scourge of plastics and safeguard the health of every living being upon our planet.

The Paris Agreement opened for signature on Earth DayThe Paris Agreement, the most significant international climate accord in history, was opened for signature on Earth Day in 2016.

The treaty has more than 190 signatories, all of whom agreed to reduce carbon emissions and carry out other actions to reduce climate change .

Some 18 million acres of forest are lost every year due to deforestation, per the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization. To combat this, earthday.org founded the Canopy Project in 2010 and says it has since planted tens of millions of trees around the world. Let us plant some trees.

Source: <https://time.com/6968732/earth-day-surprising-facts/>



LIGHT BULB MOMENTS

"People don't realize how a man's whole life can be changed by one book."
— *Malcolm X*

"Literacy is a bridge from misery to hope."
— *Kofi Anan*

Poetry Corner

Earth Day

Earth Day is a special day,
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Tickle My Funny Bones



Short Jokes

Boss I need a raise – there are three companies after me right now."

"Really? Which ones?"

"Gas, electric, and water."

"My husband and I have reached the difficult decision that we do not want children.

If anybody does, please just send me your contact details

and we can drop them off tomorrow."

"I visited my new friend in his apartment.

He told me to make myself at home.

So I threw him out. I hate having visitors."

The Walk

Hey Sue, what do you say to a nice walk?

Oh Harry, that would be lovely!

" -Wonderful. "

"Could you bring me some beers and Hot dog on your way back?"

PUN INTENDED

" I'm never going to work for that man ever again"

"What did he say?"

"You're fired' ."



Ladyburd's Mail Box

EMAIL ADDRESS:

delseitaliburds@msn.com
or
islandsunnewsp@gmail.com

Dear Ladyburd: I am pregnant at the moment and I am not sure if my boyfriend is the father of my unborn child. I am so stressed about the whole matter, you see just after I was intimate with my ex. I started to date my new boyfriend. I later found out I was pregnant, I am not sure what to do...Any suggestion...**Confused**

Ladyburd: Confused: Firstly, you have to stay calm and not stress yourself and your unborn child, I believe you can have a DNA (Paternity) test done before birth. I believe I read it somewhere. If not, do it when the child is born.. You do not want to give the wrong father to your child. I am really not sure you should say anything as yet, until you are sure who the father is. In the meantime try to stay calm. Its not that you were cheating or anything. It is just that you may have been pregnant when you started your new relationship or it could be much ado about nothing. All the best to you and your unborn child.

(Rep.)

Miss British Virgin Islands 2024 Teen Pageant Unveiling and Sashing ceremony

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Distinguished guests, including reigning Miss BVI Anika the noon day affair. Their encouragement and support bolstered Christopher and Miss Universe British Virgin Islands Ashella the contestants' spirits, elevating the excitement surrounding Fahie, graced the occasion, adding to the glitz and glamour of the upcoming pageant.





Celebrate Spring with Irresistible Coconut Macaroons

As spring blooms around us and Passover is upon us, it's time to savor the simple pleasures of the season with a classic treat: coconut macaroons.

Picture this: Moist, chewy coconut mingling with hints of vanilla, crowned with a delicate golden crust. Bonus points -- they're gluten-free!

Passover, a time of remembrance and renewal, calls for dishes that honor tradition. Enter the coconut macaroon, a timeless treat with a rich history. With its origins dating back to medieval Italy, this dessert has evolved into a beloved staple of Passover celebrations around the world.

What makes coconut macaroons perfect for Passover? These delectable delights are inherently kosher for the holiday, free from leavening agents and grains such as flour. Just check your vanilla extract, as some are made with grain alcohol.

Now, you might be wondering: How can something so delicious be budget-friendly? With just a handful of pantry staples -- coconut, sweetened condensed milk, egg whites and a splash of vanilla -- you can whip up a batch of these coconut macaroons in no time, all without breaking the bank.

There can be confusion between macaroons and macarons. While they share a similar name, they are distinct desserts with different characteristics.

Macaroons are dense, chewy coconut-based cookies, while macarons are almond meringue sandwich cookies with a smooth exterior, and a wide range of colors and flavors, often filled with ganache, buttercream or jam.

Both desserts offer unique and delicious experiences for dessert lovers. Today we're on team macaroon!

For a macaron recipe, go to my website: divasonadime.com/easy-french-macaron-recipe/

EASY COCONUT MACAROONS

Yield: 14 to 18 cookies

Total Time: 35-40 minutes

14 ounces sweetened shredded coconut

14 ounces sweetened condensed milk

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

3 egg whites, at room temperature

1/4 teaspoon kosher salt

Optional: 1/2 cup chocolate chips for dipping

Preheat the oven to 325 F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

In a large bowl, combine the coconut, condensed milk and vanilla. In a separate bowl, whip the egg whites and salt until they form firm peaks using a stand mixer or hand mixer on high speed. To ensure a light and airy texture, carefully fold the whipped egg whites into the coconut mixture in three stages, using a gentle hand with a wooden spoon. This step is crucial for maintaining the meringue's integrity and preventing deflation.

Drop mounds of batter onto your prepared sheet pans using either an ice cream scoop or two spoons. Shape them with moist hands to prevent sticking. There is no bad shape for a macaroon. If you're making nests, press your thumb or a wine cork into each cookie to make an indent.

Bake for 25 to 30 minutes, until golden brown. Cool and serve.

To dip and drizzle with chocolate, melt chips in the microwave. Dip the cookie as desired.

Sometimes the egg white can puddle around the cookie while baking. Simply cut around it and eat the delicious scraps when no one is looking.

For extra fun, add a half cup of finely chopped nuts. I'm partial to macadamias, but pecans and almonds are spectacular. Toast the coconut first for golden crunchy macaroons. Shape like bird's nests and fill the indent with jam, chocolate or Nutella.

To make larger or smaller macaroons, don't change the recipe but adjust the baking time to match (longer for big macaroons; shorter for small macaroons). I love to dip tiny ones completely in dark chocolate for little pop-in-your-mouth goodness. This recipe also makes a delectable pie crust.

Until next time, happy baking and may your days be filled with the sweet joys of spring!

Lifestyle expert Patti Diamond is the penny-pinching, party-planning, recipe developer and content creator of the website Divas On A Dime -- Where Frugal, Meets Fabulous! Visit Patti at www.divasonadime.com and join the conversation on Facebook at [DivasOnADimeDotCom](https://www.facebook.com/DivasOnADimeDotCom). Email Patti at divapatti@divasonadime.com



POLICE NEWS

PUBLIC ADVISED TO MARK GARDEN AND CONSTRUCTION TOOLS

Friday, April 19 – The Royal Virgin Islands Police Force Criminal Investigations

Department has reported a significant increase in the number of non-residential burglaries on Tortola since the beginning of the year, compared to the same period last year.

Acting Chief Inspector Kendolph Bobb, head of the department, said that this increase has been significantly influenced by incidents at businesses, storage facilities,

and construction sites, where valuable tools and machinery are often kept.

In response to these concerning trends, residents are advised to mark their tools for easy identification. Individuals are also advised to record serial numbers, photograph, and securely store items. Business and residential owners are also encouraged to ensure that their property is properly secured, and surroundings are well-lit and consider installing alarms and

CCTV cameras.

The public's cooperation is crucial in our fight to combat crime. Let us work together for a safer community for all.

Persons with information on any crime are encouraged to confidentially call the Crime Stoppers hotline at 800-8477 (TIPS) or, if located overseas, at 1-284-800-8477.

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

EAST END POLICE STATION CLOSED TEMPORARILY

Thursday, April 19 – The Royal Virgin Islands Police Force wishes to inform the public that the East End Police Station will be closed from tomorrow, Friday, April 19, 2024, until further notice.

This closure is due to ongoing sewerage works conducted by the Government of the Virgin Islands in the parking lot adjacent to the station. These works have affected the health and well-being of our officers and necessitated the immediate evacuation of the premises.

While the station building will be closed, we want to reassure residents of the East End district that law enforcement services will remain operational. Officers will continue patrolling the district, ensuring the safety and security of the community. They can be contacted at 368-9704 for immediate response to reports.

We apologize for any inconvenience caused and appreciate your understanding during this time.

His Majesty's Prison Officers Complete Training In Bermuda

Two prison officers from His Majesty's Prison recently completed Control and Restraint (C&R) training in Bermuda.

Acting Principal Officers Ms. Alan Jackson and Mr. Kesena Okoro underwent an intensive three-week course during which they acquired the latest officer safety, de-escalation, and personal protection techniques.

Superintendent Mr. Jay Kendall said the training marked a significant milestone as it was the first time a female officer from the Virgin Islands has completed the programme.

Superintendent Kendall said, "This achievement underscores our commitment to improving decency, respect, and equality within the Virgin Islands Prison Service. We continue to promote equality and inclusion, and have been working closely with the Office of Gender Affairs to foster a more inclusive environment in the prison."

The officers are expected to collaborate with the Superintendent Team to retrain all operation staff, ensuring a safer and more secure environment within the Territory's prison facility.

Mr. Kendall expressed gratitude



for the collaborative effort of the Ministry of Health & Social Development and the UK Ministry of Justice overseas justice programme that made this training initiative possible.

Superintendent Kendall also extended sincere thanks to colleagues in Bermuda for hosting the training and for their warm welcome to participants from various British Overseas Territories.

"This training initiative exemplifies

our dedication to enhancing safety and professionalism within HM Virgin Islands Prison Service," the Superintendent said, adding, "I am pleased to see the progress we've made towards equality and inclusion, and I look forward to further collaboration with Bermuda, other territories and partners."

Meanwhile, Acting Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Health and Social Development, Ms. Tasha Bertie, voiced support

ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS FOUND AT COX HEATH

Friday, April 19 — The Royal Virgin Islands Police Force received an anonymous call shortly after 6 a.m. on Friday, April 19, reporting the sighting of suspicious individuals disembarking from a boat on the seaside at Cox Heath.

Promptly responding to the call, officers discovered seventeen individuals of multiple nationalities, suspected to be illegal immigrants, comprising of adults and children, concealed within the bushes at Cox Heath. Subsequent search efforts also uncovered two more individuals.

The RVIPF seeks assistance in identifying and apprehending these persons; if you notice anyone unfamiliar, please contact the RVIPF Intelligence Unit at 368-9339 or the Immigration Department.

The apprehended immigrants were handed over to the Immigration Department. Investigation into this matter is ongoing.

for prison-led training, which is expected to benefit both the staff and prisoners at His Majesty's Prison.

Ms. Bertie said, "The Ministry of Health and Social Development is cognizant of the pivotal role staff training plays in fostering a safe environment, and whole-heartedly supports this prison-led training opportunity."

The Acting Permanent Secretary added, "The ministry was happy to provide the necessary financial resources to the administrative team at the prison to ensure officers are equipped with the tools to obtain skills to not only protect their own well-being but also to effectively

safeguard the individuals under their supervision."

The successful completion of the training aligns with the Government's recent initiative for all public officers to engage in continuing professional development annually. It also forms an integral part of the wider training and development plan for the prison service.

The Ministry of Health and Social Development remains committed to improving the skills and competencies of its employees to better serve the interests of the people of the Virgin Islands.

THIS WEEK IN CORRUPTION

DRASTIC TIMES CALL FOR DIRECTIVE MEASURES

By Transparency International

From the highest echelons of power to the grassroots of local government, corruption is an issue that plays out time and again across the European Union's stage, tarnishing the integrity of the public sector and eroding trust in institutions.

This week, Italy saw this familiar script unfold when the prosecutor's office of Rome requested to sentence a former official with abuse of office.

Domenico Arcuri, who was the high-profile official appointed to contain the COVID-19 pandemic in Italy, faces allegations of abuse of office in connection with the procurement and supply of substandard masks during the initial phase of the COVID-19 pandemic. He flatly denies these allegations and has asked for acquittal. Whether found guilty or not, the ability to charge an individual with abuse of office is something that Italy's current government wants to make a thing of the past.

Abuse of office is a form of corruption and is one of the offences that countries should criminalise under the UN Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) along with others such as bribery, embezzlement and trading in influence.

However, the unfortunate reality is that Italy, like many other EU member states, has an impunity problem. The public recognises this too. According to our 2021 Global Corruption Barometer survey, almost half of EU residents think their government was doing a bad job at tackling corruption, while a mere 21 per cent believed that corrupt officials face appropriate penalties.

It's clear that there needs to be harsher penalties for various forms of corruption across the EU. Law enforcement should have more tools and measures available to investigate and prosecute such crimes - not less.

If Italy does end up abolishing the offence of abuse of office, it would not only be going against the grain of most EU member states - where officials can be charged with abuse of office in at least 25 out of 27 countries - but would also be at odds with the current draft of the EU Directive on combatting corruption.

The monumental scandals that have erupted in the EU over the past years - from the Azerbaijani Laundromat, the Uber Files, to Qatargate - show just how much of a problem corruption is across the bloc.

Fortunately, it does look like progress is on the horizon. Last year, the European Commission proposed a dedicated directive on combatting corruption, seeking to harmonise anti-corruption legislation across all member states. It was certainly a promising first step towards closing gaps in legal frameworks, requiring member states to criminalise offences outlined in the UNCAC and increase sanctions.

More progress was made in February when the European Parliament adopted its own position, introducing several elements that we advocated for - including stronger sanctions against perpetrators of corruption in the public sector, and recognising it as an aggravating circumstance when high-level

officials are involved and subjecting this to higher punishment. Crucially, victims of corruption and civil society organisations who represent them in court are also better recognised and protected in the Parliament's position. Additional preventative measures for lobbying and political finance have also been included.

There is still room for improvement, however. The European Council is still negotiating its position, and it will be crucial to ensure that it doesn't erode the provisions in the

original European Commission proposal. When negotiations on the final Directive happen later this year, we encourage decision-makers to include additional measures towards ending impunity and explicitly define grand corruption. This would allow EU countries to more effectively tackle the most serious transnational corruption schemes involving high-level officials, and those that result in gross misappropriation of public property or human rights violations.

When negotiations do kick off, we hope EU decision-makers seize the moment and take decisive action to raise standards in the fight against corruption and harmonise rules across the bloc. The public deserves a system that truly delivers progress and effectively prevents corrupt officials and their cronies from abusing power.

If you'd like to stay informed on Transparency International's work or keep up with the latest anti-corruption news, follow us on the newest and fastest-growing social media networks, Bluesky and Threads.



KOVELS ANTIQUES AND COLLECTING



This majolica stool was made in the 20th century. It is square instead of the antique barrel shape but still shows the influence of the 19th-century style. Bunch Auctions [Photo: Kovels.com]

By Terry and Kim Kovel

Majolica Stools

May means warmer weather, flowers blooming and more time spent outdoors, especially in the garden. It's a place to sit, relax and enjoy the view of your beautiful plants and the birds and butterflies they attract.

Garden seats have been used for centuries. Early garden seats in China, called zuodun, literally "a block to sit on," were shaped like barrels with a stretched skin top held in place with nails. Later garden seats were made of porcelain but had the same barrel shape and featured decorative rows of bumps to resemble the old nail heads.

In 19th-century Europe and America, majolica, an earthenware pottery with thick, colorful tin glaze, was a popular material for garden seats, planters and other garden furnishings. They often had three-dimensional nature-themed decorations. However, majolica is fragile, prone to chipping and cracking, so it should be brought inside during inclement weather or kept indoors. Victorians often kept majolica pieces in conservatories, or greenhouses, so they could be part of a nature setting without being exposed to the elements.

Majolica stools are still sought as decorative items. This one that sold for \$160 at Bunch Auctions was made in the 20th century, but shares the vivid colors and three-dimensional decorations of its Victorian predecessors.

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Q: I have several copperware casseroles that have worn spots and probably need to be re-tinned. How can I find a place to get this done without needing to ship them? Is it dangerous to use these pieces as they are?

A: Don't use the casseroles if the tin lining is worn off. Direct contact with tomatoes or other acidic food can cause small amounts of copper to leach into the food. If you live near a big city, you might find a local metal repair shop that does re-tinning. If there is no one near you, you can find other places online. The company that made the copperware, or a store near you that sells similar pieces, might be able to recommend someone who does re-tinning. If you can't get the pieces re-tinned, just use them as display items.

TIP: Set heavy garden urns or statues on a foundation, usually a cement block set in the ground.

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CURRENT PRICES

Toy, pedal car, taxi, pressed steel, yellow, black and white checkered trim, "TAXI" on side with outline of eagle and checkered panels, painted rate card, black windshield frame, \$185.

Map, West Indies, Caribbean Sea, inset with Bermuda, decorative border, hand colored, engraved by D.G. Johnson, published by A.J. Johnson, New York, giltwood frame, c. 1880, 24 1/2 x 30 1/2 inches, \$255.

Scientific instrument, compass with sundial, brass, pocket style, adjustable gnomon and latitude arm, outer ring marked Troughton & Simms, England, 1800s, fitted leather case, closed dial 3/4 x 2 5/8 inches, \$575.

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COMMENTARY

Measuring Virgin Islands Productivity



Dickson Igwe

March 20, 2024

Pursuing a national vision for a prosperous Virgin Islands means adopting an understanding of the country's capital mix – land, human resources, and technology- its wealth generating assets, as the tool of change.

GDP is insufficient as a measure of productivity in an economy. Productivity

– the human effort in the capital mix- drives the specific outcomes that achieves a country's vision. Now, GDP – Gross Domestic Product- is a useful economic measure. GDP measures output in terms of all of the products and services of the various sectors of the economy. GDP is the value of all the goods and services produced in the Virgin Islands in a single year. GDP evaluates economic cycles and activities within a fixed period. GDP compares present and past economic cycles, and then economists and statisticians evaluate that information in an attempt to answer specific questions and offer reasons to why the economy behaves in a specific manner.

However, GDP does not

measure a country's wealth generating assets, only the products generated by a country's capital mix. Productivity on the other hand, speaks to the human effort in producing goods and services. Productivity is the human element in the capital mix. GDP and productivity are different things, albeit both subjects link to each other.

Now, how do the value and supply chains – the flow of the capital mix- of each economic sector affect GDP? GDP is not the measure of productivity in an economy, as GDP fails to measure sufficiently the intangible – invisible-resources that drive wealth such as culture, learning and human effort.

One measure of Productivity is national output divided

by labor hours. However, this measure is uncertain and ambiguous in my opinion. This is a traditional productivity measure that does not evaluate productivity sufficiently enough to make the measure meaningful.

Then there are the asymmetric – external-factors that hinder a labor force no matter how efficient the symmetry – straight-line order- in the value supply chains. Asymmetric factors such as poor weather, fiscal and monetary anomalies, and war, stifle GDP. That does not mean the workforce of the country is inefficient. Ukraine is an example of asymmetric factors devastating the economy. GDP measures the total value of products and services produced in the

Virgin Islands in terms of revenue only; however, GDP cannot measure productivity effectively, even with knowledge of hours worked in relation to GDP and the unique culture of the workforce.

Productivity is more than rent or revenue earned from this or that economic sector of the Virgin Islands over a specific period. Productivity is the human effort that drives up or down the country's GDP: its prosperity. Productivity is action focused on achieving specific economic outcomes.

Pursuing productivity is more important to achieving prosperity than simply gazing at increasing GDP.

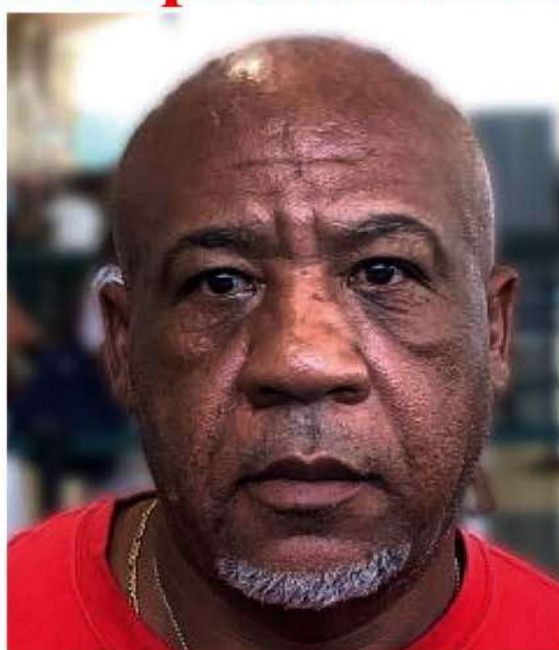
Dickson Igwe

Help Needed To Locate Netherlands And Dominican Republic Nationals

The public is asked to assist with the location of Mr. Pascal Bosman of Netherlands and Mr. Martire Cabrera of Dominican Republic (carrying a St. Kitts & Nevis passport). Both individuals travelled to the Territory via cruise ship Norwegian Sky on Friday, 19 April and have not returned to the ship or departed the

Territory legally, and remain at large.

If anyone has information on the whereabouts of Messer's Bosman and Cabrera please contact the Department of Immigration at : 468-4705, 468- 4717, 468-4754 or the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force Hotline at 311.



Mr. Pascal Bosman



Mr. Martire Cabrera

Photo credit: Department of Immigration)

Caribbean News / Regional News

CARICOM Member States Discuss New High Seas Treaty on Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction



Ms. Lisa Shoman, CARICOM General Counsel (2nd from left, front row) with Participants who attended the workshop to discuss New High Seas Treaty on Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ)

“The Law of the Sea and its various implementing instruments have been a great equalizer for this Region - whether it was delimitation of our exclusive economic zones, management of fish stocks important to our food security or management of seabed resources. This new agreement is no different. It presents an opportunity for us to expand our capacities and capabilities and to move more strategically to managing and benefitting from the vast natural resources represented by the Oceans that surround us. Indeed, for those of us who have committed to building blue economies, the constitution of the Sea is a necessary tool in management,” the General Counsel said at the opening of the workshop.

CARICOM Secretariat, Turkeyen, Greater Georgetown, Guyana - Wednesday, 24 April 2024: CARICOM Member States are encouraged to exchange experiences in the signature and ratification process of the new global treaty on the management of marine Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdictions (BBNJ).

The United Nations General Assembly approved the BBNJ

in June 2023 and the treaty was open for signature in September 2023. To date, 89 UN Member countries have signed the agreement, including six CARICOM Member States – Antigua and Barbuda, Belize, The Bahamas, Dominica, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. Belize has since ratified, becoming the first CARICOM Member State to do so. The BBNJ will “enter into force” when at least 60 countries ratify it.

CARICOM Member States have been actively engaged from the outset of the negotiations and have been vocal leaders in all aspects of the negotiation process. To maintain active engagement, CARICOM’s Council for Foreign and Community Relations mandated the formation of a Multi-Stakeholder Advisory Group (MSAG) to support and guide countries to ratification and early implementation of the treaty.

At a workshop in Miami, Florida, 11-12 April 2024, Lisa Shoman, CARICOM General Counsel, called for open dialogue regarding experiences at the national level.

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The workshop brought together treaty negotiators, representatives from the offices of Attorneys-General across the Region, and technical experts on oceans and biodiversity. It was aimed at raising awareness of the new treaty at the national level, given its potential for blue economic growth. Participants discussed the legislative and institutional review toward the ratification and national incorporation of the agreement, as well as the immediate capacity needs for national incorporation and potential donor support. They also identified CARICOM’s priorities for the upcoming preparatory organizational meeting and the session of the Preparatory Commission of the Treaty.

The workshop was made possible through the kind support of The Ocean Voices Programme as well as the PEW Charitable Trust.

Remarks by CARICOM Secretary-General at the Opening of the Climate Change and Health Orientation and Training Workshop for CARICOM Youth Ambassadors and Youth Leaders

“As we continue this journey together, I implore our older folk to harness the power of youth leadership, innovation, and collaboration to address the dual challenges of climate change and health. Let us amplify the voices of young people, who bring fresh and different perspectives, creativity and passion to the table. The Secretariat is committed to fostering meaningful youth engagement and empowering the next generation of leaders to act on climate change and health, and a range of issues with which the Community is challenged. We will continue to strengthen our own capacity to meaningfully work with young people. We will continue to create opportunities to bring young people together, not only to impart information, but also to listen to you.”

CARICOM Secretariat, Turkeyen, Greater Georgetown, Guyana - Tuesday, 23 April 2024:

- * The Hon. Dr Frank Anthony, Minister of Health of Guyana;
- * Representatives of International Organisations;
- * Ms. Alison Drayton, Assistant Secretary-General, Human and Social Development, CARICOM Secretariat;
- * Other Members of Staff of the CARICOM Secretariat;
- * CARICOM Youth Ambassadors and Youth Leaders
- * Young People of the Region.

I am pleased to speak with you today as we convene the Climate Change and Health Orientation and Training Workshop for Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Youth Ambassadors (CYAs) and Youth Leaders, to address the intersecting challenges of climate change and public health. This Workshop will seek to strengthen the platform for knowledge exchange, capacity building, and, most importantly, collaboration among CARICOM Youth Ambassadors and Leaders. It is an invaluable opportunity to deepen our understanding of the links between climate change and health, explore innovative solutions, and strengthen our collective resolve to address these pressing issues.

Climate change is not a distant threat, it is a present reality with profound implications for human health, livelihoods and well-being. From rising temperatures and extreme weather events to changing disease patterns and food insecurity, the effects of climate change are far-reaching, disproportionately affecting vulnerable populations, including young people, indigenous communities and marginalised groups.

Our young people will have to grapple with the consequences well into the future if we fail to take effective action today. We, therefore, need to ensure that young people are enabled to be agents of change, with the power to shape a more resilient and sustainable future. This is critical in our CARICOM Region, where young are 60 per cent of the population.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), climate change is already causing a range of health issues, including injuries, heat-related illnesses and mental health problems. Climate change is exacerbating existing health challenges, such as vector-borne diseases like Dengue Fever and Zika, which are more prevalent in warmer and wetter conditions. Rising sea levels and coastal erosion threaten the homes and livelihoods of coastal communities, while changes in rainfall patterns and availability of water contribute to food insecurity and malnutrition. Moreover, the loss of biodiversity and degradation of ecosystems further undermine the resilience of our communities and ecosystems.

The CARICOM Secretariat plays an important role, providing leadership and guidance in addressing the complex challenges posed by climate change. We thank our partners, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and the European Union (EU), for the financing under the 11th European Development Fund (EDF) project and their ongoing partnership so that we can address some of these critical issues. We have been making significant strides in advancing climate change adaptation and mitigation efforts within the Caribbean Community, including the establishment of regional frameworks and policies, and the implementation of community-based initiatives and awareness campaigns. However, there is much more work to be done, and active participation of young people is essential to drive progress and foster positive change. I am pleased to see that young people have already begun to lead the charge. As we have heard, two former Youth Ambassadors have implemented innovative waste management projects. Commendations are due to Dwane Hendrickson from St. Kitts and Nevis, and Renee Atwell from Trinidad and Tobago, for their exemplary initiatives addressing climate change and health challenges within their respective communities. Their projects helped to raise awareness among their peers about vital waste management actions to conserve the beauty and bounty of the environment with which our Region has been blessed.

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Officials: US plans \$1 billion aid package for Ukraine



FILE - A missile is launched from a U.S. military HIMARS system during joint military drills at a firing range in northern Australia as part of Exercise Talisman Sabre, in Shoalwater Bay, July 22, 2023.

so that I can sign it into law." The United States may send additional military advisers to its embassy in Kyiv to advise and support the Ukrainian government and military, Pentagon spokesperson Ryder told VOA on Monday. The troops would serve in a noncombat role to augment the Office of Defense Cooperation (ODC) at the embassy, Ryder said.

Two U.S. defense officials, speaking to VOA on the condition of anonymity to discuss plans that were not finalized, said the number of advisers was "small" and could fluctuate slightly based on embassy requirements. A source familiar with the considerations said the number of troops was "fewer than two dozen." The troops could advise on

matters such as logistics, maintenance, communications and sustainment, the defense officials added. Per the Pentagon, the ODC performs a variety of advisory and support missions and is embedded within the U.S. Embassy under the chief of the mission. Misha Komadovsky of VOA's Russia Service contributed to this report.

US Senate passes bill to force TikTok divestment or ban

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Senate voted late Tuesday to send legislation to President Joe Biden that would require Chinese owner ByteDance to divest the popular short video app's U.S. assets within about nine months or face a Ban.

require its Chinese owner to sell the app. This is a good move for America." TikTok, which says it has not shared and would not share U.S. user data with the Chinese government, has argued the law amounts to a ban that would violate the U.S. free speech rights of its users. The company did not immediately comment but over the weekend, it told its employees that it would

quickly go to court to try to block the legislation. "We'll continue to fight, as this legislation is a clear violation of the First Amendment rights of the 170 million Americans on TikTok... This is the beginning, not the end of this long process," TikTok told employees on Saturday in an email seen by Reuters. The Senate voted 79 to 18 in favor of the bill.

The United States is planning to send a military aid package valued at up to \$1 billion immediately after a supplemental funding bill under discussion in the Senate is passed and signed into law, two defense officials tell VOA. The package drawn from U.S. military stockpiles will include ammunition for HIMARS and 155 mm rounds, along with Bradley infantry fighting vehicles, Javelins, Stingers and other critical needs, added the officials, who spoke to VOA on condition of anonymity to discuss security plans. A senior White House official said President Joe Biden ordered the Department of Defense to deliver military equipment to Poland and Germany "a few weeks ago" in anticipation of passage of a supplemental aid bill to ensure immediate delivery once he signs the bill into law. Pentagon spokesman Major General Pat Ryder said the U.S. would be able to deliver the anticipated aid "within days." He added the package will likely include air defense and artillery

capabilities. On Saturday, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a four-part, \$95 billion foreign aid package for Ukraine, Israel and Taiwan after months of deadlock. House Speaker Mike Johnson, a Republican, structured the bills so they could be combined into one after each bill was approved, to prevent opposition to any one piece from derailing the entire deal. Johnson had declined to bring the aid packages to the floor for a vote for months. The Senate initially passed a supplemental aid bill in February, as Ukraine said ammunition shortages were causing its forces to pull back in areas. The newly passed House legislation includes \$61 billion for Kyiv's defense against Moscow's invasion, as well as \$26 billion for Israel and humanitarian aid for civilians in conflict zones, including Gaza, and \$8 billion for the Indo-Pacific region. Biden in a statement Saturday urged the Senate to "quickly send this package to my desk

The measure, passed by the U.S. House of Representatives on Saturday, has been driven by concerns that China could access Americans' data or surveil them with the app and Biden has said he will sign it into law. "For years we've allowed the Chinese Communist party to control one of the most popular apps in America that was dangerously shortsighted," said Senator Marco Rubio, the top Republican on the Intelligence Committee. "A new law is going to

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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SPORTS

Taylor Simoneaux wins Tortola Torture as Thompson raises \$26K

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

TORTOLA TORTURE

Taylor Simoneaux of Louisiana, won Saturday's 8th Tortola Torture, a 54Km (33.74 mile) run that started in Road Town and meandered the hills of Tortola, before finishing on Beef Island, while Sam Thompson completed his third Torture in three days and raised \$26,000 for charity.

Simoneaux, who visited the BVI before, put the race on his bucket list after he learned of it from a friend on St. John, had a winning time of 4 hours 56 minutes and 54 seconds. He also won King of the Mountain, covering from Stoutt's Look out to Sage Mountain in 27 minutes and 25.6 seconds.

Shaun John-Reardon was second in 6:13.48 with Phillippe Leroy third in 6:38.53.

"Being from Louisiana, the first thing that comes to mind is the monstrous hills here, but I was thinking throughout the race that it was a spiritual morning," Simoneaux told Island Sun Sports. "The coolest thing was running through the different communities, seeing some of the back roads,

seeing people living everyday life and getting to see a different side of Tortola than you see on the main roads. That was a blast. It's hard to feel bad for yourself when you're suffering when you've got these views—I can't say it enough—it's absolutely beautiful and breathtaking every time you turn the corner."

After seeing the course Simoneaux said he set a five-hour time goal but had never run hard on mountains like on Tortola and didn't know if he was going to blow up. He researched tidbits from previous winners, took their advice and it worked out, including not letting his heart rate go over 160-165 beats per minute.

"It was just emotional games all day. You get so high up that your ears pop and you can see the beach and know you're going all the way back down and it's beautiful on the ground," he said. "The steepest part was coming out of Brewers Bay. I thought that was going to be the shorter hill because it's less distanced, but it was much steeper. At some points, I was grabbing the guardrail to pull myself up, because it was so steep."

Thompson, who finished sixth overall in 7:27.49, did what no

one has ever done before—ran the course on three successive days starting on Thursday—including in reverse on Friday, raising funds for Protecting Animal Welfare (PAW).

"It made such a difference having so many people here today, the amount of people at the stops and the stations and everyone driving around, the lift you got from that, there was over three hours difference from yesterday and today's time," said Thompson who raised \$26,275 for PAW. "There was a lot of support with guys coming out over the first two days, but I had about five hours on my own on Friday going up and down Brewers Bay and to Sage Mountain. That was a stretch where mentally, I barely hung on. I was very glad to get that done."

Leroy was surprised by his third placed finish. "I was just trying to make it really," he said. "I felt good going down to West End. I took it easy but no matter what, after about 30k, that was it for me. It was like survival. The downhill were horrible. It just hurt my legs and feet so much."

Sarah Latham, who flirted with the idea of not even competing, won the Women's division in 6:34.29, ahead Vicki Francis' 7:10.09. St.



Taylor Simoneaux, left and Sarah Latham won the 8th Tortola Torture on Saturday

Croix's Nora Zedick was third in 7:29.43. Latham ran 37:07.9 to earn Queen of the Mountain.

"I'm really happy about the win because three days ago, I wasn't even going to run it, so I'm surprised to win," she said. "Two years ago, I led for 42 of the 54 kilometers, then faded and came second, so I was very happy to run faster than that 7:18 time and win."

St. Croix's Zedick, who ran the course five years ago, said the course is 34 miles of hills. "I've done it twice and I think I'm retired from it," she said. "Brewers Bay was really bad. I didn't know where I was there for a minute and Little Mountain, that lollipop hill, that was horrifying. My main goal was not to die and I succeeded."

Pure Problems end Synergy's 3-year Softball winning streak

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

SOFTBALL

Three times VI Softball Baseball Association Women's League champions Synergy, saw their 3-year winning streak come to an end on Friday night at the E. Walwyn Brawley Softball Park, during a 7-6 loss to Pure Problems.

Pure Problems took a 1-0 lead in the first, after Kyra Powell singled, and added another in the second after Synergy committed an error. Synergy scored four in the bottom of the third. Darier Malone doubled,

scoring one run; Claury Scatliffe tripled, scoring two runs Makeda Fahie was hit by a pitch, giving Synergy the 4-2 edge.

Pure Problems tied the game in the top of the fourth off an error and a single by Kaynesha Stoutt. An inside-the-park home run by Marisa Malone gave Synergy the lead, 5-4, in the bottom of the fourth.

Jheane Niles hit an inside-the-park home run, giving Pure Problems a 7-5 lead in the top of the fifth. Synergy added a run in the in the bottom of the inning, for the 7-6 final in favour of Pure Problems.

Pure Problems' Che'vaunne

Richardson got the victory after giving up eight hits, six runs over four innings, striking out two and walking two. Valissa Brathwaite got the save. Thea Cooke took the loss.

Powell led Pure Problems with a 2-for-2 game. Niles was 1-for-3 with 3 RBI's. They went 1-for-3. Synergy's Claury Scatliffe went 2-for-3 with three runs batted in and a run scored

Slugfests

The other games were all slug fests. Power Outage scored 14 in the first and Jeremy Penn went 2-for-2 with 4 RBI's, in leading them to a 19-0 rout of the Albion Hotshots.

VG Heat scored 15 in the



A Lady Wings runner beats the throw and is safe at third against the Sparks

second after seven in the first, to burn the Aces, 22-3.

Storm had five in the first,

seven in the second and six in the third, en route to pounding the West Mobsters, 18-3.

SPORTS



Sam Thompson, left, running the Tortola Torture through Carrot Bay for a third consecutive day with Protecting Animal Welfare founder Natasha Ruscheniski. Thompson raised \$26,275 for the charity



Sparks pitcher Riiah Durante serves up a pitch vs Lady Wings on Sunday



A volunteer pours water on the head of Mike Killourhy at George's North Side, to cool him off with 13 miles left in the Tortola Torture



The RTW Falcons Wicketkeeper prepares to make a catch on a ball that passed the Police batsman



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Looking at the Causes Behind Mobility Issues

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am 79 and can move around without any problem. I walk five days a week, and my weight is normal. However, it seems to me that many people — some younger than I am — have mobility problems. I wonder what causes this problem. Is it lack of exercise, genes, weight, etc.? — *E.G.*

ANSWER: Be very grateful that you can move around without a problem, as most people in their late 70s do have mobility issues. The most common reason is osteoarthritis, but there are many causes, such as neurological diseases, cardiovascular issues and other types of arthritis. While it is true that not exercising can lead to poor mobility, most of the time, it isn't a person's fault that they have difficulty with mobility. Arthritis can happen to a person of any weight and at any level of exercise.

Exercise helps the vast majority of people improve their mobility, but there are exceptions. Many people with myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome are intolerant of exercise, and overdoing it can lead their condition to worsen. This syndrome has also been known as systemic exertion intolerance disease. Well-meaning physicians, friends and family might have recommended exercise to a patient, which could have caused them to have a flare-up.

Although being very overweight increases the risk of arthritis, having a normal weight doesn't prevent its devel-

opment. Genetic influences are very complicated, but they also have a role in the development of osteoarthritis. Osteoarthritis can also come about as a result of significant trauma to a joint.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am an 80-year-old woman who recently had a right hip replacement. Shortly after surgery, I required around-the-clock oxygen support at home. I am able to go without supplemental oxygen all day and only occasionally use the spirometer. But how do I go about not needing oxygen at night? Is there something more I could be doing?

When I use the spirometer, I can bring the oxygen level up. Is this all I need to do when the oxygen level drops? — S.R.

ANSWER: This is very concerning to me, and I am worried that something might have happened at the time of surgery. A sudden change in the ability to breathe or maintain your oxygen level at the time of joint replacement surgery is suspicious for a pulmonary embolism — a blood clot to the lungs. With great care, the risk for this has decreased to about 1 in 200 people.

Pneumonia is always a concern after surgery, and in 80 year olds, the common symptoms of fever, cough, or shortness of breath are sometimes absent. You need an evaluation for both of these possibilities (and other less-common causes of post-operative low oxygen that I don't have the space to go into).

However, the fact that your oxygen level goes up when using the spirometer (a device that encourages deep inhalations) suggests part of the problem is a collapse of some of the tiny air sacs of the lung.

You should start with a visit to your regular doctor right away.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual questions, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu.

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Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- The Aztec death whistle produces a horrifying sound sometimes described as "the scream of a thousand corpses."

- "Miracle" berries stop human taste buds from discerning sourness for about 30 minutes.

- Beginning in June of 1979, as Skylab's re-entry approached, many American newspapers jokingly proposed "Skylab insurance," which would pay their subscribers for death or injury caused by flying orbiter fragments.

- There's a territory in Costa Rica called Territorio de Zaguates, or Land of the Strays, which is basically a huge, no-kill dog shelter where one can hike for free with the canines.

- And while we're on the subject of dogs: "Dogfooding" is the term for using a company's product to gain the trust of customers. It's said a dog food company president ate a can of the firm's food in a shareholders meeting to demonstrate that "if it's good for me, it's good for your dog." We'll take his word for it, thank you.

- The fertilizer used by the tobacco industry is radioactive.

- In 1970, actor Bill Murray joked to a fellow airline passenger that he had two bombs in his bag. The jest backfired when U.S. marshals searched his luggage, discovered \$20,000 worth of marijuana, and arrested him.

- The Black Diamond is a rare (and expensive) apple, with its jet-black hue, sweeter-than-honey taste, and crispness unmatched by any other apple. But don't look for it in your local grocery store; you'll only find this gem in Tibet.

- De-scented skunks make great pets, similar to ferrets. They're extremely docile and can even learn tricks and be called by name.

- Louis Chevrolet died bankrupt and poor working as a mechanic for the company he started.

Thought for the Day: "Don't spend time beating on a wall, hoping to turn it into a door." — *Coco Chanel*

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Moments in time

- On **May 6, 1979**, more than 65,000 anti-nuclear power demonstrators marched on the U.S. Capitol in protest against more nuclear power plants. Consumer advocate Ralph Nader had described nuclear power as "our country's technological Vietnam." The group was formed after the accident at the Three Mile Island nuclear plant.

- On **May 7, 1934**, the Pearl of Lao Tzu, almost 10 inches around and weighing about 14 pounds, was found by a diver in a giant clam in the Palawan Sea. Gemologists did not consider it to be a true pearl, however, as it did not have the iridescence of true pearls.

- On **May 8, 1988**, Stella Nickell, who put cyanide in Excedrin capsules, including her husband's, as well as five additional bottles she placed on store shelves in the Seattle area, was convicted of her husband's murder and that of Susan Snow, who had ingested one of the capsules and died instantly.

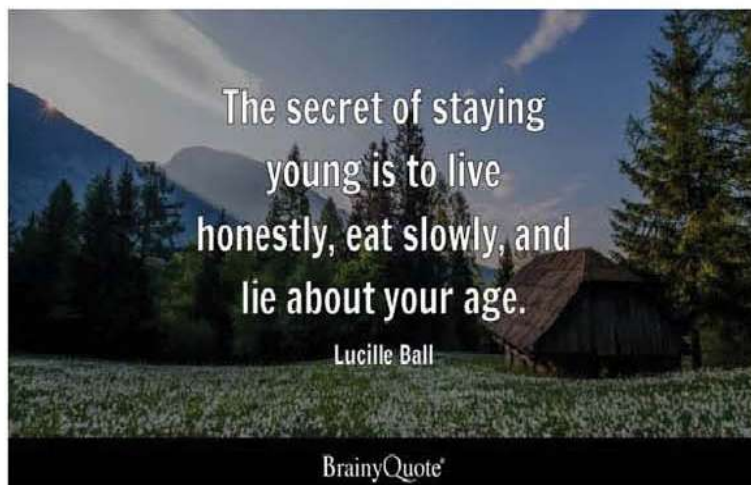
- On **May 9, 2005**, the Thorp processing plant in Sellafield, U.K., experienced a leakage of about 20 tons of nuclear material via a cracked pipe. While the leak was contained and didn't impose a risk to the public, the estimated cost to repair the damage was expected to fall heavily on taxpayers.

- On **May 10, 1899**, singer/actor/dancer Fred Astaire was born in Omaha, NE. Widely considered the most influential dancer in the history of film, his stage and subsequent movie and television careers spanned a total of 76 years.

- On **May 11, 2006**, a Chinese website called Baidupedia was launched in China. The American website Wikipedia had been growing in popularity in China until the government banned it in 2005. Baidupedia was set to feature a similar format of a user-created encyclopedia, though it would be subjected to far heavier self-censorship in order to remain in good standing with the country's government.

- On **May 12, 1981**, following the death of IRA hunger striker Bobby Sands on May 5, a second striker, 25-year-old Francis Hughes, died of starvation in Northern Ireland's Maze Prison.

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Amber Waves

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by BUD BLAKE



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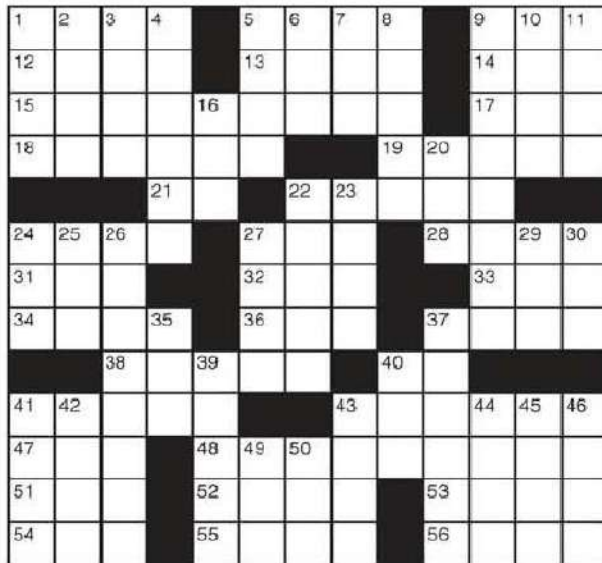
by Jeff Pickering



King Crossword

ACROSS

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- 5 Nick and Nora's dog
- 9 Mountain pass
- 12 Mend socks
- 13 "— to differ!"
- 14 Flamenco cheer
- 15 Marmaduke, for one
- 17 Allow
- 18 Realm
- 19 Protuberances
- 21 French article
- 22 Filled fully
- 24 Gear teeth
- 27 Understood
- 28 Hoodwink
- 31 Scary cry
- 32 Flying saucer
- 33 Perch
- 34 Attempt
- 36 Knock
- 37 School support orgs.
- 38 Object (to)
- 40 Battery size
- 41 Ibsen's Gabler
- 43 Golfer Sorenstam
- 47 Land in la mer
- 48 Bruce Springsteen hit
- 51 JFK regulator
- 52 "Her" actress Rooney



- 9 Pricey powder
- 10 Sheltered
- 11 Favorites
- 16 Three, in Rome
- 20 British ref. work
- 22 To date
- 23 Perched on
- 24 "NCIS" ailer
- 25 Sound of delight
- 26 Bargain
- 27 Mentor
- 29 Zadora of "Hairspray"
- 30 Roswell visitors
- 35 Slugger Williams
- 37 Bamboo eaters
- 39 Molten rock
- 40 Some
- 41 LP player
- 42 Israeli airline
- 43 Basra resident
- 44 Shakespeare villain
- 45 Actress Sedgwick
- 46 Pronto
- 49 — -di-dah
- 50 Mouths (Lat.)

DOWN

- 1 Rim
- 2 Italian cheese, for short
- 3 Ready, as for surgery
- 4 Slowpokes
- 5 Staffer
- 6 Govt. loan agcy.
- 7 Toe count
- 8 Representative

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Paper is missing. 2. Foot is missing. 3. Collar is added. 4. Phone is moved. 5. Desk legs are longer. 6. Man is standing straighter.

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Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 25 mins.

Answers

King Crossword



- 1. LITERATURE: What are the names of the four sisters in "Little Women"?
- 2. U.S. STATES: Which northeastern state has a desert?
- 3. MOVIES: Which long-running movie series features the character Legolas?
- 4. ANATOMY: What does the lacrimal gland produce?
- 5. GEOGRAPHY: Ellesmere Island belongs to which nation?
- 6. SCIENCE: Which of the human senses is most closely related to memory?
- 7. LANGUAGE: What does the Latin phrase "ad meliora" mean?
- 8. TELEVISION: Which TV sitcom features a mom named Rainbow Johnson?
- 9. THEATER: Who wrote the play "A Little Night Music"?
- 10. MUSIC: Which alternative rock band went by the name of The Warlocks before becoming famous?

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Trivia Test Answers:
1. Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy; 2. The 40-acre Desert of Maine; 3. "The Lord of the Rings" and "The Hobbit" (ringles); 4. Tears; 5. Canada; 6. Smell; 7. "Toward better things"; 8. "Black-ish"; 9. Stephen Sondheim; 10. The Grateful Dead.

Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

Q: I miss watching "This Is Us" and wish it would have had at least one more season. What other shows has the person who wrote it done? -- K.J.

A: "This Is Us," the heart-wrenching drama series about the lives of siblings spanning across several decades, was created by Dan Fogelman, who first got his start in animated films. He's credited with writing the screenplay for "Cars," "Bolt" and "Tangled," but it was the critically acclaimed film "Crazy, Stupid, Love," starring two-time Oscar winner Emma Stone ("Poor Things"), that showed audiences he had a gift for dialogue.

Fogelman's first series was the short-lived ABC comedy "The Neighbors," starring Jami Gertz ("Still Standing"). He followed that with several other shows that were canceled after one season ("Galavant," "Grandfathered" and "Pitch"). He struck gold in 2016 when "This Is Us" premiered on NBC, averaging 14 million viewers in its first season. Not since "ER" and "Grey's Anatomy" did a network television show become the topic of discussion the next day at work.

Expectations are high for Fogelman's next project, "Paradise City." The upcoming series is described as a thriller and stars "This Is Us" alum Sterling K. Brown, James Marsden ("Jury Duty") and Julianne Nicholson ("Mare of Easttown"). Hulu has picked up the series, which started production this past February.

Brown, who plays the head of security for a former president in the new series, notes that this character will be quite different than his "This Is Us" character, Randall.

Q: When is the show "Evil" returning? Is it only on Paramount+? -- D.A.

A: The upcoming fourth and final season of "Evil" will air exclusively on the Paramount+ streaming service, beginning May 23. Fortunately, there will be 14 episodes, which will roll out weekly and air throughout the summer.

In the trailer for the new season, Ben (Aasif Mandvi) states, "We've already hunted werewolves and demons. Are we now hunting witches?" Another plotline is said to involve the birth of the antichrist. Katja Herbers, Mike Colter and Christine Lahti are all said to be returning for the final run.

Q: When is Pat Sajak's last episode as the host of "Wheel of Fortune"? Will Ryan Seacrest be taking over immediately? -- J.J.

A: Pat Sajak, the longtime host of the iconic game show "Wheel of Fortune," announced that season 41 would be his last. The season premiered this past September and will conclude on June 7, making that night the last time you'll see Sajak spinning the wheel.

Ryan Seacrest will take over hosting duties when the new season premieres, which will most likely be in September of this year. However, Sajak will remain with the show behind the scenes as a consultant for three additional years, and Vanna White has inked a deal to continue her letter-turning duties at least through 2026.

Send me your questions at NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com, or write me at KFWS, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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Sterling K. Brown (Upcoming in Dan Fogelman's "Paradise City") PHOTO CREDIT: Depositphotos

HOLLYWOOD

by Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD — A "Pirates of the Caribbean" sequel is in the works, according to producer Jerry Bruckheimer. In a recent interview with ComicBook.com, Bruckheimer said that the current plan is to reboot the franchise completely. (The first five films grossed \$4.5 billion.)

"We're gonna reboot 'Pirates' so that it's easier to put together because you don't have to wait for certain actors," Bruckheimer explained. In other words, he means **Johnny Depp**, who has fallen from grace because of messy legal problems and won't be returning as Captain Jack Sparrow.

The 60-year-old Depp has now turned to producing and directing. He was originally set to star in "Modi," a biopic about Italian painter **Amedeo Modigliani**, but he decided to direct the film instead with a European cast. It was mostly shot in Budapest, Hungary, except for Al Pacino's scenes, which were shot in Los Angeles.

Will Smith's comeback film since his Oscar win and infamous **Chris Rock** slap is "Bad Boys: Ride or Die" with **Martin Lawrence**, due June 7. Considering "Bad Boys" (1995) grossed \$141.4 million, "Bad Boys II" (2003) grossed \$273.3 million, and "Bad Boys for Life" (2020) grossed \$426.5 million, he's betting that devoted fans will run to see it.

Scott Eastwood, son of **Clint Eastwood**, calls Hollywood filmmaking "a really weird business" and confesses, "I find a lot of creativity in real estate. Buying and improving homes. ... That's always made me happy." This sounds weird, considering his 93-year-old father would never think about retiring. Young Eastwood has made 28 films, but has yet to break through to stardom.

Yet still, Scott's got three upcoming films: "1992," which stars **Tyrese Gibson** and the late **Ray Liotta**; the action/thriller "Tin Soldier," starring **Jamie Foxx** and **Robert De Niro**; and "Wind River: The Next Chapter," which is the sequel to "Wind River" (2017). It starred **Martin Sensmeier** ("The Magnificent Seven"), who reprises his role again for "The Next



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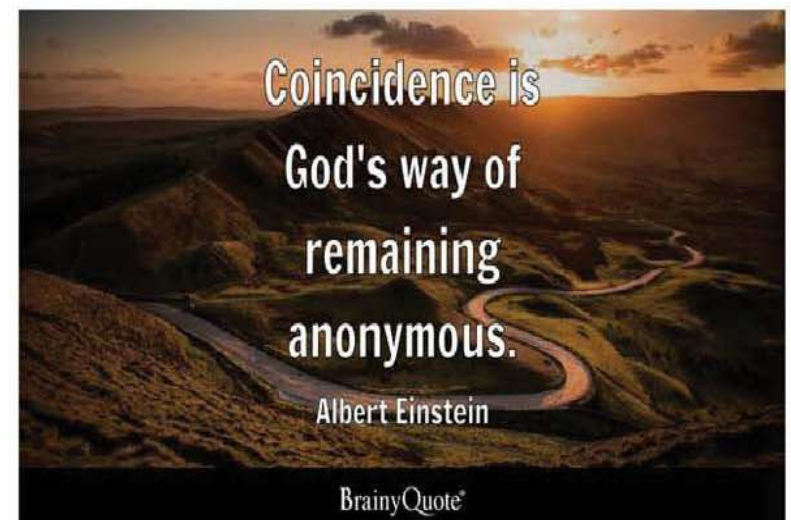
Actress Stephanie Courtney in "The Goldbergs"

Chapter," along with **Jason Clarke** and **Alan Ruck**.

It's official — **Ken Jennings** is the one and only host of everything "Jeopardy!" Viewers were torn between Jennings and **Mayim Bialik**, but when she informed the show that she'd cease hosting during the writer's strike (which ironically didn't include "Jeopardy!"), the show cut her loose and made Jennings the sole host! "Jeopardy!'s" answer is: "Fired!"

Why would actress **Stephanie Courtney**, 54, almost totally give up acting in TV, having starred in series such as "Mad Men" and "The Goldbergs," as well as films like "Fred; The Movie," "Fred 2: Night of the Living Fred" and "The Heartbreak Kid," just to name a few? How about for a whopping \$1 million a year for the last 15 years as the spokeswoman for Progressive Insurance? No more interviews or casting sessions, just a cushy life since 2008 with husband, **Scott Kolanach**, who was a lighting director at The Groundlings when Courtney trained with the improv group! Now that's what we call a "progressive" career move!

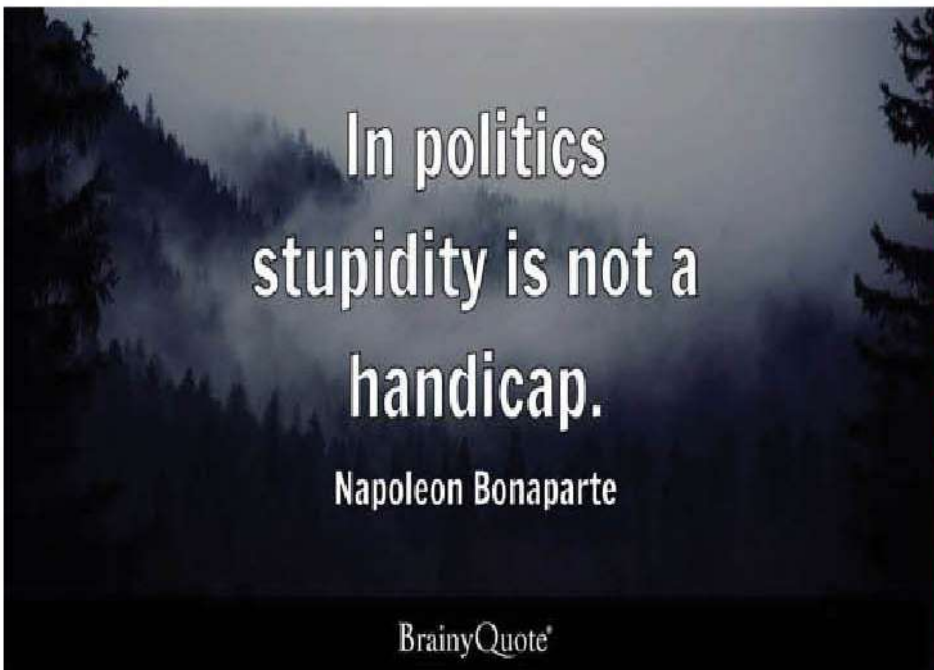
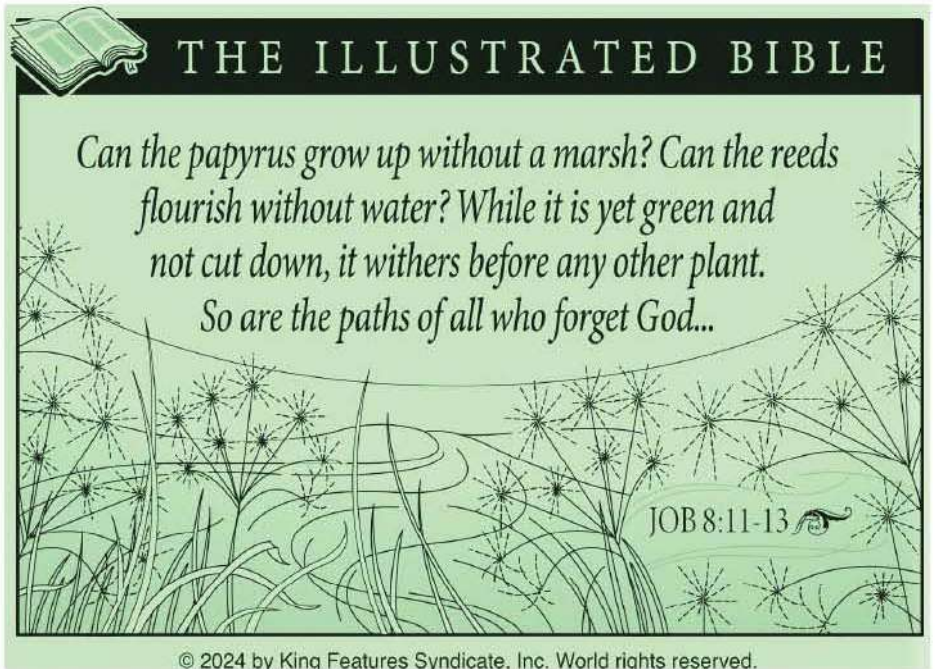
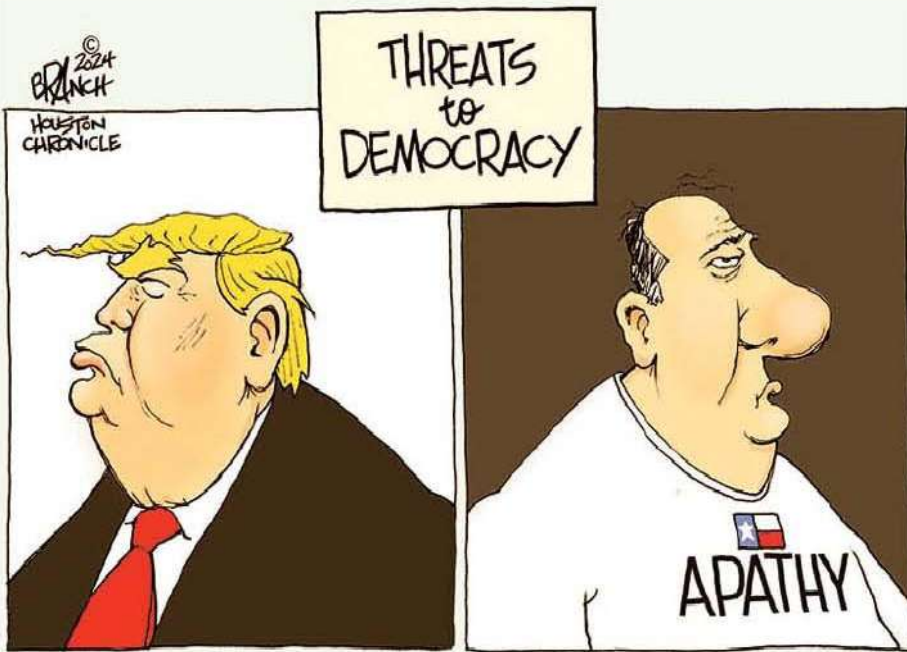
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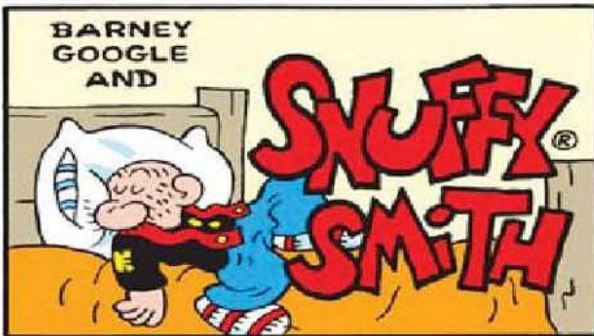
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IS ECUADOR'S EXPULSION FROM THE UN REALLY THE ANSWER TO THE DIPLOMATIC CRISIS WITH MEXICO?

By Sir Ronald Sanders

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

The Mexican government has taken the significant step of asking the International Court of Justice (ICJ) to "suspend Ecuador as member of the United Nations" and also to "initiate the process of expulsion under article 6 of the United Nations Charter".

Mexico took this action in response to the forced entry by Ecuadorian police into its embassy in Quito on April 5. Acting under direct orders from the Ecuadorian government, the police sought to arrest Jorge Glas, a former Vice President who had been granted refuge in the embassy.

Many in the diplomatic community, including myself, strongly supported Mexico in condemning Ecuador's incursion into the Mexican Embassy. We also empathised with Mexico's decision on April 6 to sever diplomatic relations over the 'flagrant and serious violation of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, specifically, the violations pertaining to the principle of inviolability of Mexico's diplomatic premises and personnel, along with the basic rules of international coexistence. That strong collective response underscored the gravity of the breach of such a fundamental international norm.

At the very least, the Ecuadorian government should have apologized for its breach of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations and customary international law. As my colleague and friend Héctor Arce Zaconeta, the Ambassador of Bolivia, emphasized in an article in La Razón on April 17, the normalization of such events could erode one of the fundamental pillars of international law: the absolute inviolability of diplomatic premises, thereby undermining the progress made in international law thus far.

Despite the gravity of the situation, Ecuador has not issued an apology. In the absence of such an acknowledgment, Mexico's decision



to seek redress at the International Court of Justice (ICJ) is justified. However, the proposal to expel Ecuador from the United Nations should be considered carefully. Such a drastic measure requires a mature approach, balancing the need for accountability with the broader implications for international relations.

Moving forward, a sincere apology from Ecuador for invading the Embassy would be a crucial first step in mending the fractured relations between the two countries. At the same time, the ancillary issue regarding the legality of the asylum granted by Mexico to Jorge Glas, the former Vice President of Ecuador, also needs to be tackled. The Ecuadorian government contests the legality of this asylum, citing an outstanding arrest warrant against Glas for ongoing corruption allegations.

This complex issue, entangled with claims of political persecution versus criminal evasion, should rightly be adjudicated by the ICJ. However, in its application to the ICJ to institute proceedings against Ecuador and its request for provisional measures, Mexico is asking the Court, "to suspend Ecuador as member of the United Nations" until it issues a public apology recognizing its violations to the fundamental principles and norms of international law".

The Government of Ecuador should spare itself and the Court the agony of examining this matter by issuing an apology for the invasion of the Embassy. It would be the right thing to do and would go a far way in easing the tension between the two countries and setting the pathway to normalising their relations.

In its submission, Mexico is also asking the ICJ "to set a precedent stating that a State or nation that acts as Ecuador did in the present case will ultimately be expelled from the United Nations in accordance with the procedure foreseen under Article 6 of the United Nations Charter".

It would be truly regrettable if the dispute between Mexico and Ecuador



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intensified to such an extent, particularly as Article 6 states: "A Member of the United Nations which has persistently violated the Principles contained in the present Charter may be expelled from the Organization by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Security Council." The Article clearly envisaged that the decision to expel a member state would be a political decision residing first in a recommendation of the Security Council and a vote by the General Assembly, based on "persistent violations of the UN Charter".

It is difficult to imagine the ICJ abrogating to itself an authority that the UN Charter gives only to the member states, particularly as the incident of invading the Mexican Embassy, while wholly egregious and unacceptable, has not happened in Ecuador before and is hardly a "persistent violation" of the UN Charter; it is more a demonstration of a badly considered political decision, which could be remedied by an appropriate apology and reparation for any damage done to the Embassy.

The Court will hold hearings on April 30 and May 1 to consider Mexico's request for provisional measures against Ecuador pending a final judgment in the case. There is still time for Ecuador to step forward with an apology and for both nations to seek the Court's arbitration, concerning the status of Jorge Glas and the validity of granting him political asylum.

It is notable that Mexico and Ecuador have no history of hostilities or tensions prior to this incident. There is every basis for a mature approach to resolving this matter if Ecuador accepts responsibility and apologizes for the invasion of the Mexican Embassy, and the two governments seek legal arbitration concerning their differing interpretations of the law concerning political asylum.

Within the international community, the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean need inclusivity and unity of purpose to advance their collective interests.

All should work to help Ecuador and Mexico to resolve this issue in the collective interest of the peoples of the area.



PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act. Metaverse Boy Friend Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2119558
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the April 19, 2024. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: April 19, 2024
(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator
[48/1]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2060169
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 19, 2024. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: April 19, 2024
(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator [48/2]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act. AI Tech (BVI) Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2121788
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the April 19, 2024. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Island.**
Dated: April 19, 2024
(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator [48/3]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act. AI Boy Friend Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2119567
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the April 19, 2024. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: April 19, 2024
(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator
[48/4]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2125490
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 19th April 2024. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: 19th April 2024.
(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator
[48/5]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2125483
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 19th April 2024. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: 19th April 2024.
(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator
[48/6]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 19th day of April 2024, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.
The Liquidator is:-
Joan Johnson
of c/o Sertus Chambers,
P.O. Box 905,
Quastisky Building,
Road Town, Tortola VG 1110,
British Virgin Islands [48/7]

Notice of Appointment of a Voluntary Liquidator under Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 4BS Holdings Group Limited.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1458057
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 1st day of April 2024. The Liquidator is **Ray A. George, of Long Trench, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated this 19th day of April 2024.
Ray A. George
Liquidator [48/8]

NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004) Keen Charm International Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 17th day of April, 2024, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidator is:-
Joan Johnson
of Nerine Chambers,
P.O. Box 905,
Quastisky Building,
Road Town, Tortola VG 1110,
British Virgin Islands
[48/9]

Cheer System Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 2066615

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, Subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from the 15th day of April, 2024.
Dated this 15th day of April, 2024
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[49/10]

CTG Evergreen Investment K Two Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 2066583

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, Subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from the 15th day of April, 2024.
Dated this 15th day of April, 2024
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[48/11]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number: 2099930
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 22 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: 22 April 2024
Rachael Pape
For and on behalf of Anton Goldstein and Rachael Pape
As Joint Liquidators
[48/12]

Beetech Pty Ltd.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 2049299

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, Subsection (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 22nd day of April, 2024. The Liquidator is **Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated this 22nd day of April, 2024
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator [48/13]

STRUCK OFF Liquidator's Final Notice-TROUBADOUR GLOBAL LIMITED

("the Company")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1576869
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to section (208) (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 15th April 2024.
Dated 22nd April 2024
Carmine Bailey
Voluntary Liquidator [48/14]

STRUCK OFF Liquidator's Final Notice MARSIA PROPERTY LIMITED

("the Company")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 202369
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to section (208) (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 17th April 2024.
Dated 22nd April 2024
Carmine Bailey
Voluntary Liquidator
[48/15]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2021256
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (a) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 22nd April, 2024. The Liquidator is **Cassandra Glasgow-Penn of Chapel Hill, East End, Tortola, BVI VG1120.**
Dated this 23rd April, 2024.
Sgd. Cassandra Glasgow-Penn
Liquidator [48/16]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act. GIRASOLE FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1650530
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 22, 2024.
Dated: April 23, 2024
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator
[48/17]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 502735
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 22nd, 2024. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**
Dated: April 23rd, 2024
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator
[48/18]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act. MIXON PARTICIPATION CORP.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1856221
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 22nd, 2024.
Dated: April 23rd, 2024
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator
[48/19]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act. Cocofarm S.A.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1601419
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 22nd, 2024.
Dated: April 23rd, 2024
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator
[48/20]

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

RAS HOLDINGS INTERNATIONAL LTD
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. – 1049787

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 23rd day of April, 2024.

Dated: 23rd day of April, 2024.
(Sgd.) *Philippa O'Sullivan*

Philippa O'Sullivan
Liquidator
[48/21]

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

Lefort Ltd

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. – 1049787

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 19th day of April, 2024.

Dated: 23rd day of April, 2024.
(Sgd.) *Philippa O'Sullivan*

Philippa O'Sullivan
Liquidator
[48/22]

HILLHOUSE GT HOLDINGS LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1838525

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204(1)-(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that HILLHOUSE GT HOLDINGS LIMITED is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 19th day of April 2024. The Liquidator is **Alfredo Caruci of Citco B.V.I. Limited, Flemming House, Wickhams Cay, P.O. Box 662, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated 22nd day of April 2024.

(Sgd.) *Alfredo Caruci*
Voluntary Liquidator [48/23]

HILLHOUSE MTN HOLDINGS LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1852703

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204(1)-(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that HILLHOUSE MTN HOLDINGS LIMITED is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 19th day of April 2024. The Liquidator is **Alfredo Caruci of Citco B.V.I. Limited, Flemming House, Wickhams Cay, P.O. Box 662, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated 22nd day of April 2024.

(Sgd.) *Alfredo Caruci*
Voluntary Liquidator [48/24]

HILLHOUSE MTN-II HOLDINGS LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1896399

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204(1)-(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that HILLHOUSE MTN-II HOLDINGS LIMITED is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 19th day of April 2024. The Liquidator is **Alfredo Caruci of Citco B.V.I. Limited, Flemming House, Wickhams Cay, P.O. Box 662, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated 22nd day of April 2024.

(Sgd.) *Alfredo Caruci*
Voluntary Liquidator [48/25]

HILLHOUSE WHP HOLDINGS LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1879455

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204(1)-(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that HILLHOUSE WHP HOLDINGS LIMITED is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 19th day of April 2024. The Liquidator is **Alfredo Caruci of Citco B.V.I. Limited, Flemming House, Wickhams Cay, P.O. Box 662, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated 22nd day of April 2024.

(Sgd.) *Alfredo Caruci*
Voluntary Liquidator [48/26]

HILLHOUSE SUPERX HOLDINGS LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1880925

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204(1)-(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that HILLHOUSE SUPERX HOLDINGS LIMITED is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 19th day of April 2024. The Liquidator is **Alfredo Caruci of Citco B.V.I. Limited, Flemming House, Wickhams Cay, P.O. Box 662, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated 22nd day of April 2024.

(Sgd.) *Alfredo Caruci*
Voluntary Liquidator [48/27]

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

Gemini Trading International Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1610796

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 22nd April 2024.

Dated: 22nd April 2024.

(Sgd.) *Philippa O'Sullivan*
Voluntary Liquidator [48/28]

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

LEN Commonwealth Ltd

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2101212

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 19th April 2024.

Dated: 19th April 2024

(Sgd.) *Philippa O'Sullivan*
Voluntary Liquidator [48/29]

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

Jyunliang Lin Holding Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2124551

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 19th April 2024.

Dated: 19th April 2024

(Sgd.) *Philippa O'Sullivan*
Voluntary Liquidator [48/30]

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

Diadorim Investments Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2022251

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 19 day of April 2024. The Liquidator is **Ray A. George of Long Trench, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated this 19 day of April 2024

Ray A. George
Voluntary Liquidator [48/31]

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

ABELLIO

INVESTMENTS LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 400332

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 19 day of April 2024. The Liquidator is **Ray A. George of Long Trench, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated this 19 day of April 2024.

Ray A. George
Voluntary Liquidator [48/32]

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

Almallahin International Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2005810

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 4 day of April 2024. The Liquidator is **Ray A. George of Long Trench, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated this 4 day of April 2024.

Ray A. George
Voluntary Liquidator [48/33]

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

Guarandi Inc.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1993477

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 22 day of March 2024. The Liquidator is **Ray A. George of Long Trench, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated this 22 day of March 2024.

Ray A. George
Voluntary Liquidator [48/34]

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

Dragde500 Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1853062

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 1 March 2024. The Liquidator is **Ray A. George of Long Trench, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated this 1 March 2024

Ray A. George
Voluntary Liquidator [48/35]

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

HXB Yuanqi Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2088816

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 23rd April 2024.

Dated: 23rd April 2024

(Sgd.) *Philippa O'Sullivan*
Voluntary Liquidator [48/36]

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

SUPER LIGHT HOLDINGS LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. – 1756879

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 23rd day of April, 2024.

Dated: 23rd day of April, 2024.
(Sgd.) *Philippa O'Sullivan*

Philippa O'Sullivan
Liquidator [48/37]

LINKING FRAME LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 484293

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, Subsection (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 23rd day of April, 2024. The Liquidator is **Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated this 23rd day of April, 2024
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator [48/38]

Talent Strategy Holding Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 2104478

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, Subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from the 23rd day of April, 2024.

Dated this 23rd day of April, 2024
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator [48/39]

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

Silverstone Equities S.A.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on April 17th, 2024. The Joint Liquidators are **Michele Hibbert with address at Sea Cow's Bay, Tortola, British Virgin Islands and Saajid Jasat Bhana with address at Obarrio, Calle 59, Casa 5, Apartado 0816-04554 Ciudad de Panamá, República de Panamá.**

Dated: April 17th, 2024.
(Sgd.) *Michele Hibbert and Saajid Jasat Bhana*

Joint Voluntary Liquidators [48/40]

PUBLIC NOTICES

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

PROBATE NO. 0089 OF 2024

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

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

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

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

Dated: 22 April 2024

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

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

**IN THE ESTATE OF VICTOR ROBERT LAMEY,
DECEASED**

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

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

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

Dated the 9th day of April, 2024

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

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*Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under
Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act*
**GOLDEN LAKE TRADER
LTD.**

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company No. 1373103

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 22nd 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 22nd April 2024 (Sgd) Myron Walwyn Voluntary Liquidator [48/41]

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

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company No. 1712010

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 22nd 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 22nd April 2024 (Sgd) Myron Walwyn Voluntary Liquidator [48/42]

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

(IN VOLUNTARY
LIQUIDATION)
Company No. 2035931

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 22nd 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 22nd April 2024 (Sgd) Myron Walwyn Voluntary Liquidator [48/43]

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

BVIHPB2024/00087

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

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

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



Solicitors for the Intended Administrators

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

BVIHPB 2024/0060

**IN THE ESTATE OF KATHE WINDMULLER,
DECEASED**

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

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

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

Dated the 2nd day of April 2024.

GEORGE HERNY PARTNERS LP
Solicitors for the Applicant

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PUBLIC NOTICES

**MADURA PETROLEUM LTD.
(IN LIQUIDATION)**

BVI Business Company #1423760
("Company")

Notice of Meeting of Creditors of the Company

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of creditors of Madura Petroleum Ltd. (in liquidation) will be held via zoom on Date: May 2nd, 2024 at 10:00 am (Panama time zone). The zoom details for this meeting are as follows: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82503278865?pwd=WUg0eINpaFNjeUZsMWdHTkFpbmVvZz09>

To entitle you to attend and vote at this meeting, you are required to submit a preliminary proof of claim against the Company by email to: luismiguel.hincapie@morimor.com no later than April 26th 2024. Proxies to be used at the meeting must be lodged by email to: luismiguel.hincapie@morimor.com no later than April 26th, 2024.

A form of proof of claim and a proxy form accompanies this Notice.

Note: At this meeting, the creditors may:

Appoint another liquidator in place of the liquidator.
Appoint a creditors' committee.

Dated this 19th day of April, 2024

Sgd. *Querube C. De Nuñez*
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Querube C. De Nuñez
Liquidator
[48]

**IN THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
(PROBATE DIVISION)
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS**
BVIHPB 2024/0092

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LATOYA SHAIN
STEVENS-MILLS, LATE OF CANE GARDEN BAY, TORTOLA,
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS, DECEASED, INTESTATE**

PUBLIC NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by OREN KESTER MILLS of Cane Garden Bay, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, in the Probate Division of the High Court of Justice in the British Virgin Islands, for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who is the spouse of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 24th day of April 2023.

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

Dated this 23rd day of April 2024.

Filed by DenJen Law, Legal Representatives of the Applicant whose address for service is:
Simms Mill Mall
30 DeCastro Street
Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands
Telephone: 284-495-7303
Email: info@denjenlaw.com
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*Notice of Appointment of a
Liquidator under Section 204 of the
BVI Business Company Act*

OAHU Group Ltd.
(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company No. 2116864

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 22nd 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 22nd April 2024
(Sgd) *Myron Walwyn*
Voluntary Liquidator [48/44]

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

Tapias Investments Corp.
(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company No. 2119879

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 22nd 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 22nd April 2024
(Sgd) *Myron Walwyn*
Voluntary Liquidator [48/45]

ALMWAY LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1563631

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, Subsection (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 11th day of April, 2024. The Liquidator is Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.
Dated this 23rd day of April, 2024
Sgd. *Brian Jackson*

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator [48/46]

SMD Investments Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1063364

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, Subsection (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 16th day of April, 2024. The Liquidator is Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.
Dated this 23rd day of April, 2024
Sgd. *Brian Jackson*

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator [48/47]

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

BVIHPB 2024/0086

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

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

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

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

Dated this 11th day of April, 2024

Filed by:

SAMUELS RICHARDSON & CO
Legal Practitioners
whose address for service is
Wattley Building, 2nd Floor
PO Box 3410, Road Town, Tortola
British Virgin Islands
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**THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS
(PROBATE)**

CLAIM NO. BVIHPB2024/

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

ADVERTISEMENT

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

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

Dated this 16th day of April 2024

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

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PUBLIC NOTICES



Lands Unit
P.O. Box 43
Road Town, Tortola, Virgin Islands
Tel: 284-468-4321

BY VIRGIN ISLANDS GAZETTE
BVILR/PRE/01/2024

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

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Jost Van Dyke	1640A	342

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

Parcel 342 is registered to:

- George Hendricks
- Jonathan Hendricks
- Alberta Pedler
- Anesta Cristina Hendricks St. John and Hulda Casiana Hendricks Small as Personal Representatives of Frederico Hendricks (deceased)
- Russell Jones and Phylis Jones Monsanto, as Personal Representatives of
- Harris Rodwell Jones (deceased)
- George Hendricks, as Personal Presentative of Victoria Alberta Peolar (deceased)
- Irma Pickering, Laurecia Chalwell and Sendrick Chinnery, as Executors of the Will of Ethien Emanuel Chinnery, (deceased) PO Box 976, Road Town, Tortola, VI

Proprietors in Common

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

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

Dated this 27th day of March 2024

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

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

NR Samuel & Co
Main Street, 3rd Floor, Chevelle Centre
PO Box 341, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110
Virgin Islands
Legal Practitioners for the Applicants
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Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act

Thybo Stable Ltd.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number: 1041499

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 22 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: 24 April 2024

Rachael Pape

For and on behalf of Anton Goldstein and Rachael Pape
As Joint Liquidators
[48/48]

GRAND SIGNAL LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 648892

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, Subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from the 24th day of April, 2024.

Dated this 24th day of April, 2024

Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[48/49]

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

Chenkai Investment Company Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2091921

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 23rd of April 2024. The liquidator is Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated: 23rd April 2024

(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan

Voluntary Liquidator
[48/50]



Lands Unit
P.O. Box 43
Road Town, Tortola, Virgin Islands
Tel: 284-468-4321

BY VIRGIN ISLANDS GAZETTE
BVILR/PRE/02/2024

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

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
West Central	2538B	418

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

Parcel 418 is registered to:

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

Proprietors in Common

Anyone who has just cause to object to ANITA HARRIGAN being registered as proprietor of Parcel 418, Block 2538B, West Central Registration Section should file their written their objection in hard copy at the Lands Unit on or before Friday 3rd May 2024. The filed application may be inspected at the Lands Unit upon request or a copy can be requested from Applicants' Legal Practitioners.

Dated this 27th day of March 2024

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

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

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

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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

NORBEND INVESTMENTS LTD.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1459379

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 24th, 2024. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean** with an address at **116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: April 24th, 2024
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator
[48/51]

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

BVF VI (BVI) Holding Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2082829

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 19th day of April, 2024. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan** of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated: 19th day of April, 2024
(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator
[48/52]

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

BVF V (BVI) Holding Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 2073580

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 19th day of April, 2024. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan** of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated: 19th April, 2024
(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator
[48/53]

FORM "A"

To: The Licensing Magistrate
And

The Officer in Charge of Police
WE, ABDUL SHABAZZ and KAREEM SHABAZZ dba BAZZ NATURAL JUICES -now residing at **GREAT MOUNTAIN, TORTOLA in the Territory of the Virgin Islands** do hereby give notice that it is my intention to apply to the Licensing Magistrate at the Special Sitting of the Magistrate's Court to be held at Road Town, Tortola, on the **3rd day of June, 2024** for **BAR Licence** to sell intoxicating liquor at my premises situated at **GREAT MOUNTAIN, TORTOLA, BVI**, in the territory of the Virgin Islands and registered **Parcel Number 289 of Block 2839B** of the **EAST END, Registration Section in the Land Registry of the Virgin Island**

Dated this 15th day of April, 2024.
Signed Abdul Shabazz
Kareem Shabazz
[49]

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

Brent & Lily Holdings Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1701116

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 24th April 2024.

Dated: 24th April 2024.
(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator [48/54]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Companies Act.

Twin Ashes Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 593928

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 24, 2024.

Dated: April 24, 2024
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator
[48/55]

Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act.
EG REAL INVESTMENTS LTD

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1521076

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 24th, 2024. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean** with an address at **116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands**

Dated: April 25th, 2024
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator
[48/56]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Companies Act.
SOLARA ASSETS LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1548736

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 25, 2024.

Dated: April 25, 2024
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator
[48/57]

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

CATALYST INVESTMENT CAPITAL CORP.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No: 2090289

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 24th day of April, 2024.

(Sgd.) **Philippa V O'Sullivan**
Liquidator
[48/58]

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

Companies Act. 2004
Belmont CF Ltd.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No: 2095699

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 23rd day of April, 2024. The liquidator is **Philippa V O'Sullivan** of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated: 25th day of April, 2024
(Sgd.) **Philippa V O'Sullivan**
Liquidator
[48/59]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Companies Act.

RAMSGATE OVERSEAS INC.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 68879

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 25th, 2024.

Dated: April 25th, 2024
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator
[48/60]

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

PHARONIC INVESTMENTS LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 173719

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 25th, 2024. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean** with an address at **116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: April 25th, 2024
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**
Voluntary Liquidator
[48/61]

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

Marazzi Elevator Guide Rail Co., Ltd.
馬拉西電梯導軌股份有限公司
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1961362

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 24th April 2024. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan** of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated: 24th April 2024
(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator
[48/62]

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

Runan Investment Limited
潤安有限公司
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1959835

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 24th April 2024. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan** of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated: 24th April 2024.
(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator
[48/63]

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

Tongtai Investment Limited
同泰有限公司
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1959840

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 24th April 2024. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan** of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated: 24th April 2024.
(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**
Voluntary Liquidator
[48/64]

POLICE NEWS

TWO CHARGED FOR 2023 MURDER

Wednesday, April 24 — Today, officers of the Major Incident Team within the RVIPF arrested and charged two persons in connection with the April 30, 2023, murder of Kemo Lettsome at Long Look, Tortola.

Charged are 32-year-old Vernon Bernard of Manuel Reef and 28-year-old Jelani Marquis of Hannah's Estate. This arrest comes following an intensive investigation that spanned close to one year. On the date of the incident, Lettsome, along with other persons, was present at a family gathering when he was fatally shot. He succumbed to his injuries at the scene.

The charging of both Bernard and Marquis represents a significant breakthrough in this case, providing hope for closure and healing to the family and wider community affected by this tragic event.

Commissioner Collins states, "I commend the exemplary dedication and tireless efforts of our officers who have been instrumental in reaching this pivotal stage of the investigation. Their commitment to justice and community safety has been unwavering, and it's their hard work that brings us closer to justice for the victim and his family."

The investigation is still ongoing, and the RVIPF assures the public that every effort is being made to gather all necessary evidence. We will continue to provide updates as they become available while respecting the investigation's integrity.

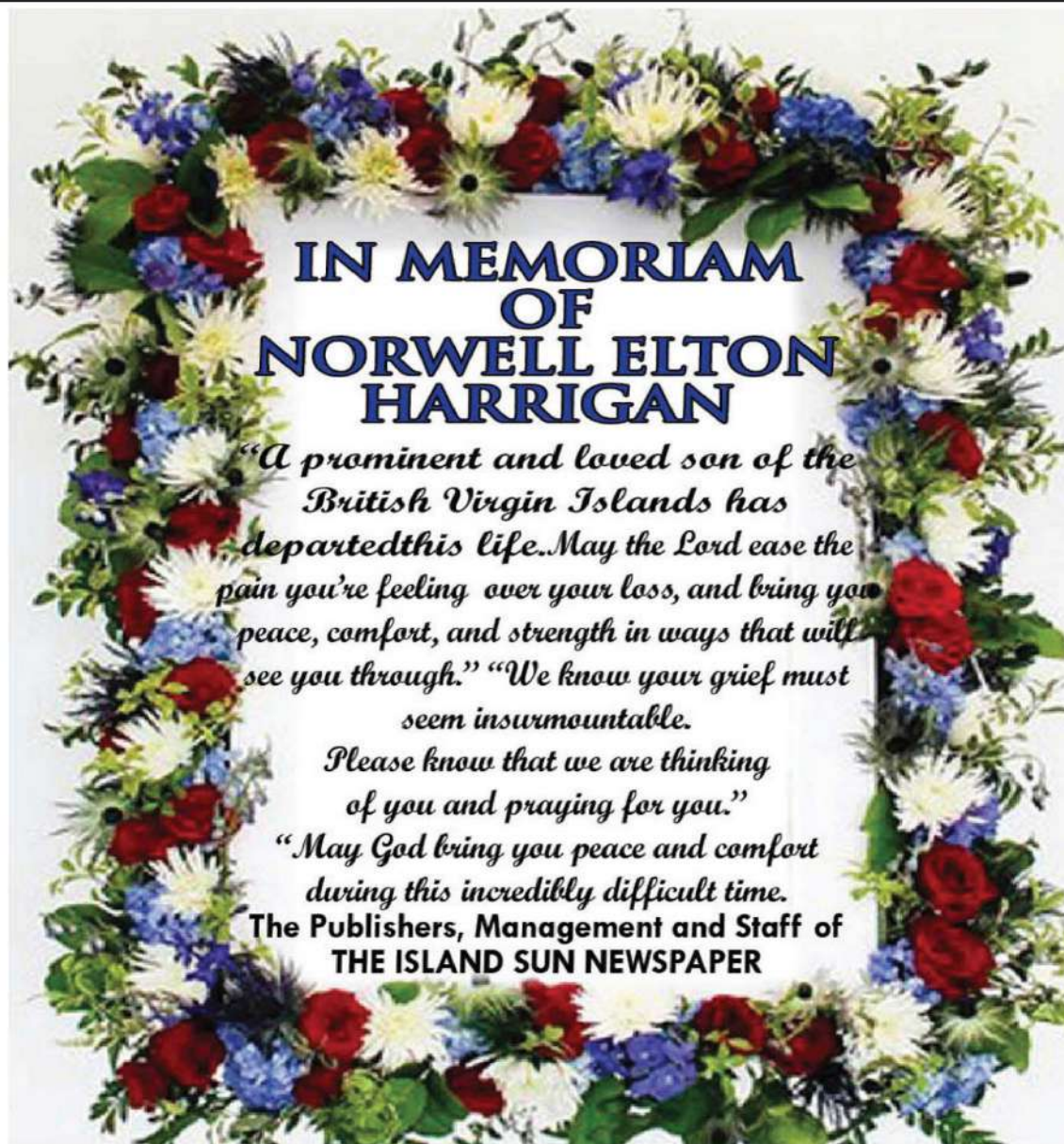
The RVIPF expresses gratitude to the community for its support and cooperation throughout this investigation. We urge anyone with additional information about this matter or any other murder within the territory to contact the **Crime Stoppers Hotline at 800- 8477(TIPS) or the RVIPF Intelligence Department at 368-9339.**

All information will be treated as confidential.

19 Illegal Migrants Apprehended In Cox Heath

The Department of Immigration, with the assistance of the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force apprehended 19 illegal migrants in Cox Heath, Tortola on Friday, April 19. The illegal migrants, including ten Romanians, seven Haitians, one Ecuadorian, and one Honduran nationals, two of which are minors, were detained by the authorities following a tip from the public. They were processed by the Department of Immigration and are currently detained and awaiting repatriation where possible.

Acting Chief Immigration Officer Mrs. Nadia Demming-Hodge is grateful to the public for contacting the department which allowed for the apprehension of the migrants. Mrs. Demming-Hodge is encouraging residents to continue to be vigilant and contact the Department of Immigration with information related to illegal migration in the Territory at telephone numbers 468-4705, 468-4717, 468-4754 or the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force Hotline at 311.



Recycling Efforts Are Improving In The Virgin Islands

The Ministry of Health and Social Development is reporting an upturn in recycling efforts across the Territory.

Minister for Health and Social Development, Honourable Vincent Wheatley said that "This collaborative effort between Government, Green VI and the community, aligns with the Government's commitment to environmental stewardship and the pursuit of a greener future. By working together, we can make a tangible difference preserving these Virgin Islands for generations to come."

According to statistics from Green VI, over the course of the past 3 years, approximately 13 million plastic bottles, predominantly water bottles were diverted from the waste stream.

Director of Waste Management, Mr. Marcus Solomon said that

"Diverting the plastics away from the landfill is a tremendous help to the department as it prevents us from having to find space for this type of waste. We continue to implore the community to utilise the "We Recycle" programme."

Meanwhile, representatives from Green VI continue to seek the support of the community to reduce their dependency on plastics and persons are asked to think about ways to re-purpose recyclables within the Territory.

Executive Director of Green VI, Ms. Charlotte McDevitt said that they forged a partnership with the Department of Disaster Management, Red Cross and the H. Lavity Stoutt Community College to implement drinking water systems in all of the schools across the Territory as part of the Smart Schools programme. Ms. McDevitt

says that this initiative will allow students to re-fill reusable water containers, which will save parents money and reduce the dependency on plastic water bottles.

"I want to encourage all persons to recycle, re-use, re-think and cut down on the quantity of waste that we are sending into the waste stream." Minister Wheatley said. We want every household to do composting and separation and to participate in the 'We Recycle' Programme."

Plastics, when not managed correctly, cause numerous health and environmental concerns. The Ministry of Health and the Department of Waste Management is committed to collaborating with partners to strengthen and establish the necessary legislation to support a strong Waste Management System that focuses on a Reduce, Reuse, Recycle approach.

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GEE'S LOOK BEAUTY SALON is seeking a Hair Stylist, must be able to braid and do natural hair. Also, seeking a nail technician, must be able to do Manicures, Pedicures, Acrylic Nails and Nail Art. Person (s) of interest looking to make a quick buck, hairstylist and barber chair available for rent. Contact Georgia at telephone number (284) 346-7688. [s49]

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

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

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

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

SUNSET APARTMENTS LTD. is seeking a full time-HOUSEKEEPER. Telephone 495-4751 [s49]

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

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

S a c k s 4 - E l e v e n Convenience Store needs: Cashier/Store Attendant Full time Virgin Gorda Belonged preferred. Contact : CathyAnn Bascombe.- Telephone: 284-541-0493 [s49]

Full Time Positions available: Doctors, Nurses, Medical-Laboratory, Pharmacy, Medical Imaging and Eyecare & Dentistry. Contact-B & F-Medical Complex Ltd. at P.O Box 412 Road Town, Tortola, VG1110 Email:-bfmedicaloffice@yahoo.com and or bfmedical@hotmail.com Telephone: 494-2196 [s49]

KOOL TEMP needs (full time) 2 STORE CLERK 2 HANDYMAN 2 AC TECHNICIAN 2 AC GENERAL MAINTENANCE. Telephone 442-2651 [s49]

ORDER A CHEF BVI is looking for a full time CHEF/CAPTAIN-with certification experience in the area, on commercial charter, be able to be CHEF in a villa, do catering and navigate a vessel, possessing minimum Caribbean Boat Master, STCW Maritime Safety training preferably with an additional language, French, would be an asset. Send - resume - to orderachefbvi@gmail.com or telephone 1-284-342-1107 [s50]

Javelin Security is staffing for full-time Security Training Officers. We are searching for serious individuals willing to perform training in a security environment. An excellent opportunity to gain experience in the security environment. Contact us at javelinbvi@gmail.com or (284)543-4060. [s49]

FAUSTO-HATCHETT needs one full time M E S S E N G E R / DISPATCHER. Telephone 542-7477 [s49]

ROAD-TOWN-FAST FERRY needs TWO BOAT CREWS (full time) TWO BOAT CAPTAINS (full time) Telephone: (284) 499-2405 [s49]



PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE
Canopus Energy II Limited
(the "Company")
(BVI Business Company No. 1663289)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 9 April 2024, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.
The Liquidator is:
Anthony Lynton
Lynlex Chambers
Harbour House
P. O. Box 4408, Road Town, Tortola, BVI
[48/65]

NOTICE
Central Plexus Holdings Ltd
(the "Company")
(BVI Business Company No. 1644113)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 21 March 2024, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.
The Liquidator is:
Anthony Lynton
Lynlex Chambers
Harbour House
P. O. Box 4408, Road Town, Tortola, BVI
[48/66]



The Bitter End Yacht Club 2.0 has the following positions available. Interested candidates kindly email resume to kcharles@beyc.com or call 346-9763 for appointment.

Sous Chef

Main Duties and Responsibilities:

- Report to Head Chef/Executive Sous Chef before starting shift in clean uniform and clean personal hygiene following company grooming standards for men and women.
- Report to Head Chef/Executive Sous Chef before starting shift to check for bookings for the meal period, dietaries, and allergy for booked guests.
- Have a complete understanding of and adhere to the company's policy relating to fire, hygiene, and safety.
- During service, ensure to understand and take notice of turnaround time of orders.
- Ensure that all sanitation procedures are adhered to.
- At end of shift, ensure that workstation is left in a clean sanitary manner and mise-en-place list handover is completed for next shift.
- Ensure that training on a one-to-one basis has been carried out and comprehended.
- Responsible for completing the daily checklist regarding mise-en-place and food storage.
- Advise Head Chef/Executive Sous Chef of any unordinary circumstances that may occur on shift eg. staff no show, spoilage, guest complaints etc.
- Responsible for supervising junior chefs or commis.
- Able to estimate the daily production needs and check the quality of raw and cooked food products to ensure that standards are met.

Qualifications

- Food Handlers Certificate
- Diploma in culinary or at least 5 years plus in a quality professional kitchen

[s49]

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STAFF WANTED

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A liquor retail store requires a flairtender/bartender specialized sales clerk to sell and promote the store's products. Applicants should be well versed in mixology, with certification and at least five years' experience in professional flairtending. The applicant should have a pleasant and welcoming personality and should also be willing to engage with customers needing guidance or product recommendations. Candidates for this position should be computer literate and have experience with, or are willing to learn POS sales and inventory control systems. Please send resume and contact details to: vijobz@outlook.com That's The Spirit! Limited (541-1212) [48]

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

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

CP4ENTERTAINMENT BAND needs ONE FULL TIME - KEYBOARD PLAYER. Telephone 499- 1542. [s48]

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

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

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

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

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

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