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## FINANCIAL SERVICES SITUATION IS "PRECARIOUS" – HON WALWYN SAYS

Opposition Member and Sixth District Representative Hon. Myron Walwyn sounded the alarm about the British Virgin Islands' financial services industry, highlighting the imminent peril posed by open registers disclosing company beneficial ownership.

The BVI's financial services sector is often referred to as the crucial pillar of the BVI economy and the Territory's golden goose. The protection of this sector continues to maintain a collaborative approach from both sides of the political aisle, especially as it relates to keeping a set of regulatory

requirements.

However, in recent years the industry has uninterruptedly remained under the threat of decline due to the international pressure of beneficial ownership registers. In a recent session of the House of Assembly, Hon. Walwyn drew attention to the 2023 Mid-Year Fiscal Report, which unveiled a worrying decline in both company renewals and new incorporations within the industry.

Citing the report, Hon. Walwyn asserted: "Without conducting any in-depth analysis, the report hints at a connection between these significant declines and the host of challenges and threats confronting the industry, including an expanding publicly accessible register of beneficial ownership and

the looming specter of taxation."

Moreover, he scrutinized the budget speech, revealing a forecasted 1.24 percent dip in revenue stemming from the Registry of Corporate Affairs, specifically linked to the financial services sector, reducing from 208 million to 206 million compared to the prior year.

### WITHOUT CONSULTING THE ELECTORATE

Expressing deep concern about the economic repercussions, Walwyn articulated: "Our current situation within the financial services sector is precarious. My apprehension revolves around the nation's economic health, particularly as we have a COI report that this government wholeheartedly embraced

without consulting the electorate who put them in power."

Hon. Walwyn also resurrected the specter of the rejected \$400 million loan guarantee from the United Kingdom in 2019, a proposal the Virgin Islands Party government had rejected due to what they deemed onerous repayment terms.

### \$100MILLION LOAN

"The Premier now seeks the UK's reconsideration, but the response is unequivocal: 'No, the offer was on the table before, and it still stands. You won't receive it now.' Yet, paradoxically, we are now pursuing a hundred million dollar loan facility that hinges on the very approval of the UK government," the Opposition Member argued.

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Hon. Myron Walwyn



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## FINANCIAL SERVICES SITUATION IS "PRECARIOUS"...page 1

With a looming threat of an Order in Council, recently-underscored by Premier Wheatley as a potential risk to the Territory's-democratic institutions,-Walwyn posed a pressing question about the path forward. "We find ourselves in

a precarious dilemma. For those of us who comprehend the financial services sector's pivotal role in our nation's economy, even a modest 10 percent drop in revenue could spell disaster for our vital services within the Territory," he cautioned.

Walwyn-expressed dismay-over-the government's silence on how to address potential revenue shortfalls and noted the absence of diversification strategies in the budget, leaving the Territory vulnerable to unforeseen catastrophes."

## INSURANCE COSTS ARE THE HIGHEST EVER

Insurance cost in the BVI is extremely high, and Eighth District Representative Hon. Marlon Penn has sounded the alarm. The Eighth District Representative announced that he is very concerned over the skyrocketing insurance costs gripping the Territory, and as part of his concern, the legislator delivered a fiery inquisition to the government about their action plan to quell this financial wildfire.



*Hon. Marlon Penn*

Hon. Penn's concern extends to the vanishing safety net of natural disaster and climate change coverage, which he contends insurance companies are systematically removing from their policies.

Deputy Premier, Minister of Financial Services and Labour Minister Hon. Lorna Smith didn't mince words as she acknowledged the critical implications of dwindling coverage for natural disasters

and climate change on the very lives and livelihoods of residents and businesses.

"No directive has been issued to halt the offering of existing policies, but the exorbitant cost of insurance remains an imminent threat," Smith declared with gravitas.

Hon. Smith emphasized the urgency of a collaborative effort with industry experts to unearth practical and sustainable solutions. Speaking before an assembly of lawmakers, she

unveiled a series of government initiatives to bolster regulatory oversight and explore innovative government-backed risk-sharing programs. Crucially, Hon. Smith underscored the imperative of enforcing stringent building codes and ensuring consumers are fully versed in their insurance coverage.

However, the Labour Minister didn't sugarcoat the complexity of the situation when questioned by Penn about safeguarding consumers against fee hikes and potential predatory practices by insurance companies. She revealed ongoing dialogues with regulators and insurance titans, asserting the need for regional negotiations and public-private partnerships to wage a collective battle against these adversities.

Hon. Penn also threw the spotlight on underinsured homeowners, a term etched into public memory by the aftermath of hurricanes Irma and Maria. Smith responded with a clarion call for education and empowerment, urging property owners to proactively seek better insurance rates by casting their net wider. She acknowledged the formidable global challenge of rising insurance costs, driven by the escalating frequency of natural disasters and a constricting reinsurance capacity."

## Solar Powered Signs Installed at School Zones

The Public Works Department in its commitment to road safety across the Territory has installed solar radar school zone signs at the Willard Wheatley Primary and the Ivan Dawson Primary Schools.

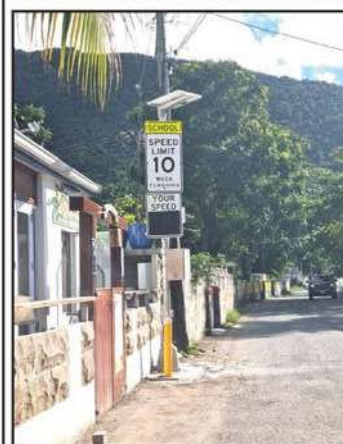
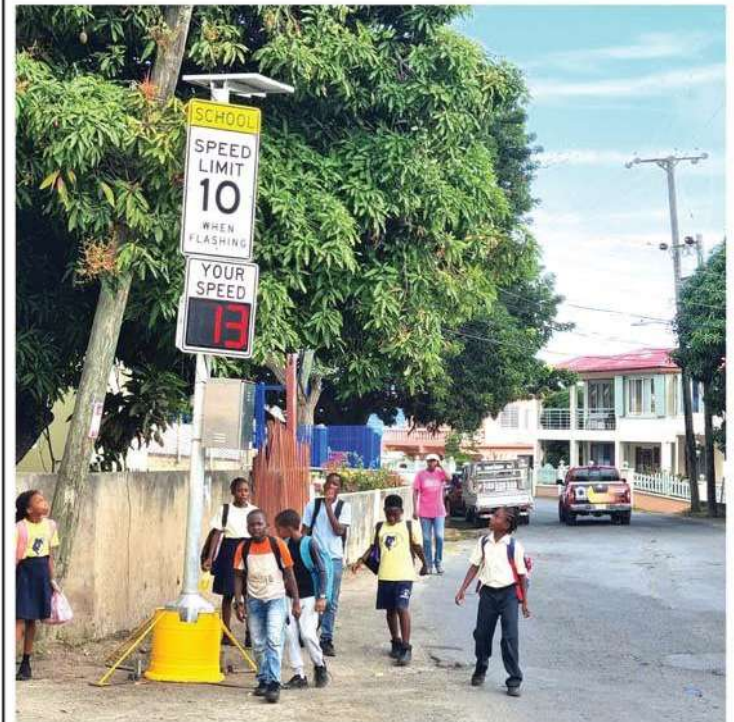
Director of the Public Works Department (PWD), Mr. Jeremy Hodge said the safety of the Territory's children is paramount and that the installation of the signs is a pilot project with more to be installed at other schools across the Territory.

Mr. Hodge said, "These signs read the speed of oncoming vehicles alerting motorists of how fast they are travelling."

Minister for Communications and Works, Honourable Kye M. Rymer at a recent sitting of the House of Assembly said the Government of the Virgin Islands was committed to adding another component to the greener, safer, more pedestrian-friendly efforts by way of solar-powered crosswalk signals.

"The solar-powered crosswalks are signage that flashes to get the attention of the on-coming traffic, therefore bringing awareness to drivers that a pedestrian is intending to cross the street." Honourable Rymer said at the time.

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



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## Q&A SEGMENT RESUSCITATION DOES NOT IMPRESS HON. FRASER

Third District Representative Hon. Julian Fraser declined to participate in the question-and-answer session of the 30 January sitting of the House of Assembly. The question and answer segment was the same issue that prompted the Opposition Members to stage a walk out of the House of Assembly last year.

The question-and-answer session, originally slated for October 31, was postponed by the government to prioritize certain legislative agenda items, which had led Opposition members to stage a walkout in protest.

As the controversial question-and-answer session finally unfolded this week, Fraser staunchly reiterated that his involvement would undermine the principled stand taken by the Opposition on 31 October.

"If we persist in asking these questions, it would be as if 31 October never occurred. Personally, participating in this process would trivialize the ideals we stood for. We advocated for the institutional integrity of this House," Fraser pointed out. "We have an order paper, and we aspire to see that



Hon. Julian Fraser

order respected, rather than the government arbitrarily shuffling questions to the back of the queue."

Hon. Fraser continued,

stating, "For these reasons, I find it objectionable to engage, and I will not be posing my questions today." In response to Fraser's stance, Speaker of the House of Assembly Hon. Corine George-Masicotte responded stating, "Noted, Honorable."

The Opposition's walkout had garnered mixed reactions from various sections of the community. Some residents viewed it as an unnecessary and immature maneuver, while others praised the lawmakers for their resolve in not tolerating government

mediocrity.

Meanwhile, Premier Dr. Natalio Wheatley dismissed the Opposition members' actions as an attempt to undermine his government. He argued that rearranging the House of Assembly's order paper was not an unprecedented move and had been carried out by previous administrations without causing conflict. He also accused the Opposition of being motivated by a desire to seize the coveted seat of Premier, asserting that this ambition was driving their efforts to unseat him."

## WORK PERMIT EXEMPTION ELIGIBILITY BROADENED

In a significant development, the British Virgin Islands is set to broaden the scope of individuals eligible for work permit exemptions. According to the official Cabinet statement released on 25 January, new categories of persons will be eligible for this Immigration consideration.

The statement disclosed that the meeting, chaired by then-Governor John J. Rankin, CMG on 28 December made a

decision to amend the Schedule to the Labour Code (Work Permit Exemption) Order, No. 41 of 2017, with the aim of broadening the categories of individuals exempt from work permits.

The expansion encompasses an array of professionals, including those engaged in delivering emergency and humanitarian services to [B]VI-registered businesses, statutory bodies, non-profit organizations, and

various entities. These essential roles encompass emergency response teams, medical personnel, firefighters, and rescue operatives.

Moreover, the revised categories for work permit exemptions will encompass individuals indispensable for machinery or equipment repairs critical for ensuring the secure and uninterrupted operation of businesses or facilities,

particularly in cases where the requisite expertise is lacking within the Virgin Islands. Additionally, individuals providing recreational or entertainment services at events sponsored or hosted by the government, statutory bodies, or non-profit organizations will also enjoy work permit exemption status.

Cabinet underlined the responsibility of all [B]VI-

registered entities utilizing any category specified in this Order to notify the Chief Immigration Officer of the impending arrival of an exempted person, with a minimum notice of 48 hours in advance. In emergency situations, this notification should be made before the exempted individual's departure from the port of embarkation.

## Ministry Of Health Planning Day Hailed A Success



Minister for Health and Social Development, Honourable Vincent O. Wheatley has said that his ministry's planning day was successful as it seeks to be proactive and identify issues as it relate to health and social services.

Honourable Wheatley said the planning day also looked at possible challenges the ministry might face to ensure timely action

is taken before problems reach a crisis level. The minister stated that if the ministry fails to plan then it is setting itself up to not meet the needs of the people of the Virgin Islands.

Honourable Wheatley said, "Strategic planning provides us with the structure to make daily decisions that follow our larger vision for the ministry and the Territory. It creates a direction for us to practice and maximise our options in ensuring the Virgin Islands is positioned in a way to improve our health and social services."

Meanwhile, Acting Permanent Secretary Ms. Tasha Bertie, said the ministry was able to gather its entire department heads together to work on a multi-year roadmap for addressing priority initiatives that

play crucial roles in supporting and enhancing the quality and efficacy of health and social services in the Territory.

Ms. Bertie said, "A lot was accomplished over the two-day session. We set the stage for all that the ministry is to cover in the next four years. We are here to build something for the long term, but planning without the process of implementation is nothing more than a wish list."

The Acting Permanent Secretary added, "During the two days, we reinvigorated the ministry's vision and identified smart objectives for each of our departments, linking them to performance monitoring, reporting, and evaluation. We are therefore encouraged that we and the VI Public will see some tangible

changes in our service delivery."

The Ministry of Health and Social Development remains committed to improve the health and social well-being of the people of the Virgin

Islands. Providing leadership that promotes health, social well-being, and a safe environment



# Swearing In Ceremony Of His Excellency The Governor Mr. Daniel Pruce

Monday 29th January 2024

REMARKS BY PREMIER DR. THE HONOURABLE NATALIO D. WHEATLEY

*I acknowledge the protocol that has already been established, but wish to recognize:*

- His Excellency the Governor Mr. Daniel Pruce;*
- Chief Justice of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court Her Ladyship Dame Margaret Priera and other Members of the Judiciary Present;*
- Speaker of the House of Assembly The Honourable Cornine George-Massicot;*
- Leader of the Opposition The Honourable Ronnie W. Skelton;*
- Other Members of the House of Assembly;*
- Deputy Premier the Honourable Lorna Smith OBE;*
- Honourable Ministers and Junior Ministers;*
- Deputy Governor Mr. David Archer;*
- Cabinet Secretary Ms. Sandra Ward;*
- Financial Secretary Mr. Jeremiah Frett;*
- Permanent Secretaries and department heads present;*
- The resilient people of the Virgin Islands, at home and abroad;*
- Persons watching online and listening via radio;*
- Ladies and gentleman;*

A pleasant good afternoon to you all.

On behalf of the Government and people of these Virgin Islands, I extend a very warm and hearty Virgin Islands welcome to His Excellency the Governor Mr. Daniel Pruce and his lovely wife Rachael.

It is with very best wishes that we welcome you here to our home in these beloved islands where you will reside with us over the course of your governorship.

As is good practice for new Governors, I know you will take some time to get to know our vibrant community over the weeks and months ahead.

Undoubtedly, you will see the strength of the Virgin Islands spirit and the faith and resilience we have inherited from our foreparents who built up these islands through their blood sweat and tears, and left them as an inheritance for their children, grandchildren and future generations.

You will also see our love for family and community that has sustained us through the darkest days in our history, including the aftermath of Hurricanes Irma and

Maria.

You will see the entrepreneurial spirit of our small and medium-sized business that drive our economy and sustains the resilience of our tourism and financial services industries.

Finally, you will see our love for lively debate and democracy which are regularly on display on social media and radio.

I encourage you to get out and about to see the natural beauty of these islands that are our environmental heritage that we are preserving for future generations of Virgin Islanders.

Governor Pruce, your appointment comes at a critical juncture in the United Kingdom's (UK) historical relationship with the Overseas Territories (OTs). The Joint Declaration recently agreed between the UK and OTs based on democratic principles, consultation, mutual responsibility and mutual accountability was an important step in reframing our modern partnership for the 21st century.

Notably, the Joint Declaration, for the first time in a long time, outlines a pathway for the greater self-determination of those Overseas Territories who wish it.

I highly commend UK Minister for the Overseas Territories the Honourable David Rutley for his leadership in the joint development and approval of the Declaration. I look forward to welcoming him here next week for the very first time and to continuing the very constructive and good working relationship we have established. He has been instrumental in strengthening UK's relationship with the BVI.

Governor Pruce, I am also looking forward to working closely with you. A lot hinges on the relationship between the Governor and Premier in our political system I will be a good partner as we carry out our respective constitutional roles.

My Ministerial colleagues also look forward to working with you in Cabinet and on other areas of our partnership.

We are hoping that by the end of your tenure, there will be a stronger public service and improved security across the Territory. We of course are committed to working with you in these areas to help support their strengthening.

We also look forward to working with you and your team on



Dr. the Hon. Natalio D. Wheatley

governance reforms. We share the sense of urgency in completing the remaining governance reforms and thank your team at the Governor's office for their constructive approach as we have taken steps to accelerate implementation. My Ministerial and Honourable colleagues and I know that the people of the Virgin Islands are depending on us to complete remaining governance reforms and we will deliver.

Our mission of building a model

democracy in which the people of these Virgin Islands thrive is rooted in our ironclad commitment to good governance. Governance reform is also the vehicle for achieving greater autonomy.

Democracy has been important to the people of these islands since 1950 when the legislature was finally restored and remains even more relevant today, especially after our recent free and fair General Election in April 2023 where the voters elected 13 Representatives to the House of Assembly.

2024 is an important year for democracy around the world. There will be elections in the United States (US), India, Mexico, South Africa, South Korea, European Union (EU), the United Kingdom (UK) and 39 other countries, including those where

there are questions about whether the democratic will of the people will be respected.

Let the UK, Virgin Islands, and Overseas Territories continue to be shining examples of democracy in a very troubled world.

The people of these Virgin Islands wish for the democratic governance of the Territory to continue and their constitutional and democratic rights to be respected.

My elected colleagues and I support these desires of our people and will do our part.

As I close, Governor Pruce, I again pledge to work with you in the genuine spirit of partnership.



I wish you and Racheal a pleasant stay here in the Virgin Islands.

*God bless these beautiful Virgin Islands.*

## UPDATE: QUAKER ISSUES REVISED RECALL NOTICE WITH ADDITIONAL PRODUCTS DUE TO POSSIBLE HEALTH RISK

**Tortola, British Virgin Islands** – January 26th, 2024 – The Quaker Oats Company through its authorized distributor ROADTOWN WHOLESALE/GEM CORP announced today an [expansion of the December 20th, 2023 recall](#) to include additional cereals, bars and snacks listed below because they have the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*, an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with *Salmonella* often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with *Salmonella* can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis.

The products listed on this website ([www.quakergranolarecall.com](http://www.quakergranolarecall.com)) were produced in the United States and only the products listed on this press release were distributed to **The British Virgin Islands**. Therefore, the company informs potential consumers to check their pantries for any of the listed products and discard them.

CEREALS				
Quaker Oatmeal Squares Cinnamon	14.5 oz	030000061534	Best before: Between Jan-11-24 to Oct-1-24	
Quaker Oatmeal Squares Brown Sugar	14.5 oz	030000064412	Best before: Between Jan-11-24 to Oct-1-24	

Additionally, consumers with any of the mentioned products can return the described product to the original store where they purchased it, presenting their purchase receipt. For additional information,



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# Virgin Gorda Easter Festival Abounds with Activities for 57th Year

Virgin Gorda Easter Festival Abounds with Activities for 57th Year

to 1st April 2024

Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, 29th January 2024 – The unique Virgin Gorda Easter Festival Celebration will kick off the annual celebration when a bevy of beautiful and talented teens vie for the title of Miss Teen Virgin Gorda Easter Festival on Saturday, 2nd March 2024. The Virgin


Gorda Easter Festival, now in its 57th year, is an annual event that culminates over the Easter Weekend and showcases BVI culture in pageantry, cuisine, musical entertainment, exhibitions and pure revelry.

The pageantry continues with the Prince and Princess Show on Saturday, 16th March and the Miss Virgin Gorda Show on Saturday, 23rd March. The action begins to heat up from Saturday, 30th March, with a car show, a cultural food fair and the opening of the Festival Village featuring live entertainment, mouthwatering local cuisine and beverages. Action continues Sunday, 31st March, with the family-friendly Ralph T. O'Neal Hat Parade and the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. The evening concludes with Village Entertainment and a Wet Fete. The Virgin Gorda Easter Festival will culminate with revelry in high gear on Easter Monday, 1st April with the Rise and Shine Tramp, Easter Festival Parade and the Last

Lap with the final night of entertainment at the festival village.

Extending an open invitation to the festival, British Virgin Islands Director of Tourism Clive McCoy said, "The BVI Tourist Board is pleased to work in tandem with the community of Virgin Gorda to host the 57th Virgin Gorda Easter Festival Celebrations. We will soon announce an exciting lineup of regional and local entertainment which, combined with pageants for all ages and other activities, will make this an Easter Festival to remember. We look forward to welcoming visitors from our neighbouring islands and beyond the region to come and join our Easter celebration. Book now, as rooms are already starting to fill out."

For more information on the Virgin Gorda Easter Festival visit Facebook: [VirginIslandsFestival](#) and for information on BVI events visit [bvitourism.com/events](#).



## 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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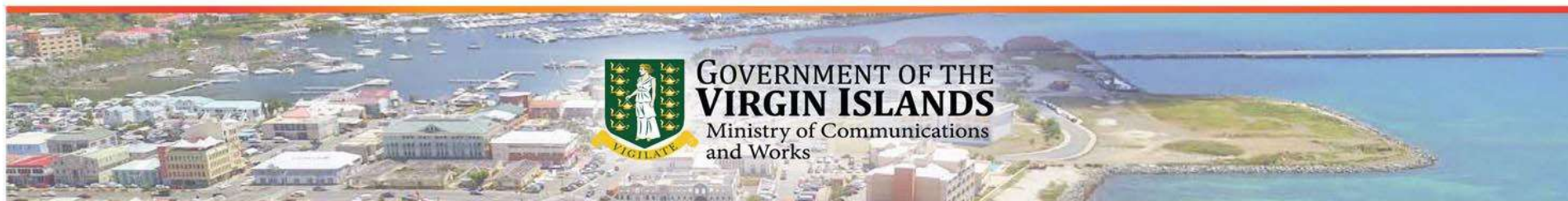
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# NOTICE TO TENDERERS

Public Tender Notice No.1 of 2024

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The Government of the Virgin Islands (GOVI or the "Purchaser") invites tenders for the **CONSULTANCY SERVICES - RE-FORMING OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS TAXI TARIFF FOR THE TAXI AND LIVERY COMMISSION OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS.**

## SCOPE OF CONSULTANCY

The Plan will include, among other essential elements:

- Review of existing Taxi Tariff Legislation, Policy, Guidelines and current tariff regime.
- Develop pricing model and new tariff
- Develop presentation slides and summary of new taxi tariff regime including pricing methodology.
- Presentations at stakeholder meetings

## DELIVERABLES

The deliverables to be provided relative to this assignment include:

- Monthly reports on the implementation of the project.
- Final report at the conclusion of the consultancy

## INSTRUCTIONS TO TENDERERS

Tenderers are required to furnish the following:

1. A completed Form of Tender in accordance with **Section 5**. This form must be completed without alteration to its wording or format, and no substitutes shall be accepted except for the one provided;
2. Priced Bill of Quantities in accordance with **Section 5.3.7**;
3. A list of projects undertaken by the Tenderer within the past ten (10) years that demonstrate the Tenderer's experience in delivering similar projects in the form included in **Section 5.3.5**;
4. An Organizational Chart showing management structure including contact details of the key members of the organization that are to be involved with this tender, **Section 5.3.5**.
5. Proof that company/individual is in good standing with respect to taxes, duties, social security and national health insurance contributions, company registration, or payments due to the Government of the Virgin Islands. These certificates of good standing can be obtained from the Director of Social Security Board and National Health Insurance

and the Commissioner of Inland Revenue.<sup>1</sup>

6. Tenderers registered as companies in the British Virgin Islands are required to submit a Certificate of Good Standing from the Commercial Registry;
7. A Special Certificate is required from the Company Registry at the Financial Services Commission indicating that all fees are paid and company is in good standing.<sup>1</sup>
8. Tenderers operating in the British Virgin Islands are required to submit a Trade License (valid for 2024).
9. Companies not registered or operating in the British Virgin Islands are required to provide a valid business license or equivalency as proof of authorization to operate a business in the area of the required expertise in its jurisdiction of operation.
10. Any other materials required to be completed and submitted in accordance with the Instructions to Tenderers embodied in these Tender Documents. The Forms, and Bill of Quantities provided in these Tender Document shall be used without exception.

<sup>1</sup> The date of issue on the above-mentioned certificates should be no later than six (6) months prior to the date of the tender opening.

Failure on the part of tenderers to enclose the supporting documentation indicated above with each respective tender will render the tender non-responsive on the date of the opening of tenders.

## APPLICATION FOR DOCUMENTS

The RFP will be available from **Tuesday, 30th January, 2024**, on weekdays between 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Documents will be sent to Tenderers electronically upon request to [mcw@gov.vg](mailto:mcw@gov.vg) with the subject title "**Request for Proposal - Consultancy Services -Re-forming of the Virgin Island Taxi Tariff for The Taxi and Livery Commission of the Virgin Islands**". Tenderers are advised that the destination mailbox is NOT automated to send Tenderers an acknowledgment of receipt and delivery of their request by email. Therefore, **Tenderers should not assume that their email has been safely received and it is the responsibility of the Tenderer to follow up with the Ministry of Communications & Works** using the contact information below if an acknowledgment of receipt is not received within one (1) day of

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# BVI Tourist Board To Manage VI Festival And Fairs Committee

The Cabinet of the Virgin Islands has approved the transfer of the functions of the VI Festival and Fairs Committee to the BVI Tourist Board.

The transfer is aimed at

further incorporating elements of the Virgin Islands culture and heritage, into the tourism product towards promoting experiential-tourism opportunities.

Premier and Minister

responsible for the Ministry of Tourism and Culture Honourable Dr. Natalio Wheatley said “We have taken another step of integrating our culture into our tourism product with the transfer of

responsibilities for organising our national festivals to the BVI Tourist Board.”

The Premier said the transfer is also representative of a strategic realignment in the management and promotion of cultural events and festivals in the Virgin Islands. He said the change intends to improve efficiency, coordination, and transparency in several key areas including fiscal management and reporting and coordination of marketing and promotion.

Premier Wheatley added, “They now have the responsibility of executing well-planned and promoted events which will celebrate our culture, attract, educate, and entertain our visitors and residents and provide the structure necessary for accountability and transparency.”

Functions of the Festival and Fairs Committee include preparation, conducting and managing annual festivals and entertainment activities, initiating cultural and recreational activities and encouraging public participation in those activities and advise the Minister responsible for the subject on policy issues relating to the conduct of festivals and



*Dr. the Hon. Natalio D. Wheatley* other cultural activities in the Territory.

The committee was traditionally comprised of volunteers appointed by the Minister and was empowered to receive public funds in the performance of its activities. Notwithstanding the transfer of responsibilities, the BVI Tourist Board will continue to rely on the assistance of volunteers to undertake major activities.

The Department of Culture is also envisaged to be a significant agent in the overall management of the matter of festivals and fairs in the Territory.

The Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sustainable Development’s vision is a Territory where all Virgin Islanders feel a sense of belonging and pride, and actively participate in cultural activities that reflect their heritage and ultimately enrich their lives.

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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



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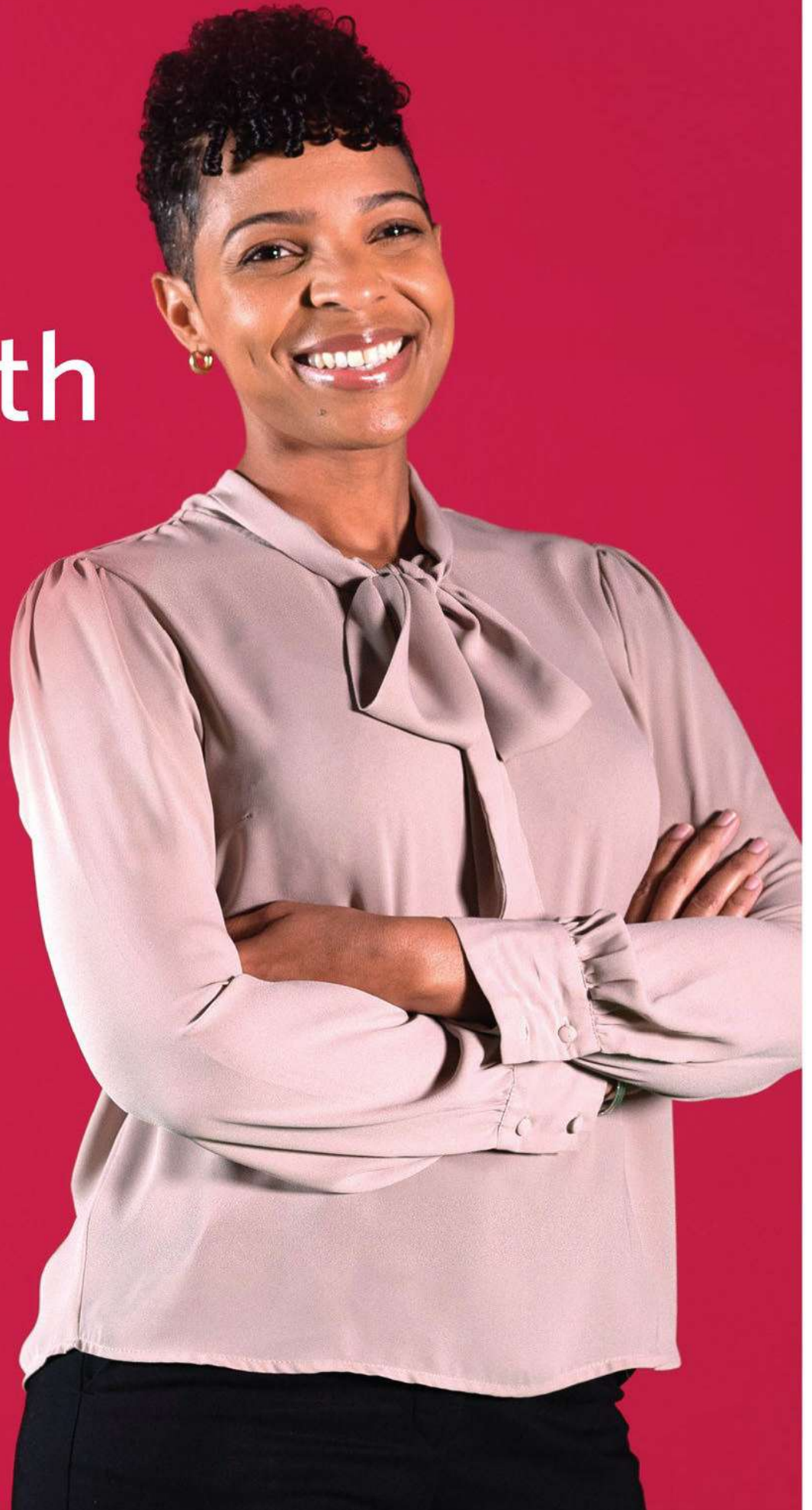
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British Virgin Islands to kick off the 2024 calendar year. The Moorings & Sunsail operate the largest fleet of charter yachts in the BVI, and recently welcomed the arrival of 78 new

yachts: 19 new monohulls, 35 new sailing catamarans, and 24 new power catamarans to their BVI fleet, with a combined value of \$70M. This brings the operators' combined charter



*Moorings Boats En Route to the BVI*

fleet to 254 yachts – a welcome influx of inventory in time for peak sailing season in the Caribbean and another step in the continuous renewal of the sister companies' fleets.

In addition, The Moorings & Sunsail operation has undergone an extensive hiring process, also in response to increased demand. One of the largest employers in the Virgin Islands, The Moorings & Sunsail Marina now boasts a workforce of 300 employees.

“As a business we have invested heavily in our BVI operation,” says Josie Tucci, VP of Sales & Marketing for The Moorings and Sunsail. “As the largest charter operator in the world's most popular charter destination, we take great care to ensure a welcoming experience for our guests, and have gone to

great lengths to maximize the guest experience through our marina revitalization project, and new fleet replenishment. Ultimately our aim is to provide an unparalleled customer experience to the many thousands of visitors we welcome each year.”

Charter business in the British Virgin Islands is enjoying double-digit growth annually, reinforcing the notion that this is the “sailing capital of the Caribbean”. Visitors are also enjoying the improved ease of access with new direct flights from Miami to Tortola. Ultimately, with demand for charter vacations in the islands soaring, The Moorings & Sunsail remain primed to help usher this demand into a successful 2024 and beyond for the territory.

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# GLOBAL NEWS BRIEF

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**USA** - For years, Donald Trump hurled insults at E. Jean Carroll, saying the advice columnist fabricated a sexual assault allegation against him to sell a book.

Will Trump keep that up, now that he's been hit with a \$83.3 million defamation judgment?

A jury on Friday found that Trump had maliciously damaged Carroll's reputation in 2019 after she went public with her accusations. Jurors awarded her \$18 million to compensate for the personal harm she experienced, then added \$65 million more to punish Trump — and maybe prevent him from continuing to go after her on social media.

A different jury concluded last May that Trump was responsible for sexually abusing Carroll in a Manhattan department store dressing room in 1996. Those jurors awarded Carroll \$5 million. If both judgments stand, Trump would owe her a total of \$88.3 million. Trump and his lawyers have promised to appeal. [El Pais]

**ENGLAND** - Climate activist Greta Thunberg joined a march in southern England on Saturday to protest the use of private jets and the expansion of an airport.

Hundreds of local residents and activists holding banners

and placards that read "Ban Private Jets" marched to Farnborough Airport, which mostly serves private aircraft. Some beat drums while others lit pink smoke flares.

The airport, located in Hampshire County about 40 miles (64 kilometers) southwest of London, applied last year to increase its maximum number of flights from 50,000 to 70,000 a year. Groups working to fight climate change, including the organizer of Saturday's protest, Extinction Rebellion, say private jets are much more polluting than commercial passenger airliners. Flights to and from Farnborough Airport carried an average of 2½ passengers per flight in 2022, the group said.

"It is clear that private jets are incompatible with ensuring present and future living conditions on this planet," Thunberg said in a video that Extinction Rebellion posted on social media.

"We're not going to let this continue. We're not going to let the rich few who are responsible for the majority of aviation emissions get away with sacrificing people and the planet," she added.

Farnborough Airport said that it was an important hub for business and corporate travel, and that it recognized

the importance of reducing its environmental impact.

**ECUADOR** uncovers largest stash of cocaine in its history: 22 tons hidden in a pig farm. The drugs were packaged in bricks labeled with the names of airlines they were destined to be sent to: Iberia, KLM, Qatar, AB and JET2.

Never before had Ecuador seized as many drugs in a single place as it did on Sunday, when it found a hidden stash buried in a pig farm in Estero Lagarto, an area in the coastal province of Los Ríos, about 155 miles from Quito. In 733 jute bags, 22 tons of cocaine hydrochloride were stored, perfectly packaged in the shape of a brick and labeled with the airlines they were destined to go to: Iberia, KLM, Qatar, AB, JET2. "There are six different logos that make it clear what the destinations were," said César Zapata, police commander.

Ecuador's Armed Forces began the operation on Sunday morning and ended at dusk. Around 150 troops took part. The operation — intended to be a blow to drug trafficking — led to an unprecedented discovery.

A dozen soldiers had the location of where nearly 10 tons of drugs were buried; they dug four meters underground for hours to remove the packages of the illicit substance — valued at \$1 billion on the international market. [El Pais]

**ITALY** - The sale by the

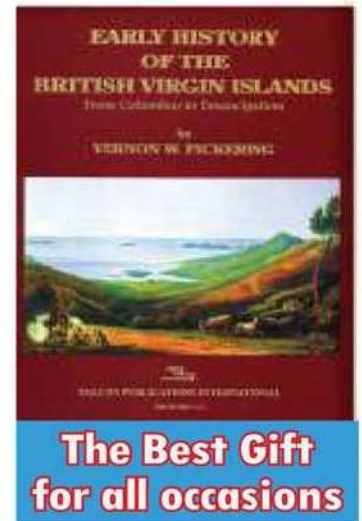
government of a stake in Poste Italiane will take place as part of a broader "reorganization of public shareholdings", the economy ministry said in a statement on Friday.

The government will decide when to sell a share in the postal, financial and telecommunications services company and how much to sell "without haste on the basis of market conditions", for the best result for the public and with respect for small shareholders, the statement added.

The operation will be part of efforts to "bring order" to public shareholdings, in which the government will assess whether to dispose of some non-essential assets, sell shares in other companies while retaining control if they are deemed to be strategic or even to increase the shares in its possession. The aim is to increase the efficiency of state holdings and to raise cash to reduce public debt. Earlier in the day Economy Minister Giancarlo Giorgetti said the government needed to retain control of Poste Italiane and that its stake should not fall below 35%. The economy ministry currently holds 29.26% and Cassa Depositi e Prestiti (CDP) 35% in the listed company.

In a letter addressed to Giorgetti and Poste Italiane CEO Matteo Del Fante on Friday, the trade union federations Cgil, Cisl and Uil asked the government for an "urgent" meeting on the planned sale of a further stake in the group. [ANSA]

**SANTO DOMINGO**—The Dominican Republic and the United States have reached a consensus on the signing of an open skies agreement, which will reduce airfares and expand air connectivity. According to the Minister of Tourism, David Collado, the protocol signing will be announced in the next few days by the U.S. Embassy in the country. He hopes the agreement will reduce air transport fares, increase competitiveness in the market, and facilitate tourism between the United States and the Dominican Republic, according to El Dia. He pointed out that air connectivity and the cost of airline tickets have become the main challenge to attracting more tourists to this destination since, in some cases, it can be more expensive for them to buy



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a ticket to the country than to other competing destinations in terms of tourism. [Dominican Today]

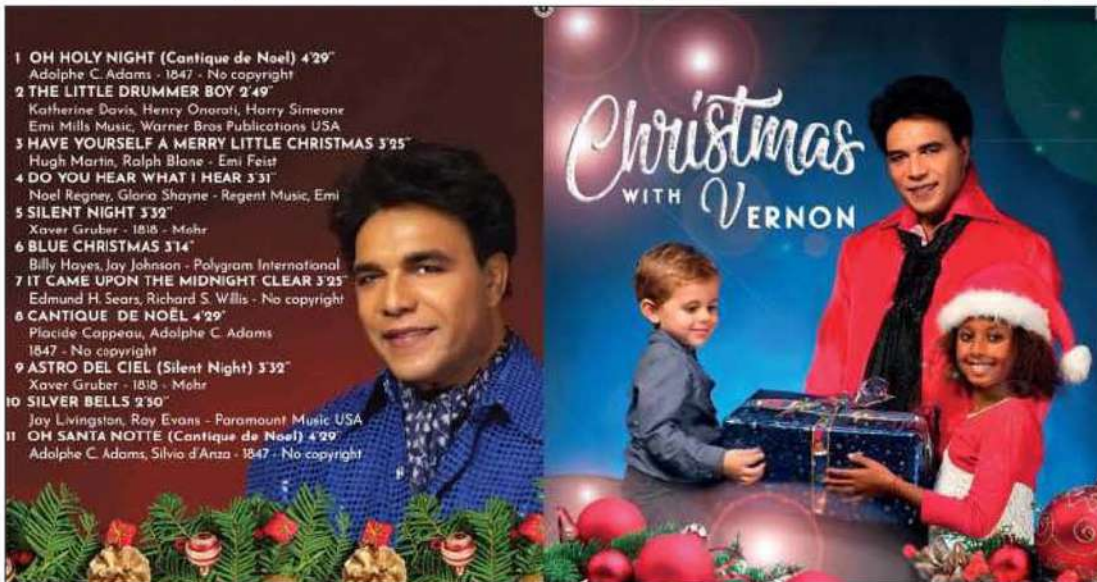
**BERMUDA** - Staff, parents and students took an icy dip this morning to help raise money for their school.

About 30 people took part in Francis Patton Primary School's annual Longtail polar plunge, which saw participants leap into the frigid water by the school's dock.

Andrea Isaac, the Deputy Principal, said that she had only been at the school for five months — and decided to get into the spirit with a splash. "I feel rejuvenated," she said just minutes after getting out of the water. "It was a good cold — it gets the body going."

Ms Isaac said that she had never done a polar plunge before but wanted to show her commitment to the school.

She added that, while it was "a bit shocking", she appreciated what the event did for Francis Patton Primary. Ms Isaac added: "The Parent Teacher Association does this every year as a fundraiser, so I just wanted to show school spirit. We do it every year so I will definitely be a team player." The polar plunge helps the school raise money for larger initiatives and extra curricular activities throughout the year. [Royal Gazette]



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# The Sunny Side Up



## Through the Lens of The Sunny Side



**NEW GOVERNOR OF THE BVI: His Excellency Daniel Pruce**

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# THE POWER OF MUSIC ON THE BRAIN



*On Saturday, January 27, the VI Alzheimer's Association organized a heartwarming event titled 'The Power of Music on the Brain' at the Walters Recreational Park in Virgin Gorda. The event was a remarkable gathering that aimed to raise awareness about dementia while celebrating the profound impact of music on cognitive health. The event was a captivating blend of*

*musical performances and insightful speeches, highlighting the therapeutic and rejuvenating effect of music on individuals dealing with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders. Organized by the VI Alzheimer's Association, the event was graced by Ninth District Representative and Minister of Health, Hon. Vincent Wheatley. The afternoon was filled with the melodious tunes of talented*

*performers, showcasing the power of music to evoke memories, emotions, and connections that often become elusive for individuals affected by Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia. The event's attendees were treated to a diverse range of musical genres, from classical to Caribbean beats, creating a welcoming and engaging atmosphere.*

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## LadyburdTalks...



**Dear Readers: February is Love Month.**

The second month of the year is dedicated to love, friendship, and all things romantic. Whether you're looking for a new love interest or are with your one-and-only, this love-filled month can inspire you to discover what makes you happiest and most fulfilled. From celebrating your friends and family members who love you unconditionally to appreciating the many blessings in your life, this love-filled month is ideal for acknowledging what matters most to you.

**Here are some ideas for how you can celebrate the Love Month in style:**

- Perhaps you've been on a few dates or even been in a relationship for a while. Why not celebrate the Love Month by scheduling a date night? Go out on Valentine's Day and schedule a dinner date or plan a weekend getaway on the 14 and 15 February for a two-day weekend. **Be spontaneous!** Make the evening more romantic by using candles and dimming the lights.
- Plan a "sexy" meal, don't be mediocre, there is nothing exciting in being boring especially in the love month.
- If you are looking for something a little more low-key and laid-back, plan a walk in the park or a picnic at the beach.
- If your single you can participate as well, no reason why you can't love on you, your turn is coming to find love, in the meantime, fall in love with you!

(more next week) Source <https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/what-do-february-ideas-love-month-andrena-phillips>



### Ladyburd's Mail Box

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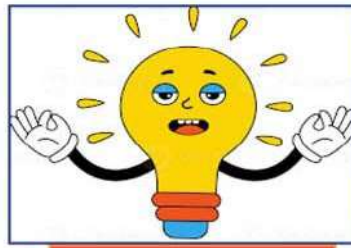
**Dear Ladyburd:** My girlfriend is very jealous, and it is driving me up the wall. If I go out with her to a function or party, she gets offended if I speak with anyone of the opposite sex. It creates a big argument either on the spot, in front of everyone or when we get home, and believe me I do not know how longer I can put up with this situation. Can you advise me how to handle this situation? **James**

**Ladyburd:** Dear James: Your girlfriend should not display your dirty laundry out in public. If you did something that she is suspicious about she should wait until you get home to discuss the matter, and not to call you out on it right there in public, for everyone to see, and hear her disagreements. On the other hand, when you go to parties etc are you ignoring her, and paying attention to everyone else? Did you give her something to be suspicious about? Ask yourself these questions.

Make sure you pay her enough attention when you are out in public, however, she should also know that she has to give you some space as well, to greet your friends without feeling jealous or insecure.

You should have a discussion with her and let her know you did not appreciate her outburst in public and you would appreciate if she does not do it again.

Good luck. **(Repeat)**



## LIGHT BULB MOMENTS

"If you cannot do great things, do small things in a great way." — Napoleon Hill

"You've got to learn to leave the table when love is no longer being served." — Nina Simone

"If we give our children sound self-love, they will be able to deal with whatever life puts before them." — Bell Hooks

## Poetry Corner

### Unique

*Because I know who I am,  
I'm at ease and free.  
I can't be like others,  
And they can't be me.*

*I've got fading scars,  
An unusual physique,  
But it all works together  
To make me unique.*

*I've got hidden strengths,  
Some obvious flaws.  
Still I am who I am,  
For better, for worse.*

*I don't have to blend in;  
I won't live a lie.  
I can't please everyone;  
I won't even try.*

*Some call me proud;  
Others stare at me in  
alarm.  
But I'm not one to bother,  
Because I know who I am*

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## Tickle My Funny Bones



### SCARED TO DEATH

A taxi passenger tapped the driver on the shoulder to ask him a question. The driver screamed, lost control of the car, nearly hit a bus, went up on the footpath, and stopped inches from a shop window.

For a second, everything was quiet in the cab. Then the driver said, "Look, mate, don't ever do that again. You scared the living daylights out of me!"

The passenger apologized and said, "I didn't realize that a little tap would scare you so much."

The driver replied, "Sorry, it's not really your fault. Today is my first day as a cab driver — I've been driving a funeral van for the last 25 years."

### Fuzzy Navel with a twist of lemon

A nun stood outside a tavern, scolding patrons as they entered about the evils of alcohol...

One gent stops to discuss the matter: "See here, Sister- it's really not fair for you to stand there and scold people on a subject on which you yourself have no experience.

I mean- have you ever even tried alcohol? Even once?"

"Most certainly not!" the nun says, blushing.

"Well listen- wouldn't it make a little sense if you at least tried some before you knocked it?"

The nun thinks about it, then says-

"Perhaps you're right."

"Okay! Now we're talking!

What would you like to try?"

"I've heard something about a... Fuzzy Navel with a twist of lemon."

"Comin' right up, Sister!"

The guy walks in and orders a Fuzzy Navel with a twist of lemon. The bartender goes-

"A Fuzzy Navel with a twist of le— IS THAT NUN OUT THERE AGAIN?!?"

## PUN INTENDED

"Where does the sheep get his haircut? The baa baa shop."

# THE POWER OF MUSIC ON THE BRAIN



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*One of the highlights of the event was the speech by Hon. Vincent Wheatley, who shared his insights on the importance of raising awareness about dementia and supporting those affected by the condition. He emphasized the role of community involvement in creating a dementia-friendly society that provides care and understanding to individuals living with dementia and their families.*

*The VI Alzheimer's Association, committed to making a difference in the lives of those affected by dementia, saw the event as an opportunity to shine a light on the challenges faced by individuals living with Alzheimer's and their caregivers. They also provided information and resources to attendees about dementia-related issues and the support available in the Virgin Islands.*



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## BUTTERNUT SQUASH AND BARLEY SOUP

Yield: 12 cups  
 Total Time: 60 minutes  
 1 tablespoon olive oil  
 1 medium onion, chopped  
 3 celery ribs, chopped  
 3 medium carrots, chopped  
 1 butternut squash (2 to 3 pounds), peeled and cut into 1-inch cubes (about 6 cups)  
 2 teaspoons dried parsley flakes  
 2 garlic cloves, minced (or 1 teaspoon dried minced garlic)  
 1 teaspoon rubbed sage or poultry seasoning  
 1 teaspoon curry powder  
 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt  
 1 cup pearl barley  
 4 cups (32 ounces) chicken or vegetable broth  
 4 cups water  
 2 cups (one pound) cooked chicken, turkey or sausage  
 Kosher salt and fresh-cracked pepper, to taste

**Stovetop Instructions:**  
 In a large soup pot, over medium-low heat, cook chopped onion in olive oil for one minute. Add celery, carrots and squash, and saute for about 10 minutes, stirring frequently. Add the seasonings and barley, and give it a good stir to combine.

Pour in the broth and water, bring to a boil, then simmer gently for 40 minutes. Add your cooked protein of choice and heat through; add salt and pepper to taste.

**Slow Cooker Instructions:**  
 Place all ingredients (except your chosen protein) in a 5- or 6-quart slow cooker. Cook on low for 5-7 hours or until squash and barley are tender. Stir in cooked chicken, turkey or sausage; cook covered for an additional 15 minutes or until heated through.

**Instant Pot Instructions:**  
 Set your Instant Pot to the "Saute" function. Heat the olive oil and saute the onion, celery and carrots until they begin to soften, taking about 3-4 minutes. Add butternut squash, seasonings and pearl barley, and continue to saute for an additional 2 minutes. Pour in chicken or vegetable broth, water, and mix well.

Cancel the "Saute" function and secure the Instant Pot lid, ensuring the vent is in the sealed position. Set the Instant Pot manually to cook for 15-20 minutes at high pressure.

Allow natural pressure release for 10 minutes, then quick release any remaining pressure. Stir in cooked chicken, turkey or sausage and heat through. Season the soup with salt and pepper to taste and serve.

In the spirit of my frugal ethos, this Butternut Squash Barley Soup not only nourishes the soul but also respects your hard-earned dollars. Here's to frugality, flavor and fabulous meals! Until next time, stay warm and savor the savings.

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 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](http://www.divasonadime.com) and join the conversation on Facebook at [DivasOnADimeDotCom](https://www.facebook.com/DivasOnADimeDotCom). Email Patti at [divapatti@divasonadime.com](mailto:divapatti@divasonadime.com)



### Delicious Simplicity for Winter Nights - Butternut Squash Barley Soup: A Family Favorite!

As winter wraps its chilly arms around us, what better way to embrace the season than with a steaming bowl of Butternut Squash Barley Soup? Bursting with flavor and versatility, this family favorite promises a cozy experience in every spoonful.

The humble butternut squash takes center stage, joined by vibrant veggies, hearty barley and the protein of your choice -- whether it's succulent chicken, tender turkey or satisfying sausage. My family especially enjoys turkey Italian sausage in this recipe. For a vegetarian version, white beans, like great northern or cannellini beans, bring protein and fiber to the party.

In your bowl of winter comfort, each ingredient plays a vital role in not just tantalizing your taste buds but also nurturing your well-being.

Butternut squash and carrots, both bursting with beta-carotene, are rich sources of vitamin A and C, promoting healthy skin and vision while contributing to immune support. Refreshing celery, a hydrating hero, provides antioxidants and vital minerals. Enter barley, a fiber-packed grain that supports digestive health and helps maintain steady blood sugar levels. Together, they not only

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*Butternut Squash Barley Soup. where warmth meets flavor, and every spoonful is a sip of coziness.*

## Financial Investigation Agency Issues Warning on Business Email Compromise Scheme Targeting Real Estate Industry

Wednesday, - January 31 – The Analysis and Investigation Unit (AIU) of the Financial Investigation Agency (FIA) is alerting the public, particularly the real estate industry, about a concerning surge in a business email compromise scheme orchestrated by unidentified individuals exploiting legitimate businesses and individuals' identification.

The AIU has observed a noteworthy increase in such incidents, with cybercriminals leveraging these schemes to compromise email accounts for fraudulent activities, leading to substantial financial losses.

Business Email Compromise Explained

Business Email Compromise involves unauthorized access to email accounts for illicit activities, including unauthorized fund transfers, confidential data theft, and other malicious actions. The real estate industry is increasingly becoming a prime target due to its

involvement in high-value transactions.

Immediate Actions for Reporting Entities to Mitigate Risk

To address this growing threat, the AIU recommends the following immediate actions for reporting entities within the real estate industry:

Strengthen Network Security: Ensure robust cybersecurity protocols, firewalls, and intrusion detection systems are in place to safeguard sensitive financial information.

Employee Training: Conduct regular training sessions for employees to enhance awareness about identifying and reporting suspicious emails.

Email Verification: Exercise caution by verifying the authenticity of messages and email addresses, especially those related to financial transactions or sensitive information.

Implement Two-Factor Authentication: Enforce two-factor authentication on email accounts for an additional layer of security.

Regular Security Audits: Conduct periodic security audits to identify vulnerabilities and promptly address them.

Notify Other Parties Involved: Alert partners, clients, and vendors about the scheme, encourage them to verify the authenticity of communications and report any suspicious activities promptly.

Report Suspicious Activities to the FIA: In case of any suspicion or detected fraudulent activity, reporting entities are strongly encouraged to immediately report such incidents to the Financial Investigation Agency.

The AIU emphasizes the crucial role that collective vigilance and proactive measures play in mitigating the risks associated with Business Email Compromise. By adopting these immediate actions, the real estate industry can enhance its resilience against cyber threats.

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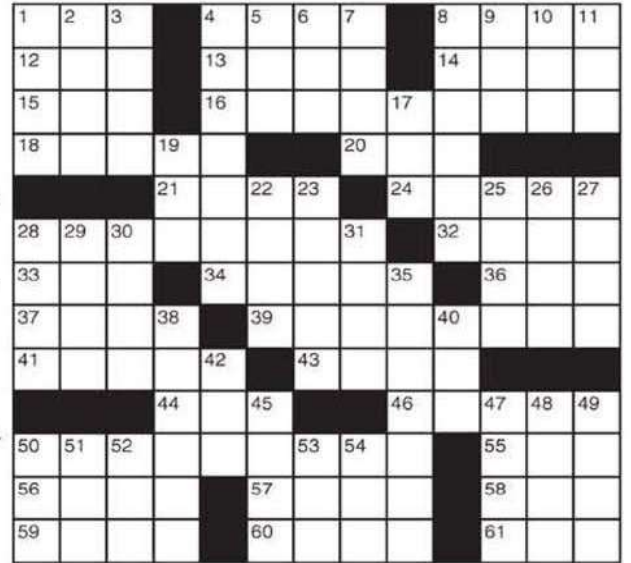
by Jeff Pickering



# King Crossword

## ACROSS

- 1 Hot tub
- 4 Pack (down)
- 8 Honeycomb division
- 12 Joke
- 13 Teen fave
- 14 Celestial bear
- 15 Capote nickname
- 16 Difficult problem
- 18 Celery unit
- 20 Pantheon member
- 21 Morays
- 24 Twilight, poetically
- 28 "Bravo!"
- 32 Wry
- 33 Bombeck
- 34 Raw rock
- 34 Begets
- 36 Melody
- 37 Actress Meg
- 39 Maintains
- 41 Wheel connectors
- 43 Bake sale orgs.
- 44 - Victor
- 46 Dugout seating
- 50 Sociable and lively
- 55 "Caught ya!"
- 56 Medicinal plant
- 57 Vogue rival
- 58 Singer Phair
- 59 Reporter's quest



- 60 Workout count
- 61 Mimic
- 10 Baton Rouge sch.
- 11 Felon's flight
- 17 Eggy quaff
- 19 Triathlon segment
- 22 Secular
- 23 Razor sharpener
- 25 Algerian port
- 26 During
- 27 Red planet
- 28 Mrs. Dithers of "Blondie"
- 29 African antelope
- 30 "Hud" actress Patricia
- 31 Faxed
- 35 Equine homes
- 38 Butterflies
- 40 Language suffix
- 42 High school subj.
- 45 Declare
- 47 "The Lion King" lion
- 48 Intel product
- 49 Visibility hindrance
- 50 Fire
- 51 Flamenco cheer
- 52 At once
- 53 -de-France
- 54 Jungfrau, for one

## DOWN

- 1 Boot camp
- 2 Section
- 3 Water, in
- 4 Mexico
- 5 Big fuss
- 6 Calendar abbr.
- 7 Advertise
- 8 Get cozy (with)
- 9 Blunder

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# Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

## DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:

- ◆ Moderate
- ◆◆ Challenging
- ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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# HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Broom handle is longer. 2. Cloth is different. 3. Cap is different. 4. Cup is missing. 5. Cabinet is wider. 6. Flower picture is reversed.

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Answer

## Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 24 mins.

Answers

## King Crossword

# Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the last name of Ken, who was Barbie's boyfriend?
2. TELEVISION: In the sitcom "The Office," the company is in which U.S. city?
3. GEOGRAPHY: In which country is The Matterhorn located?
4. MUSIC: Which 1990s group was the singer Beyonce a part of?
5. U.S. STATES: In which state is Monument Valley located?
6. LITERATURE: In which children's book do the characters Tweedledee and Tweedledum appear?
7. MATH: In Roman numerals, what is XLVIII divided by XII?
8. MEDICAL: What is a common name for polythelia?
9. CHEMISTRY: How many elements are listed on the Periodic Table?
10. MOVIES: What is the year of the Olympics in the movie "Chariots of Fire"?

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Trivia Test Answers:  
 1. His full name is Kenneth Sean Carson.; 2. Scranton, Pennsylvania.; 3. Switzerland.; 4. Destiny's Child.; 5. Arizona.; 6. "Through the Looking-Glass"; 7. IV (Four).; 8. Having an extra nipple, which affects about 1%-5% of the population.; 9. 118.; 10. 1924.

# REPUBLIC BANK (BVI) LIMITED

Summary Financial Statements  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2023



## REPUBLIC BANK (BVI) LIMITED

Summary Statement of Financial Position  
As at September 30, 2023

Expressed in thousands of United States dollars (\$'000)

	2023	2022
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash on hand	4,139	2,775
Statutory deposits with Financial Services Commission	500	500
Due from affiliated banks	13,802	676
Due from banks	56,226	48,408
Treasury Bills	9,994	—
Advances	298,556	304,469
Investment securities	133,888	35,662
Investment interest receivable	1,103	278
Premises and equipment	2,715	2,948
Right-of-use assets	1,195	1,302
Other assets	5,543	5,628
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>527,661</b>	<b>402,646</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>		
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Due to banks	132,396	—
Due to banks	384	3,629
Customers' current, savings and deposit accounts	9	310,273
Lease liabilities	7 (b)	1,374
Accrued interest payable	535	118
Other liabilities	10	6,543
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>437,451</b>	<b>321,937</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Stated capital	11	16,000
Retained earnings	74,210	64,709
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>90,210</b>	<b>80,709</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>527,661</b>	<b>402,646</b>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 31 October 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

  
Richard Sammy, Chairman

  
Martin Glyden, Director

  
Michael Walcott, Director

  
Andrea De Matos, Corporate Secretary

## REPUBLIC BANK (BVI) LIMITED

Summary Statement of Comprehensive Income  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

Expressed in thousands of United States dollars (\$'000) except where otherwise stated

	2023	2022
Interest income	20,596	17,659
Interest expense	(2,102)	(489)
<b>Net interest income</b>	<b>18,494</b>	<b>17,170</b>
Other income	7,592	6,320
	26,086	23,490
Operating expenses	(14,179)	(10,118)
<b>Operating profit</b>	<b>11,907</b>	<b>13,372</b>
Credit loss expense on financial assets	(2,406)	(310)
<b>Profit for the year, being total comprehensive income</b>	<b>9,501</b>	<b>13,062</b>
<b>Earnings per share (expressed in \$ per share)</b>		
Basic and diluted	\$0.59	\$0.82
<b>Weighted average number of shares ('000)</b>		
Basic and diluted	16,000	16,000

## REPUBLIC BANK (BVI) LIMITED

Summary Statement of Changes in Equity  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

Expressed in thousands of United States dollars (\$'000)

	Stated capital	Retained earnings	Total equity
Balance at September 30, 2021	16,000	51,647	67,647
Total comprehensive income for the year	—	13,062	13,062
<b>Balance at September 30, 2022</b>	<b>16,000</b>	<b>64,709</b>	<b>80,709</b>
Total comprehensive income for the year	—	9,501	9,501
<b>Balance at September 30, 2023</b>	<b>16,000</b>	<b>74,210</b>	<b>90,210</b>

## REPUBLIC BANK (BVI) LIMITED

Summary Statement of Cash Flows  
For the period ended September 30, 2023

Expressed in thousands of United States dollars (\$'000)

	2023	2022
<b>Operating activities</b>		
Net profit before taxation	9,501	13,062
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation of premises and equipment and right-of-use assets	503	475
Credit loss expense on financial assets	2,406	310
Decrease/(Increase) in advances	3,665	(4,380)
Decrease in customers' deposits	(14,354)	(79,245)
(Increase)/Decrease in other assets and investment interest receivable	(740)	140
Increase in other liabilities and accrued interest payable	772	3,858
<b>Cash provided by/(used in) operating activities</b>	<b>1,753</b>	<b>(65,780)</b>
<b>Investing activities</b>		
Purchase of investment securities	(110,384)	(77,682)
Redemption of investment securities	12,000	112,585
Additions to premises and equipment	(70)	(86)
<b>Cash generated (used in)/from investing activities</b>	<b>(98,454)</b>	<b>34,817</b>
<b>Financing activities</b>		
Increase in balances due to other banks/affiliated Banks	129,151	3,029
Repayment of lease liabilities	(148)	(144)
<b>Cash generated in financing activities</b>	<b>129,003</b>	<b>2,885</b>
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>32,302</b>	<b>(28,078)</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year</b>	<b>51,859</b>	<b>79,937</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>	<b>84,161</b>	<b>51,859</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year are represented by:</b>		
Cash on hand	4,139	2,775
Due from affiliated banks	13,802	676
Due from banks	56,226	48,408
Treasury Bills	9,994	—
	84,161	51,859
<b>Supplemental information:</b>		
Interest received during the year	19,695	21,511
Interest paid during the year	1,685	521



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### Report of The Independent Auditor on The Summary Financial Statements

The Shareholder  
Republic Bank (BVI) Limited

#### Opinion

The summary financial statements, which comprise the summary statement of financial position as at September 30, 2023, the summary statement of comprehensive income, summary statement of changes in equity and summary statement of cash flows for the year then ended are derived from the audited financial statements of Republic Bank (BVI) Limited for the year ended September 30, 2023.

In our opinion, the accompanying summary financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements, in accordance with Section 17C(3) of the Banks and Trust Companies Act, 1990 (as amended).

#### Summary Consolidated Financial Statements

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRSs"). Reading the summary financial statements and the auditor's report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial statements and the auditor's report thereon.

#### The Audited Financial Statements and Our Report Thereon

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the audited financial statements in our report dated November 23, 2023.

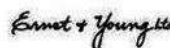
The audited financial statements and the summary financial statements do not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our report on the audited financial statements.

#### Responsibility of Management for the Summary Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of the summary financial statements on the basis described in Note 2 of the financial statements.

#### Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Summary Financial Statements

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with International Standard on Auditing (ISA) 810 (Revised), Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements.



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November 23, 2023

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# COMMENTARY

## Jack the Capitalist

By Dickson Igwe



Dickson Igwe  
January 25 2023

A \$500 million dollar yacht moors off a remote Caribbean island. A helicopter takes off from its deck. A massive private jet sits silently on the tarmac of a private airport nearby; surrounded by smaller planes. A billionaire is 'chilling' off his private island with his friends and associates.

Jack owns a controlling interest in a \$3 trillion global business. The man is a metaphor for the triumph of capital. The rule of capital is self-evident. The capitalist culture is ubiquitous from east to west and from north to south. We all live in the New Gilded Age ruled by the billionaire.

OK. The world has plunged into an era of conflict, ethnic hatred, and uncertainty, reminiscent of the early 1900s, when various powers, especially in a cauldron called Europe, vied to be number one, not hesitating to go to war killing millions of their own young men, some mere teenagers.

However, this writer believes that in 2024 capitalism – the rule of capital- will prevail over isolationism, populism, and nationalism, anti-Semitism, racism, Trump, and Brexit; just as capital prevailed over fascism of the 1930s-50s, socialism and communism. Why: because capitalism and globalization benefit the powerful investor and wily tycoon. Liberalism in its

pure form is the religion of the omnipotent capitalist- capital rules.

Ok. Donald Trump and his toxic brand of populism- the offspring of angry white males who feel left behind by outsourcing to China and elsewhere -is a simple hiatus: a "hiccup" in the move towards an unstoppable global order, driven by technology, cross border investment, and shortly, artificial intelligence. History will end with the rule of Capital.

The reason Jack the Capitalist is hugely successful is his focus on his bottom line. Jack considers philanthropy fashionable, yes, but his massive wealth and benevolence is dependent upon a hardheaded approach to business. Consequently, Jack is a free trader.

Jack's energy and effort underwrites and maximizes the returns on his investments. Jack does not consider himself a citizen of any one country: wherever there is a solid return on capital, Jack lays his head. Jack looks after "number one."

Jack will migrate his investments to where costs are lowest, and productivity, highest. Jack lives by his own rules. Why? He can afford to. Unlike "mere mortals" Jack has the resources and knowhow to move his massive wealth to desirable locations at the click of a mouse, even sending hundreds, even thousands, of "mortals" into unemployment and despair.

A world threatened by a return to 20th century nationalism is not in Jack's interests. Trade wars, military wars, and closed borders, threaten cross border trade that has made Jack enormously wealthy. Jack will therefore fight insurgent populism with his considerable resources. Jack will back globally oriented politicians for self-preservation. Jack is a globalist. Global is a synonym for multinational, which is another name for Jack.

Jack will place his cash in trusts, foundations, and think tanks that support his multinational interests. Jack is WOKE because it favors Jack's business interests. However, were right wing populism profitable, Jack would be reactionary: Jack is mercenary: Jack is opportunist. Jack is omnipresent. Jack has no personal beliefs. Jack's ideology is the profit and loss account. The balance sheet is where Jack goes for worship.

Jack's favorite port of call is a resort called Davos in Switzerland. That is where Jack huddles with his billionaire chums, together with Jack's well-funded economics experts, and political henchmen, to create a world in the image of Jack.

Jack is not too concerned with institutions such as the Federal Reserve, the European Central Bank, Bank of England, the World Bank, and the International Monetary Fund. Why? The reason is these organizations silently work for Jack. Jack indirectly controls these beasts through his ownership of the debt that they create and then loan to governments. Jack will ensure they do his bidding, albeit smartly and discreetly.

Jack's fleet of jets and super yachts are at the disposal of politicians, judges, and those in high places, everywhere. These do his bidding. Conspiracy theorists pontificate on the hidden malevolence of the military industrial complex and deep state: but behind these is Jack and his corporations and interests.

In Europe, Jack was totally against Brexit. Jack is a unifier. Economy of scale is what drives Jack's profits into the stratosphere. It was anathema to Jack to weaken the European Market and Community. Jack had too much to lose if Europe went belly-up. US isolationism too is not in Jack's interests.

Consequently, politicians who strive on a nationalist and populist agenda will hit a wall,

as immovable as Mount Everest. They already smell the coffee as progressives prevail over right wing demagogues.

Behind the scenes, Jack will put his considerable energy and resources against any move that will negatively affect his corporate interests and investments. Jack will

ensure liberalism and globalization succeed. Why? Because Jack has a lot to lose if globalization- aka capitalism- goes south! Jack will fight tooth and nail to defend who and what really matters: JACK.

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The primary function of the role is the Management of the business operations of a region and/or country. Management of internal and external strategic issues and opportunities. Full P&L responsibility for region and/or Country.

#### PRIMARY ACCOUNTABILITIES INCLUDE:

- Developing high quality business strategies and plans ensuring their alignment with short-term and long-term objectives.
- Leading and motivating team to advance employee engagement and develop a high performing managerial team.
- Overseeing all operations and business activities to ensure they produce the desired results and are consistent with the overall strategy and mission.
- Make high-quality decisions to advance the business and increase profits.
- Enforce adherence to legal guidelines and in-house policies to maintain the company's legality and business ethics.
- Review financial and non-financial reports to devise solutions or improvements.
- Build trust relations with key partners and stakeholders and act as a point of contact for important shareholders.
- Analyze problematic situations and occurrences and provide solutions to ensure company survival and growth.
- Maintain a deep knowledge of the markets and industry of the company.
- Promote our corporate culture throughout the organization.

#### QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE:

- Experience in developing profitable strategies and implementing vision
- Strong understanding of corporate finance and performance management principles is critical
- Familiarity with diverse business functions such as marketing, PR, finance etc. is critical
- In-depth knowledge of corporate governance and general management best practices
- An entrepreneurial mindset with outstanding organizational and leadership skills
- Analytical abilities and problem-solving skills
- Excellent communication and public speaking skills
- MSc/MA in business administration or relevant field is a plus

#### Candidates must possess a high level of demonstrated competence in the following areas:

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- Excellent human and customer relations skills.
- Sound industry knowledge with respect to current and emerging technologies.
- Strong entrepreneurial, analytical, and problem-solving skills.
- Strong business acumen.

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Please send cover letter and resume to [Debra.Alexander@cw.com](mailto:Debra.Alexander@cw.com) by February 7<sup>th</sup> 2024. For further information or expressions of interest, please call Akilah Corbin at 1-284-541-3582. Applicants may also submit applications via the following link: <https://careers-lla.icims.com/jobs/672727/general-manager%2c-british-virgin-islands/job?mode=view>

# Caribbean News / Regional News

## PETER ISLAND RESORT, A TREASURED CARIBBEAN PRIVATE ISLAND HIDEAWAY, OPENS IN 2024

New York, New York, January 17, 2024 -- Peter Island Resort in the British Virgin Islands is pleased to announce the opening of its rebuilt and re-envisioned luxury private island in 2024. One of the Caribbean's most anticipated re-openings since the property closures from the Virgin Islands' 2017 hurricane season, Peter Island Resort has been undergoing its transformation for over six years. Its evolution includes brand new and upgraded accommodations and new state-of-the-art facilities. What remains the same is the resort's relaxed luxury setting, personalized service, five stellar beaches and hundreds of acres of unspoiled tropical island.

"After over six years, we are excited to raise the curtain on Peter Island Resort's transformation to a new level of luxury," states David Van Andel, President, Peter Island Resort. "Our evolved and re-imagined private island hideaway will welcome guests with the same warm, Caribbean hospitality, casual elegance and natural tropical wonders that have captivated visitors for decades. For generations we have been honored stewards of Peter Island and we look forward to sharing our revitalized Caribbean treasure once again in 2024."

**New Beachfront Accommodations & Restored Luxury Villas**  
When Peter Island Resort makes its debut,



guests will find that it is still charmingly intimate with just 52 room, suite and villa accommodations. What's new and improved is having all rooms, junior suites and two-bedroom villas on coveted beachfront just steps from the sea along the palm tree-lined stretch of Deadman's Beach. Also new is a stunning infinity pool overlooking Deadman's Beach inviting guests to enjoy the best of both worlds - poolside and seaside. The over-the-top luxury villa, Falcons Nest, is being rebuilt and redesigned on its mountain peak showcasing jaw-dropping 360-degree views of the Virgin Islands. Hawks Nest Villa, conveniently nestled on the hillside overlooking Sprat Bay, is being upgraded and redecorated.

**New & Expanded Oceanfront Meetings & Events Facilities**

Peter Island Resort is significantly expanding its meetings and events facilities to accommodate

groups of up to 180 people with a new 3,000 square foot oceanfront Conference Center flanked by two event lawns and a pre-function veranda spanning the length of the Conference Center. Located on a picturesque stretch of oceanfront near the new Yacht Club, Drunken Pelican restaurant and Sprat Bay, these new meeting facilities will include a dedicated, on-site kitchen, flexible indoor spaces and scenic outdoor areas ideal for events, receptions, meetings and breakout sessions.

### **The Spa at Peter Island**

The much-loved Peter Island Spa is being upgraded and redesigned in the same stunning location overlooking Big Reef Bay and the beach's palm tree grove. The Spa will house seven treatment rooms including two couples treatment rooms, welcome and relaxation lounges, fitness center, spa boutique, beauty salon, and men's and women's changing rooms. Guests will be enticed to

decompress on the spa grounds with a saltwater pool, al fresco relaxation areas and an outdoor hot tub that has a mesmerizing view of Big Reef Bay.

### **Peter Island Yacht Club**

The new Yacht Club will be a must on the itineraries of sailors, boaters and yachtsmen with a marina that can accommodate a range of vessels from power boats, sailboats and catamarans, to super yachts of up to 200 feet. Located in Sprat Bay harbor, the Yacht Club will be its own destination with a dedicated swimming pool for Yacht Club guests, Drunken Pelican restaurant and bar, a commissary, Sea Chest Boutique and a sports recreation area with pickleball, basketball and bocce ball courts and a lawn-games area. To protect the coral reef and marine life surrounding the island, moorings will be located in White Bay, Sprat Bay, Deadman's Bay, Key Bay and Little Harbour for seafaring guests to enjoy.

### **Restaurants & Bars**

Two new casually chic and sophisticated restaurants will delight guests with friendly, top-notch service and delicious cuisine. The Drake Steakhouse, located on Deadman's Beach, will offer a fine selection of surf & turf dishes with a Caribbean twist, while the Yacht Club's Drunken Pelican will serve more casual fare, artfully crafted cocktails, and a selection of beers, wines and spirits.

### **Rates & Reservations**

Reservations are currently being accepted for stays from October 3, 2024 onward. Dates-of-stay prior to October 2024 may become available once the official opening date is determined. Rates at Peter Island Resort start at USD 1,000 per night plus taxes and fees. For bookings, please contact the reservations team at [reservations@peterisland.net](mailto:reservations@peterisland.net) or call 1-800-346-4451. For updates and more details, visit Peter Island Resort's website at [www.peterisland.com](http://www.peterisland.com).

### **About Peter Island Resort**

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## Biden Returns to South Carolina, Determined to Win Back Black Voters



U.S. President Joe Biden listen to speakers during the South Carolina's First in the Nation Dinner at the South Carolina State Fairgrounds in Columbia, South Carolina, Jan. 27, 2024.

COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

U.S. President Joe Biden doesn't need to worry about his prospects in South Carolina's Democratic primary next week. He's got that locked up. He also knows he's not likely to win the solidly red state come November. South Carolina hasn't voted for a Democrat since 1976.

Nonetheless, Biden spent the weekend in the state, intent on driving home two messages: He's loyal to the state that saved his campaign in 2020 and he's determined to win back Black voters here and elsewhere who were central to his election last time but are less enthused this go-round.

"You're the reason I am president," Biden told attendees at the state party's fundraising dinner ahead of its first ever "first-in-the-nation" Democratic primary on February 3. "You're the reason Kamala Harris is a historic vice president. And you're the reason Donald Trump is a defeated former president. You're the reason Donald Trump is a loser. And you're the reason we're going to win and beat him again."

Biden received raved applause and chants of "four more years"

from attendees at the dinner, as he criticized his predecessor's policies and highlighted his efforts to support Black Americans. He was set to spend Sunday in the state where politics and faith are intertwined at a political event at St. John Baptist Church.

Deputy campaign manager Quentin Fulks said of the primary that Biden's team was working to "blow this out of the water" by running up the score against long shot challengers. The Biden campaign also wants to learn lessons about activating Black voters — the backbone of the party — ahead of an expected 2024 rematch with Republican front-runner Donald Trump.

**Challenger invites Biden to pass torch**

It was the first time Biden shared a stage with Representative Dean Phillips, a long-shot challenger for the Democratic nomination, who called on the president, 81, to step aside for a younger generation of leaders to take on Trump.

"The numbers do not say things are looking good," Phillips said of Biden's poll numbers. "My invitation to President Biden is

to pass the torch." Struggling to hold the attention of the crowd — many of whom were holding Biden campaign signs ahead of the president's appearance — Phillips repeatedly asked the audience to quiet down and listen to him.

Phillips told The Associated Press he did not interact with Biden at the event, saying of Biden's staff, "No. I don't think they want him to see me."

**Supporters talk up accomplishments**

Ahead of the dinner, Biden stopped into Regal Lounge Men's Barber & Spa in Columbia, greeting, owners, employees and customers mid-haircut at the barbershop.

The president has been getting mixed reviews from some Black voters in the state that came through for him in 2020, including discontent over his failure to deliver on voting rights legislation and other issues.

Last year, at the outset of Biden's reelection bid, conflicting views among the same South Carolina Democratic voters whose support had been so crucial to his nomination provided an early warning sign of the challenges he faces as he tries to revive his diverse winning coalition from 2020.

Overall, just half of Black adults said they approved of Biden in a December poll by the Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs. That is compared with 86% in July 2021, a shift that is generating concern about the president's reelection prospects.

APVoteCast, an extensive national survey of the electorate, also found that support for Republican candidates ticked up slightly among Black voters during the 2022 midterm elections, although Black voters overwhelmingly supported Democrats.

The Biden campaign is running TV ads in South Carolina highlighting Biden initiatives that it hopes will boost enthusiasm among Black voters.

"On his first day in office with a country in crisis, President Biden got to work — for us," the ad states. "Cutting Black child poverty in half, more money for Black entrepreneurs, millions of new good-paying jobs and he lowered the cost of prescription drugs."

The campaign is spending more than \$270,000 on the ads through the primary, according to tracking data. The Democratic National Committee also launched a six-figure ad campaign across South Carolina and Nevada, which is next on the Democratic primary calendar, to boost enthusiasm for Biden among Black and Latino voters. And first lady Jill Biden was in the state on Friday evening to rally voters.

Biden's campaign has also hired staff in South Carolina to organize ahead of the primary and through the general election, although for nearly 50 years the state has picked a Republican for president.

**'We know Joe...Joe knows us'**

Meanwhile, a pro-Biden super PAC, Unite the Country, is airing an ad featuring Democratic Representative Jim Clyburn of South Carolina ticking through what he says are major Biden accomplishments such as reducing student loan debt and cutting insulin costs for older people.

It was Clyburn's 2020 endorsement of his longtime friend Biden that helped the then-candidate score a thundering win in South Carolina's presidential primary.

In the new advertisement, Clyburn references his late wife, Emily, who influenced his 2020 endorsement of Biden. She said that "if we wanted to win the presidency, we better nominate Joe Biden," Clyburn says in the ad. "She was right then, and she's still right today. Clyburn greeted Biden at the airport and accompanied him throughout his visit.

While Trump has seen slightly improving levels of support

among Black and Latino voters, Biden's team is more concerned that a lack of enthusiasm for Biden will depress turnout among voters who are pivotal to the Democratic coalition.

Biden's team is using South Carolina as a proving ground, tracking which messages and platforms break through with voters.

South Carolina, where Black voters make up a majority of the Democratic electorate, is now the first meaningful contest in the Democratic presidential race after the party reworked the party's nominating calendar at Biden's call. Leading off with Iowa and New Hampshire had long drawn criticism because the states are less diverse than the rest of the country.

A co-chairman of Biden's reelection campaign, Clyburn has remained one of the president's most stalwart advocates in Congress, as well as in his home state.

Frequently, he reminds people of the same message he delivered in his 2020 endorsement: "We know Joe, and Joe knows us."

Biden's decision to campaign in the state "helps solidify South Carolina's place as the first in the nation primary moving forward," said Biden campaign communications director Michael Tyler.

It also provides Biden an opportunity to re-engage with Black voters who have connections that extend beyond South Carolina. "Obviously the diaspora is strong, familial ties are strong with other key swing states in the area like Georgia and North Carolina," Tyler said.

This is Biden's second trip to South Carolina this month. He spoke earlier in the month at the pulpit of Mother Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, where nine Black parishioners were shot to death in 2015 by a white stranger they had invited to join their Bible study.

# SPORTS

## Players petition for change after BVI Basketball Federation quietly dissolves

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

### BASKETBALL

A's player Joash Victor, whose team ended a 40-year championship drought in 2021 and then lost the 2022 title, described the sport as "dead" on social media after the BVI Basketball Federation did not hold a league or any activities since the end of the 2022 season.

As a result, players have banned together, signed a petition and taken their case to the Caribbean Basketball Confederation and by extension FIBA, for intervention in establishing a new BVI Basketball Federation, after the body quietly dissolved late last year.

Victor who's spearheading the players movement, told Island Sun Sports that it pains players' hearts to see what's happening with the sport in terms of governance and its development in the BVI and they're petitioning for change. A stakeholders meeting was held on Wednesday evening at the Multipurpose Sports Complex where games are played and a petition was in the foyer, for players and the sport's enthusiasts to sign.

The purpose of the petition, he said, is to have the BVI Olympic Committee, advised by the CBC

and FIBA who are all aware, on taking the steps to have a new Basketball Federation, which has been the problem for the last couple years. The case has gone to the FIBA Secretary General Andreas Zagklis and the body's legal affairs department.

"We've had meetings with the federation, the BVI Olympic Committee also met with the federation and advised them what to do, but they dropped the ball," Victor noted. "So, this is a vote of no confidence in the past federation and we're putting forward to have a new federation established."

All those who are official members or affiliates of the federation were invited to the meeting. "I'm hoping that during this meeting, we'll have an election date set, so that individuals can be given sufficient time to establish their teams to seek election on the federation executive and shape the future of basketball in the territory," Victor said. "We'll also discuss the establishment of a body on Tortola, to run the league. I would also like to see more youth development programs and academies established."

Victor said the boiling point came after there was no 2023 season in which teams and sponsors had heavily invested. He noted that the Virgin Gorda affiliate Summer Jam held a league but there was

nothing on Tortola. "The reason why their basketball community is so vibrant is because they have an association there and we don't have an established association on Tortola to run the league," he noted. "All this will be discussed at the meeting so we can have this fluidity of having basketball throughout the territory."

While Island Sun Sports was unable to contact BVIBF president Dereck Varlack, vice president Jason Edwin said that the officers' term was to end during the COVID-19 pandemic, but FIBA had given the federation a grace period.

During that time, the BVIBF decided to hold a District League, which was held in 2021 and 2022, and a registration fee and membership fees for clubs were included. The federation was also seeking persons interested in running the league, to no avail.

Edwin said that once it was time to hold discussions on an election, the meetings ended with arguments as there were differing views on who was eligible to vote, despite teams paying membership fees. This, he said, ended up turning into propaganda on the street.

"When we set meetings to clear it up, they didn't come off," Edwin said. "The General Secretary prepared the documents verifying



*BVI Basketball Federation action has been dormant since the championship game in July 2022*

who would be eligible to vote as per the constitution, but no election ever came off."

Following Victor's appearance on Thursday's Sports Beat Magazine program on January 25, the following day Varlack messaged Island Sun Sports, that elections were scheduled for Friday, Feb. 9. However, both Victor and Edwin

confirmed that Varlack was not authorized to set an election date and must abide by a ruling from the CBC, which will be communicated via the BVI Olympic Committee. Communication within the federation has been another challenge, resulting in its dysfunctional state and no organized activities.

## Six shutouts highlight Women and Men's weekend Football play

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

### FOOTBALL

Starting with the Women's game on Saturday and ending on Sunday with Virgin Gorda United's 7-0 rout of Lion Heart, every weekend game ended in a whitewash.

Eva Carey had a brace with goals in the 35th and a penalty kick in the 67th sandwiched between a Zolita Bramford 53rd minute strike, as the Wolues women blanked their Rebels counterpart in Greenland on Saturday night. Wolues led 1-0 at halftime.

Immediately following that game, Islanders used an Oswort Holder quadruple, a hat trick and two

braces, to trash Old Madrid, 14-0.

Holder found the net in the 3rd, 13th, 23rd and 76th. Antonio Rodney's hat trick came from goals in the 37th, 50th and 59th. Sheldon Harry's successive goals in the 40th and 41st, had given Islanders a 6-0 halftime advantage.

Old Madrid's Jessie Caine picked up a yellow card in the 34th, team official Dion "Ragga" Clarke in the 39th and Egbert Isaac two yellow cards. He will sit out the next game.

On Sunday, Positive failed to field a squad after a 30 minute extension and forfeited to One Love, 3-0.

Visiting Virgin Gorda United then closed out play on Tortola by shutting out Lion Heart, 7-0, after a 2-0 halftime edge.

Jaadon Quashie opened the scoring in the 4th minute then completed his brace with a strike in the 53rd. Devante Samuel scored from a penalty kick in the 10th as they led

into the break. T'Khoi Richardson resumed the scoring in the 58th, Joel Mars added to the score in the 59th, with other goals coming from Kijuan Nimblett in the 72nd and Thomas "Manly" Albert completed the score line four minutes later.

Lion Heart's Denlyn Mitchell was yellow carded in the 10th minute for a reckless tackle and Janel Ferdinand also was shown a yellow card in the 89th for his unsportsmanlike behavior. VG United's Coach Richie Morton was given a yellow card in the 85th for dissent.

On Virgin Gorda, Kyla Flax scored in the 8th and had another in the 31st, as VG United Women bested Positive, 2-0.

Sugar Boys got first half goals from Derrol Redhead in the 15th and Roshad Boyce in the 31st, as they beat the Wolues, 2-0. Wolues' Abner Villanueva and Colm Edwards, had 89th minute cautions.



*Wolues' Eva Carey, left, defended by Rebels' Jacinta "JaJa" Weeks, kicked of a weekend of shutouts with two goals*



# SPORTS



20 runners take off in the Mourant Ring of Fire in Brewers Bay, one of three tune up races for the April 20, Tortola Torture



Rebels Goalkeeper Deanna Williams, reacts to a goal being scored



Islanders McTair James, center, is sandwiched by Old Madrid's Jackson Rigobert, left and teammate Kenmore Peters

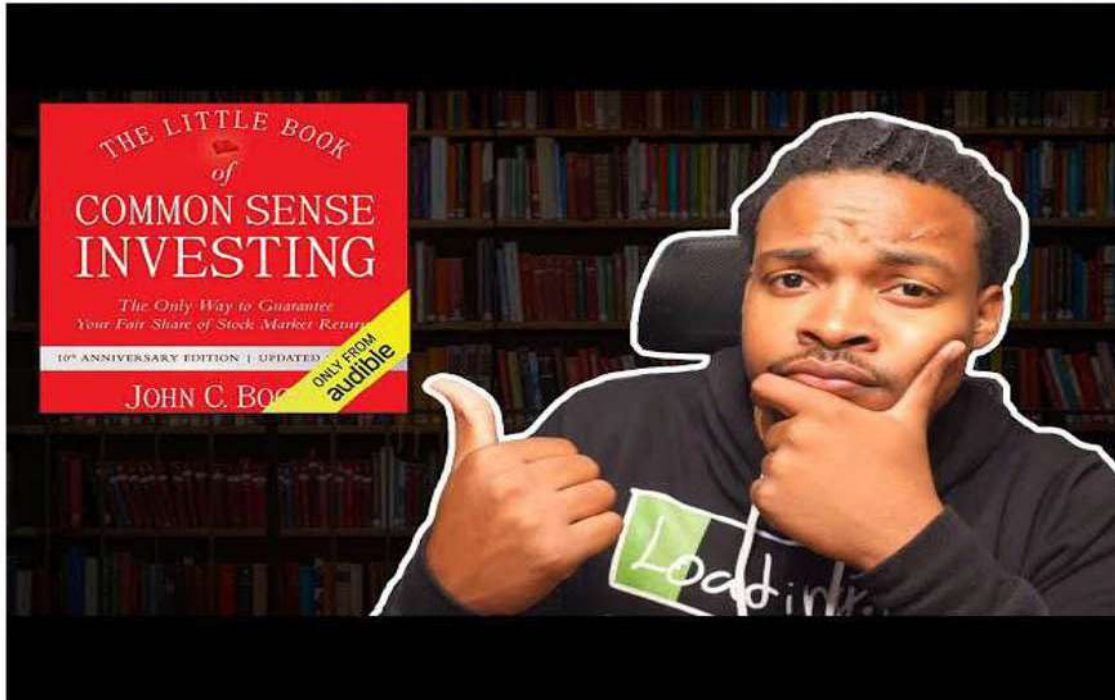


VI Archers from the Sharp Shooters Club, are off to the Las Vegas Shootout.  
L-R: Ava Ghiorse, Kasadiyah Baird, Valentine Zahrebelnyj, Ritseeniyah Georges & Xavier Buxo



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

The Internet has made it incredibly easy for scammers to operate. It

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### **BE CAUTIOUS OF COMPANIES THAT TELL YOU THEYLL TRADE FOR YOU ON THE INTERBANK MARKET.**

The interbank market is a term for a loose network of currency traders that include banks, financial institutions and large corporations. Fraudulent currency trading firms often tell customers that theyll trade for them on the interbank market where the prices are better. It should be a warning signal to you to stay away.

While technically not scams, you should also be wary of paying good money for training courses that promise you systems that are guaranteed to earn you high profits. If the course advertises that their system will earn you huge profits with minimal risk, or guarantee you 40% return on your money in six weeks, take the promises with a huge grain of salt. Experienced traders understand that the forex market is a time market while its possible to make large amounts of money in short-term trades, finding those profitable trades is a matter of being in the right place at the right time which means putting in the time and the effort to be there.

They also understand that theyll lose more often than they win the trick is to keep your losses short and your profits long. Any company that guarantees that youll make a profit on all or most of your profits is coloring their advertising. Stick with trusted companies whose credentials you can verify and whose background you can check.



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

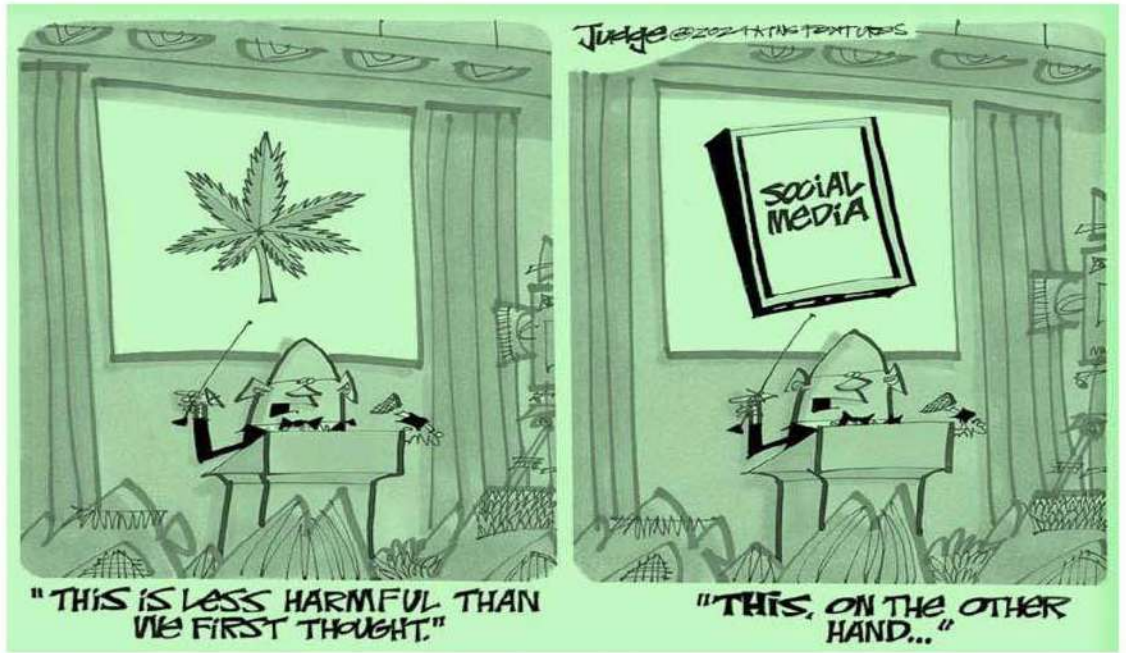


**GRIN and BEAR IT** Wagner

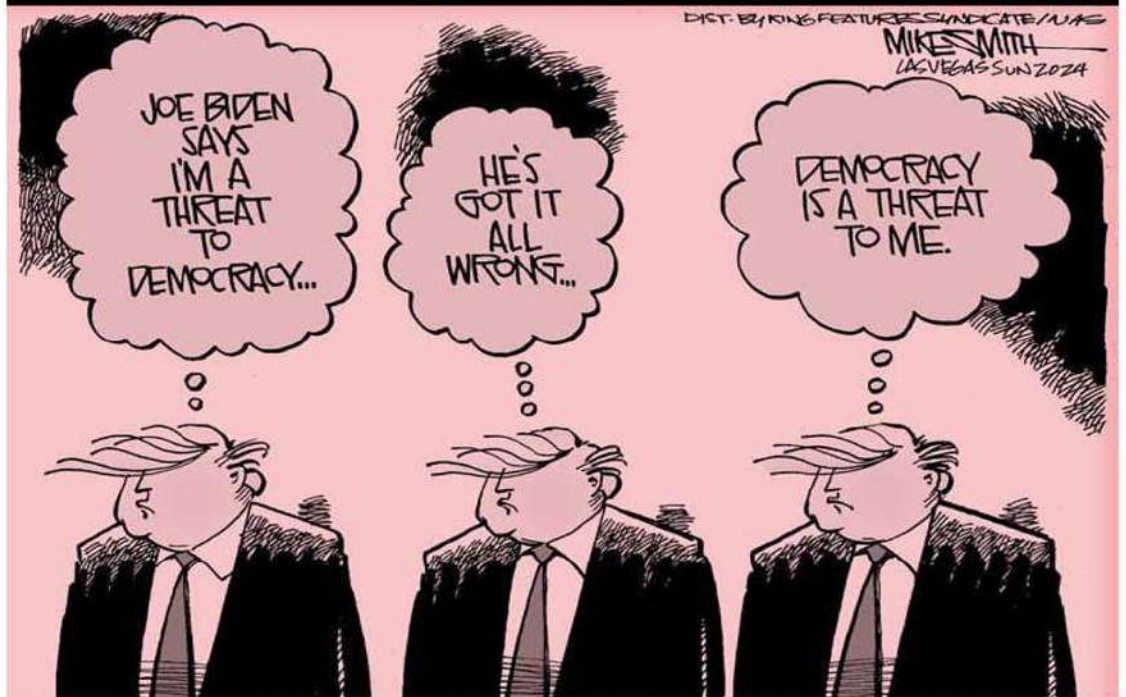


"Oh, WE'RE fine, but our spouses need some counseling."

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THE WEDDING FEAST OF PRINCESS AURA AND PRINCE BARIN.

I'VE WORKED IN THE PALACE SINCE I WAS A CUB, BUT THERE WAS NEVER THIS... ENERGY.

THIS HOPE.

I THINK I MAY BE SEEING THE START OF SOMETHING WONDERFUL.



I HAVEN'T EVEN FINISHED POURING THE WINE BEFORE MING II BARGES INTO THE RECEPTION.

HE CHALLENGES HIS SISTER'S CLAIM TO THE THRONE -- AND QUESTIONS HER HONOR.



THE ALIEN FLASH GORDON DEMANDS MING'S SON ANSWER FOR HIS INSULTS--

BUT THEN RONAL -- BARIN'S COUSIN, CONSORT TO QUEEN FRIA -- FORCES THEM APART.



MING II SNEERS BACK AT US AS HE LEAVES.

HE SAYS HE HAS ALLIES.

AND AURA'S REIGN WILL BE SHORT.



HIS WORDS ECHO IN MY EARS AS I WALK TO THE WINE CELLAR.

I THINK OF THIS PEACE DYING AT HIS HANDS...



SUDDENLY, ALL MY THOUGHTS STOP.

MY EYES CUT CLEAR THROUGH THE DARKNESS, AND I SEE...

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FLASH GORDON, THE HERO OF AURA'S REVOLUTION,

FLECKED WITH BLOOD.

STANDING OVER THE LIFELESS BODY OF THE SON OF MING.

NEXT: CONFESS, FLASH!!

### Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



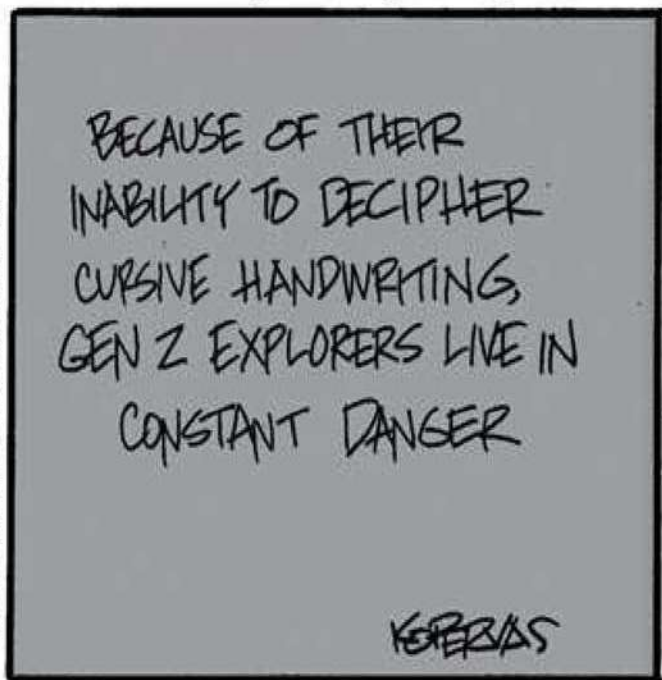
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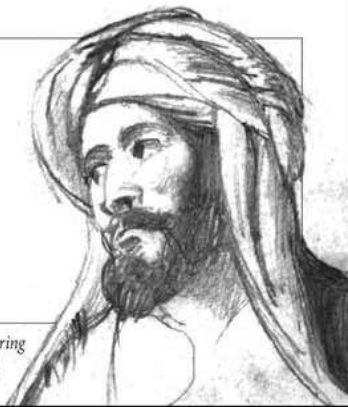


## THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

*I put on righteousness,  
and it clothed me;  
My justice was like a robe  
and a turban.*

JOB 29:14

Detail of "Four sketches of the head of a man wearing a turban" by Solomon Alexander Hart (1857)



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DONNA ERICKSON'S  
**BEST BITES**



Get a Boost With  
No-Bake Peanut Butter  
Protein Energy Balls

Kids just know how to have fun, especially on those mornings when they wake up to news of school closing due to extreme weather conditions. A day without a rushed agenda is completely theirs to create, play, read and cook!

On a recent subzero snow day, sisters Mary and Izzy Toth discovered the magical time of a free day by building a basement fort over tables and furniture and reading stories with flashlights in their cozy spaces. When time came to crawl out of their imaginative "far away" world for a snack upstairs, they decided to create their own treat.

With Grandma Mary on the sidelines, they rummaged through her kitchen and scooped uncooked oatmeal into a bowl, stirred in peanut butter until it was at a "just right consistency," added a dash of cinnamon spice, then rolled the concoction into bite-sized balls. After chilling them for a few minutes to firm them up, the girls poked toothpicks in each one and arranged them with mandarin oranges on plates. "They came up with a pretty healthy snack without any coaching from me," said Mary.

As the girls discovered, when good peanut butter is the base, the options are endless for no-bake snacks that come together in minutes. Here's a more complex, yet easy-to-make combination of ingredients for protein energy balls with peanut butter that my friend Mary Clapp, certified nutrition coach and personal trainer, came up with for on-the-go snacking and an extra boost during her day.

I make mine with natural or vanilla whey protein powder and add unsweetened cocoa powder. She uses natural, chocolate-flavored whey protein powder. Either way, after you mix and roll them in coconut, you'll discover a tasty cookie-like treat that is full of energy-boosting ingredients.

NO-BAKE PEANUT BUTTER  
PROTEIN ENERGY BALLS

Makes 20-22 energy balls

- 1/4 cup water
- 1/2 cup creamy peanut butter or almond butter
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1/2 cup uncooked steel cut oats
- 3/4 cup natural or vanilla whey protein powder
- 2 tablespoons natural unsweetened cocoa powder
- 3 tablespoons unsweetened shredded coconut



Mix all ingredients except the coconut in a bowl. Spoon coconut in a separate bowl.

Scoop a tablespoon of the mixture and roll it into a ball with your hands. Gently roll the ball in the coconut and set in a storage container. Refrigerate for 15 minutes, then serve.

Store in refrigerator. Freezes well.

**Alternative Idea:** Use 3/4 cup chocolate-flavored whey protein powder in lieu of plain or vanilla and omit cocoa powder.

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# Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

• Ever wonder why your kitty tries to play or even fight with its own reflection in a mirror? Animal specialists believe felines don't realize that their image isn't another animal because it has no scent.

• And speaking of scent, the Odeuropa research project has created an online encyclopedia dedicated to the history of smells.

• Vomitoriums in ancient Rome weren't actually spaces for gastronomic feasting and purging, but an architectural feature in stadiums that allowed for more efficient crowd exits.

• Null Island gets its curious moniker from its coordinates: zero degrees latitude and zero degrees longitude. It also doesn't exist, but is the result of a common error in GIS data.

• ChatGPT can easily be convinced it's wrong, even when it's right.

• Irving Berlin dedicated all royalties from "God Bless America" to a fund of the same name, specifically for the benefit of such youth organizations as the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts in New York City. To date, more than \$10 million has been raised.

• Researchers at Dublin City University found that soccer goalkeepers process both visual and auditory cues more efficiently than other players, as well as non-players, which could be the clue to their speedy reactions during games.

• By 2027, Sweden plans to boast a city made entirely of wood.

• The last U.S. conviction for blasphemy went to atheist activist Charles Lee Smith in 1928, after he rented a Little Rock, Arkansas, storefront and put a sign in the window reading: "Evolution Is True. The Bible's a Lie. God's a Ghost." Because, as an atheist, he couldn't swear the court's usual oath to tell the truth, he also couldn't testify in his own defense.

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**Thought for the Day:** "If people are doubting how far you can go, go so far that you can't hear them anymore." — Michele Ruiz

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# celebrity extra

by Dana Jackson

**Q:** Is that Demi Moore I see in the new "Feud" series? Is this her first acting role since she deserted Hollywood a few years ago? — K.H.

**A:** When Demi Moore ("Indecent Proposal") and her husband at the time, actor Bruce Willis ("Die Hard"), started their family in the late 1980s, they would eventually escape Los Angeles for the peaceful mountain town of Hailey, Idaho. They had three daughters, but ended up splitting a decade later. Moore stayed in Idaho and took a break from acting, especially after starring in back-to-back box-office disappointments — "Striptease" and "G.I. Jane."

When Moore tried to ease back into acting, the roles were few and far between. In an interview with Red magazine back in 2007, Moore said that "there aren't that many good roles for women over 40. A lot of them don't have much substance, other than being someone's mother or wife."

But if you look at Moore's list of credits, there really isn't that much of a gap between projects. She has had numerous roles over the past two decades; it's just that they're not very high-profile.

Her autobiography, "Inside Out," was published in 2019. During the pandemic, she quarantined in Idaho with her girls and Willis. It was eventually revealed that Willis was suffering from a neurological disorder. He and Moore remain close, along with Willis' current wife, Emma.

Now Moore is part of a terrific ensemble group of women over 40 in the new FX series "Feud: Capote vs. The Swans," based on a true story set in the 1960s. Moore plays one of the socialites that author Truman Capote ("In Cold Blood") betrayed in a tell-all book. Molly Ringwald ("Sixteen Candles"), Naomi Watts and Calista Flockhart co-star, with Tom Hollander playing Capote.

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**Q:** Where have I seen football commentator Kyle Brandt before? I read that he was on the MTV reality show "The Real World," but I didn't watch that. He looks familiar to me. — Z.I.

**A:** Kyle Brandt, one of the hosts of "Good Morning Football" on the



Depositphotos

**Demi Moore (Upcoming in "Feud: Capote vs. The Swans")**

NFL Network, was part of "The Real World: Chicago" on MTV in 2001. My guess is that you recognize him from his brief acting career where he played Philip Kiriakis on "Days of Our Lives" from 2003-06.

He's definitely found what he's good at, which is talking about football. His high-energy, hilarious segment called "Angry Runs," in particular, will definitely jolt you awake on "Good Morning Football" weekday mornings.

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**Q:** Is "Bridgerton" returning to Netflix anytime soon? I've read all the books, so I know there is more story to tell. — B.P.

**A:** Yes, "Bridgerton" will be back on Netflix on May 16 with part 1 of the third season. The second part of the season will premiere on June 13.

New cast members include Daniel Francis ("Once Upon a Time") and Sam Phillips ("The Crown"). Phoebe Dynevor, who starred as Daphne in the first two seasons, will be sitting this one out, but hopes that her character will return in the future.

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happens while you  
are busy making  
other plans.

John Lennon

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# HOLLYWOOD

by Tony Rizzo

**HOLLYWOOD** — Becoming famous has its drawbacks. Two-time Irish Film and Television Award winner **Jamie Dornan** became a fan favorite as Christian Grey in “Fifty Shades of Grey” (2015), “Fifty Shades Darker” (2017) and “Fifty Shades Freed” (2018). But with that kind of adoration can come unexpected problems. Dornan told *The Independent*, “I had a situation ... a stalker-type situation before COVID. ... Someone turned up at my house when my kids were there.”

The incident scared him so much that he became secretive and withdrew in many ways. “The more I can block that out,” he confessed, “the better it is for me and the family!” It forced him to pull back and change up his approach with his career by slowing things down and becoming more guarded and selective. The notoriety and serial implications that went with the “Fifty Shades” trilogy attracted some savory, obsessed fans.

Since “Fifty Shades,” he’s scored with “Belfast” (2021) and his last film, “A Haunting in Venice” (2023). He will soon be seen in season two of the British series “The Tourist,” which will drop on Feb. 29 on Netflix. No word yet on season three.

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**Ryan Reynolds** is starring in the live-action/animated fantasy-comedy “IF,” produced by **John Krasinski**, who also wrote, directed and starred in the film. It follows a young girl who has the ability to see people’s imaginary friends, referred to as “IFs.”

The film captures the voices of **Steve Carell**, **Phoebe Waller-Bridge**, **Louis Gossett Jr.**, **Emily Blunt**, **Matt Damon**, **Maya Rudolph**, **Jon Stewart**, **Sam Rockwell**, **Sebastian Maniscalco**, **Christopher Meloni**, **Richard Jenkins**, **Awkwafina** and **Vince Vaughn**. Paramount Pictures will release it in theaters on May 17.

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From seeing imaginary friends to seeing aliens! Writer/director and veteran cinematographer **Richard**



Jamie Dornan in “Fifty Shades Darker” (2017)

**Bakewell** has rounded up some great veteran actors from the ‘80s to costar in “Roswell Delirium.” Based in 1986, the screenplay is about a young woman who believes she can contact aliens that can help cure the after-effects of a nuclear disaster.

To get you in the ‘80s mood, Bakewell has cast **Anthony Michael Hall** (“The Breakfast Club”), **Dee Wallace** (“E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial”), **Sam J. Jones** (“Flash Gordon”), **Reginald VelJohnson** (“Family Matters”) and **Lisa Whelchel** (“The Facts of Life”) to support the film’s young star, **Kylee Levien** (“Emily Ever After”). It drops on Netflix on March 15.

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**Tom Cruise**, 61, is reportedly dating Russian model **Elsina Khayrova**, 36. Khayrova is a mother of two who was formally married to a Russian oligarch close to **Vladimir Putin** for a decade. Now a British citizen living in London, she and Cruise have been seen around Blighty, but somehow, she doesn’t seem to fit the love profile of our “Top Gun!”

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## Defining Hashimoto’s Thyroiditis and Finding Out How to Treat It

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** Please explain Hashimoto’s disease. I have heard that it is rare, but two colleagues have recently been diagnosed. We all work in a very high-stress field. — *J.H.*

**ANSWER:** Hashimoto’s thyroiditis is not at all a rare disease. It occurs in up to 10% of the population and much more frequently in women than men. Although people can be diagnosed at a young age, it is more common at older ages. It is caused by an autoimmune reaction to different parts of the thyroid, with thyroglobulin and thyroid peroxidase antibodies commonly found. TSH receptor antibodies are found on occasion.

Hashimoto’s thyroiditis most commonly causes low thyroid levels, although there may be a period of time early in the disease where thyroid levels are high. Not everybody with antibodies will develop low thyroid levels. The thyroid is sometimes enlarged, but a careful exam will usually show that the gland is firm, showing that immune cells have infiltrated the gland.

Treatment of Hashimoto’s thyroiditis involves replacing the thyroid hormone that the gland can no longer make. The dose depends on body size to a certain extent, but needs to be adjusted based on lab results. Most people are treated with levothyroxine, also called T4, which is the primary hormone made by the thyroid.

T4 is converted to T3 (also called triiodothyronine, the active form of the hormone) in various tissues outside the

thyroid. T3 only stays in the body for a short while before it is destroyed, so a once-daily treatment with T4, which lasts longer, allows the body to convert T4 to T3.

Most people do very well with T4 treatment. A minority of people cannot efficiently make the active T3 form, in which case-combination treatment can be considered. Unfortunately, T3 must be dosed twice daily.

It is thought that stress hormones play a role, since stress does seem to increase the risk of developing an autoimmune thyroid disease like Hashimoto’s.

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**DEAR DR. ROACH:** Huntington’s disease runs in my family; my brother and sister started having symptoms in their early 60s. I am 80 and don’t have any symptoms. Can I assume that I don’t have it? I hear testing can be expensive. Are there any organizations that test for free? — *S.B.*

**ANSWER:** Huntington’s is a progressive, degenerative neurological disease that causes abnormal body movements, psychiatric changes and dementia. The movement disorder, called chorea, is the first symptom. It can begin very slowly, and people may not be aware of it. A careful exam can show the characteristic findings. A movement disorder specialist is the ideal person to see in this case.

It would be very unusual to begin having symptoms at, or after, the age of 80, so it is very likely that you do not have the disease if you don’t have any symptoms and have received a normal exam by an expert.

Testing should be performed only after careful consideration and counseling by an expert such as a genetic counselor. According to the Huntington’s Disease Society of America (see [tinyurl.com/HDgeneticstesting](http://tinyurl.com/HDgeneticstesting)), testing can cost between \$315-\$1,500, but it is often covered by insurance. Free testing may be available as part of a research study.

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

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## HIGHEST-GROSSING MOVIES OF 2023

1. Barbie
2. The Super Mario Bros. Movie
3. Oppenheimer
4. Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3
5. Fast X
6. Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse
7. The Little Mermaid
8. Mission: Impossible – Dead Reckoning Part One
9. Elemental
10. Ant-Man and the Wasp: Quantumania

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# RED SEA CRISIS: HOUTHJI ATTACKS RAISING PRICES WORLDWIDE

By Sir Ronald Sanders

*The writer is Antigua and Barbuda's Ambassador to the US and the OAS. He is also the current President of the OAS Permanent Council. The views expressed are entirely his own.*

Up until a few weeks ago, the Red Sea and Yemen held little significance for the peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean. However, an unexpected turn of events thrust these regions into the spotlight—the relentless attacks on commercial shipping by a group known as the “Houthis.” Emerging from global obscurity, the Houthis have become central to headline news worldwide.

## HOUTHJI ATTACKS DRIVING UP PRICES FOR GOODS

The Houthi assaults severed vital shipping routes by blocking access to the Suez Canal, a critical link connecting the Red Sea to the Mediterranean, representing a staggering 15 percent of global trade. These attacks have propelled shipping costs to unprecedented levels—data from the London-based Drewry Shipping Consultants reveals that the average global price for a 40-foot container has more than doubled in the past month.

Furthermore, the World Trade Organization reported a staggering 40 percent decline in wheat shipments through the Suez Canal in the first half of January. Faced with this disruption, companies are re-routing fleets away from the Red Sea, opting for the Cape of Good Hope route around South Africa. However, the journey takes 10 days longer, further increasing costs.

## NO REGION OF THE WORLD IS IMMUNE

While Europe, Africa, and the Middle East directly bear the brunt of trade disruptions from the conflict, the global turmoil poses risks for all, including the Caribbean. Intertwined global transportation, with rising shipping costs, idle warehouses, and disrupted container schedules, initiates a ripple effect, impacting prices universally.

Additionally, the global stock

market's speculative nature further contributes to rising prices. Notably, in mid-January, heightened risks in the Red Sea led to a surge in oil prices to \$80 per barrel.

The Caribbean, already grappling with elevated costs from the COVID-19 pandemic and the Russian-Ukrainian conflict, is not immune to the recent price hikes. Prolonged disruption by the Houthis, far from a distant concern, directly affects the Caribbean, impacting the pockets of people across the region.



## WHO ARE THE HOUTHIS: WHY ARE THEY ATTACKING SHIPPING

The problem is the Houthis have no self-serving interest to stop. The Houthis are a political and military organization in Yemen, a country located in the southern end of the Arabian Peninsula. It is bordered by Saudi Arabia to the north and Oman to the northeast. Significantly, it overlooks the Red Sea at its narrowest point - a 20-mile strait of water - before it plunges into the Arabian sea. It is from this vantage point that the Houthis have been attacking ships since the conflict between Hamas and Israel in Gaza began in November 2023.

The Houthi Organization controls most parts of Yemen, including the capital. They have been at war with a military coalition, organised and supported by Saudi Arabia for 10 years. The Organization is supported by the Government of Iran for two reasons. The first is that Iran rivals Saudi Arabia for regional dominance; Yemen is a proxy for the wider competition. The rivalry is exacerbated by religious differences - Iran is largely Shia Muslim, while Saudi Arabia is Sunni Muslim.

The second reason for Iran support of the Houthis is the conflict between Israel and Hamas over Gaza. Israel and Iran and sworn enemies, and Iran is believed to be financing the Houthis to attack ships serving ports in Israel. But what started out as an attempt to inflict damage on Israel in support of the Palestinian cause, has spread into attacking ships belonging to the US, the UK and other Western nations regarded as allies of Israel.

## THE UN RESPONSE

On January 10, 2024, the United



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Nations Security Council attempted to address the issue by passing a resolution, condemning the Houthi attacks on shipping. But the resolution, while adopted, exposed serious divisions among the 5 veto-nations on the Council. The US, UK and France voted in favour, Russia and China abstained. Both Russia and China linked their abstention to the consequences of Israel's military operations in Gaza that have now lasted for more than 3 months, resulting in more than 25,000 people being killed.

## SITUATION ABOUT TO WORSEN

Recent US and UK airstrikes across Yemen, directed at Houthi operations, prompted a Houthi demand for the expulsion of all US and UK UN and humanitarian staff within a month. Whether this demand hints at further retaliatory actions against the US and UK remains uncertain.

Meanwhile, the Houthis lack an incentive to cease attacks on Western-owned ships, as their actions in Yemen, purportedly in support of Palestine, have bolstered their popularity, diverting attention from the Organization's failure to provide basic services to the Yemeni people.

Both the US and UK governments are facing general elections this year. Wars - even small ones - have the tendency to rally national support behind governments, particularly if they claim that the involvement in conflict is to provide economic benefits or enhance national power. Thus, the US and UK governments also have domestic political reasons to intensify their military response to the Houthis, in the hope that it will build their political capital.

## NO PROSPECTS FOR AN EARLY END

The ongoing disruptions underscore the urgency for nations to unite in diplomatic efforts, prioritizing humanitarian concerns, and seeking enduring solutions to restore stability. However, given all the vested interests at play, no such thing will happen. Therefore, the prospect is real of a prolonged disruption of shipping. Countries around the world need to prepare for higher prices. And, once again, small states, through no fault of their own, will be the victims of events in which they play no part.



# PUBLIC NOTICES

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

**CHARMED-SOUL CORPORATION**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1545694

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from January 26th, 2024.

Dated: January 26th, 2024

(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**

Voluntary Liquidator

[36/1]

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

**MOONGAZER LIMITED**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1545683

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from January 26th, 2024.

Dated: January 26th, 2024

(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**

Voluntary Liquidator

[36/2]

**GRUSS GOTT LTD**

Company No. 1928097  
(in voluntary liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given, in accordance with the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the above named company, is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on January 24, 2024 and **Paula Ajaric of Lot 24 de Castro Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands VG1110** is the voluntary liquidator.

(SGD.) **Paula Ajaric**

**Paula Ajaric**

Voluntary Liquidator

Dated: January 17, 2024

[36/3]

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

**CLASSIC NAVIGATOR INTERNATIONAL LIMITED**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 618373

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 24th day of January, 2024. The liquidator is **Philippa V O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: 24th day of January 2024

(Sgd.) **Philippa V O'Sullivan**

Voluntary Liquidator

[36/4]

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

**TROPICAL INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENTS LTD.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company Number: 428137

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 24 January 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 January 2024

**Rachael Pape**

For and on behalf of Anton Goldstein and Rachael Pape

As Joint Liquidators

[36/5]

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

**AVA Corporate Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company Number: 2112052

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 24 January 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 January 2024

**Rachael Pape**

For and on behalf of Anton Goldstein and Rachael Pape

As Joint Liquidators

[36/6]

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

**ZENOA LIMITED**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 2029704

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

Dated: January 26th, 2024

(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**

Voluntary Liquidator

[36/7]

**NOTICE**

**BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT**

**DERSAR HOLDINGS LTD.**

("the Company")  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 25th January, 2024; under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidator is:-  
**Joan Johnson**  
Nerine Chambers  
P.O. Box 905 Quastisky Building  
Road Town, Tortola, VG 1110  
British Virgin Islands

[36/8]

**NOTICE**

**BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT**

(NO. 16 OF 2004)

**AutoFlightX Holdings Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 23th day of January, 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

[36/9]

**NOTICE**

**BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT**

(NO. 16 OF 2004)

**Pulchritude Kunlun Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 24th day of January, 2024, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.

The Liquidator is:-

**Wayne S. Francis**

of c/o Sertus Chambers,

P.O. Box 905, Quastisky Building,

Road Town, Tortola VG 1110,

British Virgin Islands

[36/10]

**NOTICE**

**BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT**

(NO. 16 OF 2004)

**SEQUOIA GRAND LIMITED**

("the Company")  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 14th December, 2023; under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.

The Liquidator is:-

**Joan Johnson**

Nerine Chambers

P.O. Box 905 Quastisky Building

Road Town, Tortola, VG 1110

British Virgin Islands

[36/11]

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

**CPS Holding Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 2061277

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 29th January 2024.

Dated: 29th January 2024.

(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**

Voluntary Liquidator

[36/12]

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

**ZARMIA TRADING LTD**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1633852

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

Dated: January 29th, 2024

(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**

Voluntary Liquidator [36/13]

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

**Ventura Victoria Part Ltd.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1888635

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 29th day of May 2023. The Liquidator is **Ray A. George of Long Trench, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated this 29th day of May 2023

**Ray A. George**

Voluntary Liquidator

[36/14]

**NOTICE**

**BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT**

(NO. 16 OF 2004)

**Success Bright Holdings Ltd.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 22nd day of January, 2024, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.

The Liquidators is: -

**Wayne Francis**

Of Nerine Chambers,

Road Town, Tortola

British Virgin Islands

[36/15]

**NOTICE**

**BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT**

(NO. 16 OF 2004)

**Powerlift Pump Industry Co., Ltd**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 24th day of January, 2024, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.

The Liquidators is:-

**Joan Johnson**

Nerine Chambers,

Quastisky Building

Road Town, Tortola,

British Virgin Islands

VG 1110

[36/16]

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

**Dan Thai Real Estate Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1007774

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 30th January, 2024.

Dated: 30th day of January 2024

(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**

Voluntary Liquidator

[36/17]

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

**THYBO STABLE FUND LTD.**

Company Number: 1041499

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 38(7) of the Financial Services Commission Act (the "Act") that the Company intends to make an application to the Financial Services Commission for the cancellation of its professional mutual fund licence under Section 38(1)(c) of the Act as the Company shall shortly cease to have any investors.

Dated: 30 January 2024

[36/18]

**NOTICE**

**BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT**

(NO. 16 OF 2004)

**Great Lakes Property Inc.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 24th day of January, 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

[36/19]

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

**Batten Global International Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1975366

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 29th day of January, 2024.

Dated: 29th January, 2024.

(Sgd.) **Philippa V.O'Sullivan**

Voluntary Liquidator

[36/20]



# PUBLIC NOTICES

**Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act**  
**DARBY INTERTRADING INC.**  
 (IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)  
 Company No. 1603622  
 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 29th January 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 29th January 2024  
 (Sgd.) **Myron Walwyn**  
 Voluntary Liquidator  
 [36/21]

**Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act**  
**JETMA HOLDING S.A.**  
 (IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)  
 Company No. 1573638  
 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 29th January 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 29th January 2024  
 (Sgd.) **Myron Walwyn**  
 Voluntary Liquidator  
 [36/22]

**Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act**  
**Patagonia Investments International Ltd.**  
 (IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)  
 Company No. 2077552  
 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 29th January 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 29th January 2024  
 (Sgd.) **Myron Walwyn**  
 Voluntary Liquidator  
 [36/23]

**Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act**  
**UVC Holdings Limited**  
 (IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)  
 Company No. 1660170  
 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 29th January 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 29th January 2024  
 (Sgd.) **Myron Walwyn**  
 Voluntary Liquidator  
 [36/24]

**Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act**  
**Vlab Capital Limited**  
 (IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)  
 Company No. 1861203  
 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 29th January 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 29th January 2024  
 (Sgd.) **Myron Walwyn**  
 Voluntary Liquidator  
 [36/25]

**Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act 2004**  
**RKD A Investment Holdings Limited**  
 (the "Company")  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 Company No. 2045100  
 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 January 26, 2024. The Liquidators is **Duana George-Mubangizi of Geneva Place, 2nd Floor, 333 Waterfront Drive Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**  
 Dated: January 30, 2024  
**Dauna George-Mubangizi**  
 Liquidator  
 [36/26]

**Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act 2004**  
**RKD Investment Holdings Limited**  
 (the "Company")  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 Company No. 1557324  
 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 January 26, 2024. The Liquidators is **Duana George-Mubangizi of Geneva Place, 2nd Floor, 333 Waterfront Drive Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**  
 Dated: January 30, 2024  
**Dauna George-Mubangizi**  
 Liquidator  
 [36/27]

**Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act**  
**BAMERY LIMITED**  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 Company No. 663504  
 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 29th January 2024. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**  
 Dated: January 30th, 2024  
 (Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**  
 Voluntary Liquidator  
 [36/28]

**Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004**  
**Eternal Light Holding Limited**  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 Company No. 2051652  
 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 29th January 2024.  
 Dated: 29th January 2024.  
 (Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**  
 Voluntary Liquidator  
 [36/29]

**Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004**  
**Glorious Regality Holding Limited**  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 Company No. 2052942  
 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 29th January 2024.  
 Dated: 29th January 2024.  
 (Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**  
 Voluntary Liquidator  
 [36/30]

**Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004**  
**GZT Holding Limited**  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 Company No. 1997224  
 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 30th December 2024.  
 Dated: 30th December 2024.  
 (Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**  
 Voluntary Liquidator  
 [36/31]

**Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.**  
**KOWITART LTD.**  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 Company No. 1810657  
 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 January 30, 2024. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean, with address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**  
 Dated: January 30, 2024.  
 (Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**  
 Voluntary Liquidator  
 [36/32]

**Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.**  
**ASIA SHINE INTERNATIONAL LIMITED**  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 Company No. 641477  
 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 January 30, 2024. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean, with address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**  
 Dated: January 30, 2024.  
 (Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**  
 Voluntary Liquidator  
 [36/33]

**Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Companies Act 2004**  
**Cusa Investments Ltd.**  
 (the "Company")  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 Company No. 1952995  
 NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from January 12, 2024.  
 Dated: 16 January 2024.  
**Meade Malone**  
 Liquidator  
 [36/34]

**Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Companies Act 2004**  
**Azor Investments Ltd.**  
 (the "Company")  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 Company No. 1952994  
 NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from January 12, 2024.  
 Dated: 16 January 2024.  
**Meade Malone**  
 Liquidator  
 [36/35]

**Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act. 2004**  
**LILAC INVEST LIMITED**  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 Company No. 1049797  
 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 30th day of January 2024. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**  
 Dated: 30th day of January 2024  
 (Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**  
 Voluntary Liquidator  
 [36/36]

**Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004**  
**ATech (BVI) Limited**  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 Company No. 2118441  
 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 30th day of January, 2024.  
 Dated: 30th January, 2024  
 (Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**  
 Voluntary Liquidator  
 [36/37]

**Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004**  
**UNIWISE Chemical Group Co., Ltd.**  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 Company No. 1707550  
 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 January 2024  
 Dated: 24th January 2024  
 (Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**  
 Voluntary Liquidator  
 [36/38]

**Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004**  
**Snowball Wealth Management Ltd.**  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 Company No. 2078592  
 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 January, 2024.  
 Dated: 24th January 2024  
 (Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**  
 Voluntary Liquidator  
 [36/39]

**Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.**  
**FREYKORD LIMITED**  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 Company No. 2091507  
 NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from January 30, 2024.  
 Dated: January 31, 2024  
 (Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**  
 Voluntary Liquidator  
 [36/40]

# PUBLIC NOTICES

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

**IN THE ESTATE OF JAMES ALEXANDER WALKER, DECEASED**

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to section 28 of the Trustee Act of the Laws of the Virgin Islands Revised Edition 1991 (Cap 303) that any person having a claim against or an interest in the estate of JAMES ALEXANDER WALKER, late of Apartment 902, The Legend Saladaeng, 77 Saladaeng Road, Silom, Bangrak, Bangkok 10500, Thailand, who died on the 19th day of September 2021 (the Deceased), is hereby required to send particulars in writing of his or her claim or interest to Harney Westwood & Riegels LP of Craigmuir Chambers, P. O. Box 71 Road Town, Tortola British Virgin Islands (Attention: Matthew Howson), the Solicitors acting for David John Benskin, Bruce Walker and Douglas Gregor White, the Executors of the Deceased's estate, and to send such particulars not later than the 29th day of March 2024 after which date the said Executors will distribute the estate among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice and will not, in respect to the property so distributed, be liable to any person of whose claim they shall not then have notice.

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

**IN THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL HUMPHREY  
TOLLEMACHE, DECEASED**

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to section 28 of the Trustee Act of the Laws of the Virgin Islands Revised Edition 1991 (Cap 303) that any person having a claim against or an interest in the estate of MICHAEL HUMPHREY TOLLEMACHE, late of Tollemache Hall, Offton, Ipswich, Suffolk IP8 4RT, United Kingdom, who died on the 15th day of March 2018 (the Deceased), is hereby required to send particulars in writing of his or her claim or interest to Harney Westwood & Riegels LP of Craigmuir Chambers, P. O. Box 71 Road Town, Tortola British Virgin Islands (Attention: Matthew Howson), the Solicitors acting for Gay Rosemary Denise O'Grady Tollemache and Duncan John Cullen Grant, the Executors of the Deceased's estate, and to send such particulars not later than the 29th day of March 2024 after which date the said Executors will distribute the estate among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice and will not, in respect to the property so distributed, be liable to any person of whose claim they shall not then have notice.

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**GRAND RITZ LIMITED**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company Number 1689010

NOTICE is here 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 31st day of January, 2024.  
Dated this 31st day of January, 2024  
*Sgd. Brian Jackson*

*Brian Jackson*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[36/41]

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

**YNP Investments LTD**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1611390

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 January 31st, 2024. The Liquidator is Nelcia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.  
Dated: January 31st, 2024  
*(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean*  
Voluntary Liquidator [36/42]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1642147

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 2nd day of January 2024. The Liquidator is Ray A. George of Long Trench, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG 1110.  
Dated this 2nd day of January 2024.

*Ray A. George*  
Voluntary Liquidator [36/43]

*Notice of Appointment of a Voluntary  
Liquidator under Section 204 (1) (b) of  
the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004.*  
**PERIGEE CAPITAL IN-  
VESTMENTS LTD.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1642057

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 2nd day of January 2024. The Liquidator is Ray A. George of Long Trench, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG 1110.  
Dated this 2nd day of January 2024

*Ray A. George*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[36/44]

**IN THE MATTER OF THE REGISTERED LAND ACT,  
CAP. 229 OF THE LAWS OF  
THE VIRGIN ISLANDS**

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER OF MOHAMED NAGY  
A. DARWISH  
AND REPUBLIC BANK (BVI) LIMITED**

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that in exercise of the power of sale conferred on the Chargee by the Registered land Act, Cap. 229 of the Laws of the Virgin islands and in right of the said power vested in REPUBLIC BANK (BVI) LIMITED, the Chargee by virtue of a certain Charge of the undermentioned land created by MOHAMED NAGY A. DARWISH as Chargor and REPUBLIC BANK (BVI) LIMITED as Chargee and registered in the Land Register of the Virgin Islands as an encumbrance in the register relating to the said land, REPUBLIC BANK (BVI) LIMITED will put up for sale by public auction at the office of McW. Todman & Co., Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands on Wednesday the 15th day of February 2024 at 3:00 p.m. the undermentioned parcel of land together with any improvements standing thereon with the upset price set at \$720,000.00.

ALL THAT piece of parcel of land together with the dwelling house thereon situate at Soldier Hill, Tortola, British Virgin Islands containing 0.544 of an acre and described in the Land Register of the Virgin Islands as Parcel #322 Lots 316 & 317 of Block #2538B of the West Central Registration Section.

Interested persons are asked to submit a sealed offer or provide a written notice confirming interest in the property and an intention to bid at the time of the Auction anytime up to 4:00 p.m. on 14 February 2024 to the office of McW. Todman & Co.

Notwithstanding anything contained in this notice or in any agreement or otherwise The Bank shall not be obligated to sell to the highest or any bidder at the said auction.

**A BID OR SEALED OFFER WHICH IS ACCEPTED BY THE BANK IS BINDING ON THE BIDDER AND THE BANK MAY BRING LEGAL PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE BIDDER TO ENFORCE THE AGREEMENT.**

Further particulars may be obtained on application to McW. Todman & Co. at Mail@mctodman.com, Telephone No. (284) 494 2810.

Dated the 23 January 2024.

**Sgd: McW. TODMAN & Co.**  
**McW. TODMAN & CO.**  
ATTORNEYS for

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# PUBLIC NOTICES

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

**VOLANTIS INTERNATIONAL LTD.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1642083

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 2nd day of January 2024. The Liquidator is **Ray A. George of Long Trench, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG 1110.** Dated this 2nd day of January 2024

**Ray A. George**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[36/45]

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

**Lawar International Ltd.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1495151

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 31st day of January 2024. The Liquidator is **Ray A. George of Long Trench, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG 1110.** Dated this 31st day of January 2024

**Ray A. George**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[36/46]

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

**Red Paradigm, Ltd**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1894358

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from the 26th day of January, 2024.

Dated: February 01, 2024  
(Sgd.) **Philippa V. O'Sullivan**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[36/47]

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

**Sunny Day Trading, Inc.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1894356

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from the 26th day of January, 2024.

Dated: February 01, 2024  
(Sgd.) **Philippa V. O'Sullivan**  
Voluntary Liquidator [36/48]

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

**DESTINEE HOLDINGS LIMITED**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1538965

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 January 31st, 2024. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: February 1st, 2024  
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[36/49]

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

**PETUNIA OVERSEAS LIMITED**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 225264

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. Voluntary liquidation commenced on February 1st, 2024. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: February 1st, 2024  
(Sgd.) **Nelcia St. Jean**  
Voluntary Liquidator [36/50]

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

**DURBERVILLE LIMITED**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 279787

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 1st day of February, 2024. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: 1st day of February 2024  
(Sgd.) **Philippa O'Sullivan**  
Voluntary Liquidator [36/51]

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT  
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
VIRGIN ISLANDS  
PROBATE NO: 0004 OF 2024

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In the Estate of **HE, HUIFANG (黃惠芳)** (also known as **HE, HUI-FANG**) late of Room 1501, No. 283, South Huijing Road, Wushan Street, Tianhe District, Guangzhou City, People's Republic of China, deceased

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **DU, WENYU (杜文字)** (also known as **DU WEN-YU**) of Room 1501, No. 283, South Huijing Road, Wushan Street, Tianhe District, Guangzhou City, People's Republic of China, for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who is the lawful and natural husband of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on 26 September 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: 23 January 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](mailto:Robert.Lindley@conyers.com)

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

BVIHPB 2024/0018

In the Estate of **YEVHENII ANATOLIIOVYCH LENG** late of Kyiv oblast, Kyiv-Sviatoshyn RV HU MVS, Ukraine, deceased

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **TANASHIENKO OKSANA PETRIVNA**, an Individual Entrepreneur for a Grant of Letters of Administration with Will Annexed of the above-named deceased who died on the 1st day of November, 2021 at Khodosivka Village, Obukhiv District, Kyiv Region, Ukraine, domiciled in Ukraine without revoking a will bearing 13th day of October, 2018 wherein the applicant is the sole beneficiary identified in the will of the deceased.

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 22nd day of January, 2024.

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

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## VI Government Seeks Feedback On Proposed Immigration Policy



Dr. the Hon. Natalio D. Wheatley

Premier Honourable Dr. Natalio Wheatley is inviting members of the public to submit feedback on the proposed Immigration Policy. In a statement yesterday, Premier Wheatley stated, "Today we unveil the final draft of the Government's new Immigration Policy, which is a testament to our collective vision and commitment to the sustainable development of the Territory.

This policy is the culmination of extensive consultations across our islands, embodying the voices and aspirations of our people."

The Premier explained that the policy's foundation is focused on creating a balance between economic growth, cultural integration and social stability. He further stated that the policy will not only recognise the invaluable contributions of immigrants to the Virgin Islands community, but will also safeguard the interests and heritage of Virgin Islanders.

Premier Wheatley said the new Immigration Policy proposes planning and decision making processes that will inform the sustainable management of statuses granted. He added that a careful

analysis of labour market needs, population density, and availability of resources will ensure balanced growth. This approach he said will allow for a more controlled and beneficial immigration process, contributing to the overall well-being and prosperity of the Virgin Islands.

The proposed policy and stakeholder report is now accessible on the Government's website. Persons are encouraged to submit their feedback to [mtcsd@gov.vg](mailto:mtcsd@gov.vg) by Friday, February 2.

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

## Ministry Of Health Launches New Monthly Newsletter

The Health Promotion Unit of the Ministry of Health and Social Development will be launching a monthly newsletter to promote health and wellbeing throughout the Territory.

The monthly newsletter will be issued on the second Monday of each month and will focus on mental, physical and emotional wellbeing and will assist residents in cultivating optimum health.

Public Health Officer Ms. Renee Leonard said, "We want to make sure that

the community has access to regular digestible education on health topics across various mediums and platforms. We started out with New Year's Resolutions, and we will look at chronic disease awareness information, as well as uplifting and positive tips for people to maintain health and balance emotionally, physically and spiritually."

The newsletter features monthly themes, a health tip of the month and other life-saving health information.

"We encourage people to look out for the newsletter as it will play a vital role in our information sharing strategy," Ms. Leonard said. She added, "I assure you that you will benefit tremendously from the contents of the newsletter and the knowledge and information shared will assist in better decision making, which will ultimately lead to more positive health outcomes."

Persons desirous of being a part of the Health and Wellbeing-WhatsApp Distribution List are asked to message the words "add me" to the telephone number 468-9981.

The Ministry of Health and Social Development is committed to improving the health of the people of the Virgin Islands.

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GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS  
 Ministry of Health and Social Development  
 Health Promotion Unit

# Health & Wellbeing NEWSLETTER

**NEW YEAR'S Resolutions**

**It will take 5% of us until February to return to our normal physical activity routines!**

**TIP of the MONTH** *Reminder*  
 Whatever change you wish to make, start small, keep it simple, make it regular (set up a reminder) and before you know it, it has become a habit!

Research has shown that consistently sitting for extended periods on a daily basis can have a detrimental impact on our heart health, potentially leading to an increased risk of cardiovascular disease (Laskowski, 2018).

For many people, the post-holiday period is a tough time - sitting down at a desk all day, and then going home to eat and watch TV...

It is food for thought, don't you think? Today, try to find something active that you can do at work to get started on the path to being more physically active while you are working. Why not take a 10-minute walk at lunchtime to get some extra steps? Make a small change today, and then turn it into a habit that you keep up throughout 2024.

**16 hours of sitting per day, compared to 4 hours, led to a significant increase in heart health risk.** While this may sound like a huge amount of time to sit down, it is actually surprisingly easy to achieve, especially during the holiday season (Henschel, Gorczyca and Chomistek, 2017).

Reference:  
 Henschel, B., Gorczyca, A. M., & Chomistek, A. K. (2017). Time Spent Sitting as an Independent Risk Factor for Cardiovascular Disease. *American Journal of Lifestyle Medicine*, 14(2), 204-205. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1559827617726452>

Laskowski, E. (2018). Sitting risks: How harmful is too much sitting? Retrieved from Mayo Clinic website: <https://www.mayoclinic.org/healthy-lifestyle/adult-health/expert-answers/sitting/faq-20058000>

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**Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act, 2004**  
**Midnight Consulting Limited**

In Voluntary Liquidation  
 Company No. 2064840  
 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 01 February, 2024.  
 Dated: 01st day of February, 2024  
 Sgd. Philippa V. O'Sullivan  
 Voluntary Liquidator  
 [36/52]

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

**EG REAL ESTATE CORP.**  
 In Voluntary Liquidation  
 Company No. 1996735  
 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 01 February, 2024.  
 Dated: 01st day of February, 2024  
 Sgd. Philippa V. O'Sullivan  
 Voluntary Liquidator  
 [36/53]

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

**Solution Finder Ltd**  
 In Voluntary Liquidation  
 Company No. 1920227  
 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 01 February, 2024.  
 Dated: 01st day of February, 2024  
 Sgd. Philippa V. O'Sullivan  
 Voluntary Liquidator  
 [36/54]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 Company No. 1454135  
 NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on February 1st, 2024. The Liquidator is Nelia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.  
 Dated: February 1st, 2024  
 (Sgd.) Nelia St. Jean  
 Voluntary Liquidator  
 [36/55]

**Bulletin Enumerators Needed For The Ongoing 2023 Census**

The Central Statistics Office (CSO) is requesting that persons who are interested in working as temporary Census Officers to submit applications. Application forms can be accessed at the Government of the Virgin Islands' official website, [www.bvi.gov.vg/employment-opportunities](http://www.bvi.gov.vg/employment-opportunities) and email them to [cso@gov.vg](mailto:cso@gov.vg) or submitted at the CSO's office. Persons can also collect application forms from the office located at the Raphael Stoutt Building, Wickham's Cay I, in Road Town Tortola. For additional information, contact the Central Statistics Office at 284-468-2175

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The Bitter End Yacht Club 2.0 has the following position available. Interested candidates must email resume to [kcharles@beyc.com](mailto:kcharles@beyc.com) or call 346-9763 for appointment.

**F&B Manager**

**Position Objective:** As the F&B Manager, you will fill a critical role in Bitter End Yacht Club's operations by working with the General Manager, Head Chef, F&B consultants, executive leadership and ownership to elevate the front of house service standards and guest experience to world-class levels.

**Main Duties and Responsibilities:**

- **Oversee all Front of the House activities for all dining and bar concepts**
- **Set steps of service and service standards that align with each concept and the Bitter End brand**
- **Oversee team scheduling, payroll, and other administrative duties necessary for the proper administration of the restaurants and bars.**
- **Evaluate restaurant and bar staffing needs to align with business volume needs**
- **Supervise service personnel, touch tables and oversee service during meal periods**
- **Implement a system of coordination between runners, servers, and kitchen staff to ensure timeliness and proper service to each guest**
- **Work closely with culinary leadership on menu development, specials and promotions**
- **Work with the home office to align all activities with the Bitter End brand and story and coordinate marketing and promotional activities**
- **Oversee, schedule and supervise all bar service staff to improve productivity and service to the guest**
- **Coordinate with the F&B consultants, partners and vendors to select beverage suppliers and coordinate purchasing and leverage product for promotions**
- **Adhere to and support all guidelines and regulations as stated in The Bitter End Yacht Club Employee Handbook**
- **Set the bar for world-class hospitality standards and ensure team members have the tools and training to meet the standards set.**
- **Engages as a Bitter End brand ambassador in communications, presentation and demeanor**

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## Social Development Department Are Recipients Of Eight Laptops



The Social Development Department is the recipient of eight laptop computers as it continues to forge partnerships with the private sector to diversify the scope of its offerings to its clients.

The laptops were recently donated by Deloitte British Virgin Islands to the Children and Family Support Services, in the Social Development Department, to allow students within their network to complete virtual learning and assignments.

Director Miss Laurel Freeman said this opportunity means clients, in this case children, whose parents cannot afford to purchase a laptop or have a computer at home, can have access to complete assignments.

Miss Freeman highlighted that some schools in the Territory now have electronic textbooks offerings, and this would help to alleviate some of the expenses that parents might face.

This donation is the second from Deloitte BVI. In 2021, the company donated 15 laptops to the department and Miss Freeman said the recipients are still in possession of the devices.

Miss Freeman said, "Partnership is all about community spirit. Of course, they are not aware of who our clients are, because that information is confidential, but we always report back to them, omitting the client's information, as to who got the laptop, the date, and the assigned social worker."

Director Freeman added that she

was grateful to the firm for the initiative in providing laptops to the children that are part of their clientele in the department.

She added, "Anyone else who would like to come on board to assist with this initiative, it doesn't have to necessarily be a laptop, it can be any other donation that you think children might need, or you can go directly to the school, but I believe we all have a responsibility to take care of our children."

The Ministry of Health and Social Development remains committed to forging and maintaining partnerships with the private sector to help facilitate the development and protection of the health and social well-being of the people of the Virgin Islands.

## CAPE AIR ANNOUNCES DIRECT SERVICE BETWEEN ST. THOMAS AND ANGUILLA

\*Flights Begin On March 8, 2024\*

The Valley, January 22, 2024 – The Hon. Minister of Tourism for Anguilla, Mr. Haydn Hughes and Cape Air President and CEO, Ms. Linda Markham are pleased to announce the reinstatement of direct air service between St. Thomas and Anguilla.

Beginning on Friday, March 8, 2024, Cape Air will operate a daily flight between Cyril E. King International Airport in St. Thomas and Clayton J. Lloyd International Airport in Anguilla. The flight schedule is optimally timed for connections at St. Thomas. Passengers can book their reservations now on [capeair.com](http://capeair.com) or by calling 1-800-CAPE-AIR. In addition, connecting itineraries are available on the websites of United Airlines, Delta Air Lines, and JetBlue Airways.

Hon. Haydn Hughes, Minister of Infrastructure, Communications, Housing, Utilities and Tourism for Anguilla stated, "As Minister of Aviation and Tourism, it gives me great pleasure to see the reinstatement of Cape Air's service between Anguilla and the USVI commencing on March 8th, 2024. Cape Air has served us well in the past and we are confident that the excellent service that they provide will continue. The ties between Anguilla and the USVI are deep and there is no doubt that this service will be welcomed by the Anguillians in the diaspora and those who wish to visit our respective destinations."

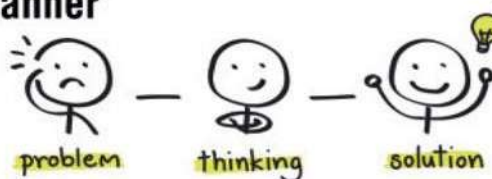
"Cape Air has been invested in the Caribbean region for over twenty-five years," said Linda Markham, President and CEO of Cape Air. "A significant portion of our business is focused on connecting island communities to hub cities and providing convenient access to flights on our partner carriers. We are grateful to be able to play a part in driving Anguilla's tourism economy," she added. "In addition, we are ever mindful of our important role in connecting the peoples of Anguilla and St. Thomas with their home islands."

Commissioner Joseph Boschulte, U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Tourism commented, "On behalf of the U.S. Virgin Islands we would like to congratulate Cape Air on the launch of daily non-stop service between St. Thomas to Anguilla. This expands our territory's regional connectivity and opens the door for increased inter-island visitation from neighboring countries throughout the Lesser Antilles."

Cape Air's Caribbean presence continues to expand with this daily service between St. Thomas and Anguilla. Cape Air has been offering affordable, convenient, frequent daily flights throughout the Caribbean since 1998. Cape Air operates the Cessna 402 aircraft which is a nine-passenger, low-wing, twin-engine aircraft exquisitely suited for inter-island flights. With its Caribbean hubs in San Juan and St. Thomas, Cape Air operates more than 80 daily flights to St. Thomas, St. Croix, Tortola, Vieques, Anguilla, Nevis, Mayaguez, Culebra, and Virgin Gorda.

## 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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## ILS Fiduciary (BVI) Limited (“ILS BVI”)

ILS BVI is currently seeking a **Compliance Officer and Money Laundering Reporting Officer**

### Key roles and responsibilities:

- Responsible for the local BVI compliance function and implementing and monitoring appropriate measures, procedures and internal controls to ensure the business is operating within the regulatory obligations and standards and assessing both the business and AML/CFT risks associated with client entities under administration
- Assisting the Board with the maintenance and updating of the Business Risk Policy and Register and assisting the Board with the Corporate Governance framework to ensure an appropriate framework is in place and effectiveness achieved.
- Review consultations and internal procedures to assist the Board and the Group Compliance function with implementing appropriate amendments to internal frameworks to ensure compliance with amended regulatory framework.
- Generally staying abreast of all regulatory updates, amendments and new laws and regulations relating to AML/CFT and associated matters and their application to the BVI Fiduciary Services industry. Identifying where changes and updates need to be introduced to internal procedures as a result of such matters and attending to the same in conjunction with the Group Compliance Manager.
- Responsible for assisting and ensuring the delivery and scheduling of Anti-Money Laundering training (online and face to face) including the administration of training and refresher programmes and assisting with the continuing professional development for staff to ensure it is in line with current procedures.
- Responsible for the maintenance of the relevant registers in accordance with the Regulatory Code and AML/CFT legislation and reporting to the Board and regulator as necessary.
- Acting as the MLRO for the purpose of receiving, logging and evaluating the suspicious transactions received from staff and providing appropriate support with regards to suspicions/knowledge and avoidance of tipping off. Monitoring the number of internal and external SAR/STR reports received and reporting on typologies detected and advising of risks to be mitigated.
- Liaising and submitting relevant notifications to the FSC as appropriate and acting as the main point of contact between the business and the relevant regulatory body for ad hoc, planned submissions and overseeing regulatory supervisory visits and follow ups.
- Maintaining the relevant registers relating to the AML/CFT Regulations and AML/CFT Code of Practice, as amended
- Appointment as the Compliance Officer in accordance with the Regulatory Code and to carry out all duties in accordance the Regulatory and AML/CFT framework, up to and including but not limited to, the production and submission of Compliance Officer Reports and Prudential Return in accordance with local legislative requirements.
- Responsible for ensuring the screening of parties connected to client entities and/or ensuring that staff is undertaking such screening against available intelligence database and regular internet searches.
- Responsible for reviewing new business from a compliance perspective and ensuring those entities have been appropriately risk rated and CDD/EDD has been undertaken as the case may be.
- Monitoring Staff Day to day adherence by staff to internal procedures to ensure that appropriate reviews are being undertaken on the client entities including the testing of the Introducer Agreements and monitoring of the end user client entities. Ensuring that staff is undertaking this work and updating the relevant records.
- To assist staff with file reviews for more complex client cases and to contact the client as appropriate where further explanation or technical assistance is required.
- Provide advice, support and guidance on technical matters relating to internal compliance policy or technical interpretation of BVI regulations.
- Monitoring and completing the appropriate monthly and quarterly reporting mechanism that monitors the compliance with internal and regulatory frame work and making regular reports to the Board and Group Compliance Manager identifying deficiencies and recommending enhancements to the process as appropriate.
- Identify training, development and coaching needs for self and team members and provide access to training or other development opportunities. Ensuring CPD requirements for team are met.
- To work with the General Manager to ensure that all company policies and procedures are understood and followed correctly by staff.

### Qualifications and Experience:

- BVI Resident
- Relevant qualifications which demonstrates an ability to fully understand the regulatory regime.
- 5 years of relevant experience gained from performing in a compliance officer/money laundering reporting officer role preferably within a corporate and trust service provider
- Must be highly organized and self-driven and able to work as part as a team
- Have the ability to professionally and effectively communicate via oral and written communication with all levels internally and externally
- Strong knowledge of the Anti-money Laundering Regulations, 2008, the Regulatory Code 2009, the Beneficial Owner Secure Search Systems Act, BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, and the Economic Substance (Companies and Limited Partnerships) Act, 2018

**\*\*Remuneration will commensurate with qualifications and experience.\*\***

Applications should be submitted to **Natasha Smith-Penn** at [natasha.smith-penn@ils-world.com](mailto:natasha.smith-penn@ils-world.com)  
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